Aim: Measurement of height, weight, and BMI

#### **Objective:**

To accurately measure and record an individual's height and weight and calculate Body Mass Index (BMI) to assess overall health and nutritional status.

## Materials Needed:

- 1. Stadiometer or wall-mounted ruler
- 2. Reliable weighing scale
- 3. Calculator
- 4. Measurement chart or BMI calculator
- 5. Pen and paper for recording measurements

## **Procedure:**

#### 1. Measurement of Height:

## a. Setting Up:

- Ensure the person to be measured is wearing minimal, lightweight clothing.
- Position the stadiometer or wall-mounted ruler against a flat wall.
- Confirm the person's heels, back, and head are touching the wall with arms at their sides.

# b. Taking the Measurement:

- Instruct the person to stand straight, looking straight ahead.

- Use the stadiometer or wall-mounted ruler to measure from the floor to the highest point of their head.

- Read and record the height in centimeters or inches.

#### 2. Measurement of Weight:

#### a. Setting Up:

- Place the weighing scale on a flat, stable surface.
- Instruct the person to remove shoes and heavy accessories.

## **b.** Taking the Measurement:

- Ask the person to stand on the scale with feet together, distributing weight evenly.
- Record the weight in kilograms or pounds.
- If using a digital scale, wait for a stable reading.

## 3. Calculation of BMI:

#### a. Formula:

- Use the BMI formula:

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BMI= Weight (kg)/ Height (m)<sup>2</sup>
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# **b. BMI Categories:**

- Interpret BMI using established categories:
  - BMI less than 18.5: Underweight
  - BMI 18.5 to 24.9: Normal weight
  - BMI 25 to 29.9: Overweight
  - BMI 30 or more: Obesity

# 4. Recording and Interpretation:

- a. Recording Measurements:
  - Record height, weight, and BMI in a designated log or record sheet.
  - Note the date and time of measurements.

# **b. Interpretation:**

- Compare BMI with established categories for a quick assessment of nutritional status.

**Report:** The subject's height, weight, and BMI was found to be.....

Date	Height (cm/m)	Weight (kg)	BMI	Interpretation
MM/DD/YYYY				