Diabetes 101: A Call to Action for Primary Care Providers

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Moonlighting as pancreas 24/7/365 for the past 33 years



At the end of the presentation, the participant will be able to:

- Review epidemiology, risk factors, screening tools & diagnostic criteria for prediabetes & diabetes
- Probe the relationships between prediabetes & diabetes to CVD, CKD, & other complications
- Explore the role of the primary care provider within the context of consensus guidelines for diabetes care & diabetes self-management skills, education & support (DSMES)
- Formulate evidence-based treatment plans within case-based scenarios based on cardiovascular outcome trials (CVOT) results & consensus guidelines for diabetes care

Epidemiologic Trends of Diabetes; 1999-2016

- Diabetes : 34.2 million people have diabetes (10.5% of US population)
 - **Diagnosed:** 26.9 million people
 - Undiagnosed: 7.3 million people

Figure 1. Trends in age-adjusted prevalence of diagnosed diabetes, undiagnosed diabetes, and total diabetes among adults aged 18 years or older, United States, 1999–2016.



Notes: Diagnosed diabetes was based on self-report. Undiagnosed diabetes was based on fasting plasma glucose and A1C levels among people selfreporting no diabetes.

Data source: 1999–2016 National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys.



¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Diabetes Statistics Report, 2020. Dept of Health and Human Services. Accessed January 12, 2021. <u>https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/data/statistics-report/index.html</u>

The Bad News: Diabetes Epidemic Starts with Prediabetes

Number and Percentage of US Population With Diagnosed Diabetes, 1980-2015



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¹CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation. United States Diabetes Surveillance System available at http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/data

The Good News

- 90% of all pre-diabetes & diabetes management occurs within the primary care setting
- Early intervention can reduce incidence & prevalence rates of complications associated with the disorder, reduce cost & improve long-term quality of life

General Classification Categories for Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes - autoimmune β-cell destruction, usually leads to insulin deficiency, including latent autoimmune diabetes of adulthood (LADA)

5%

Type 2 diabetes - progressive loss of ß-cell insulin secretion frequently on background of insulin resistance

90-95%

• **Specific types of diabetes** - due to other causes, e.g., monogenic diabetes syndromes (neonatal diabetes & maturity-onset diabetes of the young (MODY), diseases of exocrine pancreas (cystic fibrosis & pancreatitis), & drug- or chemical-induced diabetes (glucocorticoid induced in HIV/AIDS, s/p organ transplant)

<1%

• **Gestational diabetes mellitus** - diagnosed in 2nd or 3rd trimester & not clearly overt diabetes prior to gestation

6-9%

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Distribution of Endocrinologists/Diabetologists & PCPs in US¹



Total PCPs in the US²: PAs: 20% NPs: 30% MD/DOs: 50%

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¹Oser SM, Oser TK. Diabetes Technologies: We Are All in This Together. Clin Diabetes. 2020 Apr;38(2):188-189. doi: 10.2337/cd19-0046. PMID: 32327892; PMCID: PMC7164996. ²Petterson S, McNellis R, Klink K, Meyers D, Bazemore A. The State of Primary Care in the United States.

Role of Primary Care Provider

• Engage & Explore

- Screen & Monitor
- Use Technology
- Customize
- Support & Follow



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Five Practices for Promoting Patient-Centered Care^{1,2}



JW Chambered Nautilus Approach...

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¹Sanders L, Fortin AH 6th, Schiff GD. Connecting with patients—the missing links. JAMA. 2020;323(1):33-34 ²Zulman DM, Haverfield MC, Shaw JG, et al. Practices to foster physician presence and connection with patients in the clinical encounter. JAMA. 2020;323(1):70-81. **Chronic Disease Management Engagement**

What's the hardest thing right now?

What do you fear most?

My story...

- 1st life Biology teacher 10 years
 - Taipei American School, Taipei, Taiwan, ROC
- 2nd life Physician Associate 23+ years
 - PA Student 2.5 years
 - Internal Medicine Hospitalist PA 13 years
 - Internal Medicine/Diabetes Care 10 years
 - Yale School of Medicine faculty 6 years
- Type 1 DM 32+ years
 - Multi-dose injection (MDI) therapy 15 years
 - CSII with insulin pump therapy 17 years
 - CGM 4 years

Hardest thing? What do you fear most?

- How this will limit my life...
- What will I have to give up?
 - Living overseas...
 - Traveling the world...
 - Adventure...
 - Scuba, Kayaking, Trekking, Sports, Exercise?

• Is this the death of "spontaneity" in my life?...

Recognizing the Impact of "Wilsons" & "Passengers"





- Naming allows to externalize "fleeting thoughts, feelings" & emotions"
- Helps allow them to be "understandable & workable"
- Some "passengers" are helpful & some are not...
- The NOT so helpful are those that begin to control our behaviors

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Acknowledgement & Affirmation

- Identification of Barriers
 - Based on patient's answers to your questions
- Use Metaphors "This is hard..."
 - "Diabetes care is like managing a 3-ring circus..."
 - "Controlling BG is like trying to carry a flat pan of water across the floor without spilling a drop..."
- But...<u>always</u> give positive reinforcement
 - Underscore successes & reiterate support
 - "I'm in this alliance with you."

Patient-Centered Approach to DM Managment

Consider patient, disease features, psychology & social network that impact management

Hypoglycemia risk, disease duration, life expectancy, early signs of established vascular complications, etc.

