



**Webinar**

# LE VACCINAZIONI RACCOMANDATE NEL PAZIENTE DIABETICO: FOCUS VACCINAZIONE ANTI HZ

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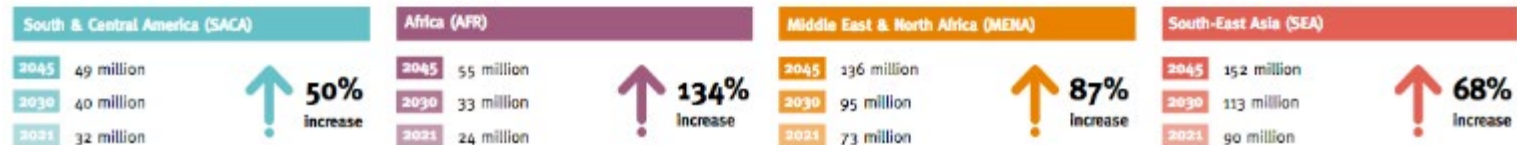
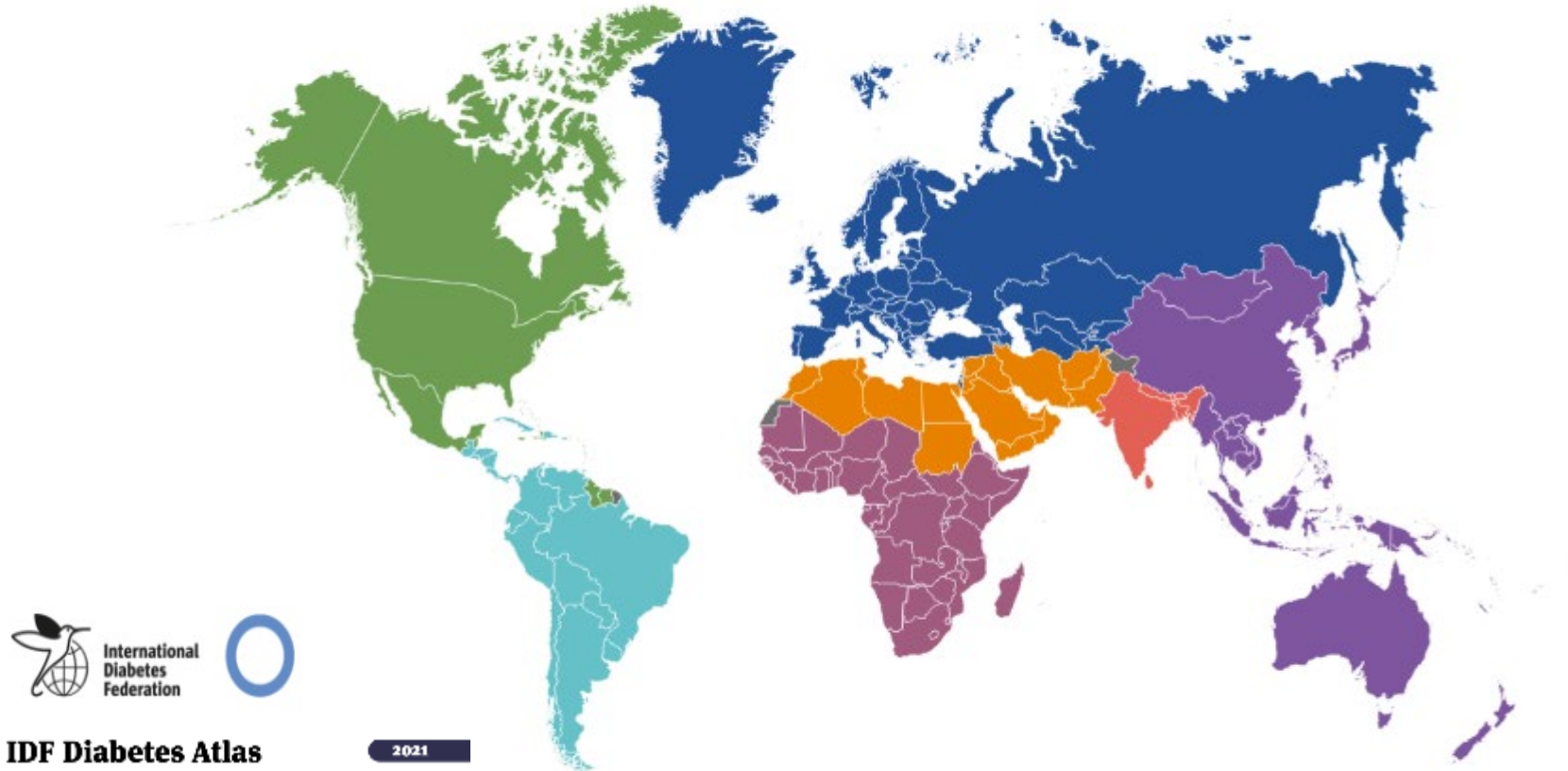
Le vaccinazioni nel paziente diabetico

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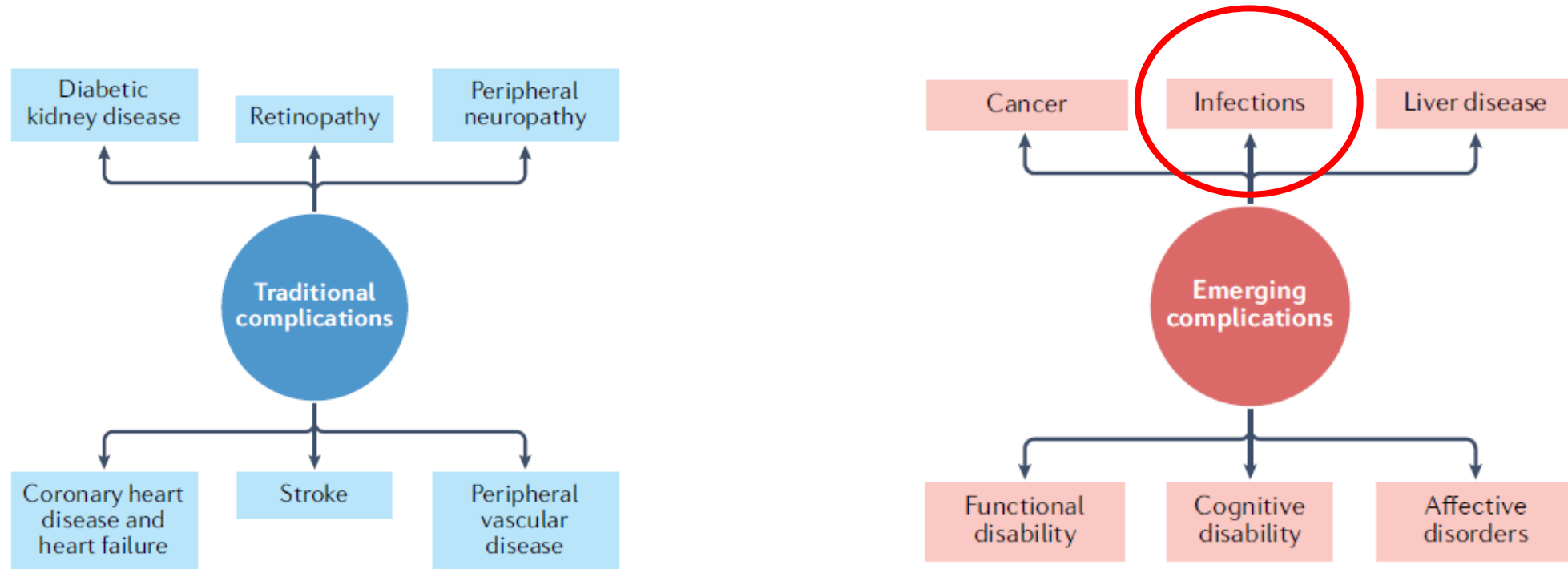
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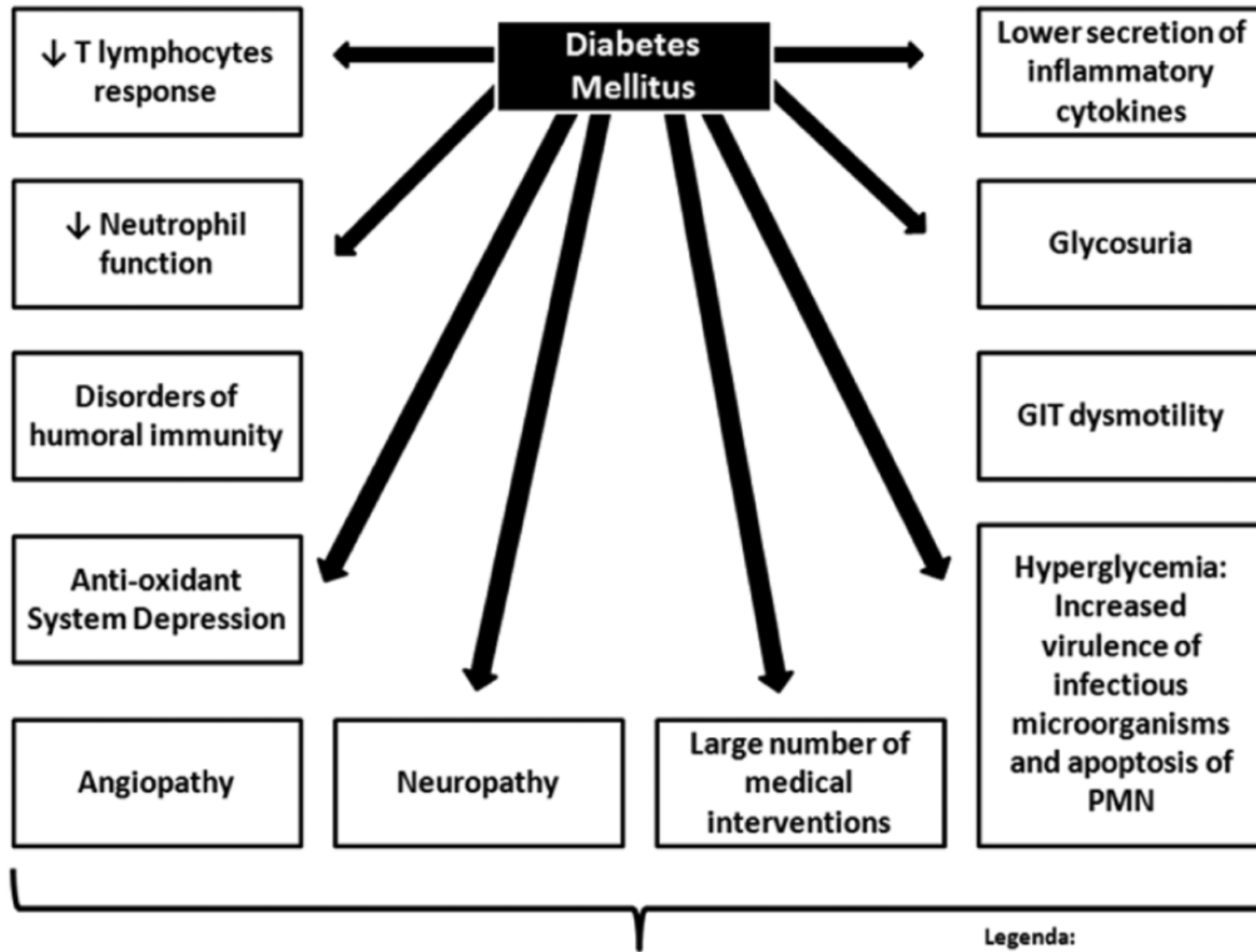
# Diabetes is a major health issue that has reached

