Non-Adherence to Type 2 Diabetes Medication February 11, 2021

Evidence Synthesis on Non-Adherence to Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus MedicationIntroduction

Medication non-adherence among patients with Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM) has been a prevalent issue over the years that have affected treatment of the condition. As a result, the treatment and management efforts of health care providers have become less effective to a large number of type 2 diabetes patients. Health care providers can contribute to the reduction of type 2 diabetes medication non-adherence through patient education and uses of practices that improve adherence with medication treatment regimes. It is imperative to examine non-medication adherence in T2DM, causes of medical non-adherence, correlation with health outcomes, and interventions suggested by literature to improve medication adherence in a bid to ensure the efforts of health care providers are effective and well informed. This review also focuses on the barriers to medication adherence among adult patients with T2DM, self-management, and also explores the role of health providers in optimum T2DM management.

Background

The medical problem associated with medication non-adherence among patients has been contested over the years. Numerous adverse health care repercussions have been related to poor adherence to medication. A research study by Brundisini, Vanstone, Hulan, DeJean, and Giacomini (2015) shows that medication adherence among patients with Type 2 diabetes plays a pivotal role in ensuring effectiveness in treatment and well-being. Even though numerous factors are affecting the glycemic control among diabetic patients; Ryan, Fedders, Jennings, Vittoria, and Yanes (2014) argue that adherence to diabetes medication enhances control. Therefore, understanding the importance of treatment and medication is paramount to increase adherence to medication regimens.

Significance

People living with Type 2 diabetes need to understand the various aspects of the disease and the significance of taking medication. In this case, providing support and education to these individuals plays a significant role in precluding the pervasiveness and effects of the disease. A research study by Bagnasco et al. (2014) mentions the importance of self-management in controlling their diseases together with healthcare practitioners. Healthcare providers have the onus to provide treatment and medication to the sick. They have to ensure patients stick to the provided medicine to improve their health. The primary objective of healthcare institutions is to provide better quality medical services to the patients. It is, therefore, essential for the providers to instill a culture of adherence to medication among patients. One of the measures that healthcare providers can use to improve medication adherence is by educating them on the significance of medication to the patients' health outcome. It is also essential to provide resources to overcome the barriers that inhibit compliance with medication use.

Problem Statement

The medical problem associated with medication non-adherence among patients has been challenged through various approaches over the years. However, it remains to be one of the core problems in healthcare administration. Inadequate use of prescribed type 2 Diabetes medications such as antihyperglycemics is a significant deterrent to proper self-management and treatment of the condition. Giorgino et al. (2018) note that poor medication adherence contributes to inadequate glycemic control, more hospitalization, and increases the risk of diabetic complications. Mackay et al. (2013) help in understanding the scope of the issue and notes that electronic records indicate that 22% of new type 2 diabetes prescriptions are never picked or only filled once. Lack of glycemic control inhibits the treatment process and hinders the patient

from having better treatment outcomes (Shrivastava et al. 2013). The collective effect of the inadequate use of prescribed type 2 diabetes medication increase in the costs of outpatient care and morbidity and mortality among patients. This review looks into a vast range of themes directly and indirectly related to non-adherence to medication such as self-management and the role of the healthcare provider. It also explores the factors that contribute to the pervasive non-adherence rates with a particular emphasis on modifiable factors that health providers can use to address the high non-adherence to T2DM medication.

Perspectives, Incidence, and Prevalence

Historical and Societal Perspectives

Historically, medication non-adherence among ailing patients has been considered commonplace. As research studies deduce, patients who fail to adhere to medication have had poor health outcome (Giorgino et al., 2018). Since medication is part of the treatment process, patients should remember to take their prescribed medication to ensure a quick recovery. Medication adherence can be significantly improved for patients who have the support of friends and family members. There are cases where patients forget to take their medication due to some mental or psychological problem. Having someone around to take care of the patient is recommended to ensure that they remind them when to take the medication the issue of non-adherence to medication has received a lot of criticism from healthcare practitioners since it results in poor health (Giorgino et al., 2018). However, understanding the primary reasons for non-adherence would help reduce these incidences.

Medication beliefs and perceptions on a personal level or borrowed from the society are among the most prominent contributors to poor adherence to type 2 diabetes. A considerable number of patients ascribe to negative beliefs especially on the risk of medication. Bagnasco et

al. (2014) argue that patient's concern of their medication overpasses concerns of their necessity in regards to adherence. Hence, concerns on medication among people living with T2D have a substantial adverse effect on adherence and acceptance of new medications. Besides, medications beliefs can also be rooted in societal and cultural beliefs and this well-illustrated in minority groups. A study by Hu et al. (2014) provides more rationale to this fact as it shows that Latinos and African Americans had more worries concerning the quality of life effects of T2DM medications than non-Hispanic Caucasians. This underlines the fact that medication beliefs firmly held by different minority groups on side effects and costs of treatment and they affect the rates of adherence to medications. Likewise, society has always had mixed reactions towards medication and medical treatment in general. There are people in society who do not believe in medication due to personal opinions or family traditions (Bagnasco et al., 2014). To a great extent, these are modifiable facts that that can be succinctly addressed by the health provider on an individual and family level.

