Key Features of Ongoing Follow Up and Support in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Diabetes Initiative

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Real world demonstration of self management as part of high quality diabetes care in primary care and community settings
Key Aspects of Diabetes

- Behavior is Central

- 24/7

- 6 hours a year with physician’s, dietitians, etc

- 8,760 “on your own”

- For the rest of your life
Resources & Supports for Self Management

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- Collaborative Goal Setting
- Instruction in Skills
- Ongoing Follow Up and Support
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Not Time Limited

- What’s wrong with this picture?
  - 8 Sessions Health Coach if GHb > 8
  - If GHb falls to 7, Health Coach terminated
- “OK, You’ve got type 1 diabetes. We’ll put you on insulin for two weeks and see if that cures you.”
- That ongoing support needs to be ongoing does not mean it’s ineffective.
- No more than that insulin needs to be ongoing
Personal connection is critical

- Based in an ongoing relationship with a provider
- Not necessarily physician
- Critical are:
  - Time to get to know individual
  - Links to rest of team
On-Demand

- Available on demand and as needed by the recipient
- Community based events, e.g., health fairs
- Weekly breakfast clubs
- Monthly diabetes breakfast
- Yearly party to which family invited
- *Talking Circles* in American Indian communities
Proactive or Staff Initiated

- Diabetes is progressive and management is influenced by life changes
- Keep individuals from “falling between the cracks”
- Refer to other components of Resources and Supports for Self-Management
- Contact initiated by provider every 2 to 4 months
- Holyoke: database triggers contact by RN/CHW team
- Low demand – communicate interest rather than surveillance
- Also, newsletters, mailings, etc.
Variety – Range of “good practices” rather than single “best practice”

• 60% to 70% of patients report not having received self-management interventions (Austin Endo Practice. 2006 12(Suppl 1):138-141)

• Reaching and engaging more important than efficacy
  – Intervention of 75% efficacy that reaches and engages is more beneficial than 100% efficacy that does not engage

• Use varied channels – telephone, drop-in groups, scheduled groups

• Many “good” better than few “best” practices
Motivational

• Especially for those with long Hx, motivation may be more critical than skill

• Nondirective Support – accepting individual’s goals and views of things, encouraging more than “taking over”

• 30% of Community Health Worker encounters categorized as providing encouragement or motivation

• Support groups
Not Limited to Diabetes

• Diabetes is woven through all of life so must address the diverse concerns or challenges the individual faces

• Programs can be general – e.g., weight management, physical activity, chronic disease self management groups

• Reduce or avoid stigma by programs directed toward general public

• Gain support for program by linking to broad interests
Group Medical Visits
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- All patients with common characteristics, e.g., all with diabetes, CHF, arthritis, or chronic disease
- 2 – 3 hour block
- Clinical assessment and medical care
- Group discussion and support
- Educational sessions
- Group activities – exercise, cooking classes, etc.
GHb Results of Group Medical Visits

At 5 years, GHb = 7.3 in GMV
9.0 in Individual Care

Trento et al., *Diab Care* 2001 24: 995-1000; 2004 27: 670-675

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Community Health Workers

- Personal, have time, often of individual’s community
- Linkage to clinical and other resources
- Reinforce and trouble-shoot basic education
- Provide emotional support and encouragement to:
  - Encourage Healthy Coping
  - Maintain motivation
- Teach classes
- Organize for advocacy, community action
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Federally Qualified CHC
Western Massachusetts
17,277 medical patients
6,722 dental patients
One of the highest diabetes mortality rates in Massachusetts
• ≈ 100% of patients live at or below poverty level
Multiple Interventions provides ample opportunity for ongoing follow up and support

- Chronic Disease Self-Management Classes
- Community Health Workers
- Diabetes Education Classes
- Exercise Classes
- Individual Appointments with the diabetes educator and the nutritionist
- Breakfast Club
- Snack Club
Community Health Workers

- Bridge between the community and the health center
- Co-lead Programs
- Outreach
- Teaching
- Social Support
- Telephone Follow-Up
- Joint Visits with Providers
- Goal Setting/Problem Solving
- Collaboration with the nurses and providers in the clinic
Nurse and Community Health Worker Collaboration

- Follow up and support for patients not seen by their provider in the last 4 months
- Registry report generated every month
- Patients identified
- Nurses call patients, send letters and then refer to the community health workers
- Community health workers reattempt phone contact, letter and then provide a home visit to patients address
Breakfast Club

- Eleven Sessions
- Nutritious Breakfast
- Correct Portion Sizes
- Balanced Meals
- Variety of Foods
- New food products introduced
- Label reading
- Hands on learning opportunities
- Incentives and raffles
Supermarket Tour

- Practice skills learned in class
- Patients with low literacy levels benefit
- Assess patient knowledge of products and food selection
- Hands on learning
Drop In Snack Club

- Informal gatherings
- Meet Program Staff
- Diabetes Bingo
- Raffles with healthy prizes
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Referral to other programs
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<td>Number of Patients</td>
<td>499</td>
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**Number of Patients**

![Bar chart showing the number of patients from 2003 to 2006](chart1.png)