**Map 1** Number of people with diabetes worldwide and per IDF Region in 2021–2045 (20–79 years)



# DIABETES IS A RISK FACTOR FOR INFECTION





#### Inflammatory cytokines

Mononuclear cells and monocytes of persons with DM secrete less interleukin-1 (IL-1) and IL-6 in response to stimulation by lipopolysaccharides.<sup>[3,4]</sup> It appears that the low production of interleukins is a consequence of an intrinsic defect in the cells of individuals with DM.<sup>[2,7]</sup> However, other studies reported that the increased glycation could inhibit the production of IL-10 by myeloid cells, as well as that of interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ) and tumor necrosis factor (TNF)- $\alpha$  by T cells. Glycation would also reduce the expression of class I major histocompatibility complex (MHC) on the surface of myeloid cells, impairing cell immunity.<sup>[8]</sup>

#### Legenda:

GIT: Gastrointestinal tract

PMN: Polymorphonuclear Leukocyte

# How diabetes affect immune system ?

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Total leukocytes             | Their numbers are elevated, are larger and more granular, express diminished levels of antioxidant genes but elevated levels of pro-apoptotic and pro-inflammatory genes.                                       |
| <b>Innate immunity</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Complement system            | Attachment of C-type lectin proteins to mannose residues is decreased, lectin pathway is impaired, CD59 activity is reduced, MAC deposition in vascular walls is increased.                                     |
| Dendritic cells (DCs)        | Their numbers and activity are reduced.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Macrophages                  | Their cholesterol efflux is decreased, generate foam cells, have dysfunctional efferocytosis.                                                                                                                   |
| Neutrophils                  | Are activated, constitutively release NETs, produce high levels of MPO, ROS, and calprotectin (S100A8/A9), are more susceptible to apoptosis, their migration, phagocytosis and microbial killing are impaired. |
| NK cells                     | Their numbers are increased but are usually dysfunctional, express high levels of GLUT4 but decreased levels of NKG2D and Nkp46, have reduced degranulation capacity, are more susceptible to apoptosis.        |
| NKT cells                    | Their numbers are increased, produce high levels of IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-4, and IL-17, express high levels of Nkp30, NKG2D, and Nkp44 but low levels of NKG2A and 158b.                                           |
| Innate lymphoid cells (ILCs) | ILC1s are increased and produce high levels of IFN- $\gamma$ .                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Adaptive immunity</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Humoral immunity (B cells)   | Germinal centers are reduced, Ab production and isotype switching is defective, Abs become glycosylated, Abs fail to activate complement.                                                                       |
| Cellular immunity (T-Cells)  | Pathogen-specific Th17 cells are decreased, Th1 cells are elevated, have decreased expression of perforin, GrB and CD107a.                                                                                      |

Ab, antibody; GLUT-4, glucose transporter type 4; GrB, granzyme B; IFN, interferon; IL, interleukin; MAC, membrane attack complex; MPO, Myeloperoxidase; NET, neutrophil extracellular traps; NKG2D, the natural killer group 2d; ROS, reactive oxygen species; Th, helper T cell.

|                                        | Infectious agent                                                                                                                                                                                                | References     |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Dysfunctional innate immunity</b>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |
| Complement system                      | <i>Candida</i> spp ( <i>albicans</i> , <i>tropicalis</i> , <i>lusitaniae</i> , <i>lipolytica</i> , <i>krusei</i> ), <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> , <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> , and <i>Escherichia coli</i> | (130–132, 216) |
| NK cells                               | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | (203, 213)     |
| Neutrophil                             | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> , and <i>Burkholderia pseudomallei</i>                                                                                                              | (217–221)      |
| Macrophage                             | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | (222, 223)     |
| ILC3                                   | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | (224)          |
| <b>Dysfunctional adaptive immunity</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |
| B cell (humoral immunity)              | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>                                                                                                                                                  | (199, 201)     |
| CD8 <sup>+</sup> Tcells                | <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>                                                                                                                                                                               | (203, 213)     |

**Table 1: Major infections associated with diabetes mellitus**

Respiratory infections

*Streptococcus pneumoniae*  
Influenza  
H1N1  
Tuberculosis

Urinary tract infections

Asymptomatic bacteriuria  
Fungal cystitis  
Emphysematous cystitis  
Bacterial pyelonephritis  
Emphysematous cystitis  
Perinephric abscess

Gastrointestinal and liver infections

*H. pylori* infection  
Oral and esophageal candidiasis  
Emphysematous cholecystitis  
Hepatitis C  
Hepatitis B  
Enteroviruses

Skin and soft tissue infections

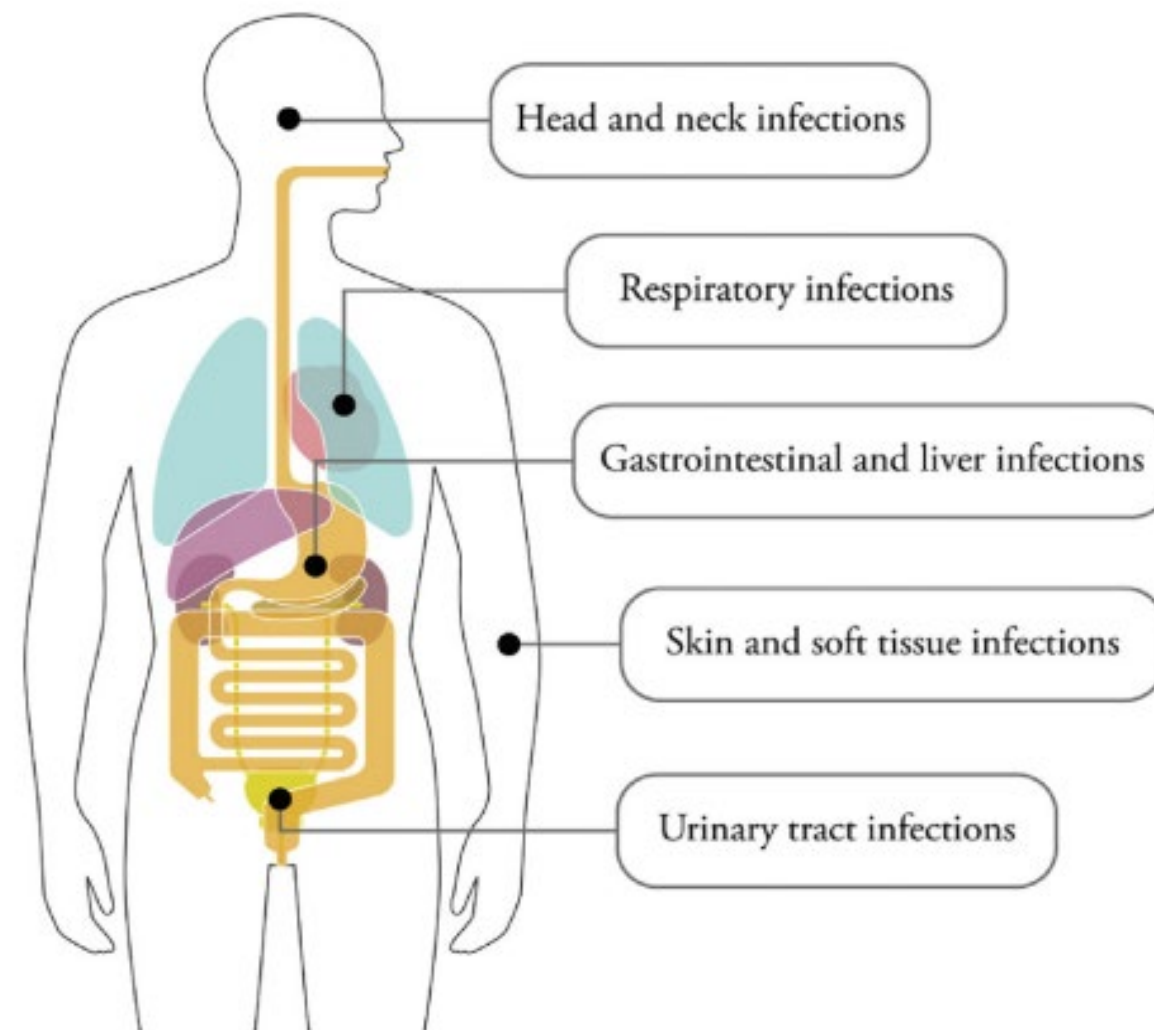
Foot infection  
Necrotizing fasciitis  
Fournier's gangrene

Head and neck infections

Invasive external otitis  
Rhinocerebral mucormycosis

Other infections

Human immunodeficiency virus



Diabetes increases risk of  
hospitalization and death for infectious diseases

Already in 2003....