Incidence and Prevalence

Diabetes is a highly prevalent condition presently affecting around 382 million people globally (Brundisini et al., 2015). In the United States, around 24 million people are presently affected by the condition with forecasts suggesting a rise to 44 million people by 2034 (Kennedy-Martin, Boye, & Peng, 2017). The prevalence of Type 2 diabetes is high ranging from 85-95 percent of the entire affected people (Brundisini et al., 2015). There are various factors linked to the augmented pervasiveness of Type 2 diabetes, including environmental and behavioral factors such as age, poor dietary habits, and decreased physical activities (Bagnasco et al., 2014). With the rising T2DM patient populations, health care providers have the mandate

of ensuring patients understand the importance of treatment and medication which in turn will increase adherence to medication regimens.

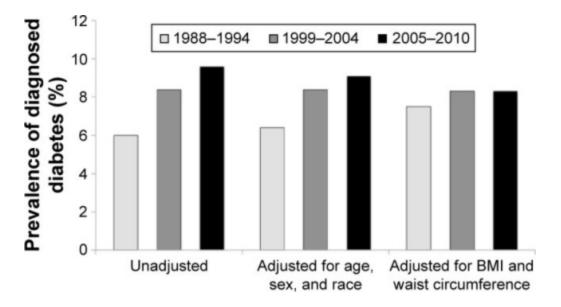


Figure 1 Prevalence of Diagnosed Diabetes (Polonsky & Henry, 2016)

Figure 1 shows the Prevalence of diagnosed diabetes among adults 20 years old from the NHANeS of 1988–1994 and 1999–2010 (Polonsky & Henry, 2016). This figure indicates that diabetes affects an extensive population of individuals.

Studies report the incidence of poor medication adherence to be in a wide range of 36% to 93% for oral medications and insulin 60% (Sapkota et al., 2015). These rates are also identified by Giorgino et al. (2018) who added that the high variability is the duty to the difference in methodologies used. In a study identified by Bailey & Kodack (2011), the non-adherence to medication in a range of chronic disorders is 24.8%. However, incidences of non-adherence of diabetes are the highest at 32.5% and lowermost for human immunodeficiency viral infections at 11.7%. In the study that uses questionnaires, patient diaries, pill counts at follow up appointments, prescription filled and electronic monitoring, the incidence rate of T2DM medication non-adherence stands out. Bailey & Kodack (2011) observe that conditions perceived

to be highly life-threatening or painful are highly likely to receive better adherence. The researchers only highlight a piece of a wide variety of impediments to adherence to medication ranging from behavioral issues to environmental factors.

Health Care Costs of the Problem

With the projected increase in the number of diabetic patients, the cost burden of the problem is high and burdensome to the health care system. A study by Martin, Boye, & Peng (2017) reported that the global healthcare expenditure for adults with Diabetes Mellitus was \$673 billion in 2015. The rising costs combined with the rising patient population indicate the gravity of the problem and point at high spending. Health care costs of chronic diseases such as T2DM can be categorized as expected and unexpected costs. Expected costs encompass of expenses incurred in support of continuous outpatient care such as medication, test, and monitoring. On the other hand, the unexpected costs are those associated with hospitalization or ER visits and are closely linked to poor health outcomes on the long-term (Kennedy-Martin, Boye, & Peng, 2017).

While policies and subsidies can only modify expected outcomes, unexpected costs are modifiable and avoidable through correct medication adherence. Hence, medication adherence plays a significant role in lowering the overall costs of medication by reducing the unexpected expenses. Even though limited research highlights the future expenses of T2DM, Kennedy-Martin, Boye, & Peng, (2017) suggests that improving medication adherence will reduce costs by \$340 million in 5 years in the U.K. and have a substantial effect globally. By advocating for better medication adherence, healthcare providers not only improve health outcomes but also reduce spending thereby addressing the health care costs of the problem.

Role of APRN's Role in Solutions.

Health care providers play a critical role in addressing the prevalent issue of non-adherence to medical prescription. Even though different health care providers can help in addressing non-adherence to T2DM, Advanced Practice RN's (APRN) are at the forefront of ensuring the patients adhere to medication. APRNs are the primary point of patient interaction with the healthcare setting hence providing an excellent platform for developing relationships. Upon diagnosis and prescription, the APRN's have the responsibility of preparing the patient and ensuring the patient understands self-management and the medication regimen. Shrivastava et al. (2013) state that a clinician should be able to recognize patients exhibiting to non-adherence and focus on them. The APRN can use approaches such as motivational interviewing which helps in understanding the situation and beliefs of the patient and use this information to create a patient-centered approach where issues such as decision making are made in partnership with the patient (Bailey & Kodack, 2011). This approach helps in addressing all the potentially modifiable barriers and includes the much-required input of the patient thereby reducing the incidences of non-adherence.

