

**COMMISSION
OBESITY SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON LIFESTYLE AND CARDIOMETABOLIC HEALTH**

- Mission:** To advance the science related to obesity and cardiovascular diseases and stroke.
- Reports To:** Council Chair and Executive Committee.
- Number of Members:** Eight (8) members shall include:
- Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Up to six members
 - Ex-officio members: Council Chair and Vice Chair
 - Liaisons: Liaisons with expertise in pediatrics, nursing, epidemiology, and high blood pressure may be appointed from the Councils on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young, Epidemiology and Prevention, Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing, High Blood Pressure Research, and Population Wellness Strategic Group. Liaisons will also be appointed with major partners including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.
- Method of Appointment:** The Council Chair shall appoint the Chair of the committee. The Council Chair in consultation with the Chair of the Committee shall appoint the Vice Chair and members. Liaison members shall be appointed by the organization or faction that they represent.
- Term of Office:** Committee terms shall be for two years, and shall begin and end with the AHA fiscal year (July-June). Terms shall be staggered to insure continuity. The chair and members may be re-appointed for one term.
- Frequency of Meetings:** The committee shall meet in conjunction with the AHA Scientific Sessions and by teleconference as needed.
- Time Commitment:** Meetings: 1 half-day per year.
Other: 2 hours per month.
- Chair's Responsibilities:** The chair will also serve as a member of the Executive Committee and will attend two face-to-face meetings per year. The chair is responsible for:
- Identifying and recruiting committee members.
 - Filing a written report on the committee's activities, including proposals for new initiatives and project updates, at least 3 weeks prior to each Executive Committee meeting.

- With the assistance of AHA staff, overseeing the development and implementation of initiatives.

Committee Responsibilities:

The committee shall be fully informed on new scientific developments and advances in knowledge concerning obesity as it relates to health and the occurrence or treatment of cardiovascular diseases and stroke:

- Synthesize the pertinent knowledge for the development of policy and position papers; and provide advisory and resource information in these areas for the AHA.
- Stimulate basic, clinical, and behavioral research in obesity, identifying areas of needed or expanded investigative effort and emphasis.
- Interact with other Council Committees (Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Diabetes) in scientific and educational activities of common interest.
- Promote in cooperation with the Councils, the Clinical Science Committee, the Population Science Committee, and other AHA committees appropriate and well designed programs related to the prevention and treatment of obesity.
- Advise the Consumer Health Marketing Coordinating Committee and the Office of Public Advocacy in matters concerning legislation and government regulations related to obesity and cardiovascular health promotion and treatment of cardiovascular disease and stroke.
- Cooperate with and assist other scientific and health agencies in programs concerning obesity and cardiovascular disease.
- Work with News Media Relations to disseminate information pertinent to obesity and cardiovascular disease to health professionals and the public through news and medical media.

Member Qualifications:

- Recognized expertise in the field of obesity.
- Organizational skills and time availability to be able to meet deadlines and follow through on commitments.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal relationship skills.
- Demonstrated change management skills such as accountability, flexibility, rational and timely decision making, initiative, and innovation.
- Working knowledge of the AHA mission, strategic goals and organization.