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E-Resources for Point-of-Care Decision-Making

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Objectives

- Identify current E-Resources for clinical decision-making in nursing
- Recognize clinical application of E-Resources in practice
- Describe several point-of-care mobile apps to use for evidence-based practice

List of E-Resources for Point-of-Care Decision-Making

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This list includes selected point-of-care E-Resources to help clinicians in decision-making.

Key

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H=HEAL-WA (Online access to evidence-based health information resources for Washington State nurses and other health professionals; registration required) <http://heal-wa.org/>

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General Medical Information

ACCESSSS <http://plus.mcmaster.ca/accessss/>

Metasearch engine that simultaneously searches evidence-driven medical publications and high quality clinical literature. Need to register. **O***

CINAHL Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature

<http://www.ebscohost.com/biomedical-libraries/the-cinahl-database>

Indexes the literature of nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines. **SHMO**

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews <http://www.cochrane.org/>

Systematic reviews of primary research in human health care and health policy that investigate the effects of interventions for prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. Internationally recognized as the highest standard in evidence-based health care. **SHMO**

Diagnosaurus <http://www.unboundmedicine.com/uguides/diag/diagnosaurus/diagnosaurus.htm>

Differential diagnosis tool searching over 1,000 differential diagnoses by organ system, symptom, disease, or browse all entries to help you reach an accurate diagnosis. **Free or minimal fee. SMO**

DynaMed <http://ebscohost.com/dynamed/>

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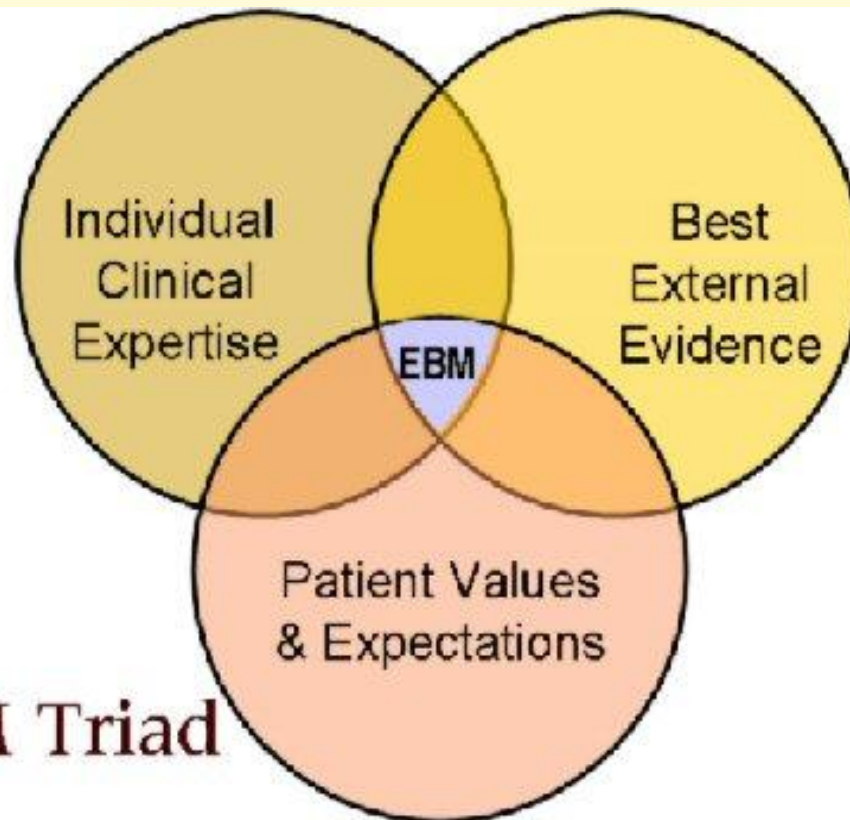
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What is evidence-based practice?

- Evidence based medicine is the **conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions** about the care of individual patients.
- The practice of evidence based medicine means **integrating individual clinical expertise with the best available external clinical evidence** from systematic research.

Sackett DL et al. Evidence based medicine: what it is and what it isn't. *BMJ* 1996 Jan 13; 312 (7023): 71-2.

Evidence-Based Practice



The EBM Triad

Steps for EBN Practice

0. Cultivate a spirit of inquiry.
1. Convert your information into an answerable question (PICO)
2. Search the literature for the best available evidence
3. Critically appraise the evidence for validity and usefulness
4. Apply the findings to your clinical practice along with clinical expertise and patient's perspective to plan care
5. Evaluate the outcomes of your practice decisions or changes based on evidence
6. Disseminate EBP results

Melnyk BM, Fineout-Overholt E, Stillwell SB, Williamson KM. Evidence-based practice: step by step: the seven steps of evidence-based practice. *Am J Nurs* 2010 Jan;110(1):51-3

What makes good evidence?

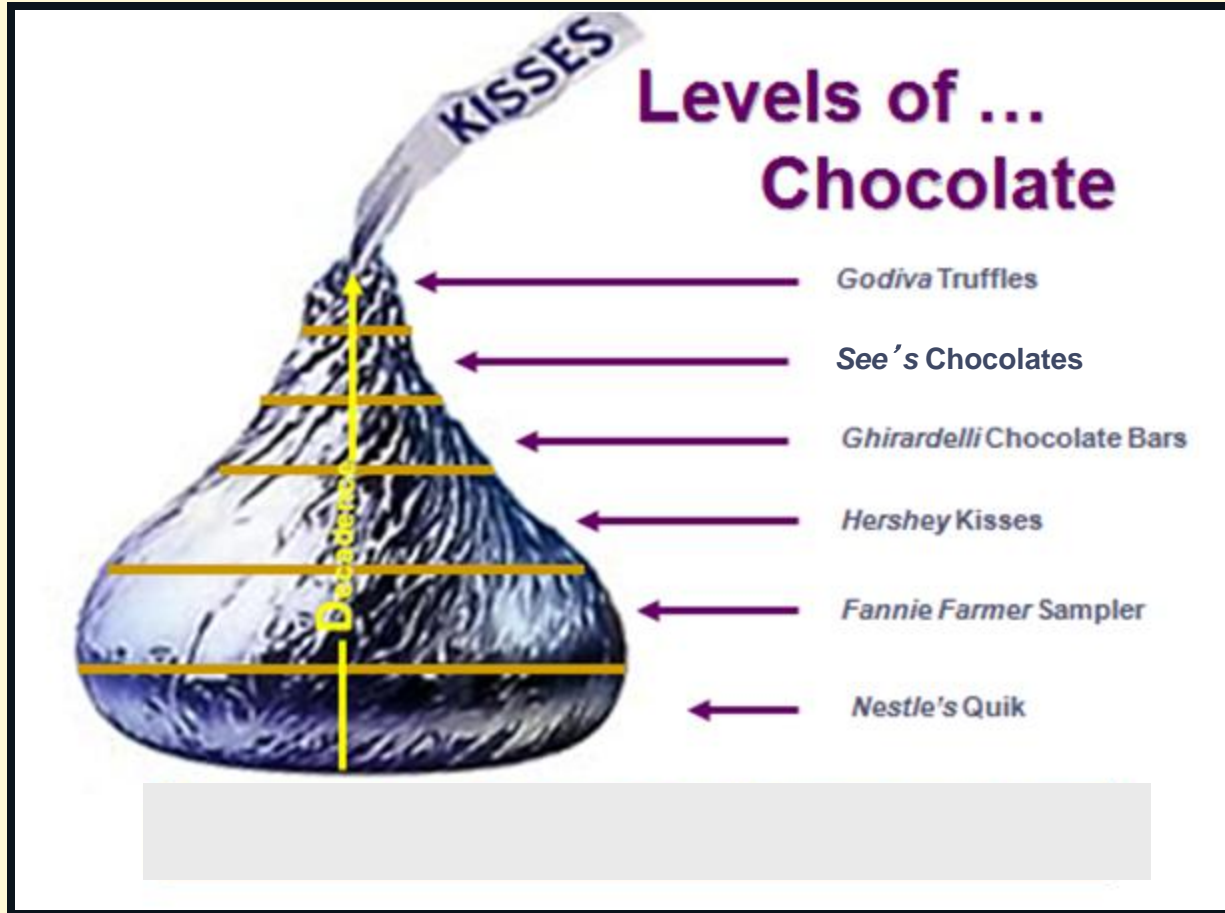
Good

- Based on scientific research
- RCT
- Systematic review
- Meta-analysis
- Clinical guidelines

