Back to School Workshop

2021-22 School Nurse Program
Purpose / Objectives:
• List elements of effective diabetes management in school.
• Discuss roles of student, parent or guardian and medical provider in diabetes management in school setting.
• Discuss new technologies available in managing diabetes.
• Identify access routes to resources including Children’s Mercy Hospital Diabetes team.
• Evaluate effective nutrition management for students with diabetes.
• Identify stages of independence in diabetes care.
• Discuss accommodations available to students in the school setting.
• Discuss Suicide and Mental Health Needs in Students with Diabetes

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Diabetes Management in School Setting
What is Diabetes?

• Diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. This results in high blood glucose levels.

• Two Types
  ✦ Type 1 Diabetes (T1DM) (insulin destruction)
  ✦ Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM) (Insulin overproduction leading to insulin deficiency)
Type 1 Diabetes

- Auto-immune process
- Treatment:
  - Requires insulin
  - No sugary drinks; otherwise no diet restrictions; we do encourage healthy food choices and foods in moderation but not restricting carbs.
- Beta cells in the pancreas no longer produce insulin
- Honeymoon phase shortly after diagnosis with the introduction of insulin (the diabetic's own ability to produce insulin improves)
- There is nothing they did to cause this/ nothing that could have been done to prevent it.
Type 2 Diabetes

• Insulin resistant
• The body still produces insulin but does not work effectively
• Treatment:
  – Oral/IM medication (metformin, Victoza, Liraglutide, etc)
  – May or may not be on insulin depending on how well blood glucose is managed.
• Lifestyle modifications such as carb restriction and exercise are primary treatment modalities-weight loss highly encouraged.
Insulin

• Insulin is the "key" to unlocking the cell; allowing glucose to enter and be used as energy

• Without enough insulin, the glucose cannot enter the cells to be used for energy, resulting in hyperglycemia. If untreated can result in DKA

• Methods of getting insulin:
  • Insulin pen (MDI)
  • Syringe & vial
  • Insulin pump
    (continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion)
Types of Insulin

- Rapid acting (Meal time)— Novolog, Humalog, Apidra, or Fiasp
  - Onset of action is 15 minutes (Fiasp onset is within 5 minutes)
  - Peaks in 1-2 hours
  - Lasts 3-5 hours
  - Given for carbohydrate intake using insulin:carbohydrate ratio (ICR)
  - Used for hyperglycemia and ketone corrections
  - Used in insulin pumps for both basal and bolus
Types of Insulin

Long Acting – Lantus or Levemir or Tresiba or Basaglar

- Usually given once/day (Levemir given BID)
- Onset of action is 1-2 hours
- Does not have a peak ("background insulin")
- Lasts about 24 hours
- If missed, can result in hyperglycemia for the next 24 hours.
- Do not mix with other insulin; but can be given at the same time when bolusing for meal dose
Injection & Infusion Sites

- Use an area of the body with adequate subcutaneous tissue (fat) to assure proper absorption.

- *Rotation of sites* is important in preventing lipohypertrophy/fatty scar tissue. If site is hard/lumpy it will not absorb insulin properly.
  - Back of arms
  - Sides of legs
  - Hips/buttocks
  - Flank area
  - Abdomen staying 1-2 inches away from navel.
Insulin Facts

• Opened Insulin does not need to be refrigerated
• Do not freeze or allow above 85 degrees
• Opened insulin should be discarded in 30 days
• Write the opened date on the vial/pen
• Unopened insulin is good in the refrigerator until the listed expiration date
• If traveling or if insulin will be out of room temperature environment for extended time, use insulated gel pack to keep insulin cool.
• Where you are comfortable, your insulin is comfortable.
Hypoglycemia

• Blood glucose values <70
• Can occur if too much insulin is given or if not enough food is eaten
• Can be a dangerous condition because glucose is the major energy/fuel source for the brain
• NEVER leave a child experiencing hypoglycemia alone; have student escorted to health room, or school nurse should go to student
Hypoglycemia - 15/15 Rule

• Give 15 grams of fast acting carbohydrate (without insulin). Wait 15 minutes, then recheck BG. If BG still under 70, repeat 15/15 rule

• If the child is refusing to eat, administer one packet of glucose gel or cake icing orally in cheek and rub in to absorb quickly.

• If the child is unconscious or having a seizure, turn child to the side to maintain an open airway and administer glucagon if ordered (Call 911/parents)
  – If Glucagon is given will need to be conservative with corrections doses for the next 24 hours.

• When in doubt; treat as a low BG; always have snacks available
Hypoglycemia snacks

- 15 grams of simple carbohydrates without giving insulin
- 4 ounces of juice (sugary liquids work the quickest)
- 15 skittles, 2 rolls of Smarties, 4 starburst
- 4 glucose tablets
- 4 ounces of regular soda
- fruit snacks (1 packet Welch's is 16 carbs)
- cake gel/honey packet

May need a follow up snack if it will be >30 minutes until next meal.

