

# Preventing Diabetes: From Theory to Reality

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## Outline: Key Questions, Research Evidence, Clinical Guidance

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A SNAPSHOT

# DIABETES IN THE UNITED STATES

## PREDIABETES

84.1  
MILLION



84.1 million people —  
more than 1 out of 3 adults —  
have prediabetes



9 OUT OF 10 don't know they  
have prediabetes



2 out of 5

2 out of every 5 Americans are expected  
to develop type 2 diabetes in their lifetime.



## COST



\$245  
BILLION

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

Risk of death  
for adults with  
diabetes is



50%  
HIGHER



than for  
adults without  
diabetes



More than 5,000 youth  
diagnosed each year in  
2011 and 2012

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



BLINDNESS



KIDNEY  
FAILURE



HEART  
DISEASE



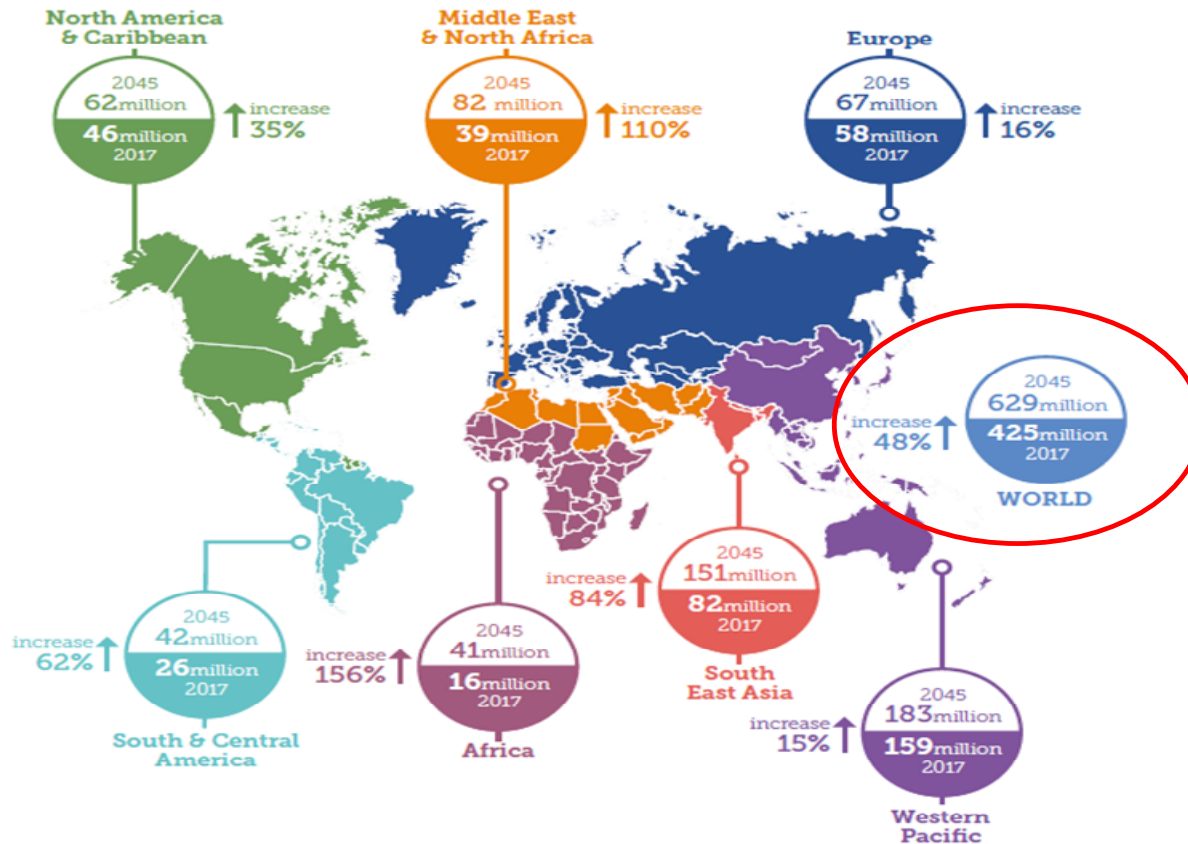
STROKE



LOSS OF  
TOES, FEET,  
OR LEGS



# Diabetes: A global emergency



## Prevalence of Prediabetes by BMI and Race/Ethnicity in the PORTAL Multisite Cohort (KP, HealthPartners, Denver Health)

- 4,906,238 individuals aged  $\geq 20$  years, 2012-2013
- Prediabetes prevalence: 33%
- Higher burden of prediabetes (and diabetes) at lower BMIs in racial/ethnic minorities than whites

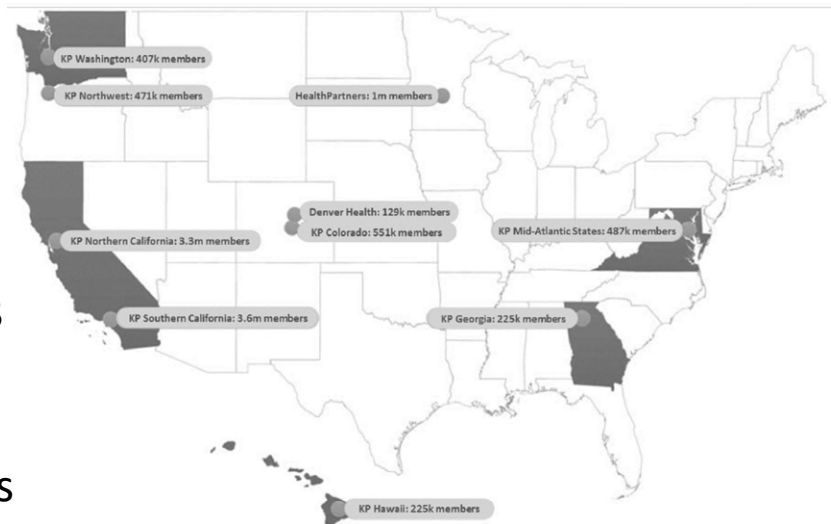
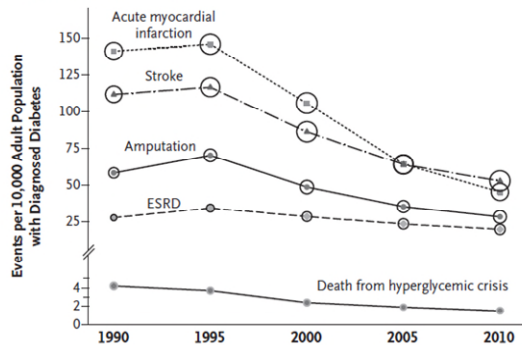


Table 2—Age-standardized prevalence of diabetes and prediabetes by race/ethnicity and BMI category per 100 PORTAL Network cohort members: 2012–2013

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	All
No.	2,454,388	467,994	1,058,351	620,813	67,190	26,324	4,906,238
<b>Prediabetes prevalence</b>							
Overall	31.0 (30.2–31.1)	32.0 (31.9–32.1)	35.3 (35.2–35.4)	37.1 (37.0–37.2)	36.7 (36.4–37.1)	31.1 (30.6–31.7)	33.4 (33.3–33.5)
<b>BMI*</b>							
Underweight	21.1 (20.6–21.5)	23.9 (22.4–25.4)	23.8 (22.4–25.2)	29.5 (28.8–30.3)	29.5 (25.7–33.4)	17.5 (12.6–22.4)	23.9 (23.5–24.3)
Normal weight	24.4 (24.3–24.5)	26.9 (26.6–27.2)	29.3 (29.0–29.5)	33.0 (32.7–33.2)	33.7 (33.0–34.4)	26.3 (25.2–27.4)	26.8 (26.7–26.9)
Overweight	31.9 (31.8–32.0)	31.2 (31.0–31.5)	35.6 (35.4–35.7)	38.1 (38.0–38.3)	37.5 (36.9–38.2)	31.4 (30.5–32.4)	34.3 (34.2–34.3)
Obese class 1	35.0 (34.9–35.1)	33.3 (33.0–33.6)	37.5 (37.3–37.7)	39.3 (39.0–39.6)	37.1 (36.3–37.9)	32.3 (31.1–33.5)	36.7 (36.6–36.8)
Obese class 2	35.4 (35.2–35.6)	34.0 (33.6–34.4)	36.8 (36.5–37.1)	37.2 (36.6–37.7)	35.1 (33.9–36.4)	33.9 (32.1–35.6)	36.4 (36.3–36.5)
Obese class 3	35.1 (34.8–35.4)	34.8 (34.3–35.3)	35.6 (35.1–36.1)	34.1 (33.1–35.2)	34.9 (33.2–36.7)	34.3 (31.6–37.0)	35.8 (35.5–36.0)
Obese class 4	35.3 (34.5–36.0)	36.8 (35.5–38.2)	33.9 (32.5–35.3)	30.2 (26.4–33.9)	37.7 (32.5–43.0)	34.2 (29.6–38.8)	35.9 (35.3–36.5)
P for trend†	0.016	0.039	0.102	0.896	0.377	0.016	0.039

**A Population with Diabetes**



“The annual numbers of amputations, cases of endstage renal disease, and strokes continue to increase because of the large increase in the number of prevalent cases of diabetes.”

What is the potential impact of diabetes prevention?

**Table 1. Age-Standardized Rates of Diabetes Complications among U.S. Adults with Diagnosed Diabetes.\***

Variable	Year					Change, 1990–2010
	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	Absolute Change (95% CI)
No. of adults with diagnosed diabetes	6,536,163	7,862,661	11,799,201	16,066,108	20,676,427	
<b>Acute myocardial infarction</b>						
No. of cases	140,122	183,605	191,011	158,616	135,743	–4379
No./10,000 persons (95% CI)	141.1 (125.3 to 156.8)	145.9 (130.9 to 160.9)	105.7 (96.1 to 115.2)	64.2 (57.4 to 70.9)	45.5 (34.6 to 56.4)	–95.6 (–114.6 to –76.6)
<b>Stroke</b>						
No. of cases	127,016	162,895	178,755	171,429	186,719	59,703
No./10,000 persons (95% CI)	111.8 (98.9 to 124.7)	116.6 (104.3 to 128.9)	86.2 (78.8 to 93.7)	64.1 (58.1 to 70.1)	52.9 (41.1 to 64.7)	–58.9 (–76.2 to –41.6)
<b>Amputation</b>						
No. of cases	50,364	76,531	80,658	69,074	73,067	22,703
No./10,000 persons (95% CI)	58.4 (49.3 to 67.4)	70.4 (59.1 to 81.7)	48.7 (41.6 to 55.9)	35.5 (30.9 to 40.1)	28.4 (19.4 to 37.3)	–30.0 (–42.6 to –17.4)
<b>End-stage renal disease</b>						
No. of cases	17,763	29,259	41,477	46,917	50,197	32,434
No./10,000 (95% CI)	27.9 (25.7 to 30.0)	34.5 (31.9 to 37.1)	28.6 (27.6 to 29.7)	23.6 (22.8 to 24.5)	20.0 (19.1 to 20.9)	–7.9 (–10.2 to –5.5)

“While the average adult with diabetes in the USA has a lower risk of CVD than in previous decades, the average adult in the general population has an increased risk of diabetes-related CVD than in previous decades because of the **large increase in diabetes prevalence.**”

## Personal Take-Home #1 (On scope and potential impact):

“The burden of the wide spectrum of complications in those with diabetes **will ultimately be influenced by efforts to prevent diabetes.**”

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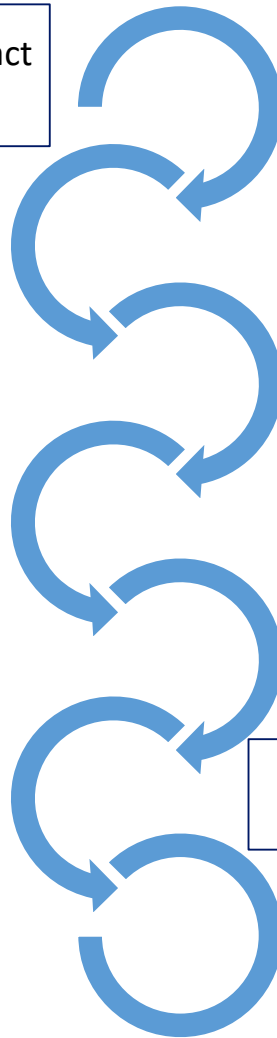
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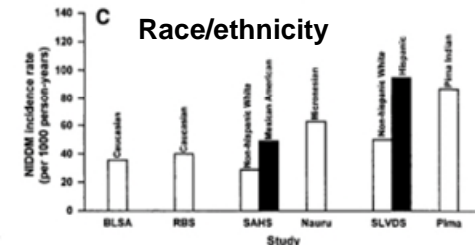
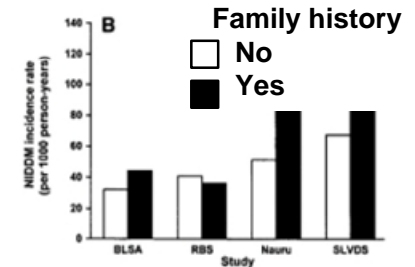
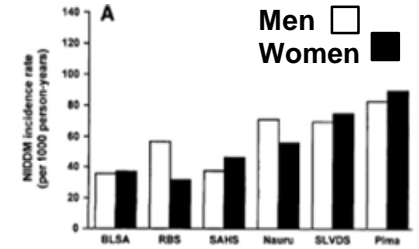
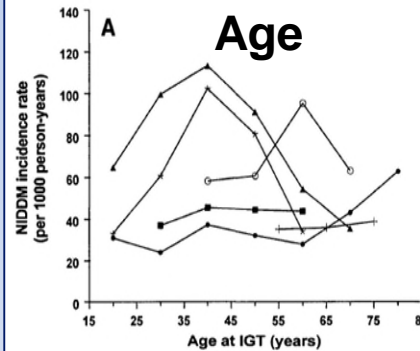




# What We Knew About the Risk of Progression from Impaired Glucose Tolerance to Diabetes before the DPP

## An Analysis of Six Prospective Studies

- Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging (MD)
- Rancho Bernardo Study (CA)
- San Antonio Heart Study (TX)
- Micronesian island of Nauru in Pacific Ocean
- San Luis Valley Diabetes Study (CO)
- Pima Indian Study (Gila River Indian Community, AZ)





# Diabetes Prevention Program Eligibility Criteria

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- High-risk individuals
  - Impaired Glucose Tolerance: 2 hour post-challenge glucose 140 - 199 mg/dl, and
  - Fasting glucose 95 - 125 mg/dl  
(American Indians < 125 mg/dl)
  - Body mass index  $\geq 24$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> (Asians  $\geq 22$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> )
- Age  $\geq 25$  years
- All ethnic groups - goal of 50% from high risk populations

# Screening for Prediabetes or Diabetes in Asymptomatic Adults

**Table 2.3—Criteria for testing for diabetes or prediabetes in asymptomatic adults**

1. Testing should be considered in overweight or obese ( $\text{BMI} \geq 25 \text{ kg/m}^2$  or  $\geq 23 \text{ kg/m}^2$  in Asian Americans) adults who have one or more 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 ( $\geq 140/90 \text{ mmHg}$  or on therapy for hypertension)
  - HDL cholesterol level  $< 35 \text{ mg/dL}$  ( $0.90 \text{ mmol/L}$ ) and/or a triglyceride level  $> 250 \text{ mg/dL}$  ( $2.82 \text{ mmol/L}$ )
  - Women with polycystic ovary syndrome
  - Physical inactivity
  - Other clinical conditions associated with insulin resistance (e.g., severe obesity, acanthosis nigricans)
2. Patients with prediabetes ( $\text{A1C} \geq 5.7\%$  [ $39 \text{ mmol/mol}$ ], IGT, or IFG) should be tested yearly.
3. Women who were diagnosed with GDM should have lifelong testing at least every 3 years.
4. For all other patients, testing should begin at age 45 years.
5. If results are normal, testing should be repeated at a minimum of 3-year intervals, with consideration of more frequent testing depending on initial results and risk status.

