



Cost-effectiveness of Interventions to Manage Diabetes: Has the Evidence Changed Since 2008?

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OBJECTIVE

To synthesize updated evidence on the cost-effectiveness (CE) of interventions to manage diabetes, its complications, and comorbidities.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS

We conducted a systematic literature review of studies from high-income countries evaluating the CE of diabetes management interventions recommended by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and published in English between June 2008 and July 2017. We also incorporated studies from a previous CE review from the period 1985–2008. We classified the interventions based on their strength of evidence (strong, supportive, or uncertain) and levels of CE: cost-saving (more health benefit at a lower cost), very cost-effective (\leq \$25,000 per life year gained [LYG] or quality-adjusted life year [QALY]), cost-effective (\$25,001–\$50,000 per LYG or QALY), marginally cost-effective (\$50,001–\$100,000 per LYG or QALY), or not cost-effective ($>$ \$100,000 per LYG or QALY). Costs were measured in 2017 U.S. dollars.

RESULTS

Seventy-three new studies met our inclusion criteria. These were combined with 49 studies from the previous review to yield 122 studies over the period 1985–2017. A large majority of the ADA-recommended interventions remain cost-effective. Specifically, we found strong evidence that the following ADA-recommended interventions are cost-saving or very cost-effective: In the cost-saving category are 1) ACE inhibitor (ACEI)/angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapy for intensive hypertension management compared with standard hypertension management, 2) ACEI/ARB therapy to prevent chronic kidney disease and/or end-stage renal disease in people with albuminuria compared with no ACEI/ARB therapy, 3) comprehensive foot care and patient education to prevent and treat foot ulcers among those at moderate/high risk of developing foot ulcers, 4) telemedicine for diabetic retinopathy screening compared with office screening, and 5) bariatric surgery compared with no surgery for individuals with type 2 diabetes (T2D) and obesity (BMI \geq 30 kg/m²). In the very cost-effective category are 1) intensive glycemic management (targeting A1C $<$ 7%) compared with conventional glycemic management (targeting an A1C level of 8–10%) for individuals with newly diagnosed T2D, 2) multicomponent interventions (involving behavior change/education and pharmacological therapy targeting hyperglycemia, hypertension, dyslipidemia, microalbuminuria, nephropathy/retinopathy, secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease with aspirin) compared with usual care, 3) statin therapy compared with no statin therapy for individuals with T2D and history of cardiovascular disease, 4) diabetes self-management education and support compared with usual care, 5) T2D screening every 3 years starting at age 45 years compared with no screening, 6) integrated, patient-centered care compared with usual care, 7) smoking cessation compared with no smoking cessation, 8) daily aspirin use as primary prevention for cardiovascular complications compared with usual care, 9) self-monitoring of blood glucose three times per day compared with once per day among those using insulin, 10) intensive glycemic management compared with conventional insulin therapy for

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T2D among adults aged ≥ 50 years, and 11) collaborative care for depression compared with usual care.

CONCLUSIONS

Complementing professional treatment recommendations, our systematic review provides an updated understanding of the potential value of interventions to manage diabetes and its complications and can assist clinicians and payers in prioritizing interventions and health care resources.

Diabetes is a serious, common, and costly disease, affecting 34 million Americans (1) and leading to \$327 billion (2) in annual health expenditures in 2017. To better manage and lower the burdens of diabetes, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) annually publishes its *Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes* (SOC) (3), the most comprehensive and up-to-date clinical knowledge regarding diabetes care. Worldwide, the SOC provides clinicians, patients, researchers, and payers with the most current evidence-based screening, diagnostic, prevention, and management recommendations for diabetes. However, the cost-effectiveness (CE) of these strategies—in other words, the value they provide for these investments—varies greatly and should be considered in management or policy decisions.

CE analysis is an analytical framework that weighs the benefits and costs of an intervention by comparing it with standard care or other alternatives to see if the value of the intervention justifies its cost. The CE of different treatment options provides critical information to stakeholders at a variety of levels; this information helps in development of optimal treatment strategies or policies to lower current and future health and economic burdens and help determine use of limited health care resources.

In 2010, Li et al. (4) systematically reviewed all English-language studies published between January 1985 and May 2008 on the CE of diabetes prevention and management interventions recommended by the ADA's SOC 2008 (5). The authors concluded that a large majority of the interventions recommended by ADA at that time were cost-saving or very cost-effective. Since then, however, many new technologies and medications have become available and have been added to updated iterations of the ADA's

SOC, leading to important changes in the ways diabetes care is delivered, how complications are managed, and the resulting costs. Recently published CE studies on these new technologies and medications can provide evidence on how to prioritize these novel interventions together with older strategies that remain cost-effective.

To provide up-to-date guidance that aligns with the 2019 SOC (the most up-to-date version at the time of data analysis) (6,7), we aggregated all available data published in English regarding the CE of ADA-recommended interventions to identify diabetes or gestational diabetes mellitus, manage diabetes, screen for diabetes complications, and manage complications and comorbidities. We included data from the previous review by Li et al. and systematically added data from the last decade to provide findings that are relevant to contemporary clinical practice. The result allows us to assess economic implications of changes that have occurred in the way diabetes care is delivered and how complications are managed. As a complement to the ADA's 2019 SOC recommendations, findings from this review could assist clinicians and policy makers in selecting interventions that are not only effective but also deliver value.

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS

Data Sources and Literature Search

We followed the same search strategy that was used in the 2010 review by Li et al. (4). Briefly, we performed a thorough literature search of seven databases (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature [CINAHL], Cochrane, EMBASE, MEDLINE, PsycINFO, Scopus, and Sociological Abstracts [Soc Abs]) following the Cochrane Collaboration's protocol (8) covering the period of June 2008 to July 2017. Medical subject headings matching the previous review's search protocol were selected to create a search strategy. Our search terms were diabetes (indicating the disease of diabetes: "type 1," "type 2," "gestational," "impaired glucose," and "insulin resistance"), costs ("cost or expenditure," "health care cost," "costs or cost analysis"), effectiveness ("benefit" OR "life year" OR "quality-adjusted life years" OR "disability adjusted life years"), cost-effectiveness (indicating CE analysis, such as "cost-effectiveness analysis" OR "cost-utility analysis" OR "economic"). We also screened reference lists of all included articles and publications from leading

medical and diabetes-focused journals during the period for additional articles that may have been missed.

Article Screening and Selection

We included studies from populations in high-income countries (based on World Bank classifications [9]) that assessed the economic value associated with diabetes management interventions included in the ADA's SOC 2019 (7), the most up-to-date version available at the time of our analysis. We included studies of patients with undiagnosed or diagnosed diabetes, including type 1 diabetes (T1D), type 2 diabetes (T2D), and gestational diabetes mellitus.

We included studies that used one of the three major types of economic evaluations: cost-effectiveness analyses, cost-utility analyses, or cost-benefit analyses, with outcomes measured as cost per additional quality-adjusted life year (QALY) gained, cost per additional life year gained (LYG), or cost per additional disability-adjusted life year averted.

We included original research studies published in English and excluded review articles, commentaries or letters, conference abstracts, and dissertations. For this review, we also excluded studies that focused on preventing T2D. Each study was screened for eligibility by two authors (K.R.S., X.Zho., B.P.N., S.J., K.P., and X.Zha. all participated in this stage), with disagreements resolved by group discussion and consensus.

Data Abstraction

For studies from June 2008 through July 2017, we used the same detailed data extraction form used by Li et al. (4) to systematically gather the following information from each included study: publication information (title, first author's name, publication year), study population, intervention and comparison, study method (within trial versus modeled/simulation), analytical time horizon and discounting, perspective used, costs, health outcome measures, survey instruments for measuring utility, incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER), whether a sensitivity analysis was conducted, and study conclusion(s). For studies from January 1985 through May 2008, we used the previously abstracted data from Li et al.

Quality Assessment of Included Studies

To evaluate the quality of the included CE studies, we selected a widely used quality

assessment tool based on *The BMJ* authors' guide for economic studies (10), which was used in the 2010 review by Li et al. We considered four quality score items: source of cost-specific data, categories of costs, source of benefit-specific data, and categories of benefits. We classified studies that did not report all four items as "low quality." Of studies that had all four components, we assessed nine additional items (analytical time horizon, study perspective, description of the CE model, diagram for constructing the decision tree, currency and year of cost, cost discounting, benefit discounting, ICERs, and sensitivity analysis) for further classification. We assigned one point for each item that was reported. We rated each study as "fair" if it scored 3 or less, "good" if it scored 4–6, and "excellent" if it scored 7–9 points. We restricted our analysis to articles rated as "excellent" or "good" quality. Our quality assessment methodology mirrored that used by Li et al. Figure 1 illustrates the complete process for screening articles.

Data Analysis and Synthesis

To synthesize findings, we first grouped articles into four broad categories: 1) screening for undiagnosed diabetes (including T2D and gestational diabetes mellitus), 2) managing diabetes and risk factors to prevent diabetes-related complications (comprehensive lifestyle interventions; diabetes self-management

education [DSME]; self-monitoring of blood glucose [SMBG]; intensive glycaemic, blood pressure, and lipid control; integrated and coordinated care; smoking cessation), 3) screening for and early treatment of diabetes complications (cardiovascular disease [CVD], eye complications, foot ulcers, end-stage renal disease [ESRD]), or 4) treating diabetes-related complications and comorbidities (CVD, eye complications, foot ulcers, and comorbidities such as obesity, mental health, and sleep apnea). Within each of the four broader groups, we further classified studies into specific categories corresponding to each ADA-recommended intervention.

To facilitate comparisons across studies, we converted all costs and ICERs to 2017 U.S. dollars using the Consumer Price Index (11). If costs were reported in other currencies, we used the annual exchange rate from the Federal Reserve Bank (12) to convert them into U.S. dollars. If a study did not mention the year used in cost calculations, we assumed cost was for the one year prior to publication. ICERs were expressed as dollars per QALY or dollars per LYG and were rounded to the nearest hundred dollars. We calculated a range and median ICER for each intervention category.

Classifying the Interventions

We classified interventions based on their median levels of CE (five tiers) and strength of evidence (three levels). As there are no

universally accepted thresholds to judge whether an intervention is cost-effective, we grouped the CE tiers of the intervention based on conventional norms according to their estimated ICERs: 1) cost-saving when the intervention generates better health outcomes and costs less than the comparison intervention or is cost neutral (ICER = 0), 2) very cost-effective if the ICER is greater than zero but less than or equal to \$25,000 per QALY or LYG, 3) cost-effective if the ICER is greater than \$25,000 but less than or equal to \$50,000 per QALY or LYG, 4) marginally cost-effective if the ICER is greater than \$50,000 but less than or equal to \$100,000 per QALY or LYG, and 5) not cost-effective if the ICER is greater than \$100,000 per QALY or LYG. Since there are no conventional norms for thresholds of cost per LYG, we used the same threshold for cost per QALY, which was the same approach used by Li et al. (4).

