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# The Role Of HbA<sub>1c</sub> In Diagnosing Diabetes

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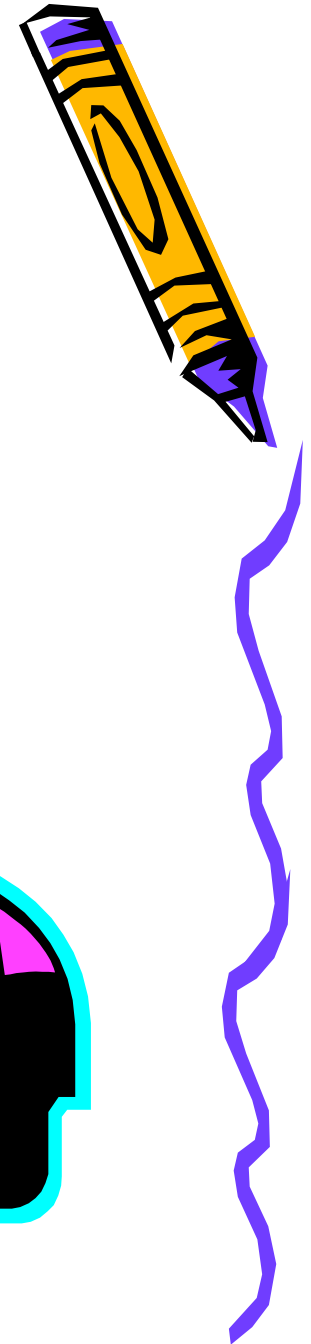
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# Outline

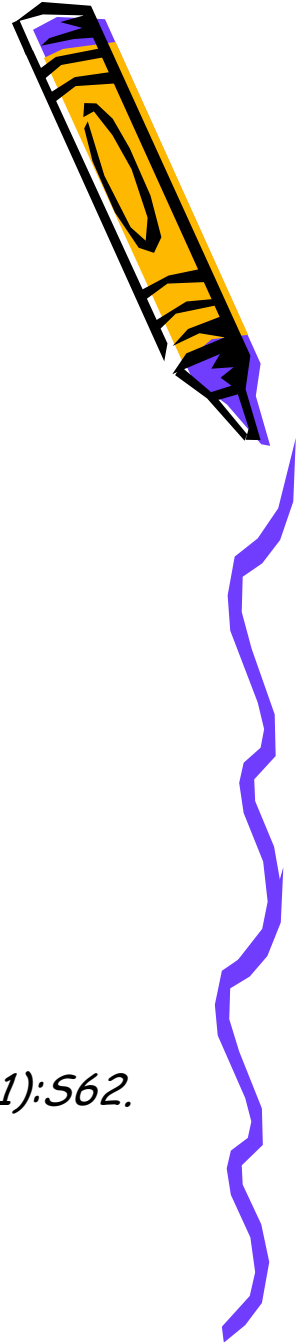
1. Diagnosing diabetes
  - ✓ a quick review ♠
2. PG & A1c for diabetes diagnosis
  - ✓ the Good, the Bad & the Ugly ♥
3. Suggestions from IEC/ADA ♣
4. Ways forward in diagnosing diabetes ♦



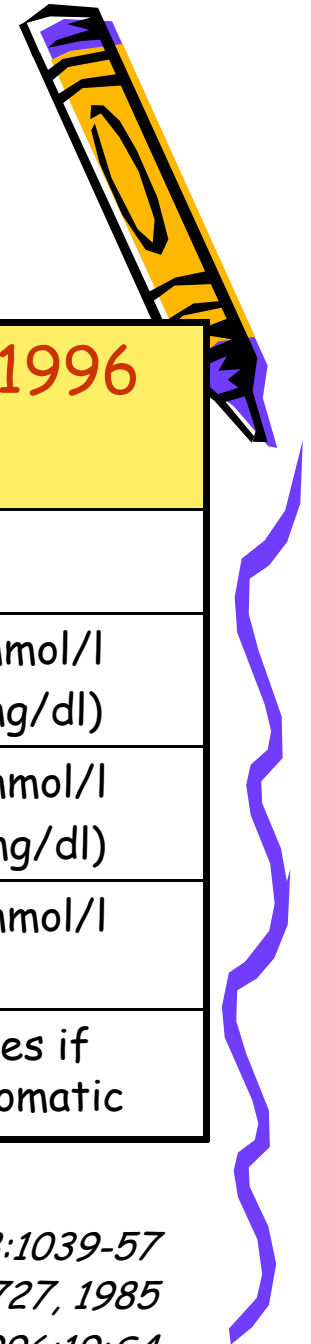
# Diabetes Mellitus

"A group of metabolic diseases characterized by hyperglycemia  
- resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both."

*ADA. Diabetes Care 2010;33(Suppl 1):S62.*



# 'classic' criteria



	NDDG 1979 (National Diabetes Data Group)	WHO 1985	ADA 1996
Classical symptoms	√	±	±
FPG (venous)	≥7.8 mmol/l (140 mg/dl)	≥7.8 mmol/l (140 mg/dl)	≥7.8 mmol/l (140 mg/dl)
Random PG	-	≥11.1 mmol/l (200 mg/dl)	≥11.1 mmol/l (200 mg/dl)
OGTT 2hr PG	≥11.1 mmol/l	≥11.1 mmol/l	≥11.1 mmol/l
Values	Symptoms + 1 value	Preferably 2 values if asymptomatic	2 values if asymptomatic



*NDDG. Diabetes 1979;28:1039-57*  
*WHO. Tech. Rep. Ser. 727, 1985*  
*ADA. Diabetes Care 1996;19:54*

# DM - DIAGNOSIS

- 2hr PG cutoff 11.1 mmol/L:  
base on clinical outcome (retinopathy)

## I. The Whitehall Survey

*Al Sayegh H et al. Lancet 1979;2:431-3.*

*Reid DD et al. Lancet 1974;1:469-73.*

## II. The Bedford Study

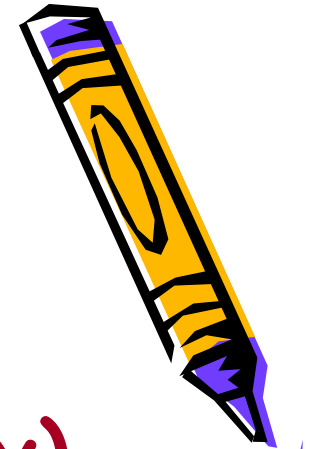
- On FU, retinal vascular changes was confined to individuals with 2-hr PG  $\geq$  200mg/dl

*Jarrett RT et al. Lancet 1976;2:1009-12*



\*FPG value was "projected" from  
2hr PG value

*Sayetta et al. Diabetes Care 1979;2:105-19.*

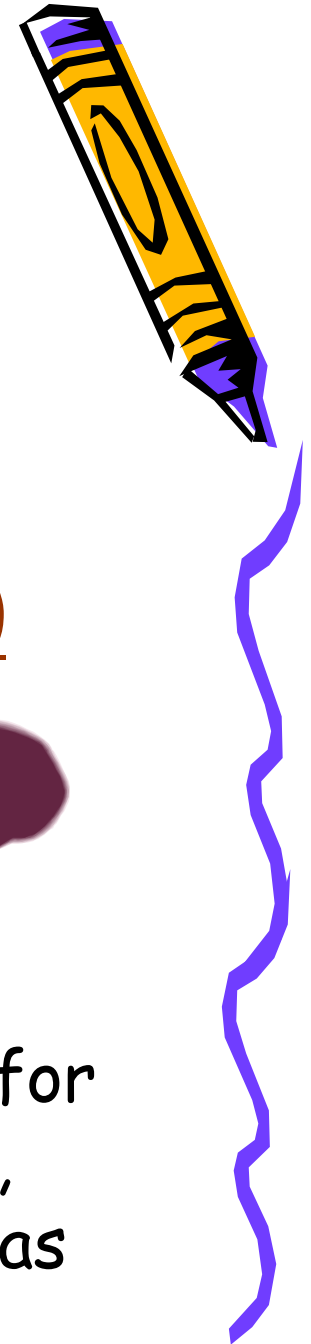


# DM - DIAGNOSIS

- FPG = 7.8 mmol/l (140 mg/dl) is
  - too HIGH in corresponding to 2hr-PG of 11.1 mmol/l (200 mg/dl)



\*\*To achieve an optimal balance between sensitivity and specificity for diagnosing DM, a lower FPG value, ranging from 5.3 to 7.1 mmol/l, has been suggested.



# DM - DIAGNOSIS

Cockram CS et al. *Diabetes Care* 1992;15:988-90.

(5.7 mmol/l, HK Chinese)

Hanson RL et al. *Arch Intern Med* 1993;153:2133-40.

(6.8 mmol/l, Pima Indian)

Ramachandran A et al. *Diabet Med* 1993;10:811-13

(7.1 mmol/l, South Indian)

Clements JP et al. *Acta Diabetol* 1994;31:187-92

(6.4 mmol/l, North European)

Bortheyry AL et al. *Diabetes Care* 1994;17:1269-72

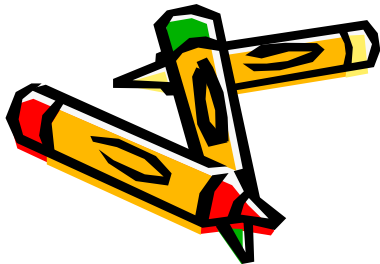
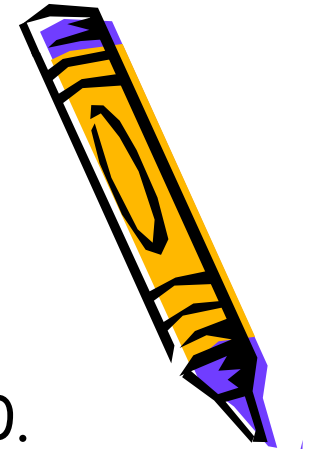
(5.6 mmol/l, Brazilians)

Larsson H et al. *J Intern Med* 1995;237:537-41

(5.3 mmol/l, Swedish women)

Ko GT et al. *Diabetes Care* 1997;20:170-2

(5.4 mmol/l, HK Chinese)



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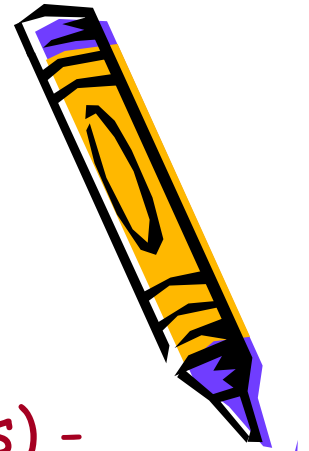
FPG cutoff value of 7.8 mmol/l is too high to diagnose DM (for both Chinese & other populations) -