Determine impact of features above on A1C goal & adjust therapeutic strategy accordingly

Revisit & readjust strategy as factors change

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2022 ADA Guidelines - Selected Revision Highlights

- Screening for prediabetes & diabetes should begin at age 35
- Metformin therapy recommended for type 2 DM prevention
 - Adults with prediabetes especially all aged 25–59 years with:
 - BMI <u>>35 kg/m2</u>
 - Higher A1C (e.g., >6.0%)
 - Higher fasting plasma glucose (e.g., >110 mg/dL)
 - Women with prior gestational diabetes mellitus
- Integration of diabetes technology & self-management education & support (DSMES) for comprehensive diabetes care
- Individualized approaches should be 1st line therapy for patients
 - Especially for comorbidities of DM and/or CAD, HF, CKD
 - Based on interventions most effective in reducing risk or progression

• All adults with overweight or obesity should be referred to intensive lifestyle behavior change programs

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Diabetes Care

Patients at Risk for Diabetes?

60-Second Type 2 Diabetes Risk Test https://diabetes.org/socrisktest

Risk Factors:

- Weight
- Inactivity
- Family history
- Age
- Gender
- Gestational diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Polycystic ovary syndrome



Are you at risk for type 2 diabetes?

WRITE YOUR SCORE **Diabetes Risk Test:** IN THE BOX. Height 1. How old are you? 4' 10" 119-142 Less than 40 years (0 points) 4'11" 124-147 40-49 years (1 point) 5'0" 128-152 50-59 years (2 points) 5'1" 132-157 60 years or older (3 points) 5'2" 5'3" Are you a man or a woman? Man (1 point) Woman (0 points) 5' 4" 5'5' 3. If you are a woman, have you ever been 5'6" diagnosed with gestational diabetes? 5'7" Yes (1 point) No (0 points) 5'8" Do you have a mother, father, sister or brother 5'9" with diabetes? .. 5' 10" Yes (1 point) No (0 points) 5'11" 6'0" 5. Have you ever been diagnosed with high 6' 1" blood pressure? 6'2" Yes (1 point) No (0 points) 6'3" 6. Are you physically active? 6'4" Yes (0 points) No (1 point) 7. What is your weight category? See chart at right. ADD UP YOUR SCORE If you scored 5 or higher: You are at increased risk for having type 2 diabetes. However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you do have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes, a condition in

However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you do have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes, a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

Type 2 diabetes is more common in African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Higher body weight increases diabetes risk for everyone. Asian Americans are at increased diabetes risk at lower body weight than the rest of the general public (about 15 pounds lower).

Learn more at disbetes org/risktest | 1 800 DIABETES (800 342 2383)

136-163 164-217 218+ 141-168 169-224 225+ 145-173 174-231 2324 150-179 180-239 240+ 155-185 186-246 247+ 159-190 191-254 255+ 164-196 197-261 262+ 169-202 203-269 270+ 174-208 209-277 2784 286+ 179-214 215-285 184-220 221-293 294+ 189-226 227-301 302+ 194-232 233-310 311+ 200-239 240-318 319+ 205-245 246-327 328+ 1 point 2 points 3 points If you weigh less than the amount in the left column: 0 points Adapted from Barrig et al., Ann Intern Med. 151:775-763, 2009 · Original algorithm was validated without gestational diabetes as part of the model Lower Your Risk The good news is you can manage your risk for type 2 diabetes. Small steps make a big difference in helping you live a longer, healthier life. If you are at high risk, your first step is to visit your doctor to see if additional testing is needed. Visit diabetes.org or call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383) for information, tips on getting started, and ideas for simple, small

steps you can take to help lower your risk.

Weight (lbs.)

143-190

148-197

153-203

158-210

191+

198+

204+

211+

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Prediabetes Screening Criteria: Adults

- Age \geq 35 years
- BMI $\ge 25 \text{ kg/m}^{2*}$
 - PLUS 1 or more risk factors below
- 1st Degree relative with diabetes
- High risk racial or ethnic group: Asian American, African American, Latino, Native American & Pacific Islander
- History of gestational diabetes every 3yrs
- A1c 5.7% should be screened annually
- Fasting glucose > 100 mg/dL
- History of CVD
- HTN (BP > 140/90 mmHg or Rx for HTN)

- Dyslipidemia
 - HDL-C < 35 mg/dL
 - Triglycerides > 250 mg/dL
- Physical inactivity
- Increased waist circumference (race specific)
- Conditions associated with insulin resistance
 - PCOS, acanthosis nigricans, NAFLD
- Patients with HIV & Sleep disorders
- Medication use:
 - Antipsychotic therapy
 - Chronic glucocorticoid exposure
- Screen at-risk individuals with glucose values in the normal range every 3 years
- Consider annual screening for patients with 2 or more risk factors

*At-risk BMI may be lower in some ethnic groups; consider using waist circumference.

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IFG = Impaired Fasting Glucose; IGT = Impaired Glucose Tolerance; NAFLD = Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease; PCOS = Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

Diagnostic Criteria for Prediabetes & Diabetes

Test	Normal	Prediabetes	Diabetes
Fasting Plasma Glucose (FPG)	< 100 mg/dL IFG	100-125 mg/dL	≥125 mg/dL²
2 Hour Plasma Glucose (PG) after OGTT	< 140 mg/dL IGT	140-199 mg/dL	≥200 mg/dL
A1C	< 5.6%	5.7 to 6.4% For screening of prediabetes ¹	≥6.5%
Random Plasma Glucose	<199 mg/dL		≥200 mg/dL³

¹A1C only should be used for screening prediabetes. Diagnosis of prediabetes, manifested as either IFG or IGT, should be confirmed with glucose testing. Diagnosis should be confirmed on separate day by repeating glucose or A1C testing. When A1C is used for diagnosis, follow-up glucose testing should be done, when possible, to help manage diabetes.

