# Diabetes

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# Diabetes- Outline

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- Types of diabetes.
- Gestational diabetes.
- Prediabetes.
- Signs and symptoms of diabetes.
- Complications of diabetes.
- Prevention and treatment of diabetes.

#### **Diabetes**- Overview

- Diabetes describes a condition in which the body cannot make proper use of sugar in food because the pancreas does not make <u>enough insulin</u>, or <u>the insulin produced is</u> <u>ineffective</u>, or a combination of both..
- Diabetes results in damage to variety of organs, if not treated properly eventually leads to death.

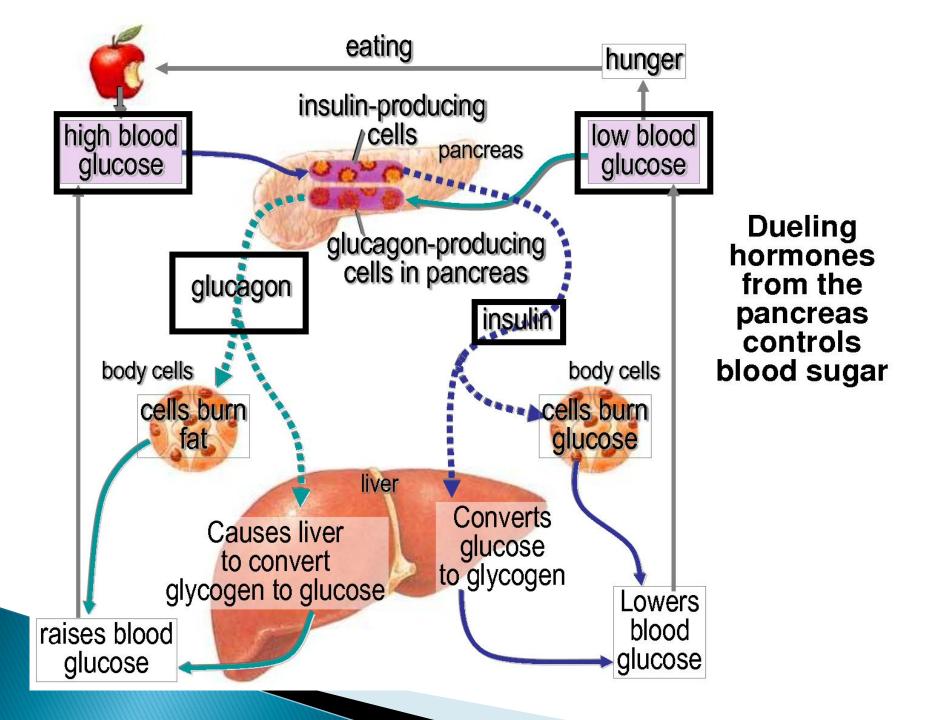
## **Definition & Terminology**

Diabetes mellitus : sugar diabetes
 (in Latin Mellitus means honey sweet)

#### Diabetes Insipidus:(*insipidus* means "without taste" in Latin).

#### Diabetes – Overview Cont'd

- Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for daily life. (pancreas).
- The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles.



#### Diabetes – Overview Cont'd

- There are <u>20.8 million</u> children and adults in the United States, or 7% of the population, who have diabetes.
- While an estimated <u>14.6 million</u> have been diagnosed with diabetes,
- unfortunately, <u>6.2 million</u> people are unaware that they have the disease.
- Worldwide over 246 million people have diabetes. By 2020, that number is expected to rise to <u>380</u> million.

#### Diabetes – Overview Cont'd

- One in two minorities born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime if current trends continue.
- The total annual economic cost of diabetes in 2007 was estimated to be \$174 billion.
- Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death by disease and currently has no cure.

### The Genetics of Diabetes

- Unlike some traits, diabetes does not seem to be inherited in a simple pattern.
- Yet clearly, some people are born more likely to get diabetes than others.

Types of diabetes: <u>Type 1 diabetes</u>

- Results from the body's failure to produce insulin.
- It is estimated that 5–10% of Americans who are diagnosed with diabetes have type 1 diabetes.
- Appears at <40 yrs and in <u>childhood</u>. Known as
- *Insulin Dependent Diabetes,* (IDD). *or* Juvenil Diabetes

Types of diabetes: Type 2 diabetes

Results from *insulin resistance* (a condition in which the body fails to properly use insulin), combined with relative insulin deficiency.
 *Most Americans who are diagnosed*

with DM have type 2 diabetes.

usually appears in middle-aged or older people. Type 2 diabetes: Cont'd

- Type 2 diabetes develops slowly over a period of years.
- Some people may not notice any symptoms at all and their diabetes is only picked up in a routine medical check up.
- Some people may put the symptoms down to 'getting older' or 'overwork'.

