



## Role of Diabetic Nurses in Managing Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes: Best Practices and Approaches

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### Description

Diabetes is a complex and chronic condition that affects millions of individuals worldwide. With the increasing prevalence of both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, the role of diabetic nurses has become essential in managing patient care effectively. Diabetic nurses are specialized healthcare professionals who provide comprehensive support and education to patients, empowering them to manage their condition and improve their quality of life. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition characterized by the body's inability to produce insulin. This often evident in childhood or adolescence but can occur at any age. Type 2 diabetes on the other hand, is primarily related to insulin resistance and is often associated with lifestyle factors such as obesity and physical inactivity. Both types require ongoing management to prevent complications such as cardiovascular disease, neuropathy, and kidney damage.

One of the most critical roles of diabetic nurses is patient education. Nurses provide essential information on diabetes management, including the importance of blood glucose monitoring, understanding insulin therapy and recognizing the signs of hypo and hyperglycemia. They also teach patients about dietary modifications, exercise and the significance of adhering to prescribed medication. Self-management support is important in empowering patients to take control of their condition. Diabetic nurses utilize various educational tools and

techniques, such as personalized action plans and diabetes self-management programs, to help patients develop the skills needed to manage their diabetes effectively. Every patient with diabetes is unique, and diabetic nurses play a essential role in developing individualized care plans to each patient's specific needs and circumstances. This involves comprehensive assessments that consider medical history, lifestyle and psychosocial factors. By collaborating with patients, nurses can set realistic goals that promote better health outcomes and encourage adherence to management strategies.

Regular monitoring of blood glucose levels is crucial in diabetes management. Diabetic nurses educate patients on how to perform self-monitoring in their results, adjusting their treatment plans as needed. Additionally, nurses assess patients for potential complications, providing timely referrals to other healthcare professionals when necessary. This proactive approach ensures that any emerging health issues are addressed promptly, minimizing the risk of severe complications.

Living with diabetes can be emotionally challenging, leading to feelings of frustration, anxiety or depression. Diabetic nurses are trained to recognize these emotional aspects and provide support to patients. Effective diabetes management requires a multidisciplinary approach. Diabetic nurses work collaboratively with physicians, dietitians, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals to create comprehensive care plans. This teamwork ensures that all aspects of a patient's health are addressed, promoting better outcomes and continuity of care. Diabetic nurses also serve as advocates for their patients. They can help connect individuals to community resources, such as support groups, educational workshops, and financial assistance programs. By facilitating access to these resources, nurses empower patients to engage more fully in their care and find additional support outside the clinical setting.

### Conclusion

The role of diabetic nurses in managing Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes is important for encourage patient empowerment, education and emotional support. By implementing best practices such as individualized care plans, ongoing monitoring and collaborative approaches, diabetic nurses can significantly improve the quality of care for individuals living with diabetes. As the prevalence of diabetes continues to rise, the expertise and dedication of diabetic nurses will remain essential in promoting effective management and enhancing the lives of patients and their families.

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