²No caloric intake for at least 8 hrs.

³In patient with classic symptoms of hyperglycemia or hyperglycemia crisis

IFG = impaired fasting glucose IGT = impaired glucose tolerance

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Type 1 Diabetes Screening

Type 1 Diabetes Screening:

□ Currently recommended in setting of research study or considered an option for 1st-degree family members of proband with type 1 diabetes

- Autoantibodies to insulin
- Glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD)
- Islet antigen 2
- Zinc transporter 8

CVD & Diabetes

- CVD is the primary cause of death in people with diabetes.¹
- People with diabetes have a 2- to 4-fold increased risk of developing CVD compared with general population.²
- Fewer than 1 in 5 adults with Type 2 diabetes are successfully managing their heart disease risk.³

¹Sarwar N, Gao P, et al. Emerging Risk Factors Collaboration: Diabetes mellitus, fasting blood glucose concentration, and risk of vascular disease: a collaborative meta-analysis of 102 prospective studies. Lancet. 2010;375(9733):2215-2222. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(10)60484-9
 ²Tancredi M, Rosengren A, Svensson AM, et al. Excess mortality among persons with type 2 diabetes. N Engl J Med. 2015;373(18):1720-1732.
 ³Joseph JJ et al. Comprehensive Management of Cardiovascular Risk Factors for Adults With Type 2 Diabetes: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association. Circulation. 2022;144:00–00. DOI: 10.1161/CIR.00000000001040

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T2DM & Associated Risks of CVD, CKD & Death

CV Risk Increases With T2DM



*ASVD was defined as the first occurrence of AMI, CVA/TIA, or PVD.

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Foley RN, Murray AM, Li S, et al. Chronic kidney disease and the risk for CV disease, renal replacement, and death in the United States Medicare population, 1998 to 1999. *J Am Soc Nephrol*. 2005;16(2):489-495.

Diabetes & Co-morbidities – What's the mechanism?

- Pathophysiologic mechanism underlying the association between CVD, HF, DKD & diabetes is hypothesized to be vascular damage caused by uncontrolled hyperglycemia.
- Damage is thought to be diverse, widespread & complex.

Buse JB, Ginsberg HN, Bakris GL, et al. Primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases in people with diabetes mellitus: a scientific statement from the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association. Diabetes Care. 2007;30(1):162-172. doi:10.2337/dc07-9917

Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials (CVOTs)



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Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials

Major Drug Classes Studied



- DPP-4 inhibitors: Increase incretin levels, reducing release of glucagon & increasing insulin secretion
- GLP-1 receptor agonists: Stimulate glucose-dependent
 Insulin release & inhibit glucagon secretion
- SGLT2 inhibitors: Interfere with glucose reabsorption & prevent renal reuptake of glucose from the glomerular filtrate

- Since FDA issued guidance >25 CVOTs have launched
- Primary endpoint: major adverse cardiac events (MACE)
 - 3-point MACE = cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke
 - 4-point MACE = 3-point MACE + additional CV endpoint (acute coronary syndrome or hospitalization for heart failure or unstable angina)

Proactive Management of Type 2 Diabetes



Diabetes Care.

Comprehensive Goals Of Diabetes Management

• Set glycemic targets to reduce microvascular & macrovascular CVD events

- A1C targets
- Ambulatory Glucose Profile targets
 - BGM Fasting & postprandial glycemia goals
 - CGM "Time in Range" & glucose variability goals

Consider behavioral & drug therapies in view of pathogenesis

- Lifestyle Interventions
- Pharmacologic interventions aimed at:
 - Minimizing hypoglycemia
 - Controlling glycemic variability to maximize "Time in Range"

Consider therapies for prevention or management of comorbidities

- CVD, HTN, CHF aspirin, anti-platelet, antihypertensive agents
- DKD RAAS agents
- Dyslipidemia statins, ezetimibe, fibrates, fenofibrates, Icosapent ethyl, PCSK9 inhibitors

SMBG = Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose CGM = Continuous Glucose Monitoring RAAS = Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System

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Goals of Management Beyond Glucose Control

	AACE ¹	ADA ²
A1C %	≤6.5	≤7.0
Fasting/pre-meal BG, mg/dL	<110	80-130
Postprandial, mg/dL	<140 ^a	<180 ^b
Blood pressure, mm Hg	< 130/80	<140/90
LDL-C, mg/dL	<100 (<70) (<55) ^c	Based on risk

^a2-hr postmeal ^bPeak ^cLower goals recommended for high-risk/CVD

- 1. Garber AJ, et al. *Endocr Pract*. 2018;24(1):91-120;
- 2. ADA. Diabetes Care 2022; 45(Supplement 1):S84-S96.

BG = Blood Glucose AACE = American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists ADA = American Diabetes Association

Standards of Care for Glycemic Management



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Limitations of Hemoglobin A1c

- Unable to reflect acute glycemic excursions
- A1c may be inaccurate in a range of physiologic and pathologic conditions
- Does not provide time-specific blood glucose data



Approach to the Patient

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Advancing Diabetes Technology



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Dovc K, Battelino T. Evolution of Diabetes Technology. *Endocrinol Metab Clin North Am.* 2020;49(1):1-18. doi:10.1016/j.ecl.2019.10.009
Why Use Technology?