Shoddy

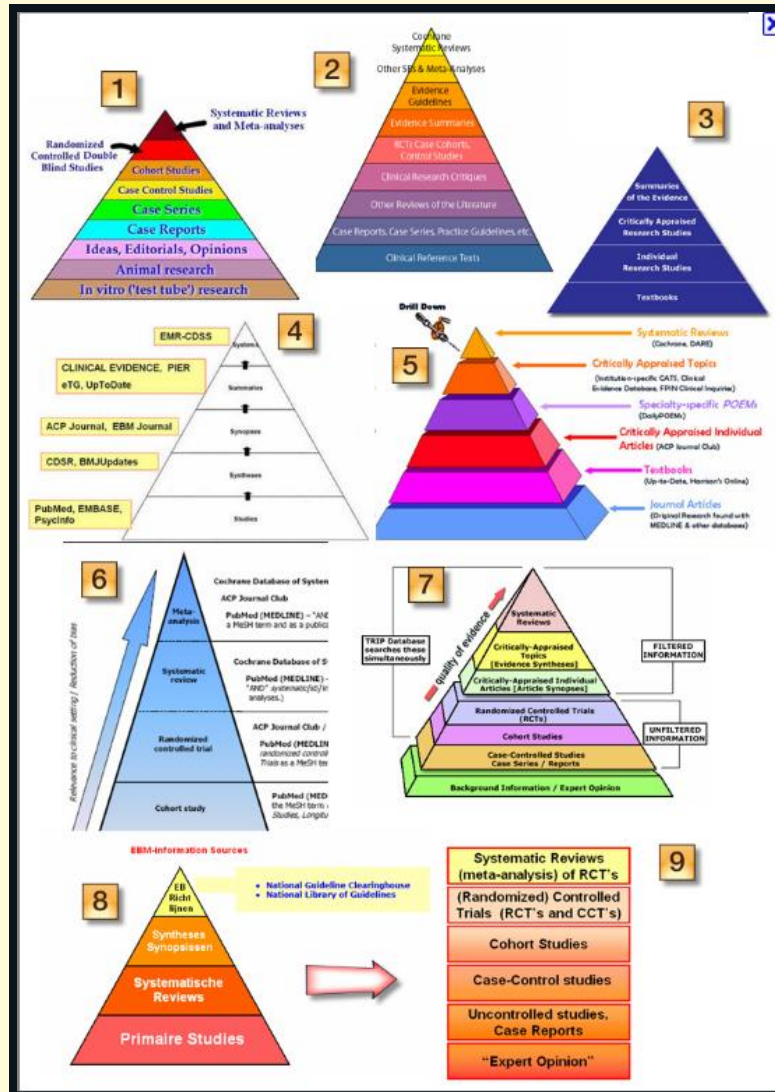
- Opinion
- Consensus
- Because it's been done this way for 100 years

Chocolate Decadence Pyramid

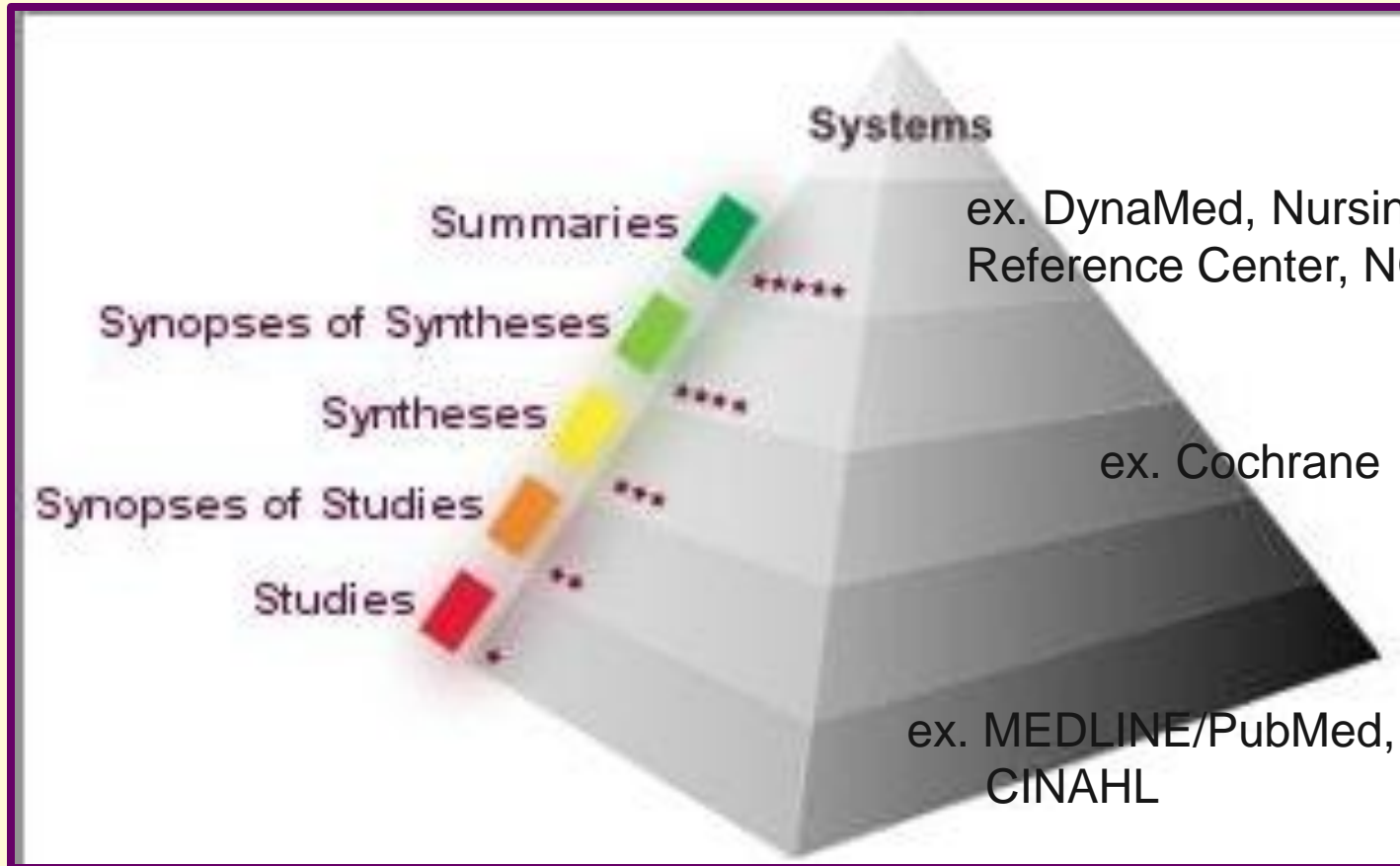


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Lots of Evidence Pyramids!



6S Pyramid



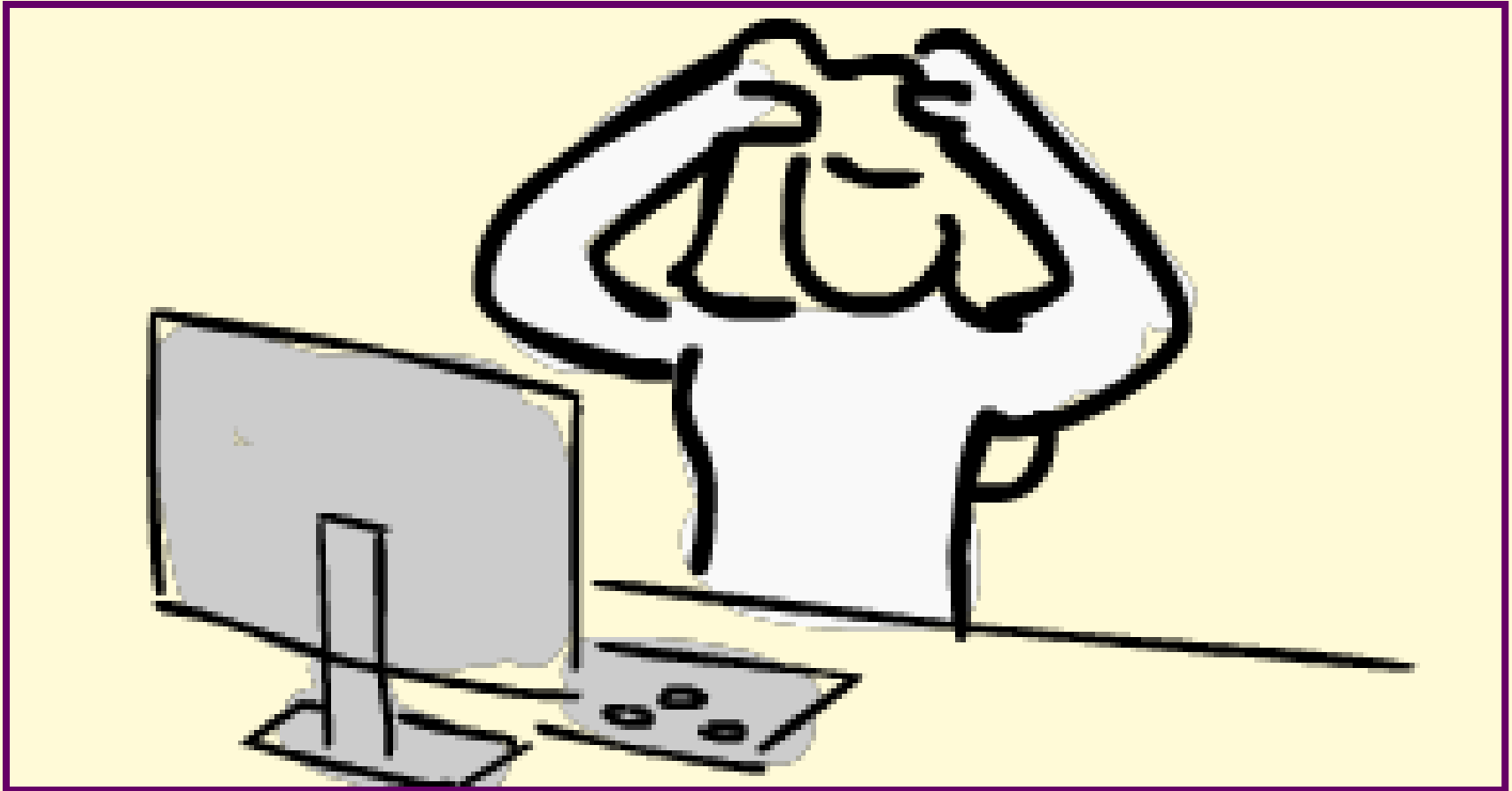
Background Information: ex. Textbooks, UptoDate