# Criteria Defining “Prediabetes”

**Table 2.5—Criteria defining prediabetes\***

FPG 100 mg/dL (5.6 mmol/L) to 125 mg/dL (6.9 mmol/L) (IFG)

OR

2-h PG during 75-g OGTT 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) to 199 mg/dL (11.0 mmol/L) (IGT)

OR

A1C 5.7–6.4% (39–47 mmol/mol)

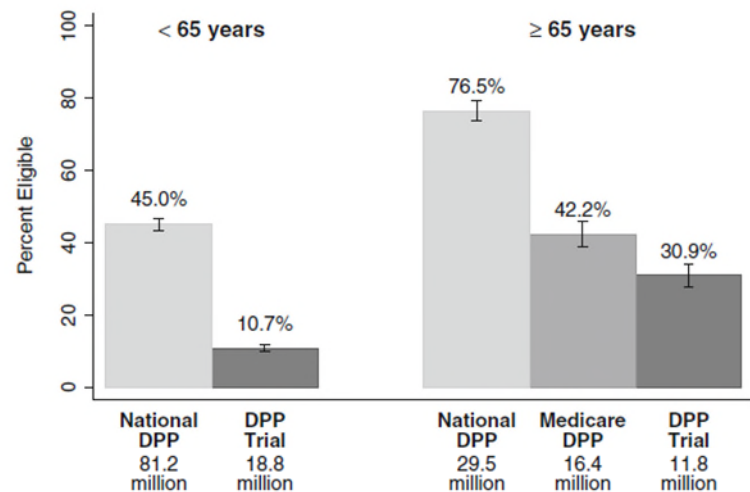
\*For all three tests, risk is continuous, extending below the lower limit of the range and becoming disproportionately greater at the higher end of the range.

**“ ‘Prediabetes’ is the term used for individuals whose glucose levels do not meet the criteria for diabetes but are too high to be considered normal... Prediabetes should not be viewed as a clinical entity in its own right but rather as an increased risk for diabetes and cardiovascular disease.”**

# “Prediabetes”: Are There Problems With This Label? Yes, the Label Creates Further Problems!

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- Risk of progressing to diabetes in the DPP (both Impaired Fasting Glucose and Impaired Glucose Tolerance):  
~50% over 10 years
- ADA-defined prediabetes (86 million):  
2%/year
- Risk of disease-labeling of many lower-risk people for whom no evidence exists
- [WHO: “Intermediate hyperglycemia”]

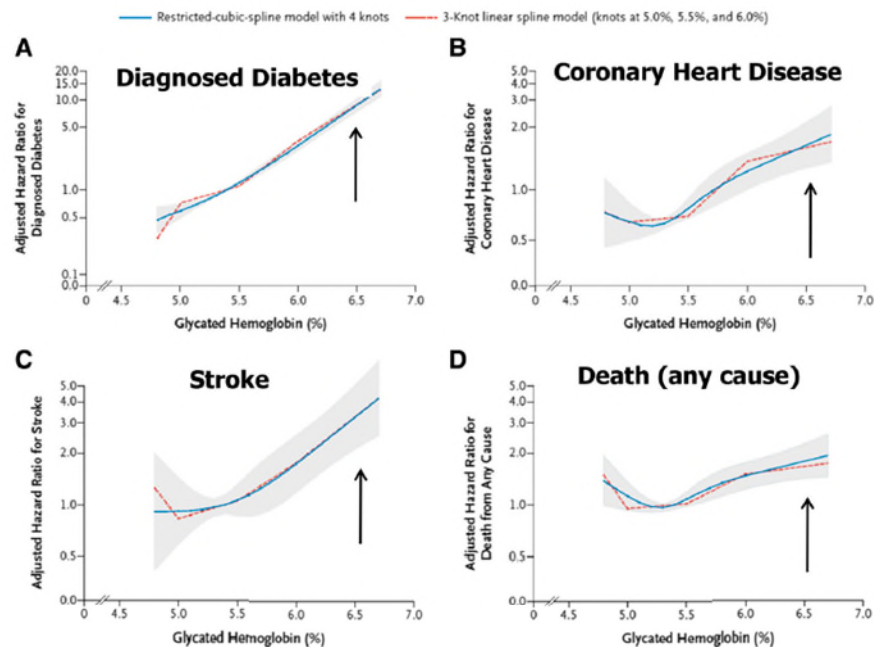


	National DPP Eligibility Criteria	Medicare DPP Eligibility Criteria	DPP Trial Eligibility Criteria
Age	≥ 18 years	≥ 65 years	≥ 25 years
BMI	Overweight or obese	Overweight or obese	Overweight or obese
Criteria	A1c 5.7-6.4% OR FPG 100-125 mg/dl OR 2-h glucose 140-199 mg/dl OR h/o GDM or CDC Risk Score ≥ 9	A1c 5.7-6.4% OR FPG 110-125 mg/dl OR 2-h glucose 140-199 mg/dL	FPG 95-125 mg/dl <b>AND</b> 2-h glucose 140-199 mg/dL

# “Prediabetes”: Are There Problems With This Label? No, We Need Heightened Awareness of This Condition!

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1. The risk for progression of diabetes is present at the lower cut points suggested for diagnosing prediabetes.
2. There are significant clinical implications for prediabetes for microvascular disease.
3. Prediabetes identifies a cohort for which there needs to be a heightened awareness of cardiovascular disease risk and, therefore, further evaluation.
4. Lifestyle interventions to prevent type 2 diabetes are effective among persons at increased risk.



Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study:  
n=11,092

## Recommendation

**3.7** Prediabetes is associated with heightened cardiovascular risk; therefore, screening for and treatment of modifiable risk factors for cardiovascular disease is suggested. **B**



## **Personal Take-Home #2 (on screening):**

‘Prediabetes’ (or ‘Intermediate hyperglycemia’) represents a part of the continuum of risk, for both diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and thus individuals at risk of diabetes or cardiovascular disease should be screened.

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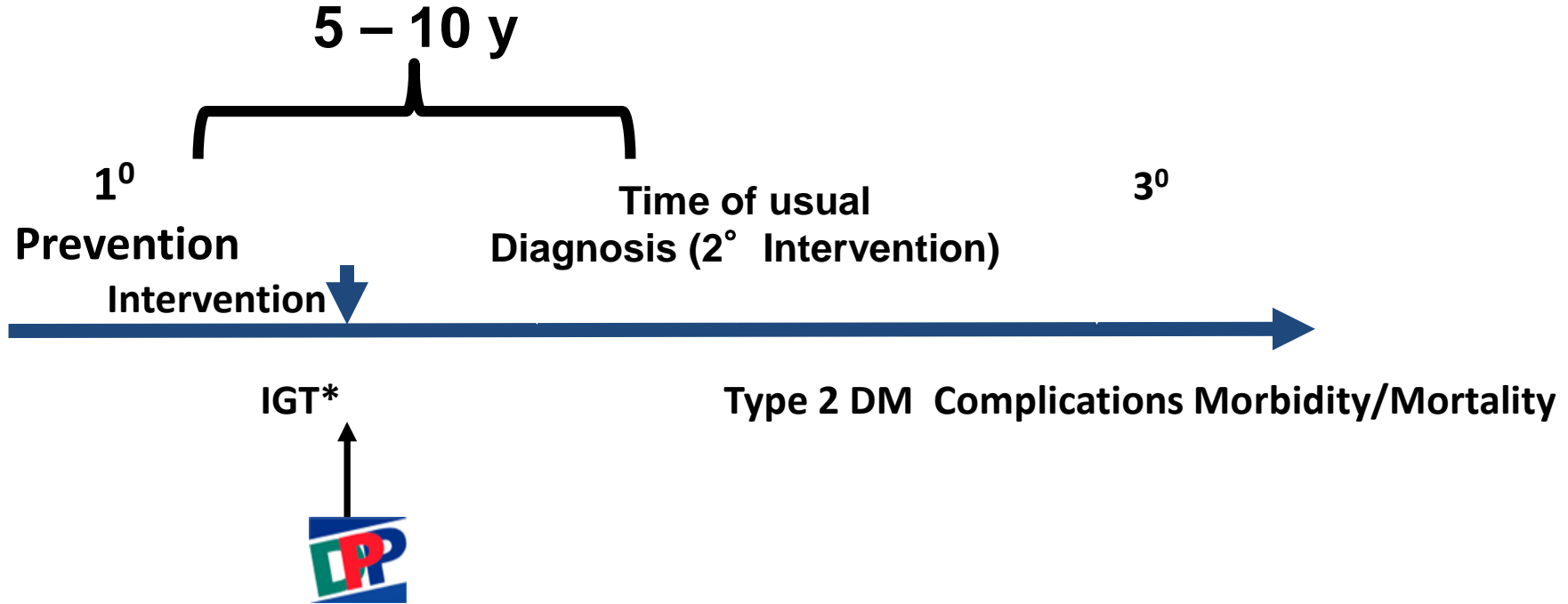
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# Spectrum of Dysglycemia: Potential for Intervention



\*IGT: Impaired Glucose Tolerance

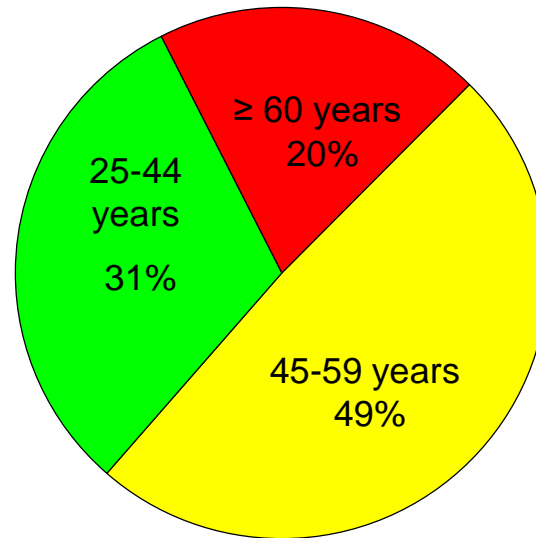
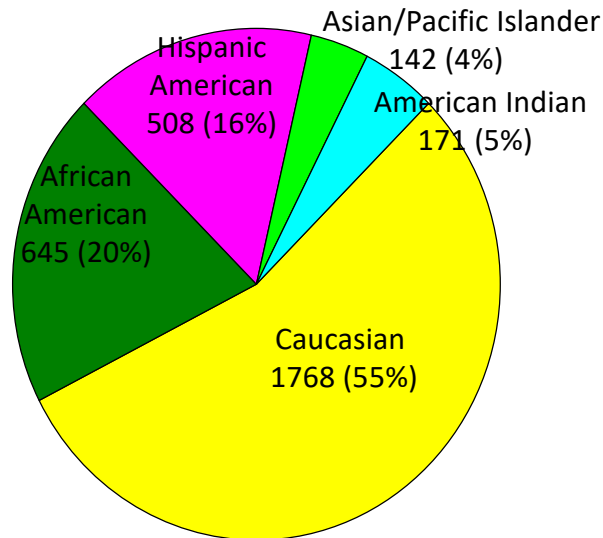
# **DPP Goals: Primary Objective**