Furthermore, direct contact with the patient helps the APRN to comprehend the safety concerns of the patient and address them, institute a follow-up routine that continually engages the patient in a bid to monitor for adherence and keep track of the T2DM patient's reaction to medication. Equally important during the follow-up patient-centered interventions is patient involvement in goal setting and patient education through innovative approaches such as videos on safe medication administration as well as written materials on prescriptions (Giorgino et al., 2018). This content is delivered through the educational program which aims at improving T2DM rates.

Apart from addressing modifiable treatment-related factors, APRNs can also develop interventions to reduce the treatment burden. Pill burden and dosage formulation have been identified as critical deterrents to adherence of medication. Giorgino et al. (2014) note that to improve the adherence of antihyperglycemic medication, physicians can improve the delivery systems for injectable dosages and use fixed-dose combination therapy (FDCT) instead of dual therapy for oral medications. While drawing a line between the two approaches Giorgino et al. (2014), shows that FDCT was linked to better medication adherence and glycemic control than co-administered dual oral therapy. This uptake of Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) that reduces the treatment burden also includes the use of advanced dosage systems such as the insulin pen device which can increase medication adherence in patients using injections (Andrew et al., 2010). APRNs have the mandate of implementing EBPs such as FDCT and also using contemporary means of delivery to reduce side effects thereby increasing adherence to medication.

Foundation of PICOT

As aforementioned, the incidence rates of medication non-adherence affect more than 50% of the entire type 2 diabetes mellitus population (Kennedy-Martin, Boye, & Peng, 2017). Given the health care costs of DM are incredibly high globally, this is a problem that needs to be addressed extensively through a sufficient and practical approach. Health care providers are at the forefront and offer a potent avenue of addressing the widespread problem. Patient education and support give the healthcare provider the opportunity to address issues that led to poor adherence in a more convenient and integrated approach. The research aims at identifying barriers to medication non-adherence in type 2 Diabetes mellitus adults' patients and determine

the potentially modifiable issues in literature that can be addressed through weekly educational group meetings.

- P) In adult clients with type 2 diabetes; with barriers to medication adherence.
- I) weekly follow up diabetes educational group meetings.
- C) In comparison to clients who do not attend diabetes education.
- O) Improved medication adherence and decreased A1C levels
- T) Over three month's period.

In adult clients with type 2 diabetes exhibiting barriers to medication adherence (P), instituting a weekly follow up diabetes educational group meetings (I), in comparison to clients who do not attend diabetes education (C), will improve to medication adherence (O), over three months period (T).

Barriers to Medication Adherence

This study classifies obstacles to non-adherence by factors that health care providers can modify and those that are non-modifiable. The researchers note that factors such as younger age, lower educational level, and lower income are beyond the capability of the health provider (Polonsky & Henry, 2016). On the other hand, factors such as perceived treatment efficacy, hypoglycemia, treatment convenience and complexity, the cost of treatment, perceived beliefs on medication, and physician trust are potentially modifiable by the health provider and should be used to address the issue of medication non-adherence (Polonsky & Henry, 2016). These classifications of factors that contribute to medication non-adherence assist in examining the large cohort of barriers that inhibit effective management of type 2 Diabetes.

Non-Modifiable Contributing Factors

To a greater extent, Non-adherence to medication is caused by economic, access and demographic factors (Ryan et al., 2014). It has been well-documented that there is poor medication adherence among low-income individuals, the uninsured, and minorities (Hu et al., 2014). The adverse changes in the medication-taking behavior among these populations have been attributed to high costs of medicines as well as cost implications of treatment such physician visits. Kennedy-Martin, Boye, & Peng (2017) concur with this fact and note that the cost of treatments plays a significant role in determining the adherence of the patient to medication. More critical is the out of pocket costs of medications which relegate the adherence to the socio-economic status of an individual. While SES is not easily modifiable, a study by (Ryan et al., 2014) shows that T2D patients with low-income Medicare subsidy had lower out of pocket costs and better adherence than those without subsidy. Also, the key demographic factors have been identified to be young age and lower education levels (Andrew et al., 2010). At a young age, T2D patients are highly likely to have poor adherence to medication as compared to older patients. A combination of economic, access and demographic factors present barriers that cannot be modified by the APRN in an attempt to improve medication adherence in the patient population.

Modifiable Contributing Factors to Non-Adherence to T2D Medication

Addressing the poor adherence to medication in T2D patients narrows down to factors that can be modified by the nurse in the bid to improve management and treatment of the condition (Giorgino et al. 2018). This includes the perceived treatment efficacy. In this, patients adequately use medication regimens when they understand the medication contributes positively and has a relatively immediate outcome. The self-management aspect of T2D treatment is highly

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motivated when the patient realizes that improvement is occurring hence leading to better and reliable use of medication.

