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Lawrence J. Cheskin, MD, FACP, is Associate Professor of Health, Behavior & Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with joint appointments in the Center for Human Nutrition, and in Medicine (GI) at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. An active practitioner and researcher, Dr. Cheskin is founder and Director of the Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center, a multidisciplinary treatment and clinical research program that works with both adults and children. His research has included the efficacy of lifestyle changes, food substitutions, and mHealth interventions in weight loss and maintenance. This year, he was a member of the EPC group at Johns Hopkins that systematically reviewed for AHRQ the efficacy of interventions for the prevention of childhood obesity and led the analysis of consumer health/informatics interventions. He is also associate director of the Johns Hopkins Global Center on Childhood Obesity and director of its Rapid Response Project Core, which awards pilot grants nationally and internationally, utilizing a systems-science approach to studying childhood obesity. Among the sources of his continuous research funding for the past 20 years are the NIH (through the Look AHEAD project and a Diabetes Research Training Center Pilot and Feasibility Grant); the AHRQ; foundations including McKesson, Homeland Security and private donations. Dr. Cheskin is experienced in dissemination of research findings to the general public and professional audiences, and has appeared on a number of TV news shows on the topic of obesity in adults and children.