



Peri-operative Glycaemic Control

- Is it Important?

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Recent Data

- People with diabetes are
 - Less likely to be offered day case surgery
 - More likely to have emergency surgery
 - Have a longer LOS following surgery
 - Have higher rates of 28-day readmissions following surgery

Do Peri-Operative High Glucose Levels Cause Harm?

- High pre-operative glucose or HbA1c has been related to adverse outcomes following
 - spinal surgery
 - vascular surgery
 - colorectal surgery
 - cardiac surgery
 - trauma
 - mastectomies
 - foot and ankle
 - neurosurgery
 - transplant surgery
 - HBP surgery
 - cholecystectomy
 - cardiac surgery

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Excess Mean Length of Stay in Diabetes Inpatients Aged 18 – 60 Years

269,265 Diabetes Discharges and 4,411,593 Matched Controls

	Mean LOS (days)			Excess LOS (days)			n		
	E10	E11	C	E10	E11	E10	E11	C	
Surg.	5.4 (0.1)	5.1 (0.1)	4.2 (0.2)	1.2	0.9	18,032	32,135	1,501,453	
T & O	4.8 (0.1)	5.3 (0.2)	4.6 (0.1)	0.2	0.7	8,178	12,203	885,606	
GM	4.8 (0.2)	5.4 (0.2)	4.4 (0.1)	0.4	1.0	70,988	82,446	1,709,553	
Card.	4.2 (0.1)	4.2 (0.1)	3.8 (0.1)	0.4	0.4	5,307	15,009	229,784	
MFE	4.8 (0.2)	5.6 (0.2)	4.7 (0.1)	0.1	0.1	2,444	4,549	85,197	

E10 = Type 1 diabetes E11 = Type 2 diabetes c = controls

English Hospitals, 4 consecutive years of discharges 2000-2004

Day Case Avoidance

	Admissions for males with diabetes	Admissions per 1000 males with diabetes	Admissions per 1000 males without diabetes	Diabetes admissions/non-diabetes admissions	Excess admissions in diabetes
0-15	956	99	50	1.99	475
16-24	1,633	51	43	1.20	274
25-34	3,289	70	57	1.24	627
35-44	10,014	93	79	1.18	1,511
45-54	27,487	122	118	1.04	994
55-64	60,788	210	203	1.04	2,148
65-74	87,207	241	355	0.68	-41,187
75+	77,832	328	413	0.79	-20,344
All male	269,206	205	123	0.82 (age adjusted)	-55,501
	Admissions for females with diabetes	Admissions per 1000 females with diabetes	Admissions per 1000 females without diabetes	Diabetes admissions/non-diabetes admissions	Excess admissions in diabetes
0-15	975	106	40	2.63	604
16-24	1,986	58	62	0.94	-136
25-34	3,708	79	91	0.87	-567
35-44	10,390	190	118	1.61	3,942
45-54	23,708	172	160	1.08	1,736
55-64	42,589	202	207	0.97	-1,184
65-74	61,743	233	288	0.81	-14,657
75+	62,924	213	279	0.76	-19,748
All female	208,023	197	137	0.87 (age adjusted)	-30,011
Total (male and female)	477,229	202	130	0.85 (age-adjusted)	-85,512