Further, hypoglycemia related events also affect adherence to medication. A study cited by Giorgino et al. (2018) shows that treatment that resulted in moderate to worse symptoms of hypoglycemia had poorer medical adherence as compared to that with no or mild hypoglycemia. A Hypoglycemic event institutes fear of the patient to hypoglycemia which in turn supports non-adherence to type 2 diabetes medication such as metformin that leads to the event (Polonsky & Henry, 2016). Therefore, the choice of medication and prescription dosage influences adherence rates which are also closely linked to prescription errors and lack of proper understanding of prescription dosage.

Moreover, as treatment and management become complex and burdensome on the type 2 diabetes patient, adherence to medication reduces significantly. The prescribed number of dosage per day influences adherence on the medication especially in chronic conditions such as T2DM (Polonsky & Henry, 2016). Treatment complexity and medication administration also adversely affect adherence to medication. It has also been found that the administration of medication poses a substantial hurdle to adherence as some patients are afraid of needles (Supachaipanichpong et al., 2018). In most cases, patients were reported to have a fear of incorrect administration of insulin, delivery devices such as the use of needles and the pain of the injection, as well as consequences of incorrect procedure (Andrew et al., 2010). Studies also show that patients with a comorbid medical condition have a higher chance of non-adherence (Brundisini et al., 2015). It is also common for patients taking multiple medications to forget to take a specific medication. A combination of these factors relating to convenience and

complexity lead to poor adherence to medication thereby affecting short and long-term health outcomes of the medical intervention.

The patient's trust intrinsically motivates adherence to medication in the health provider. The nature of chronic conditions such as T2D calls for consistent interactions between the patient and the health provider. Polonsky & Henry (2016) note that during these interactions, patients that feel that their concerns have been addressed have high adherence to medication. This annotation underlines the role of communication in the management of T2D and suggests that it builds the relationship between the patient and the healthcare provider. Health provider trust can help address other causative factors that affect non-adherence such out of pocket costs, medication beliefs and sufficiently contribute to improving treatment efficacy (Vos et al. 2016). The mandate of developing trust solely lies on the health provider and spans from the time of diagnosis to continuous treatment which should include enhancing medication to minimize its effect on the patient.

Educational Group Sessions

Educational group session for the T2DM patient is an intervention that can be sufficiently developed to target modifiable treatment beliefs related to the efficacy of medication, the importance of medication and side effects. Vos et al. (2016) offers a comprehensive account of educational group session interventions and notes that the patient should be encouraged to develop an action plan for adherence and the practitioner can review this in the next meeting. The session's address the guidelines for medication, how to take medication correctly, known barriers, and then the individuals are encouraged to write personal goals to improve (Vos et al., 2016). More engagement and interactions with others motivate the patient to take responsibility for the disease. Aliha et al. (2013) propose that the healthcare provider should act as guidance

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and facilitator of the group session and in case the patient has questions. This exposes the patient to an extensive amount of knowledge and fosters the commitment to medication adherence.

The relationship fostered by the physician with the patient sets the right foundation for treatment and management that enables better adherence. Bailey & Kodack (2011) note that it is essential to improve communication in the relationship between the health care providers and the patient as it enhances patient education on different critical topics such as the potential side effects of medication. Communication is also highlighted by Polonsky & Henry (2016) who note that enhanced health care provider communication on the benefits and risk of medication is one of the most productive approaches to ensure the effectiveness of education programs. The rapport between the T2DM patient and the healthcare provider is enhanced via effective communication which in turn contributes immensely in making educational useful and ultimately improving adherence in T2D patients.

Follow Up

While interventions can be useful in mitigating poor adherence, the long-term effectiveness of the medication entirely lies on regular follow up by the health provider. While examining the factors that support self-management, Shrivastava et al. (2013) underline the need of regular follow up and adds that it plays an integral part in the long-term management of T2D by immensely improving long-term management. Regular follow up to ensure the effectiveness of the intervention which in this case is educational programs as they also allow the health provider to monitor the progression of the disease and avert any long-term implications (Eik Filho et al., 2016). Regular follow up is not only useful in monitoring the condition and facilitating the intervention but also creating the appropriate avenue for effective communication, building trust and developing a relationship with the patient and addressing common

misconceptions of the condition (Giorgino et al. 2018). Essentially, regular follow up can be used to perform more functionalities than the assigned intervention which in this case is educational group meetings.

Measure of Improvement

Measuring improvement in non-adherence to medication can be done through self-reporting and measurement of glycemic control through AIC levels. Bailey & Kodack (2011) explains that adherence is derived from the days of medication collected divided by the medication prescribed and notes that by this measure patients are achieving more than 80% have an acceptable measure of adherence. Hence through self-reporting adherence below 80% of the aforementioned measure is regarded as poor adherence or inadequate use of medication. Eik Filho et al. (2016) note that the health provider should help the patient set a personal AIC level target and work towards attaining it. Even though the standard AIC level is 7, the healthcare provider should coordinate with the patient to set AIC targets attainable by the patient. These targets can supplement the educational program and also motivate patients to adhere to medication.

