# The Gaps and Opportunities for Data to Drive Action for Diabetes:

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# Outline

- Diabetes as a prototypical problem
- Evolution, success, and failures in data driving action
- Emerging models, systems, and opportunities



# Diabetes as a prototypical problem

• Diverse, *complex morbidity* 



### The Diverse Burden of Diabetes

#### BRAIN

People with diabetes have about twice the risk for stroke, a higher risk of dementia, and increased symptoms of depression.



#### **TEETH & GUMS**

People with diabetes, especially those with poorly controlled diabetes, have a greater risk for gum disease, a major cause of tooth loss.

HEART & BLOOD VESSELS

peripheral artery disease.

People with diabetes are twice

as likely to have heart disease and have an increased risk of



#### **EYES**

Diabetes increases the risk for eve diseases such as retinopathy, cataracts, and glaucoma, contributing to an overall increased risk of vision loss.



#### FARS

Diabetes approximately doubles the risk of hearing loss, especially in the speaking range.



#### **AIRWAYS**

Two in three people with diabetes have obstructive sleep apnea, which can lead to fatigue, irritability, and deficits in attention and memory.



#### KIDNEYS & LOWER URINARY TRACT

Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure and can also lead to complications of the lower urinary tract, such as urinary incontinence and erectile dysfunction.



#### BONE

Bone fractures, osteoarthritis, and rheumatoid arthritis are more common in people with diabetes.



People with diabetes are more than twice as likely to have nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer.



Diabetic foot ulcers are common in people with diabetes. Healing of foot ulcers may take months to years, and ulcers can lead to amputation.



### Three types of Morbidity:

- "Classic complications with highspecificity and high relative risk"
- "Diversifying", with moderate association but often high prevalence
- "Emerging" of unclear aetiology

### Mechanisms through diverse pathways:

- Long-term hyperglycaemia
- "Common soil" of obesity, insulin resistance, inflammation, etc.
- Behavioural- or treatment-driven

# Diabetes as a prototypical problem

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• Multiple stages for intervention



### Risk Factors / Very High Risk / Incidence / Complications / Multimorbidity

Incidence

**Diabetes** 

Central obesity
Physical inactivity
Sweetened beverages
Red meat
Low whole grain
Low vegetable intake
Poor sleep
Smoking
Very low birthweight
poverty

Pre-Diabetes

Severe Obesity

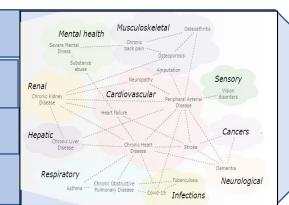
High CVD risk

Macrovascular (MI – stroke - CHF)

Microvascular (LEAs; Retinal; renal)

Acute metabolic (hyper; hypo)

Emerging (cancers; liver; infectious; respiratory)



mortality

Structured lifestyle interventions to:

- Reduce weight
- Achieve healthy diet
- Increase physical activity

Risk Factor management in primary care

#### Community and public policies:

- Food policies
- Built environment
- Education and health promotion

- Glycemic control
- Blood pressure control
- Lipid control
- Tobacco counseling
- Self-mgt education
- Retinopathy screening
- Foot care / screening
- CKD screening

Integrated Team-based Care

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• Multiple risk and disease stages for intervention

• Multiple public health avenues of action



### Classic Public Health Avenues To Reduce the Burden of Diabetes



#### Multiple Levels / Needs for Intervention Prevent morbidity through optimal risk factor 9% management and screening for complications **Diabetes** 3% Molecular Services **Efficiently detect** in clinical settings **Undiagnosed** ~25% Reduce risk with structured programs in **Very High Risk** community settings. (IGT; A1c 5.7%; GDM) ~13% Reduce risk with community programs, **High Risk** (FPG100; Obesity; HTN, age) counseling and education Reduce risk by changing 50% underlying risk factors (food, Moderate Risk social, built environment) in communities... Low Risk

# Diabetes as a prototypical problem

• Diverse, *complex morbidity* 

- Multiple risk and disease stages for intervention
- Multiple *public health avenues of action*
- Multiple stakeholders and beneficiaries



## Multiple Perspectives, Beneficiaries and Stakeholders

- Individuals with diabetes and at risk for diabetes
- Families caring for people with diabetes
- Employers and communities
- Clinicians managing risk and preventing progression
- Health-systems managing sub-populations
- Counties, states, nations trying to reduce disease and costs

