

429 pathology team represents:

Diabetes Mellitus 1& 2



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Diabetes Mellitus:

Sir William Osler – most influential physician of history - defined diabetes mellitus as

“a syndrome due to a disturbance in carbohydrate metabolism from various causes, in which sugar appears in the urine associated with thirst, polyuria, wasting and imperfect oxidation of fats.”

→ rise in glucose level in plasma

Major Forms:

DM Type I	DM Type II
<p><u>Formerly known as</u> insulin-dependent (IDDM) or juvenile-onset diabetes.</p> <p><u>Caused by</u> autoimmune destruction of the insulin-producing Beta-cells in the pancreatic islets of Langerhans.</p> <p>Affects less than 10% of all patients with diabetes</p>	<p><u>Formerly known as</u> : non–insulin-dependent(NIDDM)or maturity-onset diabetes.</p> <p>Typically associated with obesity.</p> <p><u>Results from a complex interrelationship between:</u> 1- <i>Resistance</i> to the metabolic action of insulin in its target tissues.</p> <p>2- <i>Inadequate secretion</i> of insulin from the pancreas.</p>
<u>In</u> Childhood (before 20)	<u>In</u> Adolescence (after 30)
<p>SUDDEN <u>ONSET</u> (abrupt)</p> <p>Symptomatic:</p> <p>Poly triad (polyuria, polydipsia, polyphagia)</p> <p>Severe with <i>Ketoacidosis</i></p>	<p>GRADUAL <u>ONSET</u> (subtle)</p>
<p><u>Genetically</u> more than 20%</p> <p>50% predisposition in <i>Monozygotic twins</i></p> <p>- less genetic -</p>	<p><u>Genetically</u> less than 60%</p> <p>90% predisposition in <i>Monozygotic twins</i></p> <p>- more genetic -</p>
<p><u>Mutation</u> in HLA → Antibodies to <i>islet cells</i> (an autoimmune reaction toward endocrine pancreas)</p>	<p>Usually no mutations (no HLA)</p>
<p><u>Histopathology:</u></p> <p>Early lesions → inflammation</p> <p>Late lesions → fibrosis and atrophy (NO Amyloid)</p> <p>Beta-cells mass → markedly reduced</p>	<p><u>Histopathology:</u></p> <p>Early lesions → nothing detectable</p> <p>Late lesions → Fibrosis and Amyloid</p> <p>Beta-cells mass → normal/slightly reduced</p>
<p>↓ insulin level</p> <p>insulin supplements are required</p>	<p>↑ or normal insulin level</p> <p>1st, they try lifestyle modification, diet and exercise. Then, oral drugs & insulin supplements often needed</p>

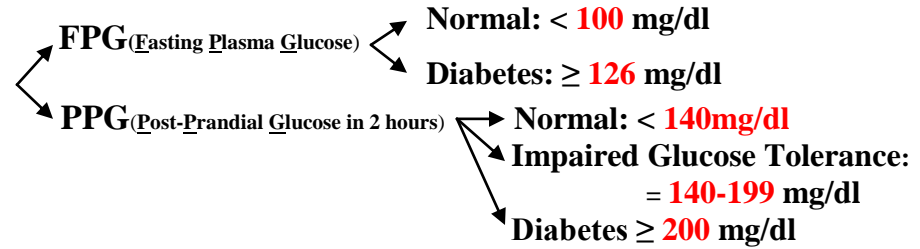
Other Forms:

Gestational Diabetes	Secondary Diabetes	Maturity Onset Diabetes of the Young
<p>Develops in a few percent of pregnant women, due to: <i>insulin resistance of pregnancy</i> (combined with) <i>a B-cell defect</i>.</p> <p>Almost always abates (ends) following parturition.</p>	<p>It occurs secondary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - other endocrine conditions (e.g. Cushing's syndrome) - or drug therapy (e.g. during treatment with glucocorticoids). 	<p>MODY: a rare autosomal dominant form of <i>inherited diabetes</i>.</p> <p><u>Associated with:</u></p> <p>Various gene defects affecting B-cells, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glucokinase (an important sensor for glucose metabolism) - Several mutations in genes controlling development and function of the B-cells. <p>Mutations in these genes, however, are not typically present in DM type 2.</p>

Diagnostic Criteria:

Patient having *Polyuria* or *polydipsia*??