- Improved glycemic control
- Reduction in hypoglycemia
- More information on daily fluctuations
- Potential improvement in quality of life



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Foster et al. Diabetes Tech. Ther. 2019, DOI: 10.1089/dia.2018.0384

Types of CGMs

Type of CGM	Description
rtCGM	Measures & stores BG levels continuously w/o prompting; patient-owned
isCGM with & w/o alerts	Measures BG levels continuously but requires scanning for data storage; patient-owned
Professional CGM	Placed by provider & worn for discrete time (7-14 days); patient may be blinded or visible to data while wearing; data used to assess patterns/trends; CGM clinic-owned
CGM: continuous glucose monitor rtCGM: real-time CGM isCGM: intermittently scanned CGM	

Yale SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Diabetes Technology: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes - 2022. Diabetes Care 2022;45(Suppl. 1):S97-S112.

Continuous Glucose Monitoring

- Subcutaneous glucose sensor→ transmitter→ display
- Measures glucose levels every 5 minutes
- PROFESSIONAL DEVICES
 - Owned by clinic
 - Retrospective or Real-Time
- PERSONAL DEVICES:
 - Intermittently scanned or real-time







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CGM Report Dashboard



Ambulatory Glucose Profiles (AGPs)

AMBULATORY GLUCOSE PROFILE (AGP)





Glycemic Targets for Patients with Diabetes^{1,2}

Patient Characteristics	Reasonable HbA _{1c} Goal, %	Recommended Blood Glucose % for TIR or TBR
Nonpregnant adults aged <65 years with type 1 or 2 diabetes	<7.0	>70% of TIR 70-180 mg/dL <4% of TBR ≤69 mg/dL
Healthy adults aged ≥65 years with diabetes and few coexisting chronic illnesses	7.0-7.5	Fasting preprandial goal: 80-130 mg/dL Peak postprandial: <180 mg/dL
Adults aged ≥65 years with diabetes and multiple coexisting chronic illnesses	<8.0	>50% of TIR 70-180 mg/dL <1% of TBR ≤69 mg/dL
TBR time below range: TIR time in range		

TBR, time below range; **TIR**, time in range

¹ADA.Glycemic Targets. *Diabetes Care.* 2022;45(Suppl.1):S83-S96. ²Battelino T, Danne T, Bergenstal RM, et al. <u>Clinical targets for continuous glucose monitoring data interpretation: recommendations</u> <u>from the International Consensus on Time in Range</u>. *Diabetes Care.* 2019;42(8):1593-1603. doi:10.2337/dci19-0028

CGM Use Prevalence & Access Challenges^{1,2}

- CGM use is estimated **15% of** people with T1DM in the US
- Access is improving with new 2021 Medicare coverage rules
- Access challenges remain:
 - Access/Rising Costs
 - Patient education
 - Therapeutic inertia
 - Variation in provider practices

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A Good Word & News on Medicare Coverage...

New Medicare Coverage Make CGMs More Accessible

- July 18, 2021: Medicare permanently eliminated requirement of 4x/day fingerstick in order to qualify for CGM coverage
- If looking for a CGM for Medicare patients, there is now a simplified, <u>fingerstick-free approval process</u> for coverage.
- Out-of-pocket costs for CGM will depend on a few factors, like what Medicare benefit plans looks like & where device is secured.
- Check for Diabetes DME distributers in your area or call 1-800-MEDICARE) to determine cost.

Blood Glucose Meter Use | Serum vs ISF glucose



- An estimated 70% of patients using diabetes medication purchased SMBG strips¹
- BG measures serum glucose (SG) & CGMs read interstitial fluid (ISF) glucose
- Serum glucose readings gives most accurate reading & is 5-10 min ahead of ISF glucose
- When SG levels decrease, sensor readings in ISF may be higher than the serum glucose reading (& vice versa)

Yale SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Physician Associate Program ¹Kjome RL, Granas AG, Nerhus K, Roraas TH, Sandberg S. The prevalence of self-monitoring of blood glucose and costs of glucometer strips in a nationwide cohort. *Diabetes Technol Ther*. 2010;12(9):701-705.

Approach to Patient with BG meter

- Always bring your BG meter to clinic!
- Invite them to show you their BG meter review of data
- Data review usually commences following initial power up
 - 7 14 30 90-day averages
 - Percent TBR, TIR, & TAR
 - Pre-meal average histograms
- Encourage patient use of data review options

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Diabetes Care 2015;38:140-149; Diabetologia 2015;58:429-442



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Multiple Complex Pathophysiological Abnormalities in T2DM



Major Pathophysiologically-Based Therapies for T2DM



Roles of GLP-1 RAs & SGLT-2 in CVD Risk Reduction for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes



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Lifestyle Modification & Patient Education

Healthy eating, weight control, increased physical activity & diabetes education



- Facilitating behavior change & well-being to improve health outcomes
- Patient-centered care with individualized management plan

ADA. Diabetes Care. 2022;45:S39-S59 ADA. Diabetes Care. 2022;45:S60-S82. Evert AB, et al. Diabetes Care. 2019;42:731-54. Powers MA, et al. Diabetes Care. 2015;38:1372-82.

Lifestyle Medicine – "The Secret Sauce"

Evidence-based practice of assisting individuals & families adopt & sustain behaviors that can improve health & quality of life.



