# How to provide optimal treatment for Korean children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes

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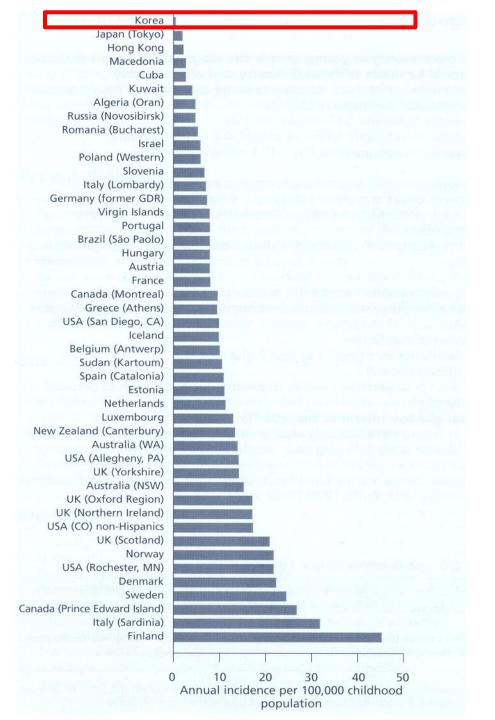
#### **AGENDA**

- T1DM in Korean children & adolescents
- Korean guidelines for T1DM
  - Diagnosis
  - Education
  - Glycemic control & Insulin treatment
  - Nutrition
  - Emergency care
  - Psychologic care

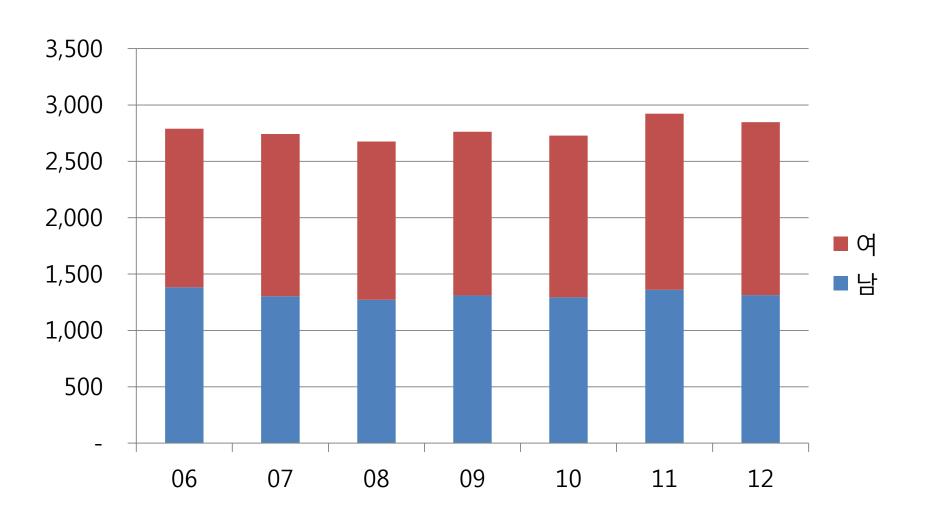
# Type 1 Diabetes

in Korean children & adolescents

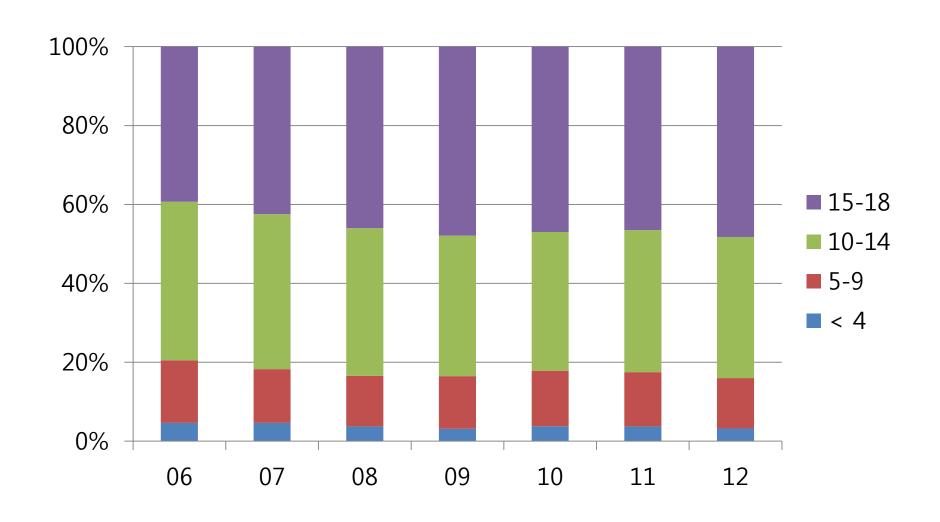
The incidence of type 1 diabetes(T1DM) was very low (1.36/100,000 population) in Korea.



