

# **DIABETES IN CHILDREN**

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• Type 2 on the rise with obesity and genetic risk...5% and increasing....10 in Hillingdon

# Diagnosis - WHO criteria

Urine glucose testing should only be performed if a child can

void immediately

Waiting for a fasting blood glucose level is not appropriate

HbA1c test should not be used to diagnose Type 1 D in

children.

#### If a child presents with any symptom of diabetes\*: passing urine frequently/bedwetting in a previously 'dry' child/heavier nappies excessive thirst excessive tiredness • weight loss. Perform capillary blood glucose testing immediately Random blood glucose level > 11mmols/l NO Arrange for the child to see the Consider other specialist causes of paediatric symptoms diabetes team the same day

\*Less common symptoms may also indicate diabetes:

constipation

oral/vulval thrush

# Hospital stay — onwards

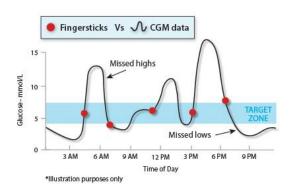
- Carb counting D1
- Basal Bolus regime
- Pump D1 < 6 yrs old
- 3-5 days admission
- School care plan
- Home visit
- GP prescriptions
- 3 monthly visits
- 24/7 support line





# ...think like a pancreas for life!

- 250 BG strips/ month
- Glucagon
- Bld ketone strips
- enough? ..run out
- confused with T2 freq
- parental depression
- hypo fears
- 6-12mo self management
- Cost of diabetes!!





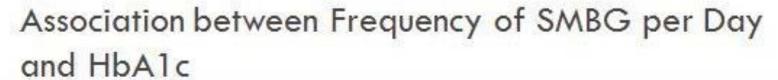
- Rising quickly
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- Changing slowly
- Y Falling
- Falling quickly

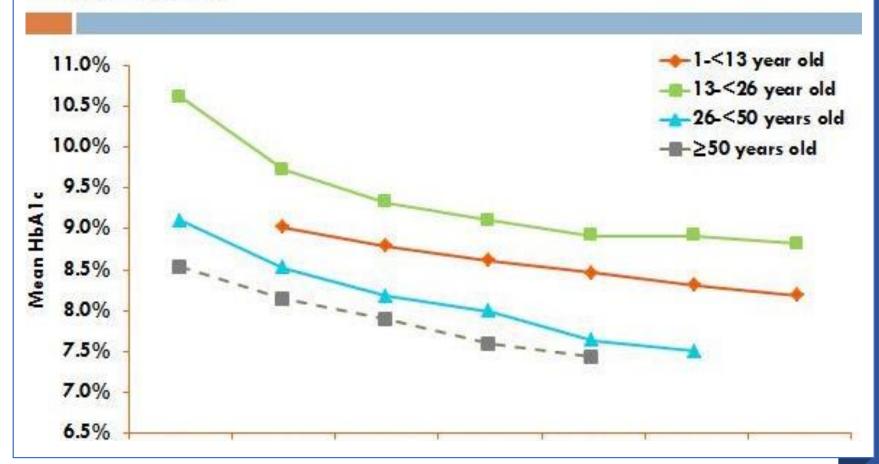




## **Future**

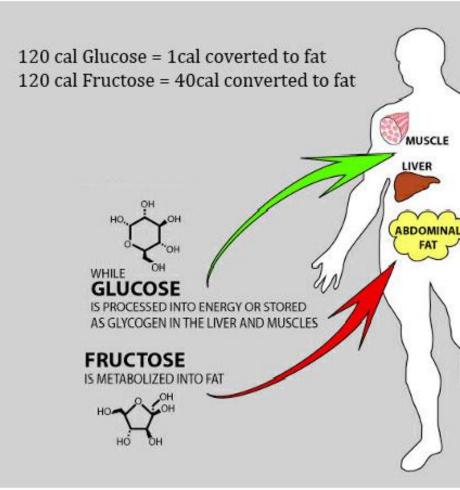
- Median HBA1c 69 mmol/mol Hillingdon
- National 64 mmol/mol
- Decreasing
- New technology
- Flash GMS
- Continuous GMS