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Lianov L, Johnson M. Physician competencies for prescribing lifestyle medicine. JAMA. 2010;304(2):202-203. doi:10.1001/jama.2010.903

Lifestyle Medicine: Evidence & Quandary

- Significant associations exist between lifestyle variables & incidence-rate reductions in concurrent diabetes, CVD & HF
- Yet, only 3% of US adults live a healthy lifestyle as defined by the pillars of activity diet, sleep, substance use, relationships, and stress management.^{1,2}
- <u>Clinicians cite</u> major barriers to counseling patients effectively on lifestyle medicine including <u>lack of confidence</u>, <u>knowledge & skill</u>.³

¹Loprinzi PD, Branscum A, Hanks J, Smit E. Healthy lifestyle characteristics and their joint association with cardiovascular disease biomarkers in US adults. Mayo Clin Proc. 2016;91(4):432-442. doi:10.1016/j.mayocp.2016.01.009
 ²American College of Lifestyle Medicine. Accessed May 21, 2021. https://lifestylemedicine.org/What-is-Lifestyle-Medicine.
 ³Lianov L, Johnson M. Physician competencies for prescribing lifestyle medicine. JAMA. 2010;304(2):202-203. doi:10.1001/jama.2010.903

Clinician & Patient Collaboration

Lifestyle

- Collaborate on a realistic activity plan
- Identify simple changes in diet/meal plan for weight loss & healthier eating habits
- Reduce alcohol consumption
- Encourage appropriate sleep hygiene
- Select technology (s) most appropriate for evaluating behavior change
 - BGM
 - CGM
 - Apps
 - Online portals

Behavioral

- Avoid use of fear or intimidation tactics
- Provide encouragement & kudos!
- Evaluate patient goals/health outcomes for their diabetes treatment
 - "What do you want?"
- Identify biggest challenges/barriers & fears
 - Knowledge deficits, costs, stress, family issues, psychologic obstacles, social support, competing priorities,
- Develop strategy for dealing with challenges & potential set-backs
- Consider DSMES referral

Activity & Exercise Recommendations

- Most adults: 150 mins of mod-vigorous intensity aerobic activity/wk
 - At least 3 days/wk, with no more than 2 consecutive days w/o activity
- Shorter durations (min 75 min/wk) of vigorous-intensity
 - or interval training for younger population & more physically fit individuals
- 2-3 days of resistance training/week (non-consecutive days)
- Reduce sedentary time
- Flexibility training & balance training are recommended
 - 2-3 times/week for older adults with diabetes
- Yoga & Tai chi may be included based on individual preferences
 - Increasing flexibility, muscular strength & balance

All Activity Matters



Yale SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Physician Associate Program ¹Chi Pang Wen, et al. *Lancet* 2011 ²Duck-chul, Lee, et al. *Am College of Cardiology* 2014 ³Kraschnewski, JL, et al. *Prev Med.* 2016

Assessing "Lifestyle Vitals"

- What kinds of physical activity do you do each week?
- What stops you from being more active?
- How many meals and/or snacks do you eat in a day?
- How many meals a week do you eat out? Do you skip meals?
- What is the hardest thing about managing your health right now?
- What do you fear most about your health right now?



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- Add 2-5 mins each week to your walking routine to reach 10,000 steps a day most days of the week
- 2. Take a 5-10 mins walk at work when able
- 3. Walk or march in place during commercials when at home

SIGNATURE

Lifestyle Medicine: Home Activity & Exercise

- Home activity & exercise videos
 - Beginner-friendly
 - Can be done in a small space
 - Can be paused & stopped prn
- Brain Injury Society of Toronto (BIST) & Toronto Rehab (LEAP)
 - <u>https://bist.ca/resources-covid-19/gentle-exercise-videos/</u>
- Gentle Exercise Videos & Chair Yoga, Tai Chi & Qi Gong Videos
 - Designed therapists for people with mobility issues and/or pain
 - Variations allow to select the challenge most appropriate for patients

Healthy Eating/Medical Nutrition Therapy

General	 ✓ Portion control is the key → See space between portions! ✓ Don't skip meals and keep serving sizes consistent 	
Carbohydrates	 ✓ Reduce overall carbohydrate intake → Cut your carbs in half! ✓ Nutrient dense-carbs - minimally processed & high in fiber (fresh fruits/ vegetables, legumes, whole grains) 	
Fats	 ✓ Consumption of mono & polyunsaturated fats (avocados, certain plant oils, fish) ✓ Limit saturated fats & trans fat → Switch to fat-free this week! ✓ Choose fat-free or low-fat dairy products 	
Proteins	 Consume protein foods with low saturated fats (fish, egg whites, beans) Limit processed meats 	
Micronutrients	 ✓ Routine supplementation is not necessary ✓ No clear evidence on vitamins, supplements or herbs/spices improving BG control (Chromium; Vitamin D, cinnamon, aloe vera) 	
Plate Portions

Half plate of fruits & vegetables

- Focus on whole fruits
- Half plate of grains & protein
 - Focus on whole grains
 - Vary the protein
 - Seafood, beans, peas, nuts, seeds, soy products, eggs, lean meats & poultry
 - Move to low fat or fat free milk
- Drink water; avoid sugary drinks

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Proactive Management of Type 2 Diabetes





Diabetes Care.

Applying ADA Standards of Care to Clinic & Visits

How do you do all this in 20–25-minute visits?

- 1. Facility support to implement standards of care for patients with DM
- 2. Systematic approach to patient encounters
- 3. Smart phrases!