We classified the evidence level of the CE findings as strong, supportive, or uncertain. Strong evidence included findings from one of the following two categories:

Category 1:

1. The CE of the intervention was evaluated by two or more studies, AND
2. these studies were rated as at least "good" in quality, AND
3. the effectiveness of the interventions was based on either well-conducted, generalizable randomized clinical trials with adequate power or well-conducted meta-analyses or a diabetes disease simulation model that was validated, AND
4. the effectiveness of the intervention was also rated as level A or level B evidence by the ADA's SOC 2019 (13), AND
5. the ICERs of the intervention from different studies consistently fell into the same CE tier.

Category 2:

1. CE assessment meets items 3 and 4 from category 1, but only one study evaluated the intervention, AND
2. the study was rated as "excellent" in quality.

We considered evidence on the CE of an intervention to be supportive if:

1. the CE of the intervention was evaluated by only one study AND this study was rated lower than "excellent" quality, OR

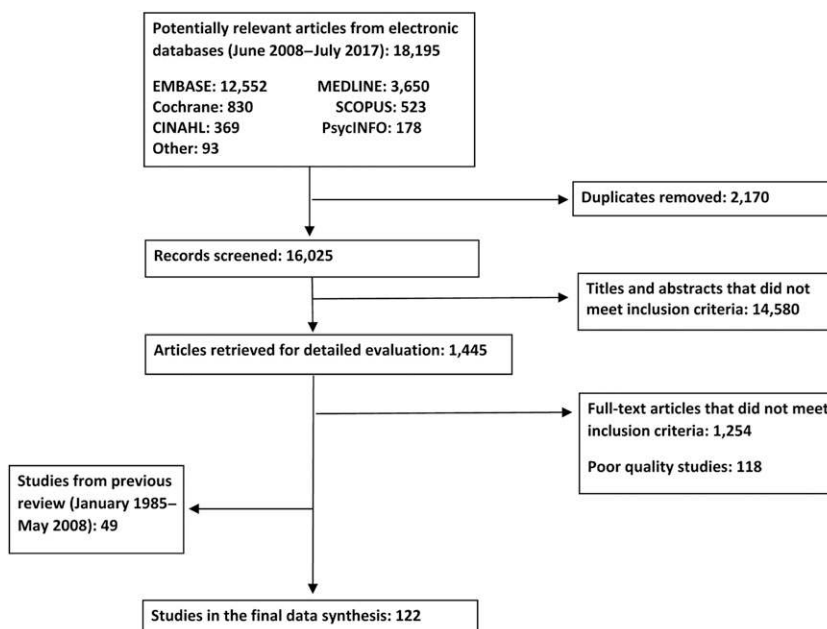


Figure 1—Flowchart for article inclusion.

- the effectiveness of the intervention was supported by level C evidence according to the ADA's SOC 2019 (13) or by expert consensus only, OR
- the CE was based on a simulation by a diabetes disease model that was not validated (a model was considered to be validated if it was explicitly stated in the text of the article or if the model was known to be validated based on previous literature).

For each ADA-recommended intervention within each evidence-CE level category, we described its comparison intervention, the study population in which the intervention was implemented, and the ADA's level of evidence rating. We also reported the number of studies that evaluated the CE of this intervention (based on the current evidence and on the previous review), and the median and range of the ICERs across the studies.

RESULTS

Our initial search yielded 18,195 articles over the period of June 2008 to July 2017. After removal of duplicates and screening of all abstracts, 1,445 articles remained, of which we reviewed full texts to identify 73 CE studies that met our inclusion criteria. We added the 49 relevant studies on diabetes management from the 2010 review by Li et al. (encompassing 1985–2008), bringing the total number of studies to 122 over the period 1985–2017 (Fig. 1). Table 1 describes the CE studies included in our final review by intervention category. Studies that evaluated multiple interventions or a single intervention in diverse subgroups were assigned to more than one intervention or population category, respectively.

Supplementary Fig. 1 provides a summary of the numbers of studies across the four broad intervention categories—screening for undiagnosed diabetes (8 studies), managing diabetes and risk factors to prevent diabetes-related complications (71 studies), screening for and early treatment of diabetes complications (33 studies), and treating diabetes-related complications and comorbidities (19 studies)—as well as how the number of articles in each category changed from the previous review (1985–2008) to the current review (1985–2017). Except for smoking cessation, the number of articles in every category increased over time, and five new categories emerged:

preventing CVD complications, treating CVD complications, and addressing comorbidities of obesity, mental health, and sleep apnea.

In Table 2, we classified each of the ADA-recommended interventions based on their levels of CE and strength of evidence by intervention category, using all studies over the period 1985–2017. To facilitate use by clinicians and decision makers, we describe the findings across each of the four intervention categories from a health system perspective.

Strong Evidence

Screening for Undiagnosed Diabetes

Screening for T2D every 3 years starting at age 45 years for the U.S. population without diabetes, compared with no screening, had strong evidence of being very cost-effective at \$7,898/QALY (every 1 year compared with every 3 years was also very cost-effective at \$8,139/QALY). On the other hand, there was strong evidence that universal opportunistic screening for undiagnosed T2D among the U.S. population (whether or not followed by treatment), compared with targeted screening in high-risk individuals, was not cost-effective (>\$100,000/QALY).

Managing Diabetes and Risk Factors to Prevent Diabetes-Related Complications

For interventions to manage diabetes and risk factors to prevent complications, the evidence was mixed. We found strong evidence that DSME for individuals with diabetes, compared with usual care, is very cost-effective (\$5,047/QALY). Additionally, there were several new studies on the daily frequency of SMBG, which led to the new finding that SMBG three times per day, compared with SMBG once per day, is very cost-effective (\$3,719/QALY) among adults with T2D currently taking insulin.

The ICERs for intensively managing glycemia varied according to a patient's age, duration of diabetes, and diabetes type (1 or 2). We found that intensive glycemic management compared with conventional management was very cost-effective among young individuals with newly diagnosed T2D (\$4,318/QALY) and older individuals (aged ≥ 50 years) with T2D (\$15,398/QALY) and was cost-effective when given to individuals with T1D regardless of age (\$41,339/QALY).

For blood pressure management, ACE inhibitor (ACEI) and angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) therapies, used either for intensive hypertension management

(compared with suboptimal blood pressure management) or to prevent chronic kidney disease and/or ESRD in patients with albuminuria, compared with no ACEI/ARB therapy, emerged with strong evidence of being cost-saving.

Over the period 1985–2017, studies comparing multicomponent interventions (including behavior change and medication adherence to improve glycemia, blood pressure/CVD, lipids, and nephropathy/retinopathy prevention and screening together) with usual care have shown a range of value achieved from cost-effective to cost-saving. Overall, however, we found that these multicomponent interventions were on average very cost-effective (\$2,315/QALY) for individuals with T1D and T2D compared with usual care.

Diabetes management interventions that remained consistent with the previous review as very cost-effective were 1) integrated, patient-centered care based on the Chronic Care Model for individuals with T2D compared with usual care (\$11,339/QALY), and 2) smoking cessation for individuals with diabetes compared with no smoking cessation (<\$31,750/QALY).

Screening for and Early Treatment of Diabetes-Related Complications

We found strong evidence for two cost-saving screening and early treatment interventions: 1) comprehensive foot care and patient education to prevent and treat foot ulcers among individuals with diabetes and at moderate/high risk of developing foot ulcers, compared with usual care, and 2) telemedicine for diabetic retinopathy screening among individuals with diabetes compared with office screening for diabetic retinopathy. Additionally, we found strong evidence that screening for eye complications every 1–2 years for individuals with diabetes, compared with no screening, is very cost-effective (\$8,763/QALY).

Treatment of Diabetes-Related Complications and Comorbidities

Statin therapy for secondary prevention of CVD—i.e., in individuals with T2D and a history of CVD—compared with no statin therapy remained consistent from the previous review as very cost-effective (\$4,627/QALY), while among individuals with T2D, hyperlipidemia, and no history of CVD, statin therapy was marginally cost-effective (\$67,873/QALY). A new finding in

Table 1—Description of the CE studies for diabetes interventions

Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Screening for undiagnosed T2D						
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1998/U.S. (21)	U.S. population aged 25 years and older	Opportunistic screening for undiagnosed T2D starting at age 25 years, then treatment (universal screening)	No screening and treatment until clinical diagnosis of T2D		Lifetime; 3%	\$114,046/QALY
Hoerger et al., 2004/U.S. (22)	Individuals with hypertension	Targeted screening for undiagnosed diabetes among persons with hypertension	No screening or treatment until clinical diagnosis of T2D		Lifetime; 3%	\$59,436–\$165,735/QALY, decreasing with age
	U.S. population	One-time opportunistic screening, then treatment (universal screening)	No screening or treatment until clinical diagnosis of T2D			\$89,535/QALY for age 45 years
	U.S. population	One-time opportunistic screening, then treatment (universal screening)	Targeted screening, then treatment			\$91,694–\$240,157/QALY, decreasing with age
						\$233,045/QALY for age 45 years
						\$273,812–\$888,746/QALY increasing with age
Gillett et al., 2015/U.K. (23)	Adults aged 40–74 years with preDM and undiagnosed T2D	Prescreening with a risk score, then screening with A1C test (cutoff of 6%)	No screening	Computer simulation (Sheffield T2D Model) of LEADER study cohort	Lifetime; 5%	\$2,088/QALY
	Adults aged 40–74 years with preDM and undiagnosed T2D	Prescreening with a risk score, then screening with FPG test (cutoff of 5.5 mmol)	No screening	Computer simulation (Sheffield T2D Model) of LEADER study cohort	Lifetime; 1.5%	\$4,301/QALY
Kahn et al., 2010/U.S. (24)	U.S. population without DM, mean age 30 years	T2D screening every 3 years starting at age 30 years	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$14,807/QALY
		T2D screening every 1 year starting at age 45 years	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$21,846/QALY
		T2D screening every 3 years starting at age 45 years	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$13,707/QALY
		T2D screening every 5 years starting at age 45 years	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$13,784/QALY
		T2D screening every 3 years starting at age 60 years	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$36,253/QALY
		T2D screening every 1 year following hypertension diagnosis	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$8,855/QALY
		T2D screening every 5 years following hypertension diagnosis	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$9,141/QALY
		T2D screening every 6 months starting at age 30 years	No screening	Computer simulation (Archimedes)	Lifetime; 3%	\$57,438/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Screening for and treating GDM						
Nicholson et al., 2005/U.S. (25)	30-year-old pregnant women 24–28 weeks' gestation	Sequential method (50-g GCT + 100-g GTT) 100-g GTT 100-g GTT	No screening or 75-g GTT No screening or 75-g GTT Sequential method	RCT	<1 year; 0%	Cost-saving Cost-saving \$44,704/QALY for maternal outcomes, \$11,430/QALY for neonatal outcomes
Werner et al., 2012/U.S. (26)	Simulated cohort of 100,000 pregnant women	Sequential method (50-g GCT at 24–28 weeks + 100-g GTT) [current practice]	No screening	Computer simulation (decision tree)	Lifetime; 3%	\$19,746/QALY
	Simulated cohort of 100,000 pregnant women	FPG at 1st prenatal visit + 75-g GTT at 24–28 weeks [practice proposed by IADPSG]	Sequential method (50-g GCT at 24–28 weeks + 100-g GTT) [current practice]	Computer simulation (decision tree)	Lifetime; 3%	\$24,060/QALY
Chen et al., 2016/ Singapore (27)	Pregnant women at risk for GDM	Universal GDM screening (75-g OGTT) among all pregnant women Targeted GDM screening	Targeted GDM screening among high risk women No screening	Computer simulation (decision tree) Computer simulation (decision tree)	<1 year; 3% <1 year; 3%	\$11,841/QALY \$10,047/QALY
Danyliv et al., 2016/Ireland (28)	Pregnant women at risk for GDM	75-g OGTT method in primary care setting, then treatment 75-g OGTT method in hospital setting, then treatment 75-g OGTT method in hospital setting, then treatment	No screening No screening	Computer simulation (decision tree) Computer simulation (decision tree) Computer simulation (decision tree)	Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving Cost-saving Cost-saving
Intensive glycemic control						
DCCT Research Group, 1996/ U.S. (29)	T1D	Intensive glycemic control through insulin management, self-monitoring, and outpatient visits. The goal was to achieve A1C level as normal as possible (6%)	Conventional therapy (less intensive)	DCCT multicenter RCT (n = 1,441)	Lifetime; 3%	\$64,516/QALY
Eastman et al., 1997/U.S. (30)	Newly diagnosed T2D	Intensive treatment targeting maintenance of A1C level at 7.2%	Standard antidiabetic treatment targeting A1C level at 10%	DCCT (n = 1,441)	Lifetime; 3%	\$22,098/QALY
Gray et al., 2000/ U.K. (31)	T2D	Intensive insulin therapy through multiple insulin injections A1C < 7%	Conventional management (mainly through diet) aiming at FPG < 15 mmol/L	UKPDS multicenter RCT (n = 5,120)	10 years; 6%	Cost-saving
Palmer et al., 2000/ Switzerland (32)	T1D	Intensive insulin therapy	Conventional insulin therapy	Literature review	Lifetime; 3%	\$59,182/LYG
Wake et al., 2000/ Japan (33)	T2D	Intensive insulin therapy through multiple insulin injections A1C < 7%	Conventional insulin therapy	Kumamoto study RCT (n = 110)	10 years; 3%	Cost-saving