- 15 gram snack containing fat without giving insulin; such as crackers and cheese or peanut butter, chocolate milk, ice cream, yogurt, etc.
Types of Hypoglycemia

**Mild:**
- Shaky
- Weak
- Tired
- Hungry
- Irritable
- Unable to think clearly

**Treatment:**
15 grams of fast acting carbohydrate

**Moderate:**
- Pale
- Needing help treating low blood glucose
- Difficulty concentrating or following conversation
- Seems “distant” or confused
- Poor coordination (legs feel weak, difficulty walking)
- Slurred speech, difficulty cooperating

**Treatment:**
Glucose gel, cake gel

**Severe:**
- Seizure
- Become semiconscious or unconscious
- Have altered mental status

**Treatment:**
Glucagon, Call 911
Treating Severe Low Blood Glucose

**Administer only if seizing, unconscious, or if directed by endocrinologist**

**Glucagon:**
1. combine liquid from syringe into powder vial
2. Mix thoroughly
3. Draw Solution into Syringe
4. Administer into muscle (top of leg or buttocks)

**Baqsimi:**
1. Hold Device between fingers and thumb. do not push plunger yet.
2. Insert tip gently into one nostril until fingers touch the outside of the nose
3. Push Plunger firmly all the way in. Dose is complete when green line disappears

**Gvoke:**
- Administer into subcutaneous tissue
Hyperglycemia

- Blood glucose level >240mg/dl
- Check for ketones (blood or urine)
- Administer additional insulin as ordered –refer to school orders for dosing
- Make sure the child is well hydrated. Give sugar free fluid (water is preferred)
- Contact parents/legal guardians if moderate or large ketones are present
- If unable to reach parent/guardian call CMH diabetes team (get ROI from parents at the start of the school year or at diagnosis) 816-960-8803 and press urgent option.
- Recommended to have back up option of short acting insulin refrigerated for student in case of pump failure.
Treating Hyperglycemia

- Refer to the school orders to see if the student has an ISF (Correction factor) or if they are using a chart for corrections (such as newly diagnosed patients)
- If BG is > 240 check ketones.
- If ketones are negative, trace, or small give extra insulin before meals, by adding correction dose (using ISF) to your meal dose
- Make sure it has been AT LEAST 3 hours since your last insulin injection before giving a correction.
- If on insulin pump, enter BG (and carb count if they are going to eat) into pump and pump will calculate correction dose
Treating Hyperglycemia: New diagnosed patient chart

- Blood glucose is over 200 and ketones are negative, trace, or small
- Give extra insulin before meals, by adding correction dose to your meal dose
- Make sure it has been AT LEAST 3 hours since your last insulin injection before giving a correction

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### Adolescents (11 and up)

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Moderate or Large Ketones at School

- Reasons for ketones:
  - Missed doses (not enough insulin, bad/failed pump site, missing long acting insulin—(was this taken at home last night?)
  - Illness/going long periods without eating or not eating carbs—causing starvation ketones
- Additional rapid acting insulin is required; check school orders for ketone dose. (DO NOT USE REGULAR CORRECTION CHART: this is used only for negative/trace/small ketones)
- If student is eating, dose for carbs in addition to the moderate or large ketone dose.
- If student is on an insulin pump, **moderate or large ketone dose must be given as a SQ injection and pump site must be changed**
Moderate or large ketones: What to do

- Student needs 8 oz. of sugar free fluids every hour; water is best
- **Recheck BG and ketones every 2 hours** until ketones resolve.
- If Ketones are not improving or getting worse; call parents/may need to send home or parents may decide to take to ED.
- Students with moderate/large ketones should not participate in physical activity
- Student may remain at school with ketones unless he/she is vomiting or ill.
- If unable to reach parents and have ROI on file, call CMH Diabetes team
Insulin is required to get rid of ketones

- **Small or Trace Ketones**
  - Give correction using ISF or chart and push fluids

- **Moderate Ketones**
  - Give 10% of Total Daily Dose as an injection. Change the pump site and push fluids. Recheck ketones and BG in 2 hours.

- **Large Ketones**
  - Give 20% of Total Daily Dose as an injection. Change the pump site and push fluids. Recheck ketones and BG in 2 hours.

**Total Daily Dose** = all insulin taken in 1 day (rapid acting + long acting)
**CHECK KETONES IF:**

Blood glucose (BG) is higher than 240, or you feel sick, with any fever, stomachache, vomiting, or diarrhea no matter what your blood glucose number is.

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**No action needed now.**

Drink sugar-free fluids.

Monitor ketones and BG every 2 hours if you still feel sick.

Give a correction dose if it has been more than 3 hours since last dose of fast-acting insulin.

(This can be given via pump.)

(BG-120)/Insulin sensitivity factor (SF)

Follow 15/15 rule to get BG above 240.

Once BG is higher than 240, recheck ketones. Go back to top of chart and follow directions.

Drink sugar-free fluids.

Give dose based on Total Daily Dose (TDD). See calculations in blue box below.

Drink sugar-free fluids.

**If on a pump, change pump site and inject insulin dose.**

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**Ketone Dosing**

**Moderate or large ketone doses must be given via injection – not through insulin pump.**

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<td>• Drink at least 8 ounces of water or sugar-free fluids per hour.</td>
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If ketones have not cleared after 4 hours, call the Diabetes Team.