**Can we prevent or delay the development of  
type 2 diabetes in persons at high risk?**

**(impaired glucose tolerance, elevated fasting glucose levels,  
and overweight or obese)**

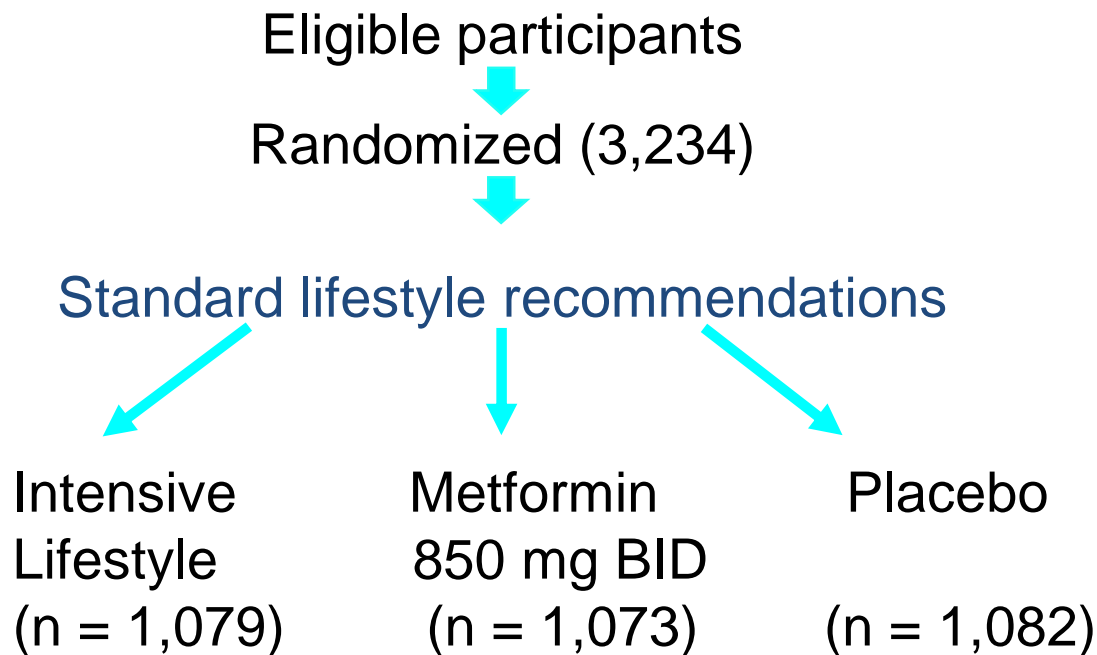


# DPP Population was heterogeneous, facilitating generalizability and translation of results



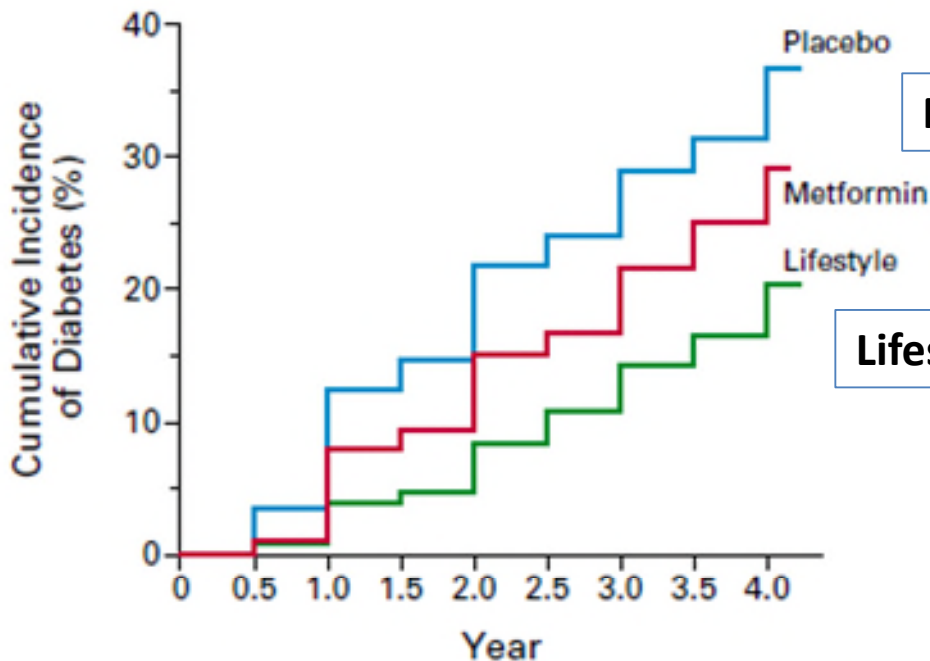
- 68% were women, including 350 women with a history of gestational diabetes
- Mean age: 51 years
- Mean BMI 34 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Mean FPG 107 mg/dl, mean 2-hour postchallenge glucose 165 mg/dl
- Baseline HbA1c 5.9%

# DPP: Study Design



Primary Outcome: Development of diabetes based on annual OGTT (fasting and/or 2-hour glucose value) or semiannual FPG

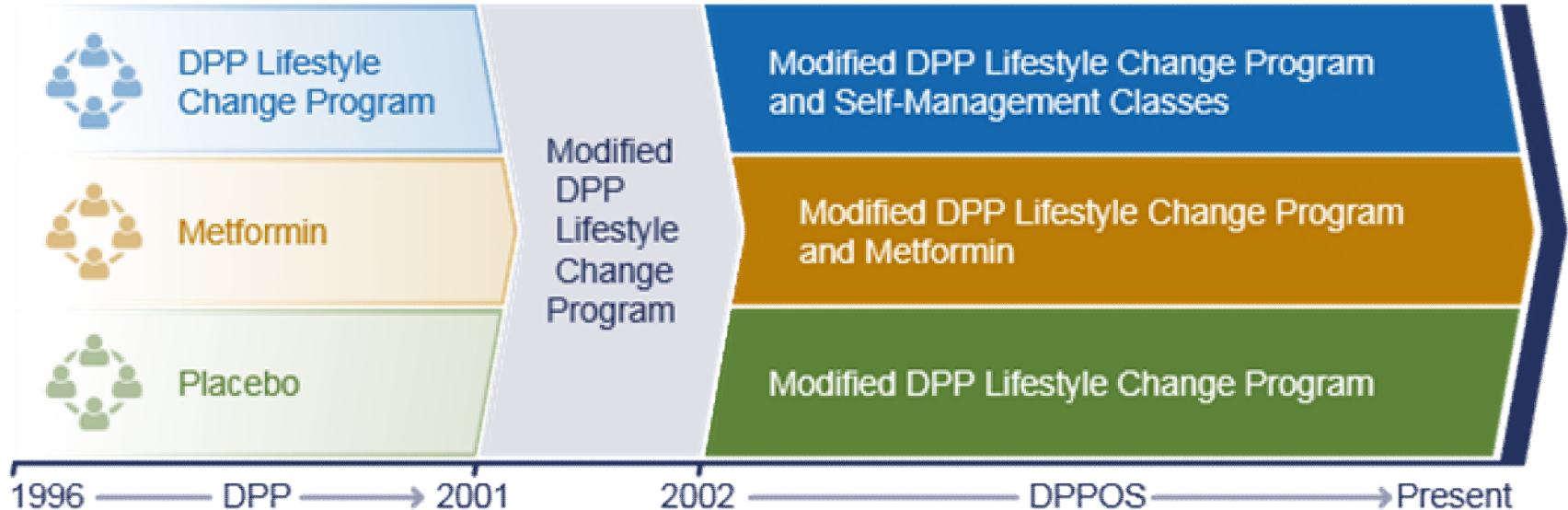
# Effects of intensive lifestyle intervention or metformin on diabetes prevention/delay: 1996-2001



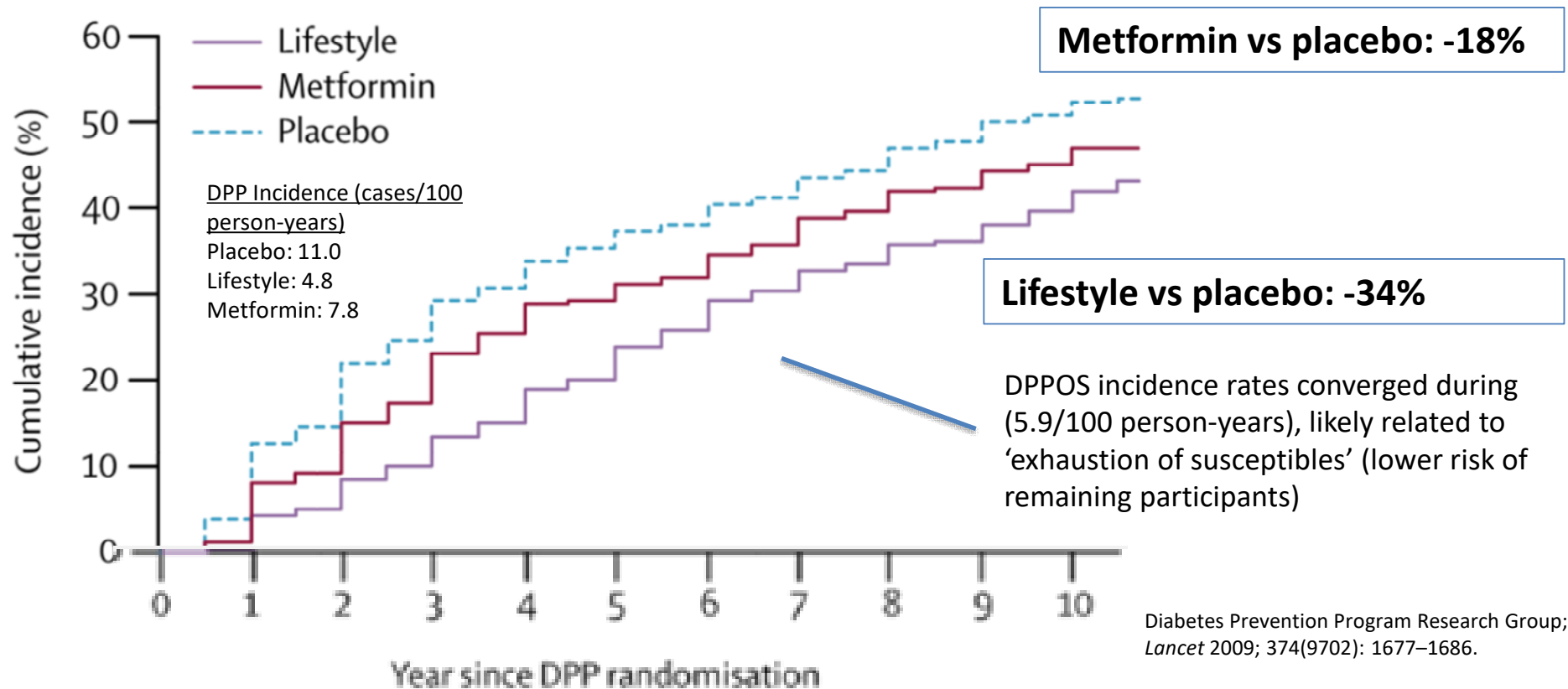
**Figure 2.** Cumulative Incidence of Diabetes According to Study Group.

# Continued follow up of DPP Cohort (86% eligible) in DPPOS

## DPP & DPPOS Timeline



# DPPOS: 10 years post-randomization





# 10-years: Diabetes Prevention is Cost-Effective

Compared to the placebo intervention:

- The lifestyle intervention cost ~\$1,700 more per person over 10 years but substantially improved quality-of-life  
“cost-effective”
- The metformin intervention cost ~\$100 less per person over 10 years and marginally improved quality-of-life  
“cost-saving”

# Translational Impact of DPP

**Congressionally-established  
National Diabetes Prevention Program**

**National Diabetes Education Program/HHS**

**Health System  
Programs**

**State Programs**

**CMS**

**Community Programs  
(e.g. Y-DPP;  
United Health Group)**



**ADA Consensus**

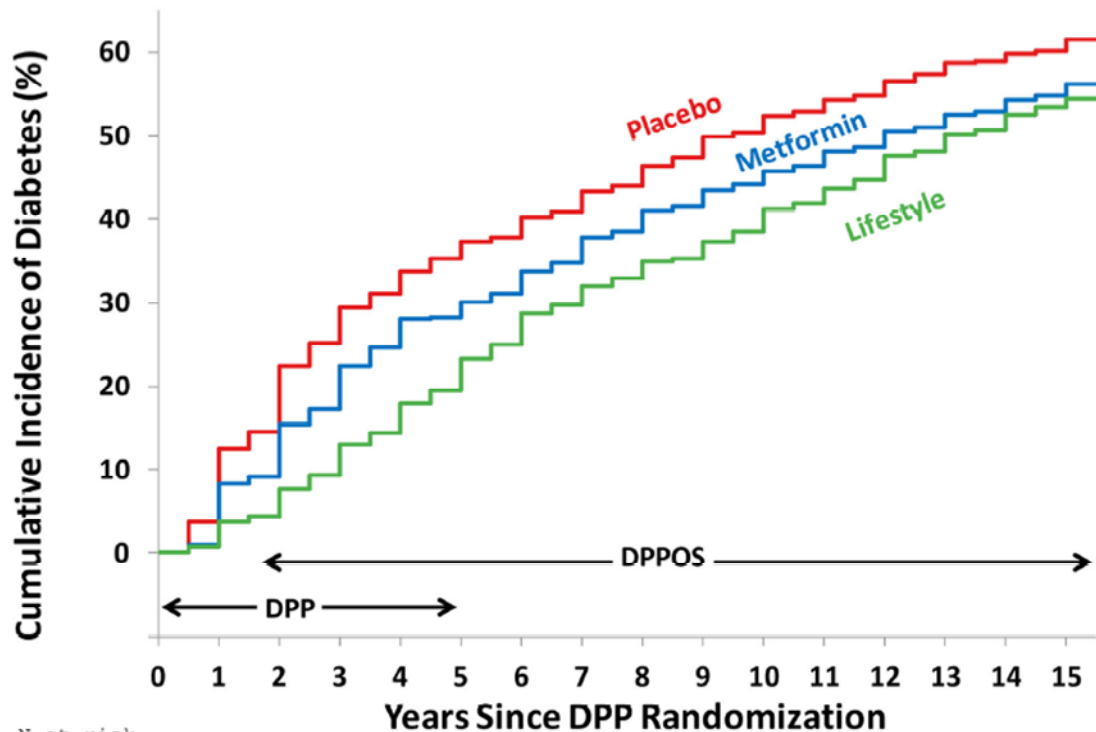
**US Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

**International  
Programs**

**Indian Health Service**

**Workplace Intervention  
Programs**

# DPP/DPPPOS: 15-year follow-up (1996-2013)



**Metformin vs  
placebo: -18%**

**Lifestyle vs  
placebo: -27%**

Cumulative incidence of  
diabetes:

Placebo: 62%

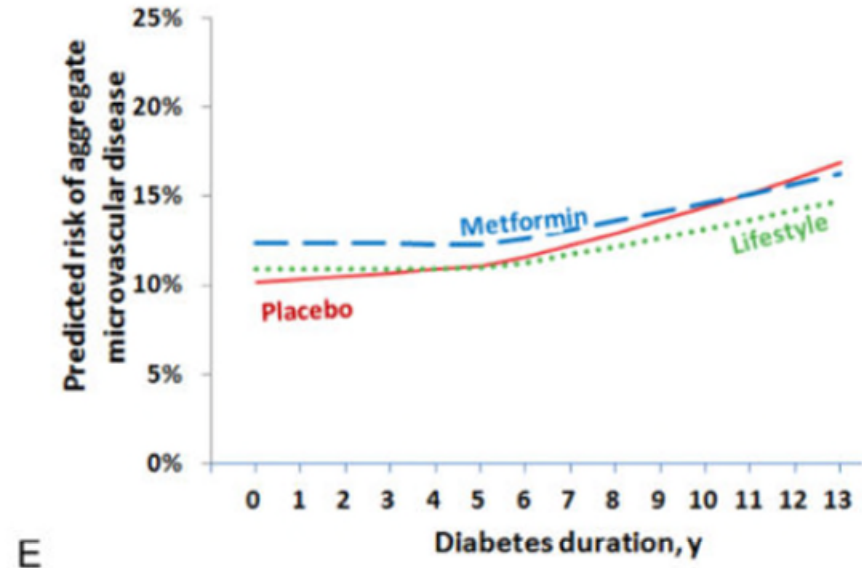
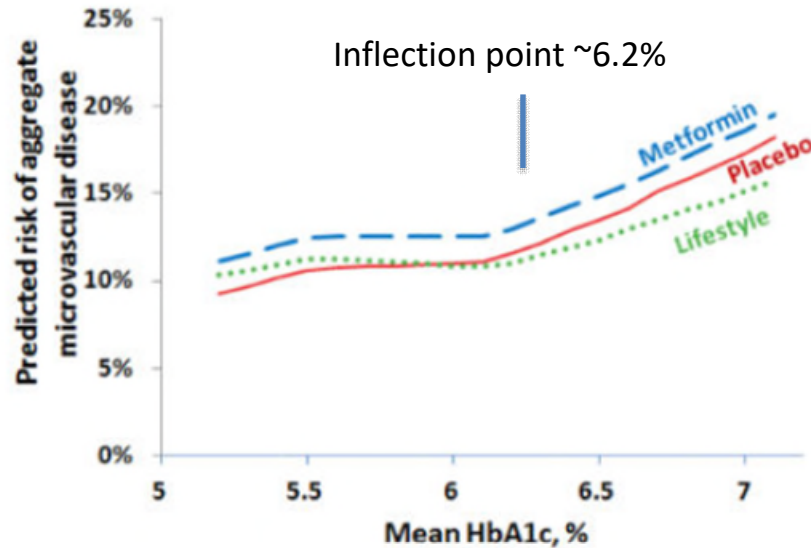
Lifestyle: 55%