# Quantifying the Risk of Infectious Diseases for People With Diabetes

Shah BR, Hux JE. Diabetes Care 26:510–513, 2003

A retrospective cohort study compared all people with diabetes in Ontario on 1 April 1999 to matched nondiabetic people (*n* 513,749 in each group).

**The risk ratios of having an infectious disease and of death attributable to infectious disease between those with and without diabetes were calculated.**

The study was repeated using a second pair of cohorts defined in 1996 to confirm stability of the estimates.

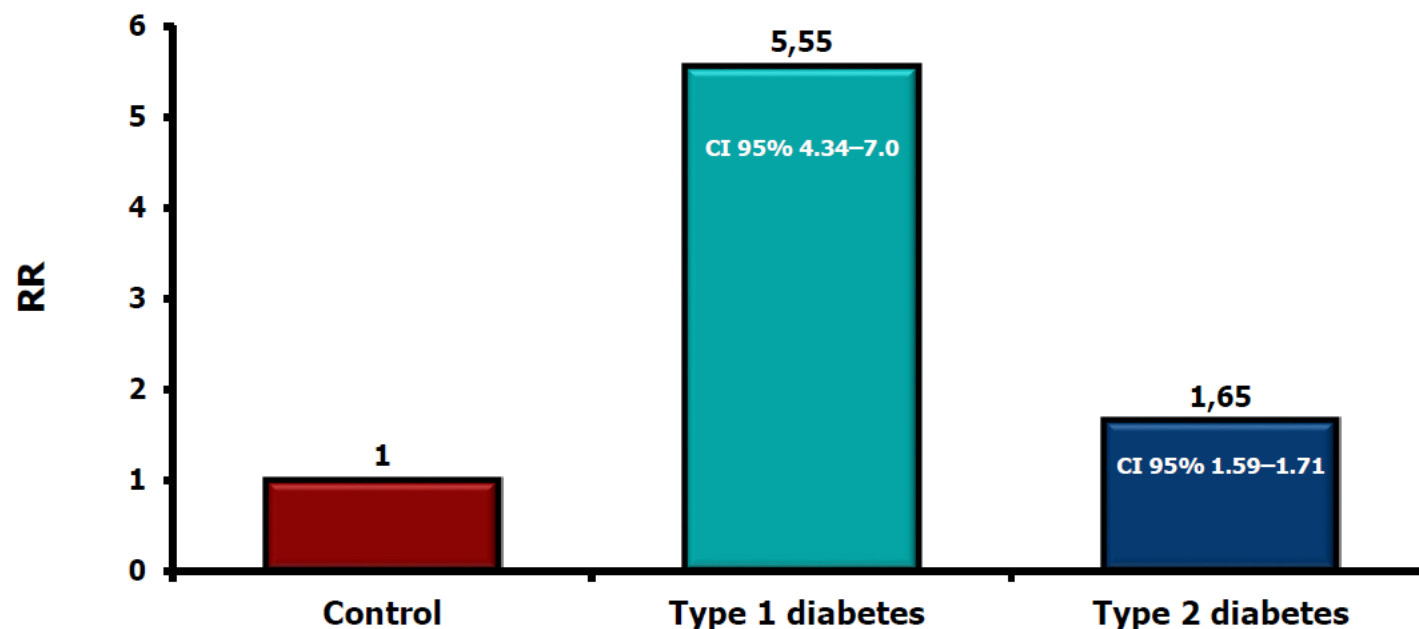
Table 2—Risk ratios with 99% CIs for the diabetic versus the nondiabetic population for death attributable to infectious disease

|                                                                                                 | Risk ratio (99% CI) |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                                 | 1999 Cohort         | 1996 Cohort       |
| Death attributable to infectious disease among all patients                                     | 1.84 (1.73–1.95)*   | 1.92 (1.79–2.05)* |
| Death within 5 days of a physician claim for infectious disease among patients with such claims | 1.38 (1.23–1.55)*   | 1.39 (1.23–1.57)* |
| Death during hospitalization with infectious disease among patients with such hospitalizations  | 0.95 (0.89–1.01)    | 0.94 (0.87–1.01)  |

\**P* < 0.0001.

## Diabetes, Glycemic Control, and Risk of Hospitalization With Pneumonia

A population-based, case-control study of patients with a first-time pneumonia-related hospitalization between 1997 and 2005, using health care databases in northern Denmark. The study included 34,239 patients with a pneumonia-related hospitalization and 342,390 population control subjects

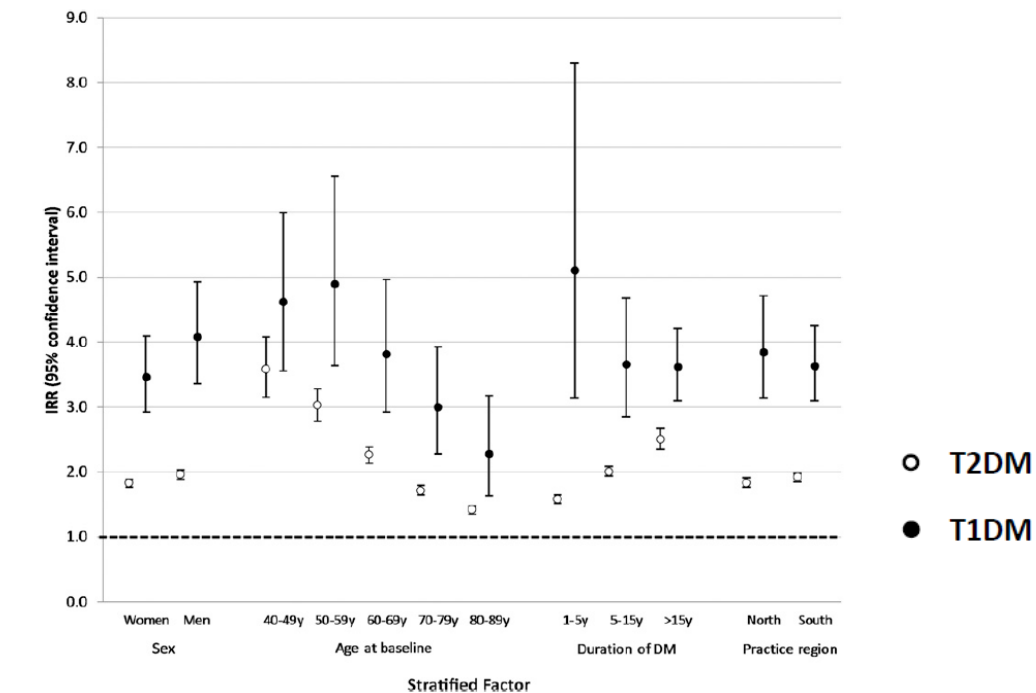


Relative risk (RR) for pneumonia-related hospitalization among subjects with and without diabetes

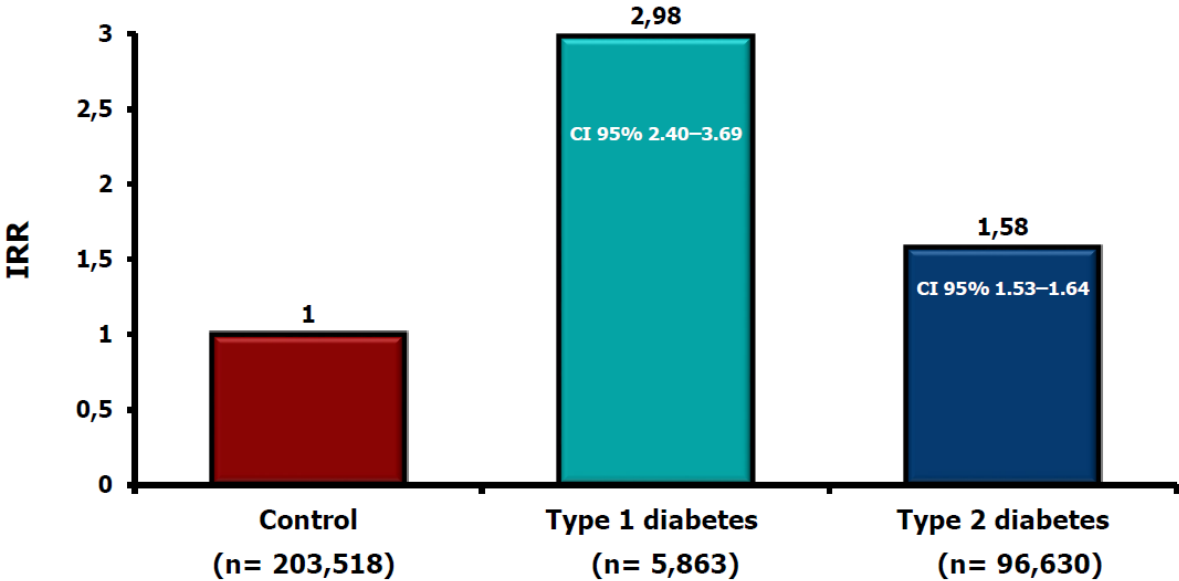
# Risk of Infection in Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes Compared With the General Population: A Matched Cohort Study