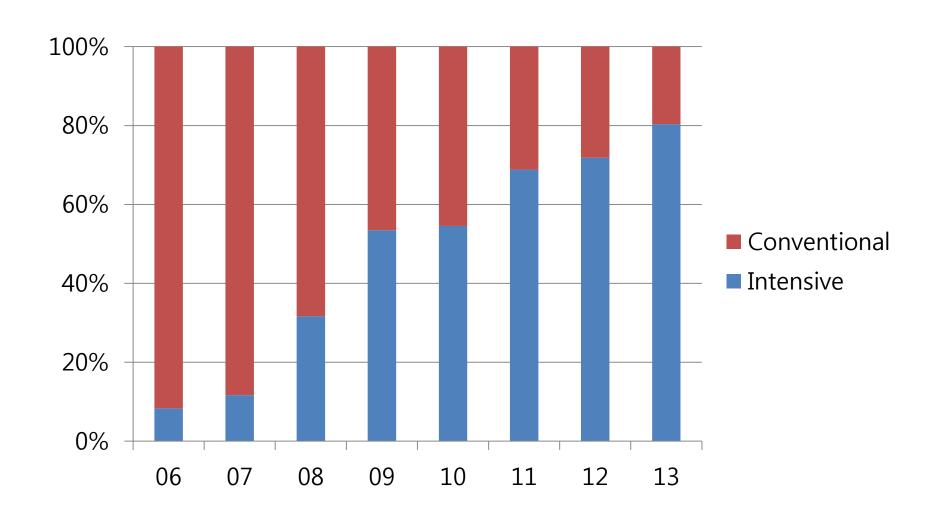
#### Prevalence of T1DM in youth



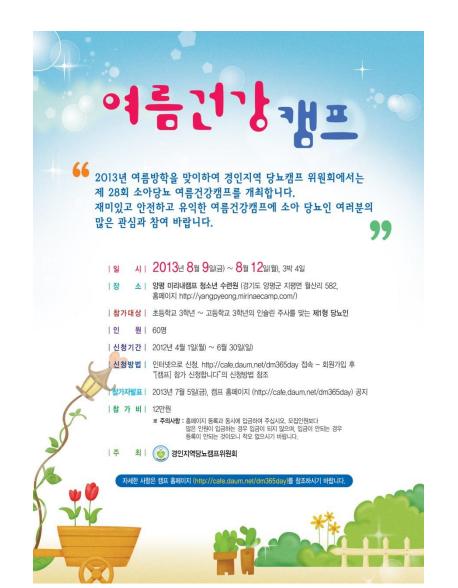
#### Age Distribution of T1DM



#### Trend for Insulin injection methods



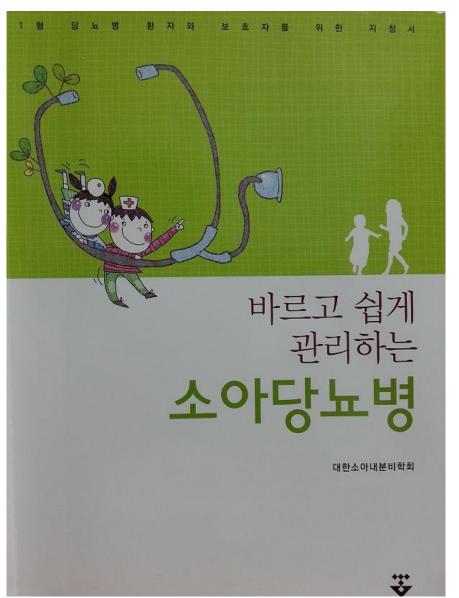
# Diabetes Camp



#### Korean Guideline

For Type 1 Diabetes (2013)

#### A Guidebook for Type 1 diabetes



# Diagnosis of T1DM

- absolute deficiency of insulin secretion
  - prone to ketoacidosis
- usually, markers for autoimmunity
  - ICA, IAA, GAD, IA-2, ZnT-8
- the date of onset is defined as
  - the date of 1<sup>st</sup> insulin injection