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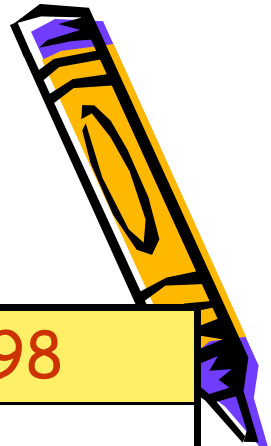
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Values	Preferably 2 values if asymptomatic	2 values unless unequivocal e.g. acute decompensation
<b>IFG</b>	≥6.1 to <7.0 mmol/l (≥110 to <126 mg/dl) = impaired fasting glucose	≥6.1 to <7.0 mmol/l (≥110 to <126 mg/dl) = impaired fasting glycaemia
<b>OGTT</b>	Not recommended for routine use	Either FPG or 2hr PG may be used




ADA. *Diabetes Care* 1997;20:1183-97  
 Alberti KGMM et al. *Diabet Med* 1998;15:539-53

# DM - DIAGNOSIS

## ? Why 7.0 mmol/L:

- 1) FPG cutpoints corresponding to the 2hr PG criterion of 11.1 mmol/l in many populations
- 2) Increased risk of retinopathy in persons with FPG  $\geq 110$ -129 mg/dl (6.1-7.2 mmol/l)

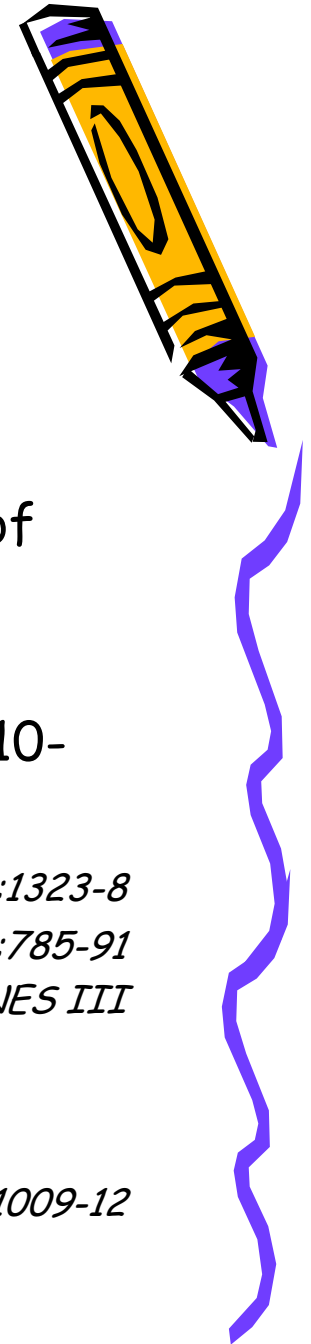
*McCane DR et al. BMJ 1994;308:1323-8*

*Engelgau MM et al. Diabetes Care 1997;20:785-91*

*NHANES III*

- 3) Increased incidence of CHD at FPG  $\geq 6.9$  mmol/l

*Jarrett RJ et al. Lancet 1976;ii:1009-12*



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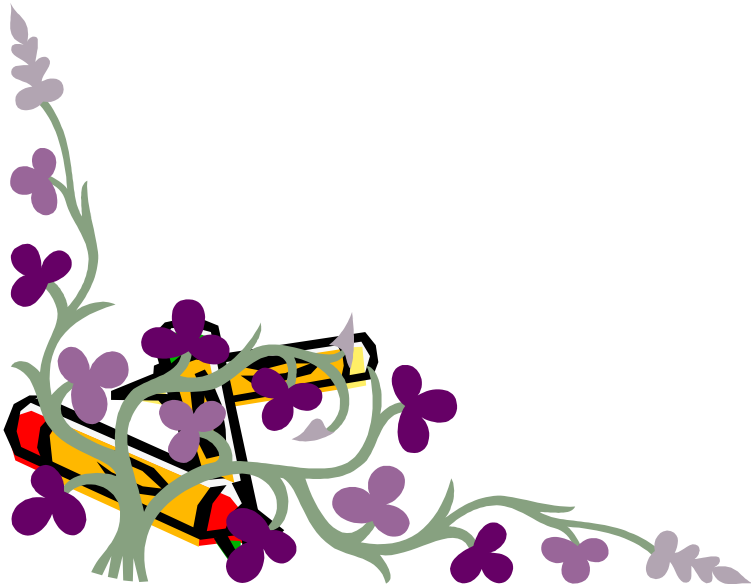
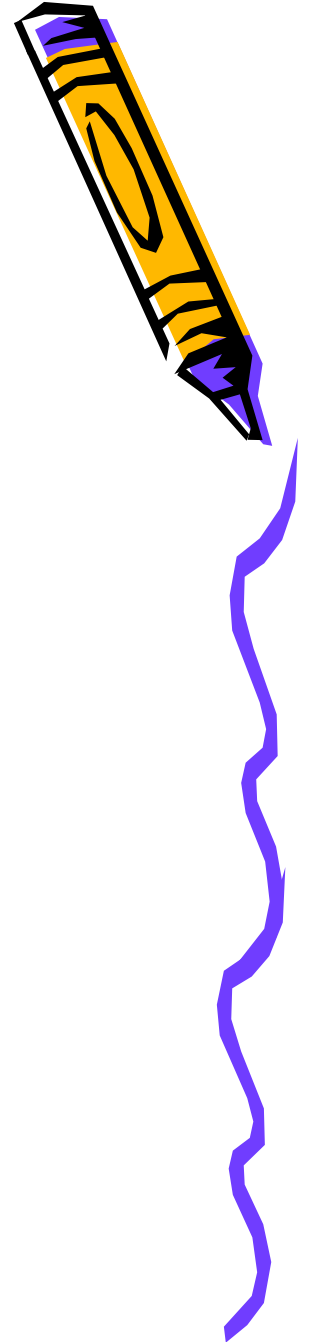
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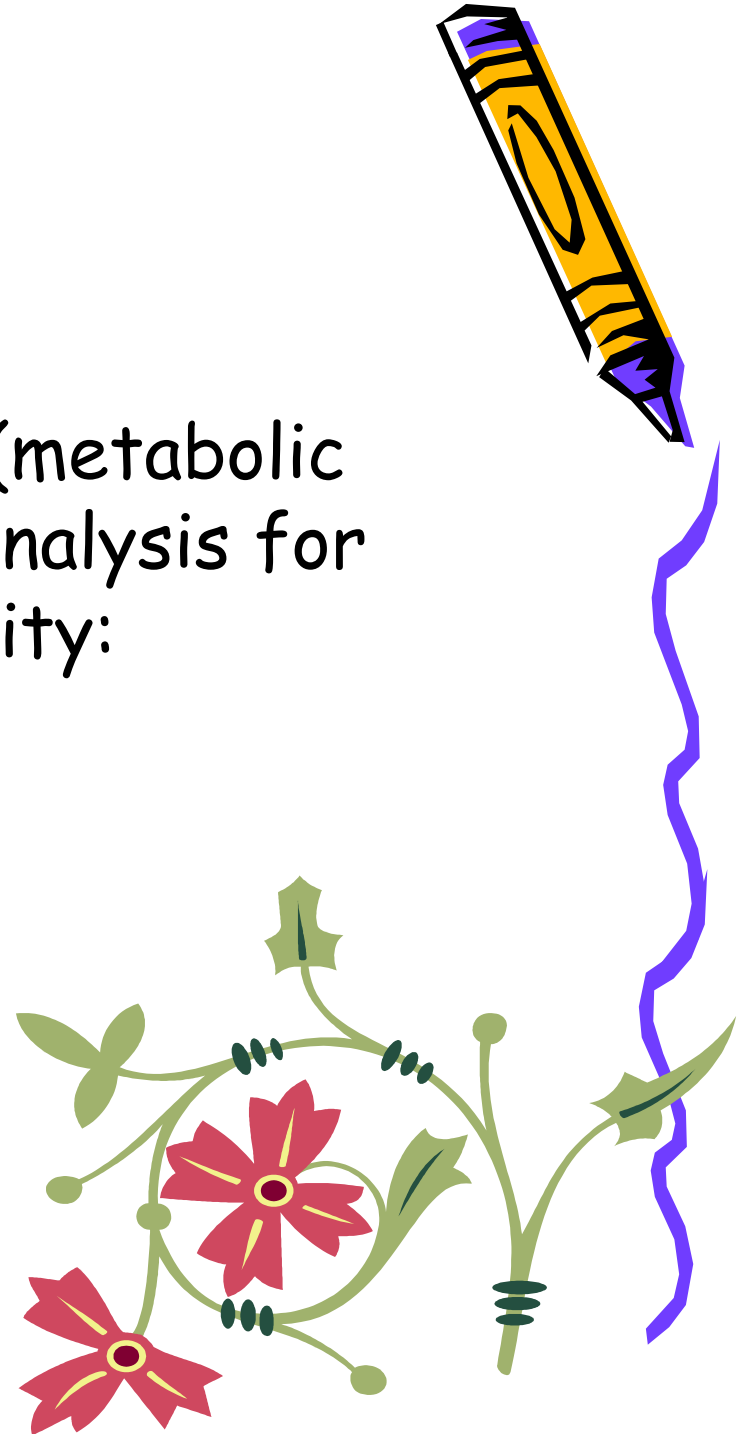
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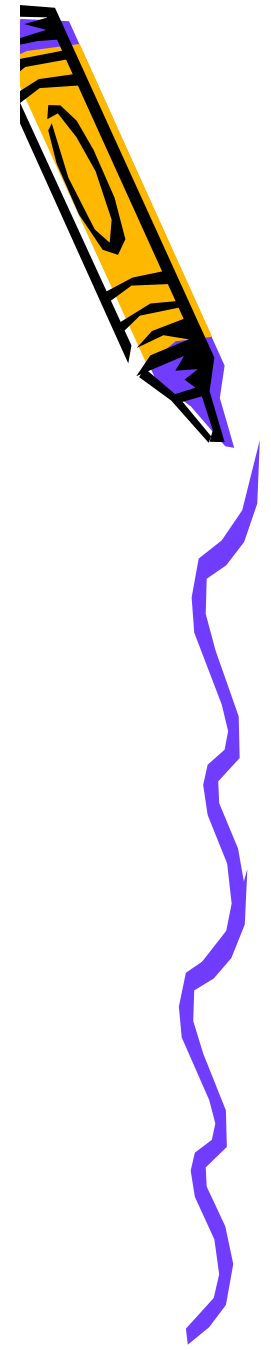
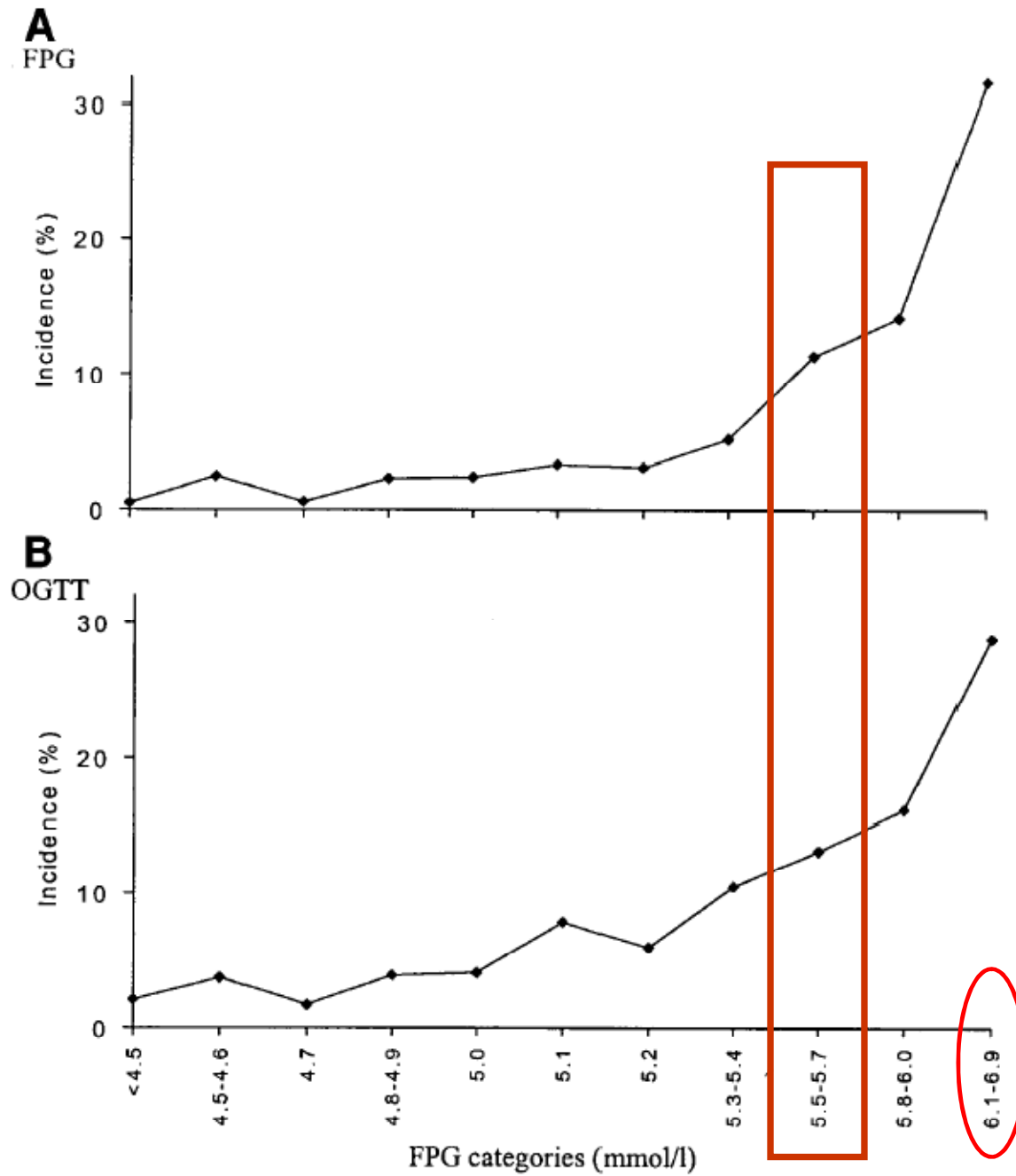
# DM - DIAGNOSIS

