



All Voices Matter – Providing Collaborative Diabetes Care

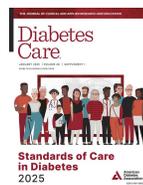
Beverly Thomassian, RN, MPH, BC-ADM, CDCES
Founder - www.DiabetesEd.net

1

All Voices Matter – Providing Collaborative Care

Objectives:

- ▶ Review the changes & updates to the annual *ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes*.
- ▶ Identify the key elements of the standards that improve clinical care for people with diabetes.
- ▶ Review and discuss appropriate use of the latest medications that address hyperglycemia and cardiorenal health.
- ▶ Describe how diabetes distress affects self-management.
- ▶ Share practical approaches to promote person centered care.



2

Coach Bev has no Conflict of Interest

- ▶ She's not on any speaker's bureau
- ▶ Does not invest or have any financial relationships with diabetes related companies.
- ▶ Gathers information from reading package inserts, research and articles
- ▶ The ADA Standards of Medical Care is main resource for course content

3

17. Diabetes Advocacy

- ▶ People living with diabetes deserve to be free from the burden of discrimination.
- ▶ We need to all be a part of advocating to ensure a healthy and productive life for people living with diabetes.
- ▶ Decrease barriers to diabetes self-management.



Diabetes Care needs to meet outlined standards in all settings.

- In school setting
- Young children in childcare
- For Drivers
- In work settings
- In Detention Facilities
- Insulin Access & Affordability

17. Diabetes Advocacy: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025
American Diabetes Association Professional Practice Committee

4

CDC Announces



35% of
Americans will
have Diabetes
by 2050

Boyle, Thompson, Barker, Williamson
2010, Oct 22:8(1)29
www.pophealthmetrics.com

5

Poll Question 1

- ▶ What percent of total people in the U.S. are living with undiagnosed and diagnosed type 2 diabetes?
- ▶ A. About 30%
- ▶ B. 11.3%
- ▶ C. 16.8%
- ▶ D. 25.6%



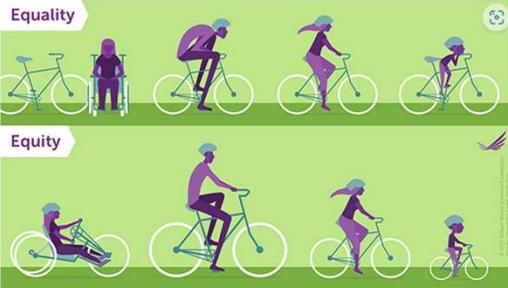
6

Lived Experiences & Advocacy



10

Equality vs Equity



© 2017 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Design and deliver diabetes care with goal of **health equity** across all populations.

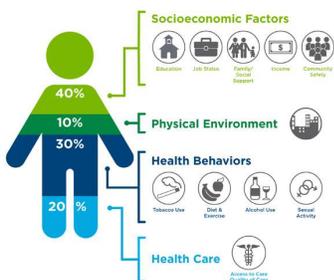
<https://coveragetoolkit.org/health-equity/defining-health-equity/>

11

Address Barriers to Self Management

- **Barriers exist** within health system, payer, health care professional & individual.
- **Address barriers** through innovation, including community health workers, telehealth, other digital health solutions.
- **Consider social determinants of health** in the target population when designing care.

What Goes Into Your Health?



Source: Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, Using Behavioral Change Models to Improve Population Health (2016)

<https://coveragetoolkit.org/health-equity/defining-health-equity/>

12

Social Determinants of Health

► SDOH are defined as the economic, environmental, political, and social conditions in which people live and are responsible for a major part of health inequality worldwide.



1. Improving Care and Promoting Health in Populations: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

Greater exposure to adverse SDOH over the life course results in poor health. Use quality data to identify inequities & take action.

13

Tailoring Treatment for Social Context

► “Social determinants of health (SDOH)—*often out of direct control of the individual* and potentially representing lifelong risk—contribute to health care and psychosocial outcomes and must be addressed to improve all health outcomes”



1. Improving Care and Promoting Health in Populations: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

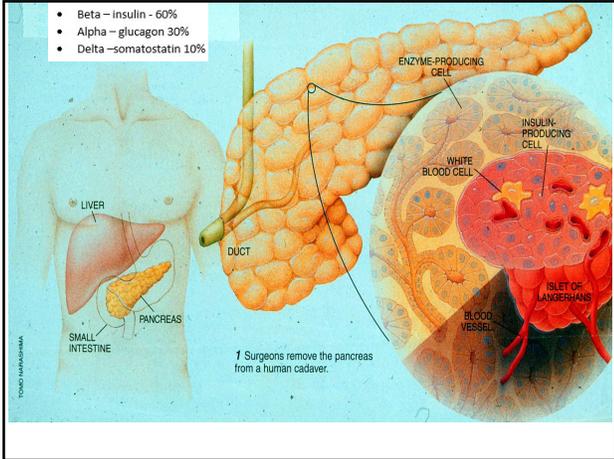
The ADA recognizes this relationship and is taking action.

14

Now, let's get to the Nitty Gritty



15



16

Hormones Effect on Glucose	
Hormone	Effect
▶ Glucagon (pancreas)	⬆️
▶ Stress hormones (kidney)	⬆️
▶ Epinephrine (kidney)	⬆️
▶ Insulin (pancreas)	⬇️
▶ Amylin (pancreas)	⬇️
▶ Gut hormones - incretins (GLP-1) released by L cells of intestinal mucosa, beta cell has receptors)	⬇️

17

Pre Diabetes & Type 2- Screening Guidelines (ADA 2025 Clinical Practice Guidelines)

- Start screening all people at age 35.
- Screen at any age if BMI ≥ 25 (Asians BMI ≥ 23) plus one or > additional **risk factor**:
 - ▶ First-degree relative w/ diabetes
 - ▶ Member of a high-risk ethnic population
 - ▶ Habitual physical inactivity
 - ▶ History of heart disease
 - ▶ Check more frequently if taking high risk meds; antiretrovirals, 2nd generation antipsychotics or steroids, thiazide diuretics, statins
 - ▶ History of pancreatitis, prediabetes, GDM, periodontitis



3. Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes. Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

18

Diabetes 2 - Who is at Risk?

(ADA 2024 Clinical Practice Guidelines)



Screen using A1C, Fasting Blood Glucose or OGTT.

Repeat screening at least every 3 years if negative.

*If prediabetes or on high risk meds, recheck yearly

Risk factors cont'd

- ▶ HTN - BP > 130/80
- ▶ HDL < 35 or triglycerides > 250
- ▶ History of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus
- ▶ Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)
- ▶ Other conditions associated w/ insulin resistance:
 - ▶ Elevated BMI, acanthosis nigricans (AN)

3. Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2024

19

Diabetes Screening Guidelines

(ADA 2025 Clinical Practice Guidelines – Cheat Sheet)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND CLASSIFICATION OF DIABETES – 2025

CRITERIA FOR SCREENING FOR DIABETES AND PREDIABETES IN ASYMPTOMATIC ADULTS – TABLE 1

DIABETES TYPE	RISK FACTORS and FREQUENCY OF SCREENING and TESTING FOR DIABETES
Type 1	Screen those at risk for presymptomatic type 1 diabetes, by testing autoantibodies to insulin, GAD, islet antigen 2 or ZnT8. Also test antibodies for those with type 1 phenotypic risk (younger age, weight loss, ketoacidosis, etc.)
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Test all adults starting at age 35 for prediabetes and diabetes using Fasting Plasma Glucose, A1C or OGTT. 2. Perform risk-based screening if BMI ≥ 25 or BMI ≥ 23 in Asian Americans 10yrs+ with 1 or more risk factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of cardiovascular disease • Physical inactivity • First or second degree relative with diabetes • HDL ≤ 35 mg/dl or triglyceride ≥ 250 mg/dl • High risk ethnicity or ancestry • Hypertension ≥ 130/80 mmHg or on therapy for HTN • Other conditions associated with insulin resistance (PCOS, Acanthosis Nigricans, Steatosis) 3. If results normal, repeat test at a minimum of 3-year intervals or more frequently based on risk status. 4. Test Yearly if A1C ≥ 5.7% or Impaired Fasting Glucose or History of GDM (test at least every 1-3 years) <p><small>Closely monitor high-risk groups (before taking 2nd generation antipsychotics, steroids, thiazide diuretics, statins, HIV meds and/or initiating therapy) with history of pancreatitis, or periodontal disease.</small></p>

3. Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025
DiabetesEd.net Cheat Sheets

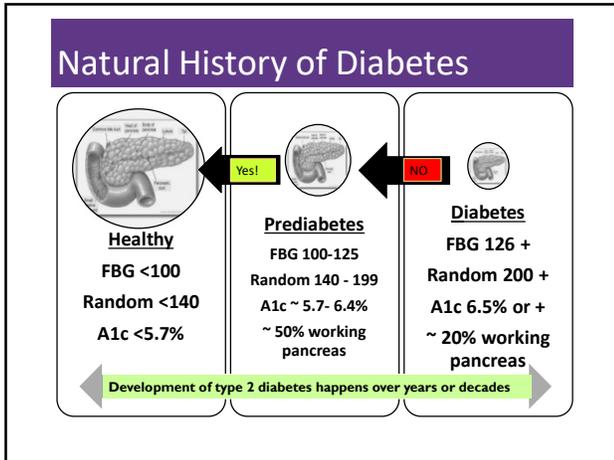
20

Poll Question 2

- ▶ Which of the following level is considered pre-diabetes range?
- a. Fasting BG of 62
 - b. A1c of 5.9 %
 - c. After meal BG of 137
 - d. A1c of 7.1 %



21



22

PreDiabetes is FREAKING ME OUT

- ▶ 96 million people in US
- ▶ 80% don't know they have it
- ▶ In 3-5 years, about 30% of predm will get diabetes
- ▶ Associated with higher rates of heart attack, stroke, neuropathy and vessel disease



Do I look like I am freaking out?

