

To achieve novel outcomes in chronic weight management, presenting

Certificate Course in Obesity Prevention and Management (CCOPM)

Salient Features



Evidence based
curriculum



5 modular
course



Certificate
awarded

Last Date for Enrollment
15th Feb 2026



COURSE BROCHURE

Partner Organizations

Chellaram Diabetes Institute (CDI)

CDI, a unit of the Chellaram Foundation, works to reduce the burden of diabetes in India and globally. It provides state-of-the-art services, runs mobile outreach clinics in rural communities around Pune, and conducts training programs to build healthcare capacity.

For more details visit <https://www.cdi.org.in/>

Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)

PHFI is a public-private initiative launched in 2006 to strengthen India's public health capacity with support from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and state governments.

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About Training Division

Leads nationwide capacity-building for healthcare professionals, having trained 45,000+ (42% government) through 112 experts, 696 faculty and 633+ centres across 127 cities in 28 states and 5 UTs, in collaboration with 15 state governments and partners in 10 countries, implementing 30+ standardized training programs with robust certification and monitoring systems.

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Eligibility Criteria

MBBS with 5 years of experience or MD Medicine with 3 years of experience

Course Content

The course has been divided into five modules. There are case studies, instructive videos and activities interspersed in the modules to provide an enhanced learning experience

- 1 Introductory Aspects of Obesity
- 2 Approach to a Patient with Obesity
- 3 Practical Approaches to Lifestyle Management in Obesity
- 4 Role of Pharmacotherapy in Obesity Management
- 5 Special Topics in Obesity

Course Objectives



To enhance knowledge, skills and core competencies of primary care physicians for prevention and management of Obesity.



To develop/ update a standard teaching protocol and module for evidence based learning on Obesity prevention & management

Certification Criteria

The criteria for successful completion of the certificate course will be as follows:

- Submission of interim assignment after completion of Module-2
- Participation in at least 4 out of 5 monthly online/virtual sessions (including the pre-test and post-test of each module).
- Appearance in and clearance of exit examination conducted along with Module 5. The exam will be in the form of 50 MCQs to be completed in an hour (Min. 50% score will be required to clear the examination).

Note: The candidates completing the program successfully will be awarded a certificate of completion jointly issued and signed by PHFI, CDI and respective faculty.

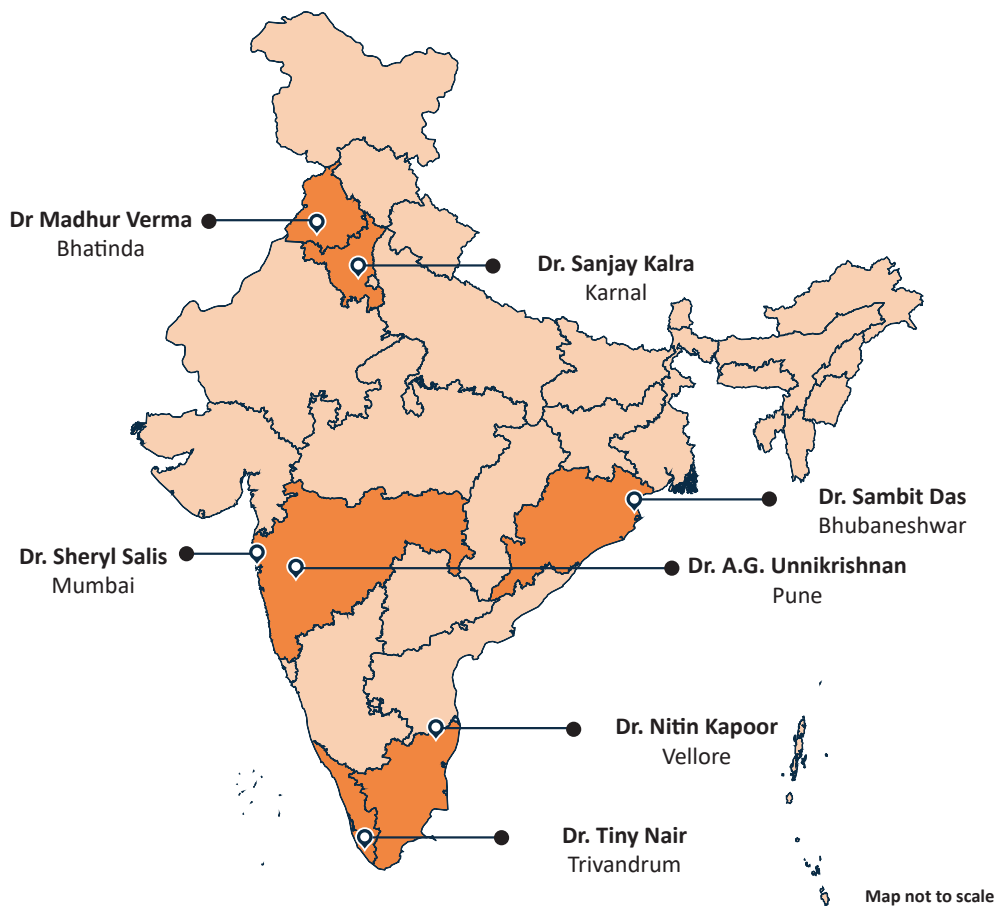
DISEASE BURDEN IN OBESITY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT (CCOPM)