We do GTT (Glucose Tolerance Test) which includes:



“Impaired Fasting Glucose” need to be followed closely because they are at high risk of developing diabetes over time.

Diabetes Mellitus Type I:

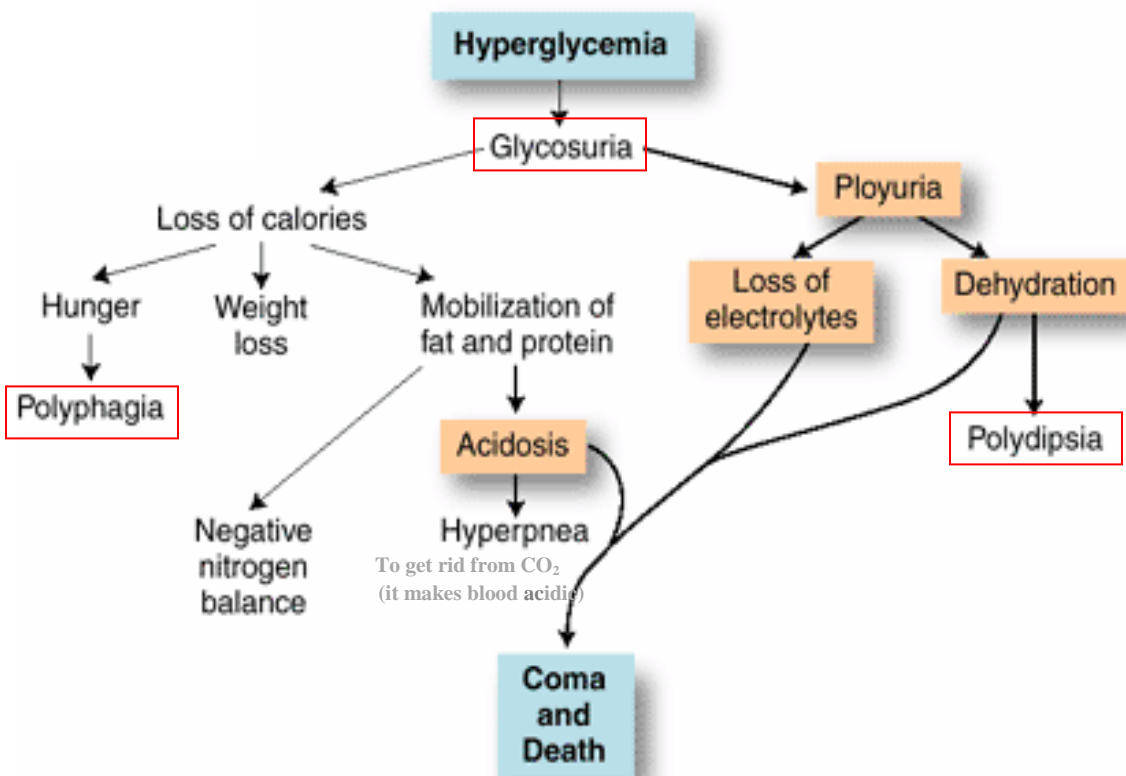
Autoimmune destruction of the B-cells of the *islets of langerhans* in the pancreas. Characterized by:

- Few/none functional B-cells in *islets of langerhans*.
- Extremely limited/nonexistent insulin secretion.

And this results in:

- 1- Body fat – rather than glucose – is metabolized as a source of energy → oxidation of fat
→ production of **ketone bodies** (acetoacetic acid and B-hydroxybutyric acid)
→ **metabolic ketoacidosis**.
- 2- Unsuppressed hepatic glucose output (glycogenolysis & gluconeogenesis)
& ↓ glucose disposal in *Skeletal muscle* and *Adipose tissue* → **Hyperglycemia** → **Glucosuria**
→ loss of body water into urine
→ **dehydration**

Lead to
coma
and
death



Epidemiology:

Ethnic groups:

Most common among:
Northern Europeans

Less common among:
*Asians, African-Americans
or Native-Americans.*

Age Groups:

Most common onset:
at *Puberty*

Less common onset
at *elderly*
(with autoimmune destruction
occurring over the years)

Time of the year:

Increased incidence in
late-fall or early-winter

Pathogenesis:

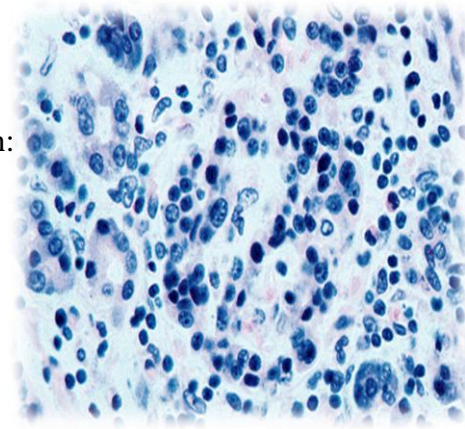
1. GENETIC FACTORS

- **Major Histocompatibility Antigens called:**
Human leukocyte antigen *HLA-DR3* or *HLA-DR4*, or both in 95% of patients. << in immunology it's **HLA-DQ !!**
- **The principal susceptibility locus⁽¹⁾ for it, is in the region encoding:**
The class II MHC molecules on chromosome 6p21 (HLA-D)
- The children of **fathers with T1DM** are three times more likely to develop the disease than are children of **diabetic mothers**.

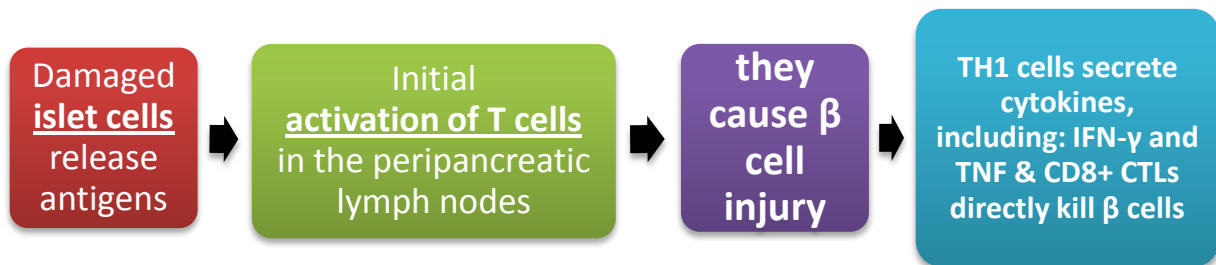
(1): a locus (plural loci) is the specific location of a gene or DNA sequence on a chromosome.

2. AUTOIMMUNITY

- Cell mediated immune (CMI) mechanisms only present in type 1 DM with:
Antibodies: Islet Cell Antibodies (ICA)
Antigens: islet antigens toward:
 - Components of B-cells
 - Insulin itself.
- Onset is gradual
[antibodies appear years/months before clinical symptoms of insufficient insulin start to appear].
- This results in **Insulinitis**:
 - **Infiltrate of mononuclear cells in & around the islets of langerhans.**
 - **Cytokines** (e.g. IL-1, IL-6, IF- α and intric oxide) resulting in \rightarrow B-cell injury (slowly over the years)
- **CD8+ T lymphocytes pre-dominate**, although some CD4+ cells are also present.
(normally, CD8 < CD4 but in this type of CMI, CD8 are the predominating T-cells)



Pathophysiology of autoimmunity:



- 1- **T lymphocytes react against β -cell antigens and cause cell damage.**
(These T cells include CD4+ T cells of the TH1, which cause tissue injury by activating macrophages, and CD8+ cytotoxic T lymphocytes, which directly kill β cells and also secrete cytokines that activate macrophages).
 \rightarrow Pancreatic lesions examined at the early active stages of the disease show cellular necrosis and lymphocytic infiltration. This lesion is called insulinitis.
- 2- Locally produced cytokines damage β cells e.g. IFN- γ , TNF and interleukin-1
- 3- Autoantibodies against a variety of β -cell antigens, including:
insulin and **glutamic acid decarboxylase**,
are also detected in the blood of 70% to 80% of patients and may contribute to islet cell damage

3.ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Geographical and seasonal differences in the incidence of T1DM further suggest that environmental factors are **important** in its pathogenesis Such as:

Viruses and chemicals of:

- **Mumps**
- Group B **Coxsackie** viruses
- **Rubella** viruses.

