

## 1 **Epidemiology of Diabetes Mellitus in Mexico**

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### 16 **ABSTRACT**

17 Type 2 Diabetes (T2D) is the main health problem in Mexico. The large and growing  
18 number of cases and the remarkable economic impact of the disease support this  
19 statement. The entity is expressed at an earlier age and at lower body mass index in  
20 Mexican mestizos compared to that reported in Caucasians. In addition, they have an  
21 increased susceptibility to having diabetic nephropathy. The Mexican health system  
22 needs major adjustments to prevent and treat T2D. Treatment is not currently based on  
23 the needs and expectations of the patient. As a result, it is insufficient, belated and  
24 costly. Close to 20% of the preventable deaths are caused by diabetes and related  
25 metabolic diseases. Even a small decrement of this rate may cause substantial savings  
26 to our health system.

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### 28 **KEY WORDS**

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30 care system.

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## 32 INTRODUCTION

33 Close to 80% of the 415 million type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) cases worldwide live in middle  
34 and low-income countries. A significant proportion of them (41.1 millions) reside in Latin  
35 America<sup>1</sup>. The age-adjusted prevalence for the region is 9.2% for adults (aged 20 to 79 years).  
36 Two of the ten leading countries for the number of cases are located in the Americas (Brazil  
37 (14.3 million) and Mexico (11.5 million). T2D is a prominent public health problem in  
38 Mexico. An alarming rapidly growing trend has been observed in this country during the  
39 past few decades. Not only does it increase cardiovascular risk, but it also confers an  
40 increased risk for diabetic retinopathy, limb amputations and kidney failure. Population  
41 growth and ageing and major changes in lifestyle have all contributed to an increased  
42 prevalence of T2D. Medical care for T2D and its complications entails an elevated cost  
43 for the national health system as well as significant expenses for patients and their  
44 families<sup>2</sup>.

45 As with the majority of chronic non transmissible diseases, T2D occurs as a result of  
46 both environmental and genetic factors; lifestyle plays a decisive role in determining  
47 whether genetic predisposition will lead to disease. Within the last 30 years, Mexican  
48 population has concentrated in urban centers, which has contributed to a change in  
49 dietary patterns, with a significant increase in the consumption of total calories,  
50 processed food, simple carbohydrates, soft drinks and some sources of saturated fat.  
51 Using the 2006 national health survey, Barquera and coworkers estimated that the  
52 average diet composition was 61% carbohydrates, 12% protein and 26% fat (7.5%  
53 saturated fat). Nearly 36% of the adults have an excessive carbohydrates intake; the  
54 corresponding percentage for fat was close to 13%. A large proportion of the population  
55 has a lower than expected intake of vegetables, vitamin A and folic acid. The mean  
56 fiber intake was 20.7g/day. In addition the urban environment favors the use of cars  
57 and limits physical activity. The result of these changes is the chronic exposure of the  
58 population to a positive caloric balance and a rapid rise in the prevalence of obesity<sup>3</sup>, a  
59 major determinant of the incidence of T2D. The obesity prevalence move from 20.9% to  
60 32.4% between 1994 and 2012 for adults; in contrast, the prevalence of overweight (  
61 defined as a body mass index between 25-29.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) remained unaltered (close to  
62 38%).

63 The impact of T2D in mortality has had a progressive increase in Mexico. In 1970, T2D  
64 was the fifteenth cause of death. However, it move to the ninth and fourth main cause of  
65 general mortality in Mexico by 1980 and 1990, respectively.<sup>4</sup> Ever since 1998, T2D is  
66 amongst the leading causes of death in Mexico.<sup>5</sup> Starting from the year 2000, T2D has  
67 been the first cause of general mortality in Mexico, being responsible for 10.7% of the  
68 deaths registered that year.<sup>6</sup> As shown in **Table 1**, the T2D mortality rate has increased,  
69 reaching 14.5% in 2010. Since the year 2000, T2D is the most common cause of death  
70 in women and the second in men after coronary heart disease, a condition that can  
71 frequently be the result of T2D.<sup>6</sup> Mortality rates have had a larger increase for men  
72 (42.2 to 51.6 per 1000,000 population, 22.2% increase) than women (51.2 to 61.8 per  
73 100,000 inhabitants, 17.1% increase); the average age at death is 66.7 years.  
74 Diabetes related mortality is higher in central and northern Mexico. Mexico City is nearly  
75 30 points above the national average, followed by the State of Coahuila. The Mexican  
76 states with the lower mortality rates attributable to T2D are Quintana Roo (37.14 per  
77 100,000), Chiapas (46.68 per 100,000) and Baja California Sur (50.76 per 100,000).<sup>7</sup> As  
78 opposed to what has happened in other countries, the mortality rates for T2D, coronary  
79 heart disease and stroke have maintained a steady rise between 2000 and 2013<sup>8</sup>.