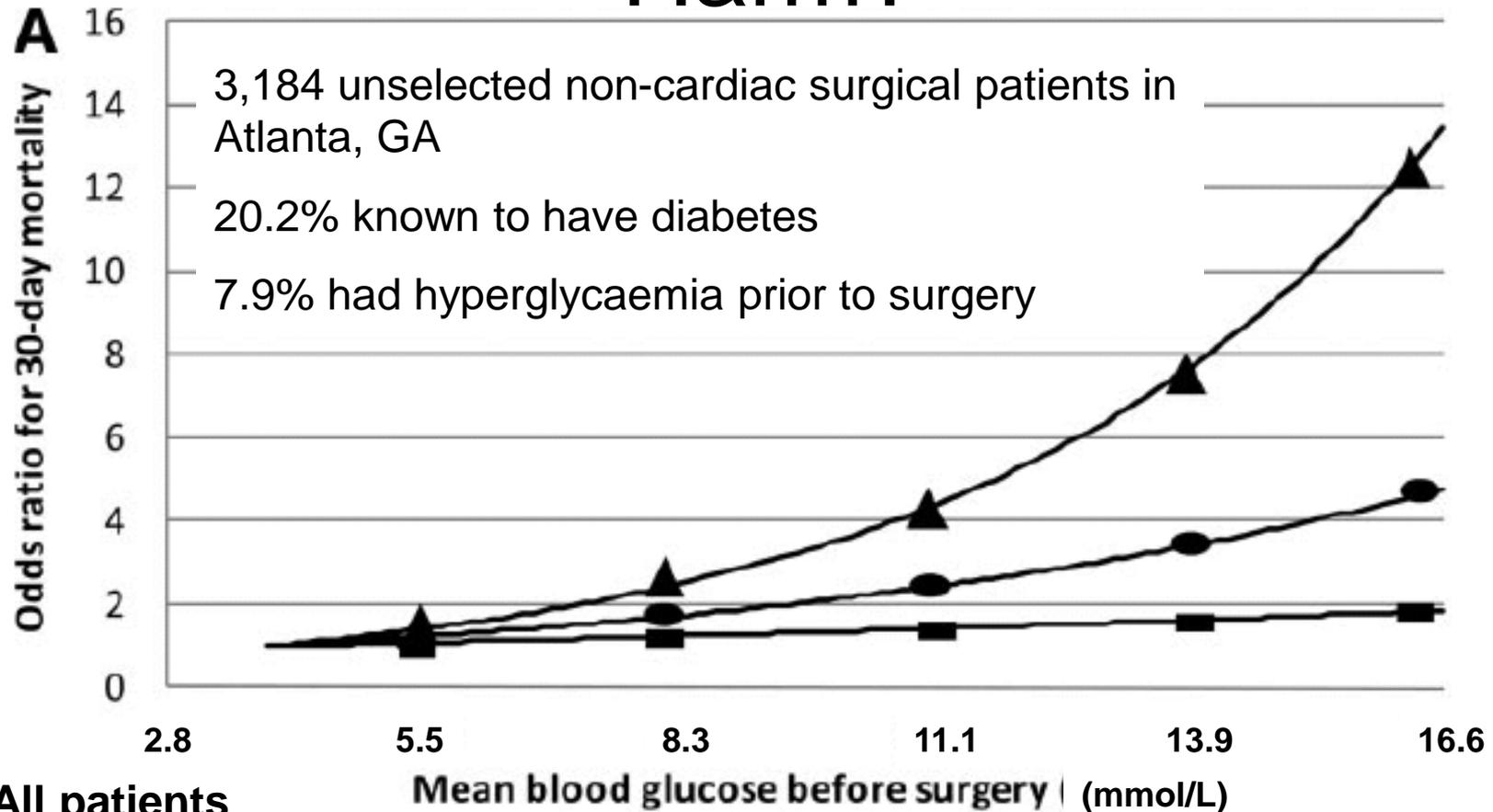
Men

In 2009-10, 85,512 people with diabetes were denied day case surgery. If 1 bed day costs £300, then this equates to £25.6m

Women

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Do High Glucose Levels Cause Harm?

