



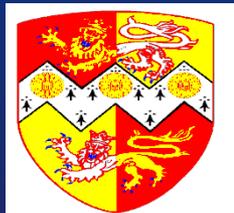
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An Introduction to Diabetes

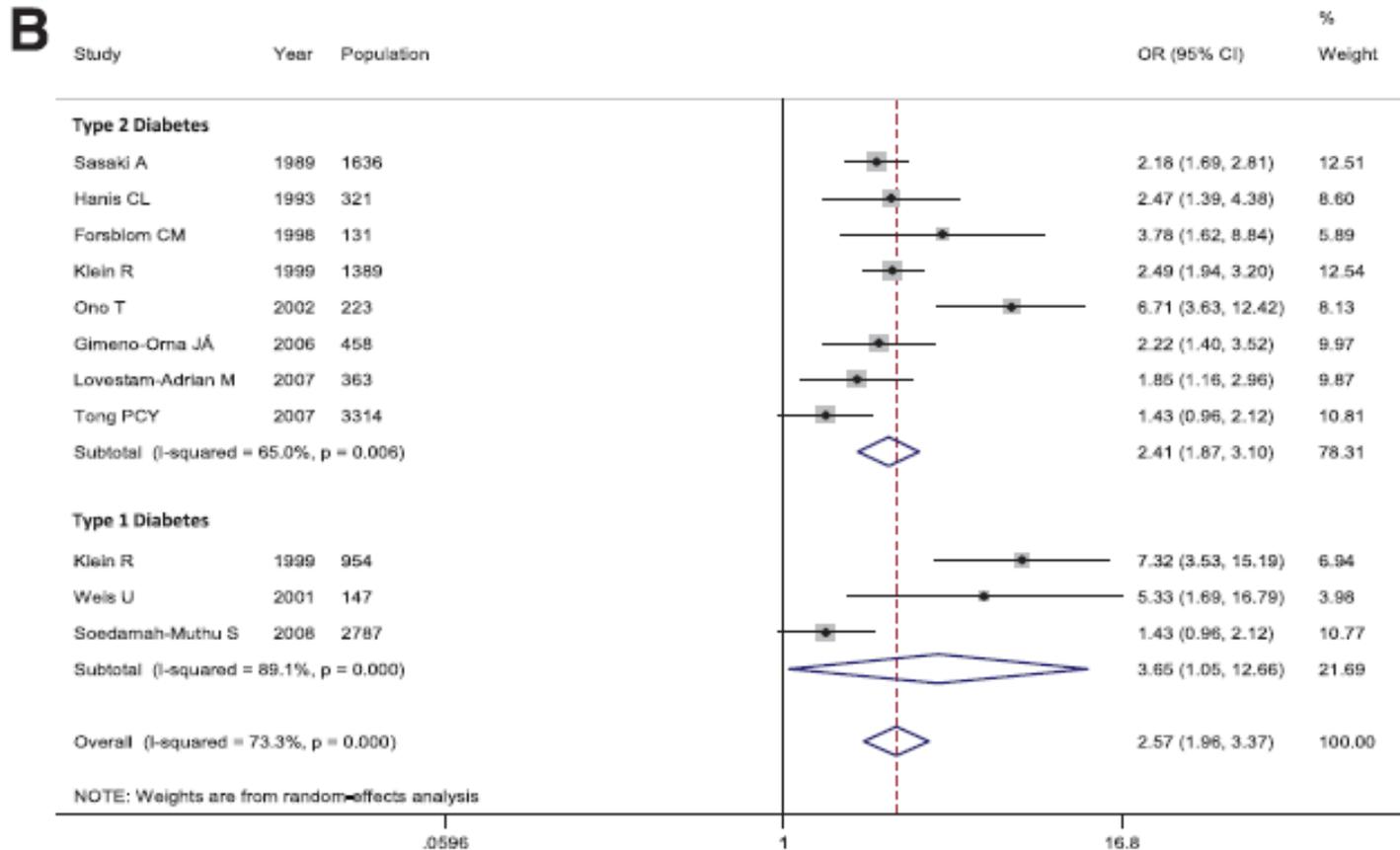
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Why is This an Important Subject?



Because the presence of any form of retinopathy is associated with an increased all-cause mortality rate

What is Diabetes Mellitus?

A complex metabolic disorder characterised by chronic hyperglycaemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion or insulin action, or both

First described in 1550 BC

Two Main Types

- Type 1
 - Autoimmune destruction of the β cells of the Islets of Langerhans in the pancreas. This leads to an absolute insulin deficiency. Insulin treatment is therefore mandatory
 - Previously known as IDDM or juvenile onset diabetes

Two Main Types

- Type 2
 - Impaired insulin action (insulin resistance) and eventually, impaired insulin secretion as well
 - Usually treated with oral medication initially, then may move onto insulin
 - Formerly known as NIDDM or maturity onset diabetes

Other Types

- Gestational diabetes
- Drug induced diabetes
- Genetic disorders
- Pancreatic disease

How is the Diagnosis Made?

Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus: Summary of ADA criteria¹²
Any one criterion is sufficient even if others normal

1: HbA_{1c}: $\geq 6.5\%$ (≥ 48 mmol/mol) using an IFCC standardised assay

2: Fasting glucose: ≥ 7.0 mmol/L

3: OGTT 2 hour value: ≥ 11.1 mmol/L

4: Random glucose ≥ 11.1 mmol/L with classic symptoms or hyperglycaemic crisis.

*In the absence of classic symptoms or hyperglycaemic crisis,
criteria 1 - 3 need repeating.*

So, in summary, making the diagnosis of diabetes is not as straightforward as it used to be