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Table 1—Continued

Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Clarke et al., 2001/ U.K. (34)	Newly diagnosed T2D + overweight	Intensive blood glucose control with metformin aiming at FPG <6 mmol/L	Conventional treatment primarily with diet	UKPDS (n = 5,120)	Median 10.7 years; 6%	Cost-saving
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2002/U.S. (35)	Newly diagnosed T2D	Intensive glycemic control with insulin or sulfonlyurea aiming at FPG of 6 mmol/L	Conventional glucose control (mainly diet)	UKPDS (n = 5,120)	Lifetime; 3%	\$78,740/QALY; increasing rapidly with age at diagnosis: \$18,288/QALY for age 25–34 years; >\$127,000–\$3.9 million for age 55–94 years. Cost-saving under UKPDS cost scenario (no case management cost, much less self-testing, slightly fewer physician visits)
Scuffham and Carr, 2003/U.K. (36)	T1D	Continuous subcutaneous insulin intervention for persons using insulin pump	Multiple daily insulin injections	1 systematic review, 1 meta-analysis	8 years; 6%	\$12,954/QALY
Roze et al., 2005/ U.K. (37)	T1D	Continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion	Multiple daily insulin injections	DCCT (n = 1,441) mainly meta-analysis	60 years; 3%	\$23,495/QALY
Clarke et al., 2005/ U.K. (38)	Newly diagnosed T2D requiring insulin Newly diagnosed T2D + overweight	Intensive glycemic control with insulin or sulfonlyurea at FPG <6 mmol/L Intensive glycemic control with metformin	Conventional glucose control therapy (mainly diet) Conventional glucose control therapy (mainly diet)	UKPDS (n = 5,120)	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$4,318/QALY Cost-saving
Eddy et al., 2005/ U.S. (39)	Newly diagnosed T2D	Intensive DPP lifestyle with FPG >125 mmol/L; target: A1C level of 7%	Dietary advice	DPP (n = 3,234)	30 years; 3%	\$42,037/QALY
Cameron and Bennett, 2009/ Canada (40)	T1D and T2D	Insulin aspart	Regular human insulin	Computer simulation (Center for Outcomes Research Model)	35 and 60 years; 5%	Cost-saving Among T1D: Cost-saving Among T2D: \$28,261/QALY
		Insulin lispro	Regular human insulin	Computer simulation (Center for Outcomes Research Model)	35 and 60 years; 5%	Among T1D: \$36,440/QALY Among T2D: \$164,460/QALY
		Insulin glargine	Insulin neutral protamine hagedorn	Computer simulation (Center for Outcomes Research Model)	35 and 60 years; 5%	Among T1D: \$110,506/QALY Among T2D: \$808,061/QALY
		Insulin detemir	Insulin neutral protamine hagedorn	Computer simulation (Center for Outcomes Research Model)	35 and 60 years; 5%	Among T1D: \$487,266/QALY Among T2D: dominated (intervention was more costly, less effective)

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Table 1—Continued

Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Howard et al, 2010/Australia (41)	T2D aged ≥25 years Adults aged 50–69 years	Intensive glycemic control Screening for T2D + intensive glycemic control	Usual care Usual care	Markov computer simulation (AusDiab Study) Markov computer simulation (AusDiab Study)	Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving \$15,398/QALY
Klarenbach et al, 2011/Canada (42)	T2D inadequately controlled by metformin	Metformin + sulfonylureas Metformin + meglitinide Metformin + α-glucosidase inhibitor	Metformin alone Metformin + sulfonylurea Metformin + α-glucosidase inhibitor	Computer simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model) Computer simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model) Computer simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model)	Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5%	\$14,094/QALY Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome \$1,037,902/QALY
Gordon et al, 2017/U.K. (43)	Adults with T2D (mean age 73 years)	Metformin + TZD Metformin + DPP-4 inhibitor Metformin + basal insulin Metformin + biphasic insulin	Metformin + TZD Metformin + TZD Metformin + TZD	Computer simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model) Computer simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model) Computer simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model) Computer simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model)	Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5% Lifetime; 5%	\$5,106,028/QALY Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome
Simon et al, 2008/U.K. (44)	Adults with T2D (mean age 73 years)	Metformin + sulfonylurea Metformin + TZD	Metformin + DPP-4 inhibitor Metformin + DPP-4 inhibitor	Program evaluation/computer simulation (CORE Diabetes Model) Program evaluation/computer simulation (CORE Diabetes Model)	Lifetime; 3.5% Lifetime; 3.5%	\$30,264/QALY \$24,857/QALY
SMBG						
Simon et al, 2008/U.K. (44)	T2D, non-insulin treated	SMBG (less intensive) for 1 year SMBG (more intensive) for 1 year	Standard care Standard care	Trial Trial	1 year; no discounting 1 year; no discounting	Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Tunis and Minshali, 2008/ U.S. (45)	T2D treated with oral agents in a large HMO	SMBG 1×/day	No SMBG	Kaiser Permanente longitudinal study of cohort of “new antidiabetic drug users”	40 years; 3%	\$10,414/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	No SMBG		40 years; 3%	\$8,763/QALY
		SMBG 1×/day	No SMBG		5 years	\$30,734/QALY
					10 years	\$12,319/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	No SMBG		5 years	\$38,481/QALY
					10 years	\$686/QALY
Cameron et al., 2010/Canada (46)	T1D	SMBG	Standard care	Simulation (UKPDS Outcomes Model)	Lifetime; 5%	\$138,669/QALY
Pollock et al., 2010/ Switzerland (47)	T2D adults (mean age 63 years) on oral antidiabetics	SMBG 1×/day	Usual care	Computer simulation (CORE Diabetes Model)	30 years; 3%	\$10,341/QALY
		SMBG 2×/day	Usual care	Computer simulation (CORE Diabetes Model)	30 years; 3%	\$14,568/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	Usual care	Computer simulation (CORE Diabetes Model)	30 years; 3%	\$19,542/QALY
Tunis and Minshali, 2010/ U.S. (48)	T2D adults (mean age 60 years) on oral treatment	SMBG 1×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$36,916/QALY
		SMBG 2×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$26,160/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$35,828/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Tunis et al., 2010/ France, Germany, Italy, Spain (49)	T2D adults in France (mean age 63 years) on oral treatment	SMBG 1×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$22,405/QALY
		SMBG 2×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$11,619/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$14,719/QALY
		SMBG 1×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$3,020/QALY
		SMBG 2×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$3,651/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$9,331/QALY
		SMBG 1×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$23,478/QALY
		SMBG 2×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$22,072/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 3%	\$28,424/QALY
		SMBG 1×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 6%	\$6,771/QALY
		SMBG 2×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 6%	\$5,736/QALY
		SMBG 3×/day	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 6%	\$10,637/QALY
Tunis, 2011/ Canada (50)	T2D adults (mean age 60 years) not on insulin	Canadian Optimal Prescribing and Utilization Service (1.29 strips per day of self-monitored blood glucose)	No intervention	Computer simulation model	40 years; 5%	\$77,684/QALY
McQueen et al., 2015/Canada (51)	T1D adults (mean age 50 years) with baseline A1C 7.6%	Provision of SMBG device with price Can\$0.73 and a 10% error (exceeding accuracy requirements by ISO)	Provision of SMBG device with strip price Can\$0.60 and 15% error (accuracy meeting ISO)	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime and 3 years; 5%	Lifetime: \$130,820/QALY 3-year: cost-saving
Intensive hypertension control						
UKPDS Group, 1998/U.K. (52)	T2D + hypertension	Tight control of hypertension, BP <150/80 mmHg, ACEI, β-blocker, and other agents	Less tight control of BP (mmHg), initially <200/105, later 180/105	UKPDS (n = 5,120)	Lifetime; 6%	Cost-saving