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## 81 **PREVALENCE**

82 Mexico is among the few countries of the region that has four population based surveys  
83 in the past three decades. Prevalence data from National Health Surveys 1993<sup>9</sup>, 2000<sup>10</sup>  
84 and 2006<sup>11</sup> are derived from the number of previously diagnosed (PD) subjects and  
85 cases found during the surveys (FP). The most recent data were obtained in 2012, but  
86 the prevalence of the previously undiagnosed cases has not been informed<sup>12</sup>. The  
87 prevalence has grown from 6.7% in 1993 (PMD 4.6% and FP 2.1%) to 7.5% in 2000  
88 (PMD 5.8% and FP 1.7%)<sup>10</sup> and to 14.4% in 2006 (PMD 7.3% and 7.1% FP).<sup>11</sup> The  
89 increases were similar for both sexes and for rural and urban areas. Results from  
90 ENSANUT 2012 show that the T2D prevalence based on PMD is 9.2% among adults  
91 over age 20. Thus, 6.4 million Mexican adults have the diagnosis of T2D<sup>13</sup>. The highest  
92 prevalence was found in adults aged 60-69 years (26.3%); men had the highest

93 prevalence between the ages of 50-59 and women between the ages of 60-69 (**Figure**  
94 **1**).

95 Early onset T2D (defined as age of onset before 40 years) has increased in recent  
96 years from 1.8% in 1993 (PMD 1.0%, FP 0.8%)<sup>14</sup> to 2.3% in 2000 (PMD1.5%, FP  
97 0.8%)<sup>15</sup> and to 5.7% in 2006 (PMD 1.5%, FP 4.21%).<sup>16</sup> The prevalence of undiagnosed  
98 T2D is almost three times greater than the previously diagnosed cases, which might  
99 indicate a lower attendance to medical services by younger people and the lack of  
100 awareness of the disease.

101 T2D screening and diagnoses is below the international standards.<sup>11</sup> The proportion of  
102 the population with undiagnosed T2D found by the survey in 2006 was practically the  
103 same as the proportion of cases with previous medical diagnosis: 7.1% and 7.3%  
104 respectively. This proportion contrasts with the low rates (5-10%) informed for European  
105 countries

106 The prevalence of T2D is higher in urban areas of the center-west region of Mexico,  
107 amongst population with six or less years of education, medium or high socioeconomic  
108 levels and amongst people enrolled at the Institute for Security and Social Services for  
109 State Workers (ISSSTE, in Spanish) (**Table 2**). The prevalence of T2D in Mexico is  
110 significantly higher in population with family history of T2D, obesity and the presence of  
111 concurrent chronic diseases such as hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, kidney  
112 disease and microalbuminuria.<sup>10</sup>

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## 114 **SCREENING**

115 The Mexican adult population who went through T2D screening in the previous year  
116 increased from 10.5% in 2000 to 22.7% in 2006. Of these, 12% in 2000 and 6.2% in  
117 2006 did not receive their results.<sup>17</sup> A fifth part of the adults who attended a preventive  
118 medical service for T2D screening during the year previous to ENSANUT 2006  
119 presented symptoms related to the disease. This proportion was higher amongst people  
120 between 40 and 59 years and those 70 years or older.