## Added issues on IFG

- To predict future diabetes (metabolic outcome), using ROC curve analysis for best sensitivity and specificity:
  - Ducth - 5.7
  - Pima Indian - 5.4
  - Mauritius - 5.4
  - San Antonio study - 5.2

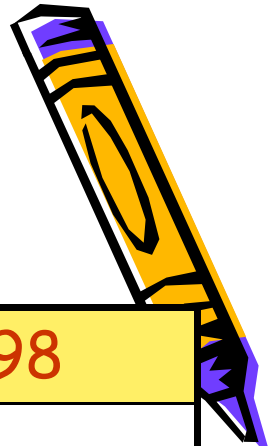


# Future risk of developing diabetes







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<b>HbA1c</b>	<b>NOT recommended</b>	<b>NOT recommended</b>

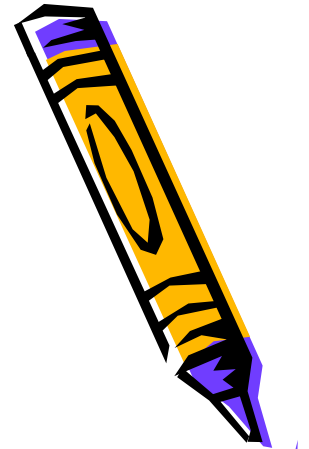


ADA. *Diabetes Care* 2003;26:3160-7  
Alberti KGMM et al. *Diabet Med* 1998;15:539-53

# DM - DIAGNOSIS

"magic figures"

5.6/6.1	NFG, IFG (FPG)
7.0	DM (FPG)
7.8	IGT (OGTT)
11.1	DM (2hr or random PG)





# PG or HbA<sub>1c</sub> to diagnose diabetes

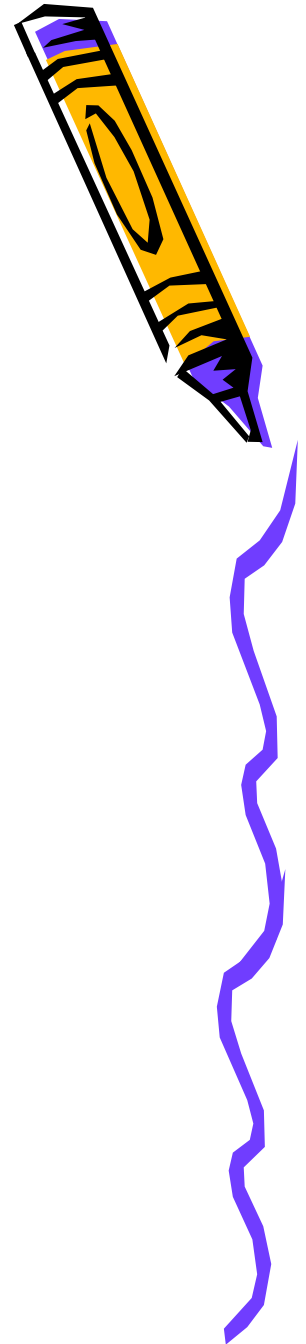
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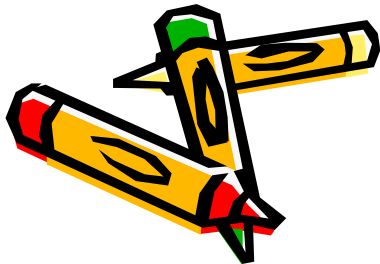
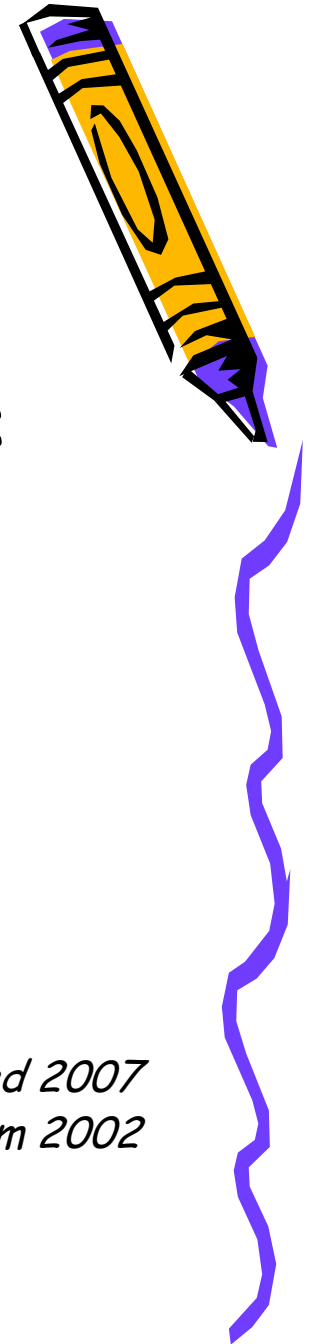
# The BAD of PG

- Fasting &/or 2hr OGTT: need special arrangement
- Higher assay variability of PG as compared to A1c ♠
- Variation between plasma, whole blood & capillary blood values ♥



# Assay variability

- Biological variability with same subject:
  - Time of day, stress, timing to sample processing, ...
  - Intra-CV:
    - A1c = 3.6%
    - FPG = 5.7%
    - 2hr PG = 16.6%



*Selvin E et al. Arch Intern Med 2007*  
*Rohlfing C et al. Clin Chem 2002*

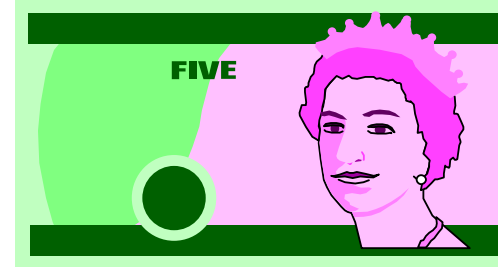
## OGTT: 2hr PG

- 212 Hong Kong Chinese subjects (age 30-65):
  - 2 OGTTs in a 6-wk period
  - Reproducibility = 65.6%  
(139/212: 74 normal OGTT, 24 DM, 41 IGT on both occasions)
  - Among subjects with high HbA1c ( $\geq 5.8\%$ ) or high BMI ( $\geq 25 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ):
    - reproducibility = 52.8% & 58.3% respectively

*Ko GT et al. Ann Clin Biochem 1998;35:62-7.*

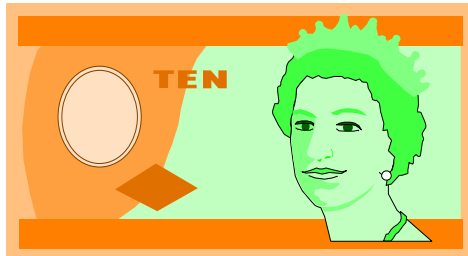


# OGTT: 2hr PG



## •Reproducibility:

- Only 50% of OGTTs are reproducible in normal population



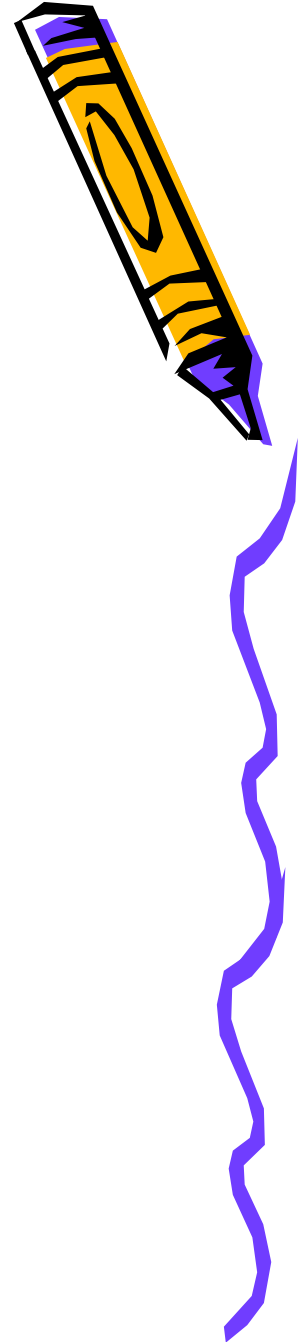
*Ganda OP et al. Diabetes 1978;27:715-25.*  
*Troxler RG et al. Aviat Space Environ Med 1975;46:729-35.*