Conclusion

Non-adherence to T2D medication hinders a substantial patient population that is speculated to rise. The factors that contribute to poor adherence can be classified as modifiable and non-modifiable. Focusing on modifiable factors, the review identifies the treatment burden and treatment-related factors to be the most potent categorizations. The study realizes that it is the role of the physicians to use EBP to mitigate the non-adherence issues arising from the treatment burden. On the other hand, the review supports the use of educational programs to address treatment-related beliefs. However, studies also converge on the fact that effective

programs have to be multifaceted but still maintain a target modifiable factor. Further, insights on regular follow up indicate that it can be used to facilitate the effectiveness of the educational material while also allowing the physician to build a working relationship with the patient.

Adherence to medication is complicated due to the multi-dimensions of T2D management, however, addressing the problem through a coordinated and targeted approach can lead to a sustained reduced incidence of non-adherence in the type 2 diabetes patient population.

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APPENDIX A

Matrix Table

Type 2 diabetes patients' and provider's differing perspectives on medication non-adherence

			Instrument/	Results [Include	
Source Citation	Purpose/Problem	Design/Sample	Measures [Include	actual data]	Strengths/Weaknesses
			Reliability/Validity]		
Francesca Brundisini,	Poor adherence to	Systematically	86 previous studies involved	This study	Strengths: Taking a
Meredith Vanstone, Danielle	medication	for empirical	2797 individuals with Type 2	highlights key	patient-centered
Hulan, Deirdre DeJean and	regimens	qualitative	diabetes, 40 caregivers, and 356	discrepancies	approach to medication
Mita Giacomini. (2015).	increases adverse	studies on the	clinicians.	between patients'	self-management may
Diabetes barriers to	outcomes for	topic of		and providers'	encourage increased
medication compliance. BMC	patients with type	barriers to	The integrative analysis of these	understandings of	understanding the
Health Services Research	2 diabetes.	medication	studies provides rich findings	barriers to	priorities and
(2015) 15:516 DOI	Improving	adherence	concerning how patients and	medication	experiences patients,
10.1186/s12913-015-1174- 8	medication	among Type 2	providers perceive barriers to	adherence. These	encouraging providers
	adherence is a	diabetes	medication adherence.	misunderstandings	to identify the multiple
	growing priority	patients		span the many	underlying factors that
	for clinicians and	published	New study organizes these	cultural and care	promote or inhibit
	health care	between 2002-	findings into 7 categories of	contexts	medication adherence
	systems. We	2013; 86	barriers and facilitators: (1)	represented by 86	in their patients
	examine the	empirical	emotional experiences as	qualitative studies.	creating the
	differences	qualitative	positive and negative motivators	Counseling and	opportunity for patients
	between patient	studies	to adherence, (2) intentional	interventions	to voice their questions
	and provider	qualified for	non-compliance, (3) patient-	aimed at	or concerns about their
	understandings of	inclusion.	provider relationship and	improving	medication regimens

	barriers to	Following	communication, (4) information	medication	Weakness: Recent
	medication	qualitative	and knowledge, (5) medication	adherence among	studies corroborate our
	adherence for type	meta-synthesis	administration, (6) social and	Type 2 diabetes	results reinforcing the
	2 diabetes	methods, we	cultural beliefs, and (7) financial	might become	sense of saturation of
	patients.	coded and	issues.	more effective	our data [125–128,
		analyzed	For each, was describe how	through better	131], however, because
		thematically	patients and providers	integration of the	studies on patient, not
		the findings	understand the barriers, and	patient's	provider, perspectives
		from studies,	highlight key areas of congruent	perspective and	continue to dominate
		integrating and	vs. divergent understandings.	values concerning	we highlight providers
		comparing		adherence	as an important
		findings across		difficulties and	population for future
		studies to yield		solutions.	qualitative
		a synthetic			investigation and
		interpretation			possibly multi-
		and new			methodology research
		insights from			syntheses.
		this body of			
		research.			
An education intervention					
for medication adherence in			Instruments/Measures	Results [Include	
uncontrolled diabetes in	Purpose/Problem	Design/Sample	[Include Reliability/Validity]	actual data]	Strengths/Weaknesses
Thailand					
Source Citation					
Pratoom Supachaipanichpong,	Medication	Quasi	Interview questionnaire and	Result of this	Strengths: Study
Paranee, Vatanasomboon,	adherence is	experimental	laboratory test of HbA1c values	study designed	provides evidence that
Supreya Tansakul, Phisan	crucial to achieve	two-group pre-		MEI,	the integrated MEI can
Chumchuen, (2018). An	diabetic control.	/post-test		improvement of	improve knowledge of