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## 122 **CLINICAL EXPRESSION OF T2D AND ITS CO-MORBIDITIES IN MEXICO**

123 Based on ENSA 2000 and ENSANUT 2006, the most common characteristics of  
124 patients with T2D are an average age of 55.8 years in males, 56.4 years in females,  
125 overweight (27.9 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> for males and 28.9 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> in females), waist circumference of  
126 99.3cm in males and 99.3cm in females and with a time period since the diagnosis of  
127 9.3 years in males and 8.4 years in females. The average age at diagnosis was 48  
128 years, being lower in women. A high percentage of the population with T2D in the study  
129 had at least one cardiovascular risk factor (86.7%) (hypercholesterolemia, arterial  
130 hypertension and smoking); if only modifiable risk factors are considered the percentage  
131 is 65%. Nearly half the patients had hypertension (35.5% in males and 46.6% in  
132 females). A third of the patients with hypertension were diagnosed during the study; the  
133 most common blood pressure abnormality was the coexistence of both systolic and  
134 diastolic hypertension (50.3%). Amongst previously diagnosed patients with  
135 hypertension, only 80% had received hypertensive treatment and only 30.6% of those  
136 patients had blood pressure levels below 140/90mmHg. Smoking was registered in  
137 14.5% of patients and 28.7% of patients reported having family history of coronary  
138 artery disease. Dyslipidemia is one of the most common comorbidities in T2D, with  
139 higher triglycerides and non-HDL cholesterol levels than the general population. LDL  
140 cholesterol (LDL-C) levels >100mg/dL were observed in 74.8% (95% CI 72.5-76.9%) of  
141 T2D patients with PMD; however, only 7.6% (95%CI 6.3-9.1%) of those cases knew  
142 they had hypercholesterolemia.

143 A high percentage of women with T2D had at least one pregnancy during their lifetimes  
144 (n=2373, 94.7%); this proportion was similar to the one found in patients without T2D.  
145 However, the number of women who had suffered at least one abortion was higher in  
146 the group with diabetes (OR 1.62, 95% CI 1.53-1.83) and a similar trend was found for  
147 the risk of stillbirth (OR 1.99, 95% CI 1.75-2.3); these differences were held significant  
148 when adjusted by age. Fertility control is part of T2D management. Unplanned  
149 pregnancies should be avoided to reduce obstetric morbidities. A high percentage of  
150 women with T2D during their reproductive years did not use contraceptive methods  
151 (42.5%); this rate was not significantly different in women without T2D (38.8%). The lack  
152 of differences in the use of contraceptive methods among women with childbearing

153 potential with or without T2D is a concern. This observation is a window of opportunity  
154 to enable public policies to reduce diabetes-related obstetric complications.

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## 156 **T2D EXPRESSION IN DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS**

157 Age is one of the most important determinants of T2D prevalence; it varies from 3.2% in  
158 the population between 20-29 years to 32.75% in people between 60-69 years  
159 decreasing to 26.21% in the population over 70 years. The age of onset determines  
160 clinical characteristics and the burden of disease; early onset increases the social and  
161 economic burden because of chronic complications and premature disability during  
162 productive years. In 2006, prevalence of early onset T2D was 5.8%; most of them  
163 ignored their condition. However, due to the age distribution of the population, 22.7% of  
164 people with T2D are under the age of 40.

165 A sub study of 1994 Survey reported a T2D prevalence in the population under 40 years  
166 of 1.8%,<sup>18</sup> representing 14.8% of all T2D cases. Later the 2000 Survey reported a T2D  
167 prevalence of 2.3% for the 20-40 years age group; early presentation of T2D occurred  
168 in 13.2% of the T2D population. ENSANUT 2006 showed a substantial increase in the  
169 prevalence of disease both in the general population and amongst the 20-40 years age  
170 group (14.4% in the general population and 5.8% in the 20-40 years age group), a  
171 nearly two-fold increase in the prevalence of T2D from the year 1994. The growing  
172 trend in the prevalence is stronger for the early onset T2D; the number of patients  
173 increased from 318,400 in 1994 to 1,662,870 in 2006.

174 Early onset T2D comprises a heterogeneous population. Two thirds of them have a BMI  
175  $>25\text{kg/m}^2$ ; amongst them, hypertension and hypoalphalipoproteinemia are common co-  
176 morbidities (32.5% for arterial hypertension and 79.3% for hypoalphalipoproteinemia).  
177 They are usually treated with oral glucose lowering agents. In contrast, insulin is more  
178 often used as a part of T2D treatment amongst non-overweight patients. Within this  
179 subgroup, a study identified cases of MODY (with mutations in *HNF1 $\alpha$*  or *HNF14 $\alpha$* ) or  
180 positive anti-GAD antibodies (6% of cases).<sup>19</sup>

