Challenges of patient education in digital health era

Live well with diabetes

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Diabetes is a complex chronic disease





- One of the top public health treats facing world
- In 2014, 387 million people had diabetes, and it will increase to 592 million by 2035
- Complex disease without proper management leads to serious complications

Challenges in diabetes health management

- Challenge #1: Coverage for diabetes-related medications and supplies
- Challenge #2: Medication **adherence**
- Challenge #3: **High** treatment **expenses**
- Challenge #4: No disease intervention for pre-diabetics
- Challenge #5: Complexed **self-care** during entire life
- Challenge #6: Resulting in significant morbidity, mortality, and health care resources utilization

http://managedhealthcareexecutive.modernmedicine.com/managed-healthcare-executive/news/four-biggest-challenges-diabetes-health-management?page=0,0 http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/gim/core_resources/Patient%20Handouts/index.html

Importance of diabetes self-management education (DSME)



Model of Patient Education Outcomes

Behavior change and engaging the patient are critical elements of patient education



The behavior change wheel

Human behavior and interaction is **very complex and requires many different perspectives and levels of inquiry** - societal, intergroup and individual - to form any sort of understanding

Michiel et al (2014) UCL for designing and evaluating behaviour change interventions.

Engagement mapping outcomes

Outcomes = Efficacy x Participation



Challenges of diabetes education

1. Patient burden

• Geographical barriers to accessing place of patient education

Patient must travel farther to the nearest health care facility, and have worse self-reported health status. Although 25% of the U.S. population lives in rural areas, only 10% of practicing U.S. providers reside in these areas

Gap between reality and education

- Guidelines provided by health professionals very difficult to follow / Difficulty of applying in everyday life
- Diabetes also places other significant daily demands on patients, from glucose monitoring to carbohydrate counting. A study showed that people with diabetes spend an average of 58 min/day on self-care.
- A study found that, if type 2 diabetes patients followed every self-care recommendation made by the American Diabetes Association (ADA), they would have >2 hours of extra work per day.

Diabetes Self-management Education and Support Algorithm: Action Steps						
Four critical times to assess, provide, and adjust diabetes self-management education and support						
At diagnosis	diagnosis Annual assessment of education, nutrition, and emotional needs When new complicating factors influence self-management When transitions in care occur					
Primary care provider/endocrinologist/clinical care team: areas of focus and action steps						
 Answer questions and provide emotional support regarding diagnosis Provide overview of treatment and treatment goals Teach survival skills to address immediate requirements (safe use of medication, hypoglycemia treatment if needed, introduction of eating guidelines) Identify and discuss resources for education and ongoing support Make referral for DSME/S and MNT 	 Assess all areas of self-management Review problem-solving skills Identify strengths and challenges of living with diabetes 	 Identify presence of factors that affect diabetes self-management and attain treatment and behavioral goals Discuss effect of complications and successes with treatment and self- management 	 Develop diabetes transition plan Communicate transition plan to new health care team members Establish DSME/S regular follow-up care 			
Diabetes education: areas of focus and action steps						
 Assess cultural influences, health beliefs, current knowledge, physical limitations, family support, financial status, medical history, literacy, numeracy to determine content to provide and how: Medications—choices, action, titration, side effects Monitoring blood glucose—when to test, interpreting and using glucose pattern management for feedback Physical activity—safety, short-term vs. long-term goals/recommendations Preventing, detecting, and treating acute and chronic complications Nutrition—food plan, planning meals, purchasing food, preparing meals, portioning food Risk reduction—smoking cessation, foot care Developing personal strategies to address psychosocial issues and concerns Developing personal strategies to promote health and behavior change 	 Review and reinforce treatment goals and self-management needs Emphasize preventing complications and promoting quality of life Discuss how to adapt diabetes treatment and self-management to new life situations and competing demands Support efforts to sustain initial behavior changes and cope with the ongoing burden of diabetes 	 Provide support for the provision of self-care skills in an effort to delay progression of the disease and prevent new complications Provide/refer for emotional support for diabetes-related distress and depression Develop and support personal strategies for behavior change and healthy coping Develop personal strategies to accommodate sensory or physical limitation(s), adapting to new self-management demands, and promote health and behavior change 	 Identify needed adaptions in diabetes self-management Provide support for independent self-management skills and self-efficacy Identify level of significant other involvement and facilitate education and support Assist with facing challenges affecting usual level of activity, ability to function, health beliefs, and feelings of well-being Maximize quality of life and emotional support for the patient (and family members) Provide education for others now involved in care Establish communication and follow-up plans with the provider, family, and others 			