Metformin: 56%

N at risk																			
Placebo	935	900	799	699	640	595	562	522	485	445	416	387	364	339	317	255			
Metformin	926	918	841	766	692	647	611	575	529	499	465	441	420	393	370	289			
Lifestyle	915	908	876	829	782	730	671	617	582	550	509	475	443	400	372	285			

**Approximately one-half of DPP  
participants have not developed  
diabetes during the entire study  
(or... approximately half did)**

**Composite of microvascular outcomes (nephropathy, neuropathy, retinopathy) at 15 years was 28% less in those who did not progress to diabetes, without difference by treatment**

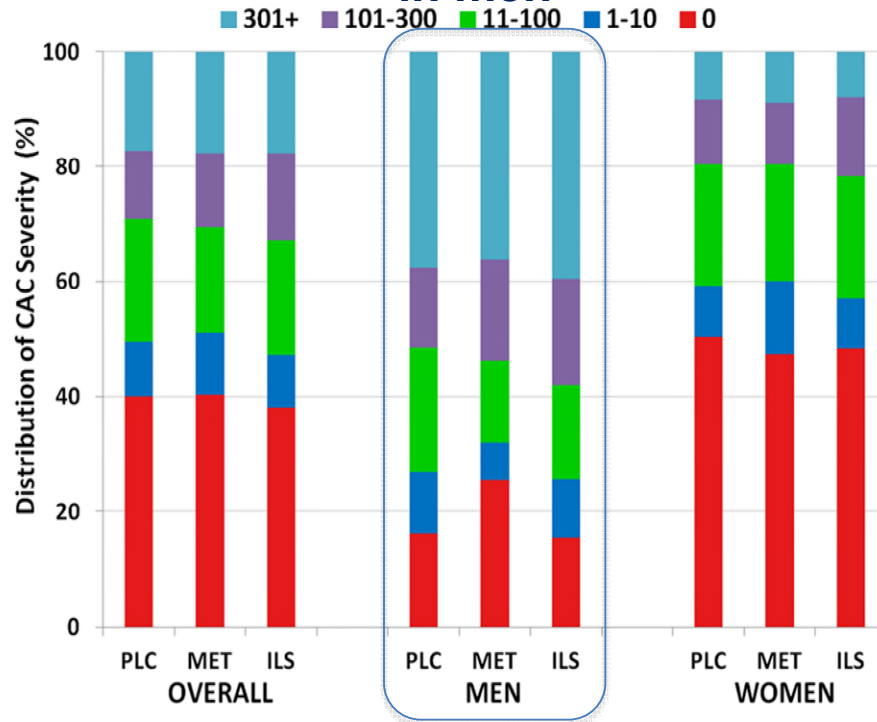


# Favorable effects of intervention on cardiovascular risk factors

- DPP:
  - Lifestyle: improvements in blood pressure, HDL, TG, LDL particle size, biomarkers of inflammation, coagulation, endothelial dysfunction, metabolic syndrome (fewer BP and lipid meds)
  - Metformin: modest effects on TG and novel biomarkers
- DPPOS (10 years): no significant differences between treatment groups

**Development of diabetes accompanied by unfavorable changes in cardiometabolic factors in all 3 arms**

# Metformin reduces presence and severity of Coronary Artery Calcification (CAC) in men

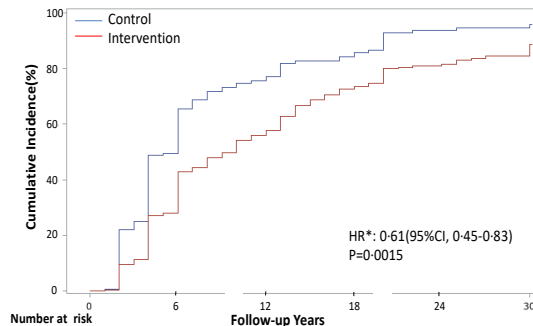


- MET vs. Placebo lowered the presence and severity of CAC in men, with no effect in women
- No reduction in the prevalence of clinically significant plaque (Agatston score > 100), suggesting that metformin affects smaller more recently calcified plaques, rather than well-established plaques

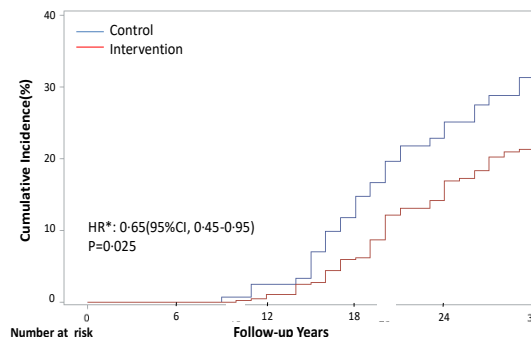
# 30-year follow up of the Da Qing Diabetes Prevention Study

(n=577, 6 years of lifestyle intervention vs control in IGT)

## Diabetes



## Microvascular Disease

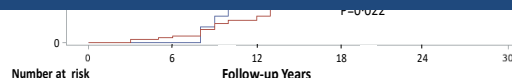


At 30 years:

- 39% reduction in diabetes, median delay in diabetes by 3.96 years
- 33% reduction in CV death
- 26% reduction in CVD events
- 26% reduction in all-cause mortality
- 35% reduction in microvascular complications
- Increase in 1.44 life years

Multivariate models that corrected for time of onset of diabetes nullified the significance of the intervention effect for each of the primary outcomes.

I.e. Reduced incidence of these outcomes is accounted for by the **delay in diabetes onset** in the intervention group.





## **Personal Take-Home #3 (To treat or not to treat? To treat!):**

Diabetes prevention interventions in patients at risk delay/prevent the progression to type 2 diabetes. The ability to prevent exposure to hyperglycemia (level, duration, diabetes) is associated with significant reduction in diabetes-related morbidity and mortality.

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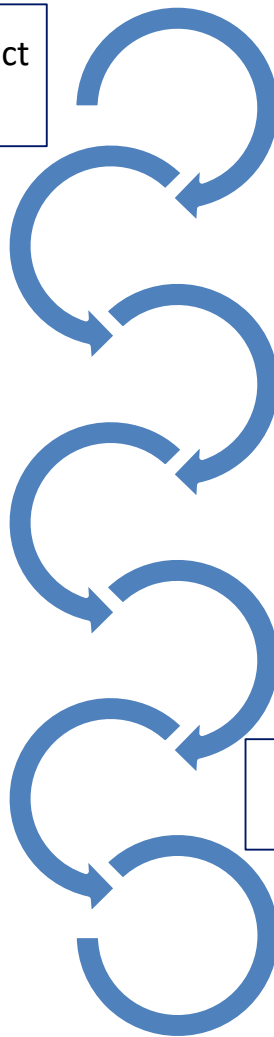
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# Intensive Lifestyle Intervention

## Behavioral Modification

An intensive program with the following specific goals:

- $\geq 7\%$  loss of body weight and maintenance of body weight loss
- $\geq 150$  minutes per week of moderate physical activity



# Reminder: DPP was an EFFICACY study!

- Intensive lifestyle intervention:
  - Individual lifestyle coaches and access to support staff:
    - Dietitian
    - Behavioral counselor
    - Exercise specialist
  - 16-session individual curriculum, covering nutrition, exercise, and behavioral self-management
  - Kept food journals (mandatory requirement in run-in period)
- The “Toolbox”



# Lifestyle Intervention in the DPP

“The lifestyle participants went through what amounts to a kind of graduate-level education in how to change their lives.”

“In some respects, the coaches and others in the trial became the *federally funded equivalent of nagging relatives*, determined to keep participants adherent to the trial interventions and deeply motivated.”

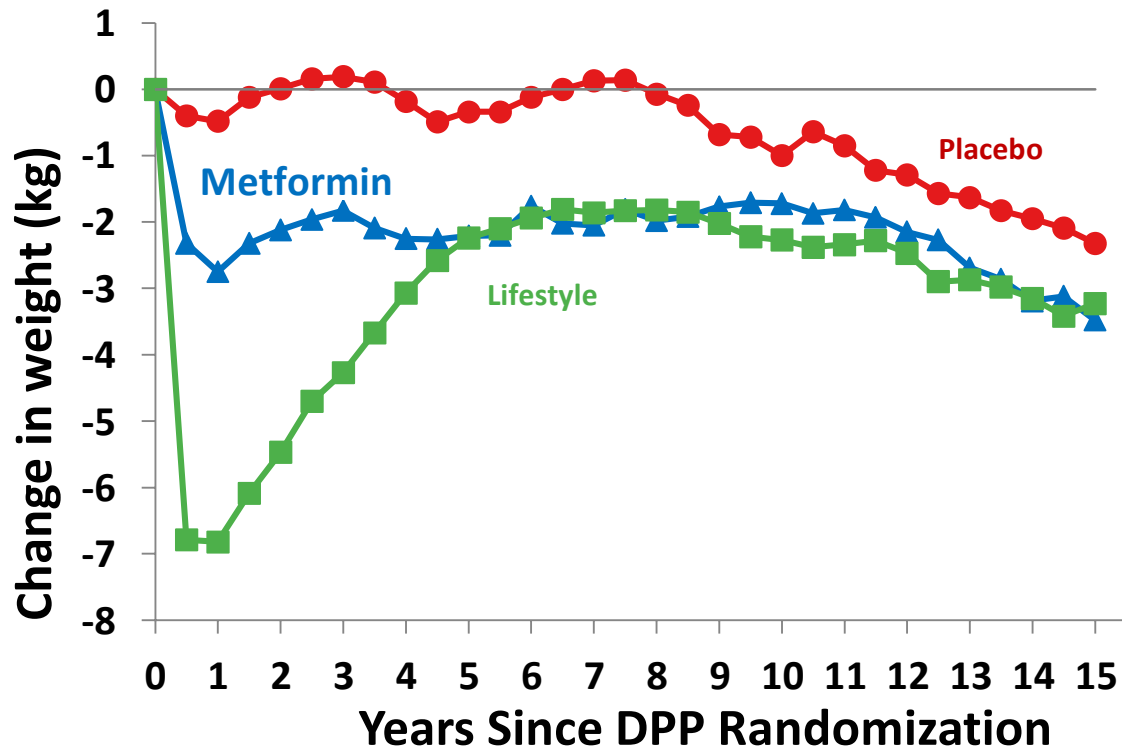
“Nike shoes, gym memberships, grocery vouchers, digital scales...We even bought one participant a treadmill.”

“Vanita, we even went knocking on doors. We did whatever it took.”

## **“Standard lifestyle education” (1996-2002)**

- Both metformin and placebo received standard lifestyle recommendations
- Written information, plus
  - Annual 20-30 minute individual session, emphasizing the importance of a healthy lifestyle
- All participants encouraged to follow the Food Guide Pyramid and the equivalent of a National Cholesterol Education Step 1 diet, to reduce weight, and increase their physical activity

# Effects of Intervention on Body Weight during DPP and DPPOS



# National Diabetes Prevention Program

## 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months

### Module names

Burn More Calories Than You Take In

Shop and Cook to Prevent T2

Manage Stress

Find Time for Fitness

Cope with Triggers

Keep Your Heart Healthy

Take Charge of Your Thoughts

Get Support

Eat Well Away from Home

Stay Motivated to Prevent T2

### Module names

Introduction to the Program

Get Active to Prevent T2

Track Your Activity

Eat Well to Prevent T2

Track Your Food

Get More Active



## Next 6 months

### Module names

When Weight Loss Stalls

Take a Fitness Break

Stay Active to Prevent T2

Stay Active Away from Home

More About T2

More About Carbs

Have Healthy Food You Enjoy

Get Enough Sleep

Get Back on Track

Prevent T2—for Life!



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## National Diabetes Prevention Program

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### Registry of All Recognized Organizations

The national registry of recognized diabetes prevention programs lists contact information for all CDC-recognized organizations that deliver evidence-based type 2 diabetes prevention programs in communities across the United States. All of these programs have agreed to use a CDC-approved curriculum that meets the duration, intensity, and reporting requirements described in the [DPRP Standards](#)  [PDF - 728KB]. Full recognition means that a program has demonstrated effectiveness by achieving all of the performance criteria detailed in the *DPRP Standards*.



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### Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program – Registry of Recognized Organizations

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## Personal Take-Home #4 (What does lifestyle intervention look like?)