Morphology

Early active stage:

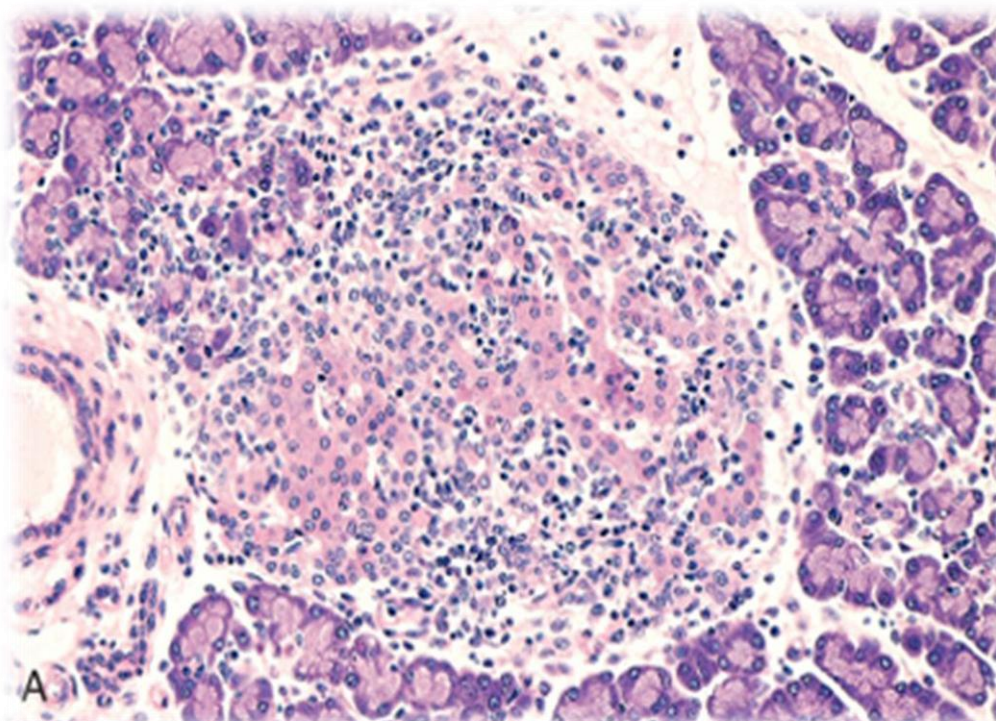
- **Lymphocytic infiltrate** in the islets (insulitis),
- Sometimes accompanied by a few **macrophages** and **neutrophils**.

Chronic stage:

The islets are progressively depleted of Beta cells

The exocrine pancreas in chronic T1DM: often exhibits:

- Diffuse interlobular and interacinar fibrosis
- **Atrophy** of the acinar cells
- **Fibrosis of the islets is uncommon**
- **NO** deposition of **amyloid** in the islets of Langerhans, in contrast to T2DM



Diabetes Mellitus Type II

Epidemiology:

Almost 10% of persons older than 65 years of age are affected
[The disease usually develops in **adults**]

80% of patients with T2DM are overweight [**obese**].
It has been appearing in increasing numbers in younger age.

Pathogenesis: mainly due to the following 2:

1-Insulin resistance [Decreased ability of target cells to respond to insulin]

2-Inadequate (impaired) insulin secretion in response to glucose stimulation [B-cells dysfunction]

- [B-cells dysfunction]

Inability to secrete insulin when glucose is high.

This functional abnormality is specific for glucose, since the B-cells responds to other stimulants, such as amino acids.

Other Causes: B-cell function may also be affected by:

Chronically Elevated Plasma Levels of Free Fatty Acids that occur in ***obese persons***.

****This describes the relationship between the obesity and the insulin resistance and/or impaired insulin production****

- [Genetic factors] → Multi-factorial

The inheritance pattern is **complex** and thought to be due to multiple interacting susceptibility genes.