#### The people most at risk of Type 2 diabetes:

Are people aged over 40 years and :

- 1. have a family history of diabetes
- 2. are overweight
- have high blood pressure, heart disease or have had a heart attack
- 4. have had a borderline high blood glucose test
- 5. are women with polycystic ovary syndrome who are overweight.
- 6. are women who have had high blood glucose levels during pregnancy (gestational diabetes).

### Gestaitonal diabetes

You are 28 weeks pregnant. Your health care provider has just told you that you have gestational diabetes.

Should you be concerned about gestational diabetes?

**Gestational diabetes** 

The short answer: yes.

 Gestational diabetes affects about 4% of all pregnant women
 135,000 cases in USA each year.

## What is gestational diabetes?

- Pregnant women who have never had diabetes before but who <u>have high blood sugar (glucose)</u> <u>levels during pregnancy</u> are said to have gestational diabetes.
- The cause of gestational diabetes is unknown. "Hormones from the placenta block the action of the mother's insulin in her body"
- This problem is called insulin resistance.

#### How G.diabetes can affect the baby?

- Although insulin does not cross the placenta, glucose and other nutrients do.
- So extra blood glucose goes through the placenta, giving the baby high blood glucose levels.
- This causes the baby's pancreas to make extra insulin to get rid of the blood glucose.
- Since the baby is getting more energy than it needs to grow and develop, the extra energy is stored as fat.

# How gestational diabetes can affect the baby? **Consequences**:

- Macrosomia, or a "fat" baby.
- Damage to their shoulders during birth.
- Iow blood glucose levels :Hypoglycemia newborns may have at birth.
- Breathing problems.
- Babies with excess insulin become children who are at risk for <u>obesity</u> and

*adults who are at risk for <u>type 2</u> diabetes*.

## Treating gestational diabetes

- 1. Diet: limit intake by 30% or less of daily calories.
- 2. Physical exercise
- 3. Insulin Injections
- Gestational diabetes usually goes away after pregnancy.
- But once you've had gestational diabetes, your chances are 2 in 3 that it will return in future pregnancies.

#### <u>Pre-diabetes</u>

Pre-diabetes is a condition that occurs when a person's blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough for a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes.

▶ 54 million Americans have pre-diabetes.

 Recent research has shown that some long-term damage to the body, especially the heart and circulatory system, may already be occurring during pre-diabetes.

## Diabetes = Hyperglycemia

- Hyperglycemia: elevated blood sugar Normal Blood sugar level 80-110 mg/dl
- Blood glucose goes up after eating but 1 or 2 hours (< 160)later returns to the normal range.

# What are the signs and symptoms of diabetes?

- being very thirsty
  urinating often
  feeling very hungry or tired
  losing weight
- having sores that heal slowly
  - having dry, itchy skin
  - Loss of feeling or tingling in the feet .
     blurred vision

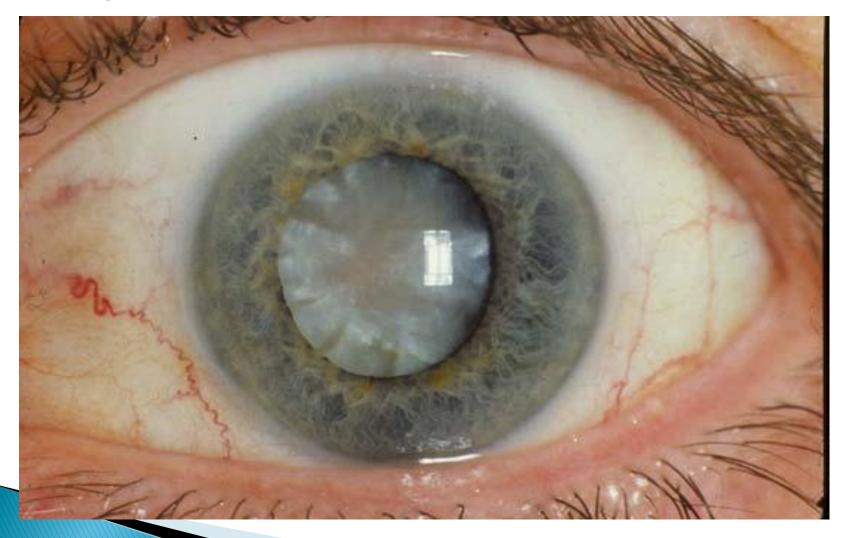
#### **Diabetes – Complications**

- 1. Heart and Blood Vessels:
- 2. Eyes: Cataract (opacification of the lens)
- 3. Kidneys: renal failure
- 4. Nerves: neuropathy (nerve dysfunction)
- 5. Feet : foot ulcers: non healing

Others:

- **Digestion**: constipation
- Mouth: gums, and teeth
- sexual response : erectile dysfunction
- mood changes : depression.

#### Cataract : Opacification of the lens. Complication of diabetes



How can diabetes affect cardiovascular health?

- Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of early death among people with diabetes.
- Adults with diabetes are two to four times more likely than people without diabetes to have heart disease or experience a stroke.
- At least 65% of people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke.

About 70% of people with diabetes also have high blood pressure.

How can diabetes affect the sexual response?

- Many people with diabetic nerve damage have trouble having sex.
- For example, men can have trouble maintaining an erection and ejaculating.
- Women can have trouble with sexual response and vaginal lubrication.
- Both men and women with diabetes can get <u>urinary tract infections</u> and bladder problems more often than average.

#### Things that do not cause diabetes:

- Eating sweets or sugar does not cause diabetes
- Stress does not cause diabetes although it may make the symptoms worse in people who already have the condition.
- sometimes an accident or an illness may reveal diabetes if it is already there, but they do not cause it.
- You cannot catch diabetes from somebody, nor can you give it to anyone.

## **Treatment of diabetes**

- Although diabetes cannot yet be cured, it can be managed very successfully.
- The aim of diabetes management is to keep blood glucose levels as near to normal as possible (70-110 mg/dl) before meals and up to 160 mg/dl two hours after a meal).

## **Treatment of diabetes**

- Type I: Insulin injections and diet
- Type II: Diet control, Drugs
   ( oral hypoglycemic agents) .
- Physical exercise
- Treatment of complications

### Blood sugar surveillance

- Fasting blood sugar level, lab test
   Daily blood sugar (1 4y) finger priv
- Daily blood sugar (1-4x) -finger prick
- Long-term blood glucose levels (HbA1c) should be checked every three or four months, or at least once a year.
   This level is measured as a percentage and should ideally less than 6.5.

## The HbA1c

- In the blood stream are the red blood cells, which are made of a molecule, haemoglobin.
- Glucose sticks to the haemoglobin to make a 'glycosylated haemoglobin' molecule, called haemoglobin A1C or HbA1C.
- The more glucose in the blood, the more haemoglobin A1C or HbA1C will be present in the blood.

Curing Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus With Bariatric Surgery(Obesity surgery).(BMI>30-35)

This paper reported that 121 of 146 patients (82.9%) with type 2 diabetes and 150 of 152 patients (98.7%) with glucose impairment maintained normal levels of plasma glucose, HbA1c and insulin after RYGB.(Gastric bypass).

The role in normal weight patients is still under investigations.

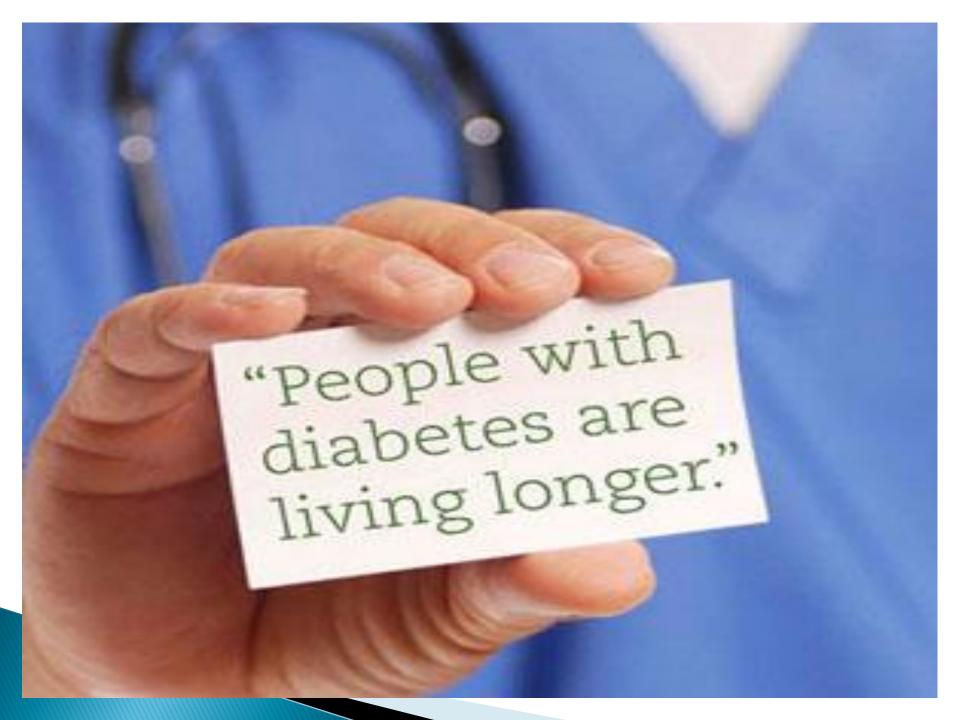
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## Key messages

Keeping blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol in control can make a difference in reducing your risk for heart attack or stroke.

#### In diabetics

 Annual dilated eye exams and routine foot exams and blood pressure checks can prevent blindness, amputations, heart disease, kidney disease, and strokes.



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