181 When compared to the overall population with T2D, the young T2D population had a  
182 higher prevalence of underdiagnosis (70%), more school years, but a lower  
183 socioeconomic level. In terms of cardiovascular risk factors, young populations had a

184 higher alcohol and tobacco consumption, an average BMI of 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and a lower  
185 prevalence of hypercholesterolemia. In contrast, hypoalphalipoproteinemia (HDL  
186 cholesterol <40mg/dL) was more common among them. Diabetic retinopathy was  
187 present in 7.6% of patients under the age of 40 and 6.3% referred having suffered a  
188 previous myocardial infarction. Despite these complications and outcomes, few young  
189 patients undertake preventive measures, with very few receiving statins or acetyl-  
190 salicylic acid (ASA) or follow up with an ophthalmologist.

191 The elderly patient with T2D conforms also a heterogeneous population with two  
192 extremes.<sup>20-21</sup>. The first is composed of T2D patients with a longer exposure to the  
193 disease and thus, prone to chronic complications, increasing third-party dependence  
194 and requiring a more complex management. The second group is composed of patients  
195 diagnosed with T2D after the age of 70; these patients have a low prevalence of  
196 microvascular complications and their glucose levels can be kept stable with one or two  
197 oral hypoglycemic agents. Both groups are represented in similar proportions. Among  
198 T2D elders, the mean age at diagnosis is 57±10 years and the time of exposure to the  
199 disease is 11±8 years. Almost half of them had 10 years or more from the time of  
200 diagnosis, the mean BMI was 28.4±5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; 82.2% were treated with only one  
201 hypoglycemic agent and 7.6% received insulin treatment. Cardiovascular risk factors  
202 were common in this age group, 37.6% had smoked at least one cigarette within the  
203 previous month before the survey, 60% had hypertension and 88.7% was taking one or  
204 more antihypertensive agents, microalbuminuria was detected in 48.4% of cases.  
205 Geriatric problems were also common, 8.8% of patients within this age group had  
206 suffered a fall in the last year, motor limitations were referred by 30% of patients and  
207 17.8% reported regular use of sedative agents.

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## 209 **TREATMENT AND CONTROL**

210 Correction and control of hyperglycemia is the basis for the prevention of microvascular  
211 complications (kidney disease, neuropathy and retinopathy). A large percentage  
212 (93.3%) of T2D patients in ENSANUT 2012 reported receiving pharmacologic  
213 treatment; 84.8% were receiving oral hypoglycemia agents, 6.8% insulin and 2.5% a  
214 combination of both<sup>22</sup>. Mean HbA1c levels, a marker of glycemia within the previous 6-8

215 weeks, was 9.3% (2.2% below the value reported in 2006). Only 25% of T2D patients  
216 had HbA1c <7%; severe hyperglycemia (HbA1c >9%) was found in 50.3% of cases.  
217 These percentages are non-satisfactory when compared with data from the Diabetes in  
218 Canada Evaluation (DICE), where 51% of patients have HbA1c <7.0% and in the USA,  
219 the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys, indicate that 57% of patients  
220 had HbA1c concentrations <7.0%.

221 The unsatisfactory effectiveness of glycemic control cannot be attributed only to lack of  
222 access to medical care; 94.1% had at least one medical evaluation in the previous year.  
223 Only 24.17% and 1.86% of patients considered diet and physical activity as part of their  
224 treatment, respectively. Alternative medicine was the treatment option for 6.1% of T2D  
225 population. Only 21.7% of patients reported in ENSANUT 2012 had glycemic levels  
226 determined 4 or more times every year and 7.7% of patients had at least 2 HbA1c  
227 determinations every year. Factors associated with an unsatisfactory glycemic control  
228 included age, low BMI, longer duration of T2D and insulin use.

229 **Table 3** describes the accomplishment of treatment goals in T2D patients in Mexico<sup>22</sup>.  
230 Only 80% of cases with T2D and hypertension received antihypertensive medication  
231 and 76.6% of cases had blood pressure levels higher than the therapeutic goals. Nearly  
232 half the patients with both T2D and hypertension had no knowledge of having high  
233 blood pressure. Only 5% of previously diagnosed and treated patients reached  
234 therapeutic goals and nearly a fifth part of patients with hypertension did not receive  
235 treatment despite knowing their diagnosis. Additionally, less than 10% of T2D patients  
236 are treated with a statin, despite being indicated in more than half of the cases.