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**Diabetes Team**

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

After hours, weekends and holidays: Call (816) 960-8803 (Option 2 “Diabetes” > Option 2 “Urgent”) Call (816) 234-3188

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School Nurse algorithm page to customize to your T1D student:

- Fillable areas for:
  - ICR
  - Total daily dose
  - Enter BG and calculate correction dose for negative/trace/small ketones
  - Calculate correction dose for moderate/large ketones based on TDD
- QR code can be used to create insulin dose chart for student.
  - Enter ICR
  - Enter target
  - Enter ISF

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Reviewing blood glucose

- Review blood glucoses regularly (such as weekly)
- Look for patterns; is there a pattern after 3-5 days
  - what time of day is the pattern occurring?
  - Is it related to PE, recess, food choices, stress, anxiety, etc.?
  - Inform the parent and or CMH CDE if you are seeing patterns at school; may need insulin adjustments
- Do adjustments need to be made to the insulin regimen or to self-management behaviors; such as dosing before instead of after meal, does the student need supervision with injections, are they entering BG and carb counts into the pump correctly?
Insulin adjustments

• Generally make 1 adjustment at a time then wait 3-5 days to re-evaluate

• Start with reviewing the before breakfast BG/fasting
  – If morning BG is above or below target; changes are made to Lantus dose (if on MDI or to basal dose if on pump)

• Next compare the pre and post meal numbers to assess the ICR
  – If BG drops or rises more than 40mg/dl 2-3 hours after the meal from premeal BG, then ICR would need to be changed. (higher ICR = less insulin given; lower ICR = more insulin)

• Correction factor is adjusted when
  – multiple corrections are needed to bring BG into target (decrease ISF)
  – hypoglycemia occurs commonly after corrections (increase ISF)
Goals of Diabetes Management

- Keep blood glucose in target range (70-130) 70% of the time
- Minimize fluctuation in blood glucose readings
- Hemoglobin A1C 7.5% or less (7.0% or less for >age 18)
- Prevention of long term complications
- Ensure optimal growth and development
- Maximize quality of life and independence
- Teach self-management of diabetes care. Parents are able to make insulin adjustments on their own.
School Orders

- Questions about school orders?
- They will include:
  - Type of therapy; injections or pump
  - ICR (insulin to carb ratio)
  - Type of insulin
  - ISF (correction factor and instructions on how to use)
  - Ketone management, including doses for moderate and large ketones
  - TDD (total daily dose)
  - Hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia treatment (action plan)
  - ROI on the last page; have parent/legal guardian sign and faxed back to CMH Diabetes team
Access to diabetes team-CMH website

Childrensmercy.org-> search for endocrine/diabetes->childhood diabetes center->school information->2021 back to school workshop
What’s online?

- **Diabetes team website:**
- Blood glucose monitoring instruction video
- Diabetes management calculators
  - Insulin Dose Calculator
  - Ketone Management Calculator
- School information
- Child and Family Support
- Contact Us
CMH Patient Portal

• For parents/caregivers
• View lab results
• Send messages to the Diabetes team or doctor
• View clinic notes
• View upcoming appointments
• Parents can print school orders or we can fax directly to school nurse.
• Parents can request to join portal by emailing ROI@cmh.edu
Where to find more information

www.diabetes.org
www.childrenwithdiabetes.com
www.jdrf.org

CMH CDE's: phone: 816-960-8803/ fax: 816-302-9906

• **Option 2: non urgent**

• **Option 3: urgent (student is vomiting/has moderate or large ketones, or has low blood glucose not responding to treatment.**
Resources

• Children’s Diabetes Center
  http://www.childrensmercy.org/Search Diabetes>Endocrinology and Diabetes>Clinical Services>Diabetes Team

• American Diabetes Association Safe at School Campaign

• National Diabetes Education Program
Diabetes Technology

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FreeStyle Libre

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Continuous Glucose Monitoring Sensors
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- Glucose is measured continuously
  - Freestyle Libre (original) only measures blood glucose when reader is passed by sensor
- Can directly observe trends in glucose
- Can observe effects of exercise, food choices on blood glucose
- Can limit finger stick glucose readings
- No finger sticks required with Dexcom G6 or Freestyle Libre and Freestyle Libre 2
How do sensors work?

- Tiny filament (wire-like probe) placed beneath the skin
- Measures glucose in interstitial fluid (fluid between the cells)
- Worn for up to 7-14 days
- Calibration (if required): performed at regular intervals to give the sensor a “starting point” and keep data accurate
  - Freestyle Libre, Freestyle Libre 2 and Dexcom G6- No calibrations required
  - Dexcom G5 Calibrate every 12 hours
  - Guardian Connect- Calibrate every 12 hours
CGM Gives More Data

• A lot can happen between finger sticks
• A blood glucose reading can’t tell you which way the BG is headed and how fast

If you saw this number, what would you do? If you saw this instead, would you do something differently?
Daily Patient Log

- **Fingerstick BG**
- **Insulin Bolus**

Glucose (mg/dl)

- Breakfast 8:00 am
- Lunch 12:00 pm
- Dinner 6:00 pm
- Bedtime 10:30 pm
Daily Patient Log
with Sensor Data

Glucose (mg/dl)

Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Lunch 12:00
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Finger stick BG
Sensor Measurement
Insulin Bolus

Target Range
It is very rare for the meter and the CGM to have the EXACT same number.

If they are different, the glucose may be changing.

Only check calibration when blood glucose is stable.

