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FOREWORD

The practice and the science of diabetes, and the patients who suffer from this disease, have never remained the same. When I was beginning to learn about diabetes at medical school, about 40 years ago, insulin was of course extracted from animal pancreases (though highly purified, ‘monocomponent’ insulin was being introduced at that time). Glass syringes and needles had to be boiled to sterilize them and monitoring of diabetes control was by urine testing. Beds on the medical ward were frequently occupied by diabetic patients, many with gangrenous feet. Within just a decade, when I was well into my career as a diabetologist, injected insulin was of human sequence and made by semi-synthesis or recombinant DNA technology, disposable plastic syringes and needles had been introduced (after a long fight), insulin ‘pens’ were appearing and even insulin pumps had been in use for five years. Patients monitored their own metabolic control using capillary blood samples and portable meters and not by urine testing. Type 2 diabetes was no longer called ‘mild diabetes’, though we thought it was a disease of the middle aged and elderly.

Change in diabetes has shown no signs of diminishing in the last decade, and in fact it is accelerating. Scientific advances in the understanding of diabetes and its complications are being translated into improved clinical practice at ever faster rates. But the increasing prevalence, costs and human suffering associated with diabetes have produced a global health nightmare which challenges us to do better – in public health, scientific and clinical research, clinical care and social policy.

What has changed recently? The relentless increase in obesity and inactivity amongst all age groups has caused the emergence of this type of diabetes in children and adolescents, as well as adults. Type 2 diabetes is now increasingly recognised as a disorder of the immune system, though it seems to be a disease of activated innate immunity. Rapid- and long-acting insulin analogues are now the insulins of choice for many people with diabetes, and newer insulins are just around the corner – analogues with even longer duration for better basal replacement, and rapid-acting formulations with even faster absorption for meal-time use. New technologies such as smart insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring are playing an increasing part in the management of selected patients with type 1 diabetes and sub-optimal glycaemic control. In type 2 diabetes, new blood glucose-lowering drugs such as gliptins and GLP-1 agonists are proving effective, and in the grossly obese patient with diabetes, bariatric surgery is becoming a recognised treatment option. In the everyday diabetes clinic, management of hypertension and lipids are



now seen as being as integral to diabetes care as blood glucose control. And many more advances could be mentioned.

Diabetes is common, costly, complex and constantly changing. There is much to learn. The management of people with diabetes is not the same today as it was even a few years ago. Sujoy Ghosh and Andrew Collier have produced in this book a clear, up-to-date guide to modern diabetes and its management that will help all practitioners. I am sure it will make a substantial contribution both to our understanding of diabetes and to improving the care of the patients who suffer from it.

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John Pickup

PREFACE

The incidence of diabetes is increasing at epidemic proportions worldwide. The first *Pocketbook of Diabetes* was published in 2000 and the structure of this edition follows similar lines. However, diabetes expertise has moved on considerably, with greater understanding of aetiopathogenesis of the different types of diabetes, the emerging roles of novel pharmacological agents, and the importance of multidisciplinary team working and multi-risk-factor treatment.

Re-writing this book was easy and difficult at the same time. Our predecessor, Professor Andrew Krentz, who wrote the previous edition, had done a wonderful job and hence it was incredibly difficult to improve upon his work. At the same time his work provided us with a platform to update the book, keeping in view the advances in knowledge.

The emphasis of this book is on clinical management and the aim has been to provide a balanced view of current clinical practice. This book is not meant to be an alternative to time tested exhaustive text-books on diabetes. This pocketbook is meant to be a concise companion for all health professionals involved in diabetes management, providing easily accessible information and guidance.

Finally no words of praise are enough for the constant help and support that we received from our publishers, especially Sheila Black, for bearing with the unbearable!

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ABBREVIATIONS

- 4S** Scandinavian Simvastatin Study
- AAP** atypical antipsychotic
- ABPI** ankle : brachial pressure index
- AC** abdominal circumference
- ACCORD** Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes
- ACE** angiotensin converting enzyme
- ACR** albumin/creatinine ratio
- ACT** acceptance and commitment therapy
- ADA** American Diabetes Association
- ADOPT** A Diabetes Outcome Progression Trial
- ADVANCE** Action in Diabetes and Vascular Disease: Preterax and Diamicon MR Controlled Evaluation
- AED** antiepileptic drug
- AER** albumin excretion rate
- ALLHAT** Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial
- ARB** angiotensin receptor blocker
- ARI** aldose reduction inhibitor
- ASCOT** Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial
- ASH** alcoholic steatohepatitis
- ASSIGN** Assessing cardiovascular risk using SIGN guidelines to assign preventive treatment
- ATP** adenosine triphosphate
- BDI** Beck Depression Inventory
- BERTIE** Bournemouth Type 1 Intensive Education
- BGAT** Blood Glucose Awareness Training
- BHS** British Hypertension Society
- BITES** Brief Intervention in Type 1 Diabetes – Education for Self-efficacy
- BMD** bone mineral density
- BMI** body mass index
- BMS** bare metal stents
- BNF** British National Formulary
- BP** blood pressure
- BSA** body surface area
- BUN** blood urea nitrogen
- CABG** coronary artery bypass grafting
- CAPD** continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
- CARDS** Collaborative Atorvastatin Diabetes Study
- CARE** Cholesterol and Recurrent Events
- CBT** cognitive behavioural therapy
- CCB** calcium channel blocker
- CES-D** Centre for Epidemiological Studies – Depression Scale
- cGMP** cyclic guanosine monophosphate
- CHD** coronary heart disease