#### Criteria for the diagnosis for DM

- One of the followings
  - Symptoms + BG  $\geq$  11.1 mmol/L (200 mg/dL)
  - $-FG \ge 7.0 \text{ mmol/L} (126 \text{ mg/dL})$
  - PP 2hr BG ≥ 11.1 mmol/L (200 mg/dL) in OGTT
  - $HbA_{1c} \ge 6.5\%$

#### Clinical Characteristics of DM

Characteristic	Type 1	Type 2	Monogenic
Genetics	Polygenic	Polygenic	Monogenic
Age of onset	e of onset 6 months to young adulthood Usually pubertal (or later)		Often post pubertal except glucokinase and neonatal diabetes
Clinical presentation	Most often acute, rapid	Variable; from slow (often insidious) to severe	Variable (may be incidental in glucokinase)
Autoimmunity	Yes	No	No
Ketosis	Common	Uncommon	Common in neonatal dia- betes, rare in other forms
Glycemia	High	Variable	Variable
Obesity	Population frequency	Increased frequency	Population frequency
Acanthosis nigricans	No	Yes	No
Frequency (% of all diabetes in young people)	Usually 90%+	Most countries < 10% (Japan 60-80%)	1-2%
Parent with diabetes	2-4%	80%	90%

from 2011 IDF-ISPAD guidelines for DM

#### Diabetes Education

- should be delivered by interdisciplinary pediatric diabetes team
  - as a minimum a doctor, nurse and dietitian
  - acknowledging their different skills with a clear understanding of the special and changing needs of young people and their families as they grow through the different stages of life

#### Diabetes Education

- learner-centered
- should include
  - immediate knowledge-based education
  - practical survival skills
- followed by graduated levels of education

Treatment	Quality indicator
Normal growth	Percentage of patients with height < 3 <sup>rd</sup> percentile
Normal physical development	Average BMI in diabetic children compared with non-diabetic children  Percentage of patients with BMI > 85th percentile
Normal pubertal development	Mean age at menarche in girls with diabetes
Low rate of acute complications	Frequency of severe hypoglycaemia in all patients Frequency of severe hypoglycaemia in all patients younger than 5 years of age Frequency of admission because of diabetic ketoacidosis after onset of diabetes
Prevention of microvascular complications	Percentage of patients with eye exams during the past year Percentage of patients with urine albumin excretion rate determined during the past year Mean HbA <sub>1c</sub> achieved in all patients Mean HbA <sub>1c</sub> achieved in adolescent patients Percentage of patients beyond 5 years of diabetes with diabetic retinopathy Percentage of patients beyond 5 years of diabetes with diabetic nephropathy Percentage of patients with persistent microalbuminuria not receiving ACE-inhibitors (or other interventions for microalbuminuria)

Prevention of cardiovascular complications	Percentage of patients with lipid levels available during the past year
	Percentage of patients with blood pressure recordings available during the past year
	Percentage of patients with hypertension
	Percentage of patients with hyperlipidaemia
	Percentage of patients with hypertension not receiving antihypertensive therapy
	Percentage of patients with hyperlipidaemia not receiving lipid-lowering therapy
	Mean HbA <sub>1c</sub> achieved in all patients
	Mean HbA <sub>1c</sub> achieved in adolescent patients
Optimal social adjustment	Average number of days spent in hospital
	Average number of days where school was missed because of diabetes
	Percentage of patients on flexible insulin regimen (beyond remission)
	QOL in patients with diabetes
	QOL in parents of patients with diabetes
	Percentage of patients missing appointments
Number of visits annually	Percentage of patients with three or more, ambulatory visits annually
	Number of visits per patients per year and mean and median number of visits per patient per year

# Glycemic Control

- self-monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG)
  - should be **prescribed** at a frequency
  - usually four to six times a day
- ketone testing (urine or blood)
  - during illness with fever and/or vomiting
  - -BG > 14 mmol/L (250 mg/dl)
  - persistent polyuria with elevated blood glucose
  - especially for small children & patients on insulin pumps.

# Glycemic Control

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> monitoring
  - -4~6 times/year in younger children
  - − 3~4 times/year in older children
  - target < 7.5% for all age-groups</p>
- glycemic target must be increased
  - when severe hypoglycemia occurs
  - when **hypoglycemia unawareness** is present

# Monitoring of Hypoglycemia

- Hypoglycemia should be prevented because:
  - Its occurrence is frequently predictable
  - It is often associated with significant psychosocial dysfunction
  - It can lead to permanent long-term sequale and is potentially life threatening

# Monitoring of Hypoglycemia

- Hypoglycemia treatment requires:
  - An immediate source of **glucose or sucrose**.
  - Equipment for blood glucose measurement for confirmation and safe management of hypoglycemia.
  - Glucagon
  - IV dextrose
    - if glucagon is not available
    - if the hypoglycemia is unresponsive to glucagon.