Pay attention to the trend as opposed to the actual number.
Dexcom G5/G6

• Stand-alone CGM
• Able to dose using CGM data
• No finger sticks required with G6 (G5 requires 2 fingersticks/day)
• 10-day wear
• 2 hour arm up period with start of new sensor
• Has alarms for lows and highs
• Data sent directly from transmitter to Apple, Android device, or receiver.
  – If sent to smart device, data can be followed from iPhones or Android phones.
Freestyle Libre

- Stand alone CGM
- Must swipe in order to view data
- No fingersticks required
- Can scan with receiver or iPhone app (iPhone 7 or newer)
- Able to dose based off CGM reading
- No calibration required
- 14 day wear
- No alarms for blood glucose levels out of set range
Freestyle Libre 2

- Stand-alone CGM
- Can scan with receiver (Awaiting FDA approval for phone app)
- Continuous Glucose Monitoring
- Able to dose using CGM data
- No finer sticks required
- 14 day wear
- Has alarms for highs or lows
Medtronic Guardian Connect

- Stand alone CGM
- Calibration (finger stick) required every 12 hours
  - NOT FDA approved to dose without fingerstick
- 7 day wear
- High/Low alarms
- Data sent directly from transmitter to Apple Device. (patient must have apple device)
  - If sent to Apple device, data can be followed from up to 5 iPhones or Android phones
Inpen

- Smart pen (not a pump) paired to a phone or tablet (with Wifi) App.
- Has a bolus calculator in App based on ratios, correction factors and target BG.
- App can confirm if student took insulin.
- App has BG and bolus reminders that can be used.
- Insulin pen is used just like a traditional pen.
- Calculations can be done as normal if student does not have a phone or forgot it that day. Doses will be tracked in App once pen is back in proximity with phone/tablet.
Insulin Pumps
How insulin pumps work

• Basal Insulin:
  – Basal Rate: constant flow of background insulin
    • Replaces your long acting insulin
    • An Insulin pump continuously gives rapid acting insulin in small doses: Example: If on shots and you take 24 units of Lantus, you would receive 1 unit of fast acting insulin per hour on an insulin pump for your background insulin. The basal rate can be adjusted to deliver different rates of flow throughout the day or night.

• Bolus Insulin:
  – Bolus: dose given with meals, snacks, or glucose correction
  – Will calculate precise dose needed by entering BG and or grams of carbohydrates
  – Insulin delivered accurately with no extra injections
  – No fear of stacking insulin (giving insulin too close together)
How the Insulin Pump Works

**Reservoir:** Filled with enough fast acting insulin to last 2-3 days

**Infusion set:** Small plastic tube or steel needle that goes from the pump and attaches to the skin
Profile of Individual on Multiple Daily Injections

Plasma insulin

Breakfast
Novolog
Humalog
Apidra

Lunch
Novolog
Humalog
Apidra

Dinner
Novolog
Humalog
Apidra

Lantus, Basaglar
Levemir, Tresiba

4:00 8:00 12:00 16:00 20:00 24:00

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Profile of individual on a pump
Profile of Individual on Hybrid Closed Loop System

Basal is automatically adjusted
- Must dose for carbohydrates

Plasma insulin

Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

0400  0800  1200  1600  2000

Auto Basal Delivery

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Wearing a pump at school

What to know about insulin pumps at school
Hyperglycemia

- Check for ketones >240 or if sick
- If negative, trace or small ketones: Insulin pumps have the ability to calculate a correction bolus to reduce a high blood glucose
- If moderate or large ketones: treat through injection
- DKA can develop in 4-6 hours if delivery is interrupted by kinks/ bad sites, battery failure, empty reservoir
Hypoglycemia

- Treat using 15/15 rule
- Pumps can be disconnected for sports and exercise.
- If on hybrid closed loop system with sensor; basal rates will be adjusted or stopped automatically if a low is sensed.
- Basal rates can be adjusted to protect against lows before and after exercise
- Temp basal rates can be used
Tandem t:slim x2

- Touch screen display
- Can integrate Dexcom G6 CGM
- Missed bolus alert
- Rechargeable battery/USB port
- Upgradeable software
- Pump can have an integrated Dexcom G6 reading
- Basal IQ: will suspend on low and prior to low using Dexcom G6 data; significantly reducing the incidence of lows (<70)
T:slim x2 Control IQ

• Use with Dexcom G6 sensor
  – No calibrations (finger sticks) needed - 2 hours warm up period when Dexcom is first placed
  – Adjusts basal rates every 5 minutes as needed
  – Gives a correction bolus as needed – 1 correction bolus per hour as needed
T:slim x2 Control IQ

- BG > 180: Delivers an automatic correction if BG is predicted to be greater than 180 mg/dL (corrections given once an hour if needed)
- BG 160-180: Increased Basal insulin if BG is predicted to be greater than 160 mg/dL (can adjust basal rates every 5 minutes if needed)
- BG 112.5-150: Maintains current basal settings
- BG 70-112.5: Decreases basal insulin if BG is predicted to be less than 112.5 mg/dL
- BG < 70: Stops basal insulin if BG is predicted to be less than 70 mg/dL
- Features:
  - Sleep activity: set to a blood glucose goal of 110-120
  - Exercise Activity: sets a narrower and higher rang of BG goal of 150 to reduce likelihood of blood glucose drop after exercise
Insulet
Omnipod and Omnipod Dash
Omnipod

• No tubing
• Must have Personal Diabetes Manager (PDM) to give bolus
• Needle is never seen with insertion
• Pod is waterproof, PDM is not
• Minimum insulin fill: 85 units
• Holds up to 200 units insulin
Omnipod DASH