Familial Risks

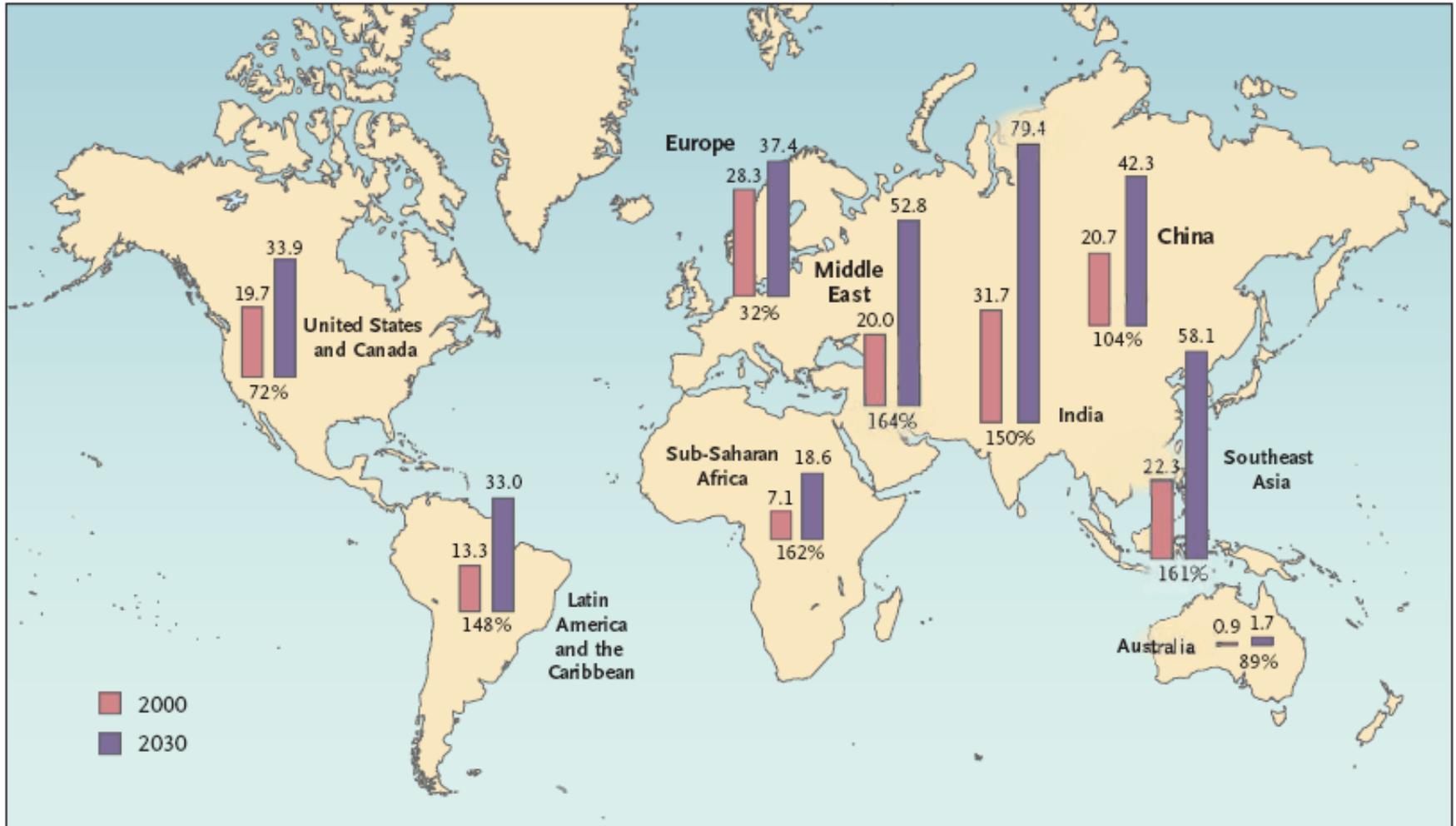
	Type 1	Type 2
If neither parent has it	1 in 250	10%
If mother has it	1 in 50 - 100	20 – 30 %
If father has it	1 in 12	20 – 30 %
If 1 sibling has it	1 in 15 – 30	40%
If 1 sibling and 1 parent has it	1 in 10	
If both parents have it	1 in 3	70%
If an identical sibling has it		80 – 100%

Epidemiology

- The 2008/9 National Diabetes Audit found the prevalence of diabetes to be 4.13% in England and Wales. This rose to 6.6% in 2012 (a 59% increase in 4 years!)
- ~90% of whom have Type 2 diabetes
- Lifetime risk of developing diabetes is about 10%

The NHS Information Centre, National Diabetes Audit Executive Summary 2010
<http://www.idf.org/atlasmap/atlasmap> Last accessed 1st October 2014

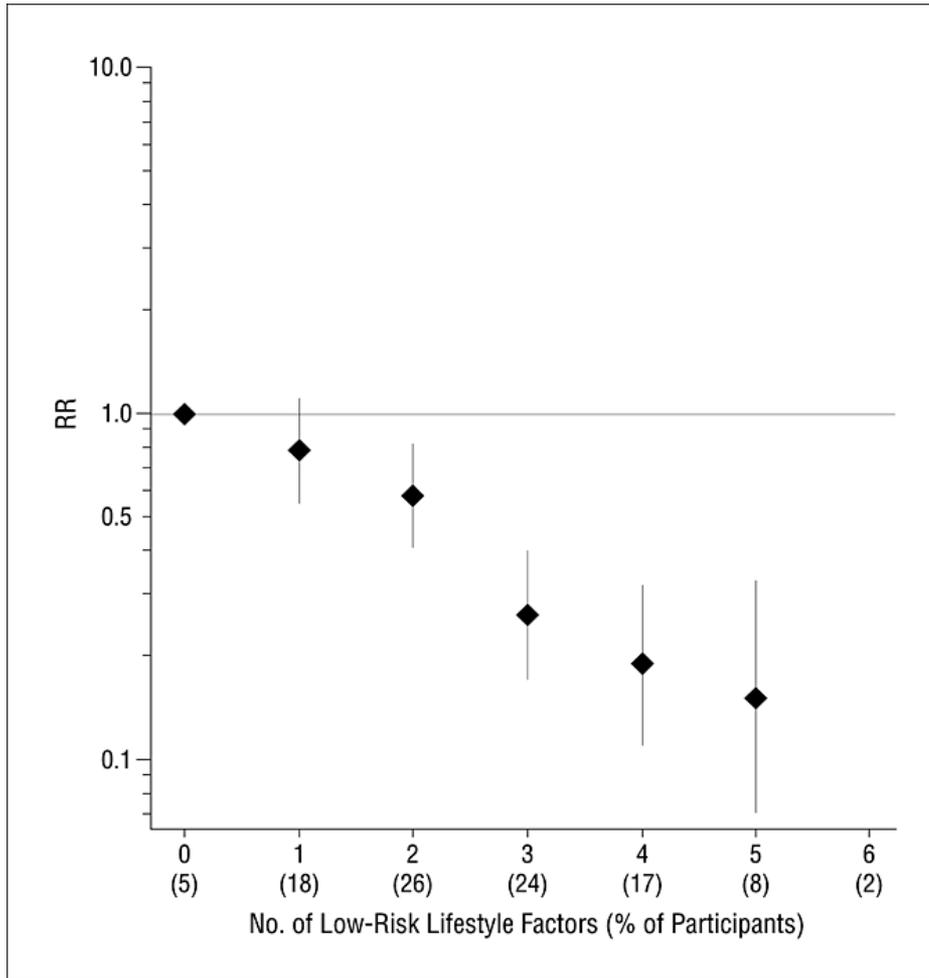
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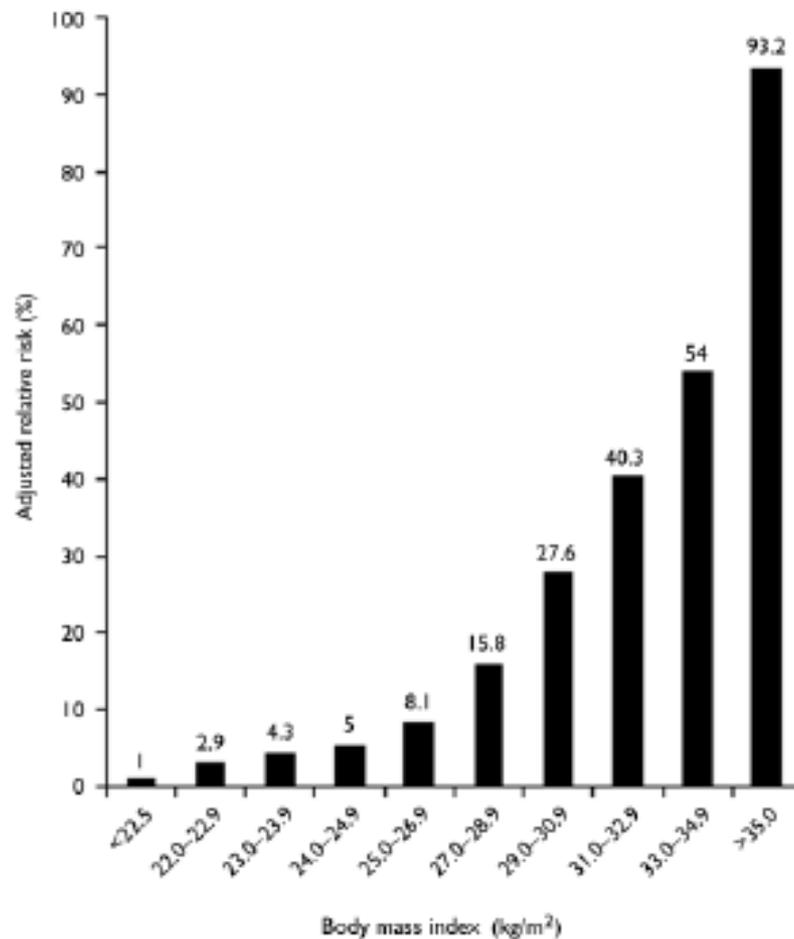
- Diabetes related healthcare costs account for about 10% of all health expenditure in developed nations

