DEPRESSION, DIABETES AND THE LINK TO SMOKING

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MANAGEMENT

DIET

EXERCISE

HYPOGLYCEMIC AGENTS
Major Forms of Depression

- Major depression
- Dysthymia
- Adjustment disorder (depressed mood)
- Bipolar disorders

DSM-IV, 1994
Common Depressive Features

Cognitive characteristics

- Depressed mood
- Diminished interest or pleasure
- Feelings of worthlessness
- Diminished ability to concentrate
- Recurrent thoughts of death/suicidal ideation

DSM-IV, 1994
Common Depressive Features

Somatic characteristics

- Significant change in appetite
- Insomnia or hypersomnina
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Psychomotor agitation or retardation

DSM-IV, 1994
The Truth about Depression

“Let us make no bones about it: We do not really know what causes depression. We do not really know what constitutes depression. We do not really know why certain treatments may be effective for depression. We do not know how depression made it through the evolutionary process. We do not know why one person develops a depressive disorder from circumstances that do not trouble another.”

Solomon, 2001
1. Prevalence

- Depression rates are 1.5 – 2.0x in diabetes
  - In review of controlled studies (n = 21): 20.5% of patients vs. 11.4% of controls
  - Kaiser Permanente study compared 16,000 Type 2 patients vs. 16,000 matched controls: 17.9% of patients vs. 11.2% of controls
  - Diagnostic interviews of 506 patients with diabetes: 9.9% with MDD, compared to national rates (NCSR) of 6.6%.

Depression Risk

- Highest risk for depression:
  - multiple long-term complications
  - limited education
  - not married
  - female
  - poverty

- No difference between diabetes types

Egede and Zhang, 2003; Peyrot and Rubin, 1997; 1999
2. Diabetes Impacts Depression

- Diabetes-linked neurovascular changes
- Genetic influences
- Elevated blood glucose levels
- Psychosocial burden

Lustman et al, 1997
Psychosocial Burden

Correlations between diabetes distress and CES-D depression

- Feel overwhelmed by DM demands $r = .51$
- Feel that DM controls my life $r = .40$
- Will develop serious complications, no matter what I do $r = .44$
- Total DDS score $r = .48$

Fisher et al, 2007; Polonsky et al, in preparation
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  - Long-term complications
  - Chronic pain
  - Comorbid disease

Lustman et al, 1997; Krein et al, 2005
Weighted effect sizes and 95% confidence intervals for study aggregations. All combined p values were p < .05; k indicates number of studies for which sufficient data were available for use in the effect size calculation. De Groot et al, 2001
Influence of Comorbid Disease
HTN, CAD, chronic arthritis, stroke, COPD, and ESRD; n = 1794

Egede, 2005
Influence of Comorbid Disease

- Not merely due to burden of diabetes per se
- More “straws on the camel’s back”
  - (broad burden of illness, especially perceived functioning)
- Linked to core feature of powerlessness
3. Depression Impacts Diabetes

- **Poor glycemic control**
  - But effect size is small; may account for only 3% variance in A1C

- **Over 5 years, depression led to:**
  - 24% more adverse macrovascular outcomes
  - 36% more adverse microvascular outcomes
  - 54% greater mortality

3. Depression Impacts Diabetes

Depression and Health Care Costs in Diabetes, Nationwide Sample
(4.5x higher in depressed vs. non-depressed)

Egede et al, 2002

Dollars, in millions
Depression and Self-Care

- Associated with factors linked to poor control:
  - Physical inactivity
  - Smoking
  - Obesity
  - Limited diabetes knowledge
  - Poor adherence to self-care behaviors

Lustman et al, 1997; Solberg et al, 2004; Egede, 2004; Murata et al, 2003; Ciechanowski et al, 2003
# Depression and Self-Care

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<th>Self-care activities (past 7 days)</th>
<th>n</th>
<th>No major depression</th>
<th>Major depression</th>
<th>Odds ratio†</th>
<th>95% CI</th>
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<td>Healthy eating once weekly or less</td>
<td>8.8%</td>
<td>17.2%</td>
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<td><strong>2.1</strong></td>
<td>1.50–2.72</td>
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<td>Five servings of fruits/vegetables once weekly or less</td>
<td>21.1%</td>
<td>32.4%</td>
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<td><strong>1.8</strong></td>
<td>1.43–2.17</td>
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<td>High-fat foods ≥ 6 times weekly</td>
<td>11.9%</td>
<td>15.5%</td>
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<td><strong>1.3</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Exercise</strong></td>
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<td>Physical activity (≥ 30 min) once weekly or less</td>
<td>27.3%</td>
<td>44.1%</td>
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<td>1.53–2.27</td>
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<td>Specific exercise session once weekly or less</td>
<td>45.8%</td>
<td>62.1%</td>
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<td><strong>1.7</strong></td>
<td>1.43–2.12</td>
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<td><strong>Smoking</strong></td>
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<td>1.42–2.51</td>
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<td><strong>Glucose monitoring (patients on medications)</strong></td>
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<td>Test blood glucose less than once weekly</td>
<td>17.8%</td>
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<td><strong>1.1</strong></td>
<td>0.80–1.44</td>
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<td>Test blood glucose as recommended less than once weekly</td>
<td>24.5%</td>
<td>26.7%</td>
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<td><strong>Foot check (patients on medications)</strong></td>
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<td>Checked feet less than once weekly</td>
<td>20.1%</td>
<td>19.7%</td>
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<td><strong>1.0</strong></td>
<td>0.76–1.29</td>
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<td>Checked inside of shoes less than once weekly</td>
<td>59.7%</td>
<td>61.4%</td>
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<td><strong>1.1</strong></td>
<td>0.88–1.36</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>3,927</td>
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*Percentages are unadjusted; †Odds ratios are adjusted for the covariates age, sex, marital status, education, race/ethnicity, medication risk, complications, treatment intensity, clinic, and physician generalized estimating equation (GEE).
4. Identifying Depression