## RESULTS

Compared with control subjects without diabetes, patients with diabetes had higher rates for all infections. IRRs for infection-related hospitalizations were 3.71 (95% CI 3.27–4.21) for T1DM and 1.88 (95% CI 1.83–1.92) for T2DM. A direct comparison of types confirmed higher adjusted risks for T1DM versus T2DM



IRRs for hospitalization for infection during 2008–2015 between people with diabetes and matched control subjects

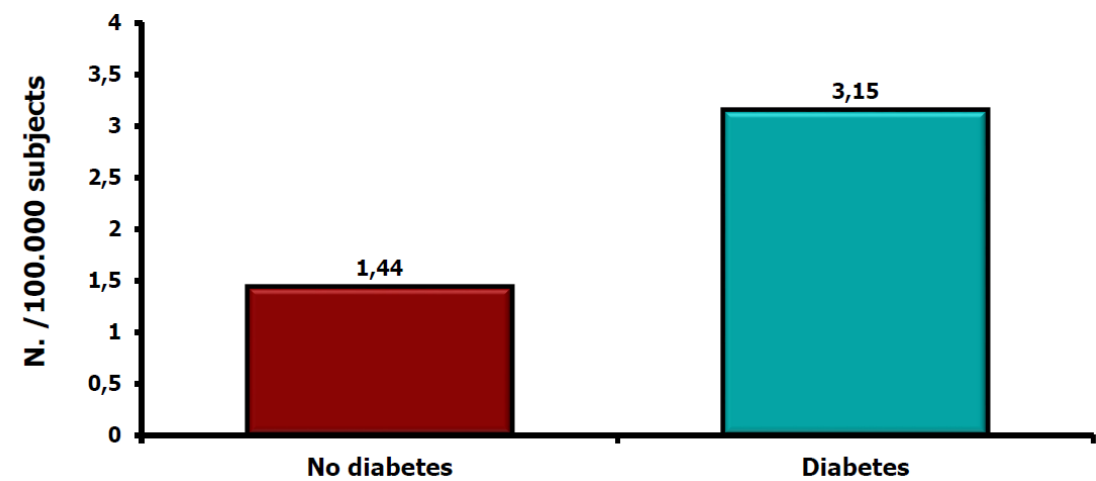


IRRs of pneumonia among people with diabetes versus matched control subjects

# Bacterial meningitis

## Prevalence and outcome in diabetic patients

From a nationwide, prospective cohort study , conducted in Netherland between March 2006 and October 2014.



vanVeen KEB et al. Scientific Reports 2016

From a single-center, prospective observational cohort study, conducted in Spain between 1982 and 2017

**Table 3** Evolving features and outcome of bacterial meningitis in diabetic patients

| Characteristics                          | Diabetic Patients<br>(n = 106) | Other Patients<br>(n = 609) | P value |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Neurological complications               | 31 (29.2)                      | 123 (20.2)                  | 0.210   |
| • Coma                                   | 21 (19.8)                      | 94 (15.4)                   | 0.254   |
| • Seizures                               | 18 (17)                        | 70 (11.5)                   | 0.148   |
| • Focal neurological deficits            | 8 (7.5)                        | 19 (3.1)                    | 0.046   |
| • Cranial palsies                        | 7 (6.6)                        | 28 (4.6)                    | 0.337   |
| Systemic complications                   | 48 (45.3)                      | 184 (30.2)                  | 0.024   |
| • Acute respiratory failure              | 28 (26.4)                      | 103 (16.9)                  | 0.029   |
| • Acute kidney failure                   | 27 (25.5)                      | 72 (11.8)                   | < 0.001 |
| • Septic shock                           | 19 (17.9)                      | 88 (14.4)                   | 0.376   |
| • Disseminated intravascular coagulation | 11 (10.4)                      | 47 (7.7)                    | 0.677   |
| • Rhabdomyolysis                         | 6 (5.7)                        | 22 (3.6)                    | 0.286   |
| Therapeutics                             |                                |                             |         |
| • Adequate empiric antibiotic therapy    | 93 (87.7)                      | 568 (93.3)                  | 0.109   |
| • Dexamethasone therapy                  | 39 (36.8)                      | 220 (36.1)                  | 0.910   |
| • Vasoactive drugs                       | 17 (16)                        | 77 (12.6)                   | 0.350   |
| • Mechanical ventilation                 | 17 (16)                        | 88 (14.4)                   | 0.839   |
| • Dialysis                               | 3 (2.8)                        | 15 (2.5)                    | 0.895   |
| Outcome                                  |                                |                             |         |
| • Neurological sequelae                  | 8 (7.5)                        | 19 (3.1)                    | 0.046   |
| • In-hospital mortality                  | 27 (25.5)                      | 97 (15.9)                   | 0.025   |

CI confidence interval, IQR interquartile range, SD standard deviation  
Values are reported as no./no. evaluated (%), unless otherwise noted

PomarV et al., . BMC InfectDis. 2020

# Viral Pandemics and Diabetes

2003

## **Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)**

- Diabetes and hyperglycemia were independent risk factors for complications and death
- The percentage of patients with a known history of diabetes was significantly higher in the deceased patients than in the survivors (21.5% vs. 3.9%,  $p < 0.01$ )

2009

## **Influenza A (H1N1)**

The OR for ICU admission was 4.29 among hospitalized patients with diabetes compared to those without.

2013

## **Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS)**

- Prevalence of diabetes was up to 51.8 in patients with Mers
- Diabetes was a clinical predictor of death (OR 1.8)

2019

## **Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS-COV -2) COVID-19**



# Is diabetes mellitus associated with mortality and severity of COVID-19? A meta-analysis



Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical Research & Reviews 14 (2020) 535–545

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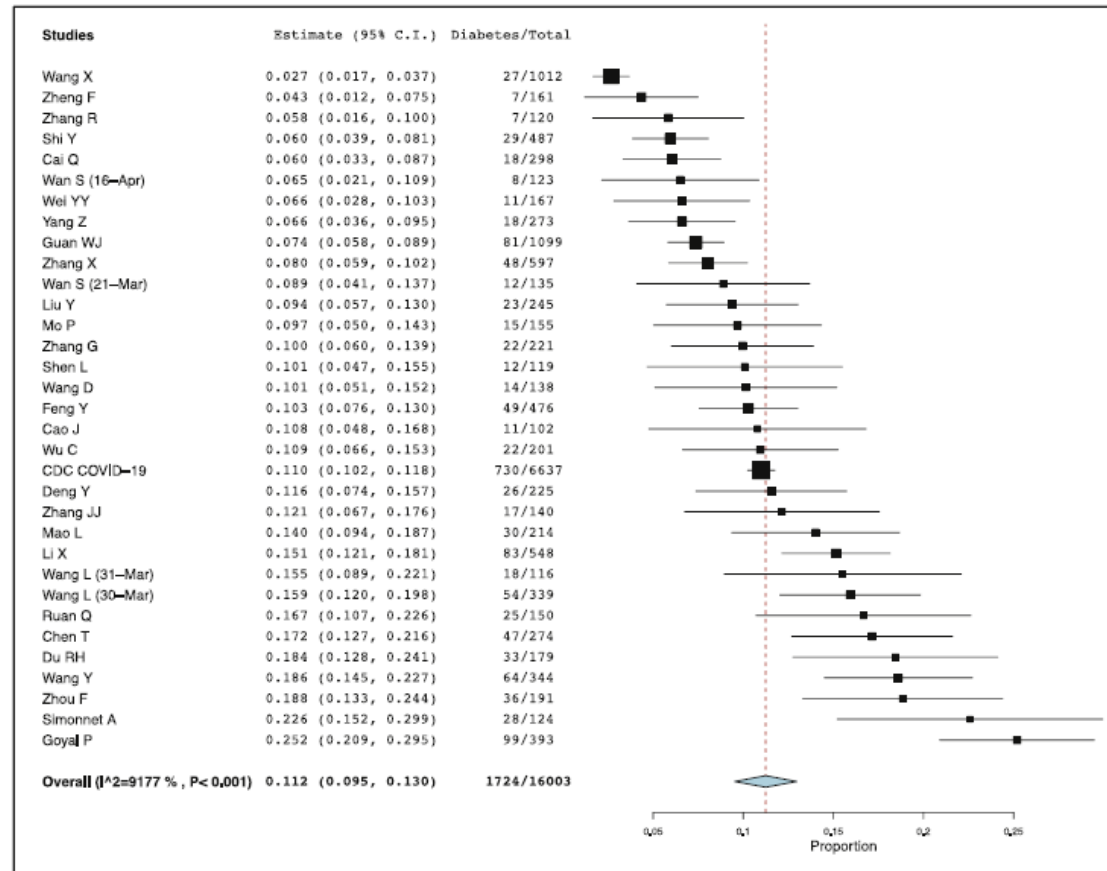


Fig. 2. Pooled proportion of diabetes mellitus in COVID-19 patients.

