

Michael Phelps vs. Michael Jacobson... "Diabetesity" ...Organic Claims

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A few interesting nutrition-related items brought to our attention this summer:

As the Olympics began, the group Consumer Freedom noted [some amusing differences between](#) [1] champion swimmer Michael Phelps -- a voracious living proof of the calories in/calories out equation for weight maintenance -- and head food nanny Michael Jacobson of the perennially worried Center for Science in the Public Interest.

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Science writer Marilyn Larkin, whose work has appeared in ACSH publications, crafted the introduction to this [New York Academy of Sciences briefing on the problem of so-called "diabetesity"](#) [2] -- eating habits formed early in life that can contribute to diabetes-related problems later on.

MDs Barry Levin, John Kral, and Gerard P. Smith were among the participants in a recent NYAS symposium on the troubling issue. Today's overweight children may be tomorrow's public health crisis.

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Finally, [a new study suggests that claims of organic food's nutritional superiority are groundless](#) [3] -- and this is no surprise to ACSH, who recently brought you [Dr. Joseph Rosen's devastating critique of pro-organic claims](#) [4] and [his retort on our blog](#) [5] to the Organic Center's attempt to defend itself. Watch the Heartland Institute's *Environment & Climate News* magazine for an additional piece on the topic from Rosen.

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