# Cultural Competency in Diabetes Care: Hispano Latino Population

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### **Agenda**

- · State of diabetes in minorities
- · Self care behaviors
- · Assessment of health beliefs
- Communication tips
- Emory Latino Diabetes Education Program
  - -Program outcomes
- · Education materials and other tools

## **Program Goal**

 To aid healthcare professionals in the further development of their skills and expertise, in management and self care using culturally appropriate interventions for the Latino patient with diabetes

## **Objectives**

- Discuss the burden of diabetes on the Hispano/Latino community
- Identify and apply the AADE Self
  Care behaviors as the framework of the education process
- Identify culturally appropriate education interventions in the management of diabetes

#### **State of Diabetes in Minorities**

- "Minority populations, including African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asians, have the <u>highest incidence</u> of diabetes and the highest complications of the disease"
- Hispanic Americans and African
  Americans are almost twice as likely
  to have diabetes in comparison to
  white Americans

#### **State of Diabetes in Minorities**

 African Americans and Hispanic Americans show a higher incidence of suffering from diabetes related <u>complications</u> including but not limited to eye and kidney disease, amputations, heart disease, heart stroke, etc.

#### **State of Diabetes in Minorities**

- Mexican American women participate in little or no exercise
- Both African Americans and Hispanic Americans experience higher rates of <u>obesity</u> than white Americans
  - -These rates continue to be on the rise

## **Latinos or Hispanics?**



#### **Assessment of Health Beliefs**

- What do you think has caused your diabetes?
- Why do you think it started when it did?
- What do you think diabetes does to you? How does it work?
- How serious is your diabetes, do you think it will get better soon?

#### **Assessment of Health Beliefs**

- What problems has diabetes caused you?
- What concerns you most about your diabetes?

## **Self-Care Behaviors**

- · Healthy eating
- Being active
- Taking medications
- Monitoring
- Problem solving
- · Healthy coping
- Reducing risks

## **Problem Solving**

- · Health beliefs
- Empowerment
- · Who makes decisions at home
- Degree of acculturation
- Knowledge of healthcare system
- Transportation

## **Problem Solving**

- Immigration status
- Language
- Insurance
- Time orientation

## **Healthy Eating**

- Individualized meal plan
- Time of meals
- · Name of meals
- Preferred food from country or origin
- Adopted foods from US and other countries

## **Healthy Eating**

- Food labels
- Sources of carbs
- · Sources of fats
- · Alcohol and special events

## **Being Active**

- Gender specific
  - -Males
  - -Females
- Mainstream
- Dance
  - -NDEP
  - -Radio

## **Being Active**

- Identify barriers
  - Physical, environmental, and psychological

## **Taking Medications**

- Name
- Action
- Side effects
- Meds from country of origin
- Home remedies
- · Evaluate if meds are being used
- Fear of insulin
- Financial barriers

### **Monitoring**

- · Adapt to financial ability
- Importance and purpose of testing
- Bg target
- Technique
- Schedule
- · Recording results
- · Providing info to healthcare providers
- Sharps disposal

## Viva Mas y Mejor con su Diabetes Bajo Control

- DSMT for Spanish speaking patients
- Nationally accredited by AADE
- 3+ years, 800 patients, 900 healthcare professionals





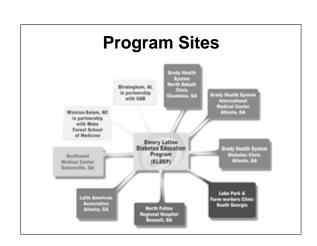
#### **Demographics of Program Participants**

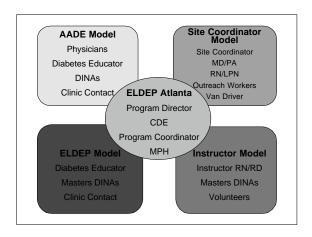
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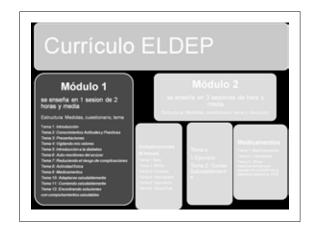
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Age	47 <u>+</u> 12
Gender	61.5% Women
Country of origin	69% Mexico
Employment	No: 46.7%
Insurance	No: 69.5%
Education: < 5 years	22.5%
5-8 years	45.1%
High School	19.6%
College	4.7%
Illiteracy in native language (Spanish)	28.2%
Do not speak English	73.1%

## **Communication Tips**

- Introduce yourself Spanish or slowly
- Speak clearly, slowly, and don't raise your voice
- Include familiarity
- Incorporate some type of touch
- When using an interpreter
- · When using a language line
- · Ask patient to repeat instructions







#### **ELDEP**

- Diabetes! y ahora que hago?
- Viva más y major con su diabetes bajo control!
- · DVD with written collateral
- · Healthcare provider training
- Research
- Community resources
- Develop a model for your community

#### **Goals and Success**

 Success is changing or maintaining behaviors that contribute to optimal diabetes control

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