Introduction to Public Health Module # 14

Diabetes Mellitus and it's management.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE LECTURE

By the end of this lecture you will be able to:

- Conceptualize
 - Diabetes
 - Types of Diabetes
 - Causes of Diabetes
- Identify the levels of prevention and control of Diabetes.

Diabetes

- A disease in which blood glucose levels are above normal
- Causes serious health complications
 - Heart disease
 - Blindness
 - Kidney failure

Types of diabetes

- Type 1 diabetes (Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM))
 - Body does not make enough insulin
 - Can develop at any age
 - No known way to prevent it
- Type 2 diabetes (Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM))
 - Body cannot use insulin properly
 - Can develop at any age
 - Most cases can be prevented

Symptoms

- Might have some or none of these
 - Frequent urination
 - Excessive thirst
 - Unexplained weight loss
 - Extreme hunger
 - Sudden vision changes
 - Tingling or numbness in hands or feet
 - Feeling very tired much of the time
 - Very dry skin
 - Sores that are slow to heal
 - More infections than usual

Complications of Diabetes

- 1. Brain: Neuropathy
- 2. Eye: Retinopathy
- 3. Heart: Cardiopathy
- 4.Kidney: Nephropathy
- 5. Testes: Impotence
- 6. Ovaries: Infertility etc.

Prevention

Type 2 diabetes

- Achieve and maintain healthy body weight;
- Be physically active at least 30 minutes of regular activity on most days
- Eat a healthy diet, avoiding sugar and saturated fats intake;
- Avoid tobacco use smoking increases the risk of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases

Risk factors for Type 2 diabetes

- Being overweight or obese
- Having a parent, brother, or sister with diabetes
- Having a prior history of gestational diabetes or birth of at least one baby weighing more than 4 kg
- Having high blood pressure (140/90 or higher)
- Having abnormal cholesterol with "good" cholesterol is 35 or lower
- Being physically inactive—exercising fewer than three times a week

Treatment

- Type 1 diabetes
 - Healthy eating, physical activity, and insulin injections
 - The amount of insulin taken must be balanced with food intake and daily activities
 - Blood glucose levels must be closely monitored through frequent blood glucose testing
- Type 2 diabetes
 - Healthy eating, physical activity, and blood glucose testing
 - Sometimes require oral medication, insulin, or both to control their blood glucose levels
- Day-to-day care, and keep blood glucose levels from going too low or too high

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