Relative Risk of Developing Diabetes



- Lower with more lifestyle factors
 - Moderate physical activity
 - Healthy diet
 - Never smoked
 - Moderate alcohol use
 - BMI < 25 Kg/m²
 - Waist circumference less than 88 cm for women or 92 cm for men

BMI and Diabetes



Clinical Features

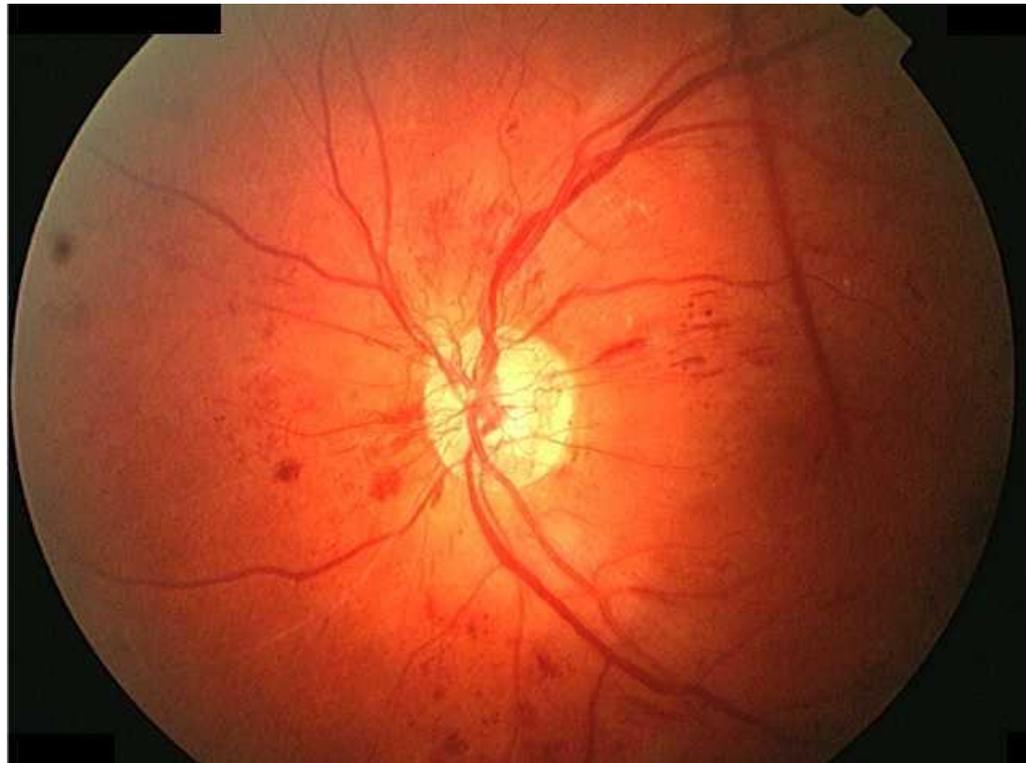
	Type 1	Type 2
Age at Onset (years)	< 40	> 40
Duration of Symptoms	Days or Weeks	Years
Body Weight	Normal or Low	Normal or High
Ketones	Yes	No
Insulin Mandatory?	Yes	No
Autoantibodies	Yes	No
Complications at Diagnosis	No	Up to 20%
Family History?	No	Yes
Other Autoimmune Diseases?	Yes	No
Percentage of cases	10%	90%

Why is it Important?

