# The science of sustainable weight loss.

How Wondr helps employees lose weight and keep it off.

Wondr Health<sup>™</sup> is a digital behavioral weight management program that can actually improve the health of your company. Our program teaches people how to cope in healthy ways, starting with their relationship with food by using simple, interactive skills and practical tools that improve both physical and mental wellbeing.

Wondr Health unites the common goals of companies and individuals: reducing healthcare costs, improving health and wellbeing outcomes, and keeping your company connected through better health. Wondr is proven to help employees maintain long-term, clinically beneficial weight loss, and other quality of life improvements.

Find out how we drive sustainable results you can count on in this peer-reviewed study.





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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## The Efficacy of Re-Engaging an Employer-Sponsored Weight Loss Program

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## Population



All participants must have completed the Wondr program twice within a two-year period.

## Description

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force reports that behavioral weight-loss interventions can lead to clinically significant health improvements.<sup>1</sup> Current guidelines also reinforce the benefit of just 3-5% weight loss for reduction in risk of costly chronic conditions like type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers.<sup>2</sup> However, typical employer sponsored weight loss interventions are limited to "one and done" programs. The following research examines the effectiveness of employees re-engaging in a voluntary workplace weight management program to determine if there is additional benefit to repeat participation.

## Conclusion

## Sustainable results employers can count on year-after-year

Allowing employees to take the Wondr program a second time leads to long term success. Employees who repeat the program 11-15 months after their first class ended see long-term, clinically-significant weight loss, which improves their quality of life, and ultimately improves the health of your people and your bottom line.

## The prevalence & cost of obesity

According to the 2017-2018 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 31.1% of of US adults over 20 are in the overweight category and 42.5% are in the obese category, increasing their risk for heart disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers.<sup>3</sup>



#### The CDC estimates **the annual cost for an individual with obesity to be \$1,429 higher than for a person of a healthy weight.**<sup>4</sup>

Fortunately, individuals who fall into the obese or overweight category can lose weight and improve their overall health with comprehensive behavioral weight management interventions like Wondr.<sup>1</sup>

## **Clinically beneficial weight loss**

After Wondr re-engagement within a two-year period, women lost an overall average of 4.9% of their body weight while men lost an overall average of 5.1%.



## Key study takeaways

Wondr helps employees maintain long-term, clinically beneficial weight loss, and other quality of life improvements. Continued access to the program enables participants to master behaviors associated with sustained weight management and health improvements.

- The optimal time between initial and repeat engagement in Wondr was identified as 11 to 15 months. This timeframe allows for the independent practice of new skills followed by behavioral reinforcement to strengthen habit formation.
- With re-engagement in Wondr, employees achieved an amount of weight loss associated with reduced risk for costly conditions like Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and certain cancers. Plus, they kept the weight off. Repeat engagement resulted in a weight loss of 4.9% to 5.1%—an amount recognized within expert guidelines to be clinically significant for disease risk reduction.

## Learn more: www.wondrhealth.com

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<sup>1</sup>US Preventive Services Task Force. Behavioral Weight Loss Interventions to Prevent Obesity-Related Morbidity and Mortality in Adults: US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement. JAMA. 2018;320(11):1163–1171. doi:10.11001/jama.2018.13022. <sup>2</sup>Jensen et al. Circulation. 2014 Jun 24;129 (25 Suppl 2):S139-40. <sup>3</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey Data. Hyattsville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [2017-2018]. <sup>4</sup>Hales CM, Carroll MD, Fryar CD, Ogden CL. Prevalence of obesity among adults and youth: United States, 2015-2016. NCHS data brief, no 288. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health. NCHS Data Brief. 2017;1–8.

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