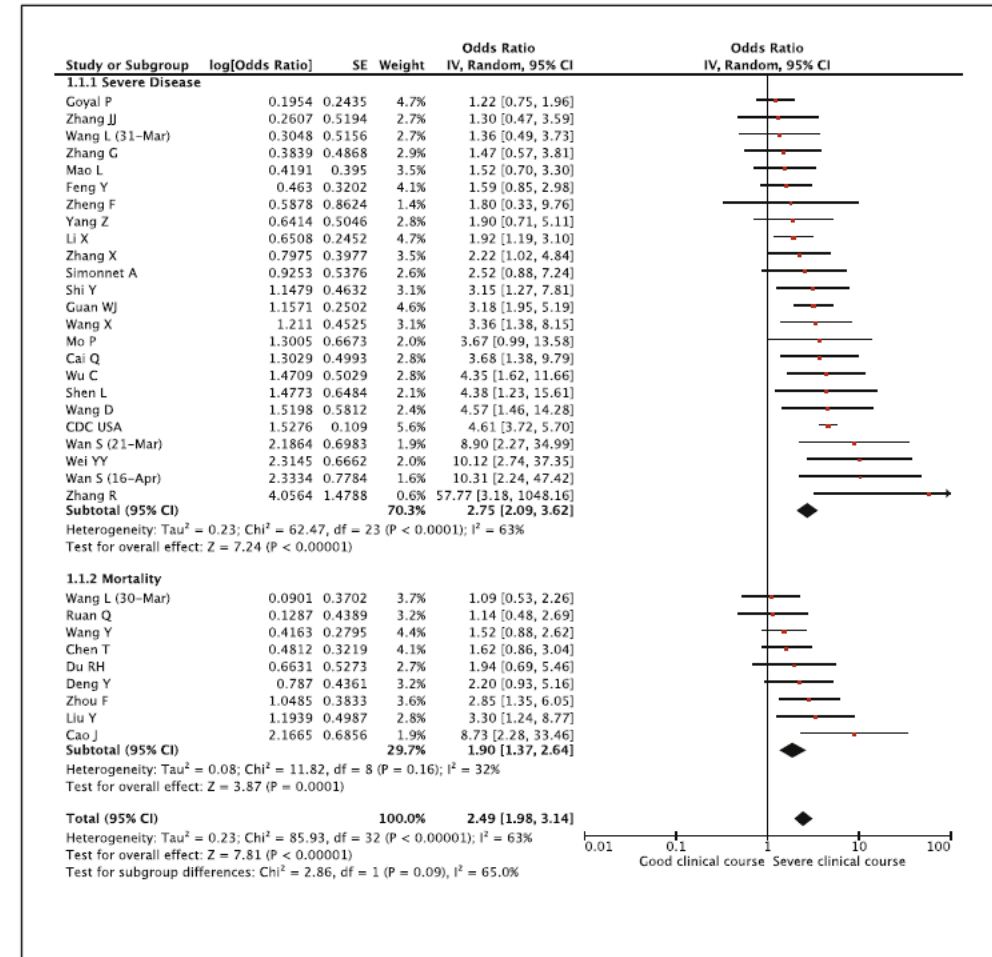
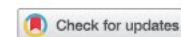


Fig. 3. Forest plot showing pooled odds ratio of diabetes mellitus associated with severe clinical course including mortality.

**Do vaccines work in Diabetes?**



## REVIEW

# Diabetes mellitus as a vaccine-effect modifier: a review

**Introduction:** Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a highly prevalent, chronic condition in adults worldwide. Little is known about the potential role of diabetes as an effect modifier of vaccine protective responses.

**Areas covered:** We conducted a literature review of the immunogenicity, efficacy and effectiveness of immunization in individuals, in studies that compared subjects with DM (DM+) and without DM (DM-). We found few published studies, which were only for vaccines against hepatitis B, influenza, pneumococcal disease, or varicella zoster.

**Except for a consistent attenuation of the immune response to hepatitis B vaccine among DM+ individuals, we found little other consistent evidence for DM as an effect modifier of vaccine responses.**

Table 3. Effectiveness of influenza and pneumococcal vaccine among individuals with and without diabetes.

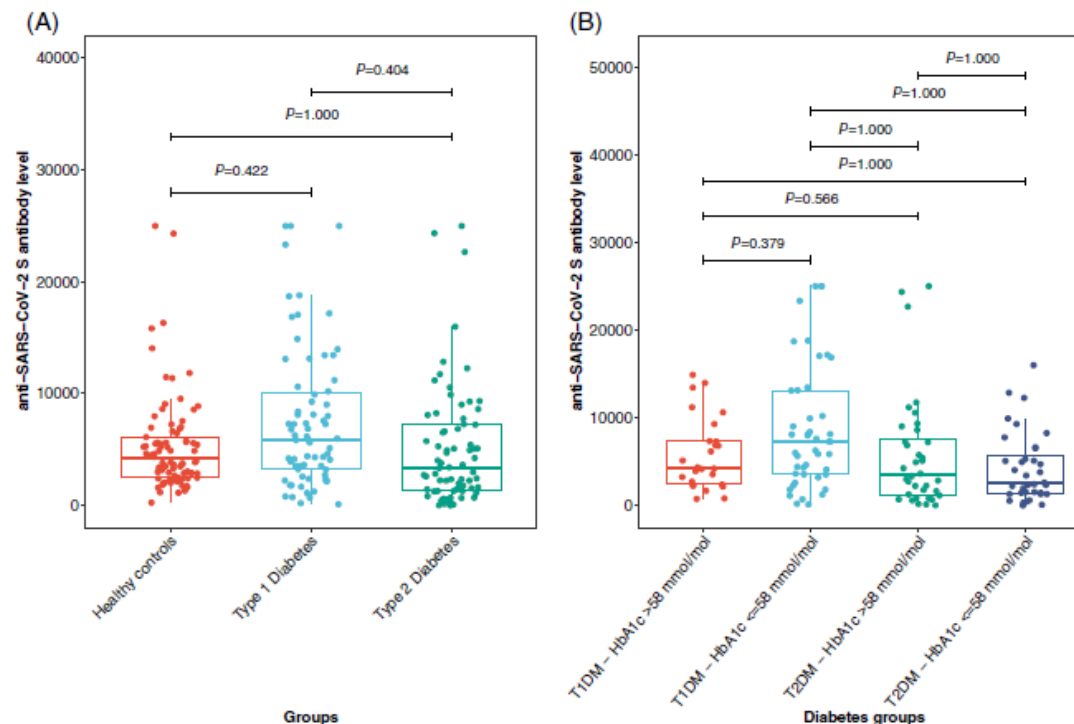
| Reference   | Vaccine                                 | Type DM   | Study design                   | Population                                | Age: median, average or range          | Sample size                                                                          | Outcome measured                        | Vaccine effectiveness (95%CI)                  |                      |         |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
|             |                                         |           |                                |                                           |                                        |                                                                                      |                                         | DM+                                            | DM-                  | P value |
| Rondy [45]  | Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09<br>Influenza B | DM2       | Test-negative (case-control)   | 65+ year old                              | Cases: 65–94; controls: 65–101y        | DM+ N = 266<br>DM- N = 674                                                           | Hospitalization                         | 58.5% (22.8–77.7)                              | 33.9% (4.6–54.2)     | NS      |
|             |                                         |           |                                |                                           |                                        | DM+ N = 272<br>DM- N = 696                                                           |                                         | 62.1% (5.8–84.7)                               | 40.9% (–7.1–67.4)    | NS      |
| Lau [46]    | Seasonal influenza                      | DM/ns     | Cohort study                   | Working population and elderly population | Working group: 53y<br>Elderly: 74y     | DM working: 56613,<br>DM elderly: 25092;<br>elderly control: NR                      | ILI                                     | 18–65 yrs: 1% (–1–3)<br>65+ yrs: 13% (10–0.16) | 65+: 12% (10–15)     | NS      |
|             |                                         |           |                                |                                           |                                        |                                                                                      | Pneumonia and influenza hospitalization | 18–65 yrs: 43% (28–54)<br>65+ yrs: 45% (34–53) | 65+ yrs: 55% (45–63) | NS      |
|             |                                         |           |                                |                                           |                                        |                                                                                      | All-cause hospitalization               | 18–65 yrs: 28% (24–32)<br>65+ yrs: 33% (30–36) | 65+ yrs: 34% (31–37) | NS      |
| Benin [51]  | PPV23                                   | DM1 & DM2 | Case-control & indirect cohort | Navajo adults, aged                       | >65y or <65y with underlying condition | DM+: Case N = 44, controls N = 143<br>DM-: Case N = 64, controls N = 187<br>N = 2837 | VT-IPD                                  | 31% (–182, 83)                                 | 31% (–90, 75)        | NS      |
| Butler [52] | PPV23 (> 1983) or PPV14                 | DM/ns     | Indirect cohort analysis       | General population                        | Vaccinated: 57y; unvaccinated: 50y     |                                                                                      | VT-IPD                                  | 84% (50, 95)                                   | 57% (45, 66)*        | NR      |
| Wagner [53] | PPV23                                   | DM/ns     | Retrospective case-control     | LTCF residents                            | Cases: 82.2y, controls: 82.3y          | 359 cases, 718 controls, DM+: 10%                                                    | Pneumonia                               | OR in DM+ 2.4 compared to the DM- group        |                      | 0.004   |
| Huijts [17] | PCV13                                   | DM/ns     | RCT (post-hoc)                 | General population                        | ≥ 65 years                             | N = 84,496                                                                           | VT-CAP                                  | 89.5% (65.5, 96.8)                             | 24.7% (–10.4; 48.7)  | 0.002   |

Key: DM1 = Diabetes Mellitus type 1, DM2 = Diabetes Mellitus type 2, DM/ns = Diabetes Mellitus, not further specified, DM+ and DM- refers to groups with and without diabetes, respectively, ILI = influenza-like illness, LTCF = Long-term Care Facilities, NR = not reported, NS = not significant, OR = odds ratio, PCV = pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, PPV = pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, RCT = Randomized Controlled Trial, VE = Vaccine Effectiveness, VT-CAP = Vaccine-Type Community-Acquired Pneumonia, VT-IPD = Vaccine-Type Invasive Pneumococcal Disease, \*: overall VE.

