

Slido Word Map

Menopause and Diabetes

- Please write 1 or 2 words that come to mind when you think of diabetes and menopause



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Clinical Management Workshop Menopause and Diabetes

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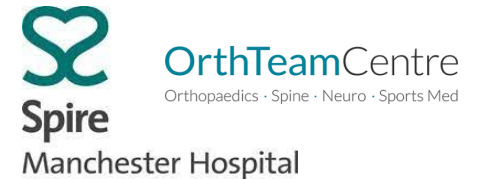
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Overview

Menopause
breaking taboos



- Overview of menopause in women with diabetes
- Management options
- Case
- Take home tips
- Q&A

Menopause & Diabetes in today's context



- Women with diabetes today are more likely than any previous generation to;

- ▲ Be employed
- ▲ Have multiple care roles
- ▲ Carry excess weight
- ▲ Do less physical activity
- ▲ Feel stressed & time limited

And then menopause arrives

- Menopause symptoms can destabilize wellbeing & diabetes control
- Mid-life pressures -> impact diabetes self-management focus

What do we know about menopause health risks in women with diabetes?

Menopause and Diabetes Associated Health Risks



- Diabetes epidemic: prevalence of postmenopausal women with diabetes increasing
- Improved life expectancies¹; longer-life post-menopause
- Increased risk of dementia with diabetes¹ & women over 60 twice as likely to be diagnosed than men
- 2-3 x higher all- cause and CVD- specific mortality in women with diabetes vs women without diabetes mellitus independently of ethnicity²
- Increased risk of postmenopausal breast cancer ³
- Increased endometrial cancer risk⁴
- Increase fracture risk⁵

**So how should we manage menopause
in women with diabetes?**

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Management options and support for menopause



- **Lifestyle optimisation suitable for all** ✓

- Workplace Guidance

- **HRT**

- Medications including SSRIs SNRIs, Oxybutynin, Clonidine & new NK3*; & NK1/3; receptor antagonists

- CBT/CBTi; risk free

- Complimentary techniques/Natural and herbal remedies; evidence poor

- Vaginal treatments for GSM

- Underutilised

- Generally safe and effective, including vaginal oestrogen therapy



HRT Benefits & Risks

• #Benefits

- Vasomotor & other symptoms specific to menopause
- Improved wellbeing can facilitate engagement in lifestyle improvement
- Reduced fracture risk
- Vascular risk/protection? Timing hypothesis; POI & early menopause

****Transdermal estrogen & oral micronized progesterone are neutral to VTE risk**

CGHFBC; Type and timing of menopausal hormone therapy and breast cancer risk: individual participant meta-analysis of the worldwide epidemiological evidence. **Lancet** 2019 Vol. 394 Issue 10204 Pages 1159-1168

BMS joint guideline

Management of unscheduled bleeding on hormone replacement therapy (HRT)

This joint guideline has been prepared on behalf of the British Menopause Society, in partnership with the British Society of Gynaecological Endoscopy, British Gynaecological Cancer Society, Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare, Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT), Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists.

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• Risks

- ##Postmenopausal breast cancer
 - Estrogen only HRT is neutral to breast cancer risk
 - Micronised progesterone/dydrogesterone are lowest risk progestogens re breast cancer risk
- VTE & stroke risk (some regimens*)
- Dementia risk - pooled data suggest a **null effect**
- Endometrial hyperplasia (some regimens**)

Oral micronized progesterone may not protect the endometrium adequately in high-risk women

*PY Scarabin. Hormone therapy and venous thromboembolism among postmenopausal women.

Front Horm Res 2014 Vol. 43 Pages 21-32

A Fournier et.al. Risks of endometrial cancer associated with different hormone replacement therapies in the E3N cohort, 1992-2008. **Am J Epidemiol 2014 Sep 1;180(5):508-17

What do we know about
HRT outcomes in
women with diabetes?



What we know about HRT outcomes in women with diabetes?



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Register of patient-reported outcomes for menopause management intervention

Name of project



Register of patient-reported outcomes for menopause management intervention

Project background



Suggested Steering Group members



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Clinical vignette



Donna; 50 year old Chef



- C/O weight gain, low mood, anxiety, general MS pain, poor sleep, mild VMS. Alcohol ++. Smoker 20cpd. Menses irregular & heavy
- Works shifts, little downtime, no exercises, 3 teen kids, relationship breaking down, also caring for elderly mother
Donna is perimenopausal but many of her symptoms may not be perimenopause related
- H/O T2DM (Diet), hypertension, hyperlipidaemia, low mood
Consider progestin IUD
Control BP/DM, encourage lifestyle
- Tx ACEi, statin, SSRI, modification/weight management support
- BP 168/96 BMI 44. Ix FSH 20 & Ferritin 9 ug/L, mild hypochromic anaemia, HBA1c 56 mmol/L

Lifestyle & behavior focus for menopause symptoms & to prevent, treat & reverse chronic disease



Daily movement
& physical
activity



Healthy eating
& weight management

Managing stress/
mental wellbeing



Solving sleep
issues



Addressing addictive
behaviors / limiting
alcohol/not smoking



Healthy
relationships &
social
connections



Symptoms occurring in midlife women ...

*Tightly linked with menopause hormone changes with high sensitivity & specificity;

- Menstrual irregularity/cessation
- Vasomotor symptoms
 - Hot flushes/night sweats
- Vaginal symptoms

HRT will help

Overlap with other causes

Symptoms, low specificity for menopause;

Sleep disturbance
Fatigue/cognitive fog
Weight gain
Mood changes/irritability
Anxiety/palpitations/overwhelm
Joint aches

HRT may not help



* Stuenkel CA, Davis SR, Gompel A, et al. Treatment of Symptoms of the Menopause: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 2015;100(11):3975-4011 doi: 10.1210/jc.2015-2236 [published Online First: 20151007].

Midlife symptoms may relate to menopause, diabetes, medications, comorbidities, stress and lifestyle factors

Take Home Tips..





Tips for communication with midlife women in the diabetes clinic

- “Think Menopause”
- *Acknowledge & validate symptoms
- Empathise & emphasise the importance of lifestyle for menopause symptoms & health
- Signpost to menopause resources; BMS/Women’s health concerns
- *Consider discussing HRT*



Tips about HRT in women with diabetes

- HRT may be an option; no one size fits all
- Tailored HRT is likely to be safe short term
- In high-risk women address endometrial protection & ensure vascular risks are addressed
- Side effects are common with HRT
- Neither efficacy nor long-term safety data are available for modern formulations of HRT in women with diabetes



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