Margaret A. Powers et al. Diabetes Self-management Education and Support in Type 2 Diabetes: A Joint Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics · Diabetes Care 2015 Jul; 38(7): 1372-1382

2. Provider burden

• Worsening Patient-to-Provider Ratios

- An estimated shortage of up to 45,000 primary care providers is expected by 2020

- Diabetes educators are challenged with identifying appropriate patient-centered educational and behavioral interventions.
- Challenged to support patients beyond formal training to improve and sustain clinical and health outcomes

3. Economic issues

- Faced with the reality that hospitals are cutting back or eliminating diabetes education programs
- Patients have to receive **ongoing education**
- Financial pressures, reimbursement issues, poor referrals from physicians, decreased hours, issues with billing for diabetes self-management training and medical nutrition therapy, and a need for more educators.

4. Physicians vs educators

- **Should** delivery of **multidisciplinary education** for diabetes education
- Inappropriate referral system an improved partnership between physicians and educators is needed for diabetes education to be sustained
- Does not capture the full extent of patient outcomes
 - Barriers of using patient outcomes clinically

5. Absence of diabetes education considering various characteristics of patient

- Children and adolescents with diabetes.
- Elderly people
- Low health literacy
- People with disabilities

→ Customized education considering the characteristics of the subject and motivation through sustained support are needed.

Geographical barriers

Gap between reality and education

Lack of resources: more patients than educators



Continuity matters

Communication

Cost

Need to capture comprehensive outcomes of patients

Variety

Digital Health

Convergence of health care and technology : driven by the ubiquity of mobile devices and data



How digital health solutions can make a difference



Jeremy Nobel, MD, MPH, Digital diabetes prevention and management solutions, Northeast Business Group on Health Solutions Center, March, 2016 Jeremy Nobel, MD, MPH, Digital diabetes solutions in Action : An opportunity study, Northeast Business Group on Health Solutions Center, April, 2017

Transition from face to face to digital (mobile)



Live with diabetes in digital era

Digital Health Solutions for diabetes

	Patient burden Provider burden		er burden	Financial effect			
Digital Health Solutions	Reducing patient burden	Expanding geographical access	Reducing provider burden	Improving patient-to- provider ratios	Reducing economic burden	Lowering costs	Improving clinical outcomes
Cloud-connected glucose monitoring systems	X		x		x		X
Mobile apps							
Data management platforms	x		x				X
Telehealth services		x	x	x		x	x
Digital prevention programs					x		x
Clinically validated mobile apps		x	x		x		х
Social media	x			x			x

Cloud-connected continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems

Dexcom Share, Dexcom G5, Medtronic MiniMed Connect, and Nightscout (an open-source system)





Dexcom G5[®] Mobile CGM System

The Dexcom G5[®] Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) System approved the U.S. FDA provides real-time glucose readings for patients with type 1 or type 2 diabetes every five minutes

Gets more advanced, handy, interconnected

Roche Accu-Chek Connect, LifeScan VerioSync and Verio Flex, iHealth Align, LabStyle Dario, Sanof iBGStar, Livongo for Diabetes, and Telcare





Accu-Chek[®] Connect system Wireless meter syncs to a smartphone app Automatic—track results without logging Secure online portal charts your data Precise bolus calculator estimates insulin needs¹ Complete views of your diabetes—anywhere

Digital Health & Diabetes

Mobile apps & wearable to support diabetes management



Diet	Physical activity	Blood glucose e-log book
Healthy out	Track 3	Diabetic
Foodily	My Fitness pal	Diabetes in check
Whole food market recipe	Moves	Diabetes companion
CarbControl	Nike + running	My sugar Junior
Lose it	Strava	Go meal
Weight watchers	UP by jawbone	Glooko
Daily burn	Endomondo	Glucose buddy
Calorie counter PRO	GymPact	DiabetesApp lite
iCookbook diabetic	FitnessFast	My net diary
Fooducate	Pacer	Glucose companion
EatLocal		
Calorie king		
HEALTHeDiabetes		
Glucose monitoring	Insulin dose calculators	Relaxation and meditation
iBGStar	Insulin calculator	Calm
Telcare	iBolus calc	Sleep cycle
	Insulin dose calculator pro	Equanimity
	Diabetes personal calculator	
Diabetes education	Rapid calc diabetes manager	Medication adherence
WebMD	PredictBGL	MyMedSchedule
Diabetes insight	EZ insulin calculator	MyMeds
Up to date	Insulin units	MedSimple
Managing type 1 Diabetes		Pillmanager
Diabetes EDC		Pill reminder
Diabetes @point of care		RxmindMe Prescription
		Pillboxie