- Poorly controlled diabetes leads to accelerated cardiovascular morbidity and mortality
- A combination of microvascular and macrovascular disease

Microvascular Disease

- Diabetic retinopathy – the commonest cause of blindness in the developed world



Diabetes and Eyes: Some History

- In the 1970's and 1980's diabetes was the leading cause of severe visual impairment
- People with diabetes were 25 times more likely to have a VA of 20/200 in their best eye due to
 - Haemorrhage
 - Tractional detachment of the macula due to proliferative diabetic retinopathy
 - Macular oedema
 - Cataract
 - Glaucoma

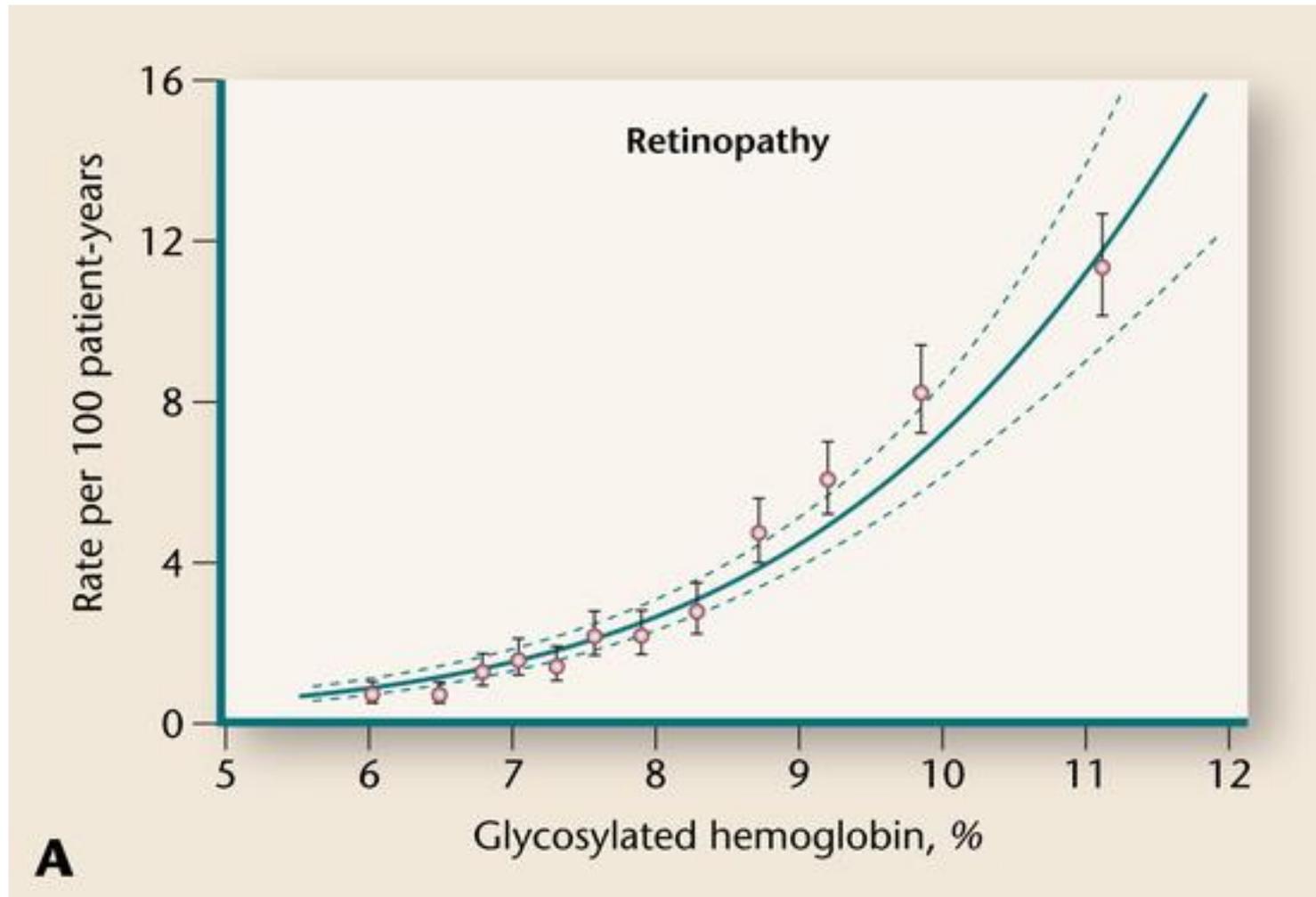
Some History

- There was no definitive evidence that achieving good glycaemic control would actually result in less diabetic retinopathy
- Also, technology was not of a standard to allow easy optimisation of control
- In the early 1970's the efficacy of photocoagulation had not yet been demonstrated
- Vitrectomy was in its developmental stages

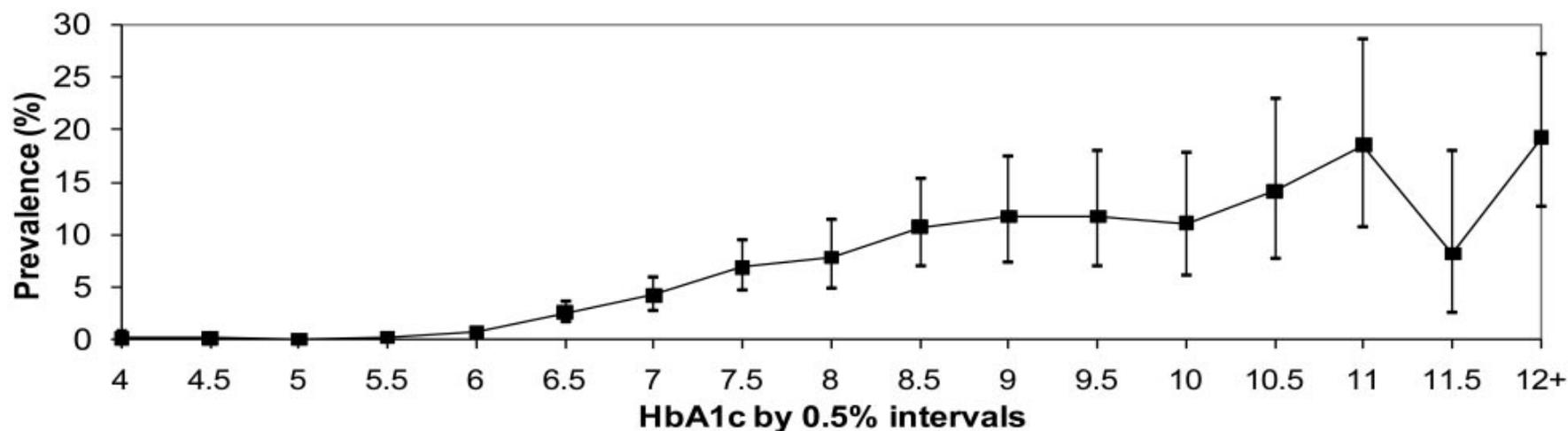
WESDR

- It was the Wisconsin Epidemiologic Study of Diabetic Retinopathy (WESDR) cohort data that first demonstrated a relationship between glycaemic control and the risk of retinopathy

