

Apple Study



Participants are needed to study the effects of eating whole apples on risk factors for obesity-related chronic diseases

<u>Participants must be</u>: 18 - 75 years old Overweight or obese (BMI ≥ 25.0 kg/m²), or waist circumference of ≥ 40" for males or ≥ 30" for females In generally good health Able to tolerate acetaminophen-containing products (e.g. Tylenol)

Study participation involves:

- Eat 3 apples per day for 6 weeks, or no apples per day for 6 weeks if randomized to the "control" group
- Attend 2, 7-hour study visits: drink a high-fat dairy product and provide intravenous blood samples
- Attend 2, 15-minute study visits: answer questions about your health and lifestyle
- Collect 6 fecal samples: 3 before, and 3 after the 6-week study
- Record a 3-day food diary on 3 separate occasions: twice before and once during the 6-week study

*Participants will be asked to limit consumption of polyphenol-rich foods (e.g. berries, coffee, chocolate, etc.)

Total time commitment ≈ 18 hours over 6 weeks

*Financial Compensation Provided! Up to \$300

To find out more about the study and your eligibility as a participant, please contact:

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This project has been reviewed by the Research Ethics Board for compliance with federal guidelines for research involving human participants (REB# 16JA013)