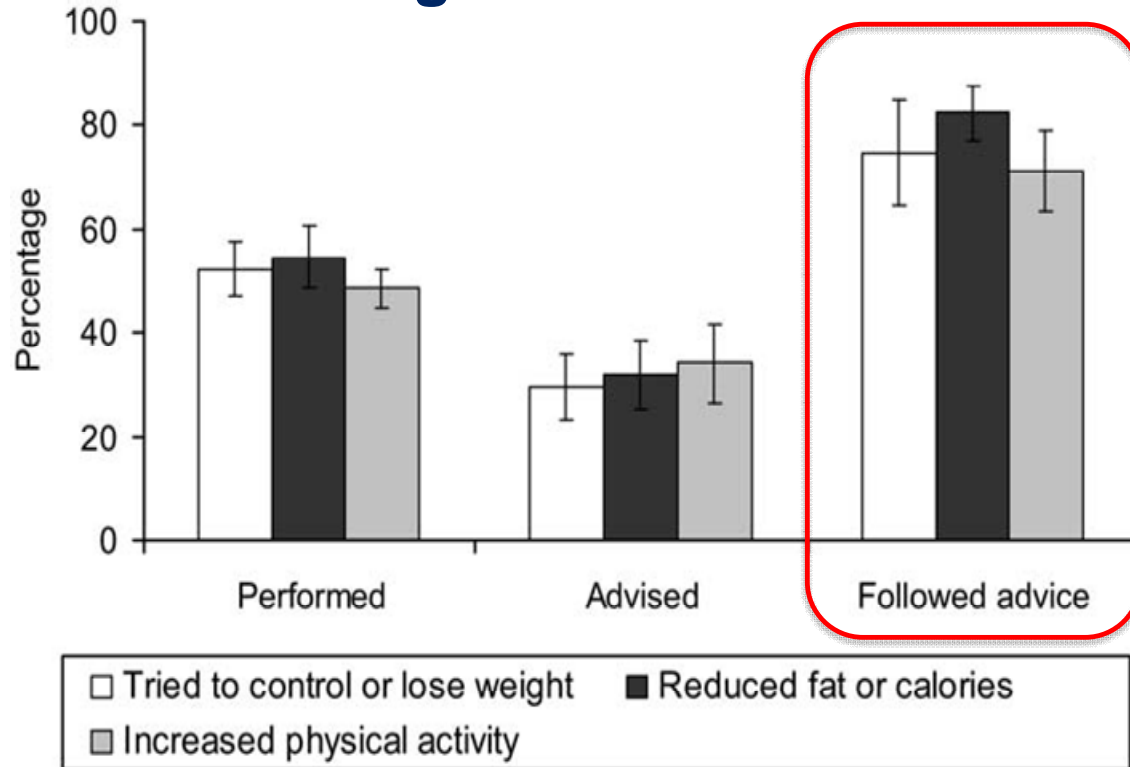
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Intensive Lifestyle Intervention

2. Know (and utilize!) your local resources and support!

# Post-script (Take-Home #4): Diabetes Risk Reduction Behaviors among US adults with Prediabetes



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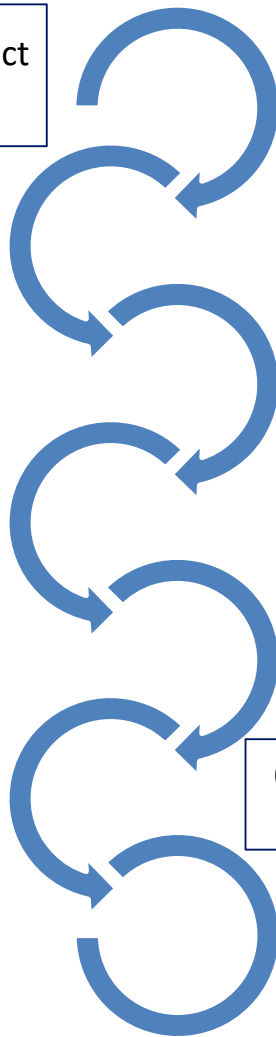
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## Summary of select randomized controlled trials evaluating the prevention of progression to diabetes, 1997-2006

Study Title (country of conduct, year of publication, n)	Risk eligibility criteria	Duration of follow-up	Intervention	Risk reduction in diabetes incidence compared to control
Da Qing Study (China, 1997, n=577)	IGT; age $\geq 25$ years	6 years	Diet	31%
			Exercise	46%
			Diet + Exercise	42%
			Control	--
Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study (Finland, 2001, n=522)	IGT; age 40-65 years; BMI $> 25$ kg/m <sup>2</sup>	3.2 years	Diet and activity	58%
			Control	--
Diabetes Prevention Program (US, 2002, n=3,234)	IGT; elevated fasting glucose 95 – 125 mg/dl (5.3 – 6.9 mmol/l) ( $< 125$ mg/dl (6.9 mmol/l) for native American ancestry); age $\geq 25$ years; BMI $\geq 24$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> ( $\geq 22$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> in Asians)	2.8 years	Intensive lifestyle intervention	58%
			Metformin 850 mg BID	31%
			Placebo	--
STOP-NIDDM (multiple countries, 2002, n=1,429)	IGT; elevated fasting glucose 5.6-7.7 mmol/l; age 40-70 years; BMI 25-40 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	3.3 years	Acarbose 100 mg TID	25%
			Placebo	--
XENDOS (Sweden, 2004, n=3,305)	BMI $\geq 30$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> ; age 30-60 years	4 years	Orlistat 120 mg TID	37%
			Placebo	--
Japanese IGT study (Japan, 2005, n=458)	Males with IGT	4 years	Diet and exercise	67%
			Control	--
Indian Diabetes Prevention Programme (India, 2006, n=531)	IGT, age 35-55 years	30 months	Lifestyle modification	29%
			Metformin 250 mg BID	26%
			Lifestyle modification + metformin 250 mg BID	28%
			Control	--

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DREAM (rosiglitazone) (multiple countries, 2006, n=5,269)	IFG and/or IGT, age $\geq 30$ years	3.0 years	Rosiglitazone 8 mg daily	60%**
			Placebo	--
DREAM (ramipril) (multiple countries, 2006, n=5,269)	IFG and/or IGT, age $\geq 30$ years	3.0 years	Ramipril (up to 15 mg per day)	No reduction**
			Placebo	--
Voglibose Ph-3 (Japan, 2009, n=1,780)	IGT, age 30-70 years, with additional risk factor for type 2 diabetes	48.1 weeks	Voglibose 0.2 mg TID	41%
			Placebo	--
NAVIGATOR (valsartan) (multiple countries, 2010, n=9,306)	IGT, fasting plasma glucose 95 - <126 mg/dl (5.3 - <7.0 mmol/l) + cardiovascular disease/cardiovascular risk	5.0 years	Valsartan (up to 160 mg daily), and lifestyle modification	14%
			Placebo	--
NAVIGATOR (nateglinide) (multiple countries, 2010, n=9,306)	IGT, fasting plasma glucose 95 - <126 mg/dl (5.3 - <7.0 mmol/l) + cardiovascular disease/cardiovascular risk	5.0 years	Nateglinide (60 mg before meals three times daily)	No reduction
			Placebo	--
CANOE (Canada, 2010, n=207)	IGT, age 30-75 years (18-75 for native Canadian ancestry), with at least one risk factor for type 2 diabetes	3.9 years	Rosiglitazone + metformin (2 mg/500 mg BID)	66%
			Placebo	--
ACT NOW (USA, 2011, n=602)	IGT, fasting plasma glucose between 95 and 125 mg/dl (5.3 and 6.9 mmol/l), age 18 years or older, BMI $\geq 25$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> , at least one risk factor type 2 diabetes	2.4 years	Pioglitazone 45 mg daily	72%
			Placebo	--
SCALE Prediabetes (multiple countries, 2017, n=2,254)	Prediabetes, adults 18 years or older; BMI $\geq 30$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> or $\geq 27$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> with comorbidities	3 years	Liraglutide 3.0 mg	66%
			Placebo	--

\*\*composite primary outcome of incident diabetes or death from any cause

# ADA Standards of Care on Pharmacotherapy for Diabetes Prevention

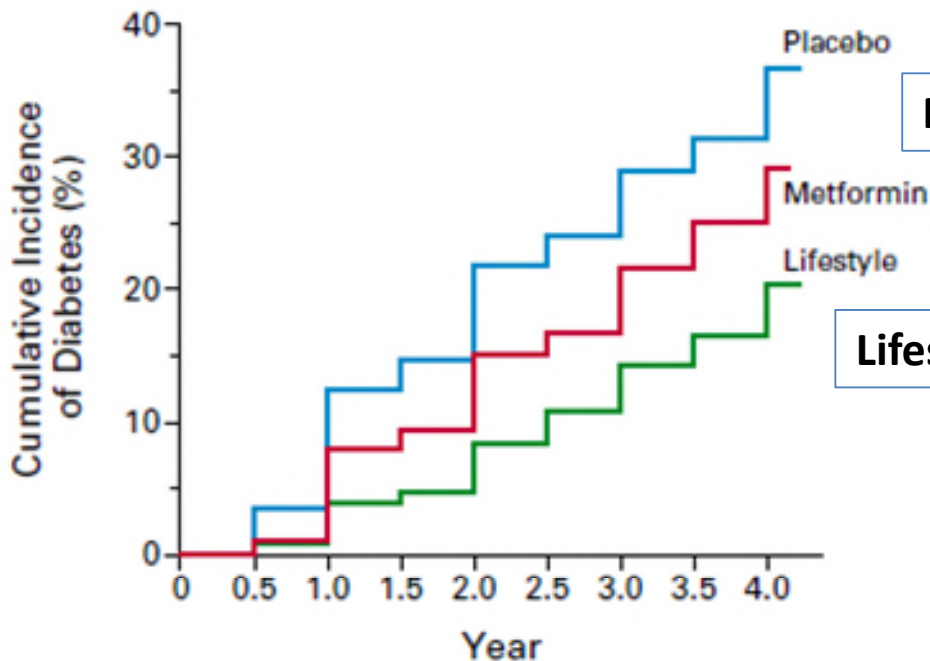
- Pharmacologic agents have been shown to decrease the incidence of diabetes to various degrees in those with prediabetes
- None are approved by the US FDA specifically for diabetes prevention
- Metformin has the strongest evidence base and demonstrated long-term safety as pharmacologic therapy for diabetes prevention

## PHARMACOLOGIC INTERVENTIONS

### *Recommendations*

**3.5** Metformin therapy for prevention of type 2 diabetes should be considered in those with prediabetes, especially for those with BMI  $\geq 35$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>, those aged <60 years, and women with prior gestational diabetes mellitus. **A**

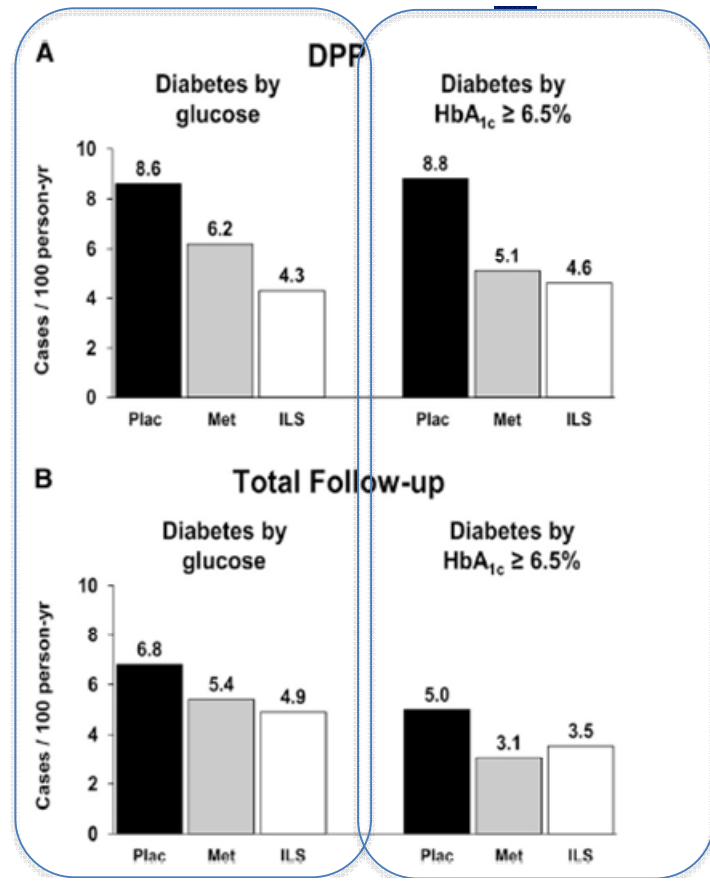
# Effects of intensive lifestyle intervention or metformin on diabetes prevention/delay: 1996-2001



