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# TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

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# **PRESENTER DISCLOSURE INFORMATION**

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I HAVE NO DISCLOSURES

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# INTRODUCTION

- Originally from Duluth, MN
  - University of MN, Twin Cities
  - DI at Minneapolis VA
- Why Dietetics?
  - Where the rubber meets the road.
- Why Red Lodge, MT?





# **AGENDA**

What is diabetes?

Types of diabetes

How does DM develop and who is at risk

Early signs/symptoms

Criteria for dx DM

Treatment of DM

Complications

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# WHAT IS DIABETES MELLITUS?

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A chronic, or autoimmune condition, where the body is unable to produce or respond to the hormone insulin, which causes abnormal metabolism of carbohydrates and hyperglycemia

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# TYPES OF DM

- Type 1
- Type 2
- Gestational diabetes

# WHAT IS T1DM

- Autoimmune
- Generally, dx in teens
- Insulin deficient

TYPE 1 DIABETES **CAN BE DANGEROUS**  
IF NOT DIAGNOSED IN TIME

Know the **4T** early signs



Toilet



Thirsty



Tired



Thinner

**D**iabetes **K**now the signs **A**sk

**JDRF** IMPROVING  
LIVES.  
CURING  
TYPE 1  
DIABETES.

**d** diabetes  
australia

 Queensland  
Government



# WHAT IS GESTATIONAL DIABETES (GDM)

- Pregnancy
- Minimal symptoms
- Genetics?
- OGTT 24-28 weeks
- Increased risk of T2DM





# DIABETES IN THE U.S

A SNAPSHOT



## DIABETES

37  
Million

37 million people  
have diabetes



That's about 1 in every  
10 people



1 in 5 people don't  
know they have it

## PREDIABETES

96  
Million

96 million American  
adults—more than 1 in 3  
—have prediabetes



More than 8 in 10  
adults with prediabetes  
don't know they have it

## COST



**\$327 Billion**

Total medical costs & lost  
work & wages for people  
with diagnosed diabetes



Medical costs for people with diabetes  
are **more than twice as high** as for  
people without diabetes

## RISKS

People who have diabetes  
are at **higher risk of serious  
health complications:**



Blindness



Kidney  
failure



Heart  
disease



Stroke

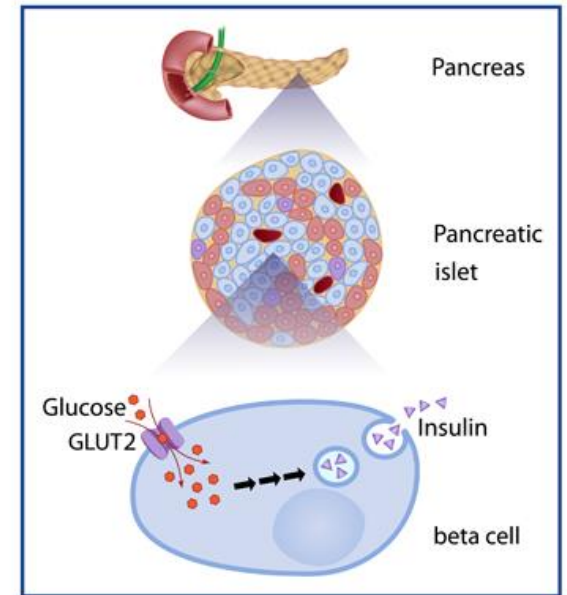
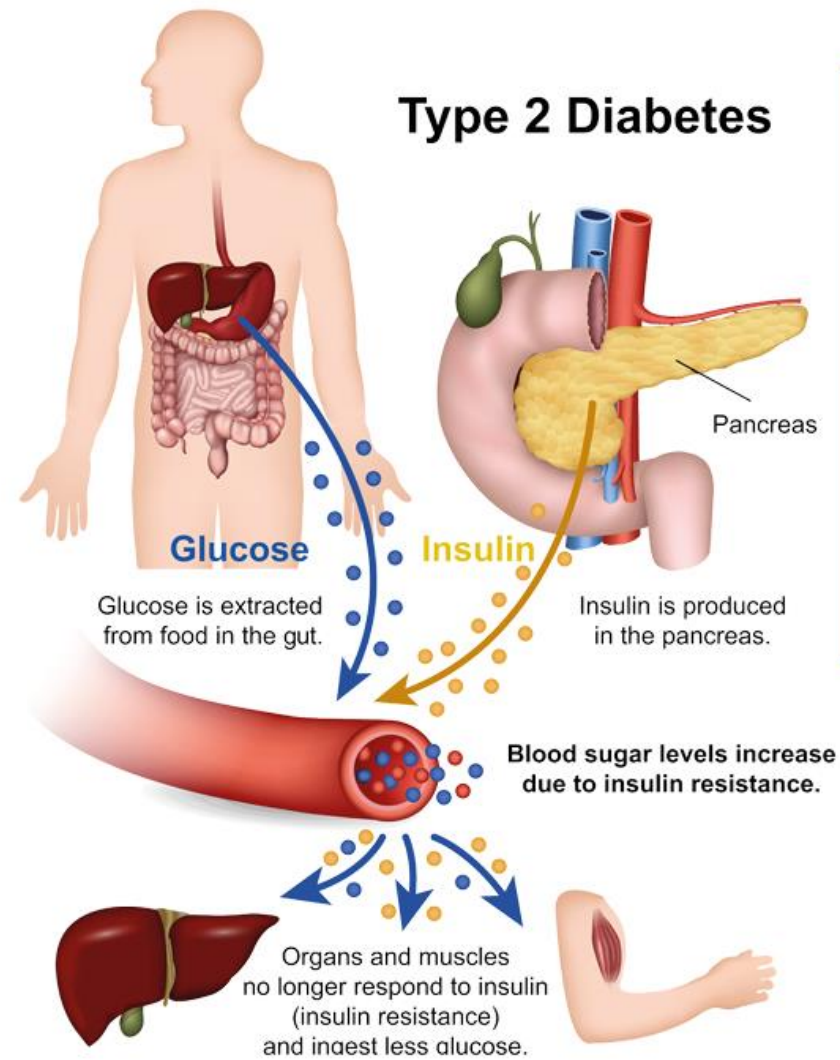


