Economics and NICHD

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QUESTIONS

• Malnutrition
• Obesity
• Policy interventions
• Health care – HIV/AIDS
• Child Development
• Workplace and Community Interventions
Malnutrition

• Longitudinal studies – Malaysia (RAND), Indonesia (RAND), Philippines (UNC, UCSF), Russia (UNC), China (UNC), Mexico (Duncan)

• Interventions/longitudinal studies – INCAP (Hoddinnnot, Stein)
Obesity

• Malnutrition morphs into obesity – INCAP, China
• Major initiative on childhood obesity spanning several branches (Huang) see http://www.nichd.nih.gov/about/org/od/orsc/
• Effects of health care reform -
Policy Interventions

• PROGRESA (Gertler) – victory for conditional cash transfer incentive programs
• Housing policy – MTO (Katz, Kling)
• Welfare reform – (Fragile families, Three Cities, LAFANS, New Hope, MDRC city studies)
• Food Stamps – (Currie, McKernan)
• Adolescent health – AddHealth (Sastry)
• Female Empowerment – (Miguel, Duflo)
Health care

• HIV/AIDS – Ivers
• Prescription drugs – Goldman
• Rehabilitation- Freburger, Veatch
Child Development

- Health, education and development – (Heckman, Crosnoe)
- Neurocognitive development and poverty - Mayes
Network studies

• CCHN – BMI of parents, birthweight of babies
• WFN – BMI of children
Frontier questions

• Price effects – Grossman
• Behavioral Economics
• Emotional vulnerability of children to advertising and environmental pressures