Education intervention for	design aimed to	knowledge and	medication use,
medication adherence in	evaluate the	medication beliefs	medication beliefs and
uncontrolled diabetes in	effects of a	of the participants	medication adherence
Thailand. Pacific Rim Int J	medication	were a combined	as well as glycemic
Nurs Res 2018; 22(2) 144-155	education	effect of	control among patients
1,44,6 1,66 2,616, 22(2) 177 166	intervention	medication related	with uncontrolled
	integrated in	information and	diabetes. This
	routine services	education	intervention, as a
	of a diabetes	received from	supplement to patient
	clinic.	both physicians	education, implies
	chine.	and nurses. The	potential benefit for
		findings	supporting diabetic
		emphasize the	care quality in the
		importance of	routine services of a
		providing specific	diabetes clinic
		and needed	Weaknesses: Study
		information, and	specifically focused on
		counseling.	changing medication-
		Additionally, the	taking behavior, and
		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	the baseline data
		findings also	revealed evidence that
		support the	
		concept that	most of the participants
		quality and	performed improper
		effective	dietary and exercise
		communication of	behaviors and their
		health care	HbA1c values were
		providers (both	nearly 10% on average.
		physicians and	Therefore, our
		nurses) can	intervention might not

				enhance a person's understandings of medication and motivation to adhere to that medication.2	be intensive enough to lower HbA1cvalues as recommended within a 3 months period. Short duration that might not imply persistence of the behavior and effective glycemic control.
Clinical Outcomes and Incremental costs from a medication adherence pilot Intervention targeting low- income patients with diabetes at risk of cost- related medication nonadherence Source Citation	Purpose/Problem	Design/Sample	Instruments/Measures [Include Reliability/Validity]	Results [Include actual data]	Strengths/Weaknesses
John G. Ryan, DrPH; Mark Fedders, MSW; Terri Jennings, PhD2; Isabel Vittoria, LMHC; and Melissa	The purpose of these analyses was to understand the clinical impact	Coss-sectional, descriptive study used secondary data	ANOVAs and t tests were used to examine differences in medication adherence by age, race, ethnicity, sex, depression	Our evaluation of this pilot project suggests that offering	Strengths: Used as one component in a multifactorial intervention that

Yanes, MSW. (2014). Clinical	and cost	from a	diagnosis, number of medication	prescriptions for	includes behavior
outcomes and incremental	considerations of	temporary	classes used, type of	diabetes	change and
costs from a medication	a prescription	clinical	medications used, CCI, and	medications	psychosocial
adherence pilot intervention	assistance	program that	number of chronic conditions.	without requiring	components that are
targeting low income patients	program targeting	offered	Pearson correlation coefficients	a copayment	tailored to specific
with diabetes at risk of cost	low-income,	prescription	were used to explore	supports	patients based on
related medication	minority patients	medications to	relationships between	medication	demographic
nonadherence. Clinical	with diabetes and	patients	adherence, utilization, and CCI.	adherence but that	characteristics and
therapeutics/volume 36,	at high risk for	without	ANOVA was used to compare	it is insufficient	comorbidity, a
number 12	cost-related	requiring a	categories of patients based on	without a	prescription assistance
	medication	copayment,	categories of medications used,	behavioral	program may
	nonadherence.	supplemented	demographic characteristics,	component.	contribute to important
		by clinical data	CCI, adherence, clinical values,	Including a	reductions in HbA1c
		for those	and HbA1c changes. PDC was	behavioral	levels
		patients who	dichotomized to create groups	component may	
		filled a	that were medication adherent or	also mitigate the	
		prescription for	MNA by using the conventional	potential for	Weaknesses:
		any class of	0.80 criteria. To examine	undermining self-	Additional research is
		diabetes	differences between medication-	management as a	needed to acquire a
		medication.	adherent and MNA groups by	consequences of	more determinative
		Descriptive	age, race, ethnicity, sex,	offering financial	cost perspective
		statistics were	depression diagnosis, number of	motivation.	regarding a scaled-up
		generated for	medication classes used, CCI,	Eliminating	approach to providing
		all continuous	and number of chronic	copayments for	antidiabetes
		variables,	conditions, χ2 and t tests were	generic diabetes	medications to patients
		including age,	used for analysis.	medications	managed in this
		baseline and		within a	regional public hospital
		follow-up		multifactorial	system, commercial
		HbA1c levels		intervention that is	health insurance

	framed by a	programs have
	validated behavior	demonstrated the value
	change theory (eg,	of interventions that
	self-determination	reduce cost-related
	theory) may be a	medication adherence
	relatively	
	inexpensive	
	initiative for	
	lessening	
	upstream costs	
	from medication	
	nonadherence	
	among a patient	
	segment that is	
	known to have	
	high risks for poor	
	diabetes outcomes	
	and that is likely	
	to incur	
	significant	
	unreimbursed	
	expense, with the	
	caveat that	
	intervention costs	
	do not exceed	
	estimated health	
	care savings.	