3. Prevention or Delay of Diabetes and Associated Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023

23

Poll Question 3

- ▶ What best describes prediabetes in the U.S.?
 - Prediabetes affects 18-20% of people above the age of 20.
 - The prevalence of prediabetes and diabetes are almost equal.
 - Most people with BMI of 30 or greater have prediabetes.
 - Prediabetes is associated with increased risk of CV disease



24

3. Prevent or Delay Diabetes for those with Prediabetes

- ▶ Prediabetes defined as:
 - ▶ A1c 5.7 – 6.4% or fasting BG 100 -125mg/dl
- ▶ Action:
 - ▶ Screen yearly for diabetes
 - ▶ For adults with BMI 23/25
 - ▶ Refer to DPP approved programs
 - ▶ Includes intensive behavioral lifestyle interventions with 7% wt reduction goal + 150 min exercise week
 - ▶ Provide in person or certified assisted programs



American Diabetes Association

3. Prevention or Delay of Diabetes and Associated Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023

25

Get About 7 Hours of Quality Sleep to Prevent Diabetes

- ▶ Poor sleep quality was associated with a 40–84% increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes in a meta-analysis.
- ▶ Chronotype preference has been linked with many chronic diseases, including type 2 diabetes.
 - ▶ For those with a preference for evenings (i.e., going to bed late and getting up late)
 - ▶ 2.5-fold higher odds ratio for type 2 diabetes than for those with a preference for mornings (i.e., going to bed early and getting up early),
 - ▶ Independent of sleep duration and sleep sufficiency



3. Prevention or Delay of Diabetes and Associated Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023

The composition of the gut microbiome may also affect the likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes.

26

3. Pharmacologic Interventions

- ▶ Use more intensive approach for high-risk individuals:
 - ▶ BMI of 35+
 - ▶ If A1C is ~6.0 or FPG is 110
 - ▶ History of GDM
 - ▶ No FDA approved med for prevention (off label)
 - ▶ Consider Metformin Therapy for Prediabetes
 - ▶ Monitor B12 level (esp with neuropathy or anemia)
- ▶ CV Risk Mitigation important.
- ▶ Statin can increase BG, stop if notice elevation
- ▶ Consider low dose pioglitazone (Actos) if history of stroke.



3. Prevention or Delay of Diabetes and Associated Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023

27

Cost Related Barriers

- ▶ Among people with chronic illnesses, 2/3 of those who reported not taking medications as prescribed due to CRB never shared this with their physician.

- ▶ Especially associated with diabetes medications and



28

Indications for Insulin Sensitizers

Rosiglitazone, Pioglitazone (Actos)

- ▶ **Action:** decrease insulin resistance by making muscle and adipose cells more sensitive to insulin. Decrease free fatty acids

Names:

- ▶ pioglitazone (Actos) – bladder cancer warning
 - ▶ Dosing: 15-45 mg daily
 - ▶ Consider adding low dose if history of stroke or have steatosis
- ▶ rosiglitazone Dosing: 4-8 mg daily

Class/Main Action	Name(s)	Daily Dose Range	Considerations
Thiazolidinediones "TZDs"	pioglitazone (Actos) rosiglitazone	15 – 45 mg daily 4 – 8 mg daily	Black box Warning: TZDs may cause or worsen CHF. Monitor for edema and weight gain. Increased peripheral fracture risk. Actos may increase risk of bladder cancer. Lowers A1c: 0.5% – 1.0%

Efficacy/ Considerations

- ▶ Reduce A1C ~0.5-1.0%
- ▶ 6 weeks for maximum effect
- ▶ Actos \$5 a month, Avandia \$300 a month
- ▶ Can cause fluid retention, not indicated w/ CHF



29

Poll question 4

- ▶ JR is started on Metformin 500mg BID. Which of the following is true?

- Hold metformin if blood glucose below 90 mg/dl.
- Evaluate B12 levels before starting medication.
- Metformin is considered weight neutral
- Metformin can cause kidney damage, so increase fluid intake



30

Common Oral Diabetes Meds

Diabetes Education SERVICES

Diabetes Success! Get Our Free CDCES Coach App

Class/Main Action	Name(s)	Daily Dose Range	Considerations
Biguanides • Decreases hepatic glucose output • First line med at diagnosis of type 2	metformin (Glucophage)	500 - 2550 mg (usually BID w/ meal)	Side effects: nausea, bloating, diarrhea, B12 deficiency. To minimize GI Side effects, use XR and take w/ meals. Obtain GFR before starting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If GFR <30, do not use. • If GFR <45, don't start Metformin • If pt on Metformin and GFR falls to 30-45, eval risk vs. benefit; consider decreasing dose. For dye study, if GFR <60, liver disease, alcoholism or heart failure, restart metformin after 48 hours if renal function stable. Benefits: lowers cholesterol, no hypo or weight gain, cheap. Approved for pediatrics, 10 yrs + Lowers A1c 1.0%-2.0%.
	Riomet (liquid metformin)	500 - 2550 mg 500mg/5mL	
	Extended Release-XR (Glucophage XR) (Glumetza) (Fortamet)	(1x daily w/dinner) 500 - 2000 mg 500 - 2000 mg 500 - 2500 mg	

Biguanide derived from: Goat's Rue *Galega officinalis*, French Lilac
 Does NOT harm kidneys
 \$10 for 3-month supply from Walmart & other pharmacies



31

Type 1 ~ Immune Mediated
5-10% of Diabetes

1.5 Million people have type 1 in U.S.

Prevalence increasing:

2001 - 1.48 per 1000 youths diagnosed with diabetes

2017 - 2.15 per 1000 youths diagnosed with diabetes

Incidence & Prevalence increasing

Highest incidence in Finland or Northern Europe.

ADCCES in Practice - March 2024
 Recent Advances in Type 1 Diabetes: Teplizumab (Tzield®)
 Karen S. Fiano, PHARM.D., BCACP, Devada Singh-Franco, PHARM.D., CDCES, Young M. Kwon, BS, PhD



32

Type 1 - 10% of all Diabetes

- Auto-immune pancreatic beta cells destruction
- Most commonly expressed at age 10 - 14
- Insulin sensitive (require 0.5 - 1.0 units/kg/day)
- Expression due to a combo of genes and environment:
 - Autoimmunity tends to run in families
 - Exposure to virus or other environmental factors
- Signs can include:
 - Increased thirst and hunger
 - Frequent urination or new bed-wetting at hs
 - Unintended weight loss
 - Fatigue and irritability



33

Poll 5. What Kind of Diabetes?



AJ, a 29 year old female admitted to the ICU with a blood glucose of 476 mg/dl and a pH of 7.1. (normal pH 7.35-7.45). Lost 13 pounds, BMI 23. What further testing is needed to determine if person has type 1 or type 2 diabetes?

- A. Glutamic acid decarboxylase
- B. Beta cells auto antibodies
- C. Langerhan's antibody
- D. Endogenous insulin titer

34

Antibody Testing for Type 1

- ▶ Glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) primary antibody measured
- ▶ If negative, test islet tyrosine phosphatase 2 (IA-2) and/or zinc transporter 8 (ZnT8) where these tests are available.
- ▶ In individuals who have not been treated with insulin, antibodies against insulin may also be useful.
- ▶ 5–10% of people with type 1 diabetes do not have antibodies.
 - ▶ In those diagnosed at <35 years of age who have no clinical features of type 2 diabetes or monogenic diabetes, a negative result does not change the diagnosis of type 1 diabetes,
- ▶ Rate of type 1 progression depends on:
 - ▶ age at first detection of autoantibody,
 - ▶ number of autoantibodies,
 - ▶ autoantibody specificity, and autoantibody titer.
 - ▶ Glucose and A1C levels may rise well before the clinical onset of diabetes



2. Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

35

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND CLASSIFICATION OF DIABETES – 2025

CRITERIA FOR SCREENING FOR DIABETES AND PREDIABETES IN ASYMPTOMATIC ADULTS – TABLE 1

DIABETES TYPE	RISK FACTORS and FREQUENCY OF SCREENING and TESTING FOR DIABETES		
	Type 1	Type 2	Other
	Screen those at risk for presymptomatic type 1 diabetes, by testing autoantibodies to insulin, GAD, islet antigen 2, or ZnT8. Also test antibodies for those with type 1 phenotypic risk (younger age, weight loss, ketoacidosis, etc.)		
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autoimmunity • Normoglycemia • Presymptomatic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autoimmunity • Dysglycemia • Presymptomatic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autoimmunity • Overt hyperglycemia • Symptomatic
Diagnostic criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple islet autoantibodies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GAD, glutamic acid decarboxylase (primary) - islet antigen 2, or - Zinc transporter 8 (ZnT8) 	Dysglycemia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevated IFG and/or IGT • FPG 100–125 mg/dL • 2-h PG 140–199 mg/dL • A1C 5.7–6.4% or ≥10% increase in A1C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autoantibodies may disappear over time (5–10% may not express antibodies) • Diabetes diagnosed by standard criteria

2. Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

36

Type 1 (stage 2) Delayed with Teplizumab by 2 years www.DiabetesTrialNet.org

How to get families linked to screening?



37

Type 1 Diabetes Features?



For JR, a 28 admitted to the ICU with a blood glucose of 476 mg/dl, pH of 7.1, anion gap of 15. Recently lost 13 pounds.

Type 1 Most Discriminative Features

- Younger than 35 years at diagnosis
- Lower BMI (<25 kg/m²)
- Unintentional weight loss
- Ketoacidosis
- Glucose 360 mg/dl or greater.

Misdiagnosis is common and can occur in ~40% of adults with new type 1 diabetes

2. Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

38

Beta-Cell Mass Loss

- ▶ In both type 1 and type 2 diabetes,
- ▶ *genetic and environmental factors can result in the progressive loss of β -cell mass and/or function*
- ▶ that manifests clinically as hyperglycemia.
- ▶ Once hyperglycemia occurs, people with all forms of diabetes are at risk for developing the same chronic complications, although rates of progression may differ.



2. Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

39



Patti LaBelle
 "divabetic"
 "I have diabetes, it doesn't have me"

"I don't want diabetes to steal one more life."
 - Patti LaBelle

Join Patti LaBelle to Stop Diabetes®
 Donate now and give hope

40

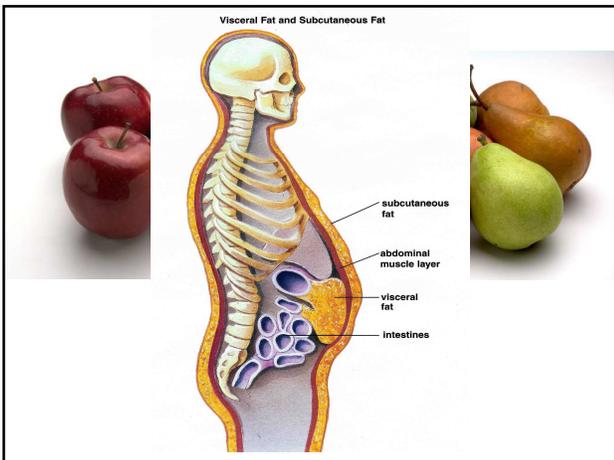
Signs of Diabetes

- ▶ Polyuria
- ▶ Polydipsia
- ▶ Polyphasia
- ▶ Weight loss
- ▶ Fatigue
- ▶ Skin and other infections
- ▶ Blurry vision



41

Visceral Fat and Subcutaneous Fat



subcutaneous fat
 abdominal muscle layer
 visceral fat
 intestines

42

What is Type 2 Diabetes?

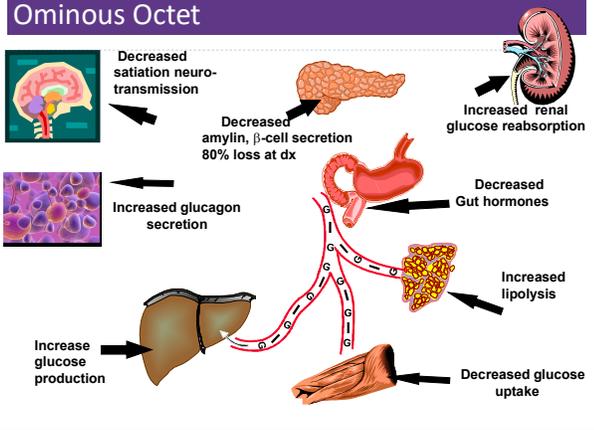
► Complex metabolic disorder ...
 (Insulin resistance and deficiency)
 with social, behavioral and
 environmental risk factors unmasking
 the effects of genetic susceptibility.

New Diagnosis?
 Call 800 – DIABETES to request
 "Getting Started Kit"
www.Diabetes.org



43

Ominous Octet



44

DiaBingo

- Frequent skin and yeast infections _____
- A BMI of ____ or greater indicates increased pre/diabetes risk?
- To reduce complications, control A1c, Blood pressure, Cholesterol
- PreDiabetes – fasting glucose level of ____ to ____
- Erectile dysfunction indicates greater risk for ____
- Diabetes – fasting glucose level ____ or greater
- Type 1 diabetes is best described as an _____ disease
- People with diabetes are _____ times more likely to die of heart dx
- Elevated triglycerides, < HDL, smaller dense LDL
- Each percentage point of A1C = _____ mg/dl glucose
- At dx of type 2, about ____% of the beta cell function is lost
- Diabetes – random glucose ____ or greater

45

SGLT2 Inhibitors- "Glucoretics"

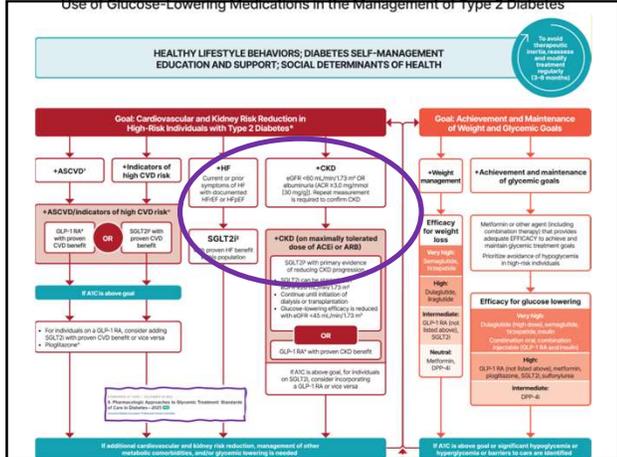
- ▶ **Action:** decreases renal reabsorption of glucose proximal tubule of kidneys (reset renal threshold)
- ▶ **Preferred** diabetes treatment for people with heart and kidney failure. Decreases BG & CV Risk.
- ▶ AWP: ~\$650 a month



Class/Main Action	Name(s)	Daily Dose Range	Considerations
SGLT2 Inhibitors "Glucoretic" • Decreases glucose reabsorption in kidneys	Canagliflozin* (Invokana)	100 - 300 mg 1x daily	Side effects: hypotension, UTIs, genital infections, increased urination, weight loss, ketoacidosis. Heart Failure, CV & Kidney Protection: 1st line therapy for Heart Failure (HF), Kidney Disease (CKD), Cardiovascular Disease, before or with metformin Considerations: If GFR ≥ 20, use SGLT-2 to reduce CVD, Heart Failure and Chronic Kidney Disease. Limited BG lowering effect if GFR <45. See package insert for GFR cut-offs and dosing. Benefits: SGLT-2s* reduce BG, CV death & HF, slow CKD. *Approved for peds, 10 yrs +. Lowers A1C 0.6% to 1.5%.
	Dapagliflozin** (Farxiga)	5 - 10 mg 1x daily	
	Empagliflozin** (Jardiance)	10 - 25 mg 1x daily	
	Ertugliflozin (Steglatro)	5 - 15 mg 1x daily	
	Bexagliflozin (Brenzavvy)	20 mg 1x daily	

46

Use of Glucose-Lowering Medications in the Management of Type 2 Diabetes



47

SGLT-2i Indications Summary

Drug	Lower BG	Reduce CV Risk?	Use to treat Heart Failure?	Slow renal disease?
Dapagliflozin (Farxiga)	Yes	Yes	Yes +/- Diabetes	Yes
Empagliflozin (Jardiance)	Yes	Yes	Yes +/- Diabetes	Yes
Canagliflozin (Invokana)	Yes	Yes	Yes w/ Diabetes	Yes
Ertugliflozin (Steglatro)	Yes	No	Yes w/ Diabetes	Yes
Bexagliflozin (Brenzavvy)	Yes	NA	NA	NA

48

Chronic Kidney Disease– 2025 Update

- ▶ Optimize glucose and BP to protect kidneys.
- ▶ Use SGLT-2 with demonstrated benefit to reduce CKD and CVD*
- ▶ To reduce CV risk and CKD, use a GLP-1* with demonstrated benefit.
- ▶ In people with CKD and albuminuria, a nonsteroidal MRA effective if GFR 25+
- ▶ Aim to reduce urinary albumin by ≥30% in people with CKD
 - ▶ *SGLT-2i's
 - Empagliflozin (Jardiance), canagliflozin (Invokana), dapagliflozin (Farxiga)
 - ▶ *GLP-1 RA's
 - Semaglutide (Ozempic), liraglutide (Victoza), dulaglutide (Trulicity)

Albuminuria Categories	Urinary Albumin Creatinine Ratio (UACR)
Normal to mildly increased – A1	< 30 mg/g
Moderately increased – A2	30 – 299 mg/g
Severely increased – A3	300 mg/g +

Kidney Disease Stage	GFR
Stage 1 – Normal	90+
Stage 2 – Mild loss	89 - 60
Stage 3a – Mild to Mod	59 - 45
Stage 3b – Mod to Severe	44 - 30
Stage 4 – Severe loss	29 - 15
Stage 5 – Kidney failure	14 - 0

11. Chronic Kidney Disease and Risk Management: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

49

Standard 11 – Protect Kidneys

- ▶ Diabetes with CKD
 - GFR ≥20
- ▶ Start SGLT2 to reduce chronic kidney disease progression and cardiovascular events.
- ▶ Also consider GLP-1 RA – (ie semaglutide)
- ▶ If type 2 diabetes and established Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
 - ▶ Start nonsteroidal mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist (finerenone) and/or GLP-1 RA recommended for cardiovascular risk reduction.



11. Chronic Kidney Disease and Risk Management: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

50

Poll Question 5

- ▶ FZ is older and lives alone and has CHF. Very concerned about avoiding hypoglycemia, since brother almost died from a hypoglycemic incident. Which medication class would you recommend?
 - a. Meglitinides
 - b. SGLT-2 Inhibitors**
 - c. Sulfonylureas
 - d. Analog insulins



51

6. Glycemic Goals

A1C

Blood Pressure

**Cardiovascular risk
reduction**



52

6. Glycemic Targets for Non-Pregnant Adults

- ▶ **A1c < 7%** - a reasonable goal for adults.
- ▶ **A1c < 6.5%** - for those without significant risk of hypoglycemia
- ▶ **A1c < 8%** - for those with history of hypoglycemia, limited life expectancy, or those with longstanding diabetes and vascular complications.
- ▶ **A1c Check Frequency:**
 - ▶ If meeting goal - At least 2 times a year
 - ▶ If *not* meeting goal – Quarterly
- ▶ **Also review Ambulatory Glucose Profile**



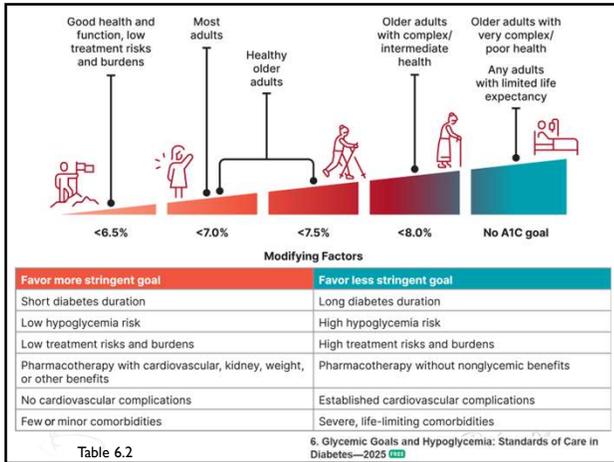
53

6. Glycemic Targets Individualize Targets – ADA

- ▶ Pre-Prandial BG 80- 130
- ▶ 1-2 hr post prandial < than 180
*for nonpregnant adults
- ▶ Time in Range: 70%
 - ▶ BG of 70-180 mg/dL



54



58

ADA 2025 Goal Summary

<p>A1c less than 7% (individualize)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-meal BG 80-130 • Post meal BG <180 • Time in Range (70-180) 70% of time 	<p>Blood Pressure <130/80</p>	<p>Cholesterol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statin therapy based on age & risk status • If 40+ with ASCVD Risk, decrease LDL by 50%, LDL <70 • If 40+ with ASCVD, decrease LDL by 50%, LDL <55
---	---	--

59

"The highest form of wisdom is kindness."
The Talmud

Diabetes Education Services
Published by Beverly Thomassian [?] · July 7 ·

Kindness matters!
Learning to be less harsh or judgmental and more compassionate to oneself may help people with diabetes manage their disease and stave off depression, a recent study suggests.

