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Prevention of Diabetes

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Abstract: Diabetes mellitus, particularly Type 2 diabetes, has become a major global health challenge, contributing to increased morbidity, mortality, and healthcare costs. While genetic predisposition plays a role, the condition is largely preventable through lifestyle modifications. This review explores key strategies for diabetes prevention, including dietary modifications, regular physical activity, weight management, stress reduction, and adequate sleep. A balanced diet rich in fiber, healthy fats, and whole foods, along with the limitation of processed sugars and refined carbohydrates, plays a crucial role in maintaining blood glucose levels. Physical activity, both aerobic and resistance training, enhances insulin sensitivity and prevents weight gain. Stress management techniques such as mindfulness and adequate sleep further contribute to metabolic health. Additionally, avoiding tobacco and excessive alcohol consumption lowers diabetes risk.(1)

Recent research suggests that novel approaches, including intermittent fasting, gut microbiome modulation, and personalized nutrition, may offer additional preventive benefits. Public health interventions, early screening programs, and education initiatives are essential in reducing the burden of diabetes worldwide. A comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach that integrates individual lifestyle changes with broader public health policies is necessary to effectively prevent diabetes and improve global health outcomes.(2)

Diabetes mellitus, particularly Type 2 diabetes, is a growing global health concern linked to lifestyle factors such as poor diet, physical inactivity, and obesity. Prevention strategies focus on modifiable risk factors, including adopting a healthy diet, engaging in regular physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight, and managing stress and sleep patterns. Smoking cessation and alcohol moderation also play crucial roles. Recent research highlights emerging approaches such as intermittent fasting, gut microbiome regulation, and personalized nutrition. Effective diabetes prevention requires a multidisciplinary approach, combining individual lifestyle modifications with public health initiatives to reduce the global burden of the disease.(3).

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