Case Scenario

Mrs. Hernandez, a 45 year-old Spanish speaking woman, has been recently diagnosed with Diabetes Type 2.

- She presents in your clinic with uncontrolled hypertension.
- Prescribed medications include Lisinopril, Clonidine, and Metformin.
- She takes fenugreek.
- Her friend is taking an aspirin daily to prevent a stroke. Should she?
- You notice a suspicious rash on her arms.

Where to look for evidence-based information at point-of-care?



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Need: Current evidence-based information on treating hypertension in diabetic patients

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Hypertension treatment in patients with diabetes

- Updated 2013 Oct 07 01:56:00 PM: ADA position statement on standards of medical care in diabetes (National Guideline Clearinghouse 2013 Oct 7) [view update](#) [Show more updates](#)

Related Summaries:

- [Hypertension \(list of topics\)](#)
- [Diabetes \(list of topics\)](#)
- [Diabetes mellitus type 2](#)
- [Diabetic nephropathy](#)
- [Hypertension](#)
 - [Antihypertensive medications overview](#)
 - [First-line therapy for hypertension](#)
- [Cardiovascular risk prediction](#)
- [DASH diet](#)

Overview:

- [lifestyle modifications](#) which may lower blood pressure are recommended for patients with diabetes and blood pressure > 120/80 mm Hg and include ([ADA Grade B](#))
 - weight reduction
 - Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet (fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy, reduced fat)
 - dietary sodium restriction
 - aerobic physical activity
 - moderate alcohol consumption
- target blood pressure in patients with diabetes
 - [American Diabetes Association \(ADA\)](#) recommends goal blood pressure < 140/80 mm Hg ([ADA Grade B](#)) but

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Hypertension treatment in patients with diabetes

Target Blood Pressure Goals

Choice of Antihypertensive Agents

Section overview:

- o guidelines vary but generally recommend angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor as part of initial therapy
- o most patients will require 2 or more drugs to achieve target blood pressure
- o 4 major antihypertensive classes (diuretics, beta blockers, ACE inhibitors, calcium channel blockers) appear to reduce cardiovascular mortality and morbidity in hypertensive patients with diabetes (level 2 [mid-level] evidence)
- o angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs) may not reduce cardiovascular morbidity and mortality (level 2 [mid-level] evidence) but reduce risk for end-stage renal disease (level 1 [likely reliable] evidence)
- o all major antihypertensive regimens (ACE inhibitors, ARBs, calcium channel blockers, diuretics, beta blockers) appear to have similar short-term and medium-term effects on major cardiovascular events (level 2 [mid-level] evidence)
- o insufficient evidence to establish role for beta blockers as first-line therapy for hypertension in patients with diabetes
- o significant differences in specific cardiovascular outcomes reported in some randomized trials
 - ACE inhibitors may reduce risk for myocardial infarction more than calcium channel blockers in patients with diabetes (level 2 [mid-level] evidence)
 - ramipril (an ACE inhibitor) 10 mg/day (but not 1.25 mg/day) decreases mortality and cardiovascular outcomes in patients with diabetes (level 1 [likely reliable] evidence)
 - losartan (an ARB) reduces strokes (and total cardiovascular events) compared to atenolol (a beta blocker) as first-line therapy in high-risk patients (level 1 [likely reliable] evidence), but atenolol may be less effective than other antihypertensives
 - combination of perindopril plus indapamide (Preterax) reduces mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes (level 1 [likely reliable] evidence)
 - benazepril-amlodipine (Lotrel) reduces cardiovascular morbidity compared to benazepril-hydrochlorothiazide (Lotensin HCT) in high-risk patients with hypertension (level 1 [likely reliable] evidence)
- o in patients with diabetic nephropathy
 - ACE inhibitors may reduce risk for end-stage kidney disease (level 2 [mid-level] evidence), and ACE inhibitors at maximum tolerable dose (but not at lower doses) may reduce all-cause mortality (level 2 [mid-level] evidence)
 - ARBs may reduce risk for end-stage kidney disease in hypertensive patients with type 2 diabetes (level 2 [mid-level] evidence)
- o combination ACE inhibitor plus ARB does not reduce mortality or cardiovascular morbidity compared to ACE inhibitor alone (level 1 [likely reliable] evidence) and may worsen renal impairment despite greater efficacy for reducing blood pressure and urinary albumin excretion (level 3 [lacking direct] evidence)

Level of Evidence

Guideline recommendations:

- o **Seventh Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure (JNC 7)⁽²⁾**
 - most patients will require 2 medications to reach goal (< 130/80 mm Hg)
 - initial drug choices

Goals

- Choice of Antihypertensive Agents
- Section overview
- Guideline recommendations
- Comparisons of major drug classes vs. diuretics
- Beta blockers
- Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors
- Angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs)
- Combination of ACE inhibitor plus ARB
- Calcium channel blockers
- Combination of perindopril plus indapamide
- Combination of benazepril plus amlodipine

Hypertension treatment in patients with diabetes

Level of Evidence

Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors:

- ramipril has cardiovascular benefits for patients with diabetes at 10 mg/day but not with 1.25 mg/day (**level 1 [likely reliable] evidence**)
 - ramipril 10 mg/day decreases mortality and cardiovascular outcomes in patients with diabetes and ≥ 1 additional cardiovascular risk factor (**level 1 [likely reliable] evidence**)
 - based on randomized trial (HOPE trial) and substudy (MICRO-HOPE)
 - 3,577 patients with diabetes with at least 1 other cardiovascular risk factor randomized to ramipril 10 mg/day vs. placebo for 5 years
 - trials stopped after 4.5 years due to benefits found in ramipril group
 - MICRO-HOPE substudy was preplanned evaluation within HOPE trial assessing development of overt nephropathy
 - comparing ramipril vs. placebo
 - 15.3% vs. 19.8% combined primary outcome (myocardial infarction, stroke, or cardiovascular death) ($p = 0.0004$, NNT 23)
 - 10.2% vs. 12.9% myocardial infarction ($p = 0.01$, NNT 37)
 - 4.2% vs. 6.1% stroke ($p = 0.0074$, NNT 53)
 - 6.2% vs. 9.7% cardiovascular death ($p = 0.0001$, NNT 29)
 - 10.8% vs. 14% total mortality ($p = 0.004$, NNT 32)
 - 9.4% vs. 10.5% laser therapy for retinopathy (not significant)
 - 0.5% vs. 0.5% dialysis (not significant)
 - 15.1% vs. 17.6% overt nephropathy based on proteinuria ($p = 0.036$, NNT 40)
 - 37% vs. 37% stopped drug at any time
 - 7% vs. 2% stopped drug due to cough (NNH 20)
 - Reference - HOPE and MICRO-HOPE trials (*Lancet* 2000 Jan 22;355(9200):253 [EBSCOhost Full Text](#)), correction can be found in *Lancet* 2000 Sep 2;356(9232):860, editorial can be found in *Lancet* 2000 Jan 22;355(9200):246 [EBSCOhost Full Text](#), considerable commentary can be found in *Lancet* 2000 Apr 1;355(9210):1181
 - see HOPE trial for additional details
- ramipril 1.25 mg/day not effective for preventing cardiovascular outcomes or progression to end-stage renal disease (**level 1 [likely reliable] evidence**)
 - based on randomized trial
 - 4,912 patients > 50 years old with type 2 diabetes and urinary albumin excretion at least 20 mg/L on 2 consecutive samples and serum creatinine < 150 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (1.7 mg/dL) were randomized to ramipril 1.25 mg vs. placebo orally once daily for 3-6 years
 - no significant difference in combined outcome of cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, stroke, hospital admission for heart failure, and end-stage renal failure
 - no significant differences in any of these outcomes individually
 - Reference - *BMJ* 2004 Feb 28;328(7438):495 full-text, correction can be found in *BMJ* 2004 Mar 20;328(7441):686, commentary can be found in *BMJ* 2004 Apr 24;328(7446):1016 full-text
- ACE inhibitors may reduce risk for myocardial infarction more than calcium channel blockers in patients with diabetes (**level 2 [mid-level] evidence**)
 - based on 2 randomized trials with limitations
 - calcium channel blocker **nisoldipine** associated with increased risk of myocardial infarction compared to angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor **enalapril** in patients with hypertension and type 2 diabetes (**level 2 [mid-level] evidence**)
 - based on randomized trial with difference in use of supplemental antihypertensive agents
 - 470 patients aged 40-74 years with type 2 diabetes, diastolic blood pressure > 90 mm Hg, and no antihypertensive medications were randomized to intensive vs.