Self-compassion may help people with diabetes achieve better glucose control and less depression
By Reyna Gobel(Reuters Health) – Learning to be less harsh or judgmental and more...
REUTERS.COM | BY REYNA GOBEL

60

DiaBingo- G

- G ADA goal for A1c is less than ____%
- G People with DM need to see their provider at least every month
- G Blood pressure goal is less than
- G People with DM should see eye doctor (ophthalmologist) at least
- G The goal for triglyceride level is less than
- G Goal for LDL cholesterol for people 40+ with diabetes is _____
- G The goal for blood sugars 1-2 hours after a meal is less than:
- G People with DM should get this shot every year
- G People with DM need to get urine tested yearly for _____
- G Periodontal disease indicates increased risk for heart disease
- G The goal for blood sugar levels before meals is:
- G The activity goal is to do ___ minutes on most days

61

Case Study - JR

- ▶ 38 yr old male, BMI 28, arrives in clinic for physical. Says he has been feeling tired lately, but attributes that to his job. In office fingerstick reads 228 mg/dl.
- ▶ 1. What lab tests are needed?
- ▶ 2. What would you include in your physical exam?
- ▶ What vaccinations?
- ▶ What referrals?
- ▶ What tools?



62

Lab Eval at Initial & Annual Visit

- ▶ A1c (each 3-6 mo's)
- ▶ Each year
 - ▶ Lipids, CBC with platelets
 - ▶ Liver function
 - ▶ Spot urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio (UACR)
 - ▶ Serum creat and GFR
 - ▶ TSH, celiac (type 1)
 - ▶ B12 if on metformin >5yrs
 - ▶ Calcium, Vita D, and phosphorus if appropriate
- ▶ Serum K
 - ▶ If on ACE, ARBs or diuretics



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025
American Diabetes Association Professional Practice Committee

63

Case Study - JR

- ▶ 38 yr old male, BMI 28, arrives in clinic for physical. Says he has been feeling tired lately, but attributes that to his job. In office fingerstick reads 228 mg/dl.
- ▶ 1. What lab tests are needed?
- ▶ 2. What would you include in your initial exam?
- ▶ What vaccinations?
- ▶ What referrals?
- ▶ What tools?



64

Physical Exam

- ▶ Height, weight, BMI, pubertal development
- ▶ Blood pressure
- ▶ Fundoscopic exam, thyroid
- ▶ Skin exam –insertion sites, acanthosis, fungus, sores, feet
- ▶ Bone health, Hypo
- ▶ Depression, Distress Anxiety
- ▶ Functional and cognitive issues
- ▶ Comprehensive foot exam
 - ▶ Visual eval
 - ▶ Screen for Peripheral Arterial Disease
 - ▶ Monofilament and vibration assessment



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

65

Table 41—Components of the comprehensive diabetes medical evaluation at initial, follow-up, and annual visits

	Visit		
	Initial	Every follow-up	Annual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vitamin B12 if taking metformin for >1 year • CAC with platelets • Serum potassium levels in people with diabetes on ACE inhibitors, ARBs, or diuretics • Calcium, vitamin D, and phosphorus for appropriate people with diabetes 	✓	✓	✓
Physical examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Height, weight, and BMI; growth and pubertal development in children and adolescents • Blood pressure determination • Orthostatic blood pressure measures (when indicated) • Fundoscopic examination (refer to eye specialist) • Thyroid palpation • Skin examination (e.g., acanthosis nigricans, insulin injection or insertion sites, and lipohypertrophy) • Comprehensive foot examination • Visual inspection (e.g., skin integrity, callous formation, foot deformity or ulcer, and toenails) • Check pedal pulses and screen for PAD and foot feeling (e.g., PAD, diabetes-related disease management) • Determination of temperature, vibration or pinprick sensation, and 10-g monofilament exam • Screen for depression, anxiety, diabetes distress, fear of hypoglycemia, and disordered eating • Assessment for cognitive performance if indicated • Assessment for functional performance if indicated • Consider assessment for bone health (e.g., loss of height and kyphosis) 	✓	✓	✓

Standard 4 – Diabetes Medical Evaluation

4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

66

Assessment and Treatment Plan

Therapeutic treatment plans

- Lifestyle management
- Pharmacologic therapy: glucose lowering
- Pharmacologic therapy: cardiovascular and kidney disease risk factors
- Weight management with pharmacotherapy or metabolic surgery, as appropriate
- Use of glucose monitoring and insulin delivery devices
- Referral to diabetes education, behavioral health, and medical specialists

4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025
American Diabetes Association Professional Practice Committee

67

Assessment and Treatment of Disabilities

- ▶ Diabetes associated with increased risks of disability due to neuropathy, visual impairment and lower limb complications
- ▶ Refer to specialist
- ▶ Take preventive action to maximize quality of life.



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025
American Diabetes Association Professional Practice Committee

Assess for disability at the initial visit and for decline in function at each subsequent. If a disability is impacting functional ability or capacity to manage their diabetes, refer to appropriate specialist.

68

Lab Test, BP, Family History

- ▶ A1C – 9.8%
- ▶ Cholesterol - 216
- ▶ LDL – 164 mg/dL
- ▶ HDL – 46
- ▶ Triglycerides – 276
- ▶ TSH – 1.43
- ▶ GFR - >60
- ▶ UACR - <30 mg/gm
- ▶ ALT, AST 90 & 85
- ▶ Platelets 217
- ▶ K+ 3.8

- ▶ Family history
 - ▶ Dad with type 2, history of stroke
- ▶ B/P
 - ▶ 156/88 then 148/82
- ▶ BMI 31
- ▶ Skin – some acanthosis nigricans visible on neck
- ▶ Lower extremities calluses
- ▶ Mouth - gingivitis

69

Acanthosis Nigricans



- ▶ A skin disorder characterized by darkening (hyperpigmentation) and thickening (hyperkeratosis) of the skin
- ▶ mainly in the folds of the skin in the armpit (axilla), groin and back of the neck.
- ▶ Acanthosis nigricans is not a skin disease per se but a cutaneous sign of an underlying condition or disease.
- ▶ Associated with extra weight and insulin resistance

70

10. Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management

- ▶ Higher risk of Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD):
 - ▶ history of acute coronary syndrome,
 - ▶ myocardial infarction (MI),
 - ▶ stable or unstable angina,
 - ▶ coronary or other arterial revascularization,
 - ▶ stroke, transient ischemic attack,
 - ▶ or peripheral artery disease (PAD) including aortic aneurysm.
- ▶ Plus 2x's risk of Heart Failure
- ▶ Leading cause of morbidity and mortality in people with diabetes



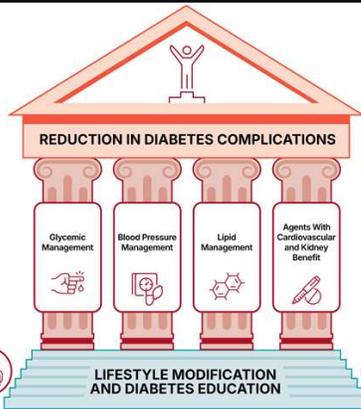
Large benefits are seen when multiple CV risk factors are addressed simultaneously

With more aggressive goals, rates of CVD have decreased.

CV Risks predicted to increase in future.

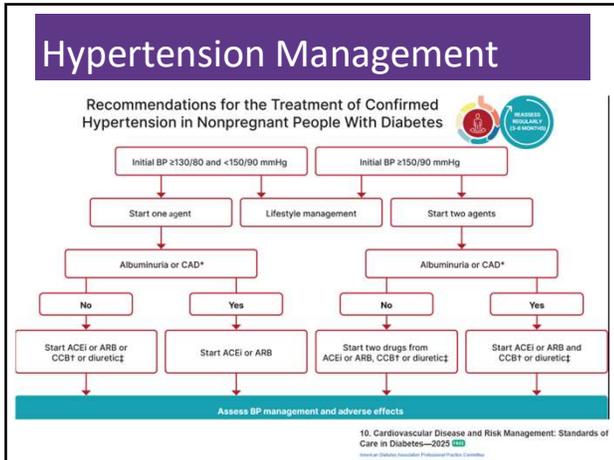
10. Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

71



10. Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

72



76

Poll Question 6

RZ is 47 years old with type 2 diabetes and hypertension. RZ takes metformin 1000 mg BID, plus lisinopril 20mg daily. RZ's LDL is 130 mg/dL. Based on the most recent ADA Standards, what is the LDL Cholesterol target for RZ?



- A. LDL less than 100 mg/dL.
- B. Lower LDL by 30%.
- C. LDL target of 65 mg/dL or less.
- D. Determine LDL target based on ASCVD risk.