**Figure 2.** Cumulative Incidence of Diabetes According to Study Group.

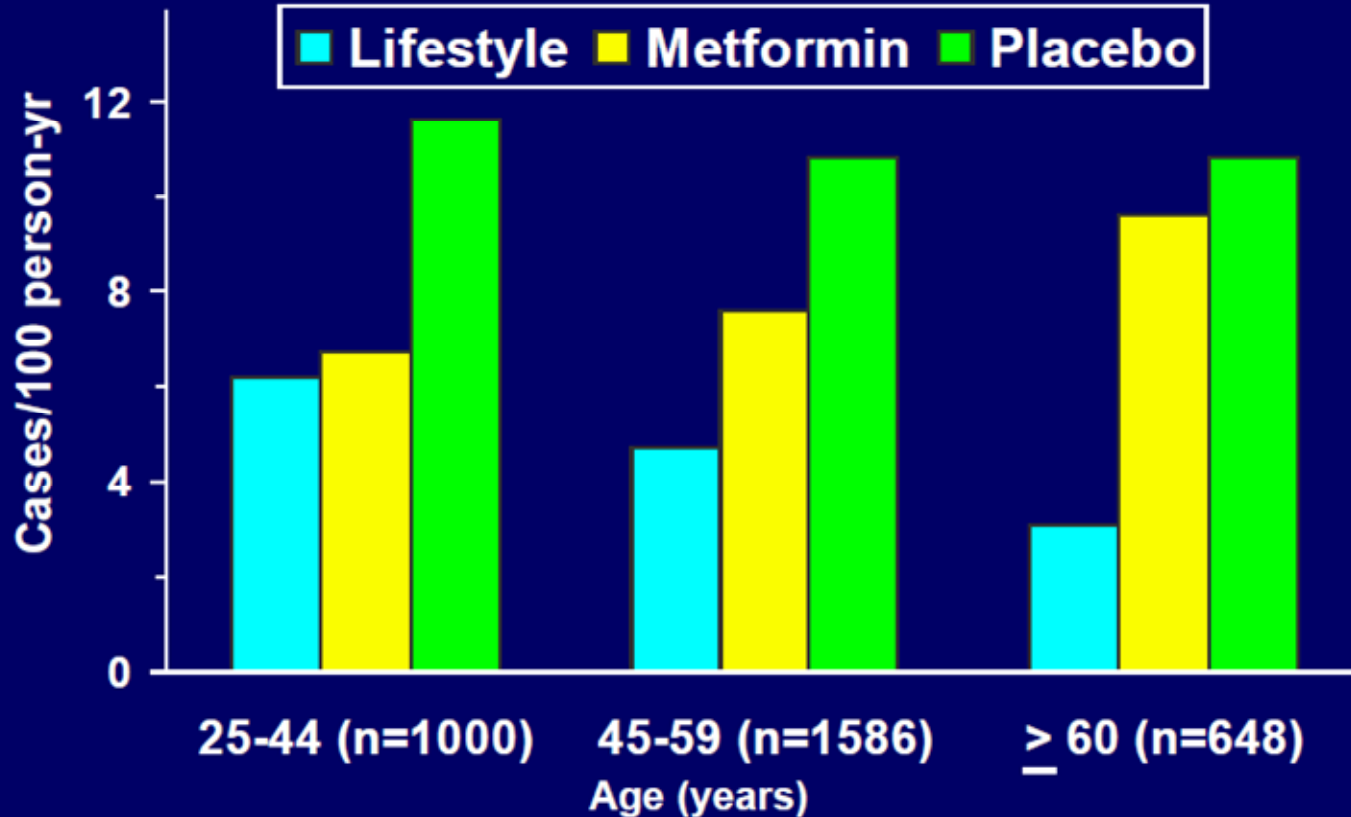


# What if we look at diagnosis of diabetes based on $\text{HbA}_{1c} \geq 6.5\%$ ? (2010 ADA definition)

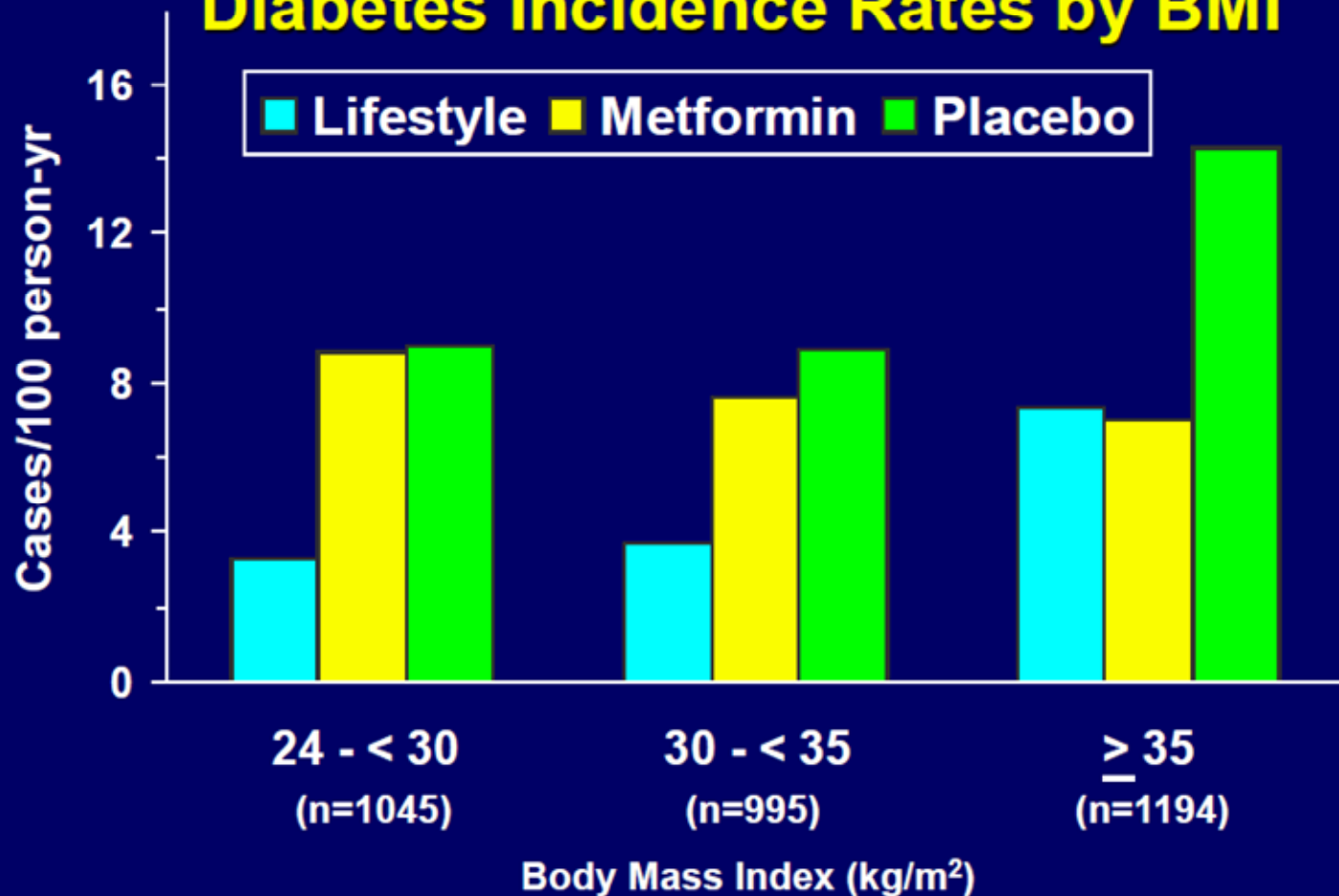


- By glucose criteria (FPG, OGTT): ILS was more effective than metformin in reducing the incidence of diabetes
- By  $\text{HbA}_{1c}$  criteria: Metformin no different than ILS
  - DPP: 44% (met) vs 49% (ILS) reduction
  - DPP/DPPOS: 38% (met) vs 29% (ILS) reduction

# Diabetes Incidence Rates by Age

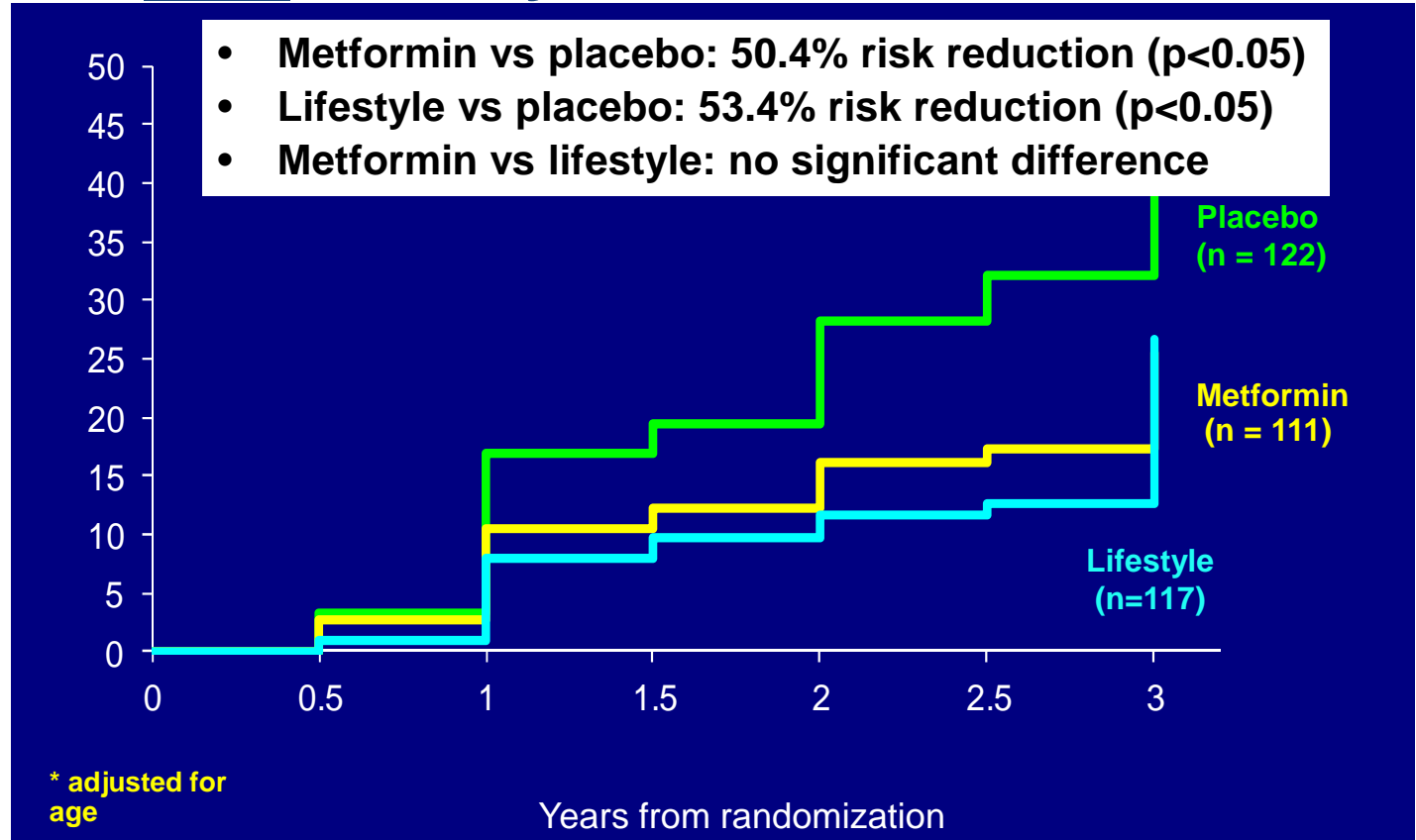


# Diabetes Incidence Rates by BMI

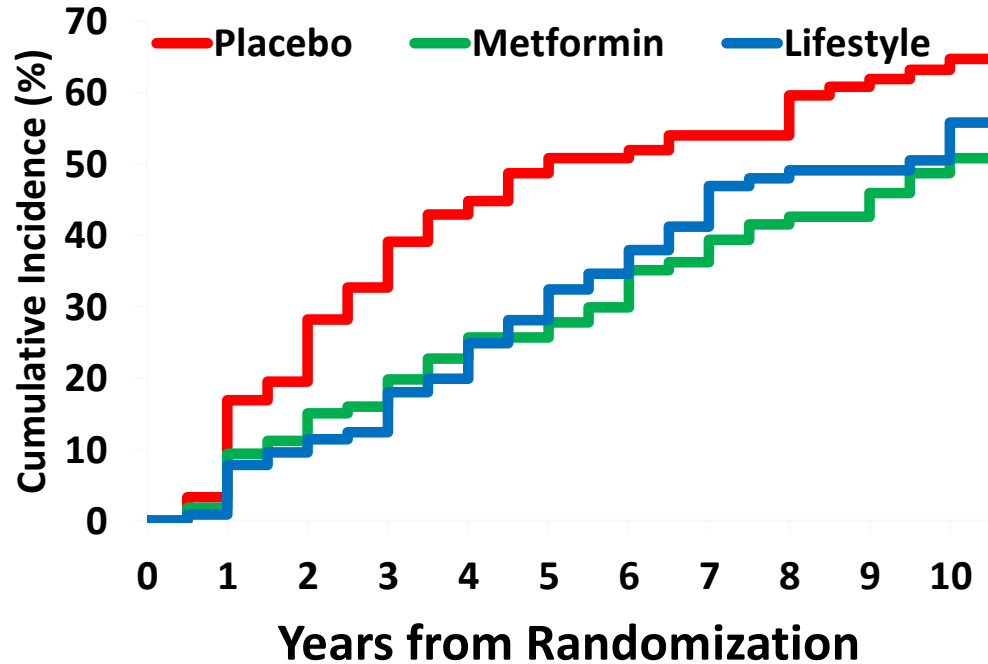


# Cumulative Incidence of Diabetes in DPP – Women with History of GDM

71% increased risk of progression to diabetes in women with h/o GDM in DPP compared to women without h/o GDM



# 10-Year Cumulative Incidence of Diabetes in Parous Women with a History of GDM



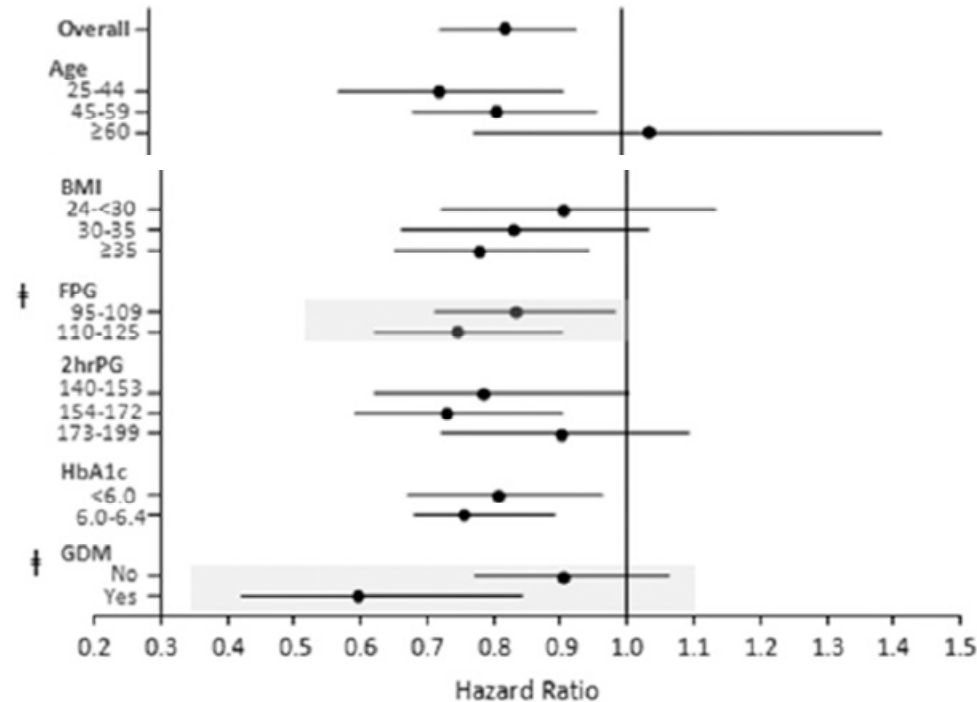
**Lifestyle vs placebo: 35% risk reduction ( $p < 0.05$ )**

**Metformin vs placebo: 41% risk reduction ( $p < 0.05$ )**

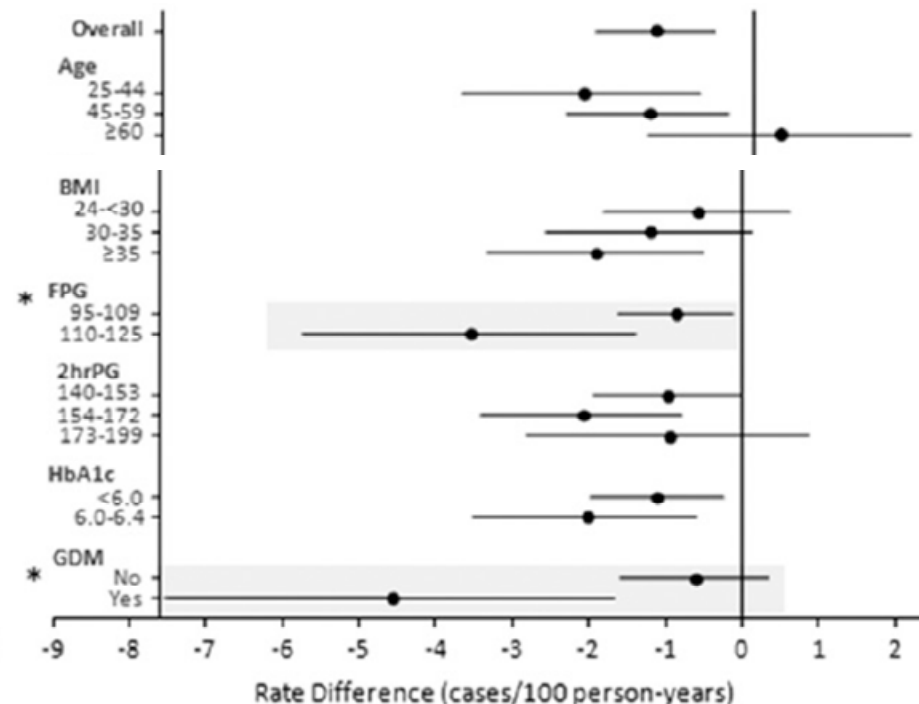
**Lifestyle vs metformin: -9.6% ( $p = \text{ns}$ )**

Women with a history of GDM in the placebo group had a 65% higher risk of developing diabetes compared with women without a GDM history (11.4/100 vs 6.9/100 person-years).