237 Interventions that have proved a reduction of chronic complications, such as the regular  
238 administration of low-dose ASA are not well implemented (only in 10% of cases). As a  
239 result, the proportion of patients who fulfill the attention quality indicators for T2D is low.  
240 Gakidou et al. compared the data in Mexico against results obtained by surveys  
241 conducted in the United States, Asia and Europe. Mexico had a poor performance in  
242 the attention of hyperglycemia and the comorbidities associated with T2D; less than 5%  
243 of cases reached therapeutic goals as measured by HbA1c concentrations, blood  
244 pressure and LDL-c levels. Only 20% of cases received adequate treatment without  
245 reaching treatment goals; one or more of the therapeutic goals had not been diagnosed



246 or treated in the rest of the cases. The country with the better performance was the  
247 United States with 10% of cases with optimal treatment, 50% with insufficient treatment  
248 and 40% in which at least one diagnosis was omitted.

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## 250 **CHRONIC COMPLICATIONS**

251 Screening for T2D chronic complications is area of opportunity to improve diabetes care  
252 in Mexico. Only 14.7% had an annual feet exam, 8.6% underwent retinopathy detection  
253 and 12.6% had an albuminuria measurement. Amongst this population, 14.6% referred  
254 having some degree of retinopathy, 13.4% had lost sensibility in at least one part of  
255 their bodies, 9.4% reported having had ulcers in legs or feet, 4.9% were blind, 3% had  
256 some amputation, 2.3% had been diagnosed with diabetic foot and 1.2% had received  
257 dialysis.

258 T2D is one of the main causes of premature disability, blindness, terminal chronic  
259 kidney disease and non-traumatic amputations as well as one of the ten most frequent  
260 cases of hospitalization in adults. In 2009, 2.8% of hospital discharges were due to the  
261 management of T2D complications. The institution with the heaviest diabetes-related  
262 burden is the Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social; it provides medical care to 44.9% of  
263 the T2D population. The Health Ministry delivers care to 36.2% of the T2D patients; in  
264 its hospitals there were 51,807 discharges attributable to T2D in 2007<sup>22</sup> and 36% of  
265 them was due to chronic complications.<sup>23</sup> A study conducted in the State of Mexico,<sup>24</sup>  
266 which included 44,458 subjects diagnosed with T2D, registered the presence of diabetic  
267 retinopathy in 10.9%, diabetic nephropathy in 9.1%, peripheral neuropathy in 17.1%,  
268 ischemic cardiomyopathy in 4.2% and stroke in 1.7% of the studied population. In the  
269 Mexico City Study, the prevalence of proliferative diabetic retinopathy was 8% and 40%  
270 for non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy; the incidence of retinopathy after a 4 year  
271 follow-up period was 22.5%.<sup>25</sup>

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## 273 **FUTURE ESTIMATES FOR THE INCIDENCE OF T2D COMPLICATIONS**

274 Based on T2D patients' data from ENSANUT 2006, Reynoso-Noverón et al. estimated  
275 that 112 cases per 1,000 persons with T2D will suffer at least one ischemic coronary  
276 event within the next 20 years.<sup>26</sup> In the same period, there will be 889,433 new cases of

277 heart failure; 2,048,996 events or myocardial infarction; 798,188 stroke events and  
278 491,236 non-traumatic amputations attributable to T2D. The expected mortality rate is  
279 539 per 1,000 persons with T2D with an average life expectancy of 10.9 years.

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## 281 **COST OF DIABETES**

282 The direct and indirect costs of T2D treatment are remarkable. In 2010, researchers  
283 from the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico calculated that the greater direct  
284 costs correspond to medications (\$133,143,734), followed by complication costs  
285 (\$110,410,928), consult/diagnosis-related costs (\$59,734,448) and hospitalization costs  
286 (\$39,937,331). Indirect costs are mainly due to permanent disability (\$409,205,846),  
287 followed by costs due to premature mortality (\$19,623,029) and costs due to temporal  
288 disability (\$6,372,059). Both the direct and indirect cost are paid mainly by patients and  
289 social security institutions.<sup>27</sup>

290 During 2012, 168,406 hospital discharges were associated with diabetes complications,  
291 accumulating over 685,208 days of hospital stay with an average cost per bed day  
292 between \$2,150- 5,500 Mexican pesos, causing a cost burden of \$1, 473 million to  
293 \$3,768 million pesos. This figure does not include costs for emergency care.