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Elliot et al., 2000/ U.S. (53)	T2D, hypertension, initially free of CVD or ESRD	Reduction of BP to 130/85 mmHg	Reduction of BP to 140/ 90 mmHg	Meta-analysis of data from epidemiological studies and clinical trials	Lifetime; 3%	\$1,524/LYG Cost-saving Cost-saving
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2002/U.S. (35)	Treatment started at age 50 years Treatment started at age 60 years Treatment started at age 70 years	Intensified hypertension control (ACEI, β -blocker), average BP 144/ 82 mmHg	Moderate hypertension control, average BP 154/ 86 mmHg	UKPDS ($n = 5,120$)	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving
Clarke et al., 2005/ U.K. (38)	T2D + hypertension	Tight BP control BP <150/85 mmHg, ACEI (captopril) or β -blocker (atenolol)	Less tight control of BP (mmHg), initial <200/105, later <180/105	UKPDS ($n = 5,120$)	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$254/QALY
Ly et al., 2009/U.S. (54)	Newly diagnosed T2D and existing hypertension	Hypertension management program for 1 year	Standard care	Markov computer simulation model	1 year; costs discounted 3%	Cost-saving
		Hypertension management program for 3 years	Standard care	Markov computer simulation model	3 years; 3%	Cost-saving
		Hypertension management program for 5 years	Standard care	Markov computer simulation model	5 years; 3%	Cost-saving
Howard et al., 2010/Australia (41)	T2D (AusDiab)	ACEI treatment	Usual care	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving
Cholesterol control						
Herman et al., 1999/U.S. (55)	T2D + dyslipidemia + previous myocardial infarction or angina	Simvastatin	Placebo	RCT	5 years; 3% for cost, 0% for benefit	Cost-saving
Jönsson et al., 1999/European countries (56)	T2D + dyslipidemia + previous myocardial infarction or angina	Simvastatin	Placebo	RCT	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving—\$11,938/LYG in different countries. Median: \$3,556/LYG
Grover et al., 2000/Canada (57)	T2D + dyslipidemia + CVD history, adults aged ≥ 60 years	Simvastatin	Placebo	RCT	Lifetime; 5%	\$7,747—\$15,621/LYG increasing with pretreatment of LDL cholesterol level. More cost-effective for men than women

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2002/U.S. (35)	T2D + dyslipidemia, no CVD history	Pravastatin	Placebo	RCT	Lifetime; 3%	\$98,806/QALY
Raikou et al., 2007/U.K. and Ireland (58)	T2D, no CVD history, no elevated LDL cholesterol, ≥ 1 CVD risk factor (retinopathy, microalbuminuria or macroalbuminuria, current smoking, or hypertension)	Atorvastatin	Placebo	RCT	Lifetime; 3%	\$4,445/QALY
Sorensen et al., 2009/U.S. (59)	T2D adults (mean age 60 years) with T2D and mixed dyslipidemia	Maintaining lipid levels without particular targets, including through combination therapy as recommended by National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III guidelines	Usual care	Computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	\$67,873/QALY \$70,291/CHD event avoided
de Vries et al., 2014/the Netherlands (60)	T2D (mean age 61.3 years)	Statin treatment started at time of T2D diagnosis	No lipid-regulating treatment	Markov computer simulation model	10 years; costs discounted 4%, benefits discounted 1.5%	\$3,294/QALY (<45 years: \$84,012/QALY; ages 45–55: \$12,174/QALY; 55–65 years: \$3,640/QALY)
Smoking cessation						
Earnshaw et al., 2002/U.S. (61)	Newly diagnosed T2D + smoker, aged 25–84 years Aged 85–94 years	Smoking cessation, standard antidiabetic care	Standard antidiabetic care		Lifetime; 3%	<\$31,750/QALY \$114,046/QALY
Educational/DSME program						
Gozzoli et al., 2001/Switzerland (62)	T2D	Standard antidiabetic care plus educational program, self-monitoring, recommendations on diet and exercise, self-management of diabetes and complications, general health education	Standard antidiabetic care	Literature review	Lifetime; 3%	\$5,080/LYG
Shearer et al., 2004/Germany (63)	T1D	Structured treatment and teaching program: educational course of training to self-manage diabetes and enjoy dietary freedom	Usual care (daily insulin injection)	RCT	Lifetime; 6%	Cost-saving

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison (baseline)	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Brownson et al., 2009/U.S. (64)	Hispanic and African American adults with T2D; insured and uninsured	DM self-management program (DSME classes, walking clubs, group visits/ classes, weekly phone follow-up, one-on-one self-management sessions, mental health services) provided by health care providers, community health educators, nurses in real-world setting for 3–4 years	No intervention (baseline treatment)	Simulation model using the CDC-RTI Diabetes Cost-Effectiveness Model	Lifetime (100 years max); 3%	\$55,726/QALY
Gillett et al., 2010/ U.K. (65)	Newly diagnosed T2D	DSME focused on lifestyle factors (diet + physical activity), facilitated by registered health care professionals trained as educators, 1 year	Standard care	Trial and computer simulation	Lifetime; 3.5%	Real-world cost data: \$5,047/QALY Trial data: \$12,994/QALY
Gillespie et al., 2014/Ireland (66)	T1D	Dose Adjustment for Normal Eating (DAFNE) program for 18 months; group-based structured education sessions on insulin dose adjustment, carbohydrate estimation, and hypoglycemia management	Usual care	Cluster randomized trial	18 months; no discounting	Cost-saving
Kruger et al., 2013/ U.K. (67)	Simulated cohort of patients with existing T1D (mean age 40 years)	Dose Adjustment for Normal Eating (DAFNE), a 5-day structured education program (flexible insulin therapy and insulin doses to match carbohydrate intake), delivered in groups of 6–8	No intervention	Trial/Sheffield T1D Policy Simulation Model	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$26,054/QALY
Gordon et al., 2014/Australia (68)	T2D adults	24-week educational advice and feedback on DM self-management provided via weekly telephone calls + DM kit with handbook, glucose meter, test strips, cell phone	Standard care	Markov computer simulation model	5 years; 5%	Cost-saving
Prezio et al., 2014/ U.S. (69)	Uninsured Mexican American adults with T2D	One-to-one culturally tailored diabetes education and management program	Usual care	Computer simulation model	20 years; 3%	5-year duration: \$114,354/QALY 10-year duration: \$44,199/QALY 20-year duration: \$405/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Ryabov, 2014/U.S. (70)	Mexican American adults with T2D	Educational program following the National DPP and led by community health workers (monthly 40–60-min visits for 2 years)	Usual care	Computer simulation model	5, 10, 20 years and lifetime; 3%	\$17,964/QALY
Varney et al., 2016/Australia (71)	Adults (mean age 60 years) with poorly controlled T2D	Monthly tele-coaching by dietician to address lifestyle modification, treatment adherence, goal setting, barriers to change	Usual care	Computer simulation model (UKPDS Outcomes Model)	10 years; 5%	Cost-saving
Odnoletkova et al., 2016/Belgium (72)	T2D on glucose-lowering medication therapy	Telephone counseling intervention (SMBG, lifestyle, medications) delivered by diabetes nurse educators and consisting of five 30-min phone sessions over 6 months	Usual care	Markov computer simulation model	40 years; costs discounted 3%, benefits discounted 1.5%	\$8,238/QALY
Screening for and preventing diabetes complications						
<i>Cardiovascular disease</i>						
Li et al., 2010/U.S. (73)	T2D	Daily use of aspirin (80 mg)	No aspirin use	Computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	\$7,646/LYG \$2,395/QALY
van Giessen et al., 2016/the Netherlands (74)	T2D on oral drugs only and without previous diagnosis of heart failure	Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms	No screening	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; costs discounted 4%, benefits discounted 1.5%	Men: \$10,078/QALY Women: \$10,413/QALY
		Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms and physical exam	Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; costs discounted 4%, benefits discounted 1.5%	Intervention associated with higher cost and worse outcome

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
		Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms and physical exam and natriuretic peptide	Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; costs discounted 4%, benefits discounted 1.5%	Intervention associated with higher cost and worse outcome
		Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms and physical exam and natriuretic peptide and ECG	Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; costs discounted 4%, benefits discounted 1.5%	Intervention associated with higher cost and worse outcome
		Screening for heart failure via ECG	Screening for heart failure via EMR symptoms	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; costs discounted 4%, benefits discounted 1.5%	Men: \$47,963/QALY Women: \$64,818/QALY
<i>Eye complications</i>						
Javitt et al., 1994/ U.S. (75)	Newly diagnosed T2D	Eight strategies for eye screening with dilation: screening every 1, 2, 3, or 4 years and more frequent follow-up screening for diabetes patients with background retinopathy	No screening	Cross-sectional/ longitudinal studies	Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving (all 8 strategies)
Javitt and Aiello, 1996/U.S. (76)	Newly diagnosed T1D and T2D T1D T2D	Annual eye screening with dilation for all patients with diabetes but no retinopathy Examination every 6 months for those with retinopathy	Eye screening in 60% of diabetes patients	Cross-sectional/ longitudinal studies	Lifetime; 5%	\$8,763/QALY \$5,461/QALY \$8,763/QALY
Palmer et al., 2000/ Switzerland (32)	T1D	Annual eye screening and treatment, conventional insulin therapy	Conventional insulin therapy	Literature review	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Vijan et al., 2000/ U.S. (77)	T2D	Eye screening for diabetes patients every 5 years; subsequent annual screening for those with background retinopathy Eye screening for diabetes patients every 3 years; subsequent annual screening for those with background retinopathy Eye screening for diabetes patients every 2 years; subsequent annual screening for those with background retinopathy Eye screening for diabetes patients annually; subsequent annual screening for those with background retinopathy Eye screening for diabetes patients every 3 years Eye screening for diabetes patients every 2 years Annual eye screening for diabetes patients	No screening No screening No screening No screening	Epidemiological studies	Lifetime; 3%	\$29,845/QALY \$34,290/QALY \$38,989/QALY \$50,165/QALY \$41,656/QALY \$68,580/QALY \$148,336/QALY
Maberley et al., 2003/Canada (78)	T1D and T2D	Screening using digital camera, with immediate assessment of quality or electronically transferred to a remote reading center	Retina specialists visit Moose Factory every 6 months to examine people with diabetes, and patients in outlying communities are flown to Moose Factory, Canada		10 years; 5%	Cost-saving