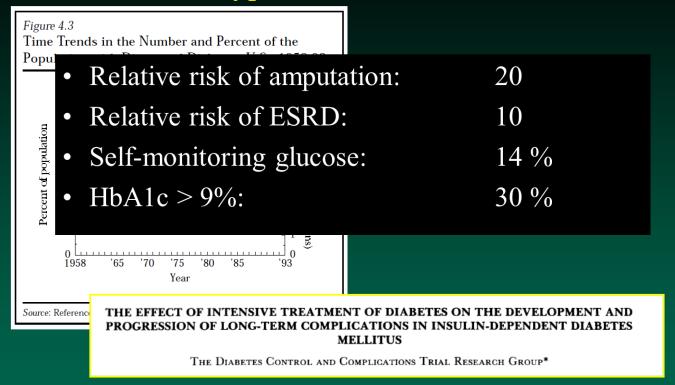


## **Evolution of Data Systems for Diabetes:**

- Health Systems perspective
- National Public health perspective



## Status of Type 2 Diabetes in the U.S. 1995

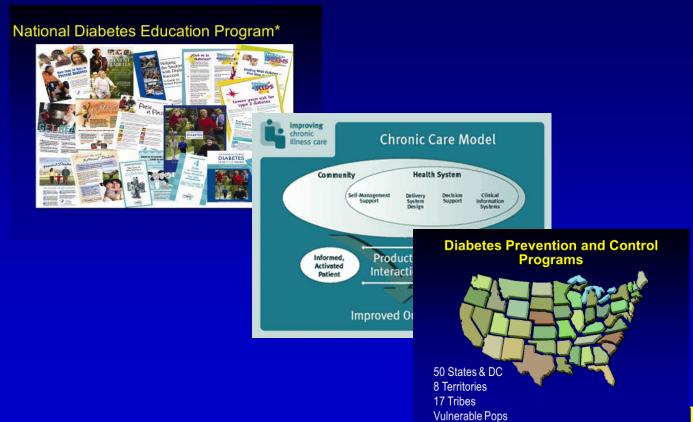


Tight blood pressure control and risk of macrovascular and microvascular complications in type 2 diabetes: UKPDS 38



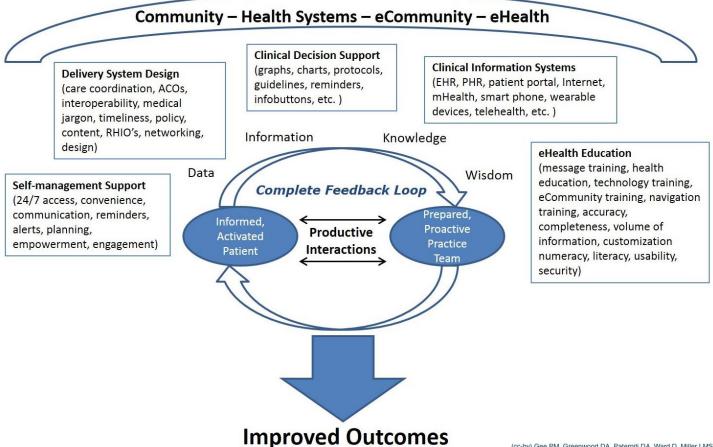
# The Diabetes Quality Improvement Project

Moving science into health policy to gain an edge on the diabetes epidemic





### The eHealth Enhanced Chronic Care Model (eCCM)



### The Growth of Diabetes Registries for Diabetes Care and Disease Management

## **Expansion to Comprehensive Care:**

- Multiple risk factors
- Testing/screening
- Pharmacy
- Lab

Panel of patients

Risk factors

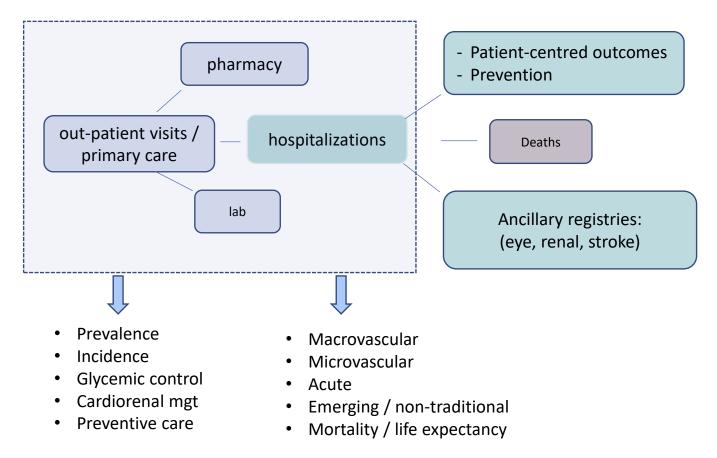
With single or few

- EMR

## High Capacity Systems:

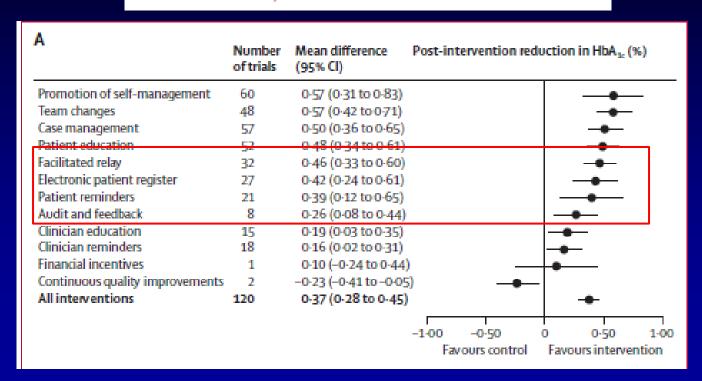
- Multiple component linkage
- Continuous monitoring
- Direct feedback
- Applied analyses
- Comparative effectiveness
- Expanded outreach