Loss of toes,  
feet, or legs

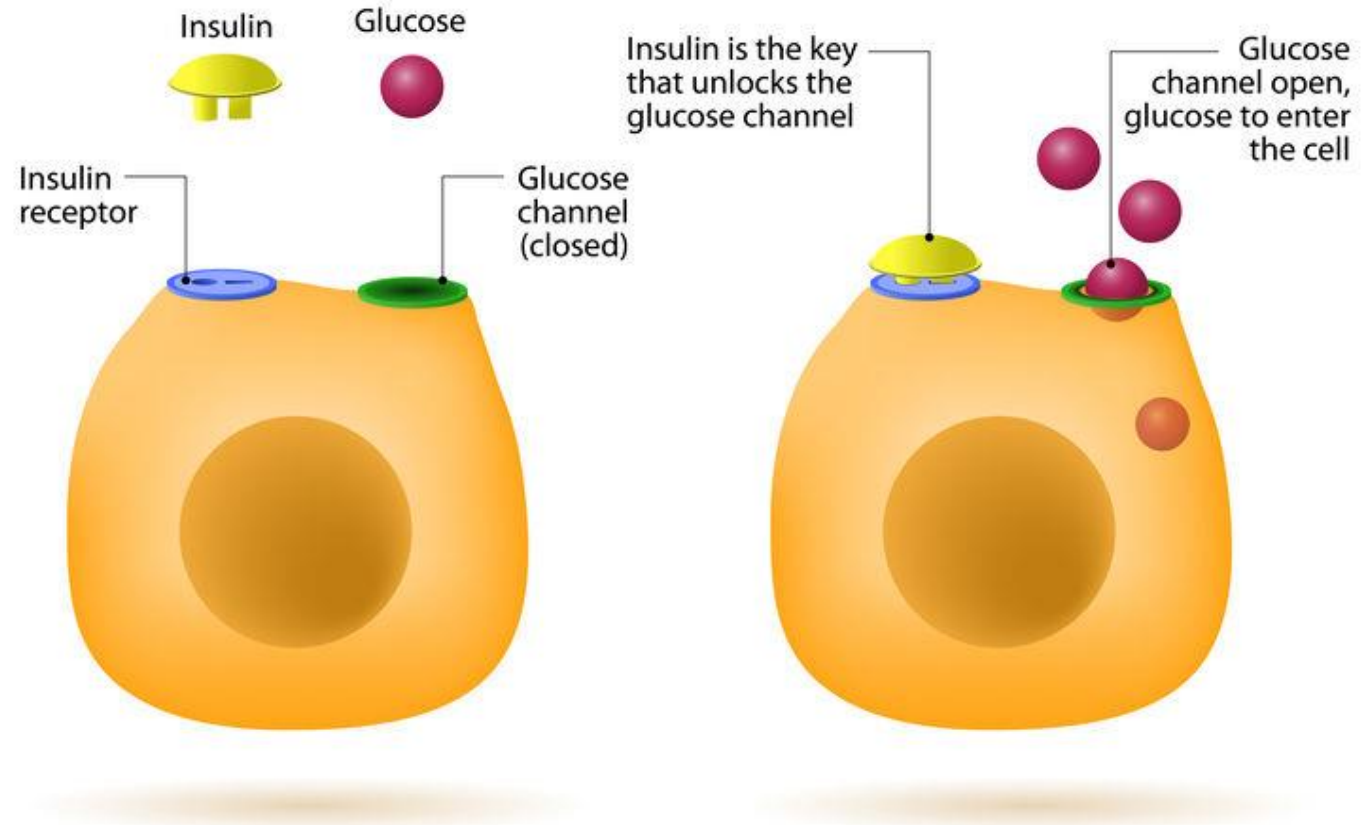
# WHAT IS TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS (T2DM)

- Chronic condition
- “Adult-onset diabetes”
- Characterized by high levels of blood sugar
- Mechanism is different from T1DM

# HOW DOES T2DM EVOLVE



# HOW DOES INSULIN WORK?





# WHO DEVELOPS T2DM/ RISK FACTORS

## Modifiable vs. Nonmodifiable risk factors

- Family history, race/ethnicity, age, gestational diabetes

- Weight, physical activity, tobacco use, diet, alcohol, stress, sleep

# PREVALENCE OF T2DM

- In 2019 8% (64,000) Montana adults report a history of diabetes
  - 35% of adults in MT are at risk of developing T2DM
- 1 in 10 Montana residents have diabetes
- 1 in 3 adults in the US have prediabetes

# WHEN TO SCREEN FOR T2DM / PREDIABETES



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## Are you at risk?

