A snapshot of

Diabetes Management in Canada

The biggest health burden diabetes creates is through complications like heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, or lower-limb amputation. These complications can often be prevented or delayed by screening. According to Diabetes Canada's (DC) recommendations, adults with diabetes, whether type 1 or type 2, should be screened at least once a year on a variety of measures that determine the management of their diabetes and the risk of complications. These tests include: A1C, blood pressure (BP), LDL cholesterol, and kidney function. Most adults with diabetes in Canada are not getting the recommended number of tests done at the right time.



of adults with diabetes in Canada have at least one result higher than the recommended level ¹

96%



Most people are NOT getting the tests they need²

Test	Complications it can help prevent	Diabetes Canada's guidelines on recommended number of tests in a 2-year period	Percentage of people not receiving the right frequency of testing
A1C	Blindness, amputation, kidney disease, cardiovascular disease	4-8	83%
Blood Pressure	Cardiovascular disease, amputation, kidney disease	2 if at target, 3+ if above target	31%
LDL Cholesterol	Cardiovascular disease, amputation	2	68%
Kidney – urine ACR	Kidney failure	2	83%

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How many adults with diabetes have test results above recommended target levels?1

How many people aren't Diabetes Canada's Test meeting target levels? recommended target < 7.0 mmol/L3 A₁C 38% Blood < 130/80 mmHG **Pressure** 75% LDL < 2.0 mmol/L **Cholesterol** 52% Kidney -< 2 mg/mmoL



urine ACR



How frequently should these tests be completed?

A₁C



Every 3-6 months

40%

Blood Pressure



1x/year, more often if BP is high

LDL **Cholesterol**



1x/year

Kidney urine ACR





Recommendations: What can you do?



Health-care providers

Ensure your patients are being screened according to the recommendations in Diabetes Canada's

Clinical Practice Guidelines



Adults living with diabetes and/or their caregivers

Ask your health-care provider what screening tests you need to help prevent complications.

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