Diabetes Basics

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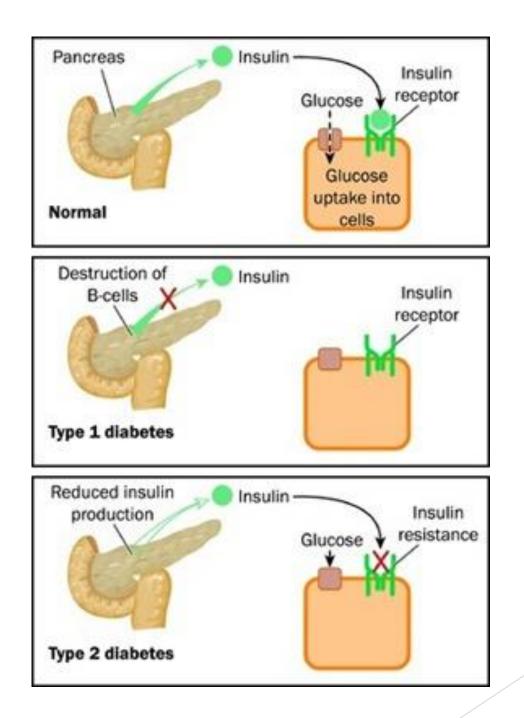
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Diabetes stats

- Over 32 million US adults have diabetes, that's 1 in 10 people
 - 1 in 5 people don't even know they have it
- Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the US
 - Heart disease is the leading cause of death
 - Having diabetes increases your risk for heart disease
- Diabetes is the no. 1 cause of kidney failure, amputations, and adult blindness
- In the past 20 years, the number of adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than doubled

Diabetes

- ▶ di·a·be·tes
 - / dīəˈbēdēz, dīəˈbēdis/ noun
 - a disease in which the body's ability to produce or respond to the hormone insulin is impaired, resulting in abnormal metabolism of carbohydrates and elevated levels of glucose in the blood and urine.
- There are 3 major types of diabetes
 - ► Type 1 Diabetes
 - ► Type 2 Diabetes
 - Gestational Diabetes



Ways to Diagnose Diabetes

Hemoglobin A1C

- A blood test that measures your average blood glucose levels over the past 2 to 3 months
 - ▶ 5.7 6.5 is considered prediabetes
 - ▶ 6.5 and greater is considered diabetes
- The most common tool used to diagnose diabetes
- Other methods for diagnosis that are less common
 - ► Fasting plasma glucose
 - Oral Glucose Tolerance Test
 - Random Plasma Glucose Test

Diabetes Treatment Approaches

- Each person is unique, depending on the severity and type of diabetes; so each treatment method will look different
- Typical treatments for:
 - ► Type 1 Diabetes
 - Regular insulin injections
 - Diet
 - Exercise
 - ► Type 2 Diabetes
 - Medications
 - Lifestyle changes exercise, diet, weight loss
 - Sometimes insulin



Risk Factors for Diabetes

- A family history of Type 1 Diabetes
- Prediabetes
- Are overweight
- Are over 45 years old
- Physically inactive (exercise less than 3 times a week)
- A history of gestational diabetes
- Certain ethnicities
 - > African American, Hispanic/Latino American, American Indian, Alaska Native

Ways to Lower Risk of Diabetes

- Try to get at least 7-9 hours of sleep every night
 - This helps to better regulate your insulin levels
 - Studies have found a link between sleep and diabetes risk
 - Staying awake longer leads to more overall calories consumed
 - These calories tend to be less nutrient-dense
- Be active most days! Every minute counts
 - Recommendation for exercise is 150 minutes per week
 - Every minute counts towards this goal
 - Find what you enjoy, it will help you stick to it
 - Workout with a friend or relative



Ways to Lower Diabetes Risk

- Eat a balanced diet and at regular times
 - ► Fill ¹⁄₂ your plate with vegetables
 - Choose whole grains most of the time
 - Include a lean protein at every meal and snack
 - 3-5 oz is considered a portion size
 - Eat more beans and legumes
 - Include 3 servings of dairy per day
 - Include healthy fats at meals



Ways to Lower Diabetes Risk

- Eliminate sugar-sweetened beverages
 - Recommendations for added-sugar
 - ▶ 6 tsp per day for women
 - 9 tsp per day for men
 - A typical 12-oz soda contains 8 tsp of added sugar
 - Includes: sodas, coffee, energy drinks, some juices, sweetened teas



Ways to Lower Diabetes Risk

Avoid trendy diets and focus on balanced eating

- Keto or low carb diets
 - ▶ Keto is very high fat, consider heart disease risk factors
 - If you are taking certain medications, but not eating carbohydrates you could end up with life-threatening low blood sugar
 - Consult with your doctor
- Intermittent fasting
 - Long periods without eating followed by short periods of feeding can lead to extreme blood sugar fluctuations
 - This can be dangerous while taking certain diabetes medications
 - Consult with your doctor

THE VICIOUS DIET CYCLE



Questions?

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