

Sample Diabetes Patient Care Flow Sheet for Adults

Name Date of birth			Type 1 Type 2 Age at diagnosis				
Care objectives (risk factors, comorbidities)			Self-mana	Self-management (discuss with patient)			
□ Hypertension (target <130/80 mm Hg) □ Dyslipidemia □ CAD □ Smoking (date stopped) □ PAD □ Alcohol (assess/discussed) □ CKD □ Mental health diagnosis □ PCOS □ Foot disease □ ED □ Retinopathy				□ Refer to diabetes teaching team			
		Visits (3 to	6 months)				
Date BP Wt A1C (Target ≤	, ,	goals, clinica	status)			seline: Allergies, side effects, er ACEI, ARB, statin, ASA as indicated	
Review SMBG records. Target:	preprandial 4–7 mn	nol/L; 2-hour po	stprandial 5–1	0 mmol/L	(5–8 mmol/L if no	et achieving A1C target)	
Screen for diabetes complications annually, or as indicated							
Nephropathy Date ACR target: eGFR/C target:	rCI Check (10-g) Check Date: Date:	Neuropathy Check feet for lesions and sen (10-g monofilament, 128 Hz t) Check for pain, ED, GI symptoto Date: Findings Date: Findings			Date: Date: Ophthalmologist/ optometrist:		
CAD assessment Lipids Targets → Not high risk ☐ High risk Primary			for those at high risk for CAD target: LDL-C ≤2.0 mmol/L rry target: TC/HDL-C <4.0 □ Annual influenza				
or has ≥1 of the following: macrovascular disease; microvascular dis multiple risk factors (esp. family history); 1 extreme risk factor; duration of diabete >15 y and age >30 y	,	TC LDL		TG	Medications	Date:	
Resting ECG:	1 1					☐ Pneumococcus	
Exercise stress test:						Date:	

SEE REVERSE FOR CARE OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS









Care	Objective	Target
Self-monitoring of blood glucose	Reinforce patient's responsibility for regular monitoring as appropriate Ensure patient can use glucose meter, interpret SMBG results and modify treatment as needed Develop an SMBG schedule with patient and review records	Preprandial (mmol/L) 4.0–7.0 for most patients 2-hour postprandial (mmol/L) 5.0–10.0 for most patients 5.0–8.0 if not achieving A1C target
Blood glucose control	Measure A1C every 3 months for most adults Consider testing at least every 6 months in adults during periods of treatment and lifestyle stability, and when glycemic targets are being consistently achieved	A1C ≤7.0% for most patients See "Targets," p. S29"
Blood glucose meter accuracy	Compare meter results with laboratory measurements at least annually, and when indicators of glycemic control do not match meter	Simultaneous fasting glucose/meter lab comparison within 20%
Hypertension	Measure BP at diagnosis of diabetes and at every diabetes clinic visit	<130/80 mm Hg
Waist circumference	Measure as an indicator of abdominal fat	Target WC: M <102 cm, F <88 cm (see ethnic-specific values in "Management of Obesity in Diabetes," p. S77)*
Body mass index	Calculate BMI: mass in kg/(height in m) ²	Target BMI: 18.5–24.9 kg/m ²
Nutrition	Encourage nutrition therapy (by a Registered Dietitian) as an integral part of treatment and self-management (can reduce A1C by 1–2%)	Meet nutritional needs by following <i>Eating</i> Well with Canada's Food Guide
Physical activity	Discuss and encourage aerobic and resistance exercise Consider exercise ECG stress test for previously sedentary individuals at high risk for CAD planning exercise more vigorous than brisk walking	Aerobic: ≥150 minutes/week Resistance: 3 sessions/week
Smoking	Encourage patient to stop at each visit; provide support as needed	Smoking cessation
Retinopathy	Type 1 diabetes: Screen 5 years after diagnosis, then rescreen annually Type 2 diabetes: Screen at diagnosis, then every 1–2 years if no retinopathy present Screening should be conducted by an experienced eye care professional	Early detection and treatment
Chronic kidney disease	Identification of CKD requires screening for proteinuria using random urine ACR and assessment of renal function using a serum creatinine converted to eGFR Type 1 diabetes: In adults, screen after 5 years duration of diabetes, then annually if no CKD Type 2 diabetes: Screen at diagnosis, then annually if no CKD If CKD present, perform ACR and eGFR at least every 6 months	ACR (mg/mmol) Normal: M <2.0; F <2.8 Microalbuminuria: M 2.0–20.0, F 2.8–28.0 Macroalbuminuria: M >20.0, F >28.0 CKD if eGFR ≤60 mL/min
Neuropathy/ foot examination	Type 1 diabetes: Screen 5 years after diagnosis, then rescreen annually Type 2 diabetes: Screen at diagnosis, then annually Screen for neuropathy with 10-g monofilament or 128-Hz tuning fork at dorsum of great toe. In foot exam, look for structural abnormalities, neuropathy, arterial disease, ulceration, infection	Early detection and treatment If neuropathy present: foot care education, specialized footwear, smoking cessation If ulcer present: manage by multidisci- plinary team with expertise
CAD assessment	 Conduct CAD risk assessment periodically: CV history, lifestyle, duration of diabetes, sexual function, abdominal obesity, lipid profile, BP, reduced pulses, bruits, glycemic control, retinopathy, eGFR, ACR Measure baseline resting ECG, then every 2 years if: age >40 years, duration of diabetes >15 years, symptoms, hypertension, proteinuria, bruits or reduced pulses High-risk categories include: Men ≥45 years, women ≥50 years or Men <45 years, women <50 years with ≥1 of: macrovascular disease, microvascular disease (especially retinopathy, nephropathy), multiple additional risk factors (especially family history of premature coronary or cerebrovascular disease in 1st-degree relative), extreme single risk (e.g. LDL-C >5.0 mmol/L, systolic BP >180 mm Hg) or duration of diabetes >15 years and age >30 years 	Vascular protection: first priority in prevention of diabetes complications is reduction of CV risk by vascular protection through a comprehensive multifaceted approach: • All people with diabetes: optimize BP, glycemic control and lifestyle (weight, exercise, smoking) • People with diabetes and at high risk of CV event, additional interventions: ACE inhibitor/ARB antiplatelet therapy (as indicated) and lipid-lowering medication (primarily statins)
Dyslipidemia	Measure fasting lipid levels (TC, HDL-C, TG and calculated LDL-C) at diagnosis of diabetes, then every 1–3 years as clinically indicated. Test more frequently if treatment initiated	Lipid targets for those at high risk for CAD: • Primary target: LDL-C ≤2.0 mmol/L • Secondary targe t: TC/HDL-C <4.0

Care objectives: People with diabetes will have better outcomes if primary healthcare providers: 1) identify patients with diabetes in their practice; 2) assist them by incorporating the suggested care objectives; 3) schedule diabetes-focused visits; and 4) use diabetes patient care flow sheets and systematic recall for visits.