#### **Essential Elements of Population-Based Diabetes Registries**



# Effectiveness of quality improvement strategies on the management of diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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## National Diabetes Surveillance System

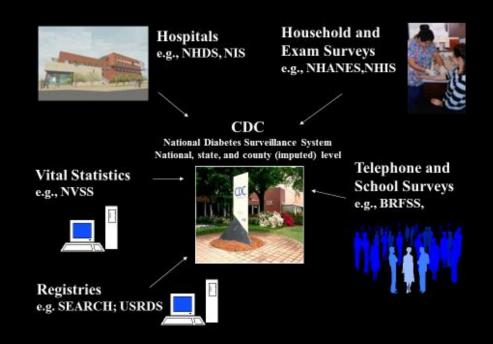
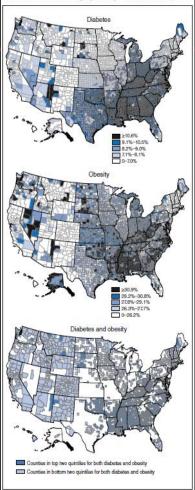


FIGURE.Age-adjusted percentages of persons aged ≥20 years with diabetes and obesity, by county — United States, 2007

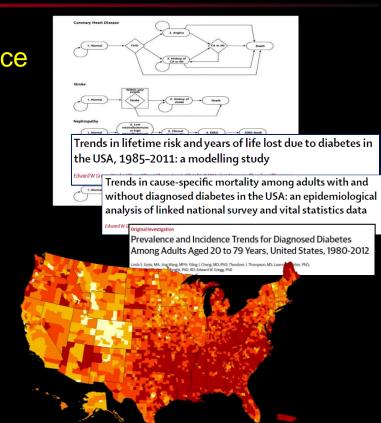


### **Main Categories of Diabetes Surveillance Indicators**

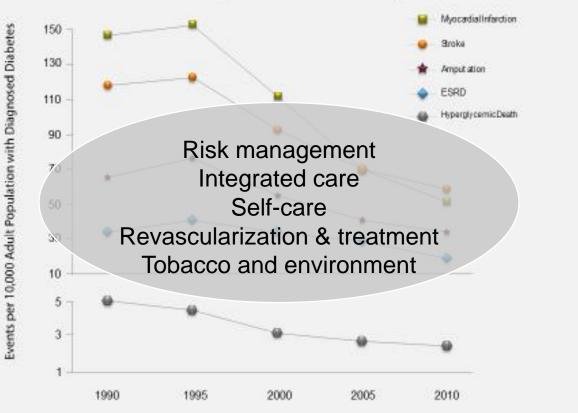
- Measures of Disease Burden
  - Clear impact on quality of life, health status, or economics
  - Examples: (prevalence, incidence, complications).
- Modifiable Risk Factors for Diabetes
  - Based on controlled trials or consistent cohort studies.
  - Examples: (HbA1c levels, physical activity levels)
- Effective Interventions
  - May be behavioral, clinical, community-based, or policy-based
  - Based on controlled trials, meta-analyses, strong clinical consensus.
  - Examples: (lifestyle programs; eye exams; ABCs testing)
- Safety concerns / Harms of treatment

## Analytic and Modeling Applications

- Ongoing national, state, county surveillance
- Small area estimation
- Disease Forecasting
- Lifetime risk and disease progression
- Healthy and disabled years of life.
- Cost-effectiveness of interventions.



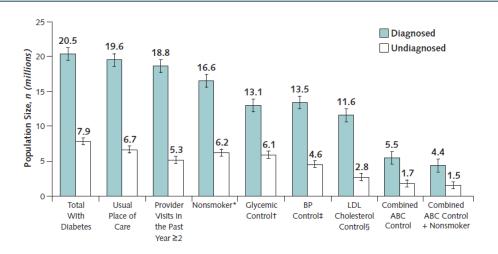
# Trends in Age-standardized Rates of Diabetes-Related Complications from 1990 to 2010 among U.S. Adults with Diagnosed Diabetes



# A Cascade of Care for Diabetes in the United States: Visualizing the Gaps

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Figure 1. Cascade of care for U.S. adults with diabetes aged 18 years or older in 2012, NHANES 2007–2012.