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- Alpha blockers








Hypertension treatment in patients with diabetes

Guidelines:

- see [Hypertension](#) for full list of guidelines

United States guidelines:

- American Diabetes Association (ADA) position statement on standards of medical care in diabetes can be found in [Diabetes Care 2013 Jan;36 Suppl 1:S11 full-text](#), executive summary can be found in [Diabetes Care 2013 Jan;36 Suppl 1:S4 full-text](#)
- National Kidney Foundation Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (NKF KDOQI) clinical practice recommendations for diabetes and chronic kidney disease can be found at [NKF KDOQI 2007](#) (unchanged in [KDOQI 2012 update PDF](#))
- American Society of Hypertension (ASH) position on treatment of hypertension in patients with diabetes can be found in [J Clin Hypertens \(Greenwich\) 2008 Sep;10\(9\):707](#)  **EBSCOhost Full Text** 
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) Best evidence statement (BEST) on screening of hypertension in pediatric patients with diabetes can be found at [CCHMC](#) or at [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2011 Nov 7:33572](#), [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2012 :34038](#)
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) medical guideline on developing diabetes mellitus comprehensive care plan can be found in [Endocr Pract 2011 Mar-Apr;17 Suppl 2:1](#) or at [National Guideline Clearinghouse 2011 Nov 14:34038](#), commentary can be found in [Endocr Pract 2011 Sep 1;17\(5\):829](#)
- American Heart Association/American Diabetes Association (AHA/ADA) statement on primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases in people with diabetes can be found in [Circulation 2007 Jan 2;115\(1\):114 full-text](#)
- American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology Foundation (AHA/ACCF) guideline on secondary prevention and risk reduction therapy for patients with coronary and other atherosclerotic vascular disease can be found in [Circulation 2011 Nov 29;124\(22\):2458 full-text](#), [J Am Coll Cardiol 2011 Nov 29;58\(23\):2432](#), previous version can be found in [Circulation 2006 May 16;113\(19\):2363 full-text](#)
- American College of Physicians (ACP) guideline on treatment of hypertension in patients with type 2 diabetes can be found in [Ann Intern Med 2003 Apr 1;138\(7\):587](#)  **EBSCOhost Full Text**, supporting evidence-based review in [Ann Intern Med 2003 Apr 1;138\(7\):593](#)  **EBSCOhost Full Text**, commentary can be found in [Ann Intern Med 2004 Mar 16;140\(6\):487](#)  **EBSCOhost Full Text**
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 - summary can be found in [JAMA 2003 May 21;289\(19\):2560](#), correction can be found in [JAMA 2003 Jul 9;290\(2\):197](#), considerable commentary can be found in [JAMA 2003 Sep 10;290\(10\):1312](#)
 - summary can be found in [Am Fam Physician 2003 Jul 15;68\(2\):376](#), editorial can be found in [Am Fam Physician 2003 Jul 15;68\(2\):228](#)

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Treatment of hypertension in patients with diabetes mellitus

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TOPIC OUTLINE

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS

INTRODUCTION AND PREVALENCE

PATHOGENESIS

- Hyperinsulinemia
- Volume expansion
- Increased arterial stiffness

BENEFIT OF TREATMENT

- UKPDS trial
- HOT trial
- ADVANCE trial

GOAL BLOOD PRESSURE

- Normotensive ABCD trial
- ACCORD BP trial
- SANDS trial
- Trials of angiotensin inhibition
- Summary and conclusions

CHOICE OF ANTIHYPERTENSIVE DRUGS

- ALLHAT trial
- Thiazide diuretics
- Angiotensin inhibitors
 - ACE inhibitors
 - Angiotensin II receptor blockers
 - ACE inhibitor plus ARB
- Calcium channel blockers
- Beta blockers
- Alpha blockers
- Combination therapy and ACCOMPLISH

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Choice of antihypertensive agents
- Goal blood pressure

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INTRODUCTION AND PREVALENCE — Hypertension is a common problem in patients with both type 1 and type 2 diabetes but the time course in relation to the duration of diabetes is different [1-3]. Among those with type 1 diabetes, the incidence of hypertension rises from 5 percent at 10 years, to 33 percent at 20 years, and 70 percent at 40 years [2]. There is a **close relation** between the prevalence of hypertension and increasing albuminuria. The blood pressure typically begins to rise within the normal range at or within a few years after the onset of moderately increased albuminuria (the new term for what was previously called "microalbuminuria" [4]) and increases progressively as the renal disease progresses. (See "[Moderately increased albuminuria \(microalbuminuria\) in type 1 diabetes mellitus](#)", section on 'Risk factors'.)

These features were illustrated in a study of 981 patients who had type 1 diabetes for five or more years [3]. Hypertension was present in 19 percent of patients with normoalbuminuria, 30 percent with high albuminuria, and 65 percent with severely increased albuminuria (the new term for what was previously called "macroalbuminuria" [4]). The incidence of hypertension eventually reaches 75 to 85 percent in patients with progressive diabetic nephropathy [5]. The risk of hypertension is highest in blacks, who are also at much greater risk for renal failure due to diabetic nephropathy. (See "[Overview of diabetic nephropathy](#)".)

The findings are different in patients with type 2 diabetes. In a series of over 3500 newly diagnosed patients, 39 percent were already hypertensive [6]. In approximately one-half of these patients, the elevation in blood pressure (BP) occurred **before** the onset of moderately increased albuminuria. Hypertension was strongly associated with obesity and, not surprisingly, the hypertensive patients were at increased risk for cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. (See "[Moderately increased albuminuria \(microalbuminuria\) in type 2 diabetes mellitus](#)".)

This topic will review the pathogenesis of hypertension in patients with diabetes mellitus and the three major treatment issues:

- The evidence supporting benefit from the treatment of hypertension
- The choice of antihypertensive drugs
- The goal blood pressure

PATHOGENESIS — In addition to the development of diabetic nephropathy, at least three other factors have been proposed to contribute to hypertension in diabetes: hyperinsulinemia, extracellular fluid volume expansion, and increased arterial stiffness.

Hyperinsulinemia — Hyperinsulinemia, due to insulin resistance in type 2 diabetes or to insulin administration, may increase systemic blood pressure. In one report of 80 type 2 diabetic patients begun on insulin, the blood pressure rose from 132/81 to 148/89 mmHg [7]. This hypertensive response,

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS — The prevalence and time of development of hypertension in patients with diabetes mellitus varies with the type of diabetes. (See ['Introduction and prevalence'](#) above.)

- Among patients with type 1 diabetes, the incidence of hypertension rises from 5 percent at 10 years' duration, to 33 percent at 20 years, and 70 percent at 40 years. The blood pressure typically begins to rise within the normal range at or within a few years after the onset of moderately increased albuminuria (formerly "microalbuminuria") and increases progressively as the renal disease progresses.
- Among patients with type 2 diabetes, as many as 40 percent are hypertensive at the time of diagnosis and, in approximately one-half of these patients, the elevation in blood pressure occurred **before** the onset of moderately increased albuminuria.

Choice of antihypertensive agents — The choice of antihypertensive agents in diabetic patients is based upon their ability to prevent adverse cardiovascular events and to slow progression of renal disease, if present. The choice is not based upon retinopathy end points since comparative trials have not demonstrated superiority of one agent over another for retinopathy. (See ["Prevention and treatment of diabetic retinopathy"](#), section on ['Antihypertensive therapy'](#).)

