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The Need for Diabetes Screening

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Prediabetes and Diabetes by the Numbers

U.S. Adults



HbA1c Screening Gives Prediabetes Direction

Cataracts Coronary Artery Disease Foot Problems Glaucoma Mental Health Nephropathy Peripheral Artery Disease Pregnancy Complications Retinopathy Stroke



Improved Glycemic Control Reduced Stroke Risk Reduced Cardiovascular Morbidity & Mortality Reduced All-Cause Mortality Reduced Progression to Type 2 Diabetes Reduced Lipids Reduced Weight Reduced BMI

Who Should Be Screened for Diabetes?

Overweight or obese adults who have \geq 1 of the following risk factors:

First degree relative with diabetes

High-risk race/ethnicity (e.g., African American, Latino, Native American, Asian American, Pacific Islander)

History of CVD

Hypertension (\geq 140/90 mmHg or on therapy for hypertension

HDL cholesterol level < 35 mg/dL (0.90 mmol/L) and/or a triglyceride level > 250 mg/dL (2.82 mmol/L)

Women with polycystic ovary syndrome

Physical inactivity

Other clinical conditions associated with insulin resistance (e.g., severe obesity, acanthosis nigricans)

How Often Should Individuals Be Screened for Diabetes?



Already diagnosed with prediabetes



Gestational diabetes

HIV

Over 45 with risk factors

USPSTF Screening Recommendations

	Recommendation
What does the USPSTF recommend?	Adults aged 35 to 70 years who are overweight or obese: Screen for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes and offer or refer patients with prediabetes to effective preventive interventions.
To whom does this recommendation apply?	Non-pregnant adults aged 35 to 70 years who are overweight or obese and no symptoms of diabetes.
How to implement this recommendation?	 Assess risk: Obtain height and weight measurements to determine whether patient is overweight or obese. Overweight and obesity are defined as a BMI ≥ 25 and ≥ 30, respectively.
	 Screen: If the patient is aged 35 to 70 years and is overweight or obese (BMI ≥ 25), consider screening at an earlier age if the patient is from a population with a disproportionately high prevalence of diabetes (American Indian/Alaska Native, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander). Patients who are Asian American should be screened at a lower BMI (≥ 23).
	 Screening tests for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes include measurement of fasting plasma glucose or HbA1c level or an oral glucose tolerance test.
How often?	The optimal screening interval for adults with an initial normal glucose test result is uncertain. Screening every 3 years may be a reasonable approach for adults with normal blood glucose levels.

ADA Standard of Care Definitions

Prediabetes	Diabetes	
Fasting plasma glucose 100 mg/dL (5.6 mmol/L) to 125 mg/dL (6.9 mmol/L) (IFG)	Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 126 mg/dL (7.0 mmol/L)	
OR	OR	
2-h plasma glucose during 75-g OGTT 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) to 199 mg/dL (11.0 mmol/L) (IGT)	2-h plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) during OGTT	
OR	OR	
HbA1c : 5.7 – 6.4% (39 – 47 mmol/mol)	HbA1c : \geq 6.5% (48 mmol/mol NGSP certified assay)	
	OR	
	In a patient with classic symptoms of hyperglycemia or hyperglycemic crisis, a random plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L)	

IFG, impaired fasting glucose; IGT, impaired glucose tolerance; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test American Diabetes Association. *Diabetes Care*. 2021;44:Supplement 1.

What Are the Risk Factors for Type 2 Diabetes?



Overweight



Have prediabetes



Physically active less than 3 times a week



Have a parent or sibling with type 2 diabetes



African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, or Alaska Native heritage



Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease



Have ever had gestational diabetes or given birth to a baby more than 9 pounds

45+

45 years or older

Estimated Diabetes Complication Rates

For every 1000 patients diagnosed with diabetes...



Prediabetes Remains a Missed Opportunity

Only 5% of patients diagnosed with prediabetes are referred to a diabetes prevention program or weight loss program.



Young Adults: Most To Lose and Most To Gain



Cost of Chronic Complications of Diabetes



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HbA1c Levels May Detect Prediabetes When Glucose Levels Do Not



Percent of Patients With HbA1c > 5.7% and Normal Glucose Increases With Age



Screening With POC HbA1c Identifies More Instances of Prediabetes and Diabetes

Scrooping Outcome	Screening Practice*		
Screening Outcome	Active Screening, N (%)	Standard Practice, N (%)	
Diabetes	16 (10)	6 (8)	
Prediabetes	88 (53)	24 (33)	
Euglycemic	60 (37)	43 (59)	

* *P* = 0.005

POC Tests Improve Detection of Prediabetes and Diabetes in Urgent Care



POC HbA1c Improves Glycemic Control Thereby Reducing Diabetes Complications

Early identification is key.

Timely

POC HbA1c testing provides the opportunity for more **timely** treatment.

Treatment

Intensive treatment of glycemia in **newly diagnosed** diabetes patients may reduce chronic complications.

POC HbA1c reduces appointments, costs, and provides face-to-face counseling after real-time results.

HbA1c Prediabetes Screening May Prevent Complications and Associated Costs

	Prediabetes HbA1c 5.7% - 6.4%	Diabetes HbA1c > 6.5%
Number identified per 10,000 screened	1,185 (11.9%)	287 (2.9%)
Expected complications after screening and identification		
1 year	47	105
5 years	213	489
Average annual healthcare costs of complications	\$10,000	\$30,000

Screening for prediabetes early with HbA1c can reduce complications associated with diabetes.



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