77

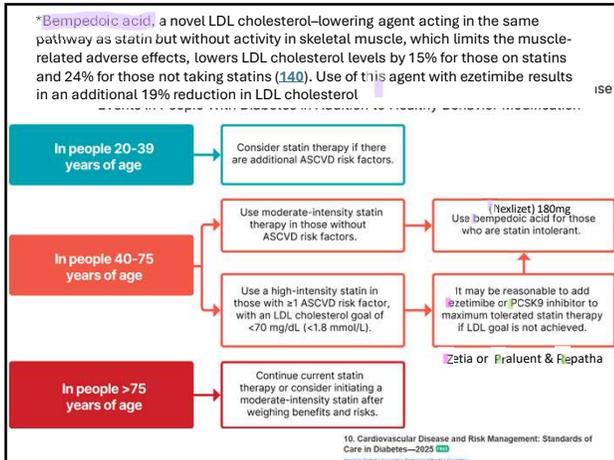
Lipid Goals – Primary Prevention

- ▶ For people with diabetes aged 40–75:
 - ▶ No ACSVD Risk – Start Moderate intensity statin
 - ▶ Higher cardiovascular risk*
 - ▶ (*HTN, Smoke, CKD, BMI 30+ albuminuria, family hx ACSVD)
 - ▶ High-intensity statin therapy is recommended
 - ▶ Reduce LDL cholesterol by at least 50% of baseline AND
 - ▶ Target LDL cholesterol <70 mg/dL.
- ▶ **If LDL cholesterol 70 +**
 - ▶ it may be reasonable to add ezetimibe or a PCSK9 inhibitor to maximum tolerated statin therapy.



10. Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025 [DOI](#)
Source: Diabetes Education Professionals Public License 2.0 Creative Commons

78



82

Coronary Vessel Disease Meds

- ▶ In those with CVD or at higher risk:
 - ▶ Get blood glucose to goal
 - ▶ Statin therapy with addition of ezetimibe or a PCSK9 inhibitor recommended if goals not achieved on maximum tolerated statin therapy.
 - ▶ B/P Med (ACE or ARB)
 - ▶ Beta blocker after MI or CHF
 - ▶ Aspirin (or another agent)
 - ▶ Diabetes Meds that significantly decrease CV events:
 - ▶ *SGLT-2i's
 - Empagliflozin (Jardiance), canagliflozin (Invokana), dapagliflozin (Farxiga)
 - ▶ *GLP-1 RA's
 - Semaglutide (Ozempic), liraglut

10. Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2024

83

JR Started on These Medications

- ▶ Meds started:
 - ▶ Metformin 1000 mg
 - ▶ Glipizide 10 mg BID (sulfonylurea)
 - ▶ Lovastatin 40 mg
 - ▶ Lisinopril 20mg (ACE Inhibitor)
 - ▶ Pioglitazone (Actos) 15mg
 - ▶ B/P 142/94 Pulse 86
 - ▶ A1C - 9.8%
 - ▶ Cholesterol - 216
 - ▶ LDL - 164 mg/dL
 - ▶ HDL - 46
 - ▶ Triglycerides - 276
 - ▶ TSH - 1.43
 - ▶ GFR - >60
 - ▶ UACR - <30 mg/gm
 - ▶ ALT, AST 90 & 85
 - ▶ Platelets 217
 - ▶ K+ 3.8

84

Case Study - JR

- ▶ 38 yr old male, BMI 28, arrives in clinic for physical. Says he has been feeling tired lately, but attributes that to his job. In office fingerstick reads 228 mg/dl.
- ▶ 1. What lab tests are needed?
- ▶ 2. What would you include in your initial exam?
- ▶ What vaccinations?
- ▶ What referrals?
- ▶ What tools?



85

Lower Extremities

- ▶ Lift the Sheets and Look at the Feet



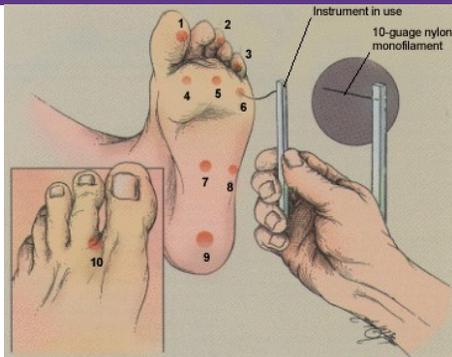
86

No Bathroom Surgery



87

5.07 monofilament = 10gms linear pressure



88

Three Most Important Foot Care Tips

- ▶ Inspect and apply lotion to your feet every night before you go to bed.
- ▶ Do NOT go barefoot, even in your house. Always wear shoes!
- ▶ Every time you see your provider, take off your shoes and show your feet.

89

Immunization Schedule for Diabetes 2025

Vaccine	Who by Age	Series and Frequency
Hepatitis B Vaccine	Less than 60 years*	2-3 dose series
RSV	Adults ≥ 60 years	Single dose
Influenza (avoid live attenuated vaccine)	All	Annually 
Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (TDAP)	All adults; extra dose during pregnancy	Booster every 10 years.
Zoster	50+	2 dose Shingrix
COVID-19	Starting at age 6 mo's	Initial vaccination and boosters
Pneumonia (PPSV23) Pneumovax	Adults 19-64*	See Standards for schedule and details and for those 65 or older.
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV15, PCV20)	19-64 with underlying risk factors or no previous vaccination.	May need PPSV23 follow-up vaccine ≥1 year.* If 65+, discuss with provider.

2025 ADA Standards, Vol.48, S66-S67
*See Table 4.3 for detailed info/considerations
4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025
 For a comprehensive list of vaccines, refer CDC & Prevention at [cdc.gov/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines)
 For educational purposes only. www.DiabetesEd.net

90

Referrals for Initial Care Mgmt

- ▶ Eye professional – annual check
- ▶ Family planning
- ▶ RD for nutrition therapy
- ▶ DSMES - Diabetes Self-Management Education Support
- ▶ Dentist for comprehensive dental examination
- ▶ Behavioral health professional & audiology, if indicated
- ▶ Social worker/community resources
- ▶ Rehab medicine for cog/disability eval



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Complications: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

91

Critical times to provide and modify DSMES



- At diagnosis
- Annually and/or when not meeting treatment goals
- When complicating factors develop (medical, physical, psychosocial) develop
- When transitions in life and care occur.

Powers MA, Barclay JK, et al. DSMES Consensus Report. The Diabetes Educator, 2020

ACEP. ACEP Self-Care Behaviors. The Diabetes Educator, 2020

5. Facilitating Positive Health Behaviors and Well-being to Improve Health Outcomes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

92

Case Study - JR

- ▶ 38 yr old male, BMI 28, arrives in clinic for physical. Says he has been feeling tired lately, but attributes that to his job. In office fingerstick reads 228 mg/dl.
- ▶ 1. What lab tests are needed?
- ▶ 2. What would you include in your initial exam?
- ▶ What vaccinations?
- ▶ What referrals?
- ▶ What tools?



93

Diabetes Toolkit - Individualize

Meter

- Strips that aren't expired?

List of Meds

Plan for Lows

Emergency Plan

Power back-up

- ▶ BG Checks and logging results
- ▶ Diabetes ID
- ▶ Phone, medic alert, on person
- ▶ Carbohydrate source
- ▶ Granola bar, glucose tabs, GU, gummy bears
- ▶ Rescue Meds

94

JR Returns in 1 month

- ▶ Blood glucose improved
- ▶ B/P 142/94 Pulse 86
- ▶ Meds started include:
 - ▶ Metformin 1000 mg
 - ▶ Glipizide 10 mg BID (sulfonylurea)
 - ▶ Lovastatin 40 mg
 - ▶ Lisinopril 20mg (ACE Inhibitor)
 - ▶ Pioglitazone (Actos) 15mg
- ▶ JR checks BG 4-7 x's a week.
 - ▶ Lowest 152, Highest 289
 - ▶ What other issues do we need to evaluate?
 - ▶ Activity – mostly sedentary
 - ▶ Sleep: 6-7 hrs a night
 - ▶ Pain issues – knees
 - ▶ Brushing – once daily
 - ▶ Alcohol and other drug use
 - ▶ Drinks a few beers on weekends
 - ▶ Coping - okay
 - ▶ Steatosis – elevated LFTs
 - ▶ Affordability
 - ▶ Met with CDCES and RD

Provider increases metformin/glipizide and adds SGLT-2 Empagliflozin 10 mg

95

Diabetes is Complex

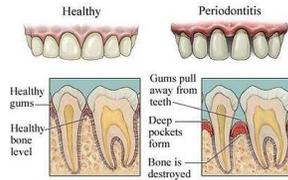
- ▶ Goal – achieve well being and negotiated outcomes
- ▶ Psychological factors:
 - ▶ Environmental
 - ▶ Social
 - ▶ Behavioral
 - ▶ Emotional
- ▶ Keep it person centered while integrating care into daily life
- ▶ Consider the individual



96

Periodontal Disease

- ▶ More severe and prevalent with diabetes and elevated A1C levels.
- ▶ periodontal treatment associated with better glycemic control (A1C 8.3% vs. 7.8%)
- ▶ Benefits lasted for 12 mo's
- ▶ People with periodontal disease have higher rates of diabetes.
- ▶ Bidirectional



- Oral Care Matters
- See dentist at least yearly
 - Dental hygienist twice yearly
 - Brush twice daily
 - Floss daily

4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Complications: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

97

8. Obesity and Weight Management for Prevention & Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes

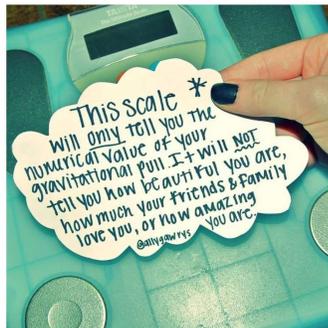
- ▶ Use person centered language that fosters collaboration
- ▶ *Once a year, monitor obesity-related anthropometric measurements to inform treatment considerations*
- ▶ *BMI, waist circumference, waist-to-hip-ratio and waist-to-height-ratio*
- ▶ Be sensitive and allow for privacy when weighing