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Mobile apps

mySugr Companion(junior) With Gemification



Give various missions related to diabetes management (blood glucose measurement, calorie input after meals)

Children learn how to manage diabetes through games.

Clinically Validated Mobile Apps

WellDoc's BlueStar, the Accu-Chek Connect, Dexcom Share, Glooko Mobile App, Roche's Accu-Chec k Connect diabetes management app, ResearchKit app called GlucoSuccess



Mobile application that helps people manage Type 2 diabetes.

Prescribed by clinicians

Prescription version includes an insulin calculator.



Patients empowerment with big data



Data management platforms

Diasend, Glooko, and Tidepool.



Glooko

The Unified Platform for Diabetes Management :

Combination mobile app and MeterSync device wirelessly transmits data from a compatible glucometer to **the user's mobile app and to the provider care management platform.** Glooko's MeterSync is compatible with over 30 glucometers on the market.

Telehealth services

Doctor on Demand, Teladoc, Health Tap, MDlive, American Well Corporation, and Livongo Health



Teladoc

Teladoc is the convenient and affordable option that allows you to talk to a U.S. board-certified physician by phone or video.

Social media

SixUntilMe and Scott's Diabetes Blog;

online diabetes forums such as TuDiabetes, EstuDiabetes, Children with Diabetes, and Diabetes Daily; general social media platforms and mobile apps such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram; and information-sharing sites such as diatribe and Diabetes Mine.



Díabetes doesn't define me, but if helps explain me.

Digital prevention programs: managing life

Omada Health's Prevent, Canary Health's Virtual Lifestyle Management, and Noom Health's Coach



A platform for chronic disease prevention and management

Target those with prediabetes and intervene in their health through behavioral counseling

Can be **tailored specific population** health needs.

Virtual courses for disease prevention.

Digital Health & Diabetes

Smart Contact Lens, digital tattoos



Digital tattoos



- Pharmaceutical giant
 Novartis teamed up with Google to build this revolutionary device that promises to help patients with diabetes by measuring their glucose levels as well as assisting those with eye problems.
- The lens contains a tiny and ultra slim **microchip** that is embedded in one of its thin concave sides.
- The lens would offer an easier and more comprehensive way of monitoring the glucose levels of diabetics compared to the current techniques, which include drawing blood from the finger of the patient.

Artificial pancreas



http://www.yoonsupchoi.com/2016/05/06/diy-artificial-pancreas/

DIY Artificial Pancreas

We believe that we can make safe and effective APS technology available more quickly, to more people, rather than just waiting for current APS efforts to complete clinical trials and be FDA-approved and commercia-lized through traditional processes.

#WeAreNotWaiting

Digital health solutions for diabetes



Data

Challenges of PE in digital era

[Lack of Scientific Evidence]

The evidence for safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of these tools are largely unknown

"Most of the studies were underpowered to see a meaningful and statistical difference and were of short duration."

Pal K, Eastwood SV, Michie S, Farmer A, Barnard ML, Peacock R, et al. Computer-based interventions to improve self-management in adults with type 2 diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Diabetes Care. 2014;37:1759–66. 49.

Ramachandran A, Snehalatha C, Ram J, Selvam S, Simon M, Nanditha A, et al. Effectiveness of mobile phone messaging in prevention of type 2 diabetes by lifestyle modification in men in India: a prospective, parallel-group, randomised controlled trial. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2013;1:191–8.

"Source information available on the blogs or through social media that are not regulated may not be scientific and may mislead patients."

"Small-sized research, inadequate methodology and selection bias can make the effect on digital based intervention weak"

Shah, V. N., & Garg, S. K. (2015). Managing diabetes in the digital age. *Clinical Diabetes and Endocrinology*, 1(1), 16.