- Substandard identification/treatment of MDD
- Standard patients presenting with symptoms of major depressive disorder visited 152 family physicians and general internists
- In 35% of cases, no diagnosis indicated
- In 44% of cases, no treatment offered (medication, referral or two-week follow-up)

Kravitz et al, 2005
Eight Warning Signs

- Hx of depression
- Hx of mental health treatment
- Family history of depression
- Reported sexual dysfunction

Lustman and Clouse, 1997
Eight Warning Signs

- Chronic pain as a primary complaint
- Symptoms that are out of proportion to the objective findings
- Poor glycemic control (and/or poor adherence to self-care)
- Diabetes-related emotional distress

Lustman and Clouse, 1997
The Two Cardinal Symptoms

“During the past month, have you often:

- been bothered by feeling down, depressed or hopeless?
- had little interest or pleasure in doing things?”
4. Identifying Depression

- Center for Epidemiological Studies - Depression Scale (CES-D)
- Beck Depression Inventory (BDI-II)
- Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)
- Broader measures (SF-36, SCL-90, PRIME-MD)
A. Over the **last 2 weeks**, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

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<th>Not at all</th>
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<th>More than half the days</th>
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<td>1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things</td>
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<td>2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless</td>
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<td>3. Trouble falling/staying asleep, sleeping too much</td>
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<td>4. Feeling tired or having little energy</td>
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<td>5. Poor appetite or overeating</td>
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<td>6. Feeling bad about yourself – or that you are a failure or have</td>
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<td>let yourself or your family down.</td>
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<td>7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper</td>
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<td>or watching television.</td>
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<td>8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed.</td>
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<td>Or the opposite – being so fidgety or restless that you have been</td>
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<td>moving around a lot more than usual</td>
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<td>9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting</td>
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<td>yourself in some way.</td>
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**Total Score** ______ = ______+ ______+ ______+ ______
5. Treatment of Depression in Diabetes

Medication tx (4 RCT’s, n = 289)
- Positive psych outcome: 3/4
- Positive medical outcome: 0/4

Psych tx (3 RCT’s, n = 140)
- Positive psych outcome: 3/3
- Positive medical outcome: 2/3

Mixed (psych and/or medication, n = 954)
- Positive psych outcome: 3/4
- Positive medical outcome: 1/4

Petrak and Herpertz, 2009
Treatment Considerations

- Special attention to those with chronic pain and/or complications
  - Poorer outcomes
  - Increased risk of depression recurrence.
Five Things To Know

1. PREVALENCE. Depression is widespread among patients with diabetes.

2. DIABETES IMPACTS DEPRESSION. Both biological and psychosocial elements of diabetes may exacerbate depression.

3. DEPRESSION IMPACTS DIABETES. Depression negatively influences self-care, glycemic control, development of complications and health care costs.
4. IDENTIFYING DEPRESSION. It is relatively easy to screen for depression in diabetes and to address the issue with patients.

5. TREATING DEPRESSION. Moderately effective treatments have been demonstrated, but there appears to be little positive impact on metabolic control. Something is missing!
Diabetic Patients Who Smoke: Are They Different?

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND We wanted to identify differences between diabetic patients who smoke and those who do not smoke to design more effective strategies to improve their diabetes care and encourage smoking cessation.

METHODS A random sample of adult health plan members with diabetes were mailed a survey questionnaire, with telephone follow-up, asking about their attitudes and behaviors regarding diabetes care and smoking. Among the 1,352 respondents (response rate 82.4%), we found 188 current smokers whose answers we compared with those of 1,264 nonsmokers, with statistical adjustment for demographic characteristics and duration of diabetes.

RESULTS Smokers with diabetes were more likely to report fair or poor health (odds ratio [OR] = 1.5, P = .03) and often feeling depressed (OR = 1.7, P = .004). Relative to nonsmokers, smokers had lower rates of checking blood glucose levels, were less physically active, and had fewer diabetes care visits, glycated hemoglobin (A1c) tests, foot examinations, eye examinations, and dental checkups (P ≤ .01). Smokers also reported receiving and desiring less support from family and friends for specific diabetic self-management activities and had lower readiness to quit smoking than has been observed in other population groups.

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<th>Usual Goals</th>
<th>Your Results</th>
<th>FID #:</th>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>Your score should be</strong></td>
<td><strong>SAFE: At or better than goal</strong></td>
<td><strong>NOT SAFE: Not yet at goal</strong></td>
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<td><strong>A1C</strong></td>
<td>7.0% or less</td>
<td>8.7%</td>
<td>X</td>
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<td><strong>Blood Pressure</strong></td>
<td>130/80</td>
<td>125/75</td>
<td>X</td>
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<td><strong>Lipids</strong></td>
<td>100 or less</td>
<td>116</td>
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The Problem: So Much to Do!

- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Limit sweets and saturated fat (and trans fat)
- Eat 3 meals a day
- Eat at the same times each day
- Be more physically active
- Check blood glucose
- Take your medications on time, every day
- Have an eye exam
- Check your feet every day
- Quit smoking
- And on and on and on…
STOP OVEREATING, STOP DRINKING, STOP STAYING OUT LATE, STOP FIGHTING, STOP WORRYING, STOP EATING SWEETS, STOP GAMBLING...
What did the doctor say?

I don't know...

I stopped listening.
Bang for Your Buck

Focus on actions to take that will give you the biggest payoff

- Know your numbers
- Quit smoking
- Are you on right meds and taking them?
- Regular exercise
- Watch portion sizes
BREAKING FREE FROM

TES

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO

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Thanks for your attention

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