#### Insulin Treatment

- should be started ASAP after diagnosis
  - to prevent metabolic decompensation and diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA)
- needs good technical skill
- RI + NPH vs. rapid + long acting insulin
- insulin storage after 1<sup>st</sup> usage
  - − 3 months if kept at 2~8°C
  - 4 weeks if kept at room temperature

# Nutritional Management

- specialist pediatric dietitian
  - at diagnosis
  - -2~4 following session in the 1st year
  - ongoing annual nutrition counselling and reassessment
- conventional vs. intensive care (multiple)
  - conventional (calori-based)
  - intensive care (carbohydrate-based)

# Nutritional Management

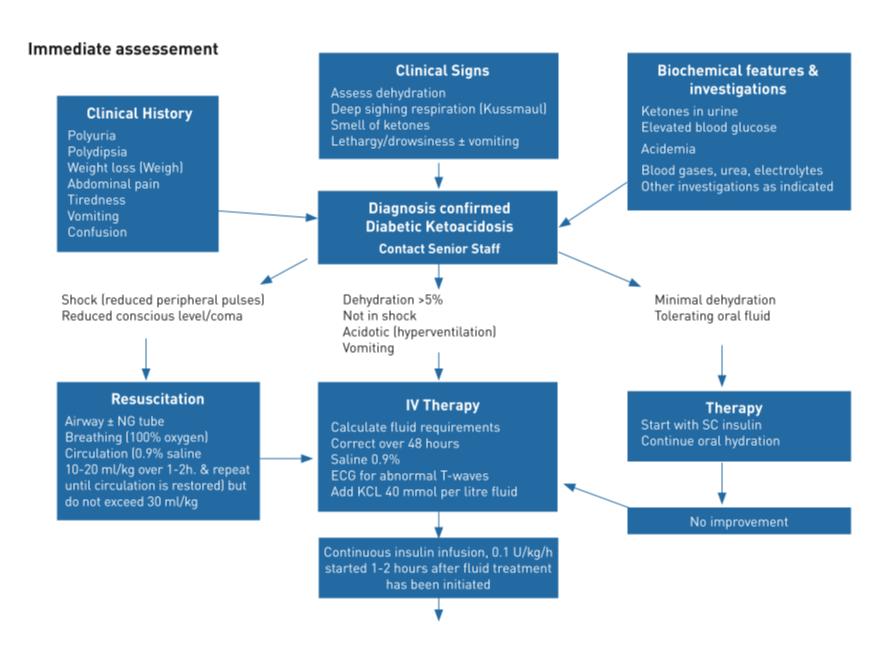
- Recommended daily intakes of vitamins and minerals should be achieved for general health (and vascular protection)
- Monitoring of at risk nutrients
  - i.e.) iron and calcium
- Dietary advice/meal planning should be revised regularly

# Emergency (DKA)

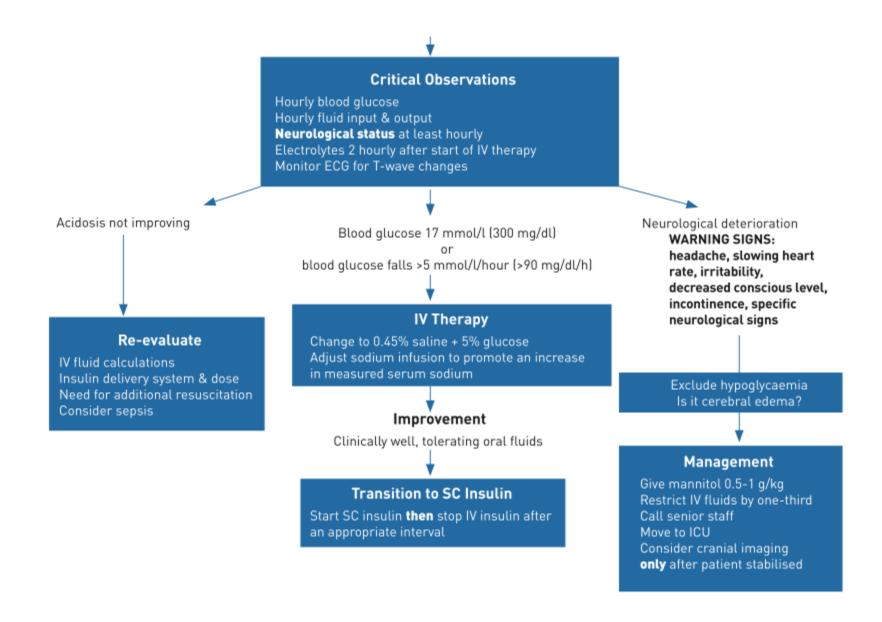
- Check weight, severity of dehydration, level of consciousness
- Laboratory work up
  - plasma glucose, electrolytes, BUN/Cr, pH,
     Ca/P, Mg
  - ketones (urine or blood)
  - R/O infection