# Humoral immune response to COVID-19 vaccination in diabetes is age-dependent but independent of type of diabetes and glycaemic control: The prospective COVAC-DM cohort study

**Aims:** To investigate the seroconversion following first and second COVID-19 vaccination in people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in relation to glycaemic control prior to vaccination and to analyse the response in comparison to individuals without diabetes.

**Conclusions:** Anti-SARS-CoV-2 S receptor-binding domain antibody levels after the second vaccination were comparable in healthy controls and in participants with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, irrespective of glycaemic control.



(A) Comparison of anti-SARS-CoV-2-S antibodies between participants with diabetes and healthy controls after the second vaccination.

(B) Comparison of anti-SARS-CoV-2-S antibodies in people with type 1 (T1DM) and type 2 diabetes (T2DM) and a glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c) level of  $\leq 58$  mmol/mol or  $> 58$  mmol/mol, respectively.



## **Priorità della vaccinazione anti COVID-19 nelle persone con diabete: raccomandazioni di SID, AMD e SIE**

Le persone con diabete presentano ad ogni età, rispetto alla popolazione non diabetica, un rischio significativamente maggiore di mortalità e gravità di malattia in caso di infezione da SARS-Cov-2. È quindi necessario e prioritario mettere in sicurezza attraverso la copertura vaccinale la popolazione diabetica, come chiaramente e giustamente indicato nelle Indicazioni Ministeriali relative alla campagna vaccinale.

Nella popolazione di soggetti con diabete con età inferiore ai 70 anni, che non rientrino nella definizione di persone estremamente vulnerabili e che abbiano ricevuto priorità di accesso alla vaccinazione con ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 (Vaccino AstraZeneca) perché appartenenti a categorie con priorità di somministrazione (i.e. Personale Scolastico e Universitario, Forze Armate e di Polizia, setting a rischio quali penitenziari e luoghi di comunità, ecc.), si dovrà valutare in prima istanza entro quale intervallo di tempo potrebbe essere realisticamente possibile offrire loro la vaccinazione con i vaccini BNT162 / PF-07302048 (Pfizer-Biontech) o mRNA-1273 (Moderna) seguendo le attuali indicazioni AIFA. Nel caso in cui la vaccinazione con questi preparati non dovesse risultare possibile in tempi molto brevi, in considerazione della possibilità di alta diffusione del virus in un contesto in cui la tempistica di vaccinazione per categorie di soggetti a rischio non è al momento prevedibile, si raccomanda di procedere in ogni modo alla vaccinazione con il vaccino più prontamente disponibile, incluso il vaccino AstraZeneca, al fine di garantire al più presto una copertura vaccinale alla persona con diabete.

Si rammenta, tuttavia, che, essendo la disponibilità dei dati scientifici in continua evoluzione, la presente raccomandazione, così come tutte le altre indicazioni, potrebbe andare incontro a modificazioni sostanziali anche nel breve periodo.

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# Multi-disciplinary Consensus Statement Document

## Vaccinal prevention in adult patients with diabetes mellitus

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ITALIAN SOCIETY OF GENERAL MEDICINE & PRIMARY CARE (SIMG)  
[Dr. A. Sessa, on behalf of SIMG board]

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES' RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ADULT DIABETIC SUBJECT-RELATED VACCINATIONS

To actively promote vaccinations included in the national vaccine calendar approved by the Italian Ministry of Health, represents a deontology obligation for each Physician (Italian Ministry of Health circular. March 9, 2017. Operational aspects for the complete and consistent implementation of the 2017-2019 National Immunization Plan and the related Vaccine Calendar).

Systematic vaccination counseling performed by diabetes-treating physicians, together with reporting, within either outpatient visit-associated documentation or hospital discharge-related letter (to be provided to diabetic patients) recommendations to receive the following vaccinations:

- **anti-flu;**
- **anti-pneumococcal;**
- **anti-dTp;**
- **anti-HZ;**
- **anti-meningococcal (T1DM patients).**



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## Il calendario vaccinale

| Vaccino           | 0gg-30gg     | 3° mese                                                       | 4° mese | 5° mese | 6° mese | 7° mese | 11° mese | 13° mese                | 15° mese | ⇨ | 6° anno                 | 12°-18° anno                                     | 19-49 anni                   | 50-64 anni | > 64 anni       | Soggetti ad aumentato rischio |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------|----------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| DTPa**            |              | DTPa                                                          |         | DTPa    |         |         | DTPa     |                         |          |   | DTPa***                 | dTpaIPV                                          | 1 dose dTpa**** ogni 10 anni |            |                 | (1)                           |
| IPV               |              | IPV                                                           |         | IPV     |         |         | IPV      |                         |          |   | IPV                     |                                                  |                              |            |                 |                               |
| Epatite B         | EpB-<br>EpB* | Ep B                                                          |         | Ep B    |         |         | Ep B     |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            |                 | (2)                           |
| Hib               |              | Hib                                                           |         | Hib     |         |         | Hib      |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            |                 | (3)                           |
| Pneumococco       |              | PCV                                                           |         | PCV     |         |         | PCV      |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            | PCV+PPSV        | (4)                           |
| MPRV              |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          | MPRV                    |          |   | MPRV                    |                                                  |                              |            |                 | (6)                           |
| MPR               |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          | oppure<br>MPR<br>+<br>V |          |   | oppure<br>MPR<br>+<br>V |                                                  |                              |            |                 | (5)                           |
| Varicella         |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            |                 | (6)                           |
| Meningococco C    |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          | Men C <sup>§</sup>      |          |   |                         | Men ACWY<br>coniugato                            |                              |            |                 | (7)                           |
| Meningococco B**^ |              | Men B                                                         | Men B   |         | Men B   |         |          | Men B                   |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            |                 |                               |
| HPV               |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          |                         |          |   |                         | HPV°: 2-3 dosi (in<br>funzione di età e vaccino) |                              |            |                 | (8)                           |
| Influenza         |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            | 1 dose all'anno | (9)                           |
| Herpes Zoster     |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            | 1 dose#         | (10)                          |
| Rotavirus         |              | Rotavirus## (due o tre dosi a seconda del tipo<br>di vaccino) |         |         |         |         |          |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            |                 |                               |
| Epatite A         |              |                                                               |         |         |         |         |          |                         |          |   |                         |                                                  |                              |            |                 | (11)                          |

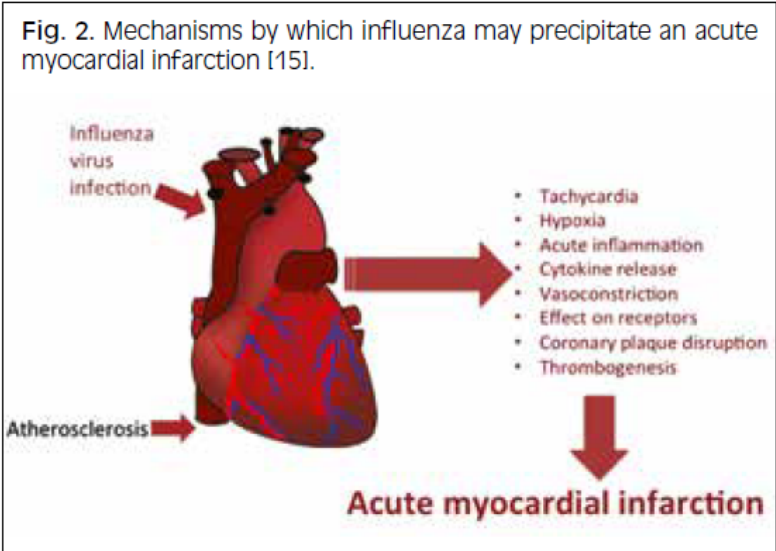
La categoria dei gruppi di popolazione a rischio per patologia è costituita da individui che presentano determinate caratteristiche e particolari condizioni morbose (patologie cardiovascolari, respiratorie, metaboliche, immunodepressione, etc.) che li espongono ad un aumentato rischio di contrarre malattie infettive invasive e sviluppare in tal caso complicanze gravi. La prevenzione di malattie infettive attraverso le vaccinazioni rappresenta una priorità in ambito di Sanità Pubblica, ancor di più per tali soggetti che trarrebbero beneficio da interventi vaccinali mirati e che dovrebbero quindi essere oggetto di programmi specifici

# Influenza infection in patients with diabetes

Influenza infection has been shown to affect patients with diabetes to a greater extent than it does with individuals with normal glucose homeostasis.

They're more likely to experience a more severe course of this infection, as compared to general population, with higher incidence of flu-related major adverse outcomes such as all-cause hospitalizations, intensive care unit admissions, and all-cause mortality.

A recently published study by Kwong et al., a relevant association between laboratory confirmed influenza and the likelihood of acute myocardial infarction (AMI) occurrence after laboratory confirmation was found.



