

Diabetes Patient Management Programme

According to Diabetes UK, the NHS spends around £10.7bn per year on Diabetes, which equates to around 6% of its overall budget. Around £6.2bn of this is spent on Diabetes complications. Research - including some that we've contributed towards ourselves - shows that more appropriate and effective testing can lead to better patient outcomes, including significant reduction in the risk of complications

The Diabetes Patient Management Programme analyses the effectiveness of testing in management of patients with diabetes in primary care, providing rich detailed information around the appropriateness and effectiveness of testing. It identifies opportunities to generate cost savings through reduction in wastage (over-testing), whilst also providing a monthly intervention which aims to reduce missed tests in high-risk patients.



Detailed Patient Management Information

- ✓ Summary dashboards relay key information concisely
- ✓ Analyses of test rates, overdue patients, and conformance with guidance, amongst others, analysed by Diabetes control group
- ✓ Monthly, quarterly, and annual tracking of performance over time

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Realistic Cost Efficiency Savings Through Reduced Wastage

- ✓ Identification of potential cost savings targets using "safe removal over-tests" method individually calculated at a per-patient level
- ✓ Significant potential laboratory savings from reduced over-testing
- ✓ Highlights potential areas that might be causing wastage

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Guide Towards More Effective and Appropriate Testing

- ✓ Detailed information showing number of tests missed and number of high-risk patients overdue
- ✓ Calculated impact on service of appropriately increased testing in high-risk patients
- ✓ Effectiveness of testing also monitored through change in glycaemic control over time



Monthly Report to GPs (Intervention)

- ✓ Also delivers an intervention in the form of a monthly report to GPs, which identifies high-risk patients currently overdue
- ✓ Intervention piloted at Cambridge as part of a research study found that improved performance in reducing overdue tests in high-risk patients of practices included in the programme was statistically significant compared with those that weren't

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