- In the ALLHAT trial, diabetic patients had a significantly lower rate of new onset heart failure with low-dose [chlorthalidone](#) compared to [amlodipine](#) and [lisinopril](#). This effect may have been due at least in part to a lower attained blood pressure with chlorthalidone. (See ['ALLHAT trial'](#) above.)
- In the ACCOMPLISH trial, the combination of an ACE inhibitor and [amlodipine](#) provided better protection against cardiovascular outcomes in diabetic patients than the combination of an ACE inhibitor and low-dose [hydrochlorothiazide](#). (See ['Combination therapy and ACCOMPLISH'](#) above.)
- ACE inhibitors and ARBs protect against the development of progressive nephropathy due to type 1 and 2 diabetes. (See ["Treatment of diabetic nephropathy"](#) and ["Moderately increased albuminuria \(microalbuminuria\) in type 1 diabetes mellitus"](#) and ["Moderately increased albuminuria \(microalbuminuria\) in type 2 diabetes mellitus"](#).)

An ACE inhibitor or ARB is clearly preferred as initial therapy in any hypertensive diabetic patient who has moderately increased albuminuria (formerly "microalbuminuria") or severely increased albuminuria (formerly "macroalbuminuria") in an attempt to slow renal disease progression. Most experts will also begin with an ACE inhibitor or ARB in hypertensive diabetic patients without proteinuria. This is unlikely to occur in patients with type 1 diabetes in whom moderately increased albuminuria typically precedes hypertension.

Although ALLHAT found some better outcomes with low-dose [chlorthalidone](#), this effect could have been related to the lower attained

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1-methylnicotinic acid, 3-carboxy-1-methyl pyridinium, 3-O-alpha-L-rhamnosyl quercetin, 4-hydroxyisoleucine (4-OH-Ile), 5,7,3'-hydroxy-5'-methoxylisoflavone, abish (Amharic), alholva (Spanish), alkaloids, amber, [beta-carotene](#), betaines, beta-sitosteryl glucopyranoside, biochanin A, bird's foot, bockhornsklöver (Swedish), Bockshornsamen (German), Bockshornklee (German), calycosin, Canadian fenugreek seed, Canadian-grown fenugreek, carotenoids, çemen (Turkish), chilbe, CN 19062, CN 19067, CN 19070, CN 19071, coumarin, D-3-O-methyl-chiroinsitol, daidzein, dioscin, diosgenin, ethyl-alpha-D-glucopyranoside, Fabaceae, fatty acids, fenegriek, fenigreko, fenogreco (Galician, Spanish), fenogrego, fenugree, fenugreek flour, fenugreek gums, fenugreek leaves, fenugreek saponin I, fenugreek seed, fenugreek spouts, FenuLife®, fenu-thyme, fieno greco (Italian), flavonoids, *Foenugraeci* semen, formononetin, furostanol glycosides, galactomannan, gamma-schizandrin, gitogenin 3-O-alpha-L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1-->2)-beta-D-glucopyranoside, gitogenin 3-O-beta-D-xylopyranosyl-(1-->6)-beta-D-glucopyranoside, görögszéna (Hungarian), graine de fenugrec (French), gray hay, Greek hay, Greek hay seed, griechische Heusamen (German), halba (Malay), hilbeh (Arabic, Hebrew), hulba (Arabic), hu lu ba, irilone, [iron](#), kaempferol 3,7-O-alpha-L-dirhamnoside, kaempferol-3-O-alpha-L-rhamnoside, kasoori methi (Hindi, Urdu), kozieradka pospolita (Polish), kreeka lambalääts (Estonian), lectins, mente (Kannada), mentikura (Telugu), mentulu (Telugu), methi (Assamese, Bengali, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Maithili, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Urdu), methika (Sanskrit), methini, methri, methro, methylnicotinic acid, methyl-protodeltonin, methyl-protodioscin, minerals, mithi guti (Assamese), N-methyl nicotinic acid, N,N'-dicarbazyl, naringenin, niacin, nicotinic acid, orientin-2"-O-p-trans-coumarate, pazhitnik grecheskiy (Russian), penantazi (Burmese), phenolic acids, protodioscin, quarto, quercetin, quercetin 3,7-O-alpha-L-dirhamnoside, riboflavin, sag methi (Hindi), shambala, sapogenins, saponins, sarsasapogenin, sarsasapogenin 3-O-beta-D-xylopyranosyl-(1-->6)-beta-D-glucopyranoside, sarviapila (Finnish), scopoletin, shabaliidag (Pahlavi), shanbelile (Farsi), smilagenin, sotolone, star fenugreek, syndrex, tricin, tricin-7-O-beta-D-glucopyranoside, trigonella, *Trigonella*, *Trigonella balansae*, *Trigonella caerulea*, *Trigonella foenum-graecum*, *Trigonella poenumgraecum* L., *Trigonella* semen, *Trigonella stellata*, trigonelline, trigoneoside Xa, trigoneoside Xb, trigoneoside Xlb, trigoneoside Xlla, trigoneoside Xllb, trigoneoside Xllla, uluhai (Sinhala), uwatu (Sinhala)



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Fenugreek/Drug Interactions:

- **General:** Trigonelline, a constituent of fenugreek, was used as a quaternary carrier for improved drug delivery into the brain (192), into specific cells (193), or to the skin (194).
- **Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors:** Based on *in vitro* study, fenugreek extracts and trigonelline inhibited acetylcholinesterase activity (1), but conflicting data exist (195).
- **Albumin:** Based on animal study, albumin had additional hypolipemic effects over fenugreek alone (196).
- **Analgesics:** Based on rat study, *Trigonella foenum-graecum* extract may have analgesic activity similar to nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) (2;121). Analgesic effects of fenugreek seed extract were shown in other studies, perhaps by decreasing inflammation (8;9;10). Based on animal study, acetaminophen resulted in depletion of trigonelline (197).
- **Antiarrhythmics:** Fenugreek aqueous extract was found to reduce potassium levels in human study and theoretically may increase the risk of hypokalemia when used with certain antiarrhythmic agents (83).
- **Anticoagulants and antiplatelets:** Based on animal study, case report, and theory, fenugreek preparations may raise prothrombin time (PT) or International Normalized Ratio (INR), decrease platelet aggregation, and increase the risk of bleeding (118;119;120;121;122). In rat study, a fenugreek extract inhibited ADP (10^{-5} M)-induced platelet aggregation ($IC_{50}=1.28\text{mg/mL}$) (121).
- **Antidepressants, monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs):** Fenugreek has been theorized to possibly potentiate the activity of MAOIs, although reliable human data are lacking in this area.
- **Antidiabetic:** In human study, fenugreek seed powder resulted in the decreased use of oral hypoglycemic drug intake and a decline in percentage of the subjects who were on hypoglycemic drugs (88). Data from preclinical and human study suggest that fenugreek possesses both acute and chronic hypoglycemic properties (75;76;77;78;79;80;80;80;81;82;83;84;85;86;87;88;89;90;91;92;93;94;95), and the hypoglycemic effects of fenugreek extracts and oils and galactomannan have been shown in animal study (34;96;97;98;99;100;101;102;103;104;105;106;107;108;109;110;111;112;113;114;115;116). In human study, fenugreek saponins plus sulfonylureas were more effective than sulfonylureas alone for blood glucose lowering (117). In animal study, a combination of lower doses of fenugreek extract and glimepiride (5mg/kg of body weight) showed safer hypoglycemic activity over higher doses, which resulted in lethal hypoglycemia (112).
- **Antifungals:** Based on *in vitro* study, fenugreek extracts (seeds and other plant parts) and a cloned defensin Tfgd1 from fenugreek had antifungal activity (4).

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Diabetes mellitus and related conditions

Levels of scientific evidence for specific therapies

Grade: A (Strong Scientific Evidence)	
Therapy	Specific therapeutic Use(s)
Alpha-lipoic acid	Type 2 diabetes
Konjac glucomannan	Diabetes
Grade: B (Good Scientific Evidence)	
Therapy	Specific therapeutic Use(s)
Beta-glucan	Diabetes
Chromium	Hypoglycemia
Fenugreek	Diabetes mellitus type 2
Guar gum	Diabetes mellitus
Gymnema	Type 1 diabetes mellitus
Gymnema	Type 2 diabetes mellitus
Ivy gourd	Diabetes
Magnesium	Diabetes (type 2)
Nicotinamide	Type 1 Diabetes mellitus: preservation of beta-islet cell function
Vanadium	Diabetes
Whey protein	Diabetes
Grade: C (Unclear or Conflicting Scientific Evidence)	
Therapy	Specific therapeutic Use(s)
Acidophilus	Diabetes (type 2)
Active hexose correlated compound	Diabetes
Acupuncture	Diabetes
Agar	Diabetes
Alfalfa	Diabetes
Aloe	Diabetes

Should Mrs. Hernandez take a daily aspirin to prevent stroke?