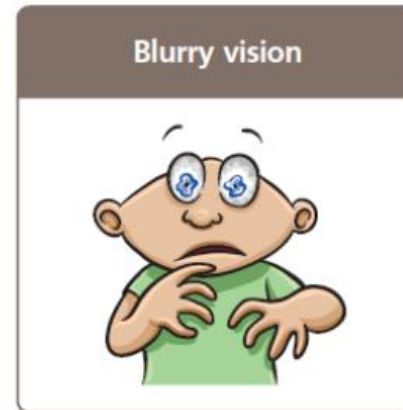
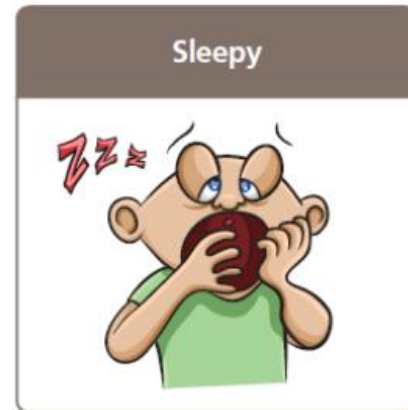
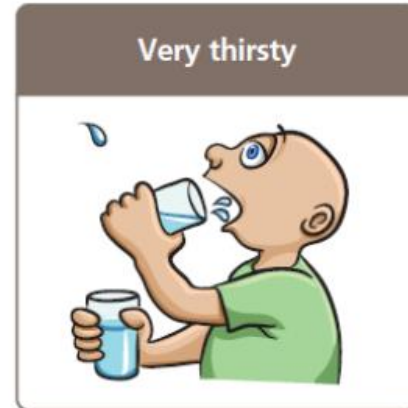
### ■ *You could have prediabetes if you:*

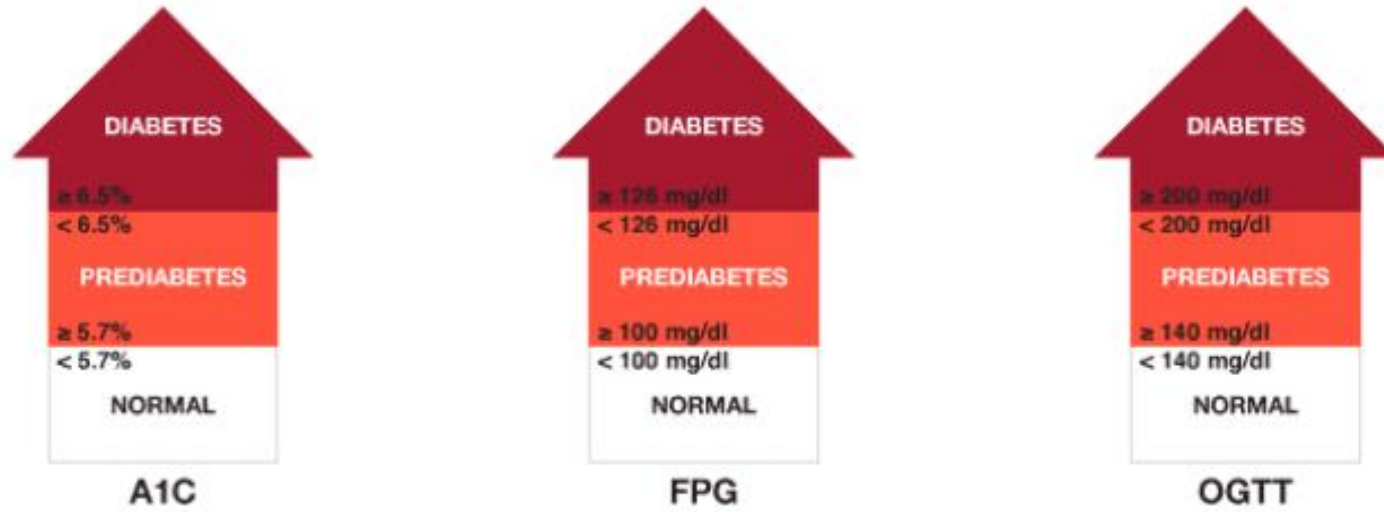
- Are you 45 years of age or older?
- Are overweight.
- Have a family history of type 2 diabetes.
- Have a history of gestational diabetes.
- Are physically active less than 3 times a week.
- Have certain medical conditions like high blood pressure.



# SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF T2DM

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# DIAGNOSING CRITERIA FOR DIABETES

# DIABETES MANAGEMENT

- Patient-centered, team-based approach
- “Ongoing process of facilitating knowledge, skill, and ability necessary for diabetes self-care”
- Guided by evidence-based standards



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# HCP SUPPORTING DM PATIENTS

PCP

Endocrinologist

Certified  
Diabetes Care  
and Education  
Specialist

Registered Nurse

Pharmacist

Ophthalmologist

Podiatrist

Wound care

Mental Health  
Professional

Fitness  
Profession

## ROLE OF RD

Nutrition assessment and follow up appointments

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graph TD; A[Nutrition assessment and follow up appointments] --> B[Assessment includes a review of medication, monitoring BGs, physical activity, acute/chronic complications, nutrition plan, risk reduction, personal strategies to address psychosocial issues/concerns, personal strategies to promote health and behavior change]; B --> C[Insulin management, CGM, continuity of care with other HCP];
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# TREATMENT OF T2DM

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**TREATMENT  
OPTIONS: FIRST  
LINE THERAPY**