Clinic Support - YDC Team



Clinicians Nurses Dieticians Medical Assistants Administrative Staff



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Clinic Support – "Crackerjack" Medical Assistants



MA manages BGM/CGM downloads & creates reports





MA has device connections & BG/CGM platform apps

MA obtains POC A1c

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Systematic Approach



Disease Features – Diabetes specific ?'s

- Type 1 or Type 2? On insulin or pills or both?
- What is your diabetes Rx regimen?
- Out-patient Self-BG Monitoring (BGM)? Meter or CGM?
- What are your BG ranges (AM / Noon / PM meals)?
- What was last A1c? Do you know what the A1c means?
- Do you have any complications of diabetes?

Systematic Approach to BG/CGM reports

Minimize

- Hypoglycemia
- Glucose variability
- Hyperglycemia

Priorities

- Reduce hypoglycemia (TBR)
- Increase Time in Range (TIR)

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Case 1

- 42 yo presents for T2DM follow-up
- Did not bring a BG log or meter \rightarrow No AGP
- Reports the following perceived BG readings for "several months":
 - FBG: 110-120's range
 - PM pre-meal: 120-150's range

• DM Rx:

- Metformin XL 1000mg BID
- Insulin Glargine 30 units at HS
- Insulin Lispro 8 units with meals
- **Data:** A1c: 9.2%

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HbA1c & Estimated Average BG

5% - 90 mg/dL

6% - 120 mg/dL

7% - 150 mg/dL

8% - 180 mg/dL

9% - 210 mg/dL

10% - 240 mg/dL

11% - 270 mg/dL

12% - 300 mg/dL

13% - 330 mg/dL
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14% - 360 mg/dL

• What's the best next step for patient's diabetes management?

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Case 1 – Poll Everywhere Question

What's the best next step for patient's diabetes management?

- A. Increase insulin glargine by 20%
- B. Increase insulin lispro with meals by 20%
- C. Recommend the patient wear a professional CGM for 1 week
- D. Continue the same diabetes regimen as patient is likely non-adherent

• DM Rx:

- Metformin XL 1000mg BID
- Insulin Glargine 30 units at HS
- Insulin Lispro 8 units with meals

Case 1 -Patient returns to review Professional CGM results



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Case 2

- 58 yo with a PMH of T2DM (Dx: '19) & Overweight (BMI 26) presents for DM f/u & complains of persistent symptomatic hyperglycemia.
- DM Meds:
 - Metformin XR 500mg twice daily before meals
- **Data:** BG 395 & Udip NEG for ketones
- POC A1c & trends:



Case 2 - Persistent symptomatic hyperglycemia



	Time of Day				
100% 50% 0%	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Night	
Readings	(5 am - 10 am)	(10 am - 3 pm)	(3 pm - 9 pm)	(9 pm - 5 am)	
Average	442	388	308	335	
mg/dL) S D mg/dL)	69	18	0	56	
Glycemia Report:					
	terpretation:				
Data perio Readings:	•			2021	
Mean BG (mg/dL): 366					
Range BG mg/dL): 276-513					
% Hyperglycemia (>180): 100%			0		
•	et (70-180):	0%			
% Hypogly	ycemia (<70)): 0%			

Case 2 - A/P: Above goal A1c & AGP

Assessment:

- Uncontrolled T2DM
- A1c at diagnosis 7.1% | A1c range 5.8-7.1% last 3+ yrs on MTF 500mg BID
- A1c now 13.8% & AGP from BG meter shows 100% hyperglycemia
 - Patient changed MTF "by mistake" to 500mg DAILY
- Increased suspicion for possible etiologies:
 - "The patient is non-adherent."
 - Developing insulinopenia given FHx of brother with T1DM?
 - Increased insulin resistance with glucose toxicity with inadvertent med dosing lapse?
- <u>Plan:</u>
 - Add Lantus insulin 12 units daily (0.2 x kg daily) & increase MTF XR to 1000mg BID
 - Check C-pep, GAD Ab, IA-2 Ab, Insulin AutoAb, Zinc transporter Ab
 - Check BG 4x daily
 - Send BG readings via MyChart & for further Lantus dose titrations prn
 - Consider addition of GLP-1 once A1c < 10% if indicated
 - Follow-up with PA Weber in 4-6 weeks

MTF - Metformin

A Word on Adherence...

"The patient is non-adherent."

- The act or quality of "sticking to something"...
- The extent to which a patient continues the agreedupon mode of treatment under limited supervision

Influences of Adherence

- Language
- Financial
- Transportation
- Cultural differences
- Value differences

- Complicated health system
- Educational background
- Cognitive understanding
- Underlying disease process
- Gender of provider

"The patient is non-adherent... ...because..."

"Can you tell me why you're having a hard time?" "How do you think I can help you with that?"