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- App designed to help primary care clinicians identify clinical preventive services appropriate for their patients
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Pregnant:

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19 - Recommended (A, B)

Grade	Title
A*	Cervical Cancer: Screening -- Women 21 to 65 (Pap Smear) or 30-65 (in combo with HPV testing)
A	Chlamydia: Screening -- Women Ages 24 and <i>Younger</i> OR Women Ages 25 and <i>Older</i> at Increased Risk
A*	Folic Acid: Supplementation -- All Women Planning or Capable of Pregnancy
A*	HIV: Screening - Adolescents and Adults
A*	High Blood Pressure: Screening -- Adults 18 and Over
A	Lipid Disorders in Adults: Screening -- Women 45 and Older, Increased risk for CHD
A	Syphilis: Screening -- Men and Women at Increased Risk
B*	Alcohol Misuse: Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care -- Adults
B	BRCA Mutation Testing for Breast and Ovarian Cancer: Women, Increased Risk
B*	Breast Cancer: Preventive Medications -- Women At Increased Risk

Search for Recommendations

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19 - Not Recommended (D)

Grade	Title
D*	Aspirin to Prevent CVD: Women younger than 55 years of age, to prevent stroke
D*	Asymptomatic Bacteriuria: Screening -- Men and Non-Pregnant Women
D	BRCA Mutation Testing for Breast and Ovarian Cancer: Women, Low Risk
D*	Breast Cancer: Preventive Medications -- Women Not at Increased Risk
D*	Breast Cancer: Teaching Breast Self-Examination (BSE)
D*	Carotid Artery Stenosis: Screening -- General Adult Population
D*	Cervical Cancer: Screening --Women who have had a hysterectomy

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Dosing: Adult

Heart failure: Oral: Initial: 2.5-5 mg once daily; then increase by no more than 10 mg increments at intervals no less than 2 weeks to a maximum daily dose of 40 mg. Usual maintenance: 5-40 mg/day as a single dose. Target dose: 20-40 mg once daily (ACC/AHA 2009 Heart Failure Guidelines)

Note: If patient has hyponatremia (serum sodium <130 mEq/L) or renal impairment (Cl_{Cr} <30 mL/minute or creatinine >3 mg/dL), then initial dose should be 2.5 mg/day

Hypertension: Oral: Usual dosage range (JNC 7): 10-40 mg/day

Not maintained on diuretic: Initial: 10 mg/day

Maintained on diuretic: Initial: 5 mg/day

Note: Antihypertensive effect may diminish toward the end of the dosing interval especially with doses of 10 mg/day. An increased dose may aid in extending the duration of antihypertensive effect. Doses up to 80 mg/day have been used, but do not appear to give greater effect.

Patients taking diuretics should have them discontinued 2-3 days prior to initiating lisinopril if possible. Restart diuretic after blood pressure is stable if needed. If diuretic cannot be discontinued prior to therapy, begin with 5 mg with close supervision until stable blood pressure. In patients with hyponatremia (<130 mEq/L), start dose at 2.5 mg/day.

Acute myocardial infarction (within 24 hours in hemodynamically stable patients): Oral: 5 mg immediately, then 5 mg at 24 hours, 10 mg at 48 hours, and 10 mg every day thereafter for 6 weeks. Patients should continue to receive standard treatments such as thrombolytics, aspirin, and beta-blockers.

Dosing: Geriatric Refer to adult dosing. In the management of hypertension, consider lower initial doses (eg, 2.5-5 mg/day) and titrate to response (Aronow, 2011).

Dosing: Pediatric

Hypertension: Children ≥6 years: Oral: Initial: 0.07 mg/kg once daily (up to 5 mg); increase dose at 1- to 2-week intervals; doses >0.61 mg/kg or >40 mg have not been evaluated.

Dosing: Renal Impairment

Heart failure: Adults: Cl_{Cr} <30 mL/minute or creatinine >3 mg/dL: Initial: 2.5 mg/day

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Hypertension.

Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2013

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION

Diabetes mellitus is a chronic illness that requires continuing medical care and ongoing patient self-management education and support to prevent acute complications and to reduce the risk of long-term complications. Diabetes care is complex and requires multifactorial risk reduction strategies beyond glycemic control. A large body of evidence exists that supports a range of interventions to improve diabetes outcomes.

These standards of care are intended to provide clinicians, patients, researchers, payers, and other interested individuals with the components of diabetes care, general treatment goals, and tools to evaluate the quality of care. Although individual preferences, comorbidities, and other patient factors may require modification of goals, targets that are desirable for most patients with diabetes are provided. Specifically titled sections of the standards address children with diabetes, pregnant women, and people with prediabetes. These standards are not intended to preclude clinical judgment or more extensive evaluation and management of the patient by other specialists as needed. For more detailed information about management of diabetes, refer to references (1–3).

The recommendations included are screening, diagnostic, and therapeutic actions that are known or believed to favorably affect health outcomes of patients with diabetes. A large number of these interventions have been shown to be cost-effective (4). A grading system (Table 1), developed by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and modeled after existing methods, was utilized to clarify and codify the evidence that forms the basis for the recommendations. The level of evidence that supports each recommendation is listed after each recommendation using the letters A, B, C, or E.

These standards of care are revised annually by the ADA's multidisciplinary Professional Practice Committee, incorporating new evidence. For the current revision, committee members systematically searched Medline for human studies related to each subsection and published since 1 January 2011. Recommendations (bulleted at the beginning of each subsection and also listed in the "Executive Summary: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2013") were revised based on new evidence or, in some cases, to clarify the prior recommendation or match the strength of the wording to the strength of the evidence. A table linking the changes in recommendations to new evidence can be reviewed at <http://professional.diabetes.org/CPR>. As is the case for all position statements, these standards of care were reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee of ADA's Board of Directors, which includes health care professionals, scientists, and lay people.

Feedback from the larger clinical community was valuable for the 2013 revision of the standards. Readers who wish to comment on the "Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2013" are invited to do so at <http://professional.diabetes.org/CPR>.

Members of the Professional Practice Committee disclose all potential financial conflicts of interest with industry. These disclosures were discussed at the onset of the standards revision meeting. Members of the committee, their employer, and their disclosed conflicts of interest are listed in the "Professional Practice Committee for the 2013 Clinical Practice Recommendations" table (see p. S109). The ADA funds development of the standards and all its position statements out of its general revenues and

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I. CLASSIFICATION AND DIAGNOSIS

A. Classification

The classification of diabetes includes four clinical classes:

- Type 1 diabetes (results from β -cell destruction, usually leading to absolute insulin deficiency)
- Type 2 diabetes (results from a progressive insulin secretory defect on the background of insulin resistance)
- Other specific types of diabetes due to other causes, e.g., genetic defects in β -cell function, genetic defects in insulin action, diseases of the exocrine pancreas (such as cystic fibrosis), and drug- or chemical-induced (such as in the treatment of HIV/AIDS or after organ transplantation)
- Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) (diabetes diagnosed during pregnancy that is not clearly overt diabetes)

Some patients cannot be clearly classified as type 1 or type 2 diabetic. Clinical presentation and disease progression vary considerably in both types of diabetes. Occasionally, patients who otherwise have type 2 diabetes may present with ketoacidosis. Similarly, patients with type 1 diabetes may have a late onset and slow (but relentless) progression of disease despite having features of autoimmune disease. Such difficulties in diagnosis may occur in children, adolescents, and adults. The true diagnosis may become more obvious over time.

B. Diagnosis of diabetes

For decades, the diagnosis of diabetes was based on plasma glucose criteria, either the fasting plasma glucose (FPG) or the 2-h value in the 75-g oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) (5).

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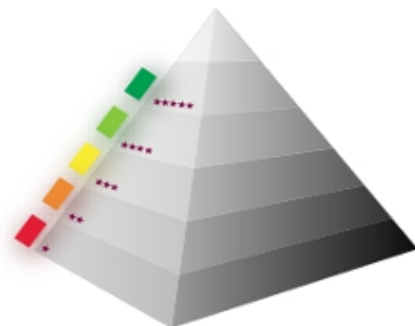
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And what is that rash on her arms?

