

HEALTH, AGING & BODY COMPOSITION (HEALTH ABC)

This study is significant for its use of state-of-the-art technology and for bringing laboratory-based measurements to population-based epidemiological studies. The primary focus was on physical functioning and the secondary, on cognitive functioning, genetics and behaviour.

Listing of study variables & measurement of variables

- anthropometry
- arterial venous blood gas
- arterial pulse wave velocity
- blood collection assays
- stored blood assays
- blood pressure
- cognitive assessment
- computed tomography
- dental/periodical
- dual energy x-ray absorptiometry
- ECG
- energy expenditure by doubly-labelled water (subset)
- joint evaluation
- medication inventory
- olfaction
- osteoarthritis assessment
- performance measures
- peripheral neuropathy
- ultrasound of the heel
- urine collection
- vision testing
- hearing
- isokinetic and isometric dynamometry
- grip strength
- Weight change study (subset)
- Study of cognitive vitality