Diabetes Mellitus: The Rule of Three's

A Model to Facilitate Comprehensive Care for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

Micro-Vascular Complications	Blood Sugar Control	Macro-Vascular Complications
1. EYES (Retinopathy)	1. HEMOGLOBIN A1C	1. HYPERTENSION
Annual visit with Ophthalmologist	Check every 3-6 months	BP < 140/90
	Goal is less than 8	Lower threshold if increased CV risk
2. KIDNEYS (Nephropathy)	Avoid being over-	
Annual screen for Microalbuminuria	aggressive w/hypoglycemic	2. LIPIDS
ACE Inhibitor or ARB for patient	agents	Follow 2013 AHA/ACC Guidelines:
with diabetes, plus HTN, or		Emphasize level of risk instead of LDL
Microalbuminuria, or GFR < 60	2. LIFESTYLE	Engage in shared decision-making
Follow Renal Function (Creatinine)	Nutrition	w/the patient
	Activity	-
3. FEET (Neuropathy)	5	3. CAD/CVA PREVENTION
Patient Education: Foot Care	3. MEDICATIONS	Smoking Cessation, Nutrition, Activity
Inspect Patient's Feet	Metformin First-Line	Stress J: Yoga, Meditation, Therapy
Podiatry as needed	A variety of oral &	Consider aspirin if increased CV risk
	injectable agents	•
	Insulin	