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 **Pediatric Skin**

Neonate/Infant < 1 year

- ▶ Multiple Lesions or Rash
- ▶ Single Lesion or Growth

Child < 18 years

- ▶ Multiple Lesions or Rash
- ▶ Single Lesion or Growth

Specialized Content

- ▶ Male Anogenital
- ▶ Female Anogenital

 **Adult Skin**

Adult > 18 years

- ▶ Multiple Lesions or Rash
- ▶ Single Lesion or Growth

Elder > 70 years

- ▶ Multiple Lesions or Rash
- ▶ Single Lesion or Growth

Specific Clinical Scenarios

- ▶ Fever & Rash
- ▶ Immunocompromised
- ▶ International Travel
- ▶ Bites, Stings, & Infestations
- ▶ Marine Exposures

- ▶ Dark Skin - Multiple Lesions or Rash
- ▶ Dark Skin - Single Lesion or Growth
- ▶ Male Anogenital
- ▶ Female Anogenital
- ▶ Nail & Distal Digit
- ▶ Hair & Scalp
- ▶ Cellulitis DDX



Add Body Location / Distribution



- Scalp
- Face
- Neck
- Arm
- Shoulder
- Axilla
- Antecubital Fossa
- Elbow
- Forearm
- Upper Arm
- Wrist
- Hand or Fingers
- Trunk
- Anogenital
- Leg
- Foot (Feet) or Toes

Distributions:

- Widespread
- Scattered Haphazard
- Scattered Few
- Acral
- Photodistributed (Sun-Exposed)
- Intertriginous
- Symmetric Extremities
- Lymphangitic

Male Female

Add Key Findings



Appearance

- No Acute Distress
- Patient Appears Ill
- Patient Appears Systemically Ill - Toxic
- None

Timing

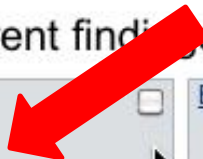
- Developed Rapidly in Minutes or Hours
- Developed Acutely Over Days to Weeks
- Developed Steadily Over Weeks to Months
- Developed Chronically Lasting Months to Years
- Recurring Episodes or Relapses
- None

Other Findings

- Fever (Febrile)
- Pruritus (Itching)
- Arthralgia (Joint Pain)
- Lymphadenopathy

OK Cancel

86 diagnoses match all 2 current findings



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Best Tests

This is largely a clinical diagnosis based on careful history and physical examination and assessment of the sleeping and living environment. Punch biopsy may indicate an arthropod reaction.

Management

The infestation of rooms should be eliminated and mattress and box springs treated with insecticide (malathion) which has resulted in illness, irritation and death.

If these measures are not effective, the patient should be referred to a specialist.

Therapy

Eradicate the infestation. Therefore, treatment is aimed at controlling symptoms.

Oral antihistamines: hydroxyzine 10-25 mg p.o. 3 times daily, as tolerated.

Mid-potency topical corticosteroids (Class 3-4) for skin lesions:

- Triamcinolone cream, ointment – Apply twice daily (15, 30, 60, 120, 240 gm).
- Mometasone cream, ointment – Apply twice daily (15, 45 gm).
- Fluocinonide cream, ointment – Apply twice daily (15, 30, 60 gm).

Therapy

Eradicate the infestation as described. Bites will resolve on their own in 1-2 weeks. Therefore, treatment is aimed at controlling symptoms.

Oral antihistamines for pruritus: diphenhydramine 25-50 mg p.o. 3 times daily or hydroxyzine 10-25 mg p.o. 3 times daily, as tolerated.

Mid-potency topical corticosteroids (Class 3-4) for skin lesions:

- Triamcinolone cream, ointment – Apply twice daily (15, 30, 60, 120, 240 gm).
- Mometasone cream, ointment – Apply twice daily (15, 45 gm).
- Fluocinonide cream, ointment – Apply twice daily (15, 30, 60 gm).

Use Class 6-7 steroids on the face (desonide cream, lotion, or ointment twice daily).

Secondary infection may require oral antibiotic therapy.

Bullous reactions may be treated with short courses of oral corticosteroids: 0.5 mg/kg each morning for 14 days, tapering slowly during the interval.

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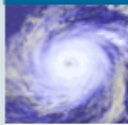
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Diabetes tipo 2

Otros nombres: Diabetes de aparición en adultos insulino dependiente

La [diabetes](#) significa que la glucosa en la sangre, está muy alta. Con la diabetes tipo 2, el organismo no produce o usa bien la insulina. La insulina es la hormona que ayuda a la glucosa a entrar a las células para que produzcan energía. Sin insulina hay demasiada glucosa en la sangre por lo que se desarrolla [problemas serios](#) para el corazón, los nervios, las encías y los dientes.

Usted tiene un riesgo alto de tener diabetes tipo 2 si es obeso, tiene historia familiar de diabetes o no se ejercita.

Los síntomas de la diabetes tipo 2 aparecen lentamente y algunas personas ni siquiera los notan. Pueden incluir:

- Sed
- Orinar frecuentemente
- Sentirse hambriento o cansado
- Perder peso sin proponérselo
- Tener heridas que sanan lentamente
- Visión borrosa

Un examen de sangre puede mostrar si usted tiene diabetes. Algunas personas controlan su diabetes a través de una dieta saludable, actividad física y exámenes de glucosa en la sangre. Otras necesitan además tomar algunas [medicinas para la diabetes](#).

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Diabetes Type 2

Also called: Type 2 Diabetes

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[Diabetes](#) means your blood glucose, or [blood sugar](#), levels are too high. With type 2 diabetes, the more common type, your body does not make or use insulin well. Insulin is a hormone that helps glucose get into your cells to give them energy. Without insulin, too much glucose stays in your blood. Over time, high blood glucose can lead to [serious problems](#) with your [heart](#), [eyes](#), [kidneys](#), [nerves](#), and gums and teeth.

You have a higher risk of type 2 diabetes if you are older, obese, have a family history of diabetes, or do not exercise.

The symptoms of type 2 diabetes appear slowly. Some people do not notice symptoms at all. The symptoms can include:

- Being very thirsty
- Urinating often
- Feeling very hungry or tired
- Losing weight without trying
- Having sores that heal slowly
- Having blurry eyesight

A blood test can show if you have diabetes. Many people can manage their diabetes through [healthy eating](#), physical activity, and blood glucose testing. Some people also need to take [diabetes medicines](#).

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The primary NIH organization for research on *Diabetes Type 2* is the [National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases](#)

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Dieta para diabéticos

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Si tiene [diabetes](#), su cuerpo no puede producir o utilizar la insulina adecuadamente. Esto conduce a una elevación del nivel de glucosa (azúcar) en la sangre. Una alimentación sana ayuda a mantener el azúcar de la sangre en un nivel adecuado. Es una parte fundamental del manejo de la diabetes, ya que controlando el azúcar en la sangre (glucemia) se pueden prevenir las [complicaciones de la diabetes](#).

Un nutricionista puede ayudarlo a diseñar un plan de comidas específico para usted. Este plan debe tener en cuenta su peso, medicinas que esté tomando, estilo de vida y otros problemas de salud que usted pueda tener.

Una alimentación saludable para un diabético incluye

- Limitar alimentos con altos contenidos de azúcar
- Comer porciones pequeñas a lo largo del día
- Prestar atención a cuándo y cuánta cantidad de carbohidratos consume
- Consumir una gran variedad de alimentos integrales, frutas y vegetales
- Comer menos grasas
- Limitar el consumo del alcohol
- Usar menos sal

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Cross-Cultural Healthcare Resources

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Cultural and medical issues pertinent to healthcare of ethnic groups in Seattle area
- **Culture Clues** depts.washington.edu/pfes/CultureClues.htm
Tip sheets for increasing awareness about preferences from diverse cultures
- **SPIRAL** spiral.tufts.edu
Patient information resources in Asian languages
- **Health Information in Multiple Languages**
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/languages/languages.html
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EthnoMed *ethnomed.org*

- Information about cultural beliefs and medical issues pertinent to the health care of immigrants to Seattle
- SE Asian and East African populations originally
 - *Cambodian, Ethiopian, Oromo, Somali, Tigrean and Vietnamese.*
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MULTIMEDIA PATIENT EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT: CANCER

EthnoMed and Healthy Roads Media, in collaboration with the Community House Calls Program at Harborview and its community partners, produced a series of handouts and Flash video slideshows in seven languages (**Amharic, English, Khmer, Somali, Spanish, Tigrinya and Vietnamese**) that provide introductory information about several topics: biopsy procedures, cancer chemotherapy, prostate cancer and surgeries for breast cancer.

[Biopsy](#) | [Cancer Chemotherapy](#) | [Prostate Cancer](#) | [Surgeries for Breast Cancer](#)

Cancer education was identified by the Community House Calls staff as a major area of need for EthnoMed content development. The program's Caseworker / Cultural Mediators (CCMs) served as advisors and narrators, community members provided linguistic/cultural input, and health care providers gave clinical input to develop the new education materials. The project also supports CCMs in utilizing iPads for delivering health education to patients and community groups.