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Kirkizlar et al., 2013/U.S. (79)	DM and diabetic retinopathy	Telemedicine for the screening of diabetic retinopathy	Usual care (diabetic retinopathy screening by an eye care professional)	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	Patient pool size: 3,000: \$61,124/QALY 3,500: \$53,013/QALY 4,000: \$46,929/QALY 6,000: \$32,735/QALY 9,000: \$23,273/QALY Age (years): <30: −\$16,313 (cost-saving) 30–39: −\$12,599 (cost-saving) 40–49: −\$7,320 (cost-saving) 50–59: \$8,248 60–69: \$16,800 70–79: \$39,395 80–89: \$87,975 90–99: \$105,371 Race: Black or African American: \$20,322 Native American: −\$5,550 White: \$24,779 Unanswered: \$25,751
Chan et al., 2015/Hong Kong (80)	Adults with DM	Annual screening and treatment for intermediate age-related macular degeneration	No screening	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime (100 years max); 3%	\$16,027/QALY
Kawasaki et al., 2015/Japan (81)	Adults with DM	Screening for diabetic retinopathy by ophthalmologists using dilated fundus examinations	No screening	Markov computer simulation model	50 year; 3%	\$13,533/QALY
Scanlon et al., 2015/U.K. (82)	DM	DR screening every 6 months	Annual DR screening	Decision-analytic model	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$502,666/QALY
		Annual DR screening	DR screening every 2 years	Decision-analytic model	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$170,900/QALY
		DR screening every 2 years	DR screening every 3 years	Decision-analytic model	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$79,599/QALY
		DR screening every 3 years	DR screening every 5 years	Decision-analytic model	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$45,574/QALY
Nguyen et al., 2017/Singapore (83)	T2D and diabetic retinopathy	Telemedicine-based DR screening program, with real-time assessment of DR photographs by a centralized team supported by tele-ophthalmology IT infrastructure	Usual care (family physician assessment of DR)	Computer simulation model (decision tree and Markov)	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Scotland et al., 2016/Scotland (84)	T1D and T2D	Annual DR screening for those with no or mild retinopathy and biannual screening for observable retinopathy/maculopathy	Screening at 2-year intervals for those with no DR at two consecutive screening episodes	Markov computer simulation model (continuous-time hidden)	30 years; 3.5%	\$404,733/QALY
		Screening at 2-year interval for those observed with no DR at two consecutive screening episodes	Screening at 2-year interval for those with no DR and no DR previously recorded	Markov computer simulation model (continuous-time hidden)	30 years; 3.5%	\$836,344/QALY
		Screening at 2-year interval for those with no DR and no DR previously recorded	Screening at 2-year interval for those with no DR	Markov computer simulation model (continuous-time hidden)	30 years; 3.5%	\$128,865/QALY
van Katwyk et al., 2017/Canada (85)	Existing DM	DR screening by optometrists are publicly insured	Usual care (DR screening by primary care physician or referral to ophthalmologists are publicly insured)	Computer simulation probabilistic decision-analytic model	30 years; 5%	\$1,399/QALY
Foot ulcers						
Ragnarson Tennvall and Apelqvist, 2001/Sweden (86)	T1D and T2D, moderate to high risk (previous foot ulcer/ amputation, neuropathy)	Optimal prevention of foot ulcer including foot inspection, appropriate footwear, treatment, and education	Usual care	Clinical and epidemiological data	5 years; 0%	Cost-saving
Ortigon et al., 2004/the Netherlands (87)	Low risk (no specific risk factor)	Intensive glycemic control + optimal foot care	Standard care	Trial	Lifetime; 3%	>\$127,000/QALY
End-stage renal disease						
Borch-Johnsen et al., 1993/Germany (88)	T1D	Annual screening for microalbuminuria at 5 years after diabetes onset + ACEI treatment	Treatment of macroalbuminuria	Cohort	30 years; 6%	Cost-saving
Kibberd and Jindal, 1995/Canada (89)	T1D	Screening for microalbuminuria + ACEI treatment	Treatment of hypertension and/or macroproteinuria	Clinical trial	Lifetime; 5%	\$74,168/QALY
Golan et al., 1999/ U.S. (90)	Newly diagnosed T2D	Treat patients with new diagnosis with ACEI	Screening for macroalbuminuria and treatment with ACEI	RCT	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving
		Screening for microalbuminuria and treatment with ACEI	Screening for macroalbuminuria and treatment with ACEI			Cost-saving
		Treat patients with new diagnosis with ACEI	Screening for microalbuminuria and treatment with ACEI			\$13,843/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Clark et al., 2000/ Canada (91)	T1D	Province or territory paying for ACEI	Pay from out of pocket	Collaborative observational study using admin data base	21 years; 5%	Cost-saving
Palmer et al., 2000/ Switzerland (32)	T1D, high cholesterol, high systolic BP	Microalbuminuria monitoring, ACE treatment, conventional insulin therapy	Conventional insulin therapy	Literature review	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving
Palmer et al., 2003/Belgium, France (92)	T2D + macroalbuminuria + hypertension	Irbesartan	Standard therapy for hypertension	RCT	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving
Souchet et al., 2003/France (93)	T2D + nephropathy	Losartan	Placebo	Trial	4 years; costs discounted 8%, benefits not discounted	Cost-saving
Dong et al., 2004/ U.S. (94)	T1D	ACEI treatment starting at 1 year after diagnosis	Annual screening for microalbuminuria ACE treatment	Trial	Lifetime; 3%	\$48,260/QALY, increased with lowering A1C level, at A1C level 9%, <\$31,750/QALY
Palmer et al., 2004/U.K. (95)	T2D + hypertension + nephropathy	Irbesartan	Standard therapy for hypertension	RCT	10 years; 6% for costs, 1.5% for benefits	Cost-saving
Palmer et al., 2004/U.S. (96)	T2D + hypertension + microalbuminuria	Irbesartan	Standard therapy for hypertension	RCT	25 years; 3%	Cost-saving
Szucs et al., 2004/ Switzerland (97)	T2D + nephropathy	Losartan	Placebo	Trial	3.5 years; 0%	Cost-saving
Palmer et al., 2005/Spain (98)	T2D + microalbuminuria + hypertension	Irbesartan	Standard therapy for hypertension, no ACEI, AIIRA, or β -blockers	RCT	25 years; 3%	Cost-saving
Rosen et al., 2005/ U.S. (99)	Medicare population (T1D and T2D)	Medicare full payment for ACEI (target: ACEI use increased by at least 7.2%)	Pay from out of pocket	RCT	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving
Coyle et al., 2007/ Canada (100)	T2D + hypertension + macronephropathy + micronephropathy	Irbesartan added at stage of microalbuminuria	Conventional treatment for diabetes and hypertension, no ACEI or AIIRAs	RCT	Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving
Palmer et al., 2007/ Hungary (101)	T2D + microalbuminuria	Adding irbesartan	Placebo + standard therapy for hypertension	RCT	25 years; 5%	Cost-saving

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Palmer et al., 2007/ U.K. (102)	T2D + hypertension + microalbuminuria	<p>Irbesartan</p> <p>Irbesartan added at stage of overt nephropathy</p> <p>Irbesartan added at stage of microalbuminuria</p>	<p>Standard therapy for hypertension</p> <p>Conventional treatment for diabetes and hypertension</p> <p>Irbesartan added at stage of overt nephropathy</p>	RCT	25 years; 3.5%	<p>Cost-saving</p> <p>Cost-saving</p> <p>Cost-saving</p>
Howard et al., 2010/ Australia (41)	Individuals aged 50–69 years with T2D from the AusDiab study	Screening for proteinuria + addition of an ACEI	Usual care	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 5%	\$5,310/QALY
Comprehensive interventions						
Palmer et al., 2000/ Switzerland (32)	T1D	<p>Conventional glycemic control + ACEI therapy + eye screening and treatment</p> <p>Intensive insulin therapy + ACEI therapy</p> <p>Intensive insulin therapy + eye screening</p> <p>Intensive insulin therapy + ACEI therapy + eye screening</p>	<p>Conventional glycemic control</p> <p>Intensive insulin therapy</p> <p>Intensive insulin therapy</p> <p>Intensive insulin therapy</p>		Lifetime; 3%	<p>Cost-saving</p> <p>\$59,055/LYG</p> <p>\$64,262/LYG</p> <p>\$63,246/LYG</p>
Gozzoli et al., 2001/ Switzerland (62)	T2D	<p>Added education program, nephropathy screening, and ACEI therapy to standard antidiabetic care</p> <p>Added education program, nephropathy screening, ACEI therapy, and retinopathy screening and laser therapy to standard antidiabetic care</p> <p>Multifactorial intervention included educational program, screening for nephropathy and retinopathy, control of CVD risk factors, early diagnosis and treatment of complications, and health education</p>	<p>Standard antidiabetic care</p> <p>Standard antidiabetic care</p> <p>Standard antidiabetic care</p>		Lifetime; 0%, 3%	<p>Cost-saving</p> <p>Cost-saving</p> <p>Cost-saving</p>