Retinopathy and Glycaemic Control

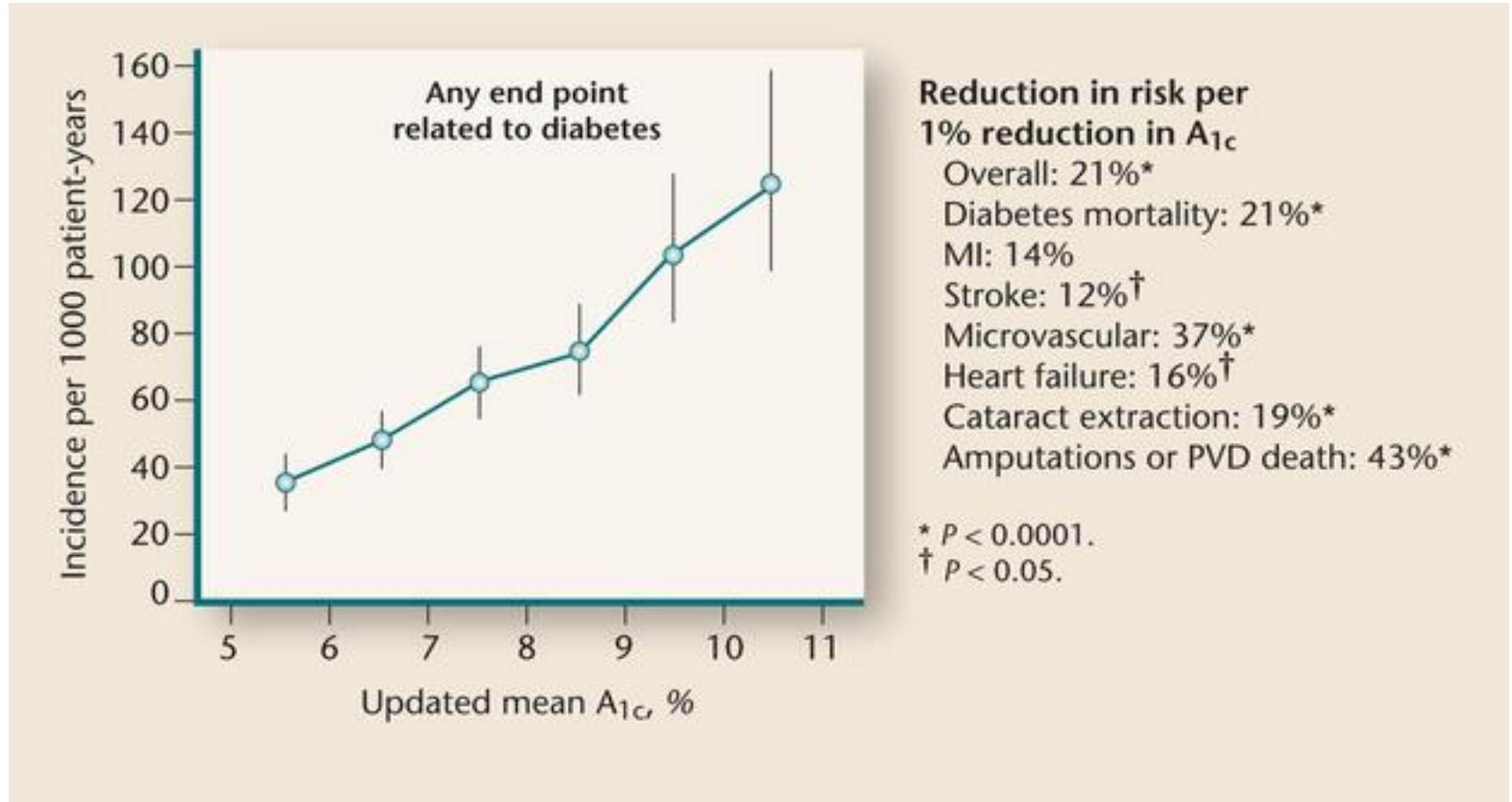


Epidemiology of Retinopathy



Cross sectional data from 44,623 individuals

Glycaemic Control is Important



Microvascular Disease

- Neuropathy

Large fiber Neuropathy	Small fiber Neuropathy	Proximal motor Neuropathy	Acute mono Neuropathies	Pressure Palsies
Sensory loss: 0-+++ (Touch, vibration) Pain: +-+++ Tendon reflex: N↓↓↓ Motor deficit 0-+++	Sensory loss: 0-+ (thermal, allodynia) Pain+-+++ Tendon reflex: N -↓ Motor deficit: 0	Sensory loss: 0-+ Pain: +-+++ Tendon reflex: ↓↓ Proximal Motor deficit: +-+++	Sensory loss: 0-+ Pain: +-+++ Tendon reflex: N Motor deficit: +-+++	Sensory loss in Nerve distribution: +-+++ Pain: +-+++ Tendon reflex: N Motor deficit: +-+++