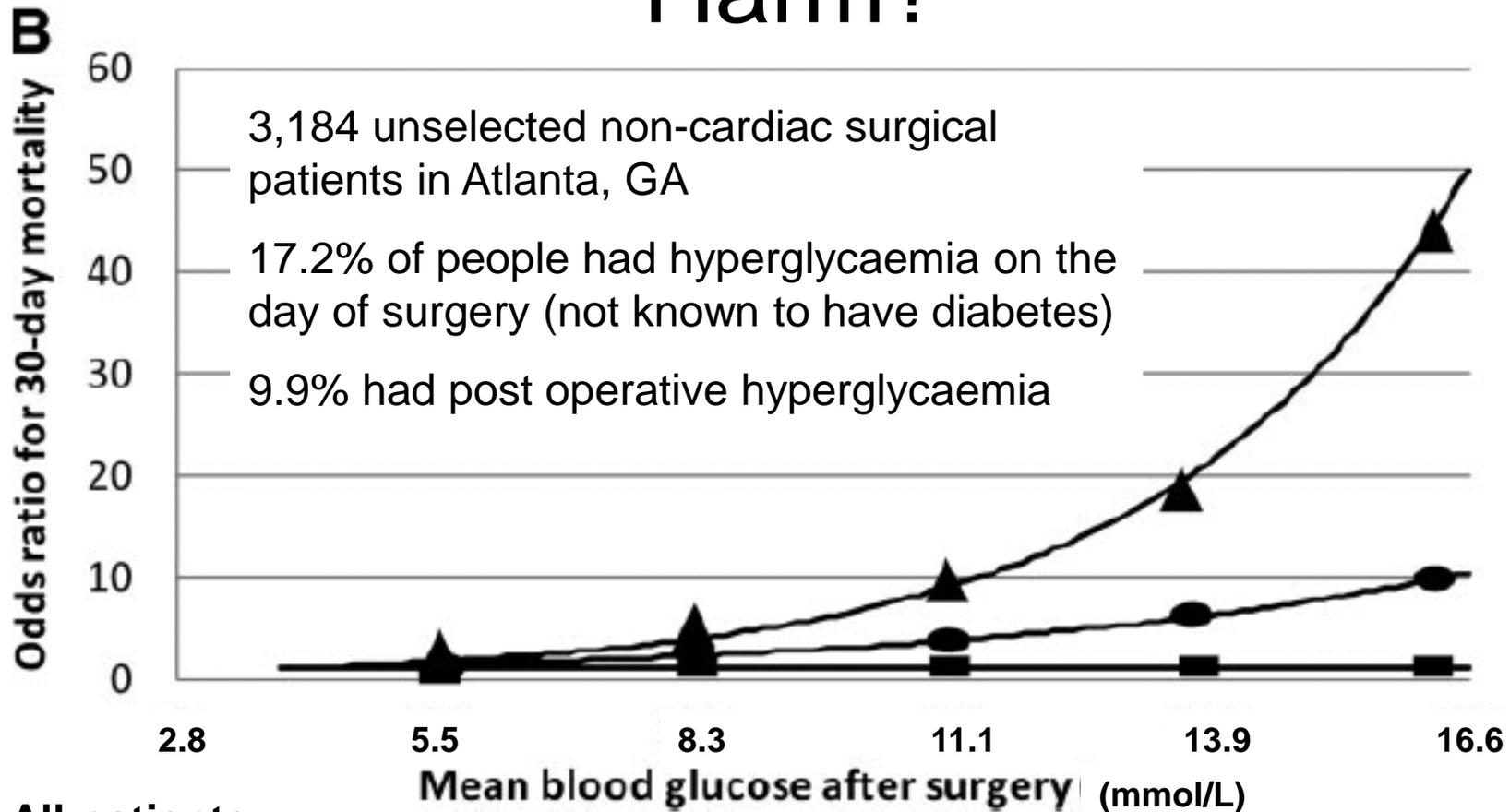


● All patients

■ Patients with diabetes

▲ Patients without diabetes

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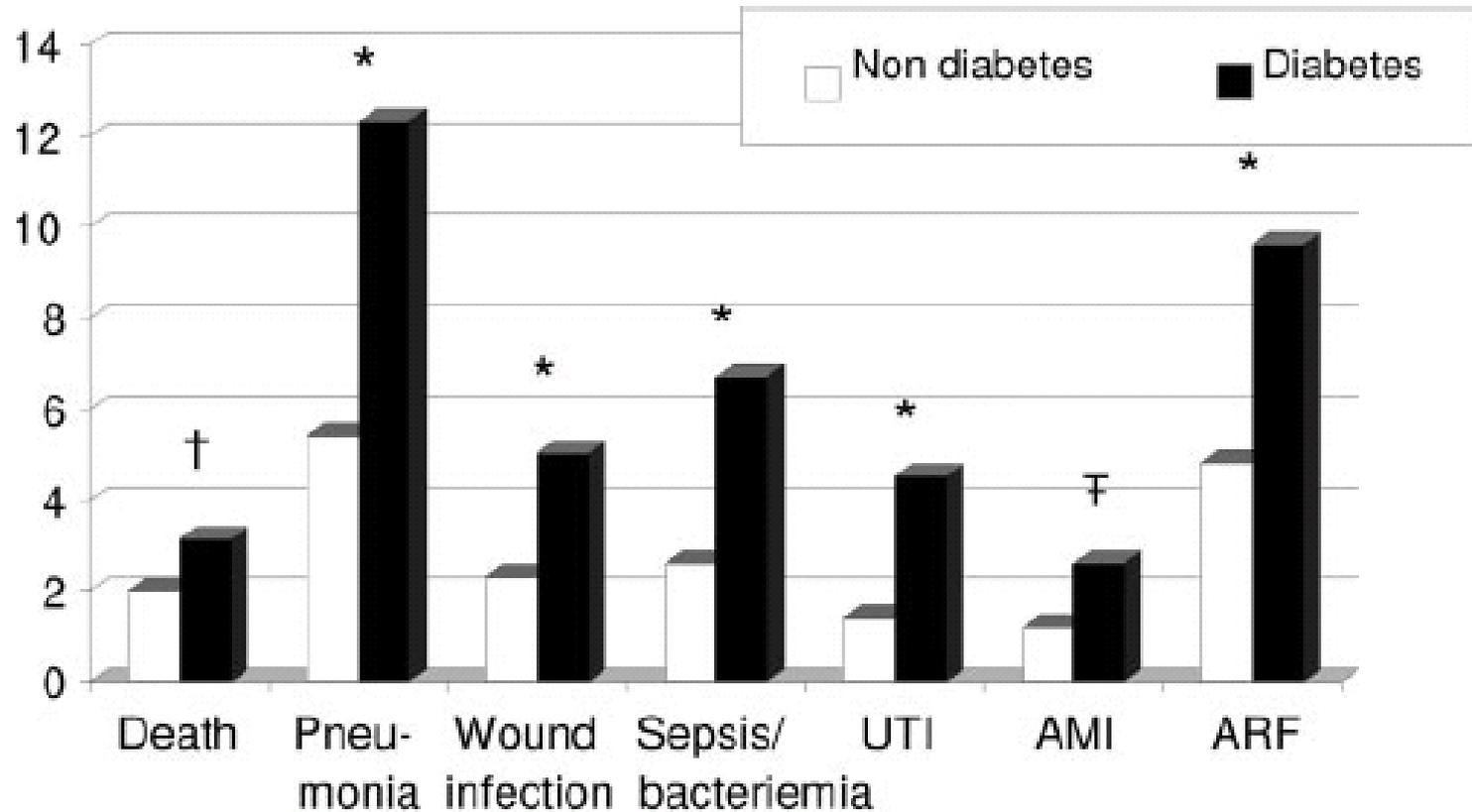


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More Observational Data

- Observational data from 55 US hospitals over 5 years looked at the outcomes of 18,278 patients 11,633 of whom who had a BG measured pre op, on day 1 post op or day 2 post op
- 55.4 ± 15.3 years
- 65.7% women

Hyperglycaemic Individuals

- Were more likely to be
 - Older
 - Heavier
 - More comorbidities
 - Have longer operations
 - Have diabetes (but not always)

Outcomes

TABLE 2. Adjusted Multivariate Logistic Regression Analysis on the Effect of Perioperative Hyperglycemia (>180 mg/dL at Any Point on the Day of Surgery, Postoperative Day 1, or Postoperative Day 2) on Outcomes Presented as Odds Ratio and 95% Confidence Intervals (Within Parenthesis)