# Long-term Effects of Metformin on Diabetes Prevention: Identification of Subgroups that Benefited most in the DPP/DPPOS



**Hazard Ratio:** chance of event occurring in the treatment arm relative to chance of event occurring in the control/comparison arm



**Rate Difference:** focuses on absolute effect between metformin and placebo, calculated as number of diabetes events divided by the total number of person-years of follow up.

# Long-term Effects of Metformin on Diabetes Prevention: Identification of Subgroups that Benefited most in the DPP/DPPOS

- Regardless of how diabetes is diagnosed in follow up, long-term effects of metformin in DPP/DPPOS suggest that it remains effective overall, and its effect is enhanced in specific subgroups:
  - Those with higher baseline fasting glucose
  - Those with higher baseline HbA1c
  - Women with a history of GDM

*“These results should help to prioritize those groups at high risk of developing diabetes who will benefit most from being treated with metformin.”*

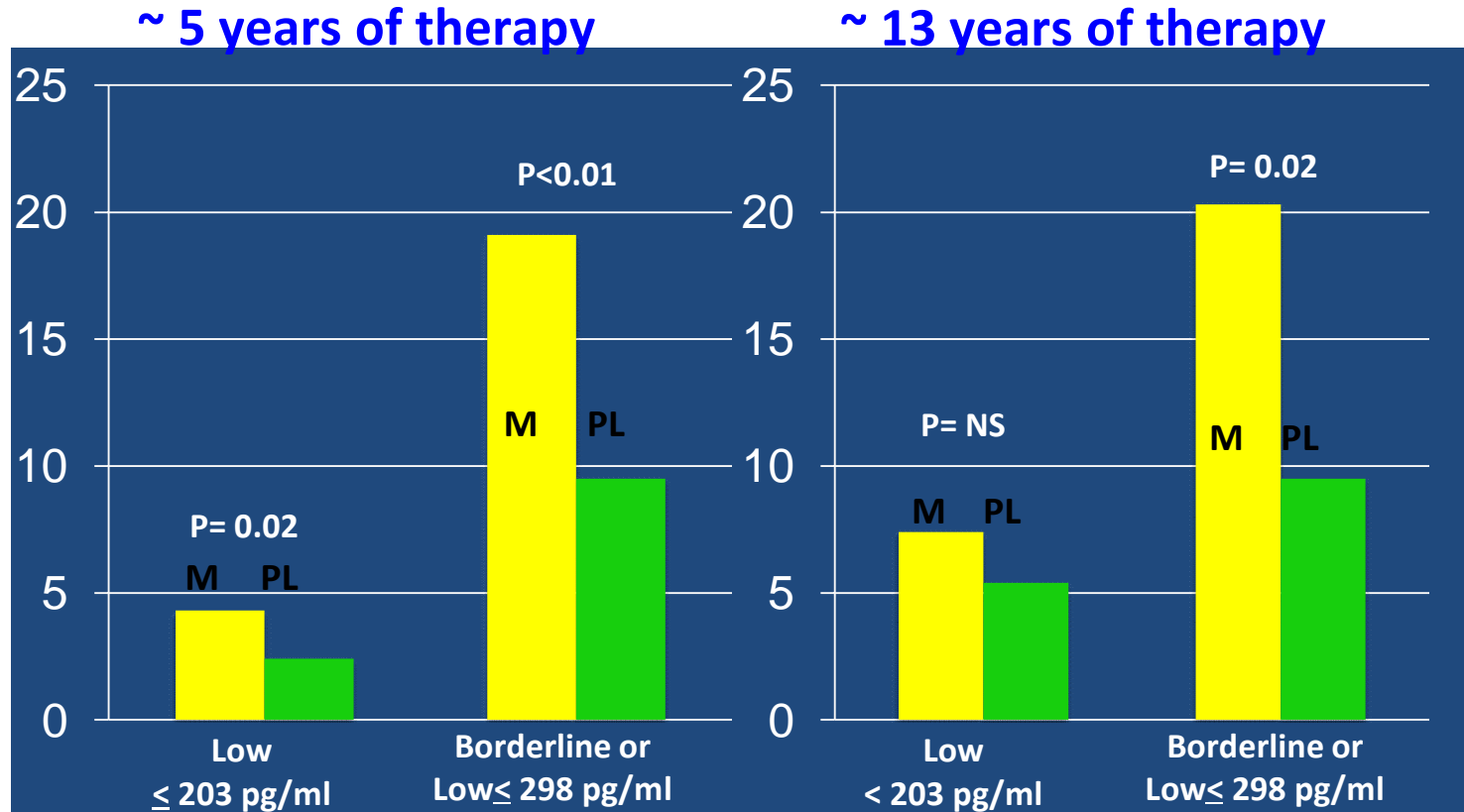
# Metformin and B12 Deficiency

## Background

- **Metformin has long been recognized to be associated with vitamin B12 deficiency**
- **Clinician awareness of this is variable; routine B12 testing is not common in clinical practice**
  - Hematologic monitoring (CBC) used as surrogate
- **Until recently, no guidelines recommend routine B12 testing**



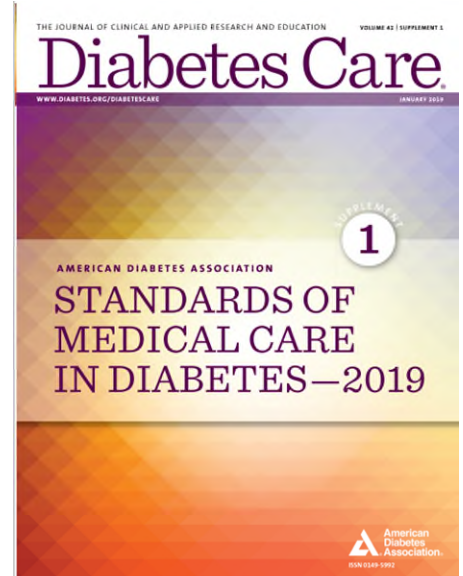
# Long-term Metformin Use and Vitamin B12 Deficiency in the DPP/DPPOS



Aroda VR, Crandall J, et al J Clin Endo Metab 2016; 101: 1754-61.



**3.6** Long-term use of metformin may be associated with biochemical vitamin B12 deficiency, and periodic measurement of vitamin B12 levels should be considered in metformin-treated patients, especially in those with anemia or peripheral neuropathy. **B**



## Personal Take-Home #5 (Pharmacotherapy?)

No agent has a label indication specifically for diabetes prevention.  
The longest term evidence is for metformin, with particular benefit

seen in the DPP population in:

- younger age groups
- higher BMI (BMI  $\geq$  35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- higher fasting glucose
- higher HbA1c
- history of gestational diabetes

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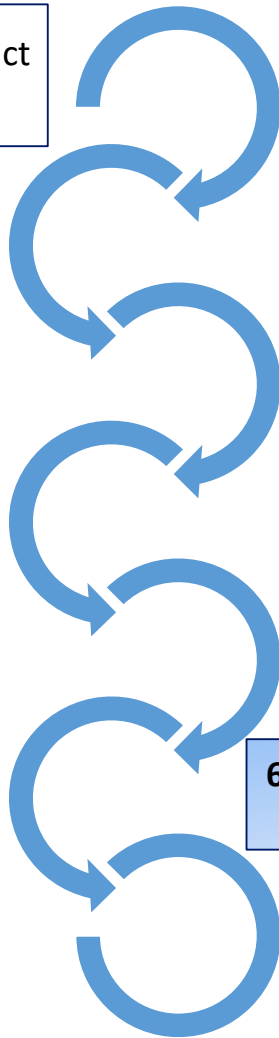
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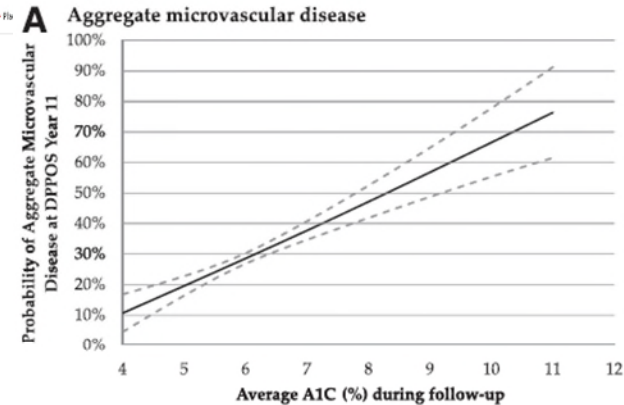
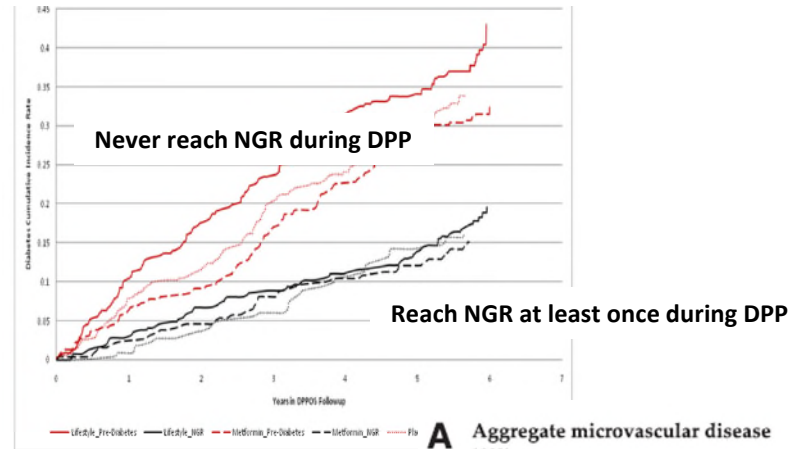
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# Regression from Prediabetes to Normal Glucose Regulation at least once (vs never) during the **DPP**:

- 56% lower risk of diabetes during DPPOS follow up (compared to remaining with prediabetes)
- Lower aggregate microvascular disease, and nephropathy and retinopathy individually
  - This association was lost in models that included average HbA1c during follow up or diabetes status at end of follow-up
  - Thus, this lower risk was likely due to lower glycemic exposure over time



Perreault L *et al*; *Lancet* 2012; 379(9833): 2243–2251

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# The Legacy Effect in Type 2 Diabetes: Impact of Early Glycemic Control on Future Complications (The Diabetes & Aging Study)

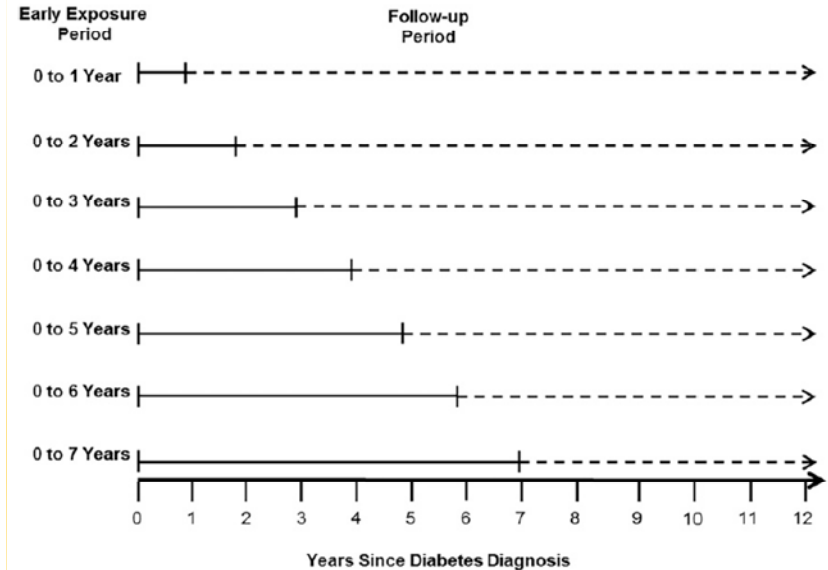
Compared with HbA1c <6.5% for the 0-to-1-year early exposure period after diagnosis of T2DM, mean HbA1c levels  $\geq 6.5\%$  were associated with:

- Increased risk of microvascular events
- Increased risk of macrovascular events
- Increased mortality

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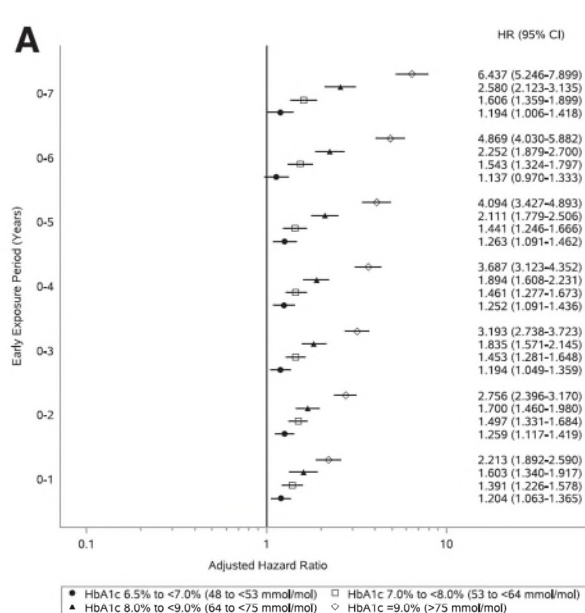


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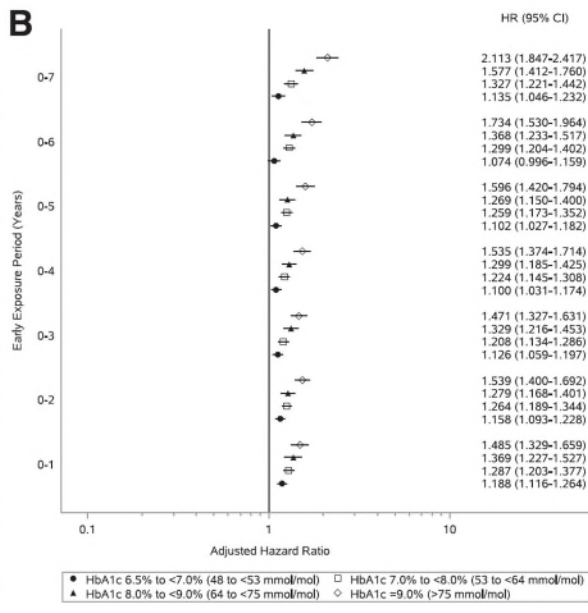
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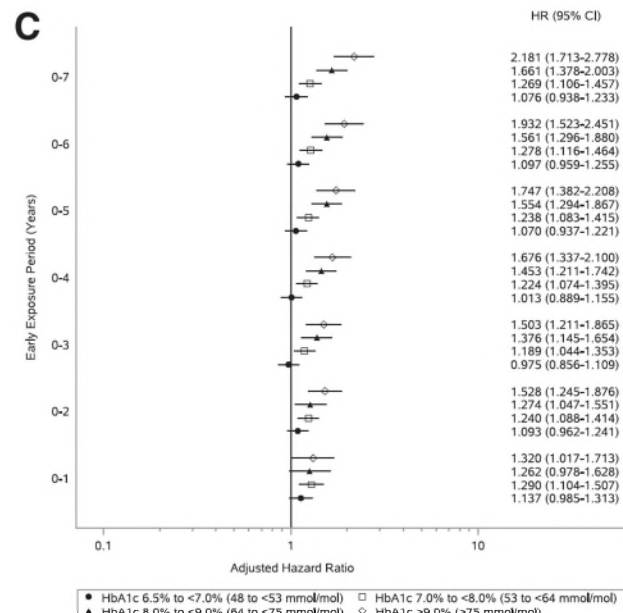
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**Microvascular Events  
(vs HbA1c < 6.5%)**



**Macrovascular Events  
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**Mortality  
(vs HbA1c < 6.5%)**

## **Personal Take-Home #6** (on clinically relevant targets)

The ability to minimize exposure to hyperglycemia (even in the prediabetes range) has the potential to minimize long-term complications. Consider clinical markers as indicators of this progression and long-term risk.