Data are presented as numbers in millions (lines at top of each bar indicate 95% CIs). In 2012, an estimated 28.4 million adults had diabetes (calculated as: 2012 resident population [ $n = 240\ 185\ 952$ ] × estimated prevalence of total diabetes [11.8%]). ABC = combined control of hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> level, BP, and LDL cholesterol level; BP = blood pressure; LDL = low-density lipoprotein. NHANES = National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

- \* Defined by negative response to a question about current smoking and serum cotinine levels ≤56.8 nmol/L (≤10 ng/mL).
- $\dagger$  Defined by individualized hemoglobin  $A_{1c}$  targets based on age and presence of complications (existing retinopathy, nephropathy, or cardiovascular disease).
- ‡ Defined as <140/80 mm Hg (per American Diabetes Association guidelines).
- § Defined as <2.6 mmol/L (<100 mg/dL) (per American Diabetes Association guidelines).

## New Problems, threats, and opportunities

### Problems and threats:

- Stagnation in care and outcomes
- Growing obesity and type 2 diabetes in youth/young adults
- Age divide in care and outcomes, with resurging complications.
- Persistent inequalities
- Diversifying morbidity and multimorbidity

## **Opportunities:**

- New therapies and interventions
- New prevention programmes
- Big and better data
- New data systems



### The Lancet Commission on diabetes: using data to transform diabetes care and patient lives

Linkage to

demographic,

root causes

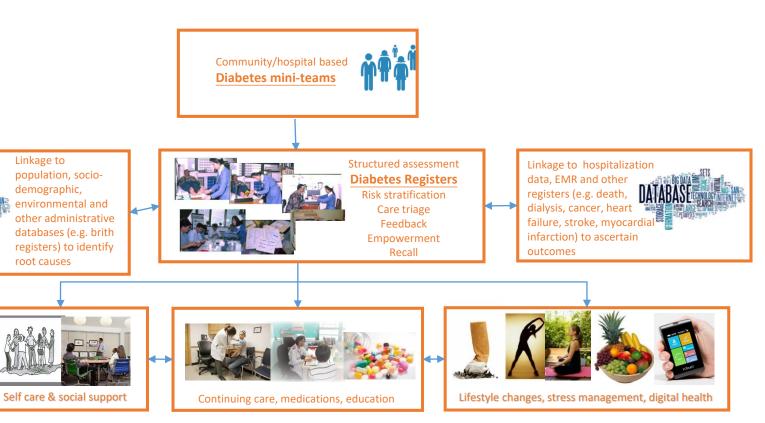
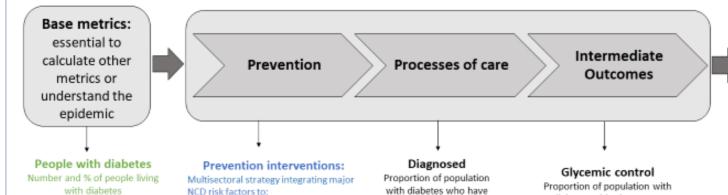


Figure 2. Proposed core, complementary, and base metrics for the Global Diabetes Compact.



· Reduce prevalence of insufficient physical activity.

National survey or registry

Core metrics

Base metrics

Complementary metrics

· Halt rise in diabetes and obesity Implement policy and health promotion approaches to improve

healthy diet.

· Provide healthy lifestyle counselling for diabetes prevention.

with diabetes who have been diagnosed

#### Medicine availability

Percent of population with type 1 diabetes with access to insulin. meters and test strips

#### Integrated care

Proportion of diabetes patients receiving teambased care with registrydriven decision-support.

Proportion of population with diabetes with HbA1c <8%

#### Blood pressure control

Proportion of population with diabetes with <140/90mmHg

#### Statin / lipid lowering

Proportion of population with diabetes taking a statin

#### All cause mortality

Evaluate

impact

Reduced

incidence and

deaths, inequity

Deaths per 1000 population among population with diabetes

#### End-stage kidney disease

per 100,000 population

#### Lower extremity amputation

per 1000 population

#### Diabetes ketoacidosis at diagnosis in type 1 diabetes

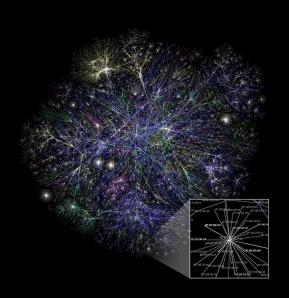
per 1000 population

#### Diabetes incidence per year

New diagnoses per 1000 population

## New Opportunities in Population Monitoring and Feedback

- Bigger Data
- Mobile and wearable data
- Patient-centred outcomes
- Applications:
  - Multiple levels
  - Tools and risk calculators
  - Epidemiologic
- Platforms for comparative effectiveness



# Thank you

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