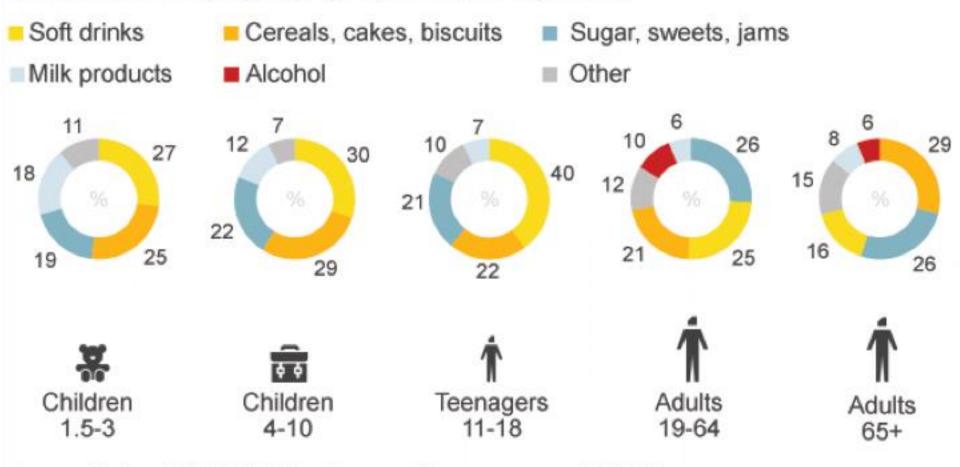


## Fructose vs Sucrose





#### Where different age groups get their added sugar from



Source: National Diet & Nutrition Survey, rolling programme 2008-12

#### self referral

# google 'mend hillingdon'

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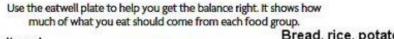
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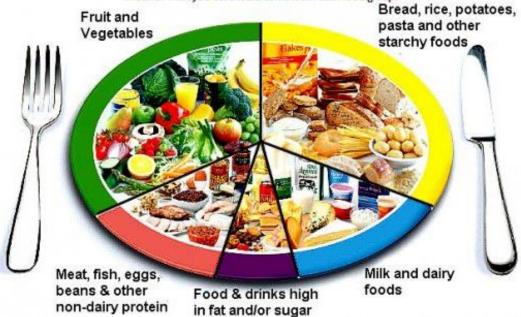
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- Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it! (MEND)
- MEND is an obesity prevention and treatment programme for children and young people.
- Parents and carers join their children in learning to choose healthier foods
- spend more time being act

### The eatwell plate





Dietitian?

# Advice

Drink water, sugar-free beverages, or milk

Use cooking spray instead of deep or shallow frying in oil

Restrict snacks to fruits, vegetables or grains

Serve appropriate portions

Review school lunch menu with the child to pick healthy options

Schedule at least 20 minutes to eat meals together. Eating slowly helps to avoid overeating

Turn off the television while eating

Eat regular meals; skipping meals can lead to overeating

Remove snack foods, crisps, biscuits, and desserts from the house



Chunky. Hefty. Big-boned. For parents of overweight children, it's all too easy to minimize reality. But the consequences of a heavy childhood may actually result in a generation of children with shorter life spans than their parents.

Encourage physical activity and better nutrition. Do whatever it takes to get your kids as active as kids once were. Activity and weight-bearing exercise will help your child live stronger, and live longer.

#### Parents,

Do your duty.
Be responsible
Feed your kids right.
Get them moving.

Children shouldn't be fat!

# Physical activity

Limit television and video games to less than 2 hours per day

Engage in active family activities (eg, biking, walking after dinner, and swimming)

Dance to your favourite music - Wii fit / dance

Engage in team sports

Take classes (eg, dance, martial arts, or swimming)

Be consistent and set clear guidelines about food and avoid using food as a reward

Establish daily family meal, family snack times, and physically active family time