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Gaede et al., 2008/ Denmark (103)	T2D and microalbuminuria (mean age 55 years)	Intensive treatment for 7.8 years (stepwise implementation of behavior modification and pharmacologic therapy targeting hyperglycemia, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and microalbuminuria, and 2° prevention of CVD with aspirin)	Standard care	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	\$4,629/QALY \$7,162/LYG
Tasosa et al., 2010/ U.S. (104)	Newly diagnosed T2D, African American adults	Aggressive hypertension control with ACEI or β-blocker, glycemic control with insulin or sulfonylurea, hyperlipidemia treatment based on pravastatin and four physician visits with blood/lipid/biochemical profiles	Usual care	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	\$33,912/QALY
	Newly diagnosed T2D	Aggressive hypertension control with ACEI or β-blocker, glycemic control with insulin or sulfonylurea, hyperlipidemia treatment based on pravastatin and four physician visits with blood/lipid/biochemical profiles	Usual care	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	\$51,587/QALY
Giorda et al., 2014/ Italy (105)	T2D	Physician-led 5-year quality-of-care scheme to improve A1C, BP, lipids, and BMI	Standard care	Computer simulation model	50 years; 3%	Cost-saving
Laxy et al., 2017/ U.K. (106)	Newly diagnosed T2D (mean age 61.5 years) from ADDITION-UK	Intensive lifestyle changes and medication adherence, delivered by a specialist team of doctors, nurses, dietitians (2 years)	Usual care	Trial/UKPDS Outcomes model	10, 20, and 30 years; 3.5%	10-year: \$98,613/QALY 20-year: \$39,378/QALY 30-year: \$38,139/QALY
Integrated and coordinated care						
<i>Coordinated care</i>						
Mason et al., 2005/ England (107)	T2D + hypertension	Policy to implement clinics led by specialist nurses to treat and control hypertension through consultation, medication review, condition assessment, and lifestyle advice	Usual care	RCT	Lifetime; 5%	\$6,096/QALY
	Diagnosed diabetes + dyslipidemia	Policy to implement clinics led by specialist nurses to treat and control hyperlipidemia by usual care	Usual care			\$29,972/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Gilmer et al., 2007/ U.S. (108)	Diabetics, 48% Latinos, uninsured population	Culturally sensitive case management and self-management training program led by bilingual/bicultural medical assistant and registered dietitian stepped-care pharmacologic management of glucose and lipid levels and hypertension	Standard care	Cohort study	40 years; 3%	\$15,240/QALY
McRae et al., 2008/ Australia (109)	T2D	Integrated care program whereby GPs serve as case manager and program facilitates case management via provision of info and education to GPs (5 years)	Usual care	Computer simulation model	40 years; 5%	Men: \$9,058/LYG Women: \$10,871/QALE
Schouten et al., 2010/ the Netherlands (110)	Existing T2D	Integrated diabetes care with teams of 5–6 providers that attended learning sessions in quality-improvement techniques and diabetes care, and access to endocrinologists and diabetes educators for patients unresponsive to treatment or with difficult-to-manage diabetes.	Usual care	Computer simulation model (Dutch diabetes model)	Lifetime; costs discounted at 4.5%; benefits discounted at 1.5%	Men: \$11,806/QALY Women: \$13,474/QALY
Kuo et al., 2011/ U.S. (111)	T2D patients at U.S. Air Force base	Diabetes management using the Chronic Care Model for 3 years	Usual care	Markov computer simulation model	20 years; 3%	\$55,465/QALY
Haji et al., 2013/ Australia (112)	T2D	High level of practice nurse involvement in T2D management in primary care setting	Low level of practice nurse involvement in T2D management in primary care setting	Computer simulation model (UKPDS Outcomes Model)	40 years; 5%	Cost-saving
Slingerland et al., 2013/ the Netherlands (113)	T2D + A1C < 7%	Patient-centered medical care in which patients receive detailed “diabetes passports” based on national guidelines for 1 year	Usual care	Trial	Lifetime; costs discounted 3%	Intervention was associated with higher costs and fewer QALYs
	T2D + A1C 7–8.5%	Patient-centered medical care in which patients receive detailed “diabetes passports” based on national guidelines for 1 year	Usual care	Trial	Lifetime	\$23,764/QALY
	T2D + A1C > 8.5%	Patient-centered medical care in which patients receive detailed “diabetes passports” based on national guidelines for 1 year	Usual care	Trial	Lifetime; costs discounted 3%	\$7,622/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Yu et al., 2013/U.S. (114)	Existing T2D + A1C >7%	Addition of a pharmacist to patient's care (prescribed/adjusted medications, ordered laboratory work, ordered/administered immunizations, provided DM self-management education, and worked to optimize overall glycemic and cardiovascular care of patients)	Usual care (primary care physician only)	Markov computer simulation model	10 years; costs discounted 3%, benefits discounted 5%	Cost-saving
Tsiachristas et al., 2014/the Netherlands (115)	T2D and Charlson comorbidity index 2.22	DM management program consisting of personal coaching and motivational interviewing	DM management program consisting of lifestyle interventions, periodic discussion sessions between providers and patients	Program evaluation	Not reported	Cost-saving
Wilson et al., 2014/U.K. (116)	T2D	Intermediate care clinics for diabetes, in which diabetes specialist nurses worked closely with hospital-based specialist teams and community services (podiatry and dietetic services) to manage patients until risk factor control was achieved (18 months max)	Usual care	Trial	18 months; no discounting	\$13,552/QALY
Tao et al., 2015/U.K. (117)	Adults with screen-detected T2D	Intensive DM care (more frequent provider contact, interactive audit and feedback sessions, theory-based education materials, dietitian referrals, group programs)	Usual care	Computer simulation model	30 years; 3.5%	\$70,649/QALY
Hirsch et al., 2017/U.S. (118)	T2D + complications (average of 8 comorbidities)	Obtaining care in an endocrinologist-pharmacist collaborative practice (3 personalized 60-min visits over 6 months)	Usual PCP visits	Program evaluation; Archimedes computer simulation model (VA Health System)	2, 5, and 10 years; 3%	Cost-saving
Cobden et al., 2010/U.S. (119)	Medicare adults with T2D and preexisting complications	Injectable insulin (human or analog), without adherence Injectable insulin (human or analog insulin), with adjustments for adherence	Oral medications (metformin +/- sulfonylurea or TZD) without adherence Oral medications (metformin +/- sulfonylurea or TZD), with adjustments for adherence	Markov computer simulation model Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime (35 years max); 3% Lifetime (35 years max); 3%	\$15,251/QALY \$20,476/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
<i>Decision support</i>						
Cleveringa et al., 2010/the Netherlands (120)	T2D	Diabetes care protocol, consisting of a diabetes consultation hour run by a practice nurse, a CDSS diagnostic and treatment algorithm based on Dutch T2D guidelines, a recall system, and a feedback at both practice and patient level every 3 months	Usual care	Computer microsimulation model	Lifetime; costs discounted 4%, benefits discounted 1.5%	\$73,253/QALY \$19,360/LYG
O'Reilly et al., 2012/Canada (121)	T2D	Computerized decision support system linked to EMR, shared between patients and physicians	Usual care	Computer simulation model (Ontario Diabetes Economic Model)	40 years; 5%	\$190,417/QALY \$185,831/LYG
Olvey, 2014/U.S. (122)	DM and hypertension or high cholesterol	Patients spoke by phone to a Medication Management Center pharmacist who discussed ACEI/ARB and statin guidelines, and potential addition of those treatments based on final recommendation by the patient's physician	Patients received a letter listing current prescription info and advising to discuss treatments with their physician	Computer simulation model (decision tree and Monte Carlo)	5 years; costs discounted 5%, benefits discounted 2.5%	\$5,710/5-year treatment success
<i>Peer support</i>						
Gillespie et al., 2012/Ireland (123)	T2D	Group-based peer support in addition to standardized diabetes care for 2 years	Standard care	Computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3.5%	Cost-saving
Treatment of diabetes-related complications						
<i>Cardiovascular disease</i>						
Hlatky et al., 2009/ U.S., Canada, Brazil, Mexico, Czech Republic, Austria (124)	T2D and CHD	Prompt coronary revascularization combined with intensive medical management for 4 years CABG with intensive medical management Patients taking metformin or rosiglitazone or both for 4 years	Intensive medical management, with coronary revascularization at a later date if clinically indicated Intensive medical management, with coronary revascularization at a later date if clinically indicated Patients on insulin or sulfonylurea or both	Trial Trial Trial	Lifetime; costs discounted 3% Lifetime; costs discounted 3% Lifetime; costs discounted 3%	Within trial: control dominant (Lifetime: \$810/LYG) Within trial: control dominant Lifetime: \$63,401/LYG Within trial: \$395,245/QALY Lifetime: \$70,146/LYG

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
<i>Eye complications</i>						
Sharma et al., 2001/U.S. (125)	Diabetic retinopathy (HMO)	Immediate vitrectomy for management of vitreous hemorrhage secondary to diabetic retinopathy	Deferral of vitrectomy	DRVS	Lifetime; 6%	\$3,683/QALY
Mitchell et al., 2012/U.K. (126)	Existing DM and DME	Ranibizumab monotherapy	Laser photocoagulation	Markov computer simulation model (RESTORE Study)	15 years; 3.5%	\$45,264/QALY
Hutton et al., 2017/U.S. (127)	DM and proliferative diabetic retinopathy, with and without DME	Ranibizumab (0.5 mg)	Laser photocoagulation	Trial	2 years; no discounting	With DME: \$56,752/QALY Without DME: \$677,108/QALY
<i>Foot ulcers</i>						
Habacher et al., 2007/Austria (128)	Newly diagnosed diabetic foot ulcer	Intensified treatment by international consensus on diabetic foot care	Standard treatment	Retrospective of patient records	15 years; 0–8%	Cost-saving
O'Connor et al., 2008/U.S. (129)	DM and painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy	Duloxetine 60 mg 1×/day	Desipramine 100 mg 1×/day	Computer simulation model (decision tree)	3 months; no discounting	\$67,188/QALY
		Pregabalin 100 mg 1×/day	Desipramine 100 mg 1×/day	Computer simulation model (decision tree)	3 months; no discounting	Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome
		Gabapentin 800 mg 1×/day	Desipramine 100 mg 1×/day	Computer simulation model (decision tree)	3 months; no discounting	Intervention associated with higher cost, worse outcome
Cheng et al., 2017/ Australia (130)	Simulated cohort of existing DM and at high risk of developing foot ulcers	Optimal care for foot ulcers and patient education	Usual care	Markov computer simulation model	5 years; 5%	Cost-saving
Addressing diabetes comorbidities						
<i>Obesity</i>						
Anselmino et al., 2009/Austria, Italy, Spain (131)	T2D and BMI >35 kg/m ²	Gastric banding surgery	Usual care	Computer simulation model (deterministic linear algorithm)	5 years; 3.5%	Austria: (–\$5,027)/QALY, cost-saving Italy: (–\$1,945)/QALY cost-saving Spain: \$2,558/QALY
		Gastric bypass surgery	Usual care	Computer simulation model (deterministic linear algorithm)	5 years; 3.5%	Austria: (–\$2,542)/QALY, cost-saving Italy: (–\$2,189)/QALY, cost-saving Spain: \$4,680/QALY

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Ikrumuddin et al., 2009/U.S. (132)	T2D and obesity	Gastric bypass surgery	Standard medical management	Computer simulation model (CORE Diabetes Model)	35 years; 3%	\$29,641/QALY \$40,032/LYG
Keating et al., 2009/Australia (133)	T2D and obesity (class I and II)	Gastric band surgery + conventional therapy for 2 years	Conventional therapy for 2 years	Computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	Cost-saving
Hoerger et al., 2010/U.S. (134)	Newly diagnosed or existing T2D and BMI ≥ 35 kg/m ²	Gastric bypass/gastric banding surgery	Standard care	Computer simulation model	Lifetime; 3%	For newly diagnosed DM: \$10,254/QALY for gastric bypass \$16,115/QALY for gastric banding For existing DM: \$17,580/QALY for gastric bypass \$19,045/QALY for gastric banding
Pollock et al., 2013/U.K. (135)	T2D and obesity	Gastric banding surgery	Standard care	Computer simulation model (CORE Diabetes Model)	40 years; 3.5%	\$6,785/QALY
Borisenko et al., 2015/Sweden (136)	T2D and obesity	Bariatric surgery	No surgery	Decision-analytic model using Markov processes	Lifetime; 3%	Bariatric surgery becomes cost-effective after 2 years (\$39,604/QALY) and cost-saving after 17 years
James et al., 2017/Australia (137)	Simulated cohort of 30-year-old Australian females with T2D and obesity	Gastric banding surgery	Usual care (pharmacotherapy, diet, exercise management)	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving
		Gastric bypass surgery	Usual care (pharmacotherapy, diet, exercise management)	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving
		Sleeve gastrectomy surgery	Usual care (pharmacotherapy, diet, exercise management)	Markov computer simulation model	Lifetime; 5%	Cost-saving
Wentworth et al., 2017/U.S. (138)	T2D and overweight	Gastric banding surgery	Usual care	Computer simulation model (UKPDS Outcomes Model)	2 and 10 years; 3%	Within 2-year trial: \$100,050/QALY 5-year simulation: \$55,120/QALY 10-year simulation: \$30,747/QALY 15-year simulation: \$23,320/QALY
<i>Mental health</i>						
Katon et al., 2006/U.S. (139)	Depression + poorly controlled DM or CHD	Multicondition collaborative treatment program led by a physician-supervised registered nurse and including patient education to promote self-care for 2 years (TEAMCare)	Usual care	Trial	NA	Cost-saving