1. Globally, obesity is a significant public health problem. In 2022, WHO estimated **2.5 billion adults aged ≥ 18 years** had overweight or obesity which corresponds to **43% of total adults** which almost doubled from 1990, when 25% adults were overweight or obese. ^[1]
2. According to The World Obesity Atlas 2024, the 2.53 billion adults estimated to be living with overweight and obesity, projected to rise to **3.3 billion** adults with overweight and obesity **by 2035**. This reflects an increase from **46% of adults in 2025 to 54% by 2035**. ^[2]
3. Projections of overall obesity-related mortality also suggested a **42.7% increase in the decade 2020-30**. Investing in efforts to tackle obesity will lead to significant public health benefits. For instance, a study revealed that those who lost weight from an obese BMI in early adulthood to overweight in midlife had a 54% reduction in mortality risk relative to those who maintained an obese BMI. ^[3]
4. In clinical practice, and even in the research setting, obesity has conventionally been determined by measuring the body mass index (BMI). Internationally, a BMI of ≥ 30 kg/m² indicates obesity. However, it is known that Asian people, particularly South Asians, have a **unique phenotype – the thin-fat obesity**, i.e., a significantly higher fat content despite an apparently smaller body frame. Consequently, the criteria for Asians, are stricter, with a **BMI of ≥ 25 kg/m²** considered as obesity. ^[4]
5. Recently, the Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology Commission has moved beyond BMI and adopted a more comprehensive approach to defining obesity, considering it as excess adiposity assessed either by direct measurement – using a tool like DEXA (dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry) scan, or with at least two anthropometric measurements (i.e., BMI, waist circumference, waist-to-hip ratio, or waist-to-height ratio). ^[5]
6. Clinically, obesity has been thought of as a continuum beginning with preclinical obesity, which is a state of excess body fat leading to some changes in organ structure, but not in organ function. **Preclinical obesity leads to a higher risk of developing clinical obesity** as well as other conditions like diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancers. ^[6]
7. Clinical obesity is characterized by organ dysfunction and/or a reduced ability to conduct daily activities, and requires active therapeutic interventions to fully regain or improve functioning. At the individual level too, References obesity and overweight results from an imbalance between energy intake and expenditure during an extended time period due to the play of genetic, epigenetic, physiological, behavioural, sociocultural and environmental factors. ^[6]

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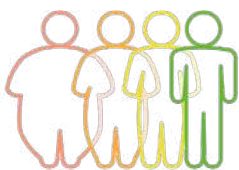
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