Computer-Based Interventions to Improve Self-management in Adults With Type 2 Diabetes: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Diabetes Care 2014;37:1759-1766 | DOI: 10.2337/dc13-1386

Small beneficial effect on blood glucose control

Mobile phone (apps) are more effective

No evidence of benefit for other biological, cognitive, behavioral, or emotional outcomes

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OBJECTIVE

Structured patient education programs can reduce the risk of diabetes-related complications. However, people appear to have difficulties attending face-to-face education and alternatives are needed. This review looked at the impact of computerbased diabetes self-management interventions on health status, cardiovascular risk factors, and quality of life of adults with type 2 diabetes.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS

We searched The Cochrane Library, Medline, Embase, PsycINFO, Web of Science, and CINAHL for relevant trials from inception to November 2011. Reference lists from relevant published studies were screened and authors contacted for further information when required. Two authors independently extracted relevant data using standard data extraction templates.

RESULTS

Sixteen randomized controlled trials with 3,578 participants met the inclusion criteria. Interventions were delivered via clinics, the Internet, and mobile phones. Computerbased diabetes self-management interventions appear to have small benefits on glycemic control: the pooled effect on HbA1c was -0.2% (-2.3 mmol/mol [95% CI -0.4 to -0.1%]). A subgroup analysis on mobile phone-based interventions showed a larger effect: the pooled effect on HbA_{1c} from three studies was -0.50%(-5.46 mmol/mol [95% CI -0.7 to -0.3%]). There was no evidence of improvement in depression, quality of life, blood pressure, serum lipids, or weight. There was no evidence of significant adverse effects.

CONCLUSIONS

Computer-based diabetes self-management interventions to manage type 2 diabetes appear to have a small beneficial effect on blood glucose control, and this effect was larger in the mobile phone subgroup. There was no evidence of benefit for other biological, cognitive, behavioral, or emotional outcomes.

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<u>Original Paper</u>

A Mobile Health Intervention for Self-Management and Lifestyle Change for Persons With Type 2 Diabetes, Part 2: One-Year Results From the Norwegian Randomized Controlled Trial RENEWING HEALTH



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[Limited Interaction]

The cue to action on digital health is not as strong as Face2Face education

Virtual environment or telecommunication on education hardly defeats FtF based education.

"Unlike face-to-face training, technology and virtual presences limit the learning potential due to the inability of the model to genuinely facilitate the appropriate type or quality of information that is being exchanged."

It's too difficult that the digital health reacts like human.

"Face-to-face training adds a personal element to training as opposed to computer-based education. There is real -life interaction with responses, connections and reactions."

Salah Banna, 2014 september 8, Face-to-Face Training Is Still the Better Choice Over Digital Lessons

[Digital Health Literacy]

The current health information and app is difficult for elderly people

"Most available health apps does not consider people who has low literacy."

"Health education is directed towards improving health literacy.

"Health promotion outcomes represent those personal, social and structural factors that can be modified in order to change the determinants of health." Nutbeam, D. (2000). Health literacy as a public health goal: a challenge for contemporary health education and communication strategies into the 21st century. Health promotion international, 15(3), 259-267.

Digital health is not unfamiliar with experienced medical professionals as well.

"Most of the experienced physicians are not young."

"Lack of health informatics experts who can bridge the gulf between health and technology significantly hinders the advancement of m-Health."

Yu, P., Wu, M. X., Yu, H., & Xiao, G. Q. (2006, June). The challenges for the adoption of Mhealth. In *Service Operations and Logistics, and Informatics, 2006. SOLI'06. IEEE International Conference on*(pp. 181-186). IEEE. Perception, knowledge, and experience of using wearable device and application among breast cancer patients (N=100)



[Access to Digital Environment and Tools]

There are people who still aren't able to take benefits of internet based services

"Many Americans still do not have broadband at home, and some Americans have turned to mobile devices as their primary gateway to the internet, according to Pew Research Center surveys."

Anderson M, Horrigan J/. Smartphones may not bridge digital divide for all.: Factank News Numbers

Consideration of the second

13% of Americans are smartphone-only internet users

% of each group who have ...

