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Nutritional Epidemiology RIS Research Leader Webinar Series



Dr. Barry M. Popkin
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About the webinar series:

This one-hour webinar is one of a series of webinars sponsored by the ASN Nutritional Epidemiology Research Interest Section, where you will hear about personal education and research experiences of some of the most successful leaders in the field of nutritional epidemiology. Learn what they are doing to stay on the cutting edge of nutritional epidemiology research, and get an opportunity to seek advice to help your own research efforts.

About Dr. Popkin:

Dr. Barry M. Popkin has a Ph.D. in economics and is the Carla Smith Chamblee Distinguished Professor of Global Nutrition at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill. He directs the UNC-CH's Interdisciplinary Center for Obesity.

Dr. Popkin has had an active U.S. research program in understanding dietary behavior with a focus on eating patterns, trends, and sociodemographic determinants. He has also had for more than 30 years an active set of research projects in the developing country

arena that have focused not only on diet and activity/inactivity but also body composition dynamics. More recently he developed the concept of the nutrition transition and began a series of cohort studies that focused on the factors underlying both dietary and physical activity/inactivity patterns and their effects on health. Again these are in both the US and globally. He is the PI of studies in both the US and abroad. He directs detailed longitudinal studies in China and Russia, initiated one in the Philippines that he no longer handles, and is involved in extensive research in Brazil, Mexico and several other countries. His US work includes a series of NIH grants to study how socioeconomic change linked with shifts in the built environment affect diet, activity and obesity in the ADD Health and a second 20-year-long longitudinal study–CARDIA. Dr. Popkin serves on several scientific advisory organizations and is Chair, the Nutrition Transition Committee for the International Union for the Nutritional Sciences. He has published more than 300 journal articles in addition to numerous book chapters. He is author of *The World Is Fat*, recently published in December 2008.