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## 295 **AREAS LACKING SUFFICIENT INFORMATION**

296 Despite the information obtained by National Health Surveys, there are still aspects of  
297 T2D epidemiology that have not been fully explored; two examples of these information  
298 gaps are the prevalence of T2D in special groups and the incidence of diabetes. The  
299 first aspect is attributed to the lack of representative studies that explore diabetes  
300 prevalence in children, adolescents, pregnant women, type1 diabetes, indigenous  
301 groups and groups with higher risk for secondary diabetes. Studies within pediatric  
302 population are usually limited to cohort studies of cases in reference hospitals; such  
303 studies report that the percentage of T2D cases has increased two-fold in recent years.  
304 There is only one study with enough population representability.<sup>28</sup> This situation is  
305 similar for gestational DM; a recent study informed a prevalence of 10.3% with the  
306 American Diabetes Association criteria and 30.1% when using the International  
307 Association of Diabetes and Pregnancy Study Groups (IADPSG) criteria in 905 women

308 patients of the National Institute of Perinatology.<sup>29</sup> There are reports of the prevalence  
309 of T2D in DM in some indigenous Mexican groups (Mazatecas,<sup>30</sup> Otomías,<sup>31</sup> Pimas,<sup>32</sup>  
310 Yaquis, Tepehuanas, Purépechas, Huicholes and Mexicaneros<sup>33, 34</sup>). However, these  
311 studies have a small sample size and do not represent this specific population. Despite  
312 this limitations, there is a trend that shows an increased prevalence in most recent  
313 reports, similar to what has been observed in rural populations. Studies focused on  
314 indigenous groups that live in urban areas are required since they have gone through  
315 rapid lifestyle modifications and a greater incidence of T2D<sup>35, 36</sup>. Additionally, there are  
316 no national records or interinstitutional databases that allow evaluation of the Mexico's  
317 national health system's effectiveness in T2D treatment.

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### 319 **CONCLUSION: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

320 T2D and other chronic diseases must be confronted with complementary actions. This  
321 approach has been the proposal of national prevention plans<sup>37, 38</sup> and it follows the  
322 recommendations of the World Health Organization<sup>39</sup> and the Pan American Health  
323 Organization.<sup>40</sup> The goals are the prevention of new cases, decreasing the incidence of  
324 complications and reducing mortality and disability.

325 The natural history of T2D can be modified. In particular, actions that halt the growing  
326 trend of obesity in Mexicans may have a remarkable impact in T2D incidence. In  
327 addition, it may decrease the proportion of T2D cases that has comorbidities associated  
328 with a higher morbidity and mortality (i.e. lipid disorders or arterial hypertension).

329 Campaigns to stimulate the adoption of a healthy lifestyle should be permanently in  
330 place; messages should be adapted to the needs of the various subsets of the  
331 population. For the assessment of such interventions, the development of prognostic  
332 tools and the creation of pharmacoeconomic models should be built in the next few  
333 years.

334 The national health system needs major adjustments to confront the challenges caused  
335 by T2D. Primary care units should be organized to make diagnoses on time and provide  
336 low cost structured prevention programs. In addition, a renewed focus on effectiveness  
337 of the interventions should reinforced. The lack of effectiveness is explained by factors  
338 attributable to the health system, physicians and patients. Diabetes management is

339 based on principles that differ from that of communicable diseases; it implies a complex  
340 educational process to understand the disease, behavioral changes, the long-term use  
341 of multiple drugs, frequent evaluations as well as a conjoined effort between the patient,  
342 specialists, family and the community<sup>41</sup>. The structure and procedures currently  
343 implemented by most health institutions in Mexico are not prepared for such treatment  
344 approach. The time of the medical consultations should be long enough to implement a  
345 treatment plan and for the detection of chronic complications. The prominent role of the  
346 highly specialized physicians should be replaced with a greater participation of a wide  
347 range of health professionals (i.e. nutritionists, physical education specialists,  
348 psychologists, educators, physical therapists, among others). The involvement of the  
349 family to promote lifestyle changes and elements that are critical for treatment  
350 adherence must be taken into consideration in a systematic manner.<sup>42, 43</sup> Empowerment  
351 of the individuals to make wise decisions regarding their life style and their T2D  
352 treatment is feasible. Treatment should be adapted to the patient's needs and  
353 expectations<sup>44</sup>. Surveillance programs (using internationally accepted indicators) may  
354 have a significant impact in less than a decade to decrease the cost and burden impose  
355 by T2D to our health system. Specifically, close to 20% of the preventable deaths in  
356 Mexico are caused by T2D. Even a small decrement of this rate may cause substantial  
357 savings to our health system.