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Source (author, year/country)	Study population	Intervention	Comparison	Study method	Time horizon; discount rate	ICER (in 2017 US\$)
Johnson et al., 2016/Canada (140)	T2D + depressive symptoms (PHQ \geq 10)	Screening for depression + enhanced care (follow-up with family physician) Screening for depression + coordinated, collaborative care led by a nurse care manager, in consultation with psychiatrists/endocrinologists (adapted TEAMCare)	Usual care	Trial	1 year; no discounting	\$91,270/QALY
		Screening for depression + coordinated, collaborative care led by a nurse care manager, in consultation with psychiatrists/endocrinologists (adapted TEAMCare)	Usual care	Trial	1 year; no discounting	\$29,160/QALY
		Screening for depression + coordinated, collaborative care led by a nurse care manager, in consultation with psychiatrists/endocrinologists (adapted TEAMCare)	Screening for depression + enhanced care (follow-up with family physician)	Trial	1 year; no discounting	\$18,980/QALY
Kearns et al., 2017/ U.K. (141)	Simulated cohort of existing T2D	Collaborative care	Usual care	Computer simulation (discrete event)	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$18,814/QALY
		Improved opportunistic screening for depression	Usual care	Computer simulation (discrete event)	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$111,180/QALY
		Collaborative care + improved opportunistic screening for depression	Usual care	Computer simulation (discrete event)	Lifetime; 3.5%	\$65,201/QALY
<i>Sleep apnea</i>						
Guest et al., 2014/ U.K. (142)	T2D with obstructive sleep apnea	Treatment with CPAP for 5 years	Standard care	Program evaluation/ trial	5 years; no discounting	\$27,750/QALY

A1C, hemoglobin A_{1c} test; AIIRA, angiotensin II receptor antagonist; AusDiab, Australian Diabetes, Obesity, and Lifestyle Study; BP, blood pressure; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; CDSS, clinical decision support system; CHD, coronary heart disease; DCCT, Diabetes Control and Complications Trial; DRVS, Diabetic Retinopathy Vitrectomy Study; ECG, electrocardiogram; EMR, electronic medical record; FPG, fasting plasma glucose; DM, diabetes; DME, diabetic macular edema; DPP, Diabetes Prevention Program; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase 4; DR, diabetic retinopathy; GCT, glucose challenge test; GDM, gestational diabetes mellitus; GP, general practitioner; GTT, glucose tolerance test; HMO, health maintenance organization; IADPSB, International Association of the Diabetes and Pregnancy Study Groups; ISO, International Organization for Standardization; IT, information technology; LEADER, Liraglutide Effect and Action in Diabetes: Evaluation of Cardiovascular Outcome Results; max, maximum; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; PHQ, patient health questionnaire; preDM, prediabetes; QALE, quality-adjusted life expectancy; RCT, randomized controlled trial; T2D, thiazolidinedione; UKPDS, UK Prospective Diabetes Study.

Table 2—Summary of the CE studies by intervention (U.S. and non-U.S. high-income country studies)

Intervention	Comparison	Intervention population	Level of recommendation by ADA	Range of the CE ratios	Median of the CE ratios (no. of studies)	CE based on previous review (no. of studies)
Strong evidence						
<i>Cost-saving</i>						
ACEI/ARB therapy for intensive hypertension control	Standard hypertension control	T2D with hypertension	A	Cost-saving–\$254/QALY	Cost-saving (6)	Cost-saving (4)
ACEI/ARB therapy to prevent CKD and/or ESRD	No ACEI/ARB therapy	T2D	A	Cost-saving–\$5,310/QALY	Cost-saving (11)	Cost-saving (11)
Comprehensive foot care and patient education to prevent and treat foot ulcers	Usual care	DM and moderate/high risk of developing foot ulcers	B	Cost-saving	Cost-saving (3)	Cost-saving (2)
Telemedicine for DR screening	Office screening for DR	DM	B	Cost-saving–\$7,781/QALY	Cost-saving (4)	New finding (previously only supportive evidence)
Bariatric surgery	No bariatric surgery	T2D and obesity	A	Cost-saving–\$29,641/QALY	Cost-saving (7)	New finding
<i>Very cost-effective</i>						
Intensive glycemic control	Conventional glycemic control	T2D, newly diagnosed and young age	A	Cost-saving–\$78,740	\$4,318/QALY (6)	\$4,318/QALY (6)
Multicomponent interventions (behavior change/education and pharma therapy targeting hyperglycemia, hypertension, dyslipidemia, microalbuminuria, nephropathy/retinopathy, 2° prevention of CVD with aspirin)	Usual care	T1D/T2D	A: behavior modification A: aspirin A: risk factor control B: pharma therapy B: education	Cost-saving–\$58,587/QALY	\$2,315/QALY (6)	Cost-saving (2)
Statin therapy	No statin therapy	T2D with hyperlipidemia + CVD history	A	Cost-saving–\$15,621/LYG	\$4,627/LYG (4)	Very cost-effective (3)
Diabetes self-management education	Usual care	T1D/T2D	B	Cost-saving–\$55,726/QALY	\$5,047/QALY (11)	Cost-saving, supportive evidence (2)
T2D screening every 3 years starting at age 45 years (as recommended by ADA)	No screening	U.S. population without DM	B	\$2,088–\$13,707/QALY	\$7,898/QALY (2)	Very cost-effective (1)
T2D screening every 1 year starting at age 45 years	T2D screening every 3 years starting at age 45 years	U.S. population without DM	B	\$8,139/QALY	\$8,139/QALY (2)	Very cost-effective (1)
Screening for eye complications every 1–2 years (as recommended by ADA)	No screening	T1D/T2D	B	Cost-saving–\$50,165/QALY	\$8,763/QALY (7)	Very cost-effective (5)
Integrated, patient-centered care (high level of nurse/pharmacist involvement) and based on Chronic Care Model	Usual care	T2D	B	Cost-saving–\$55,465/QALY	\$11,339/QALY (8)	Very cost-effective, supportive evidence

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Intervention	Comparison	Intervention population	Level of recommendation by ADA	Range of the CE ratios	Median of the CE ratios (no. of studies)	CE based on previous review (no. of studies)
Smoking cessation	No smoking cessation	T2D	A, B	<\$31,750–\$114,046/QALY	<\$31,750/QALY (1)	Very cost-effective (1)
Daily aspirin use as primary prevention for cardiovascular complications	Usual care	T2D	B	\$2,395/QALY	\$2,395/QALY (1)	New finding
SMBG 3 ×/day	SMBG 1 ×/day	T2D adults	B	Cost-saving–\$9,201/QALY	\$3,719 (4)	New finding
Intensive glycemic control	Conventional insulin therapy	T2D aged ≥50 years	A	\$15,398/QALY	\$15,398/QALY (1)	New finding
Collaborative care for depression (TEAMCare)	Usual care	T2D + depression	B	Cost-saving–\$29,160/QALY	\$18,814/QALY (3)	New finding
<i>Cost-effective</i>						
Intensive glycemic control	Usual care	T1D	A	\$12,954–\$64,516/QALY	\$41,339/QALY (4)	Cost-effective (4)
<i>Marginally cost-effective</i>						
Statin therapy	No statin therapy	T2D with hyperlipidemia without CVD history	A	\$4,445–\$98,906/QALY	\$67,873/QALY (3)	Cost-effective (3)
Ranibizumab treatment	Panretinal photocoagulation	DM and DR, with DME	A	\$45,264–\$56,752/QALY	\$51,008/QALY (2)	New finding
Duloxetine for the treatment of PDPN	Desipramine	DM and PDPN	A	\$67,188/QALY	\$67,188/QALY (1)	New finding
<i>Not cost-effective</i>						
Universal opportunistic screening for undiagnosed T2D	Targeted screening in persons with hypertension	U.S. population ≥45 years	B	\$89,535–\$888,746/QALY	>\$100,000/QALY (1)	Not cost-effective (1)
Universal opportunistic screening for undiagnosed T2D and ensuing treatment	No screening	U.S. population ≥45 years	B	\$89,027–\$1,178,560/QALY	>\$100,000/QALY (2)	Not cost-effective (2)
Supportive evidence						
<i>Cost-saving</i>						
Reimbursement for ACEI by public insurance	Paying out of pocket	T1D/T2D	B/E	Cost-saving	Cost-saving (1)	Cost-saving (1)
Group-based peer support (9 group meetings led by peer supporters in general practice)	Usual care	T2D	B	Cost-saving	Cost-saving (1)	Supportive—recommendation updated in new ADA
<i>Very cost-effective</i>						
Statin treatment at T2D diagnosis (as primary prevention)	No lipid-regulating treatment	T2D adults	No recommendation level	\$3,294/QALY; \$3,640–\$84,012/QALY for different age-groups	\$3,294/QALY (1)	New finding

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Intervention	Comparison	Intervention population	Level of recommendation by ADA	Range of the CE ratios	Median of the CE ratios (no. of studies)	CE based on previous review (no. of studies)
Bariatric surgery – gastric bypass/gastric banding	No surgery	T2D and overweight	A	\$23,320/QALY	\$23,320/QALY (1)	New finding
<i>Cost-effective</i>						
CPAP for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea	Usual care	T2D with obstructive sleep apnea	E	\$27,750/QALY	\$27,750/QALY (1)	New finding
<i>Marginally cost-effective</i>						
Adhering to National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III guidelines	Usual care	T2D adults with mixed dyslipidemia	A	\$67,873/QALY	\$67,873/QALY (1)	New finding
Uncertain evidence						
Screening for GDM	No screening	30-year-old pregnant women between 24–28 weeks	C	Cost-saving–\$19,746/QALY	Cost-saving (6)	Cost-saving (5)
SMBG 1×/day, provision of device and 1.29 strips per day	Usual care	T1D/T2D patients not using insulin	B: SMBG E: providing device and strips	\$77,684–\$130,820/QALY	>\$100,000/QALY (2)	New finding
Computerized decision support system linked to EHR, shared between patients and physicians	Usual care	T2D	B	\$190,417/QALY	\$190,417/QALY (1)	New finding

ADA, American Diabetes Association Standards of Care 2018; DM, diabetes; DME, diabetic macular edema; DR, diabetic retinopathy; EHR, electronic health record; PDPN, painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy. *Cost-saving* is defined as an intervention that generates a better health outcome and costs less than the comparison intervention or is cost neutral (ICER = 0); *very cost-effective*, 0 < ICER ≤ \$25,000 per QALY or LYG; *cost-effective*, \$25,000 < ICER ≤ \$50,000 per QALY or LYG; *marginally cost-effective*, \$50,000 < ICER ≤ \$100,000 per QALY or LYG; *A*, as defined in Standards of Care 2018; *clear evidence* from well-conducted, generalizable, randomized controlled trials that are adequately powered; *compelling nonexperimental evidence*, i.e., “all or none” rule developed by the Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine at Oxford; *supportive evidence* from well-conducted randomized controlled trials that are adequately powered. *B*, as defined in Standards of Care 2018: supportive evidence from well-conducted cohort studies; *supportive evidence* from a well-conducted case-control study. *C*, as defined in Standards Care 2018: supportive evidence from poorly controlled or uncontrolled studies; *conflicting evidence* with the weight of evidence supporting the recommendation. *E*, as defined in Standards of Care 2018: expert consensus or clinical experience.