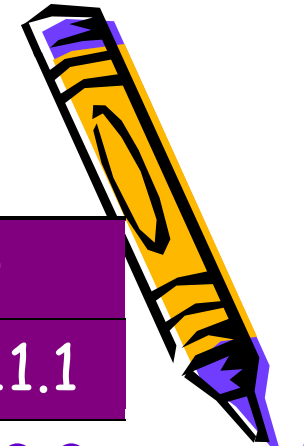
# Drawback of OGTT (2hr PG)

- poor reproducibility
- laborious
- time consuming
- costly
- inconvenient to patients
- GI upset

(NOT recommended by ADA 1997/2003 &  
WHO 1998 guidelines)



## Variations between types of samples

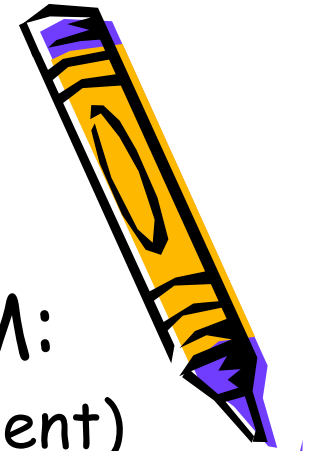


		Fasting		2-hr	
<b>Plasma</b>	<b>Venous</b>	6.1	7.0	7.8	11.1
<b>Plasma</b>	<b>Capillary</b>	6.1	7.0	8.9	12.2
<b>Whole blood</b>	<b>Venous</b>	5.6	6.1	6.7	10.0
<b>Whole blood</b>	<b>Capillary</b>	5.6	6.1	7.8	11.1

- Plasma glucose > whole blood glucose
- venous glucose < capillary glucose
- fasting: similar; post-meal: difference
- ~10% difference in each condition



# The GOOD of A1c



## Advantages of A1c for diagnosis of DM:

- No need for fasting or timed samples (convenient)
- Substantially less biologic variability; less pre-analytic instability (reproducibility)
  - Relatively unaffected by acute (e.g. stress or illness related) perturbation in PG levels
- Assay: standardized and alignes to DCCT/UKPDS  
(PG is less well standardized) ♠
- Currently used to guide Mx and adjust Rx ♥
- Better index of overall glycemic exposure and risk for long-term complications / metabolic outcome ♣



# Assay standardization

Standardization led by:

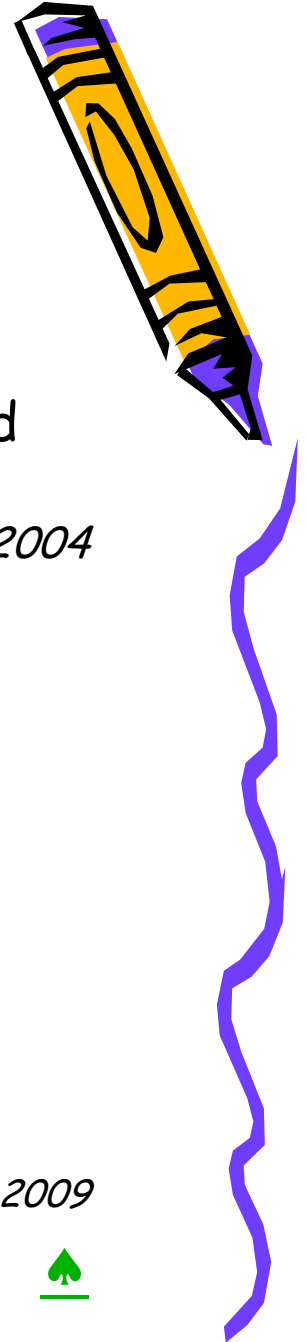
- the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC)

*Miedema K. Diabetologia 2004*

College of American Pathologists (CAP)

- Average CV of A1c:
  - 6-7% in 2003 to ~4% in 2009
- Acceptable limits for error:
  - 10% in 2009
  - plan to reduce to 6% in coming years

*Little RR et al. NGSP. ADA abstract 2009*



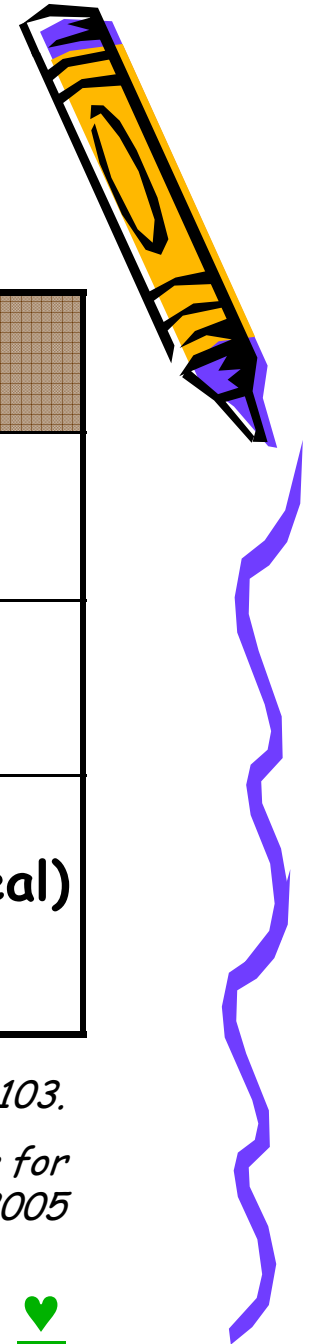
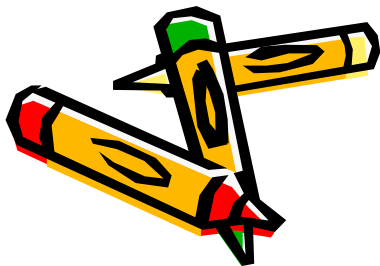


# Treatment targets

	ADA	IDF
<b>HbA1c</b>	<7%	<6.5%
Pre-prandial PG	5.2-7.0 mmol/L	<6 mmol/L
Post-prandial PG	<10.0 mmol/L	<8 mmol/L (1-2 hr after meal)

*ADA. Diabetes Care 2007; 30 (Suppl 1): :S1-S103.*

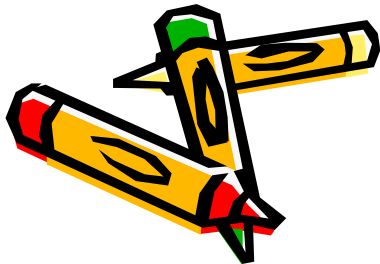
*IDF Clinical Guidelines Task Force, ed. Global Guideline for Type 2 Diabetes. Brussels: IDF 2005*



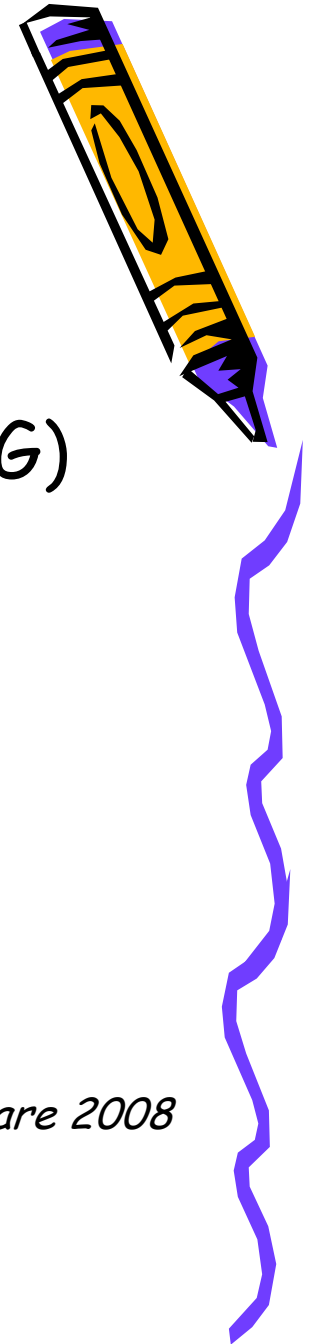
# Overall glycemc exposure

- Estimated Average Glucose (eAG)
- Mean Self-Monitored Blood Glucose (SMBG)
- A1c-Derived Average Glucose (ADAG) Equivalent (ADAGE)
- Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) level
- 'Average glucose' =  $28.7 \times \underline{A1c} - 46.7$ 
  - $R^2 = 0.84$

*Nathan DM et al. ADAG Study. Diabetes Care 2008*

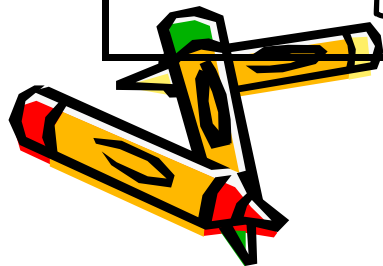
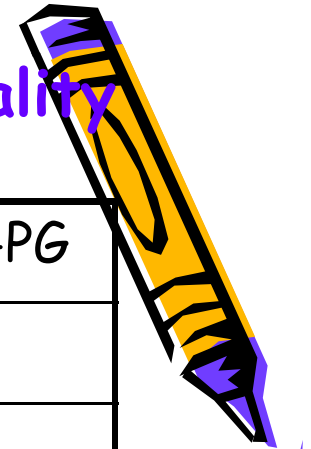


(? Ignored: age, ethnicity, Hb level, renal fx, ...)