Always individualized

Considering Standards of Care

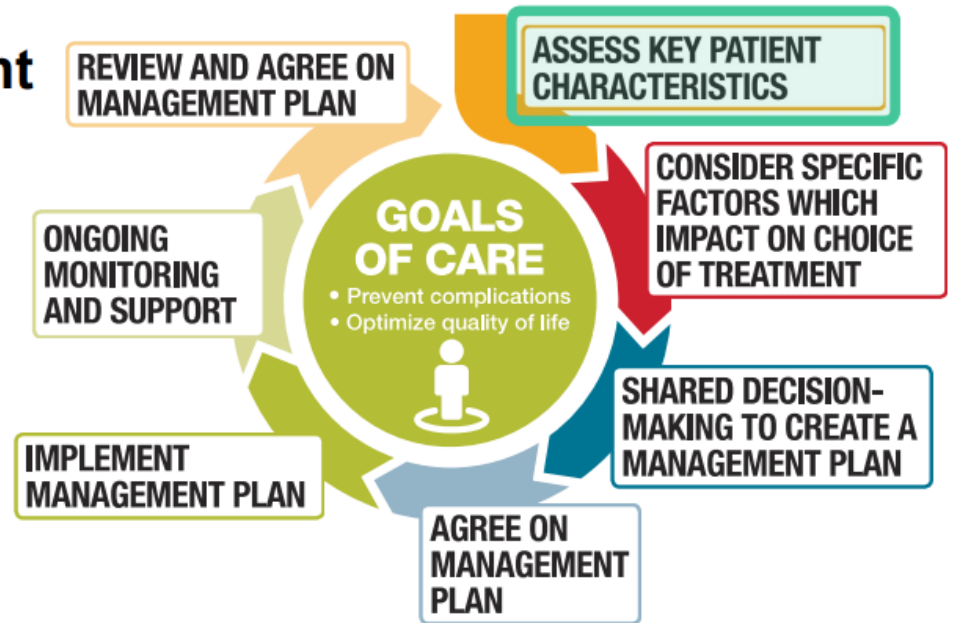
Generally, a combination of metformin and/or diet and lifestyle modification

# GOALS OF CARE

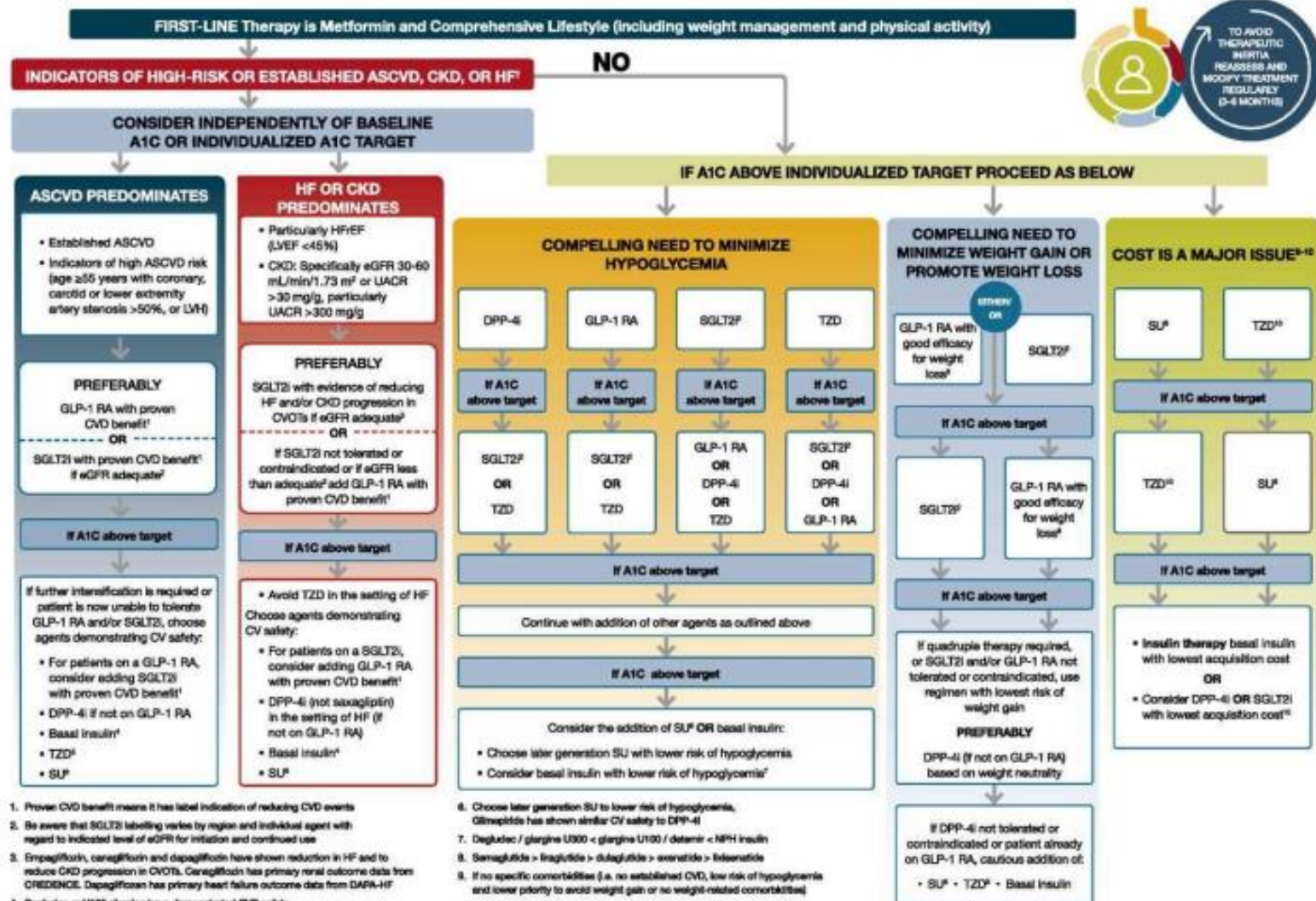
## Decision Cycle for Patient-Centered Glycemic Management