- CHF** congestive heart failure
- CI** confidence interval
- CKD** chronic kidney disease
- CMG** continuous monitoring of interstitial glucose
- CoA** coenzyme A
- COC** combined oral contraceptive
- COPD** chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- CRP** C-reactive protein
- CSI** continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion
- CSMO** clinically significant macular oedema
- CT** computed tomography
- CTG** cardiotocography
- CVD** cardiovascular disease
- DAFNE** Dose Adjustment for Normal Eating
- DCCT** Diabetes Control and Complications Trial
- DES** drug-eluting stents
- DESMOND** Diabetes Education and Self-Management for Ongoing and Newly Diagnosed
- DHAP** dihydroxy acetonephosphate
- DIGAMI** Diabetes mellitus, Insulin-Glucose infusion in Acute Myocardial Infarction
- DISH** diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis
- DISN** diabetes inpatient specialist nurse
- DKA** diabetic ketoacidosis
- DPP** dipeptidyl peptidase
- DR** diabetic retinopathy
- DRS** Diabetic Retinopathy Study
- DSME** diabetes self-management education
- DVLA** Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
- ED** erectile dysfunction
- EDHF** endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factor
- ER** endoplasmic reticulum
- ESRD** end-stage renal disease
- FDA** Food and Drug Administration
- FFA** fundus fluorescein angiography
- FIELD** Fenofibrate Intervention and Event Lowering in Diabetes
- FLD** fatty liver disease
- FPG** fasting plasma glucose
- FSH** follicle-stimulating hormone
- GA3P** glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate
- GAD** glutamic acid dehydrogenase
- GDM** gestational diabetes mellitus
- GFR** glomerular filtration rate
- GHbSD** standard deviations of glycosylated haemoglobin
- GI** glycaemic index
- GIP** glucose-dependent insulinotropic peptide
- GLP-1** glucagon-like peptide-1

- GLUT** glucose transporter
- GnRH** gonadotropin-releasing hormone
- GP** general practitioner
- HAATT** Hypoglycaemia Anticipation, Awareness and Treatment Training
- HADS** Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale
- HAPO** Hyperglycaemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcome
- HbA1c** glycated haemoglobin
- HDL** high density lipoprotein
- HF** heart failure
- HHS** hyperosmolar hyperglycaemic state
- HIV** human immunodeficiency virus
- HLA** human leukocyte antigen
- HNF** hepatocyte nuclear factor
- HOMA** homeostasis model assessment
- HONK** hyperosmolar non-ketotic (coma)
- HOPE** Heart Outcomes Prevention Evaluation
- HOT** Hypertension Optimal Treatment
- HPS** Heart Protection Study
- HR** hazard ratio
- HTA** Health Technology Assessment
- IDF** International Diabetes Federation
- IFCC** International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine
- IFG** impaired fasting glucose
- IGT** impaired glucose tolerance
- IPF** insulin promoter factor
- IPPV** intermittent positive-pressure ventilation
- IRMA** intraretinal microvascular anomaly
- IRS** insulin receptor substrate
- IUD** intrauterine device
- IUGR** intrauterine growth restriction
- IUS** intrauterine systems
- IV** intravenous
- JBS 2** Joint British Societies' guideline
- LADA** latent autoimmune diabetes in adults
- LCD** low calorie diet
- LDL** low density lipoprotein
- LED** low energy diets
- LH** luteinizing hormone
- LVSD** left ventricular systolic dysfunction
- MDI** multiple daily injections
- MDRD** Modification of Diet in Renal Disease
- MELAS** mitochondrial myopathy, encephalopathy, lactic acidosis and stroke-like
- MI** myocardial infarction
- MNT** medical nutrition therapy
- MODY** maturity-onset diabetes of the young
- MR** modified release

- MRI** magnetic resonance imaging
- NAD** nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide
- NASH** non-alcoholic steatohepatitis
- NCEP** National Cholesterol Education Program
- NDH** non-diabetic hyperglycaemia
- NGSP** National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program
- NHS QIS** NHS Quality Improvement Scotland
- NICE** National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
- NPDR** non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy
- NPH** neutral protamine Hagedorn
- NPWT** negative pressure wound therapy
- NYHA** New York Heart Association (classification)
- OCT** optical coherence tomography
- OGTT** oral glucose tolerance test
- OR** odds ratio
- PAD** peripheral arterial disease
- PAID** Problem Areas in Diabetes
- PCI** percutaneous coronary intervention
- PCOS** polycystic ovary syndrome
- PCR** protein/creatinine ratio
- PCT** porphyria cutanea tarda
- PDR** proliferative diabetic retinopathy
- PHQ** Patient Health Questionnaire
- PPR** peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor
- PROactive** PROspective pioglitAzone Clinical Trial In macroVascular Events
- PUFA** omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids
- PVD** peripheral vascular disease
- QALY** quality-adjusted life year
- QOF** quality outcomes framework
- QoL** quality of life
- QUICKI** quantitative insulin sensitivity check index
- RAAS** renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system
- RARS** refractory anaemia with ringed sideroblasts
- RCT** randomized controlled trial
- RR** relative risk
- RRT** renal replacement therapy
- SBP** systolic blood pressure
- SCID** Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV-TR
- SD** standard deviation
- SE** standard error
- SGA** small for gestational age