• No tubing
• Touch screen display
  – Bluetooth pod: data can be sent to cloud without uploading
  – Calorie king in bolus calculator
• Secondary iPhone Apps
  – “Display” lets user see their data
    • Includes “find my PDM” feature
  – “View” lets caregivers view data
• Must have PDM to give bolus
• Minimum insulin fill: 85 units
• Holds up to 200 units insulin
Medtronic 630G

- Pump can be integrated with Guardian Link transmitter
  - does not replace finger sticks, but limits them to a minimum of 2/day
  - Suspends insulin when low BG is predicted and restarts once BG is rising
- Waterproof
- Powered by an AA battery
Medtronic 670G

- **Auto mode** - adjusts basal rate every 5 minutes when integrated with Medtronic Guardian sensor
  - Pump may exit auto mode for extreme hyperglycemia or sensor malfunction
  - Does not replace finger sticks, but limits them to 2 BGs/day
  - You MUST still bolus for food
  - If treating moderate or large ketones; pump site will need to be changed; after giving ketone dose via injection will need to exit auto mode for 3 hours. After 3 hours resume auto mode.

- Several Modes: Pump only, Pump + CGM, or Auto mode
Medtronic 770G

- Can be integrated with the Medtronic Guardian sensor
- Does not replace finer sticks, but limits them (minimum 2 BG's/day)
- Auto Mode adjusts basal every 5 minutes
- A temporary exercise target of 150 mg/dl can be set
- Must be 2 years old and use at least 8 units per day
- Alerts can be sent to up to 5 people
- Uploads to Carelink Cloud every night
- Several Modes: Pump only, Pump and CGM, and Auto Mode
Helpful links: Insulin Pumps

- **Medtronic 670 School nurse guide:**

- **Tandem (T-Slim) guide with videos and instruction sheet**

- **Omnipod Caregiver guide:**

- **Omnipod Dash Quick Start Guide**

- **Omnipod Dash Quick Glance Guide:**
Helpful Links: CGM/ InPen

- Dexcom
  - https://provider.dexcom.com/education-research

- Libre user guide and videos

- InPen User guide:
  - https://support.companionmedical.com/article/56-user-guide-inpen
Nutrition Management
Carbohydrate counting

- Must count grams to determine insulin dose
- Ratio = amount of carbs per unit of insulin
  - ie. 1:15 - 1 unit short acting insulin for every 15 grams
- Insulin needs to be given BEFORE eating
- Accuracy is IMPORTANT
What Foods Contain Carbohydrate?

**High in carbohydrate**
- Breads, Cereals, Grains, Starchy Veggies, Beans
- Fruit, juices
- Milk/Yogurt
- Sweets

**Low in carbohydrate**
- Non-starchy vegetables
- Meat/Proteins
- Fats
- Free Foods

Remember to count them all both high and low!
Where Can I Find Carbohydrate Information?

- School District website
- Food Service Director
- Food Labels
- ‘Calorie King’ book
- Websites
- Phone applications
School Lunch

- Chicken nuggets (4) 10gm
- Honey mustard (1) 7gm
- Potato smiles (4) 16gm
- Steamed broccoli 2gm
- Fresh baby carrots 6gm
- Pears 20gm
- Chocolate milk 26gm

TOTAL 87 grams
Calculating Insulin Dose

1) Student decides what they will eat/ won’t eat

2) Use resource to count carbohydrates

3) Use ratio to calculate dose (or enter carbs into pump)
   - If 1:15, $87/15 = 5.8$ units
   - If ratio is 1:12, $87/12 = 7.25$ units

4) If on MDI round to nearest whole unit (ie 6 and 7)
Scenario 1

- Johnny was given 4 units short acting insulin for a 60 gram meal but reports to you that he didn’t eat his potatoes. His Pre-lunch BG was 102.

What should be done???
What is the best answer?

1) Give him apple juice immediately
2) Offer him a carton of milk or slice of bread
3) Check his BG immediately
4) Nothing
Physical activity

- Effects on BG varies
- Increased intensity ie. soccer usually will decrease BG
- Increased competitiveness may increase BG
- Some may experience delayed hypoglycemia- as much as 12-24 hours after activity
- Children with PE/recess before lunch are at greater risk for hypoglycemia
Rule of Thumb

• AVOID physical activity with moderate or large ketones
• May need carbs without insulin for every 30 minutes of vigorous activity
• Check BG before and after activity to determine strategy for glucose control
Scenario 2

Sara is frequently coming to nurse’s office after PE class with BG less than 70

What should you do?
What is the best answer?

1) Snack before PE
2) Change previous meal ratio
3) If on pump - Change basal rate, use temporary basal, or disconnect pump
4) All of the above
Recommendations

• First treat the low
  - 15 grams fast acting carb and re-check BG in 15 minutes

• Notify parents that this is a pattern

What are strategies to prevent these lows?

- Snack before PE
- Temporary basal rate
- Change meal ratios
- Disconnect pump
Frequently Asked Questions

• How many carbohydrates should my kids have per day?
  – Minimum of 130gm/day, but the number can vary
  – More than a number we encourage healthy eating

• Is it possible to consume too few carbohydrates?
  – Yes. Carbohydrates are needed to fuel your brain and are important for growth.

• Should we be restricting carbohydrates to control high blood glucose?
  – Never withhold a meal or snack because glucose is high
  – Dose for the carbohydrates in the meal/snack + add a correction dose of insulin for the high blood glucose
Carbohydrate Daily Amounts

• Is there a minimum required?
  