### ASSESS KEY PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

- Current lifestyle
- Comorbidities i.e. ASCVD, CKD, HF
- Clinical characteristics i.e. age, HbA<sub>1c</sub>, weight
- Issues such as motivation and depression
- Cultural and socio-economic context

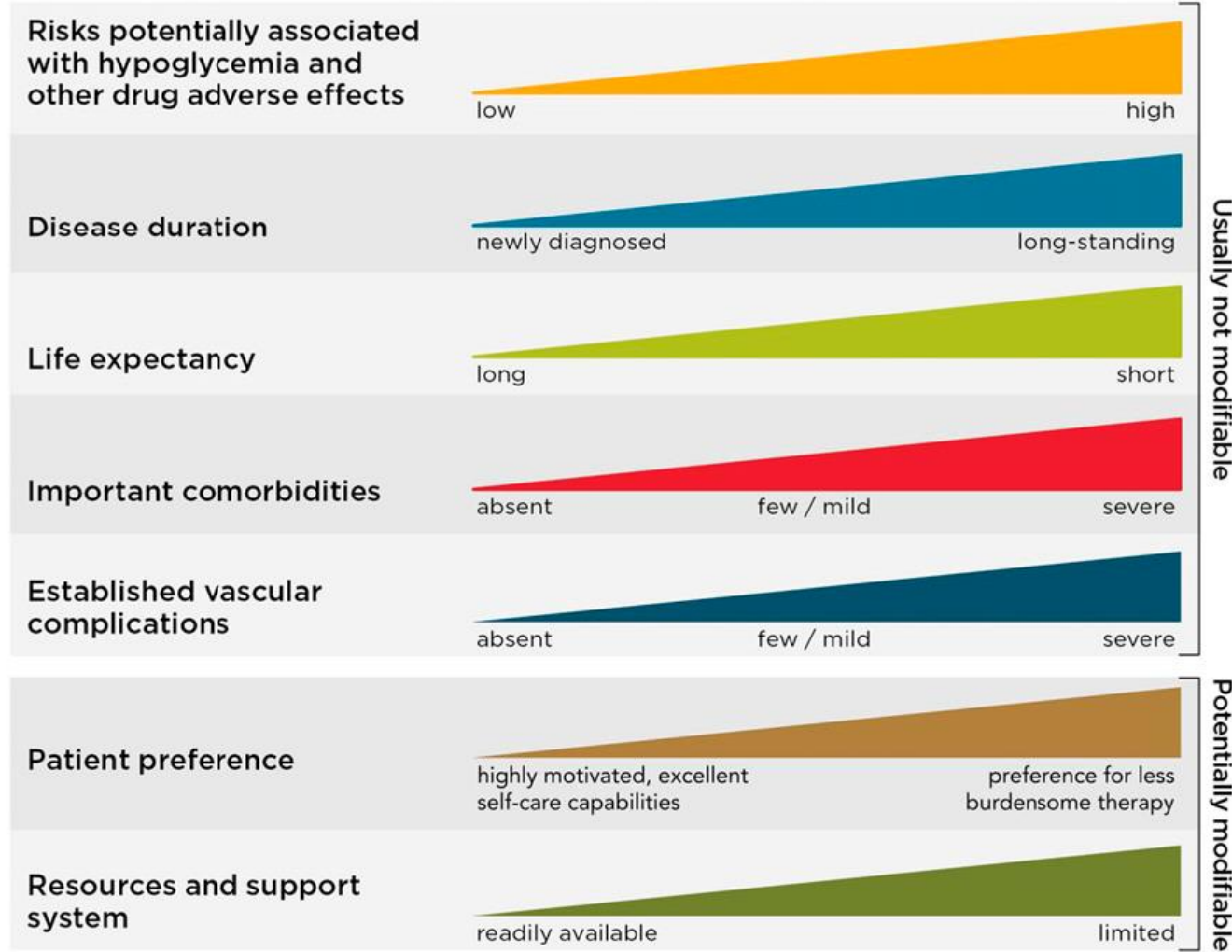


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## Approach to Individualization of Glycemic Targets

Patient / Disease Features      More stringent ← A1C 7% → Less stringent





# BENEFITS OF DSME

- Benefits of DSME
  - Have improved A1c levels
  - Higher levels of medication adherence
  - Improved Blood pressure/cholesterol levels
  - Fewer or less severe diabetes-related complications
  - Healthier lifestyles
  - Decreased health care costs, including fewer hospitalizations and readmissions

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## DSME IN MT

An estimated 5,300 Montana adults with diagnosed diabetes did not seek needed medical care due to costs in 2019

4 in 10 (42%) MT adults with DM reported NEVER taking a course or class to better self-manage diabetes

# DPP

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Diabetes Prevention Program

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CDC evidence-based program to prevent or delay the progression of T2DM and cardiovascular disease

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Prediabetes is REVERSIBLE

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Estimated 35% of adults are at “high risk” of developing T2DM