Tab. I. Efficacy of accepted coronary interventions and influenza vaccine in the prevention of myocardial infarction [15].

| Coronary intervention              | Prevention | Intervention efficacy/ effectiveness against acute myocardial infarction (%) |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Smoking cessation [4, 23-25]       | Secondary  | 32-43                                                                        |
| Statins [38]                       | Secondary  | 19-30                                                                        |
| Antihypertensive drugs [26-29, 32] | Secondary  | 17-25                                                                        |
| Influenza vaccine [5, 9, 18]       | Secondary  | 15-45                                                                        |

# Influenza e diabete



# Influenza e paziente diabetico

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- I pazienti diabetici in particolare, avendo un sistema immunitario indebolito dalla malattia (tipo 1 e 2), presentano un aumentato rischio di complicanze<sup>1</sup>
- Anche se ben gestiti, l'influenza può portare a complicanze gravi (come la polmonite), ospedalizzazioni e decessi<sup>1</sup>



**X3**

rischio di **complicanze e ospedalizzazione** rispetto a un soggetto sano<sup>2</sup>

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/diabetes/>

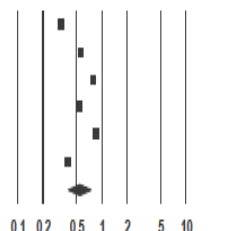
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/managing/flu/index.html>

Review

# Impact of Influenza Vaccination on All-Cause Mortality and Hospitalization for Pneumonia in Adults and the Elderly with Diabetes: A Meta-Analysis of Observational Studies

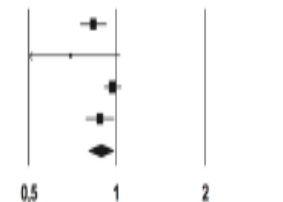
Vaccines **2020**, *8*, 263; doi:10.3390/vaccines8020263 www.mdpi.com/journal/vaccines

Table 4. Forest plot of the meta-analysis of all cause-mortality rate.

| Study Name                  | Statistics for Each Study |             |             |              |             | Rate Ratio and 95% IC                                                               |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                             | Rate Ratio                | Lower Limit | Upper Limit | Z-Value      | p-Value     |                                                                                     |
| Heymann, 2004 [19]          | 0.33                      | 0.25        | 0.43        | −8.41        | 0.00        |  |
| Looijmans, 2006 [23]        | 0.56                      | 0.32        | 0.97        | −2.06        | 0.04        |                                                                                     |
| Rodriguez-Blanco, 2012 [20] | 0.78                      | 0.53        | 1.15        | −1.24        | 0.21        |                                                                                     |
| Shade, 2000 [21]            | 0.54                      | 0.50        | 0.58        | −16.08       | 0.00        |                                                                                     |
| Vamos, 2016 [22]            | 0.85                      | 0.80        | 0.90        | −5.13        | 0.00        |                                                                                     |
| Wang, 2013 [24]             | 0.39                      | 0.32        | 0.48        | −9.10        | 0.00        |                                                                                     |
| <b>Overall</b>              | <b>0.54</b>               | <b>0.40</b> | <b>0.74</b> | <b>−3.84</b> | <b>0.00</b> | Favors Vaccination Favors Non-Vaccination                                           |

ALL CAUSE-MORTALITY RATE

Table 5. Forest Plot of metanalysis of hospitalization for pneumonia rate.

| Study Name           | Statistics for Each Study |             |             |              |             | Rate Ratio and 95% IC                                                                |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                      | Rate Ratio                | Lower Limit | Upper Limit | Z-Value      | p-Value     |                                                                                      |
| Heymann, 2004 [19]   | 0.83                      | 0.75        | 0.92        | −3.34        | 0.01        |  |
| Looijmans, 2006 [23] | 0.70                      | 0.47        | 1.03        | −0.80        | 0.072       |                                                                                      |
| Vamos, 2016 [22]     | 0.97                      | 0.91        | 1.04        | −0.77        | 0.00        |                                                                                      |
| Wang, 2013 [24]      | 0.88                      | 0.78        | 0.99        | −2.20        | 0.00        |                                                                                      |
| <b>Overall</b>       | <b>0.89</b>               | <b>0.80</b> | <b>0.98</b> | <b>−2.36</b> | <b>0.00</b> | Favors Vaccination Favors Non-Vaccination                                            |

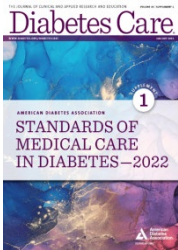
HOSPITALIZATION FOR PNEUMONIA RATE

# Guidelines



Effettuare annualmente la vaccinazione influenzale in tutti i soggetti con diabete di età superiore ai 6 mesi.

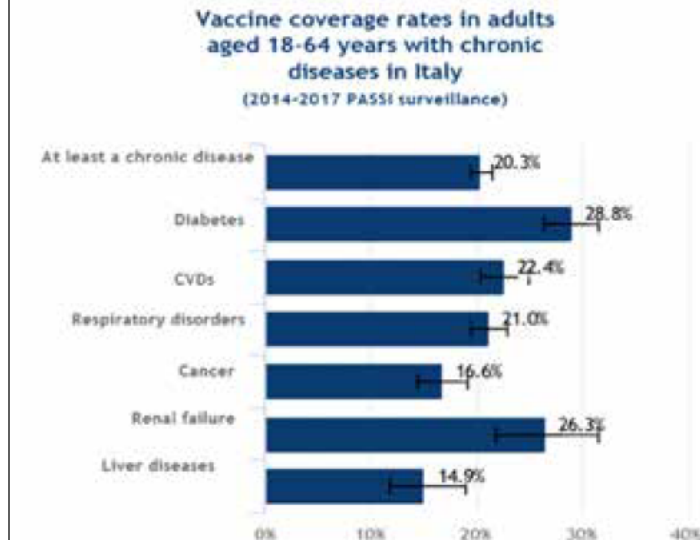
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Given the benefits of the annual influenza vaccination, it is recommended for all individuals **≥6 months** of age who do not have a contraindication.

Nevertheless, despite influenza-associated burden and proven vaccination efficacy in improving major outcomes in diabetic patients aged 18-64 years, the current coverage rates in this patient group are still low (~29%),

Fig 3. Influenza vaccination coverage rates in patients with chronic disorders in Italy between 2014 and 2017 [20].



# Pneumococcal infections in subjects with diabetes

Patients with diabetes have been shown to have a higher likelihood to experience pneumococcal-related infections such as pneumococcal pneumonia (1.4 fold increase) and pneumococcal invasive disease (1.4 to 1.6 fold increase), both responsible for increased rates of morbidity and mortality, as well as relevant costs for healthcare system .

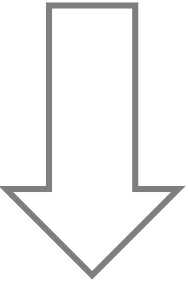
Two vaccines have been available for protection against pneumococcal infections in adults:

## PPSV23

23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, that contains capsular polysaccharides from 23 serotypes among 83 known.

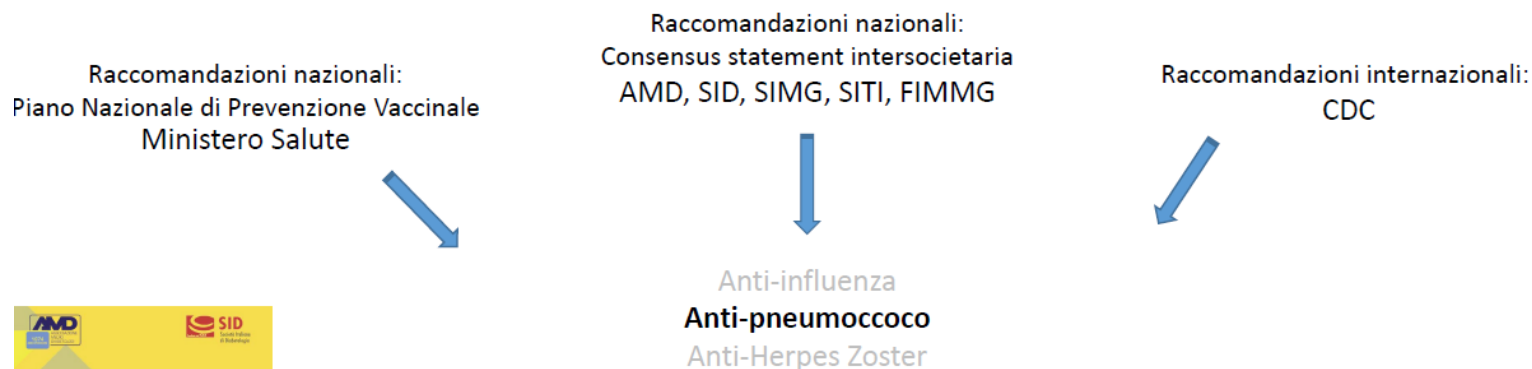
## PCV13

a 13-valent conjugate vaccine that contains capsular polysaccharides from serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6A, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19A, 19F, and 23F individually conjugated to genetically detoxified diphtheria toxin, CRM197, by reductive amination.



Which is indicated for diabetic patient?