The new materials are available for web viewing via both the [EthnoMed](#) and [Healthy Roads Media](#) websites. [Healthy Roads Media](#) is also hosting mobile video

Welcome To EthnoMed

EthnoMed contains information about cultural beliefs, medical issues and related topics pertinent to the health care of immigrants to Seattle or the US, many of whom are refugees fleeing war-torn parts of the world.

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Local Somali Leader Honored As Champion Of Change

Mohamed Ali, a Somali refugee with a master's degree in public health, has been recognized by the White House as a **Champion of**

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MEXICO

Geography

Mexico is bordered to the North by Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. To the South it is bordered by Guatemala and Belize. To the East is the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. To the West is the Pacific Ocean. The total area of Mexico is 1,972,550 sq. km which is slightly less than three times the size of Texas. The climate varies from tropical to desert and the terrain includes high rugged mountains, deserts, low coastal plains and high plateaus. Mexico is made up of 31 states and has Mexico city as its capital.

History and Politics

Originally inhabited by many different ethnic groups from which you can mention the Mayas, Zapotec, Aztec and others, Mexico, like much of South and Central America, was colonized by the Spanish, being occupied from 1521-1810. Colonization led to both the acquisition of Spanish culture and the loss of great part of the Aztec culture, with the present day culture being a melange of the two. Mexican independence occurred September 16, 1810 and was sparked by the Napoleonic threat to acquire what was then "New Spain". Afraid of losing their emerging culture, the "criollos" (descendants of the Spaniards born in Mexico) and the "mestizos" (descendants of the Spanish and Indian intermarriages) united in a movement known as "Los Insurgentes" which eventually overthrew Spain.

Texas at that time was sparsely inhabited, having been neglected by Spain in the years prior to the revolution. The newly formed Mexican government therefore allowed US citizens to settle there. These citizens did not adopt the Mexican language or culture and in 1829 when Mexico

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Etiquette

Studies indicate that Hispanics expect a caregiver to show warmth to a patient and family members and should not be strictly business (Zouchay). A physician should be attentive, take their time, show respect, and if possible communicate in Spanish. Some simple phrases are listed above for those who do not know any Spanish. Hispanics also have more respect for care givers if they exhibit confidence.

Family Life and Kinship Structure

Although Mexican families tend to be Patriarchal, it is the mother who is in charge of health care (Gonzalez-Swafford). Home remedies are passed on from mother to daughter. When a family member is sick, it is a family crisis and often there will be many people to whom the in charge of health care, for more difficult and chronic treatments, it is often important to physician will have to explain the disease process (Davidhizar). Although the mother is the one convince the father that this is necessary.

Adulthood and Old Age

For information on geriatrics and older Hispanic/Latino Americans, see Stanford's Ethno Med [Health and Health Care of Hispanic/Latino American Older Adults](#). This is an on-line learning module, but you can download the module as a PDF and print the cultural profile by filling out a short survey. Additional cultures and geriatric information also available on their site.

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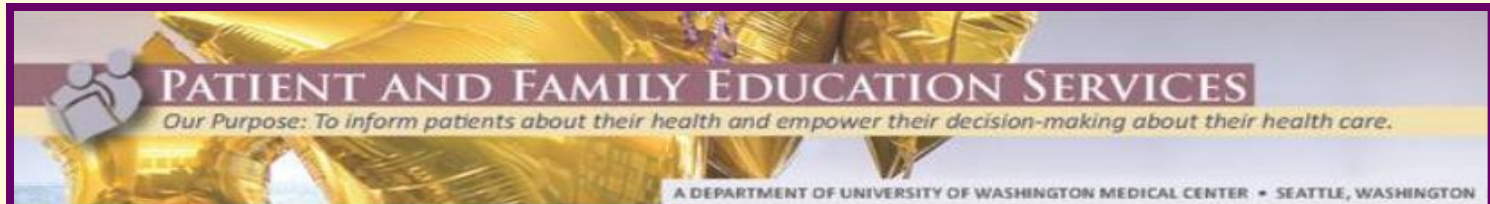
Food is often used to cure illness as will be discussed later (Gonzalez-Swafford). Here we list some foods as they are categorized for healing.

Cold Foods	Hot Foods
Beans	Aromatic Beverages
Corn products	Chili
Dairy products	Expensive Meats (beef, water fowl, fish, mutton)

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How does the Latino culture deal with illness?

Explaining the Causes of Illness and Disease

- Your patient may see illness as an imbalance. The imbalance may be between internal and external sources (for example, hot and cold, natural vs. supernatural, the soul is separate from the body).
 - **Ask your patient, "Can you tell me what caused your illness?"**
- There are folk-defined diseases such as *empacho* (stomach ailment) and standard western medically defined diseases such as measles, asthma, and TB.
- Many patients seek medical care from *curanderos* or other folk healers.
 - **Ask about use of pharmaceuticals or home therapies such as herbal remedies or certain foods. Screen for possible patient use of injectables, especially antibiotics or vitamins. Ask if you can see the home treatment if your patient cannot identify the substance.**

Helping Your Patient Take an Active Role in Care and Recovery

- Your patient may believe that God determines the outcome of illness.
 - **Consider the impact religion will have in your patient's active participation in health care recovery. You can validate your patient's belief by asking, "Will God be served by taking the best care of yourself?"**
- The patient is seen as an innocent victim, and will be expected to be passive when ill.
 - **Help your patient take an active role in his or her recovery.**

Helping Your Patient Feel Comfortable with UWMC

- Remember to find out if this is your patient's first visit to University of Washington Medical Center.
 - **Keep in mind that patients who are new to the system may not be aware of the role of the Primary Care Team or the process for getting a referral to a specialist.**

Understanding Concerns About Depression

- Depression may not be seen as an illness. It is often seen as a weakness and an embarrassment to family.
 - **Treat these issues with respect. You may want to also offer the services of a clergy member.**

How are medical decisions made in the Latino culture?

Making Decisions About Health Care

- The mother determines when a family member requires medical care; the male head of the household gives permission to go to the medical center.
- Head of household, often oldest adult male, is the decision-maker, but important decisions often involve the whole family. The family spokesperson is usually the father or oldest male.
 - **Ask your patient about whom they want to be included in medical decisions. If the patient does not want to make medical decisions for themselves, let them know they need to prepare a Durable Power of Attorney for health care.**
 - **When possible, engage the whole family in discussions that involve decisions about care.**

Managing Medical News

- The family would prefer to hear about bad medical news before the patient is informed. The family spokesperson usually delivers information about the severity of illness. The family may want to shield the patient from the bad news.

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Meta-analysis of the effect of herbal supplement on glycemic control in type 2 diabetes.

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Abstract

ETHNOPHARMACOLOGICAL RELEVANCE: A variety of herbs has been used in traditional medicine for the treatment of type 2 diabetes. However, evidence is limited regarding the efficacy of individual herbs for glycemic control. We performed a systematic review and meta-analysis to evaluate the effect of herbal supplement on glycemic control in type 2 diabetes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Randomized controlled trials were identified through electronic searches (MEDLINE, EMBASE and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials) up until February 2011, historical searches of relevant articles and personal contact with experts in the area. Studies were included in the meta-analysis if they were (1) randomized placebo-controlled trial of single herb aimed at assessing glycemic control in type 2 diabetes, (2) of at least 8 weeks duration, and (3) reporting HbA(1c). Treatment effect was estimated with mean difference in the final value of HbA(1c) and FBG between the treatment and the placebo groups.

RESULTS: Nine randomized, placebo-controlled trials (n = 487 patients) were identified. Ipomoea batatas, Silybum marianum and Trigonella foenum-graecum significantly improved glycemic control, whereas Cinnamomum cassia did not. The pooled mean differences in HbA(1c) were -0.30% (95% CI -0.04% to -0.57%; P = 0.02), -1.92% (95% CI -0.51% to -3.32%; P = 0.008), and -1.13% (95% CI -0.11% to -2.14%; P = 0.03), respectively, for Ipomoea batatas, Silybum marianum, and Trigonella foenum-graecum. The corresponding values for FBG were -10.20mg/dL (95% CI -5.32 mg/dL to -15.08 mg/dL; P<0.0001) and -38.05 mg/dL (95% CI -9.54 mg/dL to -66.57 mg/dL; P = 0.009), respectively, for Ipomoea batatas and Silybum marianum.

CONCLUSIONS: The current evidence suggests that supplementation with Ipomoea batatas, Silybum marianum, and Trigonella foenum-graecum may improve glycemic control in type 2 diabetes. Such effect was not observed with Cinnamomum cassia. Given the limitations of the available studies and high heterogeneity of the study results for milk thistle and fenugreek, further high quality, large controlled trials using standardized preparation are warranted to better elucidate the effects of these herbs on glycemic control in type 2 diabetes patients.

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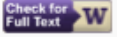


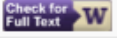


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