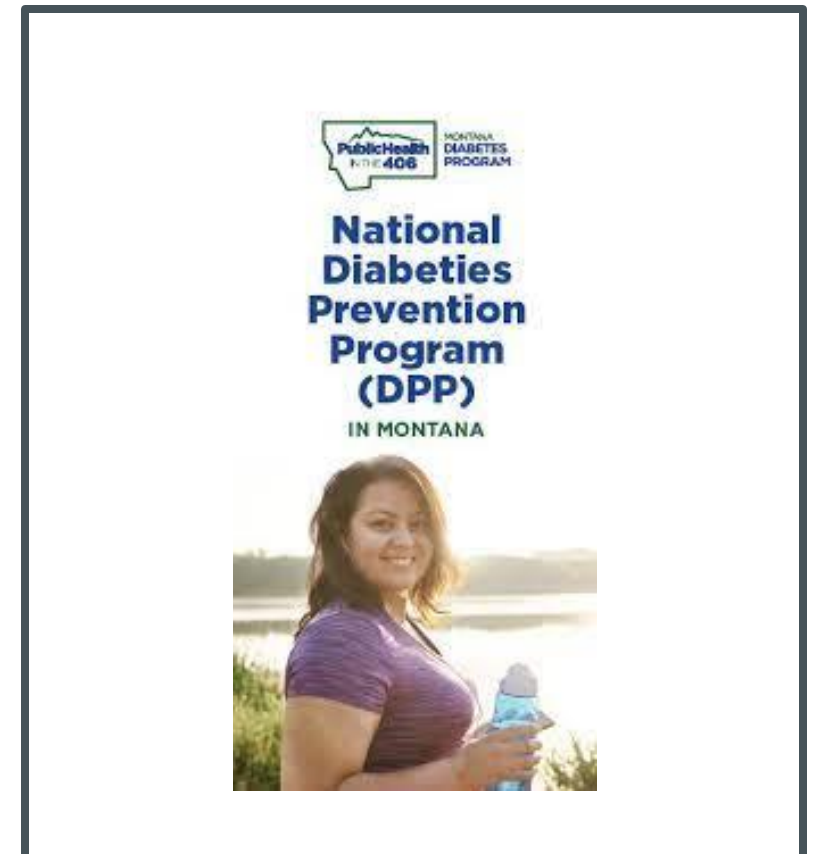
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Program that works!

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Shown to reduce the risk of T2DM by 58%

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# **COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES**



## COMPLICATIONS OF DM

Acute

- Complications that generally require immediate attention

Chronic

- Serious complications that progress over time

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## **ACUTE COMPLICATIONS**

Hypoglycemia

Hyperglycemia

Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State (HHS)

Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA)

# HYPOGLYCEMIA

## Signs and Symptoms

Here's what may happen when your blood glucose is low:

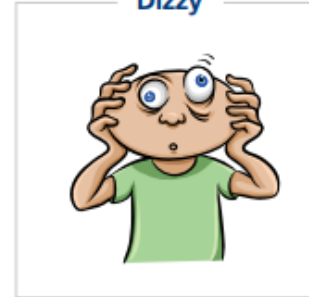
Shaky



Sweaty



Dizzy



Confusion and difficulty speaking



- Clinically  $<70$  mg/dL

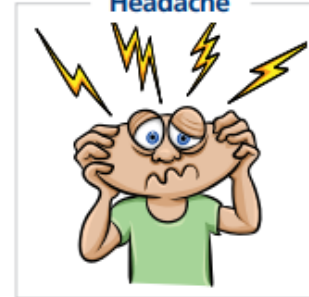
Hungry



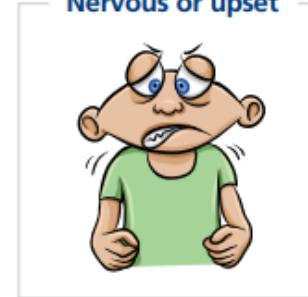
Weak or tired



Headache



Nervous or upset



Or you may have no symptoms at all.

If low blood glucose is not treated, it can become severe and may cause you to pass out.

If low blood glucose is a problem for you, talk to your doctor or diabetes care team.

# 15-15 RULE

What to do if you think you have low blood glucose

CHECK	TREAT	WAIT
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check your blood glucose right away if you have any symptoms of low blood glucose</li><li>• If you think your blood glucose is low but cannot check it at that time, treat anyway</li></ul>	 <p>Treat by eating or drinking <b>15 grams</b> of something high in sugar, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 ounces (½ cup) of regular fruit juice (like orange, apple, or grape juice)</li><li>• 4 glucose tablets or 1 tube of glucose gel</li><li>• 1 tablespoon of sugar, honey, or corn syrup</li><li>• 4 ounces (½ cup) of regular soda pop (not diet)</li><li>• 2 tablespoons of raisins</li></ul>	 <p>Wait <b>15 minutes</b> and then check your blood glucose again</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If it is still low, eat or drink something high in sugar again</li><li>• If your next meal is more than an hour away, eat a snack to keep your low blood glucose from coming back</li></ul>



# HYPERGLYCEMIA

BG >125 mg/dL fasting, >180 mg/dL postprandial



Signs and symptoms

Elevated  
BG

Glucose  
in urine

Frequent  
urination

Increased  
thirst

# HHS

- Occurs in T2DM with very high BGS (>600mg/dL)
- Symptoms include urination, thirst, nausea, dry skin, disorientation/gradual loss of consciousness
- Treatment requires hospitalization for fluids/insulin management



