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Glycaemic control in T1D patients treated from clinical onset in a value-based care center vs. patients transferred from other centers: the DIABETER experience

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Disclosures



- Healthcare contracts with all Dutch insurance organizations
- Diabeter was acquired by Medtronic in April 2015. Diabeter is compliant with legal and healthcare policies and laws on independency for prescription, patient data, research and employee data
- In the context of this presentation there are no conflicts of interest

Background



- Diabeter delivers value-based T1D care:
 - Integrated practice unit (IPU)
 - More patients per HCP -> more knowledge
 - Frequent contact
 - Improve outcomes -> reduce complications
- This results in better glycaemic control (vs NL average)



 Diabeter has 31% primary patients and 69% secondary patients

Background (2)



- Recent studies show 'tracking' of HbA1c values¹
- Within different populations, similar tracks can be identified²



¹Paes etal., ²Clements et al., Pediatr Diabetes. 2019 Nov;20(7):920-931

ADDN, Australasian Diabetes Data Network (Australia); DPV, DiabetesPatienten-Verlaufsdokumentation initiative (Germany/Austria/Luxembourg); T1DX, T1D Exchange Clinic Network (USA)

Research question



 Does switching to a more comprehensive care model result in improved glycaemic control, i.e. in 'switching tracks'?



Study design



- HbA1c values were extracted from our custom built disease management system Vcare
- Patients treated ≥ 1 year at Diabeter (n= 2014) were included:
 - Secondary patients were only included if they had received ≥1 year of previous care in another clinic
- HbA1c was determined cross-sectionally per year from 2006-2018
- Changes were analysed descriptively for primary and secondary patients
- Three hospitals (H1-3) discontinued their T1D care and transferred all T1D patients to Diabeter:
 - this allowed study of both 'en bloc' and individual patient transfers from >40 other referring centers

Results: HbA1c - Primary patients



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Results: HbA1c - Hospital 1





Results: HbA1c - Hospital 2





NA: not applicable

Results: HbA1c - Hospital 3





Results: HbA1c - all other 2º patients



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Results: Pump use





Conclusions



- HbA1c levels of primary patients (all age groups) fluctuate around 8.0 % over the years
- Secondary patients had higher HbA1c at the time they transferred to Diabeter
- Secondary patients show gradual improvement of HbA1c levels to levels comparable with those of primary patients
- Differences in pump use between groups of patients do not completely explain this improvement

Transition to another, more comprehensive care model may overcome 'tracking' of glucose control

Limitations & Future studies



Limitations:

- Data were only analyzed descriptively: differences were not statistically tested
- Data were analyzed cross-sectionally per year, not continuously per patient

Future studies should:

- Look at differences in:
 - insulin types
 - method of insulin administration
 - patient-related factors
- Include formal statistical analyses





Diabeter measures outcomes & cost per patient





In addition, patient empowerment and remote coaching drive outcome improvement

