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Always individualize treatment and testing. Not all national guidelines are applicable after age 75.

ADA Criteria for	· Hemoglobin A1C > 6.5%, or	
Identification and	Identification and Fasting plasma glucose > 126 mg/dl, or	
Diagnosis of	 2-hour plasma glucose > 200 after 75g oral glucose tolerance test, or 	
Diabetes:	 A symptomatic patient with > 200 mg/dl random plasma glucose. 	

Concern	Care/Test	Frequency / Recommendation
Identification and	 Fasting plasma glucose test, 	Test all adults > age 45 yrs (see full Guidelines for testing of Type 2
Diagnosis of Type 2	Oral glucose tolerance test, or	diabetes in children and adolescents); if normal and person has no risk
Diabetes	· Hemoglobin A1C (NOTE: Medicare will only cover an	factors, retest in 3 years or less; consider earlier testing for those at
	A1C every 4 months.)	high risk of diabetes.
General	Perform diabetes-focused visit	Type 1: Every 3 months.
Recommendations		Type 2: Every 3 – 6 months.
for Care	· Review management plan; assess barriers and goals	Each focused visit; revise as needed.
	Assess physical activity level	Each focused visit.
	Assess nutrition/weight/BMI/growth	Each focused visit; consider Bariatric surgery for adults with BMI >35
		kg/m2 and type 2 diabetes.
Self-Management	• Refer to diabetes educator, preferably a CDE in an ADA	
Education	Recognized Program	At diagnosis, then as needed depending on control needs and goals.
Medical Nutrition	• Refer for medical nutrition therapy (MNT) provided by a	
Therapy	registered dietitian (RD), preferably one who is also a	At diagnosis or first referral to RD: initial visits completed in 3 to 6
	CDE	months, then RD determines additional visits based on needs/goals.
Glycemic Control	Check A1C; goal: below or around 7.0% (higher A1C goals	<u>Type 1</u> : Every 3 months.
	maybe appropriate for some individuals)	<u>Type 2</u> : Every 3 – 6 months.
	• Review goals, medications, side effects, and frequency of	Each focused visit.
	hypoglycemia	Each focused visit, 2 – 4 times/day, or as recommended.
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Cardiovascular	Check fasting lipid profile Adult goals: Total Cholesterol < 200 mg/dL	<u>Children</u> : If positive family history of early cardiovascular disease (CVD), check lipids after age 2 but before age 10. Repeat annually if
Care	Triglycerides < 150 mg/dL	abnormal, repeat in 5 years if normal.
	HDL > 40 mg/dL (men)	Adults: Annually. If abnormal, follow NCEP III guidelines.
	HDL > 50 mg/dL (women)	
	LDL < 100 mg/dL	
	LDL < 70 mg/dL (for very high risk or history	
	of vascular disease)	
	Start statin with ongoing lifestyle changes	Adults with CVD; Age > 40 yrs with one or more risk factors for CVD, if
		high risk CVD or LDL >100 despite lifestyle changes.
	Check blood pressure	<u>Children</u> : Each focused visit; treat if consistently > 95% percentile for
	Adult goal: < 130/80 mmHg; Begin pharmacological	sex/age.
	treatment when BP > 140/80 mmHg	Adults: Each focused visit.
	· Assess smoking/tobacco use status	Each visit; (5As: Ask, Advise, Assess, Assist, Arrange).
	Start aspirin prophylaxis (unless contraindicated)	Men > 50 yrs or women > 60 yrs with one additional CVD risk factor.
Kidney Care	· Check albumin/creatinine ratio using a random urine	Type 1: At puberty or after 5 years duration, then annually.
	sample, also called urine microalbumin/creatinine ratio	Type 2: At diagnosis, then annually.
	· Check serum creatinine and estimated GFR	At diagnosis, then annually.
	Perform routine urinalysis	At diagnosis, then as indicated.
	· ACE inhibitor or ARB if micro or macroalbuminuria (unless	If ACE/ARB used, monitor serum creatinine and potassium levels for
	contraindicated)	development of acute kidney disease and hyperkalemia.
Eye Care	· Dilated eye exam by eye care professional	<u>Type 1</u> : If age \geq 10 yrs, within 3 – 5 years of onset, then annually.
		Type 2: At diagnosis, then annually.
Neuropathy and	Assess/screen for neuropathy (autonomic/DPN)	Type 1: Five years after diagnosis, then annually.
Foot Care		Type 2: At diagnosis, then annually.
	• Visual inspection of feet with shoes and socks off	Each focused visit; stress daily self-exam.
	Perform comprehensive lower extremity/foot exam (use	
	monofilament and tuning fork)	At diagnosis, then annually.
Emotional/ Sexual	Screen for PVD (consider ABI) Assess emotional health; screen for depression	At diagnosis, then annually. Each focused visit.
Health Care	Assess sexual health concerns	Each focused visit.
	Provide influenza vaccine	
Immunizations	Provide initializa vaccine Provide pneumococcal vaccine	Annually, if age \geq 6 months. Once; then per Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.
	Administer hepatitis B vaccination	To unvaccinated adults with diabetes who are aged 19-59 years.
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Preconception and	Provide preconception counseling/assessment	Prior to conception.
Pregnancy Care	Assess contraception/discuss family planning	At diagnosis and each focused visit.
	Assess risk for gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM)	At first prenatal visit (if high risk, screen immediately for GDM).
	Screen for GDM	At 24 – 28 weeks gestation or earlier if high risk.
	Screen for Type 2 diabetes post-GDM	At 6 – 12 weeks postpartum, then annually; Postpartum Hemoglobin
		A1C not recommended.