High Familial Predominance

- Among ***monozygotic twins***, both are almost always affected.
- **60%** of patients have either a parent or a sibling with the disease

No association with **genes** of the major histocompatibility complex (MHC)

Lifestyle predominance

Obesity

Hypertension

Amount of exercise



Influence the phenotypic expression of the disorder

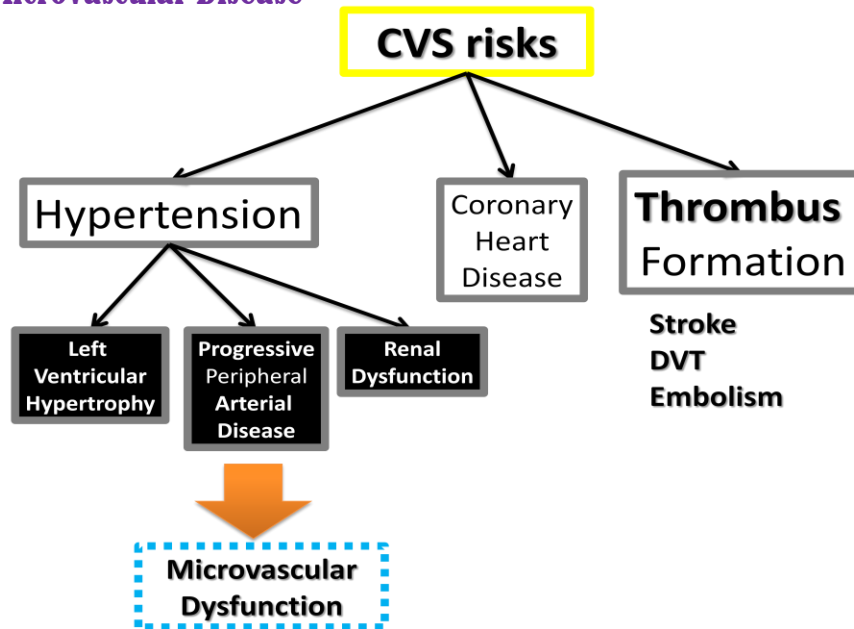
Histopathology:

B-cells are spared (no reduction or any morphologic lesion in them), but in the islets:

- 1- **Fibrous tissue** accumulates → may obliterate.
- 2- **Amyloid** deposits (especially in elderly patients).

Diabetes Complications:

1. Diabetic Microvascular Disease



2. Diabetic Nephropathy

1/3rd of renal failure cases, affecting both **T1DM (30-40% of them)** & **T2DM (20% of them)**.

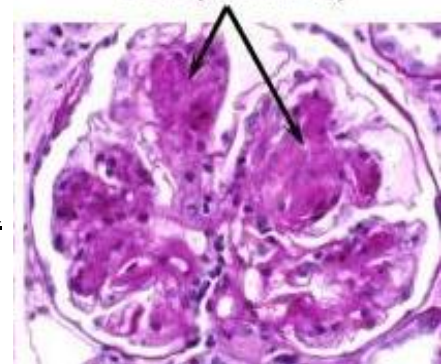
Occurrence depends on:

the *Severity* and the *Duration* of **Hyperglycemia**.

Glomeruli exhibit a unique lesion called:

Kimmelstiel-Wilson disease or **Nodular Glomerulosclerosis**

Nodules of glomerular scar (sclerosis)



3. Diabetic Retinopathy

Risk is **higher in T1DM** (just like neuropathy).

30% Of T1DM patients with 20 years duration become **Legally blind**

4. Diabetic Neuropathy

Pain & abnormal sensation in the Extremities.

Most common complication.

Related to “Microvasculopathy” involving small blood vessels of nerves (low supply)

Affects: **Peripheral Sensory impairment** (lead to foot ulcers)

Autonomic Nerve Dysfunction

With abnormalities in the *Axons* and the *Myelin sheath* and *schwann cells*.

5. Infections:

Bacterial & Fungal occur in diabetic hyperglycemia if poorly controlled

- Bladder infection → Renal papillary necrosis (complication)
- **Mucormycosis**: a dangerous fungal infection.
originates in Nasopharynx or **Paranasal sinuses** → **spreads rapidly** to the orbit and brain

Gestational Diabetes:

Diabetes occurring during pregnancy as **Pregnancy is a state of insulin-resistance**. This can put both mother & fetus at risk.

- Among the females suffering from it during pregnancy, a small percentage may continue having it even after parturition.
- On the other hand, other percentages are highly susceptible to get T2DM (to get insulin resistance) later in life.