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## DKA

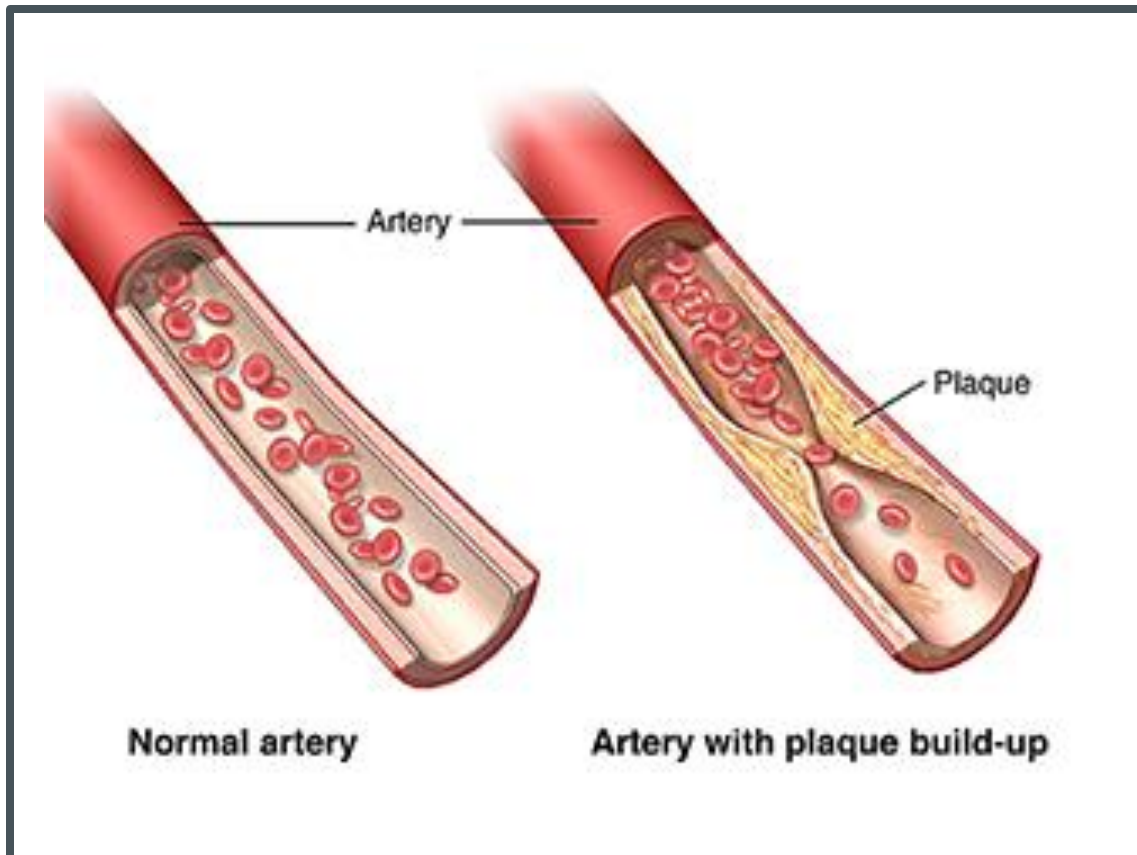
- Occurs most commonly in T1DM due to lack of insulin
- Without insulin, body cannot utilize glucose for energy
- Fat becomes primary source of energy, which causes ketones to be released
- Ketones make the blood acidic, and this causes a cascade of symptoms
- Symptoms include fatigue, confusion, stomach pain, frequent urination, blurred vision, thirst, having sweet-smelling breath, high bgs, and ketones in the urine
- DKA is serious and requires hospitalization for fluid/insulin management

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# CHRONIC COMPLICATIONS OF T2DM

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- Cardiovascular disease
  - Neuropathy
  - CKD
  - Retinopathy
  - Skin conditions

# CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (CVD) IN T2DM




- #1 cause of death in patients with diabetes
- Patients with DM are twice as likely to have HD or stroke
- Atherosclerosis
- Heart Failure
- Arrhythmias







# SYMPTOMS FOR CVD


- Emergency action –
  - Chest pressure, SOB, sweating, indigestion, light-headedness
  - SOB, irregular heartbeat, fatigue, swelling of LE



## Heart Attack

Signs and symptoms in women and men

-  Chest pain or discomfort
-  Shortness of breath
-  Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, back, arm, or shoulder
-  Feeling nauseous, light-headed or unusually tired



# NEUROPATHY



- Nerve damage
- 50% of PWD have some form of neuropathy
- Increased risk of infection/amputation
- Peripheral vs Autonomic
- Peripheral – tingling, pain, increased sensitivity, numbness, or weakness
- Autonomic – autonomic nerves that control the bladder, intestinal tract, and other organs
  - Gastroparesis