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505 **TABLE 1**  
 506 **Mortality attributable to Diabetes Mellitus**

Year	Deaths	Mortality rate (per 100,000 population)	Percentage (%)
2000	46 525	46.26	10.7
2001	49 855	48.96	11.3
2002	54 828	53.21	12.0
2003	59 119	56.73	12.6
2004	62 201	59.0	13.2
2005	67 090	64.5	13.6
2006	68 353	65.2	13.9
2007	70 451	66.6	13.7
2008	75 572	70.8	14.0
2009	77 699	72.2	14.2
2010	82 964	74.0	14.5

**Source:** Health Secretariat/Dirección General de Información en Salud. Elaborated from a database of deaths through 1979-2008 INEGI/SS and in Population Projections in Mexico 2005 – 2050 and retrospective projections 1990-2004. CONAPO 2006.

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508 **TABLE 2**  
 509 **Prevalence of T2D according to sociodemographic characteristic, type of**  
 510 **diagnosis and sex. ENSANUT 2006 (%).**

		Men			Women			Total		
		PMD	FP	Total	PMD	FP	Total	PM D	FP	Total
Locality size	Rural	5.2	4.3	9.5	5.8	5.3	11.1	5.5	4.8	10.3
	Urban	7.5	10.0	17.5	8.1	5.6	13.7	7.8	7.7	15.5
Region	North	6.1	6.9	13.0	6.3	6.2	12.5	6.2	6.5	12.7
	Center- West	9.8	9.9	19.7	10.5	6.4	16.9	10.2	8.1	18.3
	Center	6.6	11.6	18.2	7.6	4.4	12.0	7.1	7.7	14.8
	South- Southwest	5.0	5.1	10.1	6.3	5.8	12.1	5.7	5.5	11.2
School years	≤ 6 years	9.7	8.5	18.2	11.9	7.0	18.9	11.0	7.6	18.6
	> 6 years	4.8	9.1	13.9	2.9	4.0	6.9	3.8	6.6	10.4
SEL	1-2 decils	6.1	4.6	10.7	7.3	5.6	12.9	6.8	5.1	11.9
	≥3	7.5	11.1	18.6	7.9	5.6	13.5	7.7	8.2	15.9
Enrollment	IMSS	9.5	12.1	21.6	7.3	5.4	12.7	8.3	8.5	16.8
	ISSSTE	17.3	7.6	24.9	7.7	7.7	15.4	11.8	7.7	19.5
	SPSS	5.5	7.0	12.5	9.0	4.1	13.1	7.5	5.3	12.8
	Private	0	0	0	25.3	6.0	31.3	10.4	2.5	12.9
	Other	4.7	9.3	14.0	9.7	4.5	14.2	8.0	6.1	14.1
	Neither	5.1	7.5	12.6	7.2	5.8	13.0	6.2	6.6	12.8

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513 **TABLE 3**  
 514 **Characteristics (%) of the patients with T2D in the 2012 National Health Survey**

	Total
Age (years)	56.9 (56.6-57.0)
Time since diagnoses (years)	9.2 (9.0-9.6)
With pharmacologic treatment (%)	85.6 (85.0-86.1)
HbA1c < 7% (%)	25.6 (20-31.2)
HbA1c > 9% (%)	50.3 (44.6-55.9)
Four or more visits to a medical unit per year (%)	65.4 (64.9-66)
Two or more HbA1c measurements per year (%)	7.7 (7.3-8.2)
Current statin use (%)	2.6 (1.6-3.6)
Annual foot exam	14.7 (14.1-15.2)
Annual eye exam	8.6 (8.1-9.0)

