World Food Center
UC Davis

The Cost of Obesity

The World Food Center and the Brookings Institution are hosting "An In-Depth Look at the Lifetime Economic Costs of Obesity"

The presentation and discussion include a keynote speech by UC President Janet Napolitano and opening remarks by UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi, along with panel participation by Ann Huff Stevens, Director of the UC Davis Center for Poverty Research. Over the past 30 years, academics and public sector officials alike seen obesity rates climb to alarming new heights. By 2012, over one-third of American adults were obese and the adult obesity rate had doubled since 1965. Current levels of obesity in the United States represent a large-scale loss in quality of life, deterioration in population health, and an enormous drain on financial resources. How can the cost of obesity be quantified, beyond the direct medical costs incurred by the obese population? How many dollars are lost because of reduced productivity, taxes forgone and increased Social Security Disability Insurance benefits attributable to obesity? How much do these costs accrue over the course of a lifetime?

On May 12, the Center for Social Dynamics and Policy, in partnership with the World Food Center of the University of California-Davis, will present new research which quantifies a wide range of the economic costs of obesity. Following the presentation, a panel of experts will discuss obesity research, the progress that has been made in quantifying the economic cost of obesity, and the work that has yet to be done. All participants will take audience questions.

TUESDAY
May
12

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Live streaming with light refreshments:
MU II
Memorial Union, UC Davis

More information: http://www.brookings.edu/events/2015/05/12-economic-costs-of-obesity-hammond

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