## Relationship of PG with outcomes / CVD / mortality

	Fasting PG	2hr or Pp-PG
Whitehall survey		√
Paris Prospective Study		√
Helsinki Policemen Study		√
Coutinho M 1999	√	√
Honolulu Heart Program 1999		√
Chicago Heart Study 1997		√
Rancho Bernardo Study 1998		√
Shaw JE 1999	×	√
DECODE 2003	×	√



# A1c reflecting risk and outcomes

- A1c tertiles associated with CVD risk factors in subjects with NGT

*Ko GT et al. Diabet Med 1998*

- ↑ CVD risk with ↑ A1c values among non-DM and DM

*Khaw KT et al (Norfolk Study). Ann Intern Med 2004*

*Selvin E et al (ARIC Study). Arch Intern Med 2005*

*Pradham AD et al. Am J Med 2007*

*Brewer N et al (New Zealand linkage study). Diabetes Care 2008*

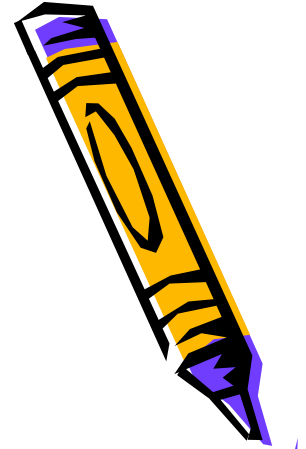
*Gerstein HC et al (CHARM Program). Arch Intern Med 2008*



# A1c vs. PG reflecting outcomes

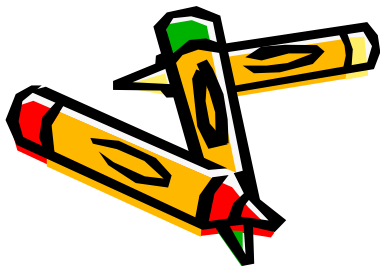
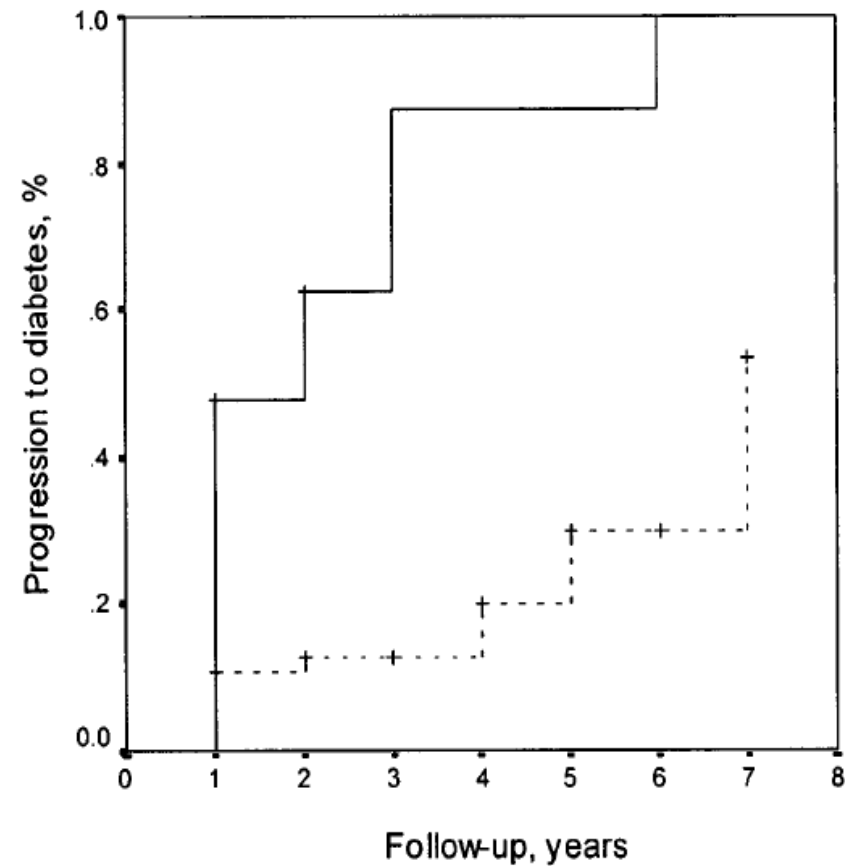
- Hoorn Study
  - 2-h PG and to a lesser extent HbA1c, indicate a risk of all-cause and cardiovascular mortality in general population
  - RR for all-cause & CVD mortality
    - A1c 1.4 (1.2, 1.7) vs. 2hr PG 1.5 (1.3, 1.9)
    - A1c 1.5 (1.2, 1.9) vs. 2hr PG 1.6 (1.3, 2.1)

*De Vegt et al. Diabetologia 1999*



HK Chinese subjects with risk factors for DM:

			LR	Prog to DM, %/yr
FPG	A1c	No.	DM	ADA
≥6.1	≥6.1	21	9.32	44.1
≥6.1	<6.1	18	1.06	17.4
<6.1	≥6.1	36	0.90	13.7
<6.1	<6.1	133	0.58	8.1
Total		208	-	13.2



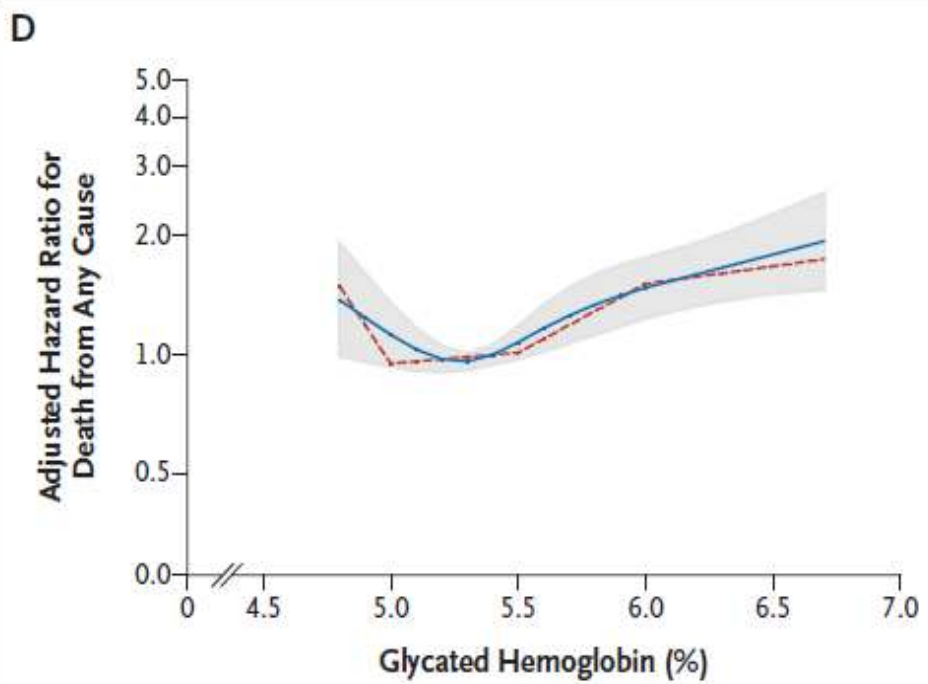
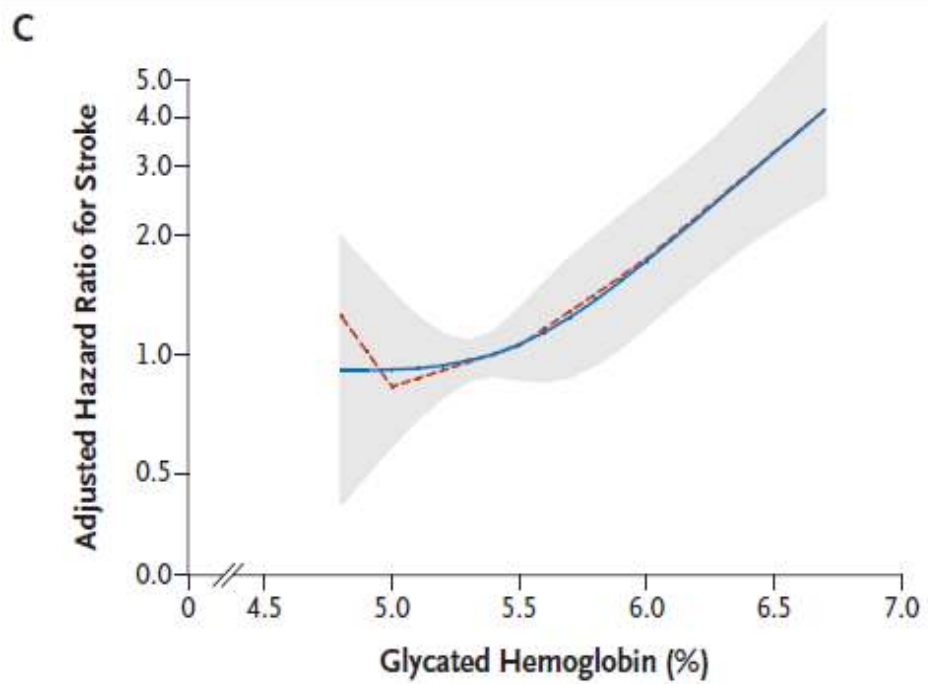
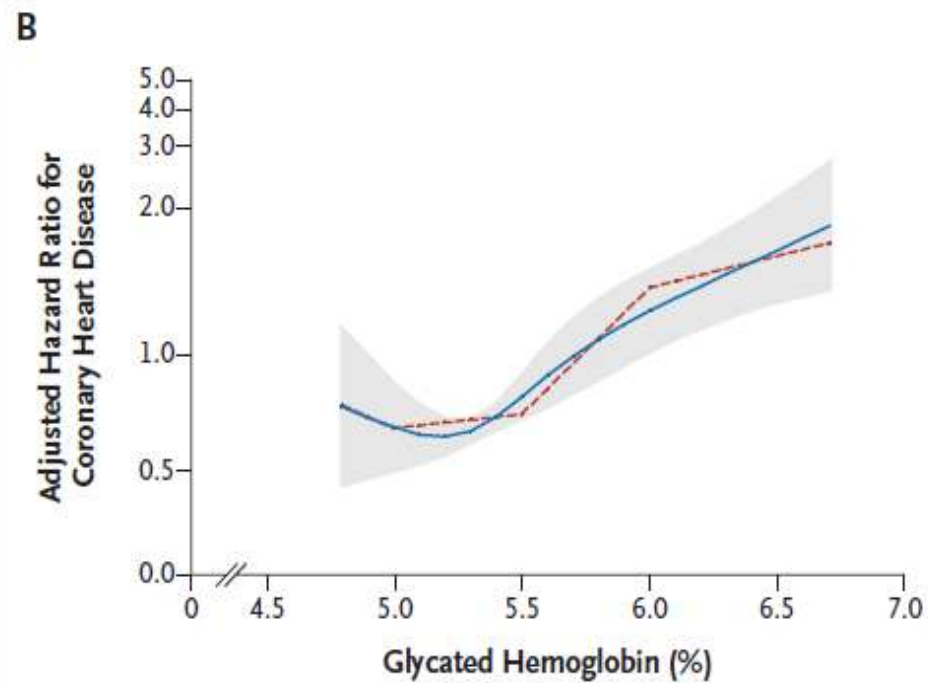
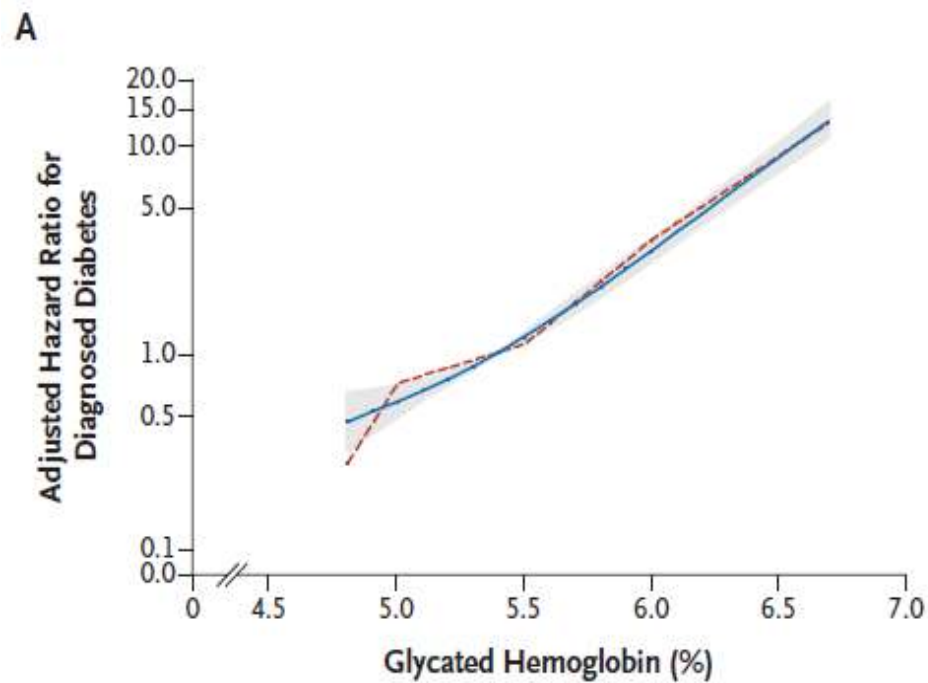
Ko GT et al. Diabetes Care 2000;23: 1770-3

