

Resource Summary Report

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Look AHEAD

RRID:SCR_001490

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Resource Information

URL: <https://www.lookaheadtrial.org>

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Description: 16-center, randomized clinical trial investigating the long-term health consequences of an intensive lifestyle intervention program designed to achieve and maintain weight loss by decreased caloric intake and increased physical activity in overweight volunteers with type 2 diabetes. The Look AHEAD cohort comprises approximately 5,000 overweight or obese participants with type 2 diabetes, aged 45-76. Participants were randomized to one of two interventions: an intensive lifestyle intervention designed to produce and sustain weight loss over the long term or a diabetes support and education arm. Participants will be followed for a total of 11 to 13.5 years from randomization. The primary hypothesis is that the incidence rate of the first post-randomization occurrence of a composite outcome, which includes * cardiovascular death (including fatal myocardial infarction and stroke), * non-fatal myocardial infarction, * hospitalized angina, and * non-fatal stroke, over a planned follow-up period of up to 13.5 years will be reduced among participants assigned to the Lifestyle Intervention compared to those assigned to the control condition, Diabetes Support and Education. Look AHEAD will also test for reductions in the incidence of three secondary composite outcomes and examine the effect of the intervention on cardiovascular disease risk factors, diabetes control and complications, general health, and quality of life, and psychological outcomes. The cost and cost-effectiveness of the Lifestyle Intervention relative to Diabetes Support and Education will be assessed. The Look AHEAD intensive lifestyle intervention ended September, 2012. Participants continue to be followed to determine the long-term effects of the intervention on health outcomes.

Abbreviations: Look AHEAD

Synonyms: Action for Health in Diabetes, Look AHEAD - Action for Health in Diabetes

Resource Type: clinical trial, resource

Keywords: weight loss, caloric intake, physical activity, health outcome, long-term effect, longitudinal, intervention, late adult human, middle adult human, cardiovascular disease, risk factor, diabetes control, diabetes complication, health, quality of life, psychological outcome, clinical

Related Condition: Type 2 diabetes, Overweight, Control

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Look AHEAD .

No alerts have been found for Look AHEAD .

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 48 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [NIF](#) .

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