Microvascular Disease

- Combinations of neuropathy and ischaemia



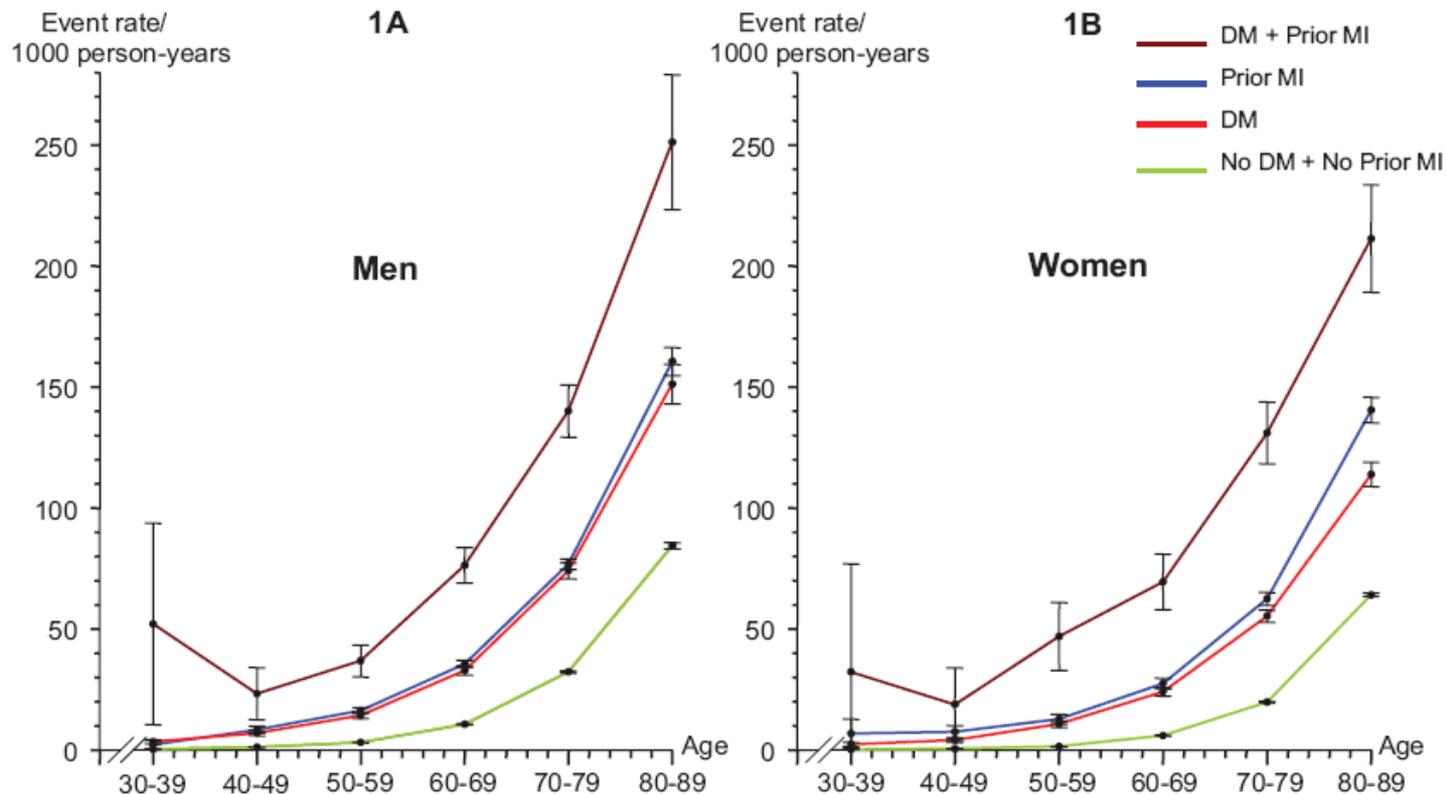
Microvascular Disease

- Nephropathy
 - Diabetes is the commonest cause of End Stage Renal Disease in the developed world

Macrovascular Disease

- Stroke
- Myocardial infarction

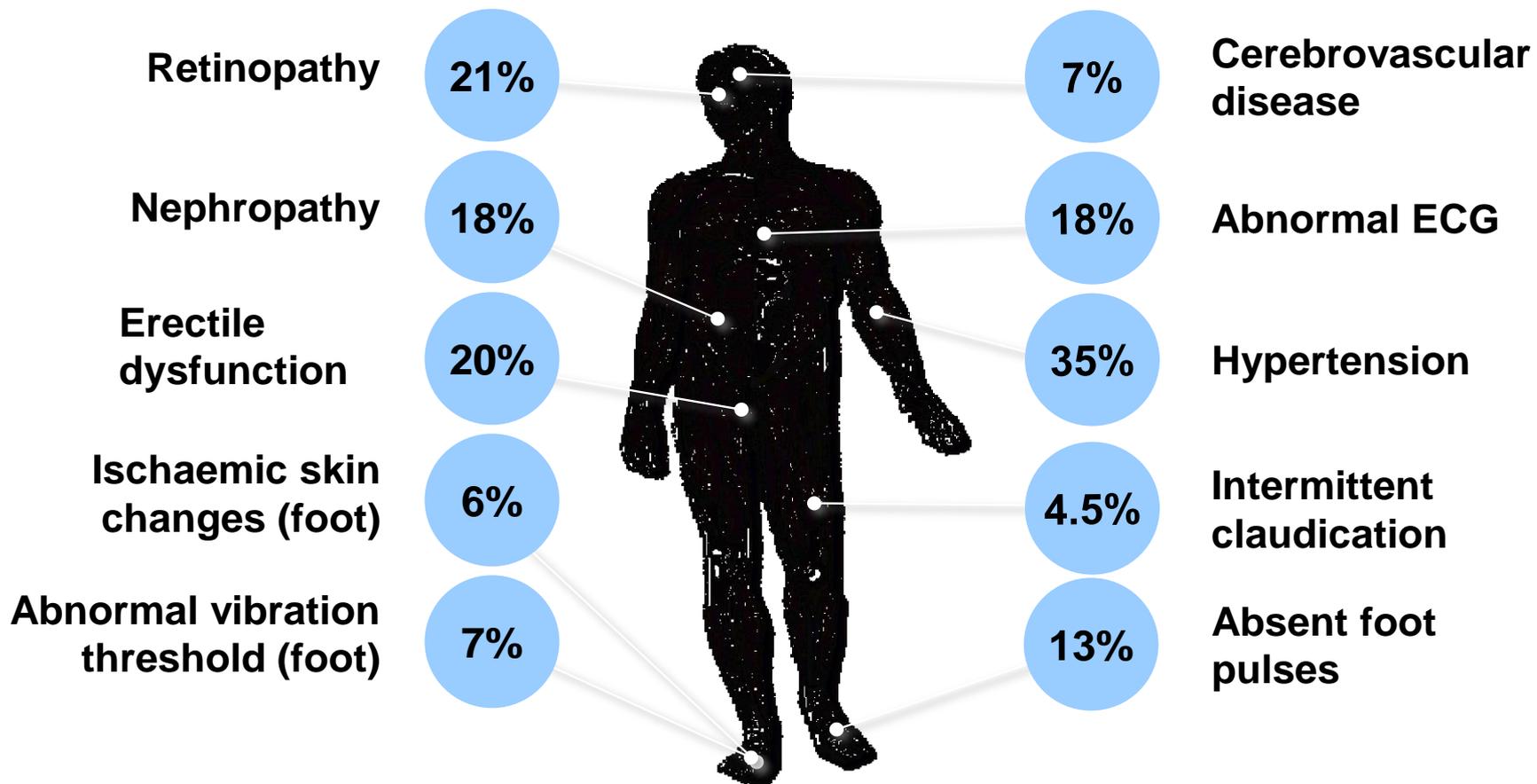
Data From 3.3M Danes



Numbers at risk:

No DM + No Prior MI	407 796	374 738	323 089	197 672	134 052	57 626	389 797	368 588	328 918	229 144	193 244	124 858
Prior MI	561	3 299	9 733	14 580	14 769	6 416	149	801	2 585	5 404	7 954	6 905
DM	2 989	4 895	7 985	8 032	6 738	3 102	2 271	3 355	5 101	6 901	8 328	5 685
DM + Prior MI	28	168	735	1 363	1 348	508	13	67	207	502	874	606