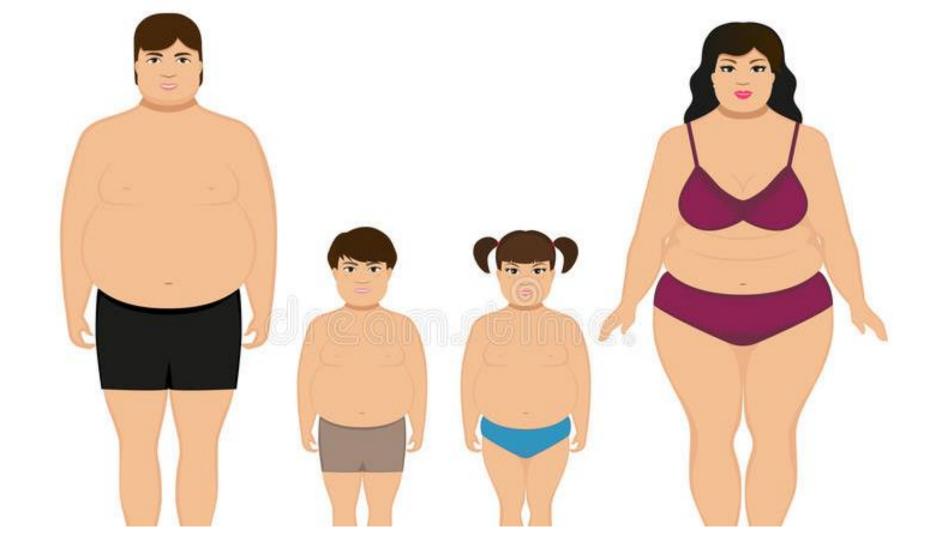
Walk instead of drive, take the stairs

Be a role model in diet and physical activity

# The age at which the child becomes obese is related to how likely the child is to be obese in adulthood

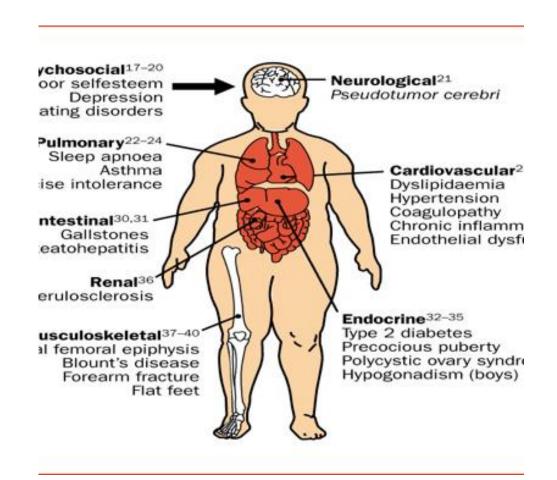
- Children who are obese from 6–11 years old:
   50% of girls and 30% of boys will be obese as adults, compared with 18% of agematched peers
- Obesity during adolescence:
   More than 60% will maintain obesity into adulthood
- Obese adults who became obese during childhood:
   More likely than those who become obese during adulthood to have severe obesity (BMI > 40 kg/m2)

Overweight and normal-weight children with one obese parent are at twice the risk of adult obesity compared with children without an overweight parent

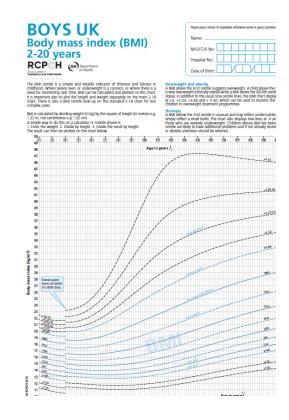


# Role of Paediatrician in T2D

- Too late!
- Monitoring for complications
- Psychology
- Bariatric young adult surgery



# GP role - NICE



- Early pick up from parent cohort
- Promote activity..1 hr mod
- Portion reduction
- Plot BMI ..RCPCH charts
- >91st = overweight
- >98th = obese
- Red flag 4T's & comorbity
- Refer MEND
- TFT ,LFT, glum if needed,
- Very unlikely pathological striae

## When to refer

- Early-onset rapid weight gain
- Clinically severe obesity with comorbidities (BMI > 99.6th centile)
- Obesity in the context of short stature
- Acanthosis nigricans, type 2 diabetes, and metabolic sequelae
- Benign intracranial hypertension (eg, headaches)
- Obstructive sleep apnoea (eg, snoring, respiratory pauses, and daytime tiredness)
- Orthopaedic problems

- Very poor
- Rapid onset of complications in puberty and post puberty
- Research needed on new therapies
- Currently on Metformin licensed 12-16 yrs!

Outlook for type 2 D

- Hillingdon obesity strategy
- Sugar tax
- Lifestyle advice at every opportunity
- Social prescribing!!
- Set examples
- Awareness of Type 1: 4T posters in waiting room and BG meter and urine dip- same day
- repeat prescriptions T1D: support
- referral to MEND, MIND, early intervention

# Take home & questions