8. Obesity and Weight Management for the Prevention and Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

98

Weight is a Heavy Issue



99

Behavioral Factors and Med Taking

- ▶ Eating Patterns & weight history, carb counting
- ▶ Sleep behaviors – goal 7 hrs
- ▶ Tobacco, alcohol, substance use, physical activity
- ▶ Social supports and coping skills, daily routine
- ▶ Medication taking behaviors
 - ▶ How many times a day/week are you taking this medication?
 - ▶ Complimentary meds
 - ▶ Evaluate for hyper and hypo glycemia



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

100

Medical Nutrition Therapy Works

- ▶ MNT is effective and beneficial to people with diabetes.
- ▶ When delivered by an RDN, MNT is associated with A1C absolute decreases of
 - ▶ 1.0–1.9% for people with type 1 diabetes and
 - ▶ 0.3–2.0% for people with type 2 diabetes



101

Healthy Eating Patterns/Approaches

Eating Patterns:

Total Foods Consumed

- ▶ Mediterranean Diet
- ▶ Plant based eating
- ▶ DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension)
- ▶ Low Carbohydrate

Eating Approach:

Tools for developing an eating pattern

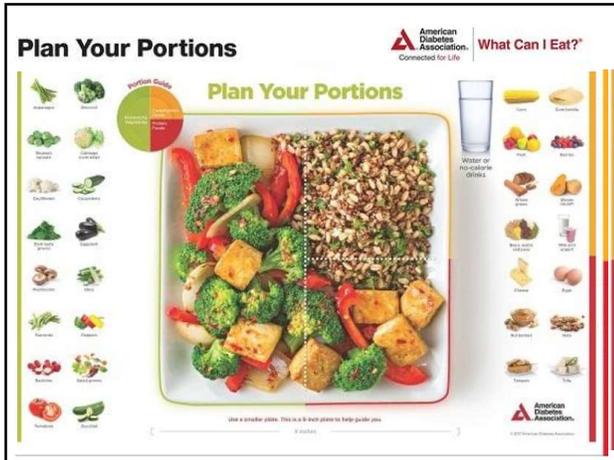
- ▶ Diabetes Plate Method
- ▶ Carbohydrate Counting
- ▶ Individualized behavioral approaches



Use Integrative food-based approach.
“People eat food, not nutrients”.

5. Facilitating Positive Health Behaviors and Well-being to Improve Health Outcomes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

102



103

Exercise Standards

- ▶ Adults – 150 min/wk moderate intensity
- ▶ over 3 days a week.
- ▶ Don't miss > 2 consecutive days w/out exercise
- ▶ Get up every 30 mins - Reduce sedentary time
- ▶ Flexibility and balance training 2-3 xs a week (Yoga and Tai Chi)
- ▶ T1 and T2 – resistance training 2 -3 x's a week



104

A hard truth

- ▶ Exercise alone doesn't cause weight loss
- ▶ But....
 - ▶ It helps keep weight off
 - ▶ Decreases visceral adiposity
 - ▶ Decreases CV Risk
- ▶ To combat the rise in body weight, we need to change the food environment
- ▶ "You cannot outrun an unhealthy diet".



105

Where are we on this continuum?



106

Good Exercise Info / Quotes



- ▶ **“Passagiata” – take an after meal stroll**
- ▶ Exercise decreases A1C 0.7%
- ▶ No change in body wt, but 48% loss in visceral fat.

“Every minute of activity lowers blood sugar one point.”

“I don’t have time to exercise, I MAKE time.”

107

JR Return Visit 3 months

- ▶ A1c 8.6% (was 9.8)
- ▶ TSH 1.9 mIU/L
- ▶ B/P 136/84 Pulse 76
- ▶ Has gained **about 4 pounds**

- ▶ **Meds include:**
 - ▶ Metformin 2000 mg
 - ▶ Empagliflozin 10 mg
 - ▶ Glipizide 20 mg BID
 - ▶ Lovastatin 40 mg
 - ▶ Lisinopril 20mg (increase to 40)

Provider increases lisinopril & empagliflozin to 25mg and adds 10 units basal insulin
Would you suggest a different approach?

- ▶ JR checks BG each morning and sometimes at hs
 - ▶ Lowest 68 after taking meds (usually around 140ish)
 - ▶ Highest 249
- ▶ Has started walking after dinner.
- ▶ Is trying to eat healthier, but upset he gained wt.
- ▶ Says the meds are affordable so far.
- ▶ Made dental appt and is trying to brush 2x day



108

Sulfonylureas - Secretagogues or "Squirters"

- ▶ Mechanism: Stimulate beta cells to release insulin
- ▶ Dosed 1-2x daily before meals
- ▶ Adverse effects
 - ▶ Hypoglycemia, Weight gain, watch renal function
- ▶ Low cost, \$12 for 3 months supply
- ▶ Can help with glucose toxicity, lowers A1C 1-2%



Sulfonylureas • Stimulates sustained insulin release	glyburide: (Diabeta)	1.25 – 20 mg	Can take once or twice daily before meals. Low cost generic. Side effects: hypoglycemia and weight gain. Eliminated via kidney.
	(Glynase PresTabs)	0.75 – 12 mg	
	glipizide: (Glucotrol) (Glucotrol XL)	2.5 – 40 mg 2.5 – 20 mg	Caution: Glyburide most likely to cause hypoglycemia. Lowers A1c 1.0% – 2.0%.
glimepiride (Amaryl)	1.0 – 8 mg		

109

Hypoglycemia (Glucose) Alert Values

- ▶ **BG <70mg/dl – Level 1**
- ▶ Follow 15/15 rule and contact provider to make needed changes
- ▶ **BG < 54mg/dl – Level 2**
- ▶ Indicates serious hypo. Contact provider for med change. Glucagon Emergency Kit
- ▶ **Severe Hypoglycemia – Level 3**
- ▶ Requires external assistance – no threshold



110

Hypoglycemia: Identify, Treat, & Prevent

PocketCards are updated twice yearly. Scan QR code to download or order the latest version.



Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
<p>Identify your signs of hypoglycemia or low blood sugar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweaty • Shaky • Hungry • Can't think straight • Headache • Irritated, grouchy • Other 	<p>If have signs of hypo, treat with carbs until glucose reaches 70+, then eat usual meal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sugary drink, 4–8oz • Piece of fruit • Raisins, handful • Glucose tabs, 4+ • Honey/glucose gel • Skittles candy, 15+ 	<p>Have glucagon rescue meds available.</p> <p>In case of severe hypo, identify someone (ahead of time) who can get medical help & give a glucagon rescue medication.</p> <p>Notify your provider of low blood sugar events.</p>

Hypoglycemia Levels:	Identify Causes of Hypo & Problem Solve to Prevent Future Episodes
Level 1 – Glucose less than 70 Level 2 – Glucose less than 54 Level 3 - Severe, needs assistance	» Low carb meal » Extra activity » Drinking alcohol » Delayed, missed meal » Too much insulin/meds » Insulin timing

www.DiabetesEd.net PocketCard content is for educational purposes only.

111

Pocket Card: GLP-1 & GIP RA

GLP-1 & GIP Receptor Agonists

Class/Main Action	Name	Dose Range	Considerations
GLP-1 RA - Glucagon Like Peptide Receptor Agonist "Incretin Mimetic" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases insulin release with food Slows gastric emptying Promotes satiety Suppresses glucagon 	exenatide (Byetta)	5 and 10 mcg BID	Side effects: nausea, vomiting, weight loss, injection site reaction. Report signs of acute pancreatitis or intestinal blockage (ileus) and stop med. Black box warning: Thyroid C-cell tumor warning (avoid if family history of medullary thyroid tumor). *Significantly reduces risk of CV death, heart attack, and stroke. ‡Approved to reduce risk of CKD †Approved for pediatrics 10-17 yrs Lowers A1C 0.5 – 1.6% Weight loss: 4-6% body weight loss.
	exenatide XR† (Bydureon)	2 mg 1x a week Pen injector - Bydureon BCise	
	liraglutide**† (Victoza)	0.6, 1.2 and 1.8 mg daily	
	dulaglutide**† (Trulicity)	0.75, 1.5, 3.0 and 4.5 mg 1x a week pen injector	
GLP-1 & GIP Receptor Agonist Activates receptors for GLP-1 (see above) & Glucose-dependent Incretinotropic Polypeptide (GIP).	semaglutide**‡ (Ozempic) (Rybelsus) Oral tablet	0.25, 0.5, 1.0 and 2.0 mg 1x a week pen injector 3, 7, and 14 mg daily in a.m. Take on empty stomach with sip of water	Side effects: nausea, diarrhea, injection site reaction. Report pancreatitis, signs of intestinal blockage. Black box warning: Avoid if family history of medullary thyroid tumor. Lowers A1C ~ 1.8 - 2.4% Weight loss: 7-13% body weight loss at max dose.
	Tirzepatide (Mounjaro)	2.5, 5.0, 7.5, 10, 12.5 and 15 mg 1x a week prefilled single dose pen Increase dose by 2.5 mg once monthly to reach targets.	

DiabetesEd.net © 2025

115

Counseling Points: GLP-1 RA & GLP-1/GIP

- ▶ Avoid if personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer
- ▶ Avoid in combo with DPP-4 inhibitors
- ▶ Watch for intestinal obstruction
- ▶ Use of non-FDA compounded products not recommended
- ▶ Avoid with history pancreatitis
- ▶ If on tirzepatide, use back up contraception for first 4 weeks
- ▶ Ask about recent eye exam
 - ▶ Potential increase in diabetes retinopathy



* Approved for use in combination with insulin
 ‡ Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Treatment: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023

Sudden discontinuation of semaglutide and tirzepatide results in regain of one-half to two-thirds of the weight loss within 1 year. Consider trying lowest effective dose, using intermittent therapy, or stopping medication followed by close weight monitoring.

