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 (Hoddinnot, 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