Case 2 – Telehealth 1 Month Follow-up

Data:

- A1c now 11.3% (10 days ago)
- AGP: 90% TIR & 10% TAR (For last 2 weeks)
 - Rx: MTF XR 1000mg 2x daily & Lantus 20 units daily (up-titrated between visits)
- Labs:
 - NL range C-peptide & NEG GAD Ab, IA-2 Ab, Insulin AutoAb, Zinc transporter Ab

Assessment:

- Uncontrolled T2DM with improving A1c trends
 - Apparent glucose toxicity & related insulin resistance in setting of med dosing lapse

<u>Plan:</u>

- Continue Lantus daily & MTF XR 1000mg BID
- Consider injectable or oral GLP-1 with transition off insulin in future
- Continue BG monitoring & send via MyChart in 3 weeks
- Follow-up with PA Weber in 6 weeks



- 62-year-old with T2DM ('20), Non-ischemic CVD & a BMI of 38. Complains that she's only lost a few pounds after multiple unsuccessful attempts at lifestyle changes including BGM, activity & diet changes.
- DM Meds:

Lab Doculte

- Metformin XR 2000mg twice daily before meals
- **Data:** A1c trends (A1c drawn ~1 month before visit; Goal of A1c 6-7%:

Lab Results		
Component	Value	Date
HGBA1C	7.8	09/15/2021
HGBA1C	7.9	03/10/2021
HGBA1C	7.3	09/02/2020
HGBA1C	7.7 (H)	07/10/2020
HGBA1C	8.3 (H)	04/30/2020
HGBA1C	12.0 (Ĥ)	02/10/2020

Case 3 - AGP



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AGP: Ambulatory Glucose Profile

Case 3 - A/P: Above goal A1c, AGP & weight

Assessment:

- Uncontrolled T2DM with CVD hx & overweight on MTF 1000mg BID
 - Above goal A1c 7.8% (goal 6-7%)
 - Above goal AGP: 28% TIR & 72% TAR
- Weight above goal BMI of 38 & motivated for lifestyle changes
 - Blaming herself for failing unrealistic goals
 - Not giving herself credit for small successes
 - Assess "Lifestyle VS" & employ "SMART" goals
- <u>Plan:</u>

- Lifestyle Med Plan:

- Download Pedometer to smart phone
- Activity Rx given: 2000 steps/day x 1 mo & aim to increase to 10K steps/day
- Add GLP-1 \rightarrow Ozempic 0.25 x 4 wks /0.5 x 4 wks/1 mg weekly
- Continue MTF XR 1000mg BID
- Check BG 2x daily & send via MyChart BG
- Follow-up with PA Weber in 3 months

Case 3 - 3 Month Follow-up Data

DM Meds:

- Metformin XR 2000mg twice daily before meals
- Ozempic (Semaglutide) 0.5mg sc weekly

Lifestyle Vitals:

- Using smartphone pedometer & averaging 5-7 K steps/day
- Maintaining small portion sizes & healthier nutrient balance

Data:

- Wt loss 7lbs
- A1c 6.8%
- AGP?

Case 3 – AGP: 3 Month Follow-up Data



AGP: Ambulatory Glucose Profile

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Case 3 - 3 Month Follow-up A/P

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Lifestyle Vitals:

- Using smartphone pedometer & averaging 5-7 K steps/day
- Maintaining small portion sizes & healthier nutrient balance

<u>Data:</u>

- Wt loss 7lbs
- A1c 6.8% & AGP 100% TIR; SMBG 2x/day

Assessment: Controlled T2DM & 7lb Weight loss

<u>Plan:</u>

- Lifestyle Plan: Reassess for confidence in maintaining
- Consider maintenance vs increase of Ozempic for wt loss benefit?
- Continue MTF XR 1000g BID
- Check BG 2x daily 2-3x/week for surveillance
- Follow-up in 3 months

Case 4

• 71 yo with a PMH of T2DM x 20+yrs, HTN, HLD, Stage 3 CKD.

DM Meds:

- Lantus 32 U at HS
- Victoza 1.2 mg in AM
- Metformin XR 1000 mg QD

Data:

- A1c trends; Goal A1c 6-7%:

Component Latest Ref Rng & Units	7/1/2020	2/26/2020	11/22/2019
Hemoglobin A1c 4.0 - 5.6 %	8.6 (H)	7.0 (H)	5.8
Estimated Average Glucose mg/dL	200	154	
eGFR mL/min/1.73m2	54	52	58

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Case 4 - AGP

AGP by Libre CGM:

- Libre 14-day sensor; Also checks BG 2-4X/day
- Denies hypos or low BGs < 70

Libre Flash Data Report (hand review):

Date of Interpretation:	7/1/20		
Data period:	6/17/20 - 7/1/20		
Readings:	XX	Average BG (r	ng/dL) values:
Mean BG (mg/dL):	168	AM meal	<mark>182</mark>
		Noon	188
Range BG mg/dL):	68-255	PM meal	<mark>196</mark>
<mark>% Hyperglycemia (>180):</mark>	<mark>42%</mark>	HS	183
% at Target (70-180):	<mark>56%</mark>		
<mark>% Hypoglycemia (<70):</mark>	<mark>2%</mark>		

Case 4 - A/P: Above goal A1c, AGP, CKD & CVD Risk

Assessment:

- Uncontrolled T2DM, Stage 3 CKD & CVD FRS 10%
 - Above goal A1c 8.6% (goal 6-7%)
 - AGP by isCGM: < 2% infrequent hypos & none overnight |56% TIR | 42% TAR
 - Pre-meal BG averages > goal of 180s
 - CKD & eGFR 54 on ACEi | Elevated CVD FRS 10%

DM Meds:

- Lantus 32 U at HS
- Victoza 1.2 mg in AM
- Metformin XR 1000 mg QD

Plan:

- Add SGLT2i for potential glycemia, MACE, HF benefits
- Track CKD closely
 - If GFR <45, stop metformin therapy
 - If GFR <30, stop SGLT2i therapy
- Reduce Lantus to 28u at bedtime
- Continue GLP-1 (Liraglutide|Victoza) & renal-dose MTF
- Check BG 4x daily x 2 weeks & send via MyChart BG
- Follow-up in 3 months