116

Poll Question 7

AR is 36 years old with type 2 diabetes and a BMI of 41kg/m². Current diabetes medications include: metformin, sitagliptin (Januvia) and empagliflozin (Jardiance) at maximum doses. AR is prescribed tirzepatide (Mounjaro). Based on this information, what action do you recommend to the provider?

- Verify kidney function first.
- Stop the sitagliptin when initiating tirzepatide.
- Decrease the dose of metformin to prevent hypoglycemia.
- Evaluate thyroid function before starting tirzepatide.



117

Metabolic Surgery Stats

- ▶ Surgical Treatment and Medications Potentially Eradicate Diabetes Efficiently (STAMPEDE) trial, randomized 150 participants with diabetes to receive either medical therapy or metabolic surgery, which results in an average >20% body weight loss, greatly improving glycemia and often leading to remission of diabetes, improved quality of life, improved cardiovascular outcomes, and reduced mortality
- ▶ Majority of those who undergo surgery maintain substantial improvement of glycemia from baseline for at least 5–15 yrs
- ▶ Median disease-free period among such individuals following RYGB is 8.3 years
- ▶ Majority of those who undergo surgery maintain substantial improvement of glycemia from baseline for at least 5–15 yrs

8. Obesity and Weight Management for the Prevention and Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

121

Assessing Malnutrition

- ▶ At Risks Groups:
 - ▶ Individuals on GLP-1 or GIP RA or after metabolic surgery
 - ▶ Individuals with multiple chronic conditions
 - ▶ Older age groups
 - ▶ Food insecurity and poverty
- ▶ Screen:
 - ▶ For malnutrition and sarcopenia
- ▶ Recommend:
 - ▶ Whole- food-based eating pattern
 - ▶ Adequate protein
 - ▶ Resistance training

Malnutrition is defined by the World Health Organization as "deficiencies, excesses, or imbalances in a person's intake of energy and/or nutrients."



5. Facilitating Positive Health Behaviors and Well-being to Improve Health Outcomes: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

122

Medical Evaluation Goal

- ▶ Prioritize components based on time and resources.
- ▶ Assess:
 - ▶ Diabetes self-management, nutrition, psychosocial health, risk of acute and chronic complications
 - ▶ Immunizations
 - ▶ Sleep habits
 - ▶ Cancer screenings
 - ▶ Bone Health
 - ▶ Liver Health
 - ▶ Cardiovascular disease
 - ▶ Smoking cessation
 - ▶ Ophthalmological, dental and podiatric referrals



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

123

Liver Nomenclature Update



AASLD
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF LIVER DISEASES

Old Terms	New Terms
▶ Fatty Liver Disease	▶ Steatotic Liver Disease
▶ Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)	▶ Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatohepatitis (MASH)
▶ Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)	▶ Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD)

124

Metabolic Syndrome & Steatohepatitis

Adults with type 2 diabetes.

- ▶ >70% have MASLD
 - ▶ Of those 50% have MASH*
 - ▶ 12-20% have fibrosis
- ▶ Adults with type 1
 - ▶ 20% have MASLD
- ▶ **Associated with :**
 - Increased BMI (30+)
 - Cardiometabolic risk factors
 - Over 50 yrs
 - *ALT & AST 30 units/L +



***ALT & AST**
(Eval if more if 30+ for 6 mo's - ADA)

4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

125

Metabolic Associated Steatohepatitis

MASH is when fat reaches 5% of the liver's weight

Without consumption of significant amounts of alcohol defined as:

- Ingestion of less than 21 standard drinks per week in men and
- Less than 14 standard drinks per week in women

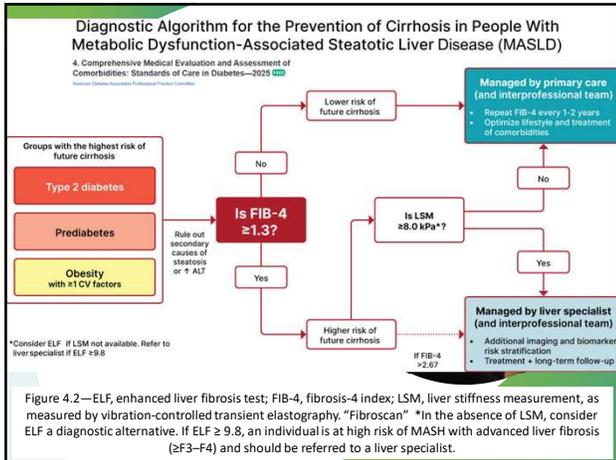
over a 2-year period preceding evaluation) or the presence of other secondary causes of Steatosis disease.



Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD)

4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

126



130

Other Treatments for MASLD and MASH

- ▶ Meds that lower glucose, cholesterol and weight
- ▶ Bariatric surgery
- ▶ Pioglitazone (Actos)
 - ▶ Improves lipid and glucose metabolism
 - ▶ Reverses steatohepatitis in prediabetes/diabetes
 - ▶ Causes 1-2% wt gain at 15 mg
 - ▶ 3-5% wt gain at 45 mg
- ▶ GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

Support lifestyle changes

4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

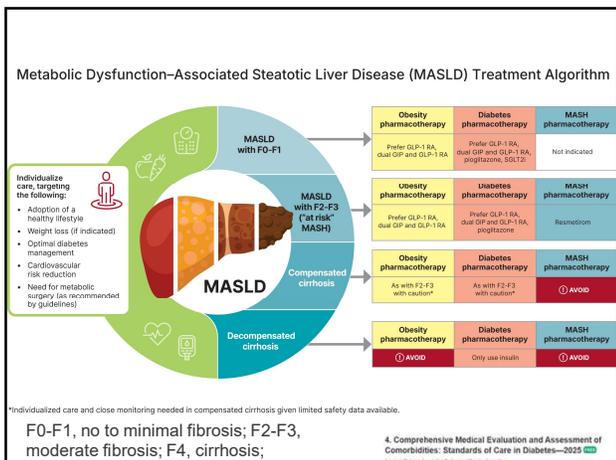
131

Actions To Decrease Steatosis

- ▶ Increase activity
 - ▶ Strength training
 - ▶ Yoga or Thai Chi
 - ▶ Walking & aerobics
- ▶ Thoughtful eating
 - ▶ More fiber
 - ▶ Less processed foods & less added sugar
 - ▶ Avoid alcohol
- ▶ Treatment
 - ▶ Actos
 - ▶ GLP-1
 - ▶ Statin
- ▶ Prevention
 - ▶ Cancer Screenings
 - ▶ Decrease inflammation

4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

132



133

Pancreatitis

- ▶ People with diabetes 2xs risk of acute pancreatitis
- ▶ After episode of pancreatitis, one third of people will get prediabetes or diabetes
- ▶ Pancreatitis is an exocrine dysfunction:
 - ▶ Disrupts global architecture or physiology of pancreas
 - ▶ Results in both exocrine and endocrine dysfunction

Healthy Pancreas vs Pancreatitis

134

Pancreatitis

- ▶ Pancreatitis caused by digestion of the organ from pancreatic enzymes normally carried to the SI through pancreatic duct.
- ▶ Detected through elevated Amylase levels & pain
- ▶ Causes:
 - ▶ HIV meds and other meds
 - ▶ Alcohol ingestion
 - ▶ Gallstones blocking pancreatic enzyme flow to SI
 - ▶ Elevated triglycerides
 - ▶ Cancer, injury and other

135

Cancer and Diabetes

- ▶ Diabetes is associated with increased risk of cancers of:
 - ▶ liver, pancreas, endometrium, colon and rectum, breast, and bladder.
- ▶ Association may result from shared risk factors between type 2 diabetes and cancer
 - ▶ Older age, obesity, and physical inactivity
 - ▶ May also be due to diabetes-related factors such as underlying disease physiology
 - ▶ Encourage people with diabetes to undergo recommended age- and sex-appropriate cancer screenings



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

136

PANCREATIC CANCER

16 WARNING SIGNS YOU SHOULD KNOW

PANCREATIC
CANCER
ACTION
NETWORK

SYMPTOMS

Pancreatic cancer may cause only vague symptoms. If you are experiencing one or more of these unexplained symptoms, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network urges you to see your doctor.



Abdominal or mid-back pain



Loss of appetite



Jaundice



Weight loss



Nausea



Change in stool



Recent onset diabetes

The American Cancer Society's estimates for pancreatic cancer in U.S. for 2023 are:

- About 64,050 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- About 50,550 people will die of pancreatic cancer.
- Pancreatic cancer accounts for about 3% of all cancers in the US and about 7% of all cancer deaths.

<https://pancan.org/>

137

Other Diabetes Co-Conditions to Be on the Lookout for



Let's
Stretch

138

Cognitive Impairment

- ▶ Meta-analysis showed individuals with diabetes had
 - ▶ 43% higher risk of all types of dementia,
 - ▶ 43% higher risk of Alzheimer dementia
 - ▶ 91% higher risk of vascular dementia
 - ▶ compared with individuals without diabetes
- ▶ People with Alzheimer dementia are more likely to develop diabetes than people without Alzheimer dementia.



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

139

Assess Sexual Health

- ▶ In men with diabetes or prediabetes:
 - ▶ 52.5% in men with diabetes have ED.
 - ▶ Inquire about sexual health (e.g., low libido and erectile dysfunction [ED]).
 - ▶ If symptoms and/or signs of hypogonadism are detected (e.g., low libido, ED, and depression), screen with a morning serum total testosterone level.
 - ▶ Best predictors of ED are age (>40 years), CVD, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, dyslipidemia, metabolic syndrome, hypogonadism, smoking, depression, and use of medications such as antidepressants and opioids.
 - ▶ ED is also a predictor of heart disease.
 - ▶ Assess, treat and refer



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

140

Assess Sexual Health

- ▶ In women with diabetes or prediabetes, assess sexual health:
 - ▶ 33% reported female sexual dysfunction (FSD)
 - ▶ Screen for desire (libido), arousal, orgasm difficulties, particularly in those with depression and/or anxiety and those with recurrent urinary tract infections.
 - ▶ In postmenopausal women - screen for symptoms and/or signs of genitourinary syndrome of menopause, including vaginal dryness and dyspareunia.



