

## Epidemiology of Diabetes mellitus

### Diabetes Mellitus

A metabolic disorder of multiple aetiology characterized by chronic hyperglycaemia with disturbances of carbohydrate, fat and protein metabolism resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action or both

### Types of diabetes

Type 1 (5-10%)    Type 2 (90 - 95%)

**Secondary diabetes:** The diabetes is not the main illness, a secondary condition that results because of the main illness e.g. cystic fibrosis, chronic pancreatitis, infections.

### Pre-diabetes: Impaired glucose tolerance

at higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes. May remain undiagnosed for years; risk of complications same as for T2DM

#### Symptoms

Lots of urine & thirst  
& weight loss & infections

#### Biochemical tests

Random plasma glucose (Random BS >200  
mg/dl (>11.1 mmol/dl))

Fasting plasma glucose (FBS >126 mg/dl  
>7 mmol/dl)

Oral glucose tolerance test – 2h glucose

(If < 7.8 mmol/L = normal GTT

If ≥ 7.8 mmol/L and < 11.1 mmol/L = Impaired GTT

If ≥ 11.1 mmol/L = provisional diagnosis of Diabetes

Hb A1C •

#### Why is diabetes so important?

Cost & lots of complications like:

Cardiovascular (Diabetes accounts for more than 5% of the global deaths, which are mostly due to CVD).

blindness & visual impairment

Depression & Premature mortality

Feet amputations

responsible for over one third of end-stage renal disease

infections, sexual, psycho-sexual

Risk factors for Retinopathy in Saudi diabetic patients

Duration > 10 years.

Presence of nephropathy.

Older than 60 years.

Poor diabetes control.

Risk factors for Type 2 DM are complex including **obesity, genetic and life style factors**

physical inactivity, dietary imbalance and infections

1) obesity: **Contributes to the resistance to endogenous insulin.**

2) Genetic factors: may play a part in development of all types; autoimmune disease and viral infections may be risk factors in Type I DM.

3) Physiologic or emotional stress: causes prolonged elevation of stress hormone levels (cortisol, epinephrine, glucagon and growth hormone), which raises blood glucose levels

4) Pregnancy: causes weight gain and increases levels of estrogen and placental hormones, which antagonize insulin

5) Medications: that are known to antagonize the effects of insulin: thiazide diuretics, adrenal corticosteroids, oral contraceptives

### Epidemiology of diabetes

Prevalence worldwide is increasing

### Epidemiology of Diabetes in USA

Diabetes affects 25.8 million people of all ages

8.3% of the U.S. population

Major cause of heart disease and stroke

Seventh leading cause of death

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