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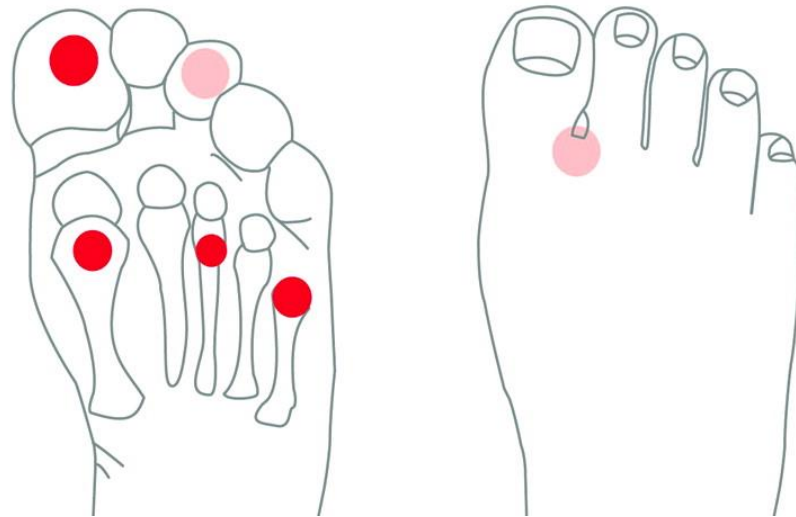
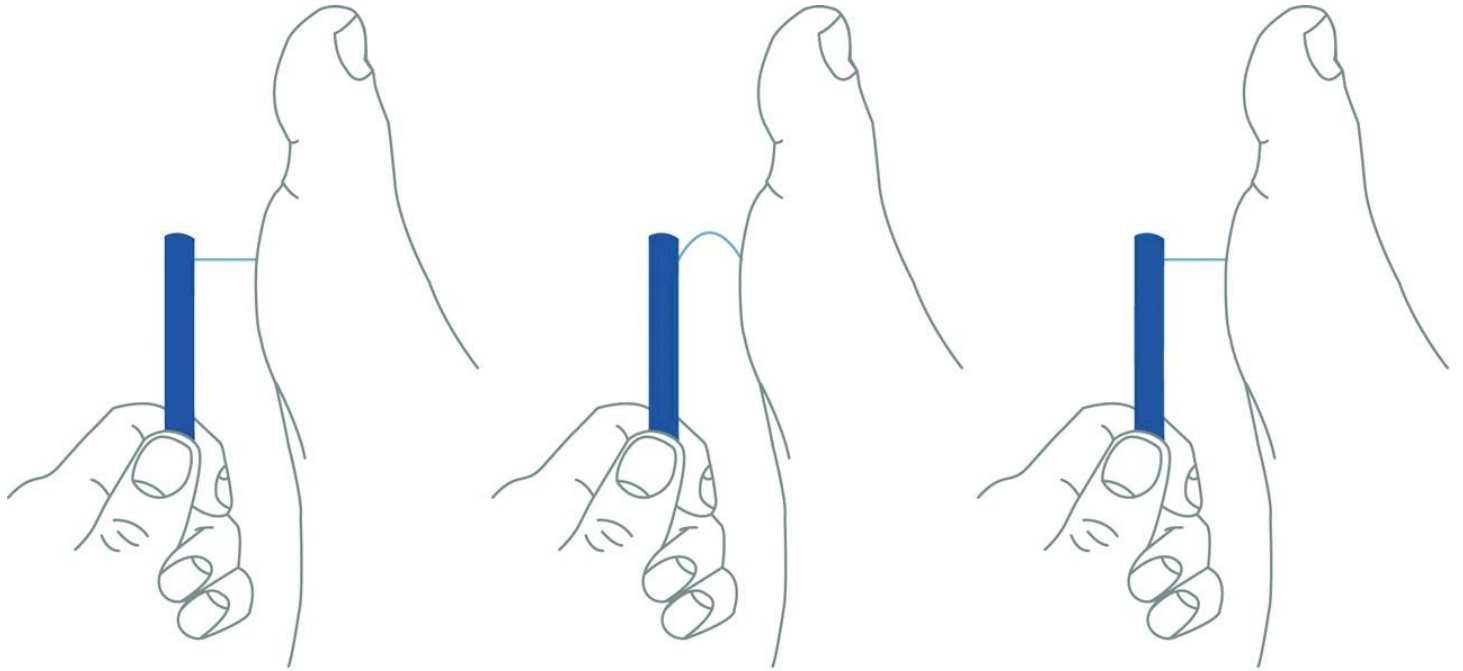
## DM FOOT EXAM

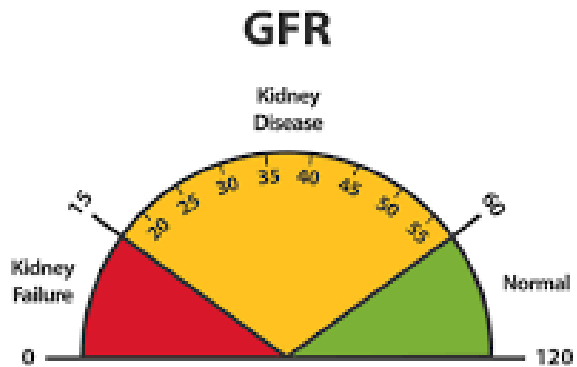
- The importance DM foot exams
  - 50% of DM neuropathy can be asymptomatic
  - Early recognition and treatment can delay or prevent adverse outcomes.

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## NEUROLOGIC EXAM (MONOFILAMENT)

- Monofilament is placed perpendicular to the skin, with pressure applied until the monofilament buckles. It should be held in place for ~1 s and then released.
- The monofilament test should be performed at the highlighted sites while the patient's eyes are closed.





## CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE

- Prevalence depends on genetics, glucose control, and blood pressure
- Symptoms not specific
- Adequate blood glucose control cuts risk by 1/3



**NORMAL VISION**  
Vision remains intact



**DIABETIC RETINOPATHY**  
Vision is obstructed by macular edema

## RETINOPATHY

- Nonproliferative retinopathy (most common) – capillaries balloon
  - Lowers perfusion and increases the risk of blockages
- Proliferative (progression of retinopathy) –
  - BV closed off, causing BG regrowth (bleeding/scarred tissue)



## **SKIN CONDITIONS**

Commonly the first sign that a patient has DM

PWD more common to get bacterial/fungal infections, and itching

Chronic nonhealing wounds

Annual foot exam or more frequently if indicated



## WHERE TO GET MORE INFO

- American Diabetes Association
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- CDC

**QUESTIONS**

