foodsmart Clinical Research Dossier

Published Studies

- Hu EA, Nguyen V, Langheier J, Shurney D. Weight Reduction Through a Digital Nutrition and Food Purchasing Platform Among Users With Obesity: Longitudinal Study. J Med Internet Res. 2020 Sep 2;22(9):e19634. Link
- Hu EA, Pasupuleti M, Nguyen V, Langheier J, Shurney D. Sustaining weight loss among adults with obesity using a digital meal planning and food purchasing platform for 12, 24, and 36 months: a longitudinal study. Nutr J. 2021 Jan 21;20(1):8. Link
- Hu EA, Scharen J, Nguyen V, Langheier J. Evaluating the impact of a digital nutrition platform on cholesterol levels in users with dyslipidemia: A longitudinal study. *JMIR Cardio* 2021;5(1):e28392. Link
- Shea B, Bakre S, Carano K, Scharen J, Langheier J, Hu EA. Improved glycemic control among individuals with diabetes who used a digital, personalized nutrition platform: Longitudinal study. [Under review at JMIR Diabetes].

Case Studies/Presentations

- CDPHP: Foodsmart's impact on weight loss and dietary behavior among overweight and obese users: A longitudinal study.
- Foodsmart's impact on Nutrition and Food Insecurity in the Medicaid & Medicare population: A Case Study. Link
- Abstract presented as an Oral presentation at the American Society of Nutrition Conference (June 7-10, 2021): Associations between meal planning and food ordering features of a digital precision nutrition platform and improvements in diet quality.

Studies In Progress

- Randomized Controlled Trial: The Sustainable Weight Loss Study
 - Description: We recruited and randomized 250 obese adults in the U.S. to 3 arms: 1)
 Foodsmart+telenutrition; 2) Foodsmart only; and 3) MyPlate resources. Participants are asked to report their diet and weight monthly for 6 months, during the intervention period. After the intervention, they will be asked every 6 months to report diet and weight to examine sustainability of weight loss.
 - Purpose: Through a gold standard study design with a comparator group, we can remove confounding to tease out causal associations between Foodsmart and sustained weight loss.
 - Early Findings: From preliminary analyses, we found that at the 3-month mark, the average weight change was:
 - Arm 1 (n=36): -8.2 lbs
 - Arm 2 (n=72): -7.9 lbs

Arm 3 (n=69): -4.9 lbs

Matched Pair Controlled Claims Studies

- Description: Combining our data with the claims data of health plans, we are analyzing differences in changes in overall healthcare costs pre- and post- Foodsmart between Foodsmart users and non-Foodsmart users of the health plan.
- Purpose: By creating a control group through matching on baseline characteristics, we can simulate a randomized controlled trial that removes confounding between the intervention and control groups.
- Clients:
 - UHG, Cerner, PacificSource, Harvard Pilgrim, CDPHP
- Cross-sectional Study: Demographic and Dietary Characteristics of Foodsmart users by Food Security Status
- Bakre S, Shea B, Scharen J, Langheier J, Hu EA. Improved blood pressure control among individuals with hypertension who used a digital, personalized nutrition platform: Longitudinal study. [In progress].