	Composite Infections (n = 491)	Deaths (n = 48)	Reoperative Interventions (n = 257)	Anastomotic Failures (n = 43)	Myocardial Infarctions (n = 13)
Hyperglycemia	2.0 (1.63–2.44)	2.71 (1.72–4.28)	1.8 (1.41–2.3)	2.43 (1.38–4.28)	1.15 (0.43–3.1)

High glucose levels were associated with poor outcomes

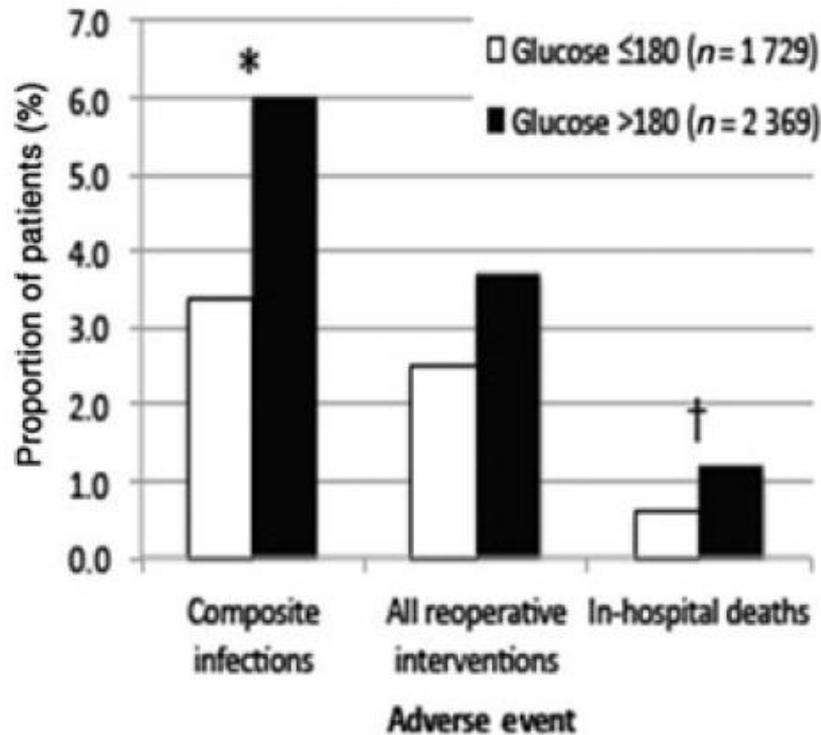
Diabetes[§]

Noninsulin-dependent	0.51 (0.37–0.69)	0.48 (0.25–0.93)	0.63 (0.44–0.9)	0.45 (0.21–0.99)	0.77 (0.15–4.08)
Insulin-dependent	0.52 (0.35–0.76)	0.78 (0.36–1.68)	0.54 (0.35–0.85)	0.49 (0.18–1.32)	1.66 (0.26–10.71)

