RMR Formulas in Action

Following are sample calculations for a 48-year-old man who is 180 cm (5'8") and weighs 80 kg (176 lb) using several popular RMR equations.

* Equations (calories/day): Male: (88.4 + 13.4 x weight) + (4.8 x height) – (5.68 x age) Female: (447.6 + 9.25 x weight) + (3.10 x height) – (4.33 x age) weight in kilograms, height in centimeters, age in years Sample: 88.4 + 1072 + 864 – 272.6 = 1,751

* Mifflin-St Jeor Equation (calories/day):

Male: 9.99 x weight + 6.25 x height – 4.92 x age + 5 Female: 9.99 x weight + 6.25 x height – 4.92 x age – 161 weight in kilograms, height in centimeters, age in years Sample: 800 + 1125 - 236 + 5 = 1,694