OT Mastery

Diabetes Management

1. What is the main mechanism that leads someone to develop diabetes?

A. Consistently high blood glucose levels that lead to mood changes such as irritability

B. Unstable blood glucose levels resulting from decreased insulin production from the pancreas

C. The aging process leading to less cell replication in the pancreas

D. An increase in fat cells surrounding the gallbladder, which produces insulin that regulates blood glucose levels

2. What is NOT one of the reasons diabetes cases are going up in the United States?

- A. Increased awareness leading to more testing and diagnoses
- B. Greater prevalence of obesity
- C. Poor mitigation strategies
- D. Poor diabetes management

3. What less common form of diabetes is often mistaken for types 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus?

- A. Maturity-onset diabetes of the young (MODY)
- B. Gestational diabetes
- C. Latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA)
- D. Pancreatogenic diabetes

4. What A1C range is indicative of diabetes mellitus?

- A. 5.7% to 6.4%
- B. 6.5% or higher
- C. 5.2% to 5.7%
- D. 5.7% to 6.2%

5. What is the chief similiarity across diabetes types?

- A. All types of diabetes require someone to receive insulin injections
- B. There is no form of diabetes that can be reversed
- C. All types of diabetes can be reversed with proper management
- D. Most forms of diabetes respond well to lifestyle changes as a form of self-management

6. What is NOT considered a complication of diabetes?

- A. Multiple sclerosis
- B. Sexual dysfunction
- C. Myocardial infarction
- D. Hearing loss

7. What are the most common conditions that are comorbid with diabetes?

- A. Alzheimer's disease and atherosclerosis
- B. Hypertension and ischemic heart disease
- C. Hypertension and coronary artery disease
- D. Parkinson's disease and coronary artery disease

8. What occupational performance-related considerations should an OT be mindful of when treating someone with diabetes?

A. Increased frailty associated with diabetes disqualifies many patients from participating in rehab services

B. The only mental health concerns someone with diabetes is at risk of is difficulty adjusting to a new diagnosis

C. People with diabetes are likely to have limited exercise tolerance, but exercise is important for managing the condition so it should always be addressed in treatment plans

D. Diabetes health education has no impact on someone's ability to manage their condition independently

9. What is a direct effect of vascular changes in the body that result from diabetes?

- A. Difficulty with self-management
- B. Postural instability
- C. Limited health education
- D. Decreased productivity in the home and at work

10. What is the best summary of assistive devices OTs might recommend to those with diabetes?

A. Mobility aids, glucose monitors, apps to help with self-management, large-print materials, insulin pumps

- B. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, power scooters, rollators
- C. Wheelchairs, walkers, glucose monitors
- D. Hospital beds, heart monitors, glucose monitors, stair lifts

11. What types of exercise are most beneficial for those with diabetes and, therefore, should be included in OT intervention?

- A. Resistance training and yoga
- B. Interval training and jogging

- C. Aerobic exercise and strength training
- D. Flexibility and balance exercises

12. When educating patients with diabetes on exercise requirements, what threshold should therapists mention?

A. It is recommended that those with diabetes get at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic exercise each week

B. It is recommended that those with diabetes get at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic exercise each week

C. Vigorous aerobic activity is not recommended for those with diabetes, as it can exacerbate frailty. Any amount of moderate aerobic activity is encouraged for those with diabetes D. Any form of weight-bearing exercise is beneficial for those with diabetes

13. What foods should OTs educate patients about eating to better manage diabetes, and why?

A. Low glycemic index foods, because they help stabilize blood glucose levels

B. Lean poultry, because this is typically free of antibiotics and moderates hormone levels that control blood glucose

C. High glycemic index foods, because they keep blood glucose levels from getting too high

D. Foods that are high in omega-3 fatty acids, because this helps lubricate the joints for better movement

14. What aspect of medication management is NOT important for people with diabetes?

- A. Health literacy
- B. Medication adherence
- C. Formation of schedules, routines, and habits surrounding medication intake
- D. Reporting medication intake to their doctor each week

15. What approaches have been proven effective in helping with mood management for people diagnosed with diabetes?

A. Dialectic behavioral therapy, mindfulness-based stress reduction, skills training

B. Cognitive behavioral therapy, skills training, anger management

C. Mindfulness-based stress reduction, acceptance and committment therapy, resilience training

D. Spiritual exploration, acceptance and committment therapy, anger management

16. What evidence-based tool has been explored to help people with diabetes adjust their daily tasks in an effort to conserve energy?

A. NASA's Task Load Index

B. Sleep Hygiene Checklist

17. How can sensory interventions help those with diabetes?

A. Using assistive devices to manage sensation loss in all diabetes cases

B. Teaching individuals compensatory strategies to maintain safety in the midst of sensation loss and sensory reeducation/desensitization training to restore some sensory function in others

C. Sensation restoration for all individuals with diabetes who have undergone traumatic amputations of the extremities

D. Requesting help from others in order to avoid activities that may cause injury due to sensation loss

18. What OT-based intervention type is effective in structuring treatment for patients who have chronic conditions, including diabetes?

A. Motivational interviewing

- B. DIRFloortime
- C. Acceptance and Committment Therapy
- D. Lifestyle Redesign

19. What are the aims of the REAL Diabetes Program?

A. Acceptance of one's condition as a pathway to improved mood management and more stable blood glucose levels

B. Improved exercise tolerance and diet maintenance to assist with weight loss and mood management

C. Improving glycemic control and quality-of-life through teaching resilience, empowerment, and active living strategies

D. Increased medication adherence and symptom management through a personal accountability framework

20. What does the research say about habit formation for individuals with diabetes?

A. Habit formation is not within OT's scope of practice

B. OTs should use motivational concepts and occupation-based interventions to assist with habit formation surrounding self-management for diabetes

C. Habit formation is highly individualized, which is why there is no research on the topic

D. Habit formation is most effective when used to address medication management and physical activity, not self-care and nutrition

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