

# **The Innovative Nutrition Education Method for Targeting Overweight Hospital Staff** Wen-Ting Wang, Jing-Meei Lin, Pey-Rong Chen Department of dietetics, National Taiwan university hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

# Introduction

The prevalence of obesity is increasing year by year and it is highly associated with metabolic syndrome. Our hospital's prevalence of overweight and obesity staff is 35.5% in 2016-2017. Face-to-face model is the most common methods in nutrition education; however, it's not convenient to be used in worksite.



#### Methods

Several nutrition education lectures (include body weight control diet, diabetic diet, hypertention diet, hyperlipidemia diet etc.) were edited by dietitians. All education lessons were digitalized, upload to the internet and convert to QR codes. Then, set the target population to those BMI over 24 in staff health examination. For staff BMI over 24 and having risk of metabolic syndrome, their health examination reports will be printed with nutrition lesson QR codes after their regular health check (Figure 1).

## Results

All nutrition lessons were digitalized, upload to the internet and convert to QR codes (Figure 2). The length of every nutrition lesson is limited in 10 minutes. For staff BMI over 24, nutrition lesson QR codes were showed on health examination reports (Figure 3). Different from the traditional nutrition education, digitalized nutrition education material is flexible and can take the lesson at any time and any places by using mobile phone. In addition, the repeatable of the online nutrition education material can also provide the staff to review the course if necessary.



Figure 1. Flow chart of nutrition intervention.



Figure 2. QR codes of different digitalized nutrition lectures.

### Conclusion

Through the Internet, digitalized nutrition education lessons combining with QR code can provide nutritional information directly and effectively target to the overweight hospital staff.