Factors influencing self- management in patients with type 2 diabetes: a quantitative systematic review protocol.	Purpose/Problem	Design/Sample	Instruments/Measures[Include Reliability/Validity]	Results [Include actual data]	Strengths/Weaknesses
Bagnasco A., Di Giacomo P.,	The purpose of	Quantitative	The protocol for the systematic	Self-management	Strengths: The personal
Da Rin Delllaora R., Catania	this review was to	systematic	review was conducted according	education enables	characteristics
G., Turci C., Rocco G. &	answer the	review	to the guidelines of the Centre for	patients to manage	influencing
Sasso L. (2014). Factors	following	protocol.	Reviews and Dissemination,	their condition	selfmanagement that
influencing self-management	question: 'Do	Eligible studies	York (UK)	successfully and it	result from the review
in patients with type 2	personal	will be	Research question includes the	is associated with	could be included in
diabetes: a quantitative	characteristics	randomized	'PICOS' components:	better self-care,	the nurses' initial
systematic review protocol.	influence the	controlled trials	participants, interventions,	good control over	assessment of a person
Journal of Advanced Nursing	effectiveness of	(RCTs),	comparisons, outcomes and	lifestyle and	suffering from type 2
70(1), 187-200. doi:	self-management	controlled trials	study design.	leading the best	diabetes to gain a better
10.111/jan.12178	education?'	and cohort	'PICOS' review questions:	possible quality of	understanding of the
		studies.	1-Population Patients with type	life,	person and therefore
		However, case	2 diabetes. 2- Intervention	notwithstanding	develop a more
		series, case	Diabetes self-management	the presence of a	appropriate nurse-
		reports, cross-	education	chronic disease.	person relationship,
		sectional	3- Comparison None. 4-	Type II Diabetes	identify and define the
		studies, case-	Outcome Diabetes self-	is a chronic	educational needs,
		control studies	management behaviors HbA1C	disease that	adopt appropriate
		and qualitative	personal characteristics	requires lifestyle	strategies and adjust
			influencing self-management	adjustments and	the educational

studies will be	education effectiveness 5- Study	disease	interventions/
excluded.	RCT, Ct, cohort studies	management to	programs.
	, ,	keep glycaemia	Weaknesses: In
		and long-term	PICOS, the exact
		complications	identification of the
		under control.	problem required us to
		Education has to	consider personal
		be customized and	characteristics either as
		based on an	exposure or as
		assessment that	elements of the
		includes factors	educational
		influencing self-	intervention, or as
		management, such	outcomes in terms of
		as personal	influence on the
		characteristics that	effectiveness of self-
		can optimize the	management education,
		educational	as this choice would
		intervention	have then influenced
			the design of the
			studies, the
			inclusion/exclusion
			criteria and the search
			terms

Estimating the effect of medication adherence on health outcomes among patients with type 2 diabetes	Purpose/Problem	Design/Sample	Instruments/Measures [Include Reliability/Validity]	Results [Include actual data]	Strengths/Weaknesses
Source Citation Andrew P. Yu, PhD, Yanni F.	Applied marginal	An application	Patient baseline characteristics	Unlike	Strengths: Comparing
Yu, MA, MS, Michael B.	structural models	of marginal	and their initial hypoglycemic	conventional	all estimates using
Nichol, PhD. (2010).	(MSMs) to	structural	regimens are described with	models, MSMs	different methods, only
Estimating the effect of medication adherence on	estimate the effects of	models	mean and standard deviation for continuous variables and	estimated that higher medication	the adherence effect estimated by MSMs
health outcomes among	medication		number and percentage for	adherence may	indicates a beneficial
patients with type 2 diabetes.	adherence with		categorical variables. The	result in reduced	effect of adherence on
Value in health. Volume 13.	hypoglycemics on		Wilcoxon test is reported for	risk of	outcomes, whereas all
Number 8.	reducing the risk		comparing continuous variables,	microvascular	other estimates indicate
	of microvascular		and the chi square test for	complications	that improved
	complications in		categorical variables.	among patients	adherence is associated
	type 2 diabetic			with type 2	with increased risk of
	patients			diabetes	developing
				We repeated the	microvascular
				analysis for all	complications.
				specified	
				modeling	Weaknesses: In
				strategies (model	addition to traditional
				1–5) by various	risk factors of CRN,
				MPR thresholds	compliance with
				using 10% point	annual
				increments from	recommendations for
				40% to 90%. The	diabetes and healthy

				results of the	lifestyle were
				estimated HRs of	associated with lower
				adherence (not	CRN. Policies and
				reported here)	social supports that
				reveal that the	address these
				benefit of	contextual factors may
				adherence	help improve CRN
				estimated by	
				MSMs is stable	
				across different	
				adherence cutoff	
				points, with the	
				effects more	
				pronounced at	
				smaller threshold	
				values (e.g., 40%	
				and 50%).	
Hu, D., Juarez, D. T., Yeboah,	The aims of this	The studies in	A literature search from January	Interventions	Strengths: The studies
M., & Castillo, T. P. (2014).	study is to	this review	2000 to August 2012 was	which did not	included in this review
Interventions to Increase	investigate the	were conducted	conducted through	involve human	varied widely in many
Medication Adherence in	effectiveness of	with patients of	PubMed/Medline, Web of	contact with	aspects, including the
African-American and Latino	interventions to	mainly	Science, The Cochrane Library,	patients were	types of interventions
Populations: A Literature	improve	African-	and Google Scholar. Search	ineffective.	used, the ethnicities
Review. Hawai'i Journal of	medication	American and	terms used included: medication		and conditions of the
Medicine & Public Health,	adherence in	Latino descent	(MeSH), adherence, medication	Medication	sample populations, the
73(1), 11–18.	ethnic minority	with the	adherence (MeSH), compliance	adherence	methods used to
	populations.	Sample	(MeSH), persistence, race,	represents one of	measure adherence,
		population	ethnicity, ethnic groups	the barriers	and types of analyses
			(MeSH), minority, African-	minority groups	