4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

141

JR Return Visit 1 Year – Big Strides

- ▶ A1c 6.6%
 - ▶ LDL 104 (was 164), Trig 169
 - ▶ B/P 128/76
 - ▶ UACR < 30, GFR >60
 - ▶ Liver enzymes below 30
 - ▶ Saw dentist
 - ▶ Exercising regularly
- ▶ JR checks BG 7 -10 times a week.
- ▶ Experiencing 2-3 lows a week
 - ▶ Lowest BG was 54
 - ▶ Highest 198
- ▶ Meds include:
- ▶ Metformin 2000 mg
 - ▶ Empagliflozin 25 mg
 - ▶ Pioglitazone 15mg (for liver)
 - ▶ Glipizide 20-mg-BID
 - ▶ Basal insulin 15 units
 - ▶ Lovastatin 40 mg (increase?)
 - ▶ Lisinopril 40 mg

Decide to hold insulin and stop glipizide. If BG levels increase, add GLP-1 to plan. Return in 3 mo's



142

DiaBingo - N

- N DPP demonstrated that exercise and diet reduced risk of DM by ___%
- N Average A1c of 7% = Avg BG of _____
- N The goal is to eat 14 gms per 1000 cal of this nutrient a day
- N Rebound hyperglycemia
- N Scare tactics are effective at motivating behavior change
- N Get LDL less than _____ for most people with diabetes 40 years+
- N Drugs that can cause hyperglycemia
- N 2/3 cups of rice equals _____ serving carbohydrate
- N 1% A1c = how many points of blood sugar _____
- N 1 gm of fat equal _____ kilo/calories
- N Metabolic syndrome = hyperinsulinemia, hyperlipidemia, hypertension
- N Average American consumes 15 teaspoons of sugar a day.
- N Medication derived from the saliva of the Gila Monster

143

Wait, What About Emotions?



144

Self Reflective Question

- ▶ A individual is admitted and tells you they are only taking their daily insulin injection about 4 times a week.
- ▶ What feelings would that evoke?
 - ▶ Patient doesn't care
 - ▶ Non-compliant
 - ▶ Lazy
 - ▶ Better scare them
 - ▶ Exasperation
 - ▶ Other feeling

curiosity

145

Language of Diabetes Education

Old Way

- ▶ Control diabetes
- ▶ Test BG
- ▶ Patient
- ▶ Normal BG
- ▶ Non-adherent, compliant
- ▶ Refuse

New Way

- ▶ Manage
- ▶ Check
- ▶ Participant
- ▶ BG in target range
- ▶ Focus on what they are accomplishing
- ▶ Decided, chose

American Diabetes Association, Diabetes Care
The Use of Language in Diabetes Care and Education, 2017

146

Language of Diabetes Education

Old Way

- ▶ Can't, shouldn't, don't, have to
- ▶ Regimen
- ▶ Refused
- ▶ Victim, suffer, stricken

New Way

- ▶ Have you tried..."
- ▶ What about..."
- ▶ May I make a suggestion..."
- ▶ Plan, choices
- ▶ Declined, Chose not to
- ▶ ...lives with diabetes
- ▶ ...has diabetes

American Diabetes Association, Diabetes Care
The Use of Language in Diabetes Care and Education, 2017

147

What does a collaborative practice look like?

CDCES,

Starts with the simple act of LISTENING.

148

Create a Judgement Free Zone – Roll out the Carpet of Acceptance

There are no bad or good blood glucose numbers.
There is no cheating.
You are not failing at your diabetes.
It is not your fault you have diabetes.
Thank you for showing up today.



149

Life Study – Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones is 62 years old, with a BMI of 36 and complains of feeling tired and urinating several times a night. She has an urinary tract infection. Her A1c is 8.3%, glucose 237.

She is hypertensive with a history of gestational diabetes. No ketones in urine.

▶ What are her risk factors and signs of diabetes?

▶ You find a few moments to teach and she asks you some questions.



150

Mrs. Jones asks you What Do You Say?

- ▶ What is diabetes?
- ▶ They say I am a diabetic because I am obese?
- ▶ How am I going to control this?
- ▶ What is a normal blood sugar?
- ▶ Do I have to test my blood sugars?
- ▶ My doctor told me to stay away from white foods. Is that true?



151

Mrs. Jones asks you What Do You Say?

- ▶ You are wondering if your weight caused your diabetes?
- ▶ You can manage your diabetes and improve your health at the same time.
- ▶ For people without diabetes, fasting blood sugar is less than 100 and A1c is less than 5.7%
- ▶ Checking blood sugars can help you figure out if the plan is working.



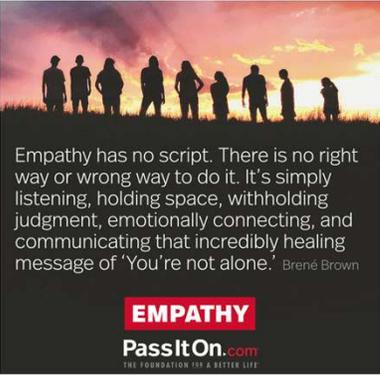
152

Look Beyond Diabetes

- ▶ ACE – Adverse Childhood Experiences
- ▶ Feelings around their diabetes
- ▶ Cultural traditions, family system.
- ▶ Social, religious and employment influences
- ▶ Personal factors: attitudes, cognitive factors, literacy, learning styles, health beliefs
- ▶ Social Determinants of health



153



Empathy has no script. There is no right way or wrong way to do it. It's simply listening, holding space, withholding judgment, emotionally connecting, and communicating that incredibly healing message of 'You're not alone.' Brené Brown

EMPATHY
PassItOn.com
THE FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER LIFE

Diabetes Education SERVICES

154

Impact of Embark Trial

► The year I spent coaching study participants in the Embark Trial significantly changed my approach to diabetes self-management coaching.
~ Coach Beverly



155

Embark Trial Takeaways

- Currently, diabetes education and management focuses on fostering self-management change.
- This strategy assumes that people will become less distressed as they engage more effectively with their management.
- **Need a Shift - Make emotional considerations our priority.**
- The key to improving glycemic outcomes is to directly address the feelings, beliefs, and expectations that underlie diabetes distress and serve as barriers to management change.



156

Embark Trial – Emotions as Priority

▶ **I have finally given myself permission to make addressing the emotional aspects of diabetes a priority. ~Coach Beverly**

157

Trusting our Intuition

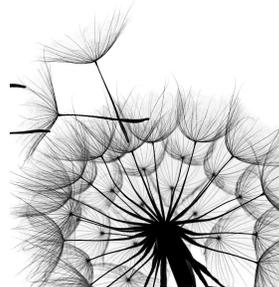
- ▶ As healthcare professionals, we tend to focus on problem-solving around lifestyle, medications, and glucose levels.
- ▶ The results of the Embark study confirm our intuition to prioritize addressing emotions to support individuals living with diabetes.
- ▶ **Let's reprioritize our checklist by assessing and addressing distress and move into the heart of providing effective diabetes care.**



158

Releasing the Brake

- ▶ This strategy recognizes that diabetes distress acts as a brake on the application of existing diabetes knowledge and skills.
- ▶ By releasing the diabetes distress brake through emotion-focused intervention, the negative cycle can be efficiently ended.



159

Embark Trial Takeaways

- Better outcomes when using an integrated approach that combines an education and management with a diabetes distress emotion-centered approach.
- ▶ Creating a Judgment Free Zone



160

List of typical “Problem Causers.”

Knowing the DD Story helps you anticipate the causes of BG problems

- Basal insulin dose or rates may need adjusting.
- Carb count accurate?
- Right meal carb ratio?
- Right correction bolus insulin?
- Timing of insulin dosing may need adjustment-insulin taken early or late.
- Type of food consumed affected glucose response (fats, protein, fiber).
- Effects of exercise and physical activity.
- ‘Stacking’ insulin boluses.
- Response to concerns about hypoglycemia.
- Stress: family, work, financial, etc.

161

FIVE M'S FOR DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT

-  **Mood**
-  **Meals**
-  **Movement**
-  **Medicines**
-  **Minutes**

Based on 5.M Framework Tool by Funnell et al. www.DiabetesEd.net

162

Informed vs Wise Decisions

▶ Informed:

▶ I know that tomatoes are a fruit.



▶ Wise

▶ I know not to put tomatoes in my fruit salad.

163

Making the Wise Choice

- ▶ Wise choices consider and recognize the individual's values, preferences, needs, and wants.
- ▶ For example, if a person tells you, "I am going to cut out carbs to get my blood sugars under target," we would acknowledge that this might be an informed choice.
- ▶ "Yes, cutting out carbs will likely lower your blood sugars, but is it a "WISE" choice?"
- ▶ Does it match their values, preferences, needs, and wants? Or would cutting out carbs significantly decrease their life's pleasure and joy?

164

Avoid and Lean Into

▶ AVOID: Pressure, fix, or control.

▶ We are careful to avoid forced solutions or controlling language. Our job is to help the person with diabetes find their own answers and solutions.

▶ Let's stop "Shoulding" on people.

▶ It's time to let go of terms like "You must, you should, you have to, it's better, it's important, do it for me" since they fall under the category of "controlling motivation"—which can be hurtful and lead to the individual becoming defensive or shutting down.

▶ Ditch the scare tactics too!

▶ Lean into - A person-centered approach energizes individuals to take the lead in managing their condition, in step with their providers and supporters.



165

ReVive 5 Program – Fresh Perspective

- To help look at things differently.
- To gain a new perspective.
- To get out of a blood glucose rut.



With this new perspective, we partner with the person with diabetes, who is the expert in their lives, to figure out next steps.

166

Thank You



- ▶ Questions?
- ▶ Email: info@diabetesed.net
- ▶ Web: www.diabetesed.net
- ▶ Phone 530-893-8635



167
