Evidence-Based Diabetes Prevention
THROUGH LIFESTYLE CHANGE INTERVENTIONS

Over the last 15 years, a number of scientific studies have evaluated the design and effectiveness of lifestyle change interventions for delaying or preventing type 2 diabetes.

**STUDIES**

**The original NIH-funded Diabetes Prevention Program study**

- Multi-centered, RCT
- 3234 overweight adults with prediabetes
- Structured lifestyle intervention that lowered weight by 7% through low calorie diet and increased physical activity
- Lifestyle reduced risk of developing diabetes by 58%; 71% among adults > 60 years.


**The intervention delivered in a real-world primary care setting**

- RCT in primary care clinic
- Three study groups: Usual care, Coach-led Group Lifestyle, Self-directed DVD Lifestyle
- Both intervention groups received email reminders about self-monitoring via clinic’s EHR
- Percent achieving 5% weight loss: 14.4% UC; 37% Coach, 35.9% DVD. Both intervention groups: greater improvements waist circumference & fasting plasma glucose


**The intervention delivered in the community**

- Matched-pair, group randomized trial
- DPP delivered at YMCA vs brief counseling alone.
- DPP in group setting in community effective way to deliver DPP.


**Systematic Review of translational DPP studies**

- Review of 17 translational studies
- Group-based interventions
- Results: all programs yielded significant weight loss, reduced risk in developing type 2 diabetes. Greater benefits with sustained weight loss over time
- Effectiveness found in program using original curriculum


**Fifteen-year outcomes of original DPP**

- 15-year follow up of 2,776 original cohort
- Diabetes incidence still reduced by 27% in lifestyle group compared to placebo.
- Women in lifestyle group had 21% lower prevalence of microvascular complications
- Participants who did not develop diabetes had 28% lower prevalence of microvascular complications compared to those developing DM.


**Impact of DPP lifestyle intervention on hypertension & hypercholesterolemia**

- Lifestyle intervention group significantly improved hypertension, triglycerides and HDL cholesterol compared to placebo
- Medication use for hypertension and hyperlipidemia was reduced by 25% among the lifestyle group compared to placebo.


**Primary predictor of reduced diabetes incidence**

- Investigation into relative contributions of factors on risk of developing type 2 diabetes in original cohort
- Weight loss was primary predictor of reduced diabetes incidence


**Cost-effectiveness of DPP**

- Systematic review
- Diet & physical activity programs are cost effective for people with prediabetes.
- Cost-savings when group-based
- CE ratio: $1,819/QALY using health system perspective.