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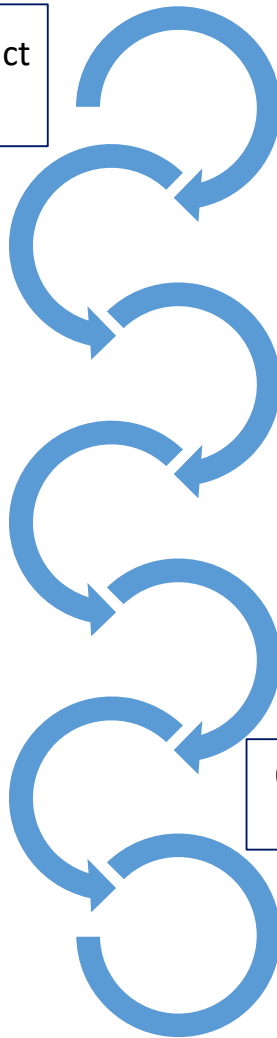
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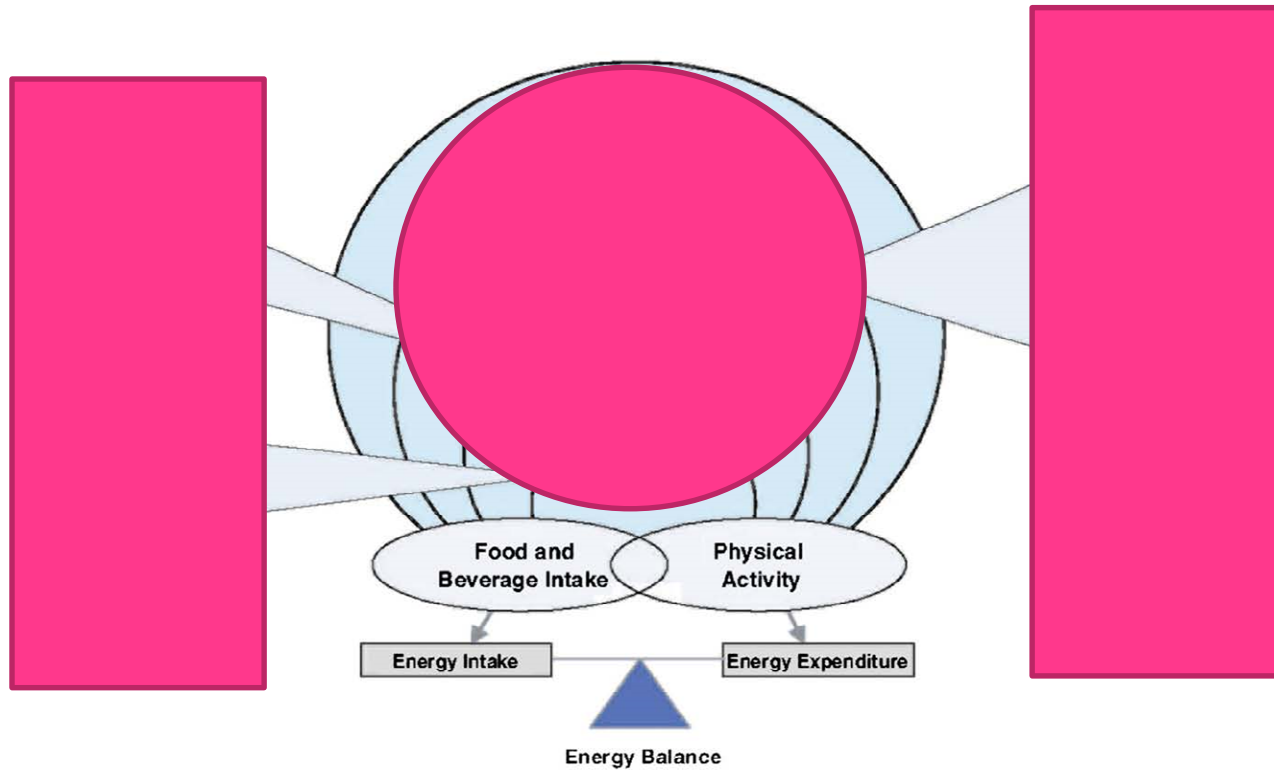
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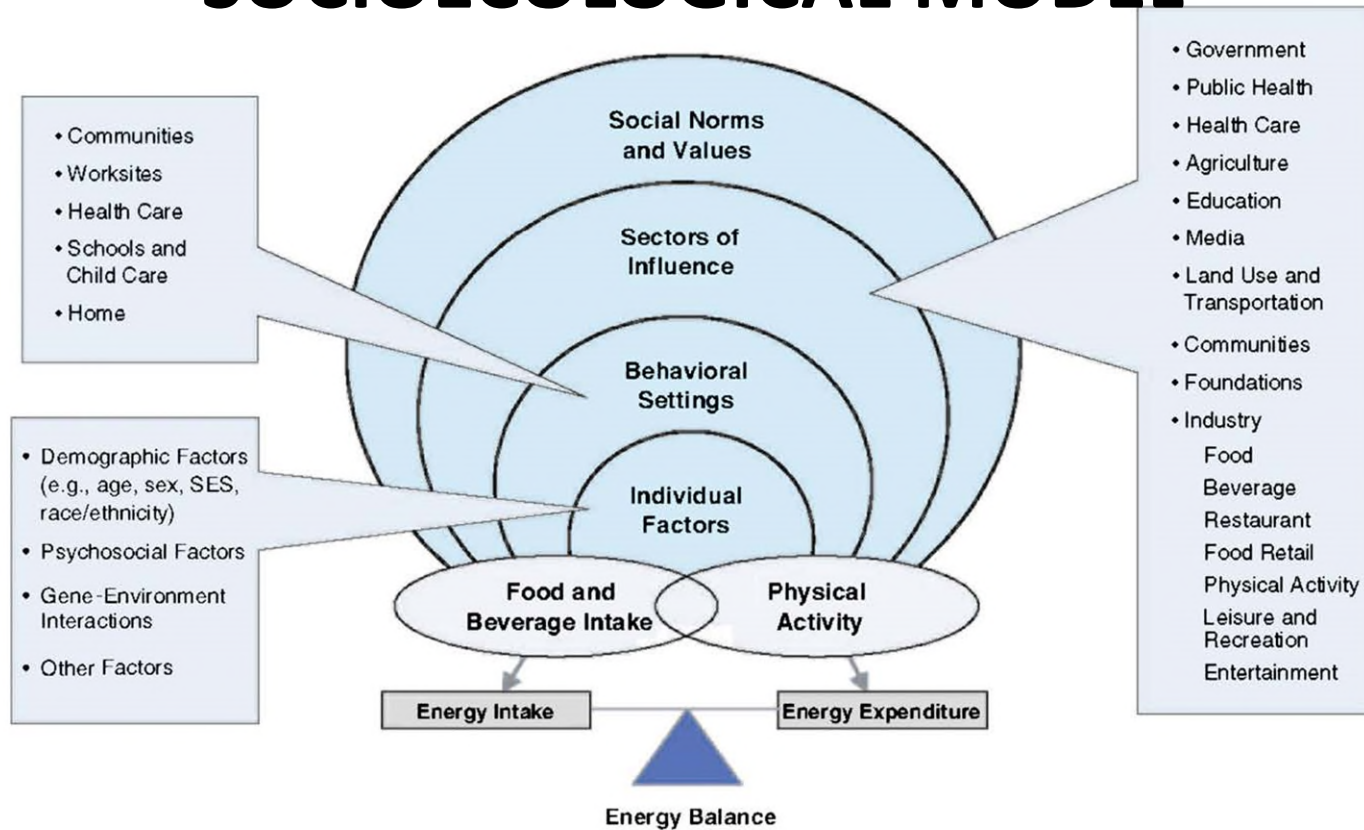


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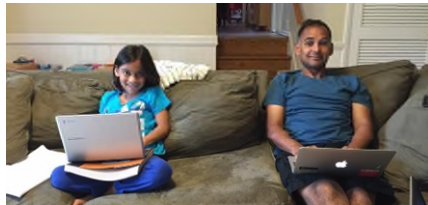


**Figure 1**—Levels and sectors of influence on obesity and diabetes risk (progress in preventing childhood obesity) (© 2007 the National Academies Press). SES, socioeconomic status.

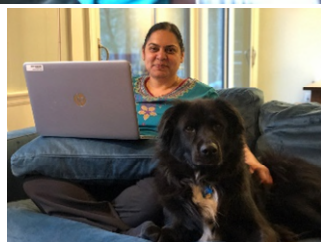
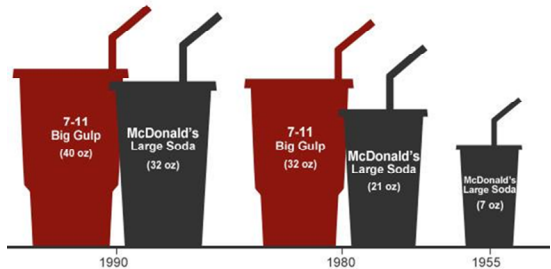
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# SODA FOUNTAIN DRINK SIZE CHANGES



“Venus of Cupertino” (Scott Eaton)



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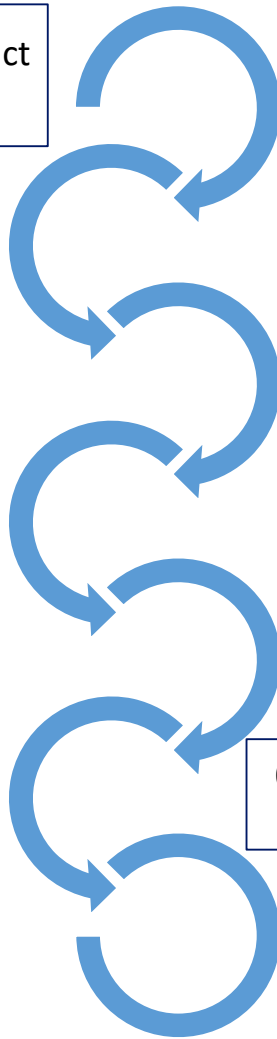
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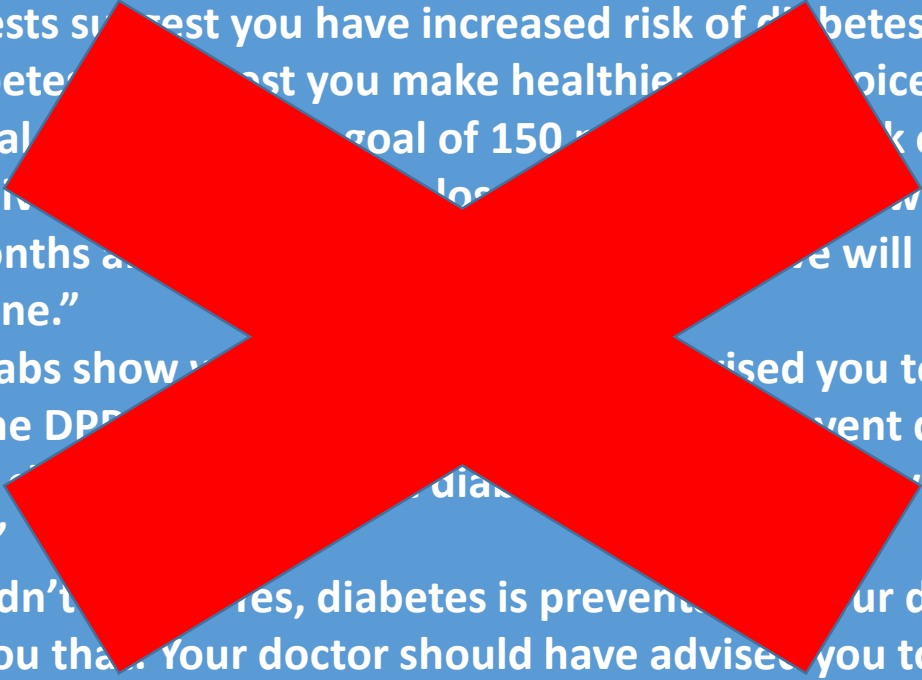
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Conversation A vs Conversation B**



# Conversation A vs Conversation B

## Conversation A

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- “Your lab tests suggest you have increased risk of diabetes (a condition we call prediabetes). I want you to make healthier choices and increase your physical activity. My goal is for you to reach a goal of 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each week. I will see you in 6 months and we will need to put you on a medicine.”
  - “Yes, your labs show you have increased risk of diabetes. I advised you to lose weight. People in the DPP lost weight and prevented diabetes. If you don’t make changes, we will need to put you on a medicine...”
  - “Oh, you didn’t lose weight. Yes, diabetes is preventable. Your doctor should have told you that. Your doctor should have advised you to lose weight or take metformin and you could have prevented your diagnosis of diabetes.”



## Conversation B

Your lab values suggest that you are at an increased risk of developing diabetes. We term this condition 'prediabetes', and it signals to us that we should monitor you more closely and pay more attention to your long-term risks of diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Our primary goal to optimize health is to try to keep your blood sugar values (e.g. HbA1c) as close to normal as possible, safely, as we know that higher levels are associated with higher risk of progression to diabetes and complications related to diabetes.

Studies have shown that losing ~7% of one's body weight through healthy lifestyle changes can decrease the risk or delay progression to diabetes, and we have a local diabetes prevention program that can provide the coaching and educational tools to support this effort. We also have medications that have been studied in large programs that we can consider. We will monitor your glucose values (e.g. HbA1c) and consider additional therapy as needed with the goal of minimizing long-term risks of higher than normal blood sugars.

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*Special thanks:  
DPP  
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Patricia (and KP colleagues!)*

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Vanita

Thanks for forwarding your slide set—thorough, informative and exciting. Enjoy Southern California. As one of our true health care systems, K-P is capable of implementing prevention effectively and efficiently.

Best regards

David