	Broadband at home			no broadband at home		
	2013	2015	CHANGE	2013	2015	CHANGE
All adults	70%	67%	-3%	8%	13%	+5%
African Americans	62	54	-8	10	19	+9
Rural residents	60	55	-5	9	15	+6
Household income < \$20K	46	41	-5	13	21	+8
\$20K-\$50K	67	63	-4 📕	10	16	+6
\$50K-\$75K	85	80	-5	5	10	+5
Parents	77	73	-4 📕	10	17	+7
High school degree or less	50	47	-3	11	18	+7

Source: Survey conducted June 10-July 12, 2015.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Non-broadband users cite a number of reasons why they do not use high-speed connections

% of each group who cite the following as reasons for not having broadband at home

	All non-broadband users	Non-broadband users who own a smartphone
Monthly cost of home broadband subscription is too expensive	59%	59%
Have other options for internet access outside of home	46	59
Cost of computer is too expensive	45	41
Smartphone does everything online that you need to do	27	65
Service is not available or speed is unacceptable	23	27
Some other reason	25	21

Source: Survey conducted June 10-July 12, 2015.

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[Access to Digital Healthcare]

Occasionally, digital health is a privilege to someone who has high-income

"Most payers do not cover the cost of having these devices or apps due to lack of conclusive data."

"The use of apps requires the person to use an expensive smartphone and an internet data plan."

Anderson M, Horrigan J/. Smartphones may not bridge digital divide for all.: Factank News Numbers

ROI (Return On Investment) is another practical issue for adopting digital health

"Only when the benefit can offset the cost, will the technology be widely adopted into hospital environment."

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[Information Technologies]

"The key features for m-health applications include an integrated user interface, context switching between inter- and intra-applications, application interoperability, user defined clinical data categories, decision support, encryption, enterprise security, connectivity and centralized administration" Yu, P., Wu, M. X., Yu, H., & Xiao, G. Q. (2006, June). The challenges for the adoption of Mhealth. In Service Operations and Logistics, and Informatics, 2006. SOLI'06. IEEE International Conference on(pp. 181-186). IEEE.

Privacy and data protection

Integrated and connected apps with electronic medical records in hospital

Optimization to clinicians' workflow

"Interactivity is critical for physician acceptance of the solution. The success of mobile computing depends on how well the solution is integrated with mobile clinicians' workflow."

Limitations & Challenges



Limited data regarding on benefits and cost effectiveness Access to digital health care Data protection & data security Regulation regarding digital healthcare





Patient

- Accommodating low digital health literacy
- Tailored intervention for specific population
- Context change depending on end-user
- Using AR, VR, MR tech for low literacy patients



The example of Mixed Reality (MR)

 Improving patient engagement due to presence



The example of AR

Provider



- Effective training tools & guidelines for health providers
- Integration of digital health technology and provider work flow

The National Standards for Diabetes self-management education and support and Diabetes Educators Practice Guidelines offers new concepts for meeting the future demand of diabetes educators and education.

Provider

Patient education tools must be delivered at the point of care/engagement.

The Spectrum of Motivational Quality



Barriers to Remote Health Interventions for Type 2 Diabetes: A Systematic Review and Proposed Classification Scheme, J Med Internet Res 2017;19(2):e28 Amy Bucher, Ph.D., Behavior Change Design Director, Mad*Pow, Motivational Psychology for Digital Health Interventions Session 214, February 22, 2017

Technology

• Improving and promoting access to digital health care

Promoting health equity & closing the digital divide

The Digital Health Literacy Project is based in Richmond, CA and brings together information and resources to address two key community health and social justice challenges: <u>health disparities</u> and the <u>digital divide</u>. The project integrates ongoing local efforts to improve the health of Richmond residents while also developing and sharing best practices to guide actions in other localities.

Project Goals

- Provide online digital tools and training to low-income individuals and families in Richmond, with a focus on helping them improve their digital literacy and use of online health information
- Provide high-speed wireless broadband signal and equipment for reception to individual residences and public facilities (community centers, public housing sites, etc.)
- 3. Partner with community-based organizations and existing health agencies to develop a strategy to continue to support and expand digital health literacy and broadband access in Richmond

DIGITAL HEALTH LITERACY PROJECT

Design

- User-centered design, service & product should be provided.
- Engaging end-users in each phase of digital health design, as well as a few techniques to facilitate better digital health design and implementation
- Customization to patient preferences and needs
- Engaged and relevant content

System

- Integration of the data with clinical workflow.
- EHR-connected mHealth app.





Thank you for your attention

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