- SGLT** sodium–glucose co-transporter inhibitor
- SHBG** sex hormone-binding globulin
- SIGN** Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network
- SMBG** self-monitoring of blood glucose
- SMD** standardized mean difference
- SMUG** self-monitoring of urine glucose
- SREBP** sterol regulatory element-binding protein
- SSRI** selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor
- SU** sulphonylurea
- TCA** tricyclic antidepressant
- TG** triglycerides
- TSH** thyroid-stimulating hormone
- TZD** thiazolidinedione
- UGDP** University Group Diabetes Program
- UKPDS** UK Prospective Diabetes Study
- VADT** Veterans Affairs Diabetes Trial
- VEGF** vascular endothelial growth factor
- VLCD** very low calorie diet
- VLED** very low energy diet
- WHO** World Health Organization

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SECTION 1

DIAGNOSIS, CLASSIFICATION, EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

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THE SYNDROME OF DIABETES MELLITUS

Diabetes mellitus is defined as a metabolic disorder of multiple aetiology characterized by chronic hyperglycaemia with disturbances of carbohydrate, protein and fat metabolism resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both. The clinical diagnosis of diabetes is often indicated by the presence of symptoms such as polyuria, polydipsia and unexplained weight loss, and is confirmed by documented hyperglycaemia.

The clinical presentation ranges from asymptomatic type 2 diabetes to the dramatic life-threatening conditions of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) or hyperosmolar non-ketotic coma (HONK)/hyperosmolar hyperglycaemic state (HHS). The principal determinants of the presentation are the degrees of insulin deficiency and insulin resistance, although additional factors may also be important. In addition, pathological hyperglycaemia sustained over several years may produce functional and structural changes within certain tissues. Patients may present with macrovascular complications that include ischaemic heart disease, stroke and peripheral vascular disease, whereas the specific microvascular complications of diabetes include retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy.

DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR DIABETES MELLITUS

Assigning a type of diabetes to an individual often depends on the circumstances present at the time of diagnosis, and many diabetic individuals do not easily fit into a single specific type. An example is a person who has acquired diabetes because of large doses of exogenous steroids and who becomes normoglycaemic once the glucocorticoids are discontinued. In addition, some patients may present with major metabolic decompensation yet can subsequently be treated successfully with oral agents. Thus, for the clinician and patient, it is less important to label the particular type of diabetes than it is to understand the pathogenesis of the hyperglycaemia and to treat it effectively.

The American Diabetes Association (ADA, 2011) gives the following **criteria for the diagnosis of diabetes**:

- A1C \geq 6.5%. The test should be performed in a laboratory using a method that is certified by the National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program (NGSP) and standardized to the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) assay, or

- fasting plasma glucose (FPG) ≥ 126 mg/dL (7.0 mmol/L). Fasting is defined as no caloric intake for at least 8 h, or
- 2-h plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) during an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT). The test should be performed as described by the World Health Organization (WHO), using a glucose load containing the equivalent of 75 g anhydrous glucose dissolved in water
- in a patient with classic symptoms of hyperglycaemia or hyperglycaemic crisis, a random plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L)
- in the absence of unequivocal hyperglycaemia, the result should be confirmed by repeat testing.

The symptoms of thirst, polyuria, polyphagia and weight loss, coupled with a raised plasma glucose level, are diagnostic. In the absence of symptoms two abnormal results (i.e. two raised fasting levels) or an abnormal OGTT result is diagnostic. However, the OGTT is influenced by many factors other than diabetes, including age, diet, state of health, gastrointestinal disorders, medications and emotional stress.

Tip box

Chronic hyperglycaemia is the sine qua non of diabetes mellitus.

CATEGORIES OF INCREASED RISK FOR DIABETES (PRE-DIABETES): IMPAIRED FASTING GLUCOSE (IFG)/IMPAIRED GLUCOSE TOLERANCE (IGT)

The ADA criteria introduced the category of impaired fasting glucose, defined as fasting venous plasma level of 5.6–6.9 mmol/L. The diagnosis of impaired glucose tolerance can be made only using a 75-g oral glucose tolerance test; a 2-h glucose measurement points to the diagnosis of impaired glucose tolerance when the plasma glucose is found to be greater than 7.7 mmol/L but less than 11.1 mmol/L. Recently another category, impaired glycated haemoglobin, HbA1c (A1C 5.7–6.4%), has been added.

Categories of increased risk for diabetes (pre-diabetes) (ADA, 2011)

FPG 100–125 mg/dL (5.6–6.9 mmol/L): IFG
or