## A1c vs. PG reflecting outcomes

- Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) Study
  - 11092 non-diabetic adults (1987-89)
  - Assessed prognostic value of A1c and FPG for DM, CVD, all-cause mortality
  - Median FU 14 years

*Selvin E et al. NEJM 2010;362:800-11*

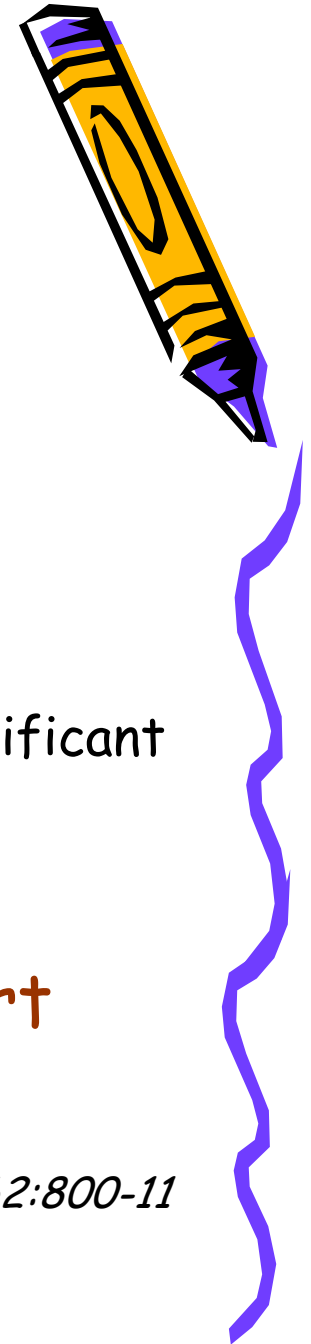






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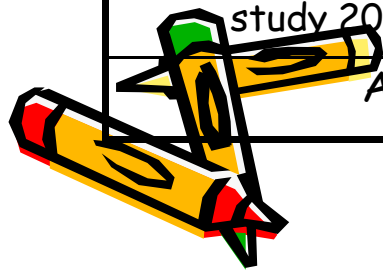
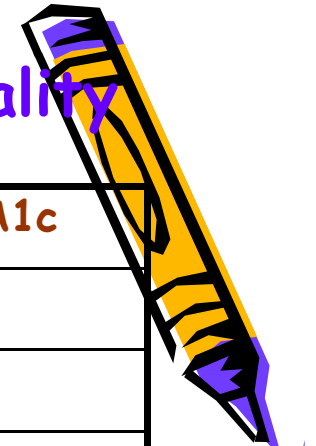
- ARIC Study
  - A1c:
    - DM/ CHD/ stroke: +ve association
    - All-cause death: J-shaped curve
    - Remained significant after adjusting baseline FPG
  - FPG:
    - DM/ CVD/ death: +ve association became non-significant when adjusted for A1c
- Conclusions: A1c was superior to FPG for assessing long-term CVD risk, and support use of A1c to diagnose DM







*Selvin E et al. NEJM 2010;362:800-11*

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Hoorn Study 1999		√	√
DECODE 2003	x	√	
Ko et al 2000; Norfolk Study 2004; NZ linkage study 2008; CHARM Program 2008			√
ARIC Study 2010	+/-		√



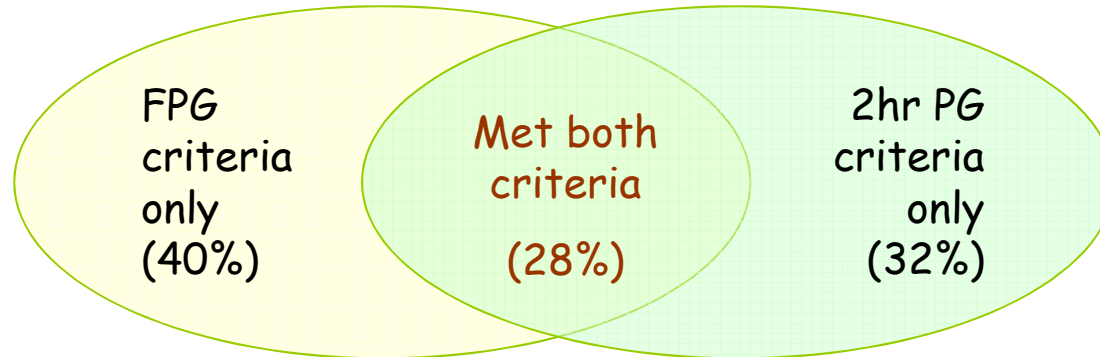
# The BAD of HbA1c

- ? Optimal cutoff
  - Sensitivity vs. specificity
  - Relationship / overlap with 'gold standard' 
- Assay methods 
- Confounding medical conditions e.g. hemoglobinopathies, anemia 
- Cost (needs 2 values to make a diagnosis)
- Ethnic differences in A1c are independent of glycaemia
  - Inter-patient variability of Hb glycation 

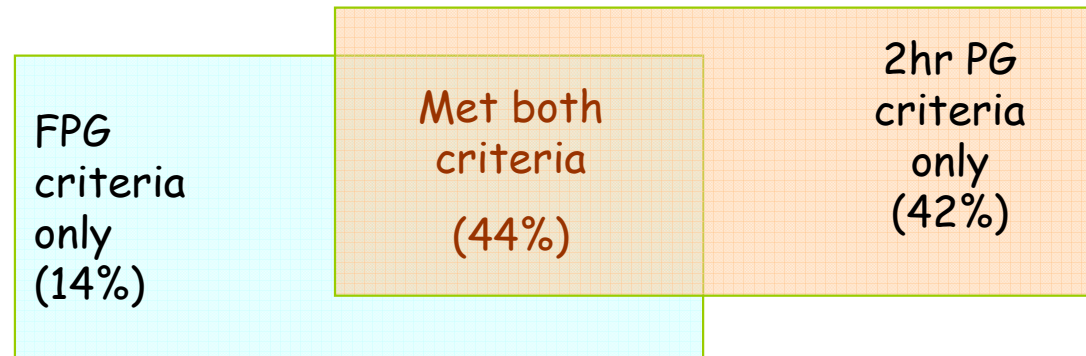


# "Overlap" between FPG and 2hr PG

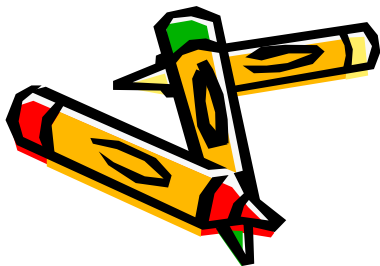
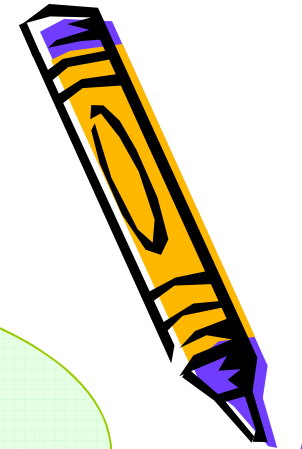
**Asymptomatic diabetes**



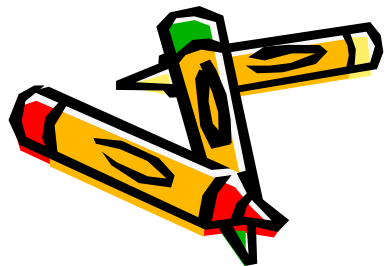
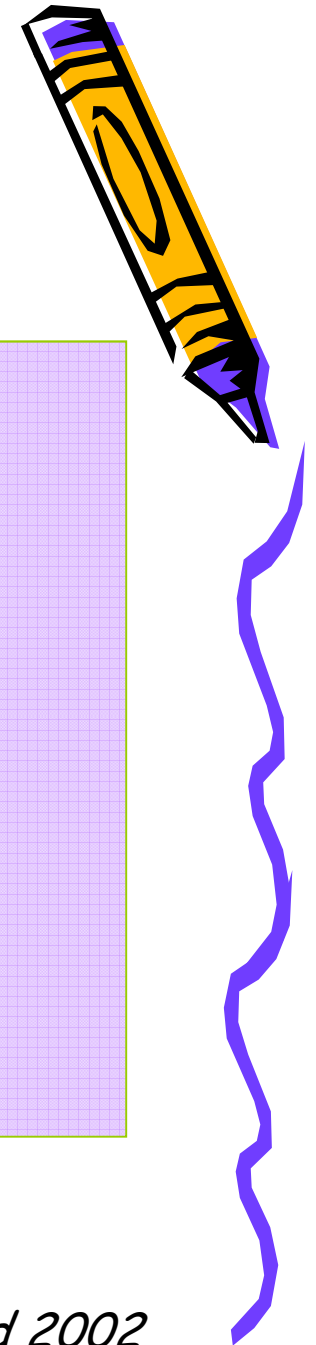
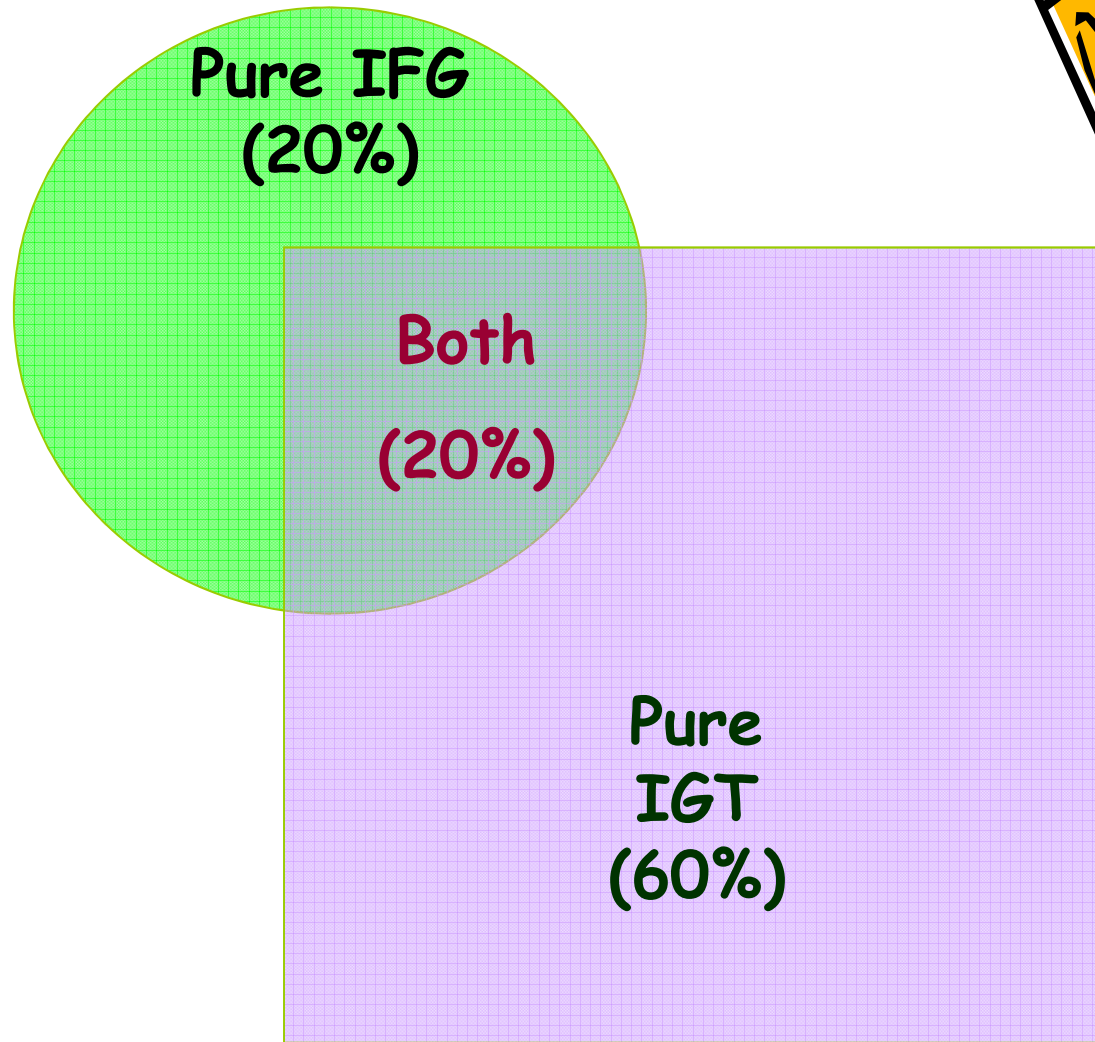
*DECODE Study. BMJ 1998*