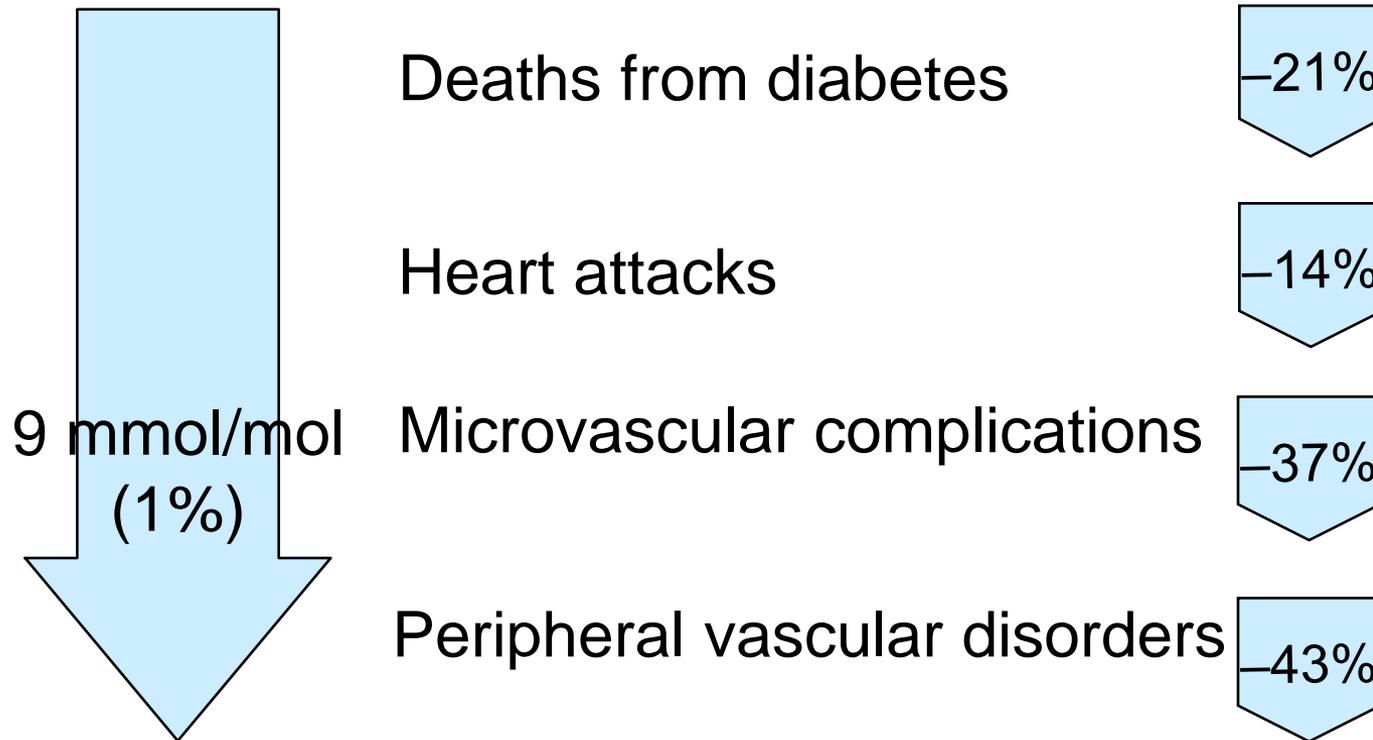
Vascular Complications Of Type 2 Diabetes At The Time Of Diagnosis



Lessons from UKPDS: Better Control Means Fewer Complications

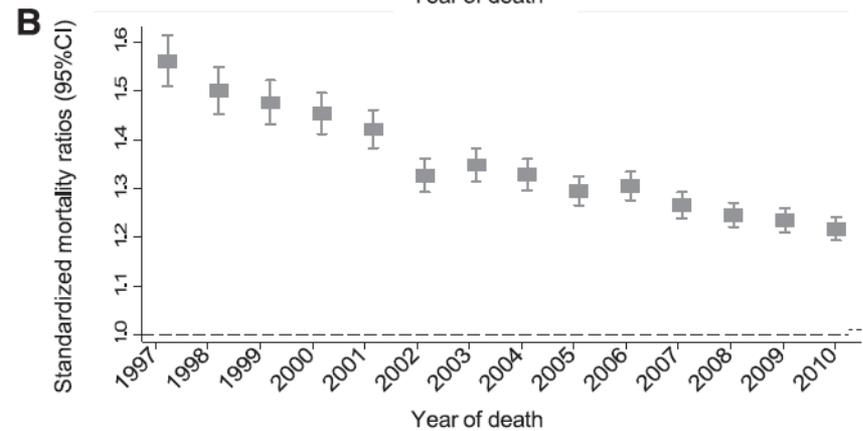
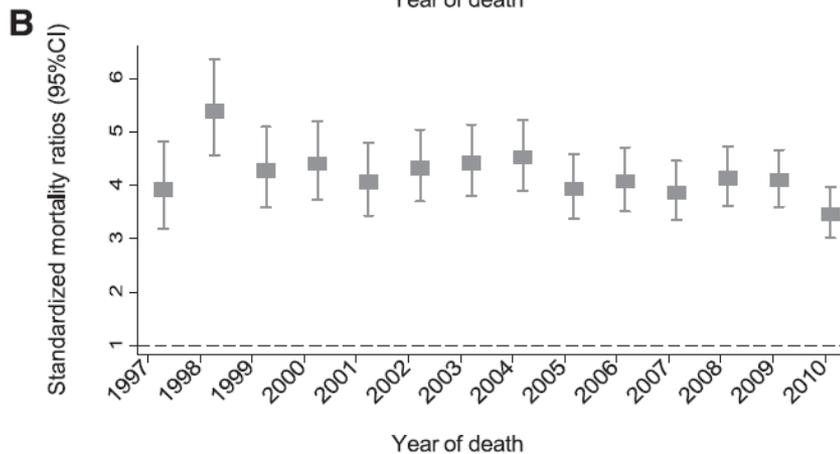
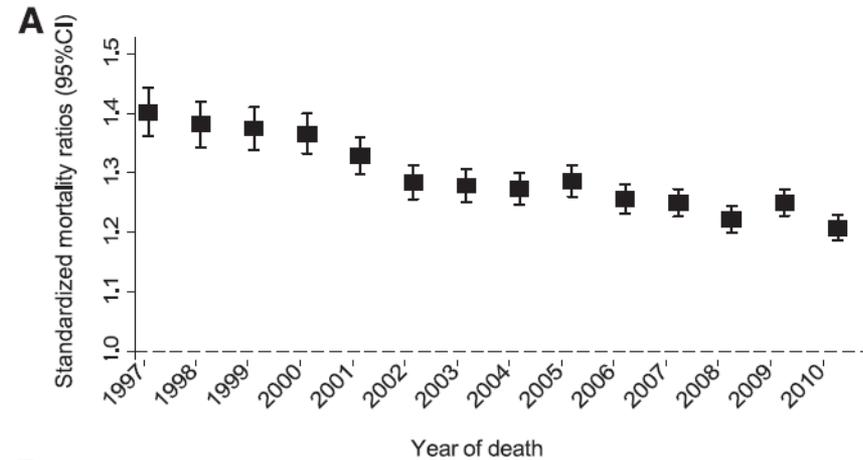
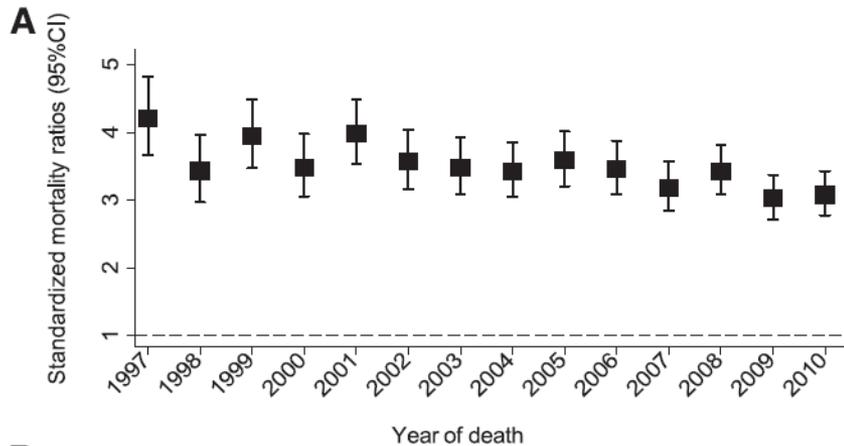
Every 9mmol/mol (1%)
reduction in HbA_{1c}