  130 grams per day at least
  
  ½ of calorie needs
  
  Needs vary: age, growth spurts, activity level, puberty

• Carbs should NOT be restricted, but do encourage healthy eating
Healthy Eating

• Eat a variety of foods
• Eat healthy sources of carbohydrates
  - Whole grains
  - Fruits and vegetables
• Eat a RAINBOW of fruits and vegetables each day!
  – Each color contains different nutrients
  – Choose whole fruit instead of juice
• Drink water more often
• Eat a healthy breakfast every day
Social Concerns at School

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Stages of Independence

- Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
Elementary (6-12 years)

Developing Skills (athletic, artistic, social)
Self esteem begins relating to peer group

Diabetes Management Priorities
- Making diabetes routine flexible for school/peer activities
- Child begins learning long- and short-term benefits of good diabetes control

Family issues with type 1 diabetes management
- Parent to maintain involvement with diabetes cares, while allowing for self-care skill building
- Continue to educate school and other caregivers
- Normalize child’s feelings
Diabetes Responsibility in Elementary School

• Annual meeting with school RN and family to establish plan of care
• Utilize school nurse for all diabetes care
• Most capable of testing blood sugars independently
• Some can draw and administer shots or deliver insulin via a pump
• Start to recognize and treat hypoglycemia
• Most can make own food choices and some can count carbohydrates
• Adult may need to remind child to go to nurses' office at lunch or other meal/snack times
Middle School (12-15 years)
Managing body changes and self identity

Diabetes Management Priorities
• Managing increased insulin needs due to puberty
• Diabetes management/blood sugar control becomes more difficult
• Weight and body image concerns

Family issues with type 1 diabetes management
• Renegotiating parents and teen roles
• Learning coping skills
• Preventing diabetes related family conflict
• Monitoring for signs of eating disorders, depression and risky behaviors
Diabetes Responsibility in Middle School

- Annual meeting with school RN and family to establish plan of care
- Recommend that student checks in with school nurse prior to lunch or as needed
- Most capable of doing injections/blood sugar checks
- Most capable of carb counting (some may still need assistance)
- Consider allowing child to check blood sugar in classroom to minimize missed class time
High School

Establishing sense of identity

Diabetes Management Priorities

- Begin discussing transition issues
- Integrating diabetes into new lifestyle

Family issues in type 1 diabetes management

- Support transition into independence
- Learning skills to self-manage
- Preventing diabetes related family conflict
- Monitoring for signs of depression, eating disorders and risky behaviors
Diabetes Responsibility in High School

- Annual meeting with school RN and family to establish plan of care
- Some teens may still need RN oversight to ensure adherence
- Teen does all/most care in classroom
- Trust is essential! Trust is earned!
Special Education Accommodations at School
Goals for School Diabetes Care

- Identify students with a disability and provide a medically safe environment for them
- Provide students with diabetes the same access to educational opportunities and school-related activities as their peers
- Work with parent/caregiver and student to support transition to independence
- Availability of at least 2-3 trained personnel and/or a school nurse
- Access to immediate routine and emergency treatment
- Self-management and self-possession anywhere, anytime for mature and capable students
- Full participation in all school-sponsored activities
Qualifications for a 504 Plan

• All public school and private schools (including religious school) that receive federal financial assistance

• Students qualify due to a potential deficit in learning during episodes of hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia

  • Diabetes can potentially limit one or more major life activity: caring for oneself, walking, seeing, hearing, learning or working
Missouri State Laws

• Allows trained volunteers to provide diabetes care including blood glucose monitoring and insulin and glucagon administration

• Permits students to self-manage in the school setting and to carry needed diabetes supplies and equipment
Kansas State Laws

• Department of Health Guidelines state that students are allowed to self-manage their diabetes.

• Department of Health Guidelines state that insulin may be delegated as long as the delegatee is not calculating dosage (calculating carbs to determine insulin dose is NOT considered dose calculation).

• Nurse Practice Act permits trained non-medical personnel to provide emergency care as long as it is documented in the student’s nursing care plan.
Navigating the 504 Process

• School or parent/guardian may initiate

• CMH can provide a referral letter from the child’s practitioner if requested by a parent or caregiver

• An evaluation for eligibility under 504 should be conducted by school staff knowledgeable about the child

• Sample 504 Plans specific to diabetes care available here:
  – [Children With Diabetes](#)
  – [American Diabetes Association](#)
CMH Recommended Accommodations

- Snacks are parents/caregivers’ responsibility to provide
- Patients can participate in physical activity and sports **BUT** there must be a diabetes-trained personnel present at all times!
- Eating should be allowed whenever and wherever necessary, including in the classroom, eating lunch with peers, and allotting adequate time to finish eating
- Allowing for extra trips to the bathroom or water fountain when needed
- Absences should be counted as “excused” for medical appointments and sick days when necessary
  - We do provide letters to verify if requested by a parent/guardian
- Alternative time for exams if student is experiencing low/high BG’s
  - Recommend using the Stop Clock Testing method
  - Exams should not be taken if blood sugar is above 240mg/dl (with moderate to large ketones) or below 70mg/dl
Additional Considerations

- Students should not have any penalties if time is needed for diabetes management.
- The student should be allowed to ride bus with diabetes supplies, administer insulin or check blood sugar on the bus, and eat a snack if needed.
- Students with Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) may require access to a personal cell phone or school WIFI to monitor blood glucose levels.
- Please allow adequate time for:
  - Make up work/tests
  - To check blood sugars and give insulin
  - To finish lunch
  - To participate in physical education based on blood sugar
  - A buddy to accompany student to nurse during hypoglycemia episodes
Implementing Mental Health Screens at CMH
What’s Been Implemented So Far?