# Emergency (DKA)

- Supportive measures
  - keep airway, IV catheter for blood sampling,
     EKG monitoring, circulation, infection control
- Fluids and salt replacement
  - begin immediately with 0.9% saline
  - correct acidosis & electrolyte deficit (Na+ K+)
- Insulin therapy
  - plasma glucose decrease at a rate of less than 100 mg/dL/hr



from 2011 IDF-ISPAD guidelines for DM



Algorithm for the management of diabetic ketoacidosis

Source: adapted from Dunger et al. Karger Publ. 1999

#### Exercise

- Regular exercise and participation in sport
- Decreased insulin dose prior to exercise
- 1-1.5 g CHO/kg/hour during exercise
- Avoid exercise if pre-exercise BG > 14 mmol/L, 250 mg/dL with ketonuria/ketonaemia.

# Sick Day Management

Ket	ones	Blood glucose				
Blood ketones mmol/l	Urine ketones	< 5.5 mmol/l < 100 mg/dl	5.5- 10 mmol/l 100-180 mg/dl	10-14 mmol/l 180-250 mg/dl	14-22 mmol/l 250-400 mg/dl	> 22 mmol/l > 400 mg/dl
< 0.6	Negative or trace	Do not give extra insulin. May need to consider mini- doses of glucagon (see Table 1 if <4mmol (70 mg/dl)	No need to worry.	Increase dose of insulin for next meal if BG is still elevated	Give extra 5% of TDD or 0.05 U/kg	Give extra 10% of TDD or 0.1 U/kg. Repeat if needed.
		Check BG and ketones again in two hours.				
0.6-0.9	Trace or small	Starvation ketones. Extra carbohydrates and fluid are needed.	Starvation ketones. Extra carbohydrates and fluid are needed.	Give extra 5% of TDD or 0.05 U/kg	Give extra 5-10% of TDD or 0.05-0.1 U/kg.	Give extra 10% of TDD or 0.1 U/kg Repeat if needed.
1.0-1.4	Small or Mode- rate	Starvation ketones. Extra carbohydrates and fluid are needed.	Starvation ke- tones. Extra carbohy- drates and fluid are needed. Give ordinary bolus dose.	Extra carbohy- drates and fluid are needed. Give 5-10% of TDD or 0.05-0.1 U/kg.	Give extra 10% of TDD or 0.1 U/kg	Give extra 10% of TDD or 0.1 U/kg.

≥ 3.0	Large	starvation ketones. starvation ketones. drates and fluid Repeat of Check BG meter. Extra carbohy- are needed. Give		Give extra 10-20% of TDD or 0.1 U/kg. Repeat dose after 2 hours if ketones do not decrease.	
					e level is ≽ 3.0 mmol/l. Insulin treatment nt at emergency department.

# Psychological Care

- Monitor the school performance
- General family functioning
  - conflict, cohesion, adaptability, parental psychopathology
- Emotional behavior at the personal level
  - the early identification of depression
- diabetes-related functioning
  - communication
  - parental involvement and support
  - roles and responsibilities for self-care behaviors

#### Diabetes in Adolescence

- Transitional phase of development between childhood and emerging adulthood
- Training to become an independent adult – success and failure
- Time when **vascular complications** first become apparent.

# Complications

- Screening for complication from age 11 years with two years diabetes duration
  - Blood pressure
  - Retinopathy
  - Microalbuminuira
  - Fasting blood lipid
  - Neuropathy

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

#### Limitations

- The articles or reports about T1DM in pediatrics were **not many** in Korea
- Most of pediatric endocrinologists individually met only a few T1DM patients in practice.

#### In the Future...

- To know and provide optimal treatment for the youth with T1DM in Korea, multicenter database or registry should be required as soon as possible
- Co-work with endocrinologist for adult should be required

# Thank you for your attention