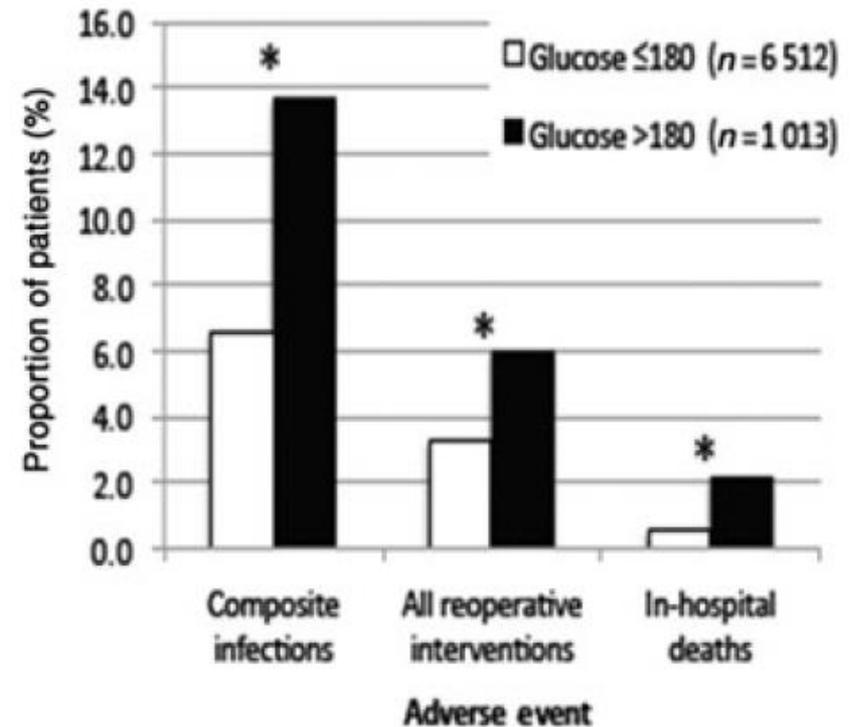
But – having diabetes was protective

Outcomes

(A) Adverse events among patients with diabetes



(B) Adverse events among patients without diabetes



180 mg/dl = 9.72 mmol/L * $P < 0.01$; [†] $P < 0.05$.

Colorectal Surgery

- Single centre, 2 year retrospective analysis of outcomes in 2447 patients without diabetes undergoing elective colorectal surgery and 181 with diabetes

Non diabetic (n=2447 (93.1%))	Diabetic (n=181 (6.9%))
Normoglycaemic (<6.7 mmol/L) 816 (33.3%)	Normoglycaemic (<6.7 mmol/L) 63 (34.8%)
'Mild' hyperglycaemia (6.8-10.7 mmol/L) 1289 (52.7%)	'Mild' hyperglycaemia (6.8-10.7 mmol/L) 98 (54.1%)
'Severe' hyperglycaemia (>10.8 mmol/L) 342 (14%)	'Severe' hyperglycaemia (>10.8 mmol/L) 20 (11%)