Case 4 - 3 Month Follow-up Data & A/P

	11/20/2020	7/1/2020
Hemoglobin A1c 4.0 - 5.6 %	<mark>6.0</mark>	8.6 (H)
eGFR mL/min/1.73m2	<mark>> 60</mark>	54





Assessment: Controlled T2DM

- At goal A1c & AGP & improved GFR
- No frequent or significant hypos

Plan:

- Continue SGLT2, GLP-1, basal insulin & renal-MTF
- Monitor GFR every 6 months
- Scan BG 2x daily & with hypo symptoms
- Follow-up in 3 months

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SmartPhrases: Glycemia Reports – BG Meter

SMBG: → BGM*

-Uses BG meter | Uses Libre CGM | Uses Guardian Link or Dexcom CGM -Checks BG | Scans 2-4x/day qAC AM & PM & when feeling hypos -Hypos: 3-4x/wk & mostly in late AM; some to low 50's

	Pre-Meal BG (mg/dL)	2hr PPG (mg/dL)
Breakfast	XX	
Lunch	XX	
Supper	XX	
Bedtime	XX	

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SmartPhrases: Glycemia Reports – BG or CGM Downloads

SMBG:

-Checks BG 2-3x/day before AM & PM meals & when feeling hypos -Hypos: 3-4x/wk & mostly in late AM; some to low 50's

<u>Glycemia Data Report:</u>		
Date of Interpretation:	1/3/202	2
Data period:	xx- 1/3/2	2022
Readings:	XX	
Mean BG (mg/dL):	XX	
Range BG mg/dL):	XX-XX	Previous AGP:
% Hyperglycemia (>180):	XX	40%
% at Target (70-180):	XX	54%
% Hypoglycemia (<70):	XX	6%

Average BG (mg/dL) values by meals:				
AC Brkfst (AM Fasting):	XX			
AC Lunch:	XX			
AC Dinner:	XX			
HS:	XX			

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SmartPhrases – Diabetes Health Maintenance

- DM HM
 - **CVD Risk Reduction:** No PMH of CAD, PVD or CVA
 - **HTN:** BP at goal; on ARB & HCTZ; no routine exercise; activity plan as directed.
 - HLD: FLP UTD & LDL/Tg above goals; increase statin from mod to high intensity
 - Neph/CKD Risk Reduction: Cr/GFR: 0.93/110; UACR: UTD & POS. On ACEi.
 - Check UACR at next visit if glycemia improved
 - **Ophthal:** Denies DPR; no complaints/changes in vision. Exam: UTD (Nov '21)
 - Ophthal f/u in 2022
 - **Pod:** No PMH Sensory neuropathy; no complaints; Exam: NL MF screen (Jan '22)
 - Repeat MF screen annually.

UTD: Up to date UACR: Urine albumin creatinine ratio DPR: Diabetes Proliferative Retinopathy

Approach to the Patient

- Engage & Explore
- Screen & Monitor
- Customize
- Use Technology
- Support & Follow

DSMES*

- Comprehensive clinical, educational, psychosocial, & behavioral care
- Typically provided by DM specialty providers
- Four critical times to provide & modify DSMES

*DSMES: Diabetes Self-Management Education & Support DM: Diabetes mellitus



FOUR CRITICAL TIMES FOR DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT

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DM 101 Session Summary

- Diabetes management strategies should focus on:
 - Patient-centered care practices The 5 Practices!
 - Shared-decisions for "individual" & "incremental" changes
 - Lifestyle VS & interventions at every visit (activity, nutrition & weight loss)
 - Pharmacologic interventions (when appropriate)
 - Routine follow-up
- Behavior change is based on factors that involve <u>BOTH patient & provider</u>
 - Communicate & connect without judgment
 - Listen attentively & convey a desire to collaborate
- Uncover influences of adherence & attempt to reduce impact
- Stress "progress over perfection"

Optimize Patient Experience & Enjoy Your Role



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Universal Truth on Communication...

"The main problem with communication is the assumption that it has occurred."

George Bernard Shaw

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Resources - Diabetes Education Programs

- Assist in developing customized plans
- Provide patients tools & ongoing support
- Improve diabetes outcomes including CVD risk reduction
- Covered by most commercial healthcare plans, Medicare & Medicaid
- Find a Diabetes Education Program in Your Area
 <u>Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists</u>

Resources - Lifestyle Medicine

Applications

- CalorieKing ®
- MyFitness pal ®
- MyPlate Calorie Counter ®
- Pacer Pedometer ®
- DeckWorkout ®
- 30 day fitness ®
- Home Workout ®
- Map My Walk ®

Website Resources

- <u>https://www.diabeteseducator.org</u>
- <u>https://www.choosemyplate.gov/</u>
- <u>https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/preve</u> <u>ntion/resources/curriculum.html</u>
- <u>https://diabetes.org/diabetes</u>

Resources - Harvard Institute of Lifestyle Medicine



"Our mission is to reduce lifestyle-related death and disease in society through clinician-directed interventions with patients."

Harvard School of Medicine – Institute of Lifestyle Medicine https://www.instituteoflifestylemedicine.org/



Resources - Diabetes in Primary Care Interest Group



American Diabetes Association

Diabetes In Primary Care Interest Group

Re: Exercise - Helping Patient Develop Plan

<u>Reply All Online</u>	<u>Reply All via</u>	<u>Reply to Sender</u>	<u>Reply to Sender</u>
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