College Wide Seminar

The Department of Health Promotion Sciences Presents

“Policies for the prevention of obesity in Mexico: the role of the School of Public Health”

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
12:00 – 12:50 p.m.
Drachman Hall, Room #114

Mexico’s obesity prevalence is one of the highest in the world. The National Public Health Institute-School of Public Health of Mexico (INSP-SPHM) has supported the Mexican Government in developing evidence based obesity prevention policies. The Mexican experience in fighting obesity, the role of INSP-SPHM, the challenges and lessons learned will be discussed.

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