66.7% of the 'non-diabetics' developed hyperglycaemia

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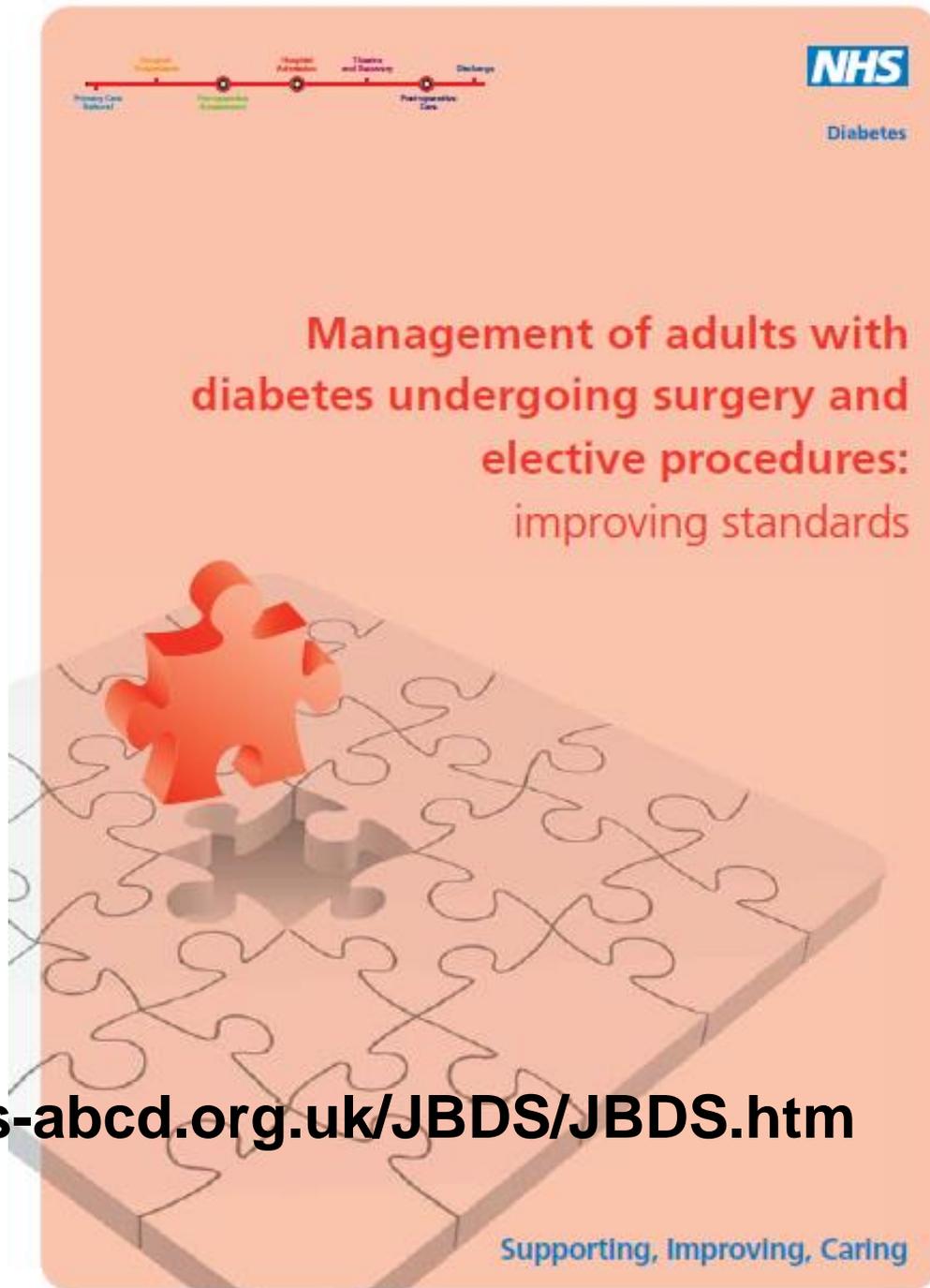
- In patients with or without a previous diagnosis of diabetes, a high blood glucose was found to be associated with
 - Estimated blood loss
 - Length of surgery
 - Transfusion
 - Diverting ostomy
 - AKI
 - Anastomotic leak
 - Arrhythmia
 - Reintubation
 - Sepsis
 - SSI
 - Deep
 - Superficial
 - Organ / space
 - UTI
 - LOS
 - Reoperation
 - Mortality

However....

- Whilst there is data to show that poor glycaemic control is associated with poor outcomes
- There is no consistent data to show that improving control also improves outcomes

(A bit like diabetes care in general until the mid 1990's)

Along Came This.....



<http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/JBDS/JBDS.htm>

And This.....

Diabetes UK Position Statements and Care Recommendations

NHS Diabetes guideline for the perioperative management of the adult patient with diabetes*

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for the Joint British Diabetes Societies

National Guidelines

- Document divided into sections:
 - Primary care
 - Surgical outpatients
 - Pre-operative assessment clinic
 - Hospital admission
 - Theatre and recovery
 - Post-operative care
 - Discharge



Dexamethasone and Glucocorticoid Use

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EDITORIAL II

Does dexamethasone-induced hyperglycaemia contribute to postoperative morbidity and mortality?

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- You know the world is getting heavier and older
- You know that BMI and age are associated with the risk of hyperglycaemia
- You know that dexamethasone use is associated with (transient) hyperglycaemia
- You (now) know that hyperglycaemia is bad for the post-op patient

Whose responsibility is it?

Dexamethasone and Glucose

- We looked at every patient undergoing surgery under every surgical speciality for 1 week in August 2013
- Then we looked to see how many people were given dexamethasone
- Then we looked to see how many had a blood glucose level measured post-operatively

12 – 18th August 2013

- 846 people had surgery at the N&N
- 339 of these had a general anaesthetic and their notes were available
- 226 (66%) were given dexamethasone
- 25 people were known to have diabetes (only 11 had an HbA1c within 3 months)
- Only 15 (6.6%) people had a blood glucose level measured during the next 24 hours



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