# RECOMMENDATIONS BY HEALTH AUTHORITIES/ SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES AND CURRENT COVERAGE RATES



**Tabella 1 |** Indicazioni vaccinali per le persone con diabete.

| Vaccinazione                      | Gruppo d'età                                                                                                                                    | Frequenza                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Anti-Influenzale <sup>3,4</sup>   | Tutti i pazienti con età superiore a 6 mesi                                                                                                     | Annuale                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Anti-Pneumococcica <sup>3,4</sup> | Tra i 19 e i 64 anni PPSV23<br><br>Età uguale o superiore a 65 anni, effettuare una seconda dose di PPSV23, almeno dopo cinque anni dalla prima | Una dose<br><br>Una dose; se era stato utilizzato PCV13, allora somministrare seconda dose di PPSV23 dopo un anno o più dal PCV13 e dopo cinque anni dalla prima dose di PPSV23 ad età inferiore a 65 anni |
| Anti Zoster <sup>3,4</sup>        | Maggiore o uguale 50 anni                                                                                                                       | Due dosi preferenzialmente di vaccino ricombinante                                                                                                                                                         |

Raccomandazioni attuali alla vaccinazione nei soggetti diabetici, JAMD July 2021, F.Tassone

Gli Standard italiani per la cura del diabete mellito AMD/SID 2018 recitano, con forza di raccomandazione III A, che “la vaccinazione contro la polmonite (pneumococcica) è raccomandata per tutte le persone con diabete fino a 64 anni, con le modalità previste dalla normativa nazionale.” A pazienti di età superiore ai 65 anni, con forza di raccomandazione IIIB, si specifica di «somministrare il vaccino pneumococcico coniugato 13-valente (PCV13) almeno un anno dopo la vaccinazione con PPSV23 (vaccino pneumococcico polisaccaridico 23-valente), quindi una altra dose di PPSV23 almeno un anno dopo PCV13 ed una ulteriore dose di PPSV23 almeno 5 anni dopo l’ultimo PPSV23». <sup>(3)</sup>

Gli ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes 2021 forniscono delle raccomandazioni simili<sup>(4)</sup>.

# La campagna vaccinale in Italia



*Ministero della Salute*

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PREVENZIONE SANITARIA  
Ufficio 5 Prevenzione delle Malattie Trasmissibili e Profilassi Internazionale

Prevenzione e controllo dell'influenza:  
raccomandazioni per la stagione 2022-2023

**La vaccinazione anti-pneumococcica è  
raccomandata e gratuita per le  
persone di  $\geq 65$  anni.**

Prevede due dosi: una prima dose di vaccino coniugato e una seconda di vaccino polisaccaridico a distanza di almeno 2 mesi, stando attenti a non invertire l'ordine delle due vaccinazioni.

La vaccinazione pneumococcica può essere offerta simultaneamente alla vaccinazione anti-influenzale (che rappresenta in tale caso una occasione opportuna), ma può pure essere somministrata indipendentemente e in qualsiasi stagione dell'anno, anche perché mentre l'anti-influenzale deve essere ripetuta ogni stagione, l'anti-pneumococcica viene somministrata secondo le attuali indicazioni in dose singola una sola volta nella vita.

GAZZETTA UFFICIALE DELLA REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Serie generale -

## Vaccino anti-pneumococcico

La presenza di patologie predisponenti può indurre un aumentato rischio di infezione pneumococcica severa e delle sue complicanze. Di conseguenza la vaccinazione anti-pneumococcica è consigliata a tutti coloro che presentino le seguenti patologie o condizioni predisponenti:

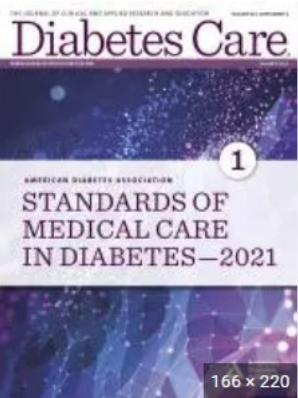
- Cardiopatie croniche
- Malattie polmonari croniche
- Diabete Mellito
- Epatopatie croniche, inclusa la cirrosi epatica e le epatopatie croniche evolutive da alcool
- Alcoolismo cronico
- Soggetti con perdite liquorali da traumi o intervento
- Presenza di impianto cocleare
- Emoglobinopatie quali anemia falciforme e talassemia
- Immunodeficienze congenite o acquisite
- Infezione da HIV
- Condizioni di asplenia anatomica o funzionale e pazienti candidati alla splenectomia
- Patologie onco-ematologiche (leucemie, linfomi e mieloma multiplo)
- Neoplasie diffuse
- Trapianto d'organo o di midollo
- Patologie richiedenti un trattamento immunosoppressivo a lungo termine
- Insufficienza renale/surrenalica cronica

# ANTI-DIPHTERIA-TETANUS-PERTUSSIS (dTp)

- CDC (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*) specifically refers to diabetics among individuals for whom such a vaccination is recommended
- Current NIP-reported recipients (those aged 19-64 years) to anti-dTp vaccination also include patients with diabetes for whom this vaccination is recommended due to their increased likelihood to develop severe infections



This vaccination is not mentioned



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| Anti Zoster <sup>3,4</sup>                        | Maggiore o uguale 50 anni                                                                                                                       | Due dosi preferenzialmente di vaccino ricombinante                                                                                                                                                         |
| Anti Meningococcica <sup>3,5</sup>                | Tutti i pazienti DMT1                                                                                                                           | Due dosi i.m.:                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Anti Difterite-Pertosse-Tetano <sup>4</sup>       | Tutti gli adulti, alle donne in gravidanza sarebbe da somministrare una dose 'extra'.                                                           | Un richiamo ogni 10 anni                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Anti Epatite B <sup>3,4</sup>                     | Tutti i pazienti di età compresa tra i 19 e 60 anni, per età > 60 anni discuterne con il proprio medico                                         | Due o tre serie di dosi                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Anti Papilloma Virus <sup>4</sup>                 | ≤26 anni di età; 27–45 anni di età discuterne con il proprio medico                                                                             | Tre dosi in 6 mesi                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Anti-morbillo / parotite / rosolia <sup>3,4</sup> | Tutti i pazienti                                                                                                                                | Due dosi s.c.: all'età di 12-15 mesi e, di solito, all'età di 4-6 anni.                                                                                                                                    |

# Other vaccinations recommended in diabetic individuals

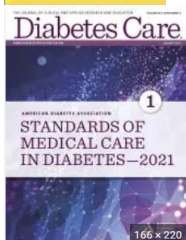
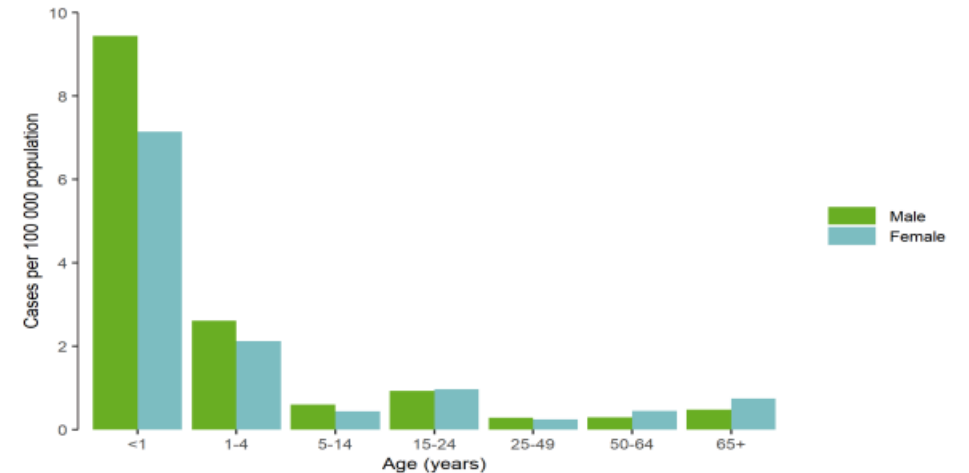
## ANTI-MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

### Invasive meningococcal disease

Annual Epidemiological Report for 2018

#### Key facts

- In 2018, 3 233 confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal disease (IMD), including 324 deaths, were reported in 30 European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA) Member States.
- France, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom accounted for 59% of all confirmed cases in 2018.
- The notification rate of IMD was 0.6 cases per 100 000 population, similar to the 2015-2017 period.
- Age-specific rates were highest in infants, followed by 1-4-year-olds, with a second peak in 15-24-year-olds.
- Serogroup B remains the major cause of IMD. It caused 51% of cases overall and was the dominating serogroup in all age groups below 65 years. Incidence remained stable between 2014 and 2018.
- The incidence of serogroups W and Y has been increasing. Serogroup W is now the second cause of IMD reported in 18% of cases.
- The continued strengthening of disease surveillance for IMD is essential to evaluate the impact of ongoing immunisation programmes and support decision-makers concerning vaccination strategies.



La vaccinazione anti-meningococcica è raccomandata in tutti i pazienti con diabete di tipo 1. **III A**

This vaccination is not mentioned

# *Take home messages*

- Diabetes is associated with an increased likelihood of infections
- Multiple pathophysiological mechanisms appear to be involved in diabetic patients' increased risk to infections
- Infectious diseases' course is likely to be more severe in diabetics, with higher risk for hospitalization and death compared to euglycemic subjects.
- For these reasons all vaccinations are strongly recommended in diabetic people, according to PNPV and guidelines of main scientific societies.
- In order to overcome Vaccine hesitancy and to achieve Maximum vaccination coverage, Diabetologist and GPs should collaborate. They should systematically assess patient's vaccinal status regarding the following vaccination (and recommend them if necessary):
  - anti-flu;
  - anti-pneumococcal;
  - anti-diphtheria- tetanus-pertussis (dTp);
  - anti-herpes zoster (HZ);
  - anti-meningococcal (T1DM patients).