*US NHANES III study: King H et al. Diabetes Care 1998*



# Pre-Diabetes



# DM with FPG $\geq 7$ mmol/L



- A1c  $\geq 6.5\%$  for the Dx of DM based on FPG (NHANES data)
  - Sensitivity = 42.8-44.3%
  - Specificity = 99.6%

*Buell C et al. Diabetes Care 2007*

*Saudek C et al. J Clin endocrinol Metab 2008*

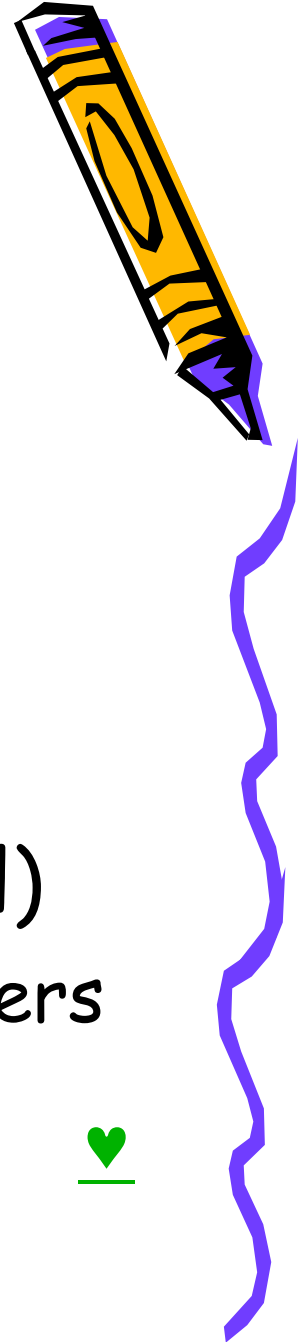


**A1c: UNDER-diagnose "DM"**

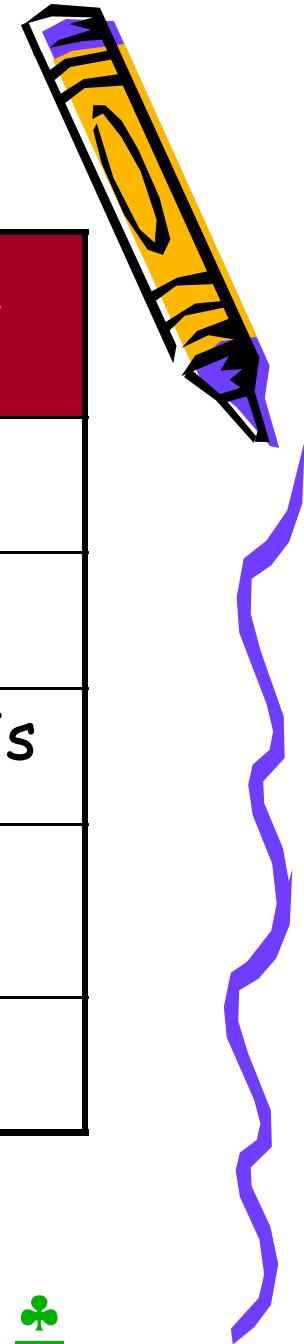


## Other A1c assay

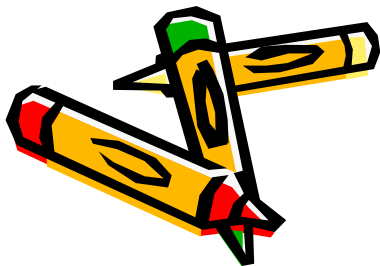
- DCCT not aligned yet
- “Point of care” A1c methods
  - Exempted from CAP quality standardization
- Modification of A1c units (mmol/mol)
  - Potential marked confusion to pts & users



## 'Discrepancy' between A1c and PG



OVER-Dx by A1c ("falsely" high A1c value)	UNDER-Dx by A1c ("falsely" low A1c value)
Fe deficiency	*Hemoglobinopathies
Following splenectomy	Pregnancy
Elderly	Uremia; on hemodialysis
Black subjects	HIV infection (antiretroviral drugs)
	"general populations"



\*HbS, HbC, HbE, HbD, ... traits

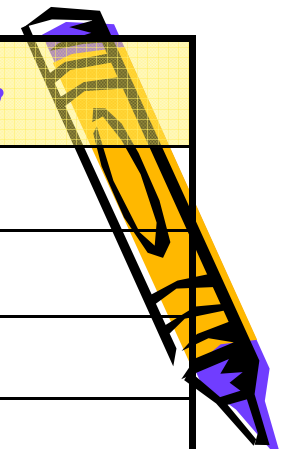
- >10% Africans, Asians, ...

NGSP. A1c & Hb variants. 2009 [www.ngsp.org/](http://www.ngsp.org/)





	A1c	FPG	2hrPG
Assay standardization	√√	√	√
Reproducibility: Intra-CV	3.6%	5.7%	16.6%
Lab to lab differences	+/- Large	Less	Less
Easy to measure	√√√	√	-
Cost	-	√√√	√
Global availability	√	√√√	√√
Overall glycemia	√√	-	-
Predicting long-term complications	√√	√√	√√√
DM monitoring/ Chronic Mx	√√√	√√	- / √
Overlap with diagnosis by 2hr PG	Limited	Limited	"Gold standard"
Clinical limitations	*RBC lifespan abnormalities; Fe def; pregnancy; age; ethnicity	Fasting; to be analyzed promptly	75g glucose loading; to be analyzed promptly; gastric surgery



\*Hemolytic disorders, carbamylated Hb in uremia, thalassemia/ hemoglobinopathies, ...





# International Expert Committee on role of A1c assay in the diagnosis of DM, 2009

IEC. *Diabetes Care* 2009;32: 1327-34



*IEC members (appointed by ADA, EASD and IDF) convened in 2008*

# IEC 2009

- Diabetes should be diagnosed when:
  - **HbA1c  $\geq 6.5\%$** 
    - Diagnosis should be confirmed with a repeat A1c test
      - Confirmation not required in symptomatic subjects with PG  $\geq 11.1$  mmol/l
    - If A1c testing not possible, previously recommended methods on FPG &/or 2hr PG are acceptable
    - No age- or race-specific values (yet)



# IEC 2009

- Special groups:

- Children:

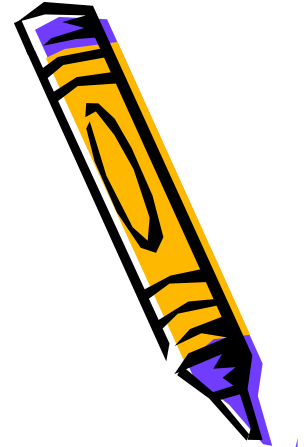
- A1c is also indicated if DM is suspected, and classic symptoms and a casual PG  $>11.1$  mmol/l are not found

- Diagnosis of DM in pregnancy:

- Changes in RBC turnover make the A1c assay problematic, will continue to require PG

- Other condition that changes RBC turnover e.g. hemolytic anemia, blood transfusion, etc

- Continue to use PG



# IEC 2009

- High risk subjects:

- "pre-diabetes" ( IFG, IGT ):
  - Will be phased out of use as A1c replace PG measurements
- A1c  $\geq 6$  and  $< 6.5\%$ :
  - Likely at the highest risk for progression to DM
  - Should receive preventive interventions
- A1c  $< 6\%$ :
  - May still be at risk
  - To see other DM risk factors



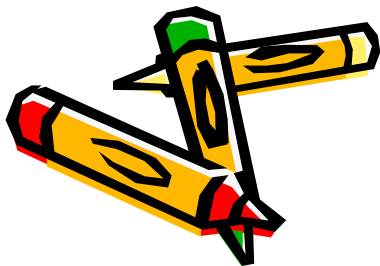
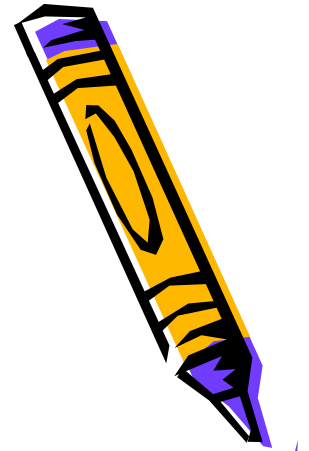
# Why 6.5%

- Risk of retinopathy, significantly rise if
  - 2hr PG  $\geq 11.1$  mmol/L
  - FPG  $\geq 7.0$  mmol/L
  - A1c  $\geq 6.5\%$