**Average HbA1c**

![Bar chart showing the average HbA1c from 2003 to 2006](chart2.png)
On-Demand – Staff Initiated A Critical Continuum

On-demand, Varied Contacts to Suit Individual Preferences

Staff-Initiated Contacts to Maintain Contact and Prompt Engagement
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Building Community Support for Diabetes Care

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OFUS on Three Levels

Local Radio Stations
We Care
Local CBO’s
Churches
Support Group/Group Appt.
Cooking Classes
Supermarket Tours
“Diabetes 101”
Adult Fitness
Diabetes Presentations

Open Door Health Center

Community
ODHC Patient Family
Adults with DM Type 2

ODHC: Clinic as platform for community program
• Demonstrate
• Evaluate
• Promote
• Peer Support for Diabetes Management
• Around the World

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Pandu Diabetes (Diabetes Champions) in Indonesia

Organised by the Indonesian Diabetes Association (Persatuan Diabetes Indonesia)

Program to prepare or create diabetes leaders /motivators all over the country

Helping patients to change their behavior / lifestyle

Patients helping each other in self management of diabetes (peer to peer)

Activate the organization/members/ health personnel

Improve self - management of the members
Pandu Diabetes Units/Clubs

Jakarta: 7000 members
Banten: 600 members
Bogor: 650 members
Lampung: 300 members
West Java: 3000 members
Central Java: 3000
East Java: 2000
Gorontalo: 400
North Sulawesi: 400
South Sulawesi: 300
North Sumatera: 700
West Sumatera: 250
South Sumatera: 400
Kalimantan: 2000
North Maluku: 300
Bali: 400
Lombok: 200
Flores: 200
Timor: 100

Total: 22,200 members
Pandu Diabetes

Rapat Kerja Nasional
Perkemahan Diabetes Nasional 2006
Via Renata Hotel & Exclusive Bungalows Cimacan - West Java, 11 Maret 2006
Consensus re: Key Functions of Peer Support

• Assistance, consultation in applying management plan in daily life
• Social and Emotional Support
  – Encouragement of use of skills, problem solving
  – Personal relationship
• Linkage to clinical care
Introduction to the Symposium
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Sustaining Behavior Change in Health Promotion – Diabetes Prevention and Management, and Weight Loss

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General Emphasis on Behavior Change

• Most intervention models in field examine ways of initiating new behaviors

• Emphasis on skills that are assumed to be:
  – useful in real world
  – maintained by naturally occurring consequences

• Common implicit assumption that if behavior change somehow “takes,” maintenance will be automatic

• 1 – 2 year follow up generally highly esteemed

• Average individual with type 2 diabetes may live 3 – 4 decades with their disease
The Best Quotation in Behavior Science Over the Last 50 Years

"generalization [or maintenance of behavior change] should be programmed, rather than expected or lamented"

Self Regulation for Maintenance of Weight Loss

- Participants lost mean 19.3 kg in previous 2 years
- Randomized to:
  - Quartlery newsletters (control)
    4.9 kg regain in 18 mos
  - Internet-based daily self-weighing and self-regulation
    4.7 kg in 18 mos
  - Face-to-face daily self-weighing and self-regulation
    2.5 kg regain in 18 mos
- Daily self-weighing associated with decreased risk of regaining 2.3 kg or more (P<0.001)

Wing, Tate, Gorin, Raynor & Fava. NEJM 2006 355 (15):1563-1571.
Weight Loss Maintenance Randomized Controlled Trial

• Participants had lost $\geq 4$ kg (mean = 8.5 kg) in 6-month program

• Randomized to 30 months of:
  – Self-directed – regained 5.5 kg in 30 mos
  – Interactive technology intervention – regained 5.2 kg in 30 mos
  – Monthly individual contact – regained 4.0 kg in 30 mos

• Both Interactive and Individual Contact
  – Adherence to diet and physical activity (225 minutes per week)
  – Key theoretical constructs (motivation, support, problem solving, and relapse prevention)
  – Self monitoring, accountability, prolonged continuous contact, and motivational interviewing.

Svetkey et al. JAMA 2008 299(10):1139-1148
Predictors of Change in Diabetes Self Management

• Review of programs to enhance diabetes self management (Norris et al., Diabetes Care 2001 24: 561-587.):
  – “Interventions with regular reinforcement are more effective than one-time or short-term education”

• Review of effects of self management on metabolic control (Glycosololated hemoglobin) (Norris et al., Diabetes Care 2002 25: 1159-1171.)
  – Only predictor of success: Length of time over which contact was maintained
Not Just Diabetes
Smoking Cessation Interventions

• Meta-analysis of Kottke et al. (JAMA 1988 259: 2882-2889)
  “Success was not associated with novel or unusual interventions. It was the product of personalized smoking cessation advice and assistance, repeated in different forms by several sources over the longest feasible period.”

• AHRQ meta-analysis: Greater likelihood of smoking cessation with greater length of intervention (Fiore et al. Treating tobacco use and dependence. USDHHS, 2000).
Adoption and maintenance of lifestyle change in preventing type 2 diabetes – different predictors, different strategies for sustained change?

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Maintenance of Weigh Loss: Theoretical and Empirical Concepts

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