REDUCED
RISK*



*p<0.0001

Diabetes Related Mortality is Falling



Type 1

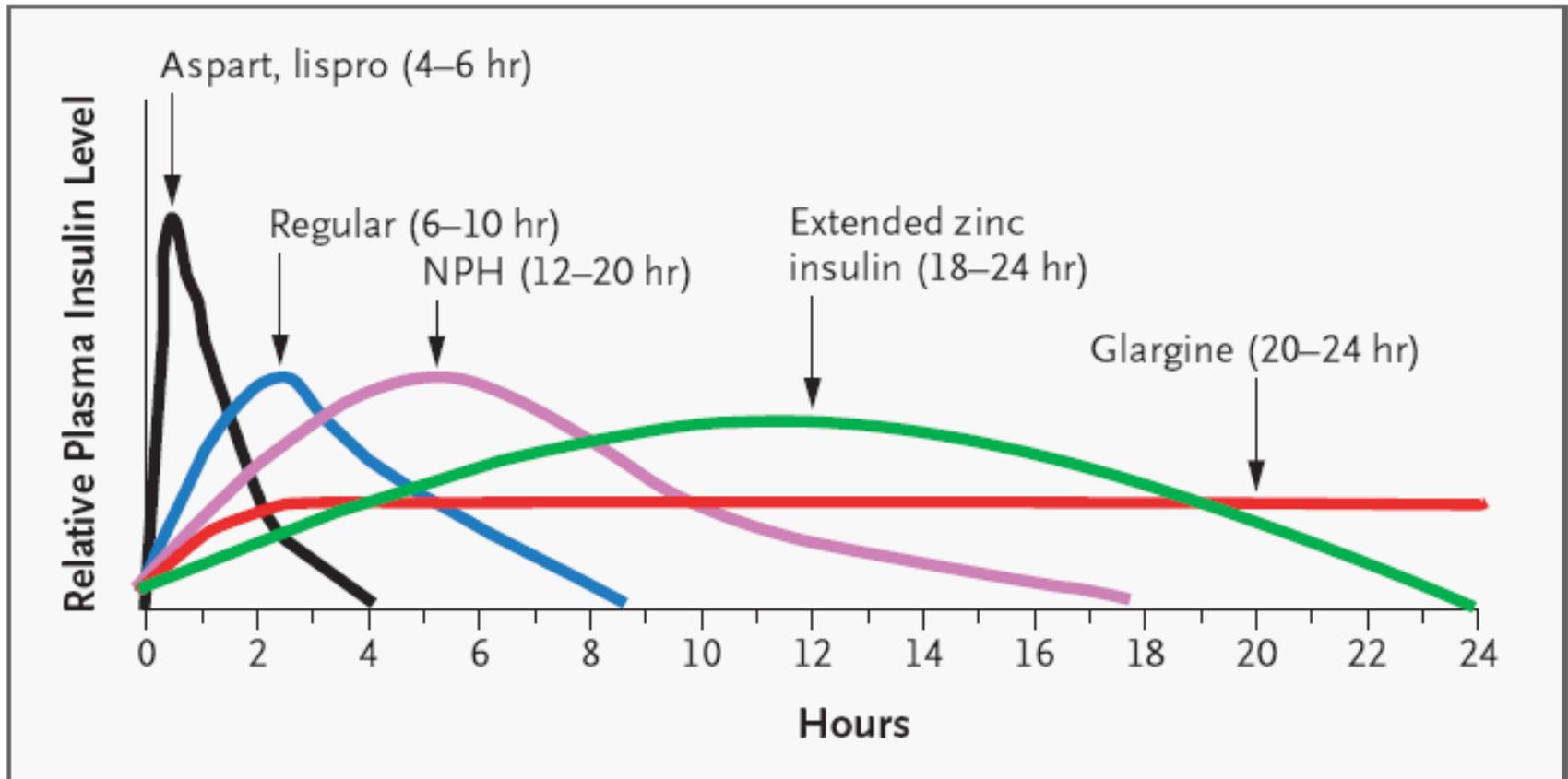
A = Men B = Women

Type 2

Non-Insulin Hypoglycaemic Agents

- α glucosidase inhibitors
- Metaglinides
- Metformin
- Sulphonylureas
- Thiazolidindiones
- GLP – 1 analogues
- DPP IV inhibitors
- SGLT 2 inhibitors

Insulins



In Summary

- Diabetes is very common, and type 2 diabetes is becoming commoner
- Good glycaemic control is important to help reduce the risk of developing the microvascular and macrovascular complications – or to reduce the risk of progression

What Can YOU Do?

- Ask them if they take all their medication every day
- Ask them to stop smoking
- Ask them to see their doctor if they have any concerns or problems sooner rather than later



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