*(Whitehall Survey, Bedford Study)*

*(McCane DR et al. BMJ 1994  
Engelgau MM et al. Diabetes Care 1997)*

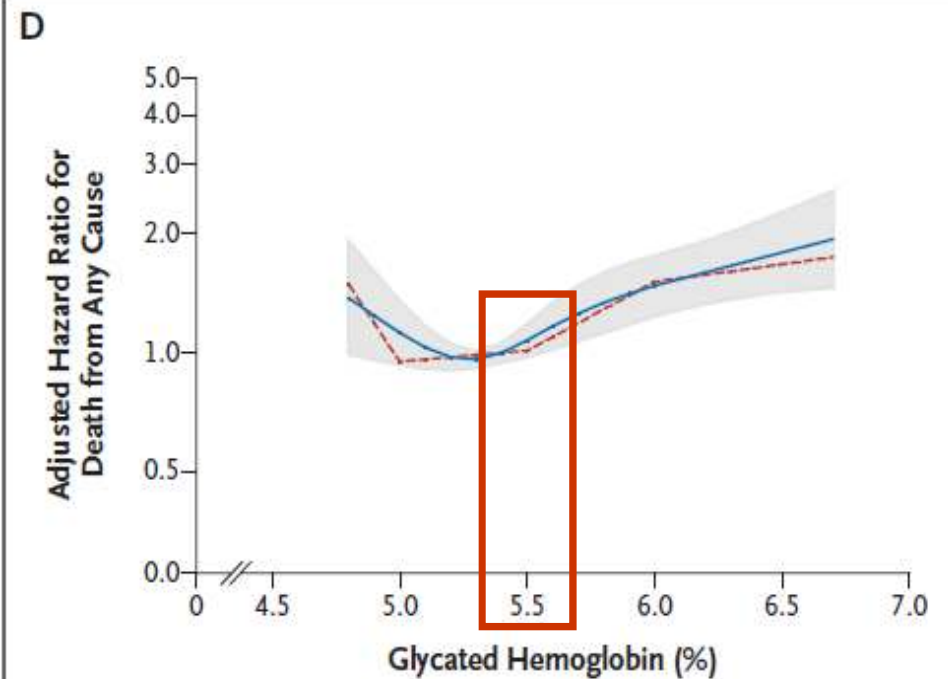
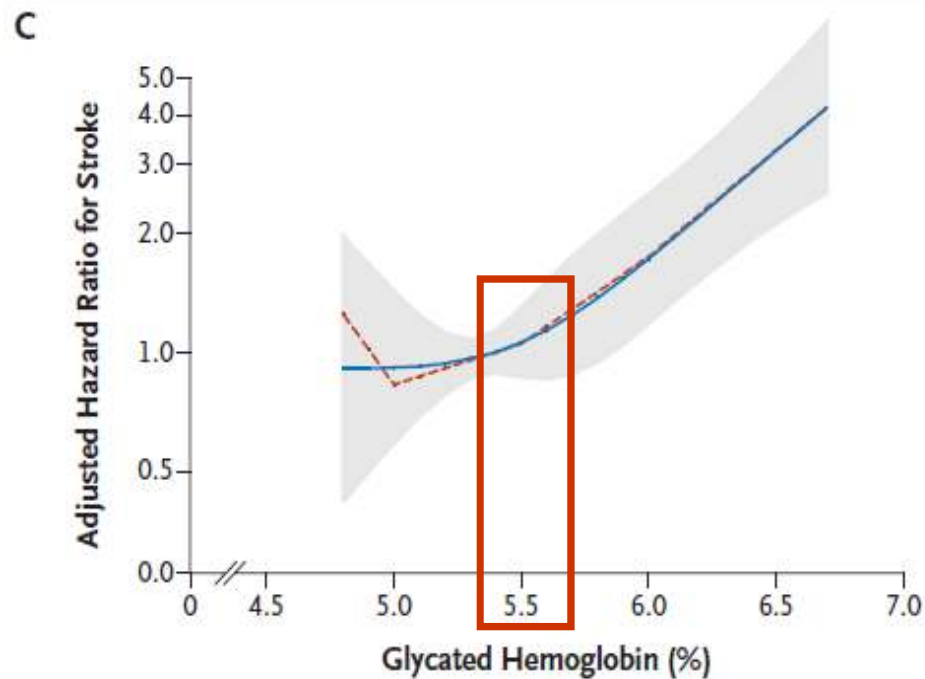
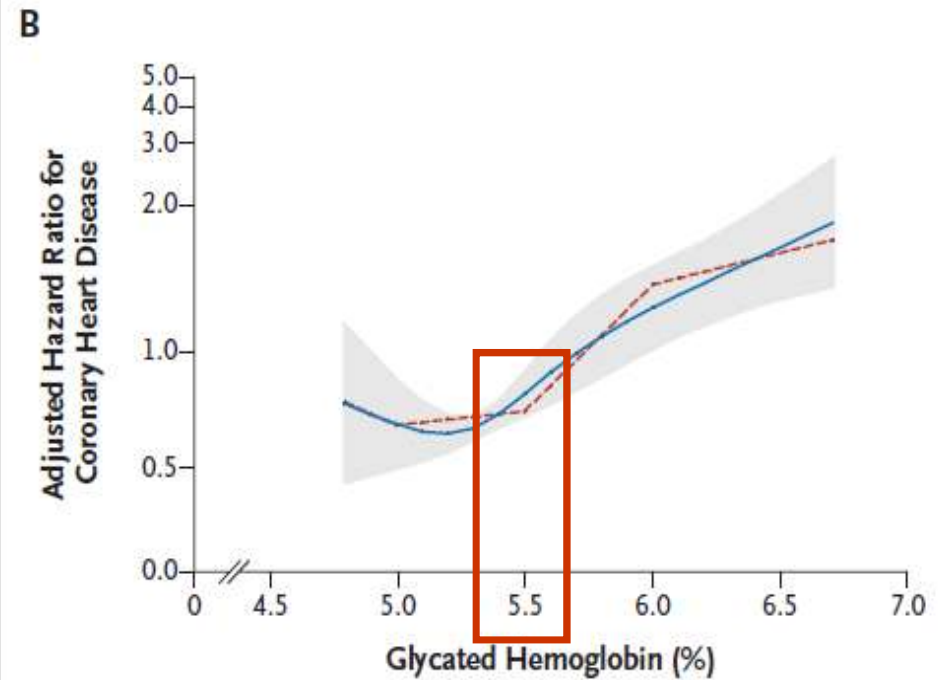
*(DETECT-2. Diabetes Voice 2003  
Sabanayagam C et al. Diabetologia 2009)*



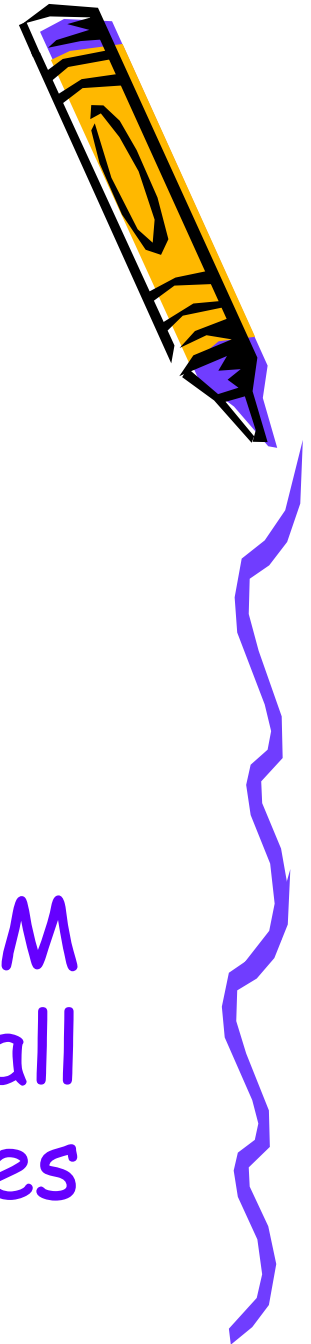
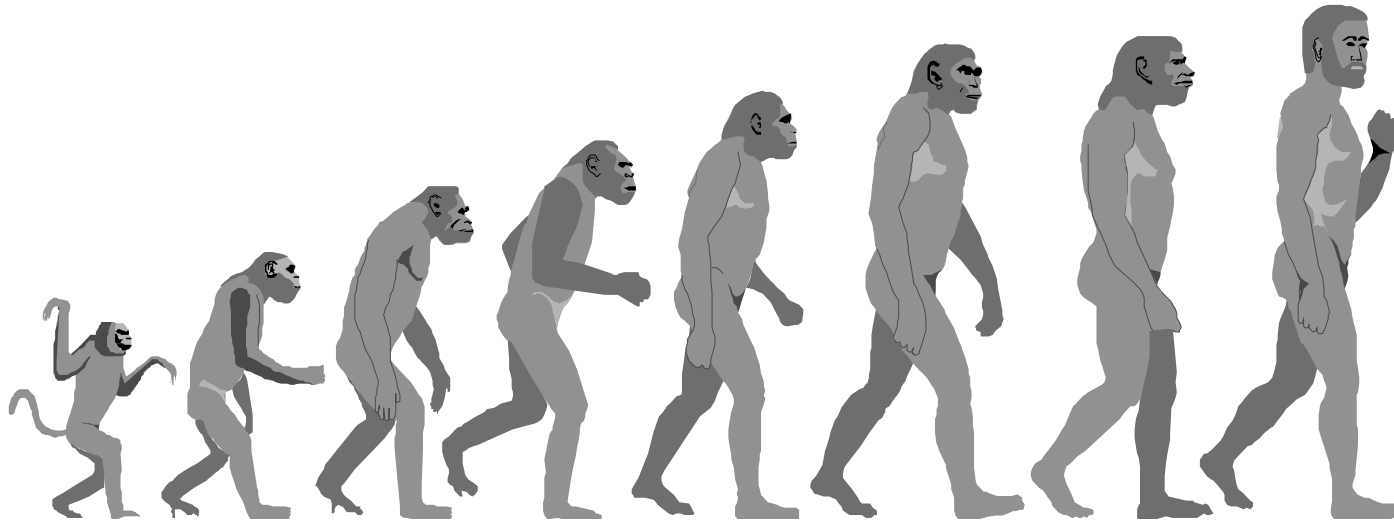
# Risk of CHD, stroke & death significantly rise if:

- $FPG \geq 7.0$  mmol/L
- $A1c \geq 5.5\%$

*Selvin E et al. NEJM 2010;362:800-11*



# DM - DIAGNOSIS



- IEC stressed the **CONTINUUM** of risk for diabetes with all glycemic measures







# ADA Position Statement 2010

- Dx & Csf of DM

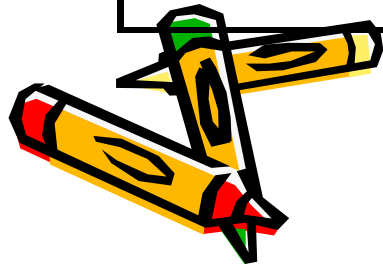
ADA. Diabetes Care 2010;33: S62-S69



# Criteria for DM Dx