		sizes ranged	American, Hispanic, Latino,	face in achieving	performed with their
		from 10 to 520.	Asian, Pacific Islander, and	optimal health	results.
			intervention	care;	Weakness: However,
					this study only
					considered published
					literature written in
					English and conducted
					in the United States
Mackey, K., Parchman, M. L.,	It is a cross-	The researchers	the 4-item Morisky Scale was	In all the	Strength: uses a large
Leykum, L. K., Lanham, H.	sectional analysis	investigates 40	used for Medication adherence	respondents, 25%	sample of diabetic
J., Noël, P. H., & Zeber, J. E.	that studies how	small	20-item Patient Assessment of	cited intrapersonal	patients' hence
(2012). Impact of the Chronic	beliefs on chronic	community-	Chronic Illness Care (PACIC)	adherence	increasing reliability.
Care Model on medication	illness care affect	based primary	was used for CCM experiences	barriers, while	Weakness:
adherence when patients	the relationship	care practices.		23% restricted	Relies on self-reporting
perceive cost as a	between			medication due of	and is confined by the
barrier. Primary care	adherence and the			cost.	nature of cross-
diabetes, 6(2), 137-142.	cost of treatment.				sectional studies.
					Also, the relationship
					between cost and
					adherence can be
					affected by
					unmeasured factors.

Vos, R. C., Eikelenboom, N.	The study was	Randomized	The main result is alteration in	By differentiating	Strengths: the study
W., Klomp, M., Stellato, R.	aimed to	control trial	Body Mass Index after 2.5 years	between patients	examines a wide
K., & Rutten, G. E. (2016).	examining the	where the self-	follow-up.	who will and	variety of programs
Diabetes self-management	impact of the	management	Intention-to-treat analysis is	those who are	designed for cost
education after pre-selection	educational	screening tool	used to differentiate between	likely not to	effectiveness and
of patients: design of a	program BGI on	(SeMaS) was	groups.	benefit from the	addressing the
randomised controlled	self-management	used.		educational	associated factors.
trial. Diabetology & metabolic	behavior group of			program, a more	The research also
<i>syndrome</i> , 8(1), 82	patients with type			(cost-) effective	addresses the cost-
	2 diabetes up to 5			self-management	benefit analysis of
	years.			program might be	educational programs.
				designed, also on	Weakness: more
				the long-run.	research should focus
					on defining how to
					measure the
					effectiveness of
					educational programs

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Eik Filho, W., Bonjorno, L.	To assess the	Randomized	6 months intervention with five	The management	Strengths: the study
P., Franco, A. J. M., dos	impact of a	clinical trial	follow-up meetings with an	of T2DM	incorporates the effect
Santos, M. L. A., de Souza, E.	telephonic DM	with 52 T2DM	endocrinologist	improved as	of educational
M., & Marcon, S. S. (2016).	consultancy on	patients getting	Had assessment and association	monitoring	programs on values of
Evaluation, intervention, and	patients with type	care at a	tests for statistical analysis.	allowed the	BMI and the waist
follow-up of patients with	2 diabetes at a	primary health		clinicians to	Circumference.
diabetes in a primary health	major health care	care setting.		monitor the	Weakness: The
care setting in Brazil: the	network in Brazil.			progress of the	number of respondents
importance of a specialized				disease	was low compared to
mobile					the entire population
consultancy. Diabetology &					they are representing.
Metabolic Syndrome, 8, 56.					
http://doi.org/10.1186/s13098-					
<u>016-0173-1</u>					
Aliha, J. M., Asgari, M.,	The study aimed	Randomized	The case group received Self-	Improved	Strengths: This study
Khayeri, F., Ramazani, M.,	at examining self-	control groups	care group education $(n = 31)$	glycemic control	uses a follow up
Farajzadegan, Z., & Javaheri,	care group	with 62	with mobile call follow up after	was significant in	telephone call for a
J. (2013). Group Education	education and	patients with	12 weeks	the case group.	period of 12 weeks
and Nurse-Telephone Follow-	nurse- telephone	Type 2	The control group $(n = 31)$		hence enabling better
Up Effects on Blood Glucose	follow-up on	Diabetes	received the conventional		understanding on the
Control and Adherence to	glycemic control		management.		use of technological
Treatment in Type 2 Diabetes	and compliance				approaches in follow
Patients. <i>International</i>	with treatment.				up
Journal of Preventive					Weakness: the
Medicine, 4(7), 797–802.					duration for follow
, , ,					may be minimal for
					any appropriate
					change. The sample

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compared to other research within the same domain			size is also small
			compared to other
same domain			research within the
built dollarin			same domain.