515 Results are presented as mean or percentages and 95% confidence intervals.

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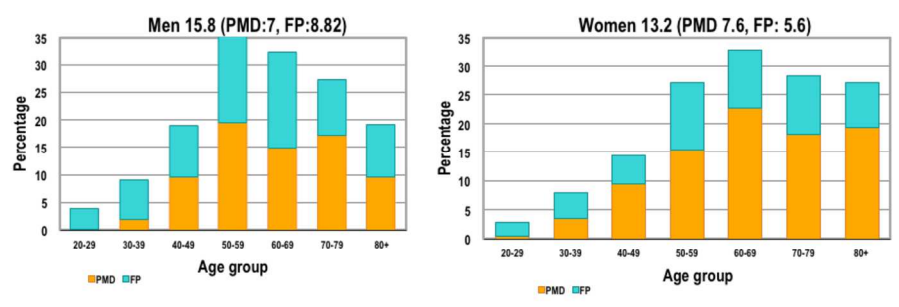
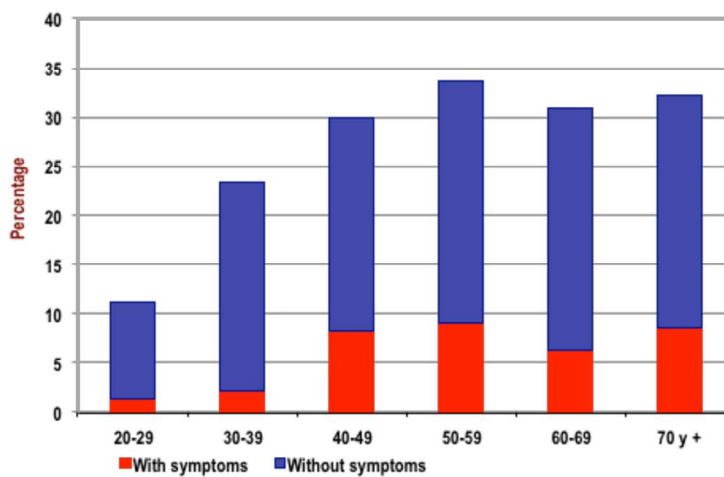


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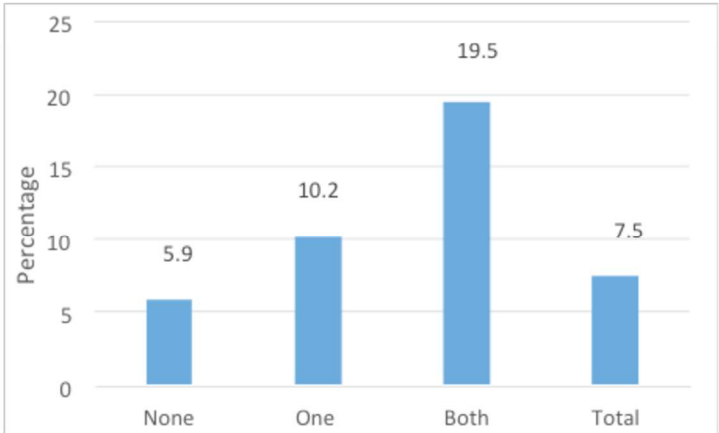
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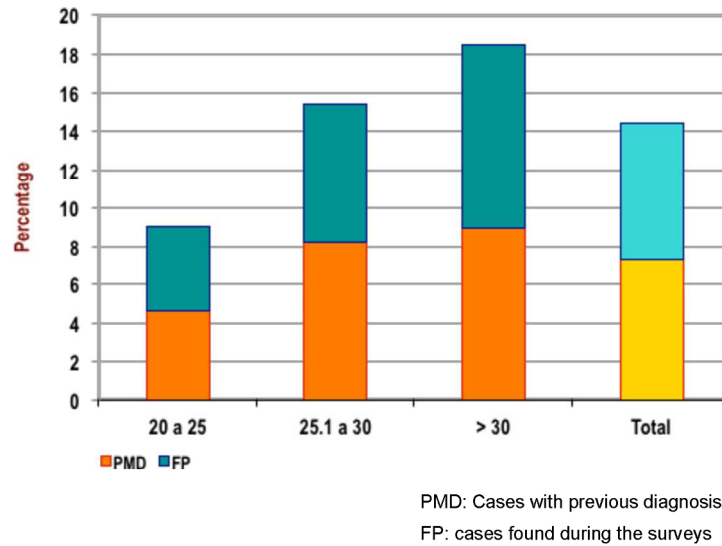
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