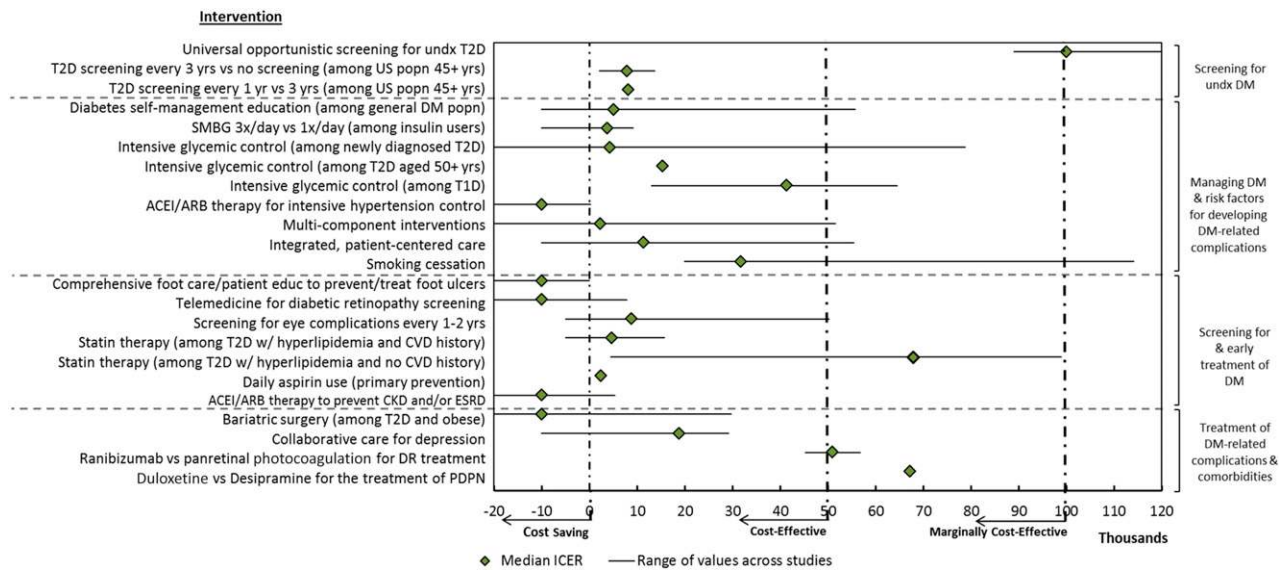


Figure 2—Summary of the CE of interventions (strong evidence only). CKD, chronic kidney disease; DM, diabetes; DR, diabetic retinopathy; PDPN, painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy; undx, undiagnosed.

this review was that daily aspirin use for primary prevention of CVD among individuals with T2D, compared with usual care, was very cost-effective (\$2,395/QALY).

There were eight studies evaluating the CE of bariatric surgery in individuals with T2D and obesity (BMI ≥30 kg/m²) compared with no bariatric surgery. All eight studies found this intervention to be cost-saving. Additionally, three studies evaluated the CE of collaborative care models to manage depression in individuals with T2D and depression compared with usual care and found such treatment to be very cost-effective (\$18,814/QALY).

Studies on two new ADA-recommended drugs (ranibizumab for diabetic retinopathy and duloxetine for painful diabetic peripheral neuropathy) were also included in this review. Both—ranibizumab compared with panretinal photocoagulation and duloxetine compared with desipramine—were found to be marginally cost-effective (\$51,008/QALY and \$67,188/QALY, respectively).

Supportive and Uncertain Evidence

There were nine specific interventions for which the level of CE was based on supportive evidence. Among these, cost-saving interventions are 1) reimbursement for ACEI by public insurance for individuals with diabetes compared with paying out of pocket and 2) group-based peer support for individuals with T2D compared with usual care. Very cost-effective interventions, based on supportive evidence,

were both new findings in this updated review: 1) statin treatment at T2D diagnosis compared with no lipid-regulating treatment (\$3,294/QALY) and 2) bariatric surgery for individuals with T2D and overweight compared with no surgery (\$23,320/QALY). Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) therapy for individuals with T2D and obstructive sleep apnea compared with usual care was also cost-effective (\$27,750/QALY). Adhering to the National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III guidelines for adults with T2D and mixed dyslipidemia compared with usual care was marginally cost-effective (\$67,873/QALY).

There were three specific interventions in the “uncertain evidence” category: 1) screening a 30-year-old pregnant woman between 24–28 weeks’ gestation (base case) for gestational diabetes mellitus compared with no screening (cost-saving); 2) SMBG once per day and provision of monitoring devices and strips for individuals with T1D and for those with T2D not using insulin compared with usual care (SMBG once per day without provision of devices and strips), at >\$100,000/QALY; and 3) computerized decision-support systems linked to electronic health records and shared between patients and physicians (\$190,417/QALY).

CONCLUSIONS

Our systematic review provides an updated understanding of the potential value of interventions to manage and treat diabetes

from a health system perspective. Since the last review in 2010, the evidence that interventions to manage diabetes are cost-effective has grown in terms of additional evaluations to bolster existing evidence, as well as new economic evaluations of novel interventions and methods of care delivery. ACEI/ARB therapy compared with standard hypertension management, comprehensive foot care compared with usual care, and intensive glycemic management compared with conventional therapy are confirmed as very cost-effective interventions, while multicomponent interventions compared with usual care, statin therapy for secondary prevention compared with no statin therapy, T2D screening every 3 years compared with no screening, and screening for eye complications compared with no screening are confirmed as very cost-effective interventions. New findings include telemedicine for diabetic retinopathy screening and bariatric surgery for type 2 diabetes and BMI ≥30 kg/m² as cost-saving interventions and aspirin use for primary prevention of cardiovascular complications, SMBG three times per day for insulin-treated patients (compared with once per day), intensive glycemic management among those aged ≥50 years, and collaborative care for depression as very cost-effective interventions. This review complements professional treatment recommendations and can assist clinicians and payers in prioritizing interventions in an evidence-based manner that may

lead to better allocation of health care resources.

Figure 2 is a comprehensive guide to our findings. Overall, the ADA-recommended interventions included in the previously published review remain cost-saving, very cost-effective, or cost-effective. The strength of the evidence improved from supportive to strong for both DSME (compared with usual care) and integrated, patient-centered care based on the Chronic Care Model (compared with usual care) due to additional studies on these topics during the 2008–2017 time period. Interventions that are cost-saving should be implemented, and those that are very cost-effective or cost-effective based on strong evidence warrant consideration for implementation. ADA-recommended interventions rated as cost-saving, very cost-effective, or cost-effective with supportive evidence should be adopted if extra resources are available or if similar interventions with strong evidence are unavailable or infeasible in a specific setting.

Our review highlighted the value associated with new and innovative interventions to manage and treat diabetes, including technology-related innovations and those focused on addressing diabetes-related comorbidities. The focus on technological innovations and diabetes-related comorbidities is well-aligned with the ADA SOC 2019 (14) (as well as the recently updated ADA SOC 2020 [3,14]). In addition, the inclusion of collaborative care models for depression is a big step toward acknowledging and addressing the comorbid conditions of diabetes and depression, which is increasingly being seen as an important consideration in the care of people with diabetes (15).

Multicomponent interventions are also featured prominently in the current review and may have implications for delivery system design, especially in the context of persistent gaps in achievement of diabetes care goals (16,17). Among individuals with diabetes, interventions that included a combination of practice change, behavior change and education, pharmacologic therapy targeting hyperglycemia, hypertension, dyslipidemia, microalbuminuria, or nephropathy/retinopathy, and secondary prevention of CVD with aspirin were very cost-effective compared with usual care, based on strong evidence. Of note, our review predates the ASCEND (A Study of Cardiovascular

Events in Diabetes) trial, which showed that the primary CVD prevention benefits of aspirin were offset by the increased risk of major bleeding events (18).

In some cases, CE evaluations may help to provide more insight into how ADA-recommended interventions might be prioritized for specific populations receiving the intervention. For example, bariatric surgery was cost-saving among individuals with T2D and obesity but only very cost-effective among individuals with T2D and overweight, likely due to larger health risks posed by obesity. We also noted differences in the CE of statin therapy for individuals with diabetes with and without CVD; when used as secondary prevention, there is clear value to statin use (cost-saving). However, for primary prevention, statin use has been found to be less cost-effective. We found that the CE of intensive glycemic management (with a goal of reducing A1C values) depends on age and duration since diabetes diagnosis. Among young individuals with newly diagnosed T2D, intensive glycemic management, compared with conventional insulin therapy, is cost-saving; indeed, recent research shows that earlier intensive management is associated with lower long-term risk of complications (19). For older individuals (aged ≥ 50 years) with T2D and shorter life expectancy, the ability to see benefits of intensive glycemic management is limited, in part because cardiovascular or mortality benefits may not be seen for at least 10 years (20). In individuals with T1D, intensive glycemic management compared with conventional insulin therapy remains cost-effective.

There are a few key areas that future economic evaluations of diabetes should consider. First, more studies are needed to evaluate the CE of interventions that fell in the “supportive” or “uncertain” evidence categories. In cases where interventions have uncertain value due to a small number of studies (i.e., incomplete knowledge), adding to the evidence base could help to clarify their value. There are also a number of new, efficacious medications and treatments for the management of glycemia (glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonists, sodium–glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors), lipids (PSK9 inhibitors), and heart failure (sacubitril/valsartan [Entresto]) that were not included in this review because there are no published CE studies. For studies

with weaker efficacy data, further efficacy studies are needed.

Second, more studies are needed that address interventions in real-world settings, as our current review is predominantly based on randomized controlled trials or computer simulation models. In real life, however, there are many factors to consider in addition to the CE of an intervention, such as 1) coverage for the intervention in question (determine access), 2) motivation (side effects or mode of delivery [e.g., injectable versus oral] may deter patients from taking specific medications), and 3) whether the risk reduction in real life is similar to what was observed in trials and models (i.e., effectiveness versus efficacy). These are many of the unknowns that clinicians and policy makers must consider as they attempt to use the data from this review in practice.

Third, there may be additional cost-effective interventions that exist but have not been studied or about which the right questions are not being asked. For example, the 2010 review included one article regarding the CE of smoking cessation, which was found to be very cost-effective. There were no additional articles in this category from 2008–2017, likely because it is universally understood that smoking cessation is good and thus no one would be compelled to argue its value; a more interesting contemporary economic question might be to inquire how often a smoking cessation intervention should be implemented for it to be most cost-effective and most adoptable by clinicians and their patients.

The CE of an intervention in decision-making is important, but it is not the only factor to consider. CE analysis does not address equity in the distribution of costs and the benefits of an intervention, societal or personal willingness to pay, social and legal aspects, or ethical issues associated with each intervention. However, with an eye toward finding diabetes management and treatment interventions that can best increase the value of our health care dollars, this review of the most up-to-date available evidence can help to guide clinicians and policy makers toward the most cost-effective use of their prescriptions and health care dollars.

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