• October 2013 – Implemented suicide screening at one diabetes clinic location
  – All patients 12 and over received screening at every visit

• Fall of 2016 – Depression, Anxiety, and Eating Concerns screening was implemented in one diabetes clinic location at CMH
  – All patients 12 and over received screening at every visit

• January 2018 – Extended Depression, Anxiety, and Eating Concerns screening to all diabetes clinic locations
  – All patients 12 and older receive once per year
The Future of Mental Health Screening at CMH

• Diabetes team looking to extend Depression, Anxiety, and Eating Concerns screening to our outreach clinic locations

• By the end of 2018 – Suicide screening will be implemented hospital wide at CMH
  – All patients 12 and older
  – Patients will receive screenings at different intervals depending on visits to ambulatory clinics, ED/UCC, or inpatient admissions
  – Diabetes clinic patients will continue to receive at every visit
Challenges Faced

• Identifying more patients with diabetes who need mental health assistance

• Limited number of mental health providers who are familiar with diabetes care at CMH and in the community

• More mental health problems = more problems with diabetes care
Suicide and Mental Health Needs in Students with Diabetes

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Conflict of Interest

None
Goals & Objectives

• Identify mental health symptoms that youth with diabetes may experience (e.g., depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation)

• Detect unhealthy coping behaviors in children with diabetes

• Describe resources available to children and families
Overview

• To have well-controlled diabetes, one must have:
  – Continuous monitoring (bg, carb ingestion, exercise)
  – Math skills (carb counting, dosing, correction)
  – Problem solving skills (responding to variations in bg)
  – Flexibility (stopping plans and addressing bg or symptoms)
  – Support (from parents, school personnel, friends, medical)

• Problems in these areas or other stressors can result in impaired functioning in multiple domains for kids
Overview

- **Aggressive** (Physically lashing out when asked to perform a diabetes task)
- **Argumentative** (“I don’t need to go to your office, I can check my BG at my locker”)
- **Avoidance**
  - Of the nurse or diabetes management (“I forgot to check my BG before lunch”)
  - Of class (always in the nurse’s office) (“I’m not feeling well again, I need to check my BG”)
- **Dismissive** (“I don’t care what my BG is”)
- **Lying** (“My BG is 128”, but a review of the meter shows it is 428)
- **Refusing** (“You can’t make me check”)
- **Upset/Frustrated** (“I hate diabetes”)
- **Parent involvement (over or under involvement)** (parent needs to be notified of everything or parent can’t be reached for anything)
Psychological Functioning

• Research Findings
  – Children with diabetes have two-fold greater prevalence of depression
  – Adolescents with diabetes have a three-fold greater prevalence of depression than those without diabetes (estimated rates between 20-33%)
  – Youth with T1DM followed over 10 years:
    • 47.6% had a psychiatric disorder (depression, conduct, anxiety)
    • 27.5% (over half) had depression
    • Highest incident rates of problems were during the first year of diagnosis
Psychological Functioning

• Fluctuations in BG overlap with depression so poorly controlled diabetes can look like depression

• Difficulty managing diabetes (e.g., hormone changes, lack of support) can lead to frustration and depression

• Genetic factors (e.g., family history of depression)

• Environmental factors (e.g., end of a relationship, financial difficulties)
Psychological Functioning

BG fluctuations

Overlapping Symptoms

Depression

- Blurred vision
- Sweating
- Irritability
- Changes in weight
- Changes in sleep
- Psychomotor agitation
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Difficulty concentrating
- Depressed mood
- Anhedonia
- Feeling worthless
- Feelings of guilt
- Hopelessness
- Recurrent thoughts of death
Psychological Functioning

• Research Findings: Poor outcomes for youth with depression and diabetes
  • Reduced adherence to treatment
  • Higher hospital admissions
  • Low self-esteem
  • Ineffective or poor coping style

  Poor glycemic control
  More diabetic complications
  Negative self-perception
Anxiety and Diabetes Management

Your sugar level is off the chart. Don't worry. We'll whip you back into shape in no time...

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Anxiety and Diabetes Management

What we know about anxiety

– Fear: Emotional response to a real or perceived threat (e.g., hypoglycemic episode)
– Anxiety: Anticipation of a future treat
– Anxiety is very common and in children, symptoms often overlap with depression

Research study

– 13.4% reported state anxiety (in the moment)
  • Associated with hemoglobin A1c (higher anxiety higher A1c)
– 17% reported trait anxiety (in general)
  • Associated with bg monitoring frequency (high levels of anxiety associated with decreased bg checks)
Eating/Body Image and T1DM

- Diabulimia—omitting insulin with goal of losing weight
- Studies show that up to 30% of kids with T1DM experience disordered eating and body image concerns
- Rates are higher with females than males
Suicide Risk (in general)

• Youth Risk Behavior Survey CDC, 2018
  – 31.5% felt sad or hopeless 2+ weeks
  – 17.2% seriously considered suicide
  – 13.6% made a plan
  – 7.4% attempted suicide
  – Less than 2.4% saw a medical provider for the attempt

• Rates of completed suicide in 10-24 year olds in MO and KS have significantly risen in recent years
Suicide Risk (in T1DM)

- Research shows current risk of suicidal ideation to be between 8-13% for last 3-12 months and 26% for lifetime.

- At children’s mercy (publication pending), 24% of youth with T1DM screened positive for recent SI.

- Unique concern—insulin is need to survive, but it means easy access for intention overdosing.
Suicide Risk: Screening

Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSRS or Columbia) - 3 questions

• Have you wished you weren’t alive anymore?
  - Assessing thoughts?
• Have you had thoughts about killing yourself?
  - Assessing plans?
• Have you ever done anything to try to kill yourself?
  – Assessing Actions?
Neurocognitive Functioning

• Just having T1DM is associated with difficulties in neurocognitive functioning
  – Meta-analyses of 24 studies showed poorer performance in the areas of visual-spatial ability, motor speed, writing, reading, sustained attention, memory, and IQ (full scale, performance, & verbal)

• Factors associated with increase difficulty in neurocognitive functioning:
  – Length of time since diagnosis
  – Diagnosis before age 5
  – Metabolic control
  – Co-morbid psychological diagnoses
  – Number of hypoglycemic episodes
Executive Functioning (EF)

• Two domains of EF:
  – Behavioral Regulation—the ability to inhibit, shift, and sustain emotional control
  – Metacognition—the abilities to initiate, plan, organize, & monitor, and working memory

• These skills are necessary for:
  – insulin management
  – bg monitoring
  – monitoring of dietary intake
  – adjustment of activity level
EF Impairment (ADHD)

• Research in this area:

  – Parent report of child EF predicts child’s adherence to diabetes regimen (age does not matter; if you have poor EF, you have poor management)

  – The level of a child EF is associated with treatment adherence and self-management (higher EF associated with better adherence)

  – Some research shows gender effects; boys with EF deficits have worse treatment adherence and glycemic control
Identifying Problems

• Possible reasons for problems at school:
  – Difficulty adjusting to diabetes diagnosis (even if they have been diagnosed for years)
  – Lack of understanding about diabetes management
  – Real/perceived
    • interference with peer/social functioning
    • lack of support from school personnel
    • interference with school functioning
  – Pre-existing or recently developed concerns with behavior, fear/anxiety, mood difficulties
  – Issues the child brings from home/community that is not known to the school personnel
Coping

- **Coping strategies** are methods (thoughts or actions) a person uses to deal with stressful situations.

- All people use coping strategies; some strategies are just more “helpful” than others.

- When does coping become unhealthy or unhelpful
  - It is interfering with functioning in a prominent area
  - It is causing distress
  - It can be contributing to immediate or long-term health concerns
What does healthy adjustment look like?

• Few dramatic/extreme changes in mood or behavior

• Use of coping strategies (writing, reading, talking, exercise, etc.)

• Open communication (acknowledge of frustrations, sadness)

• Seeking support
Managing Concerning Behaviors

– Set reasonable goals and build upon them once children are successful
  • Make goals specific, measurable, achievable, results-focused, and time-bound (SMART)
  • Example, if the goals was initially: “Check your bg at school” change it to: “Check your bg at in the nurse’s office at school, every day 20 minutes before lunch”
  • Put the goal in writing, monitor it with a chart, acknowledge small progress and have rewards for making progress

– Develop a collaborative relationship--If something isn’t working, ask for input from the child (or others)
  • Most kids will tell you what they need
  • The argumentative kids will tell you all the reasons the things you suggest won’t work, but often (not always) are more cooperative when they are asked to help problem solve or when a discrepancy in their behavior is noted
Treatment/Intervention

What can you do to help?

- Match expectations to the individual child’s abilities (expectations may be lower than same age peers or younger peers)
- Identify problems early
- Set reasonable goals and build upon them once children are successful
- Develop a collaborative relationship--If something isn’t working, ask for input from the child (or others)
- If you see concerns, talk to someone about it: the child, parent, or teacher/counselor
Treatment/Intervention

• Other Interventions:
  – Incorporate psychological diagnoses or behavior plan into 504 plan (have accommodations prepared)
  – Psycho-educational assessment or formal IEP may be needed
  – Therapy (Individual/Family)
  – Medication
  – Hospitalization
Managing Concerning Behaviors

• What is generally **NOT** helpful:
  – lecturing (they won’t listen, it damages the working relationship, parents and/or doctors may have already tried that approach unsuccessfully)
  – Pointing out long-term consequences of behavior (children/adolescents think in the here and now; Fear does not cause a change in behavior)
  – Ignoring it (50% of the time the problem won’t go away)
Resources

- Support groups (Children’s Mercy, JDRF)
- Websites (ADA, Children with Diabetes)
- Therapy options (parent can contact insurance)
- Suicide prevention hotline (800-273-8255)
If we have time...

• Questions

• Case Examples
Where to find more information and examples

www.diabetes.org
www.childrenwithdiabetes.com
www.jdrf.org
Resources

• Children’s Diabetes Center

http://www.childrensmercy.org/ Search Diabetes>Endocrinology and Diabetes>Clinical Services>Diabetes Team

• American Diabetes Association Safe at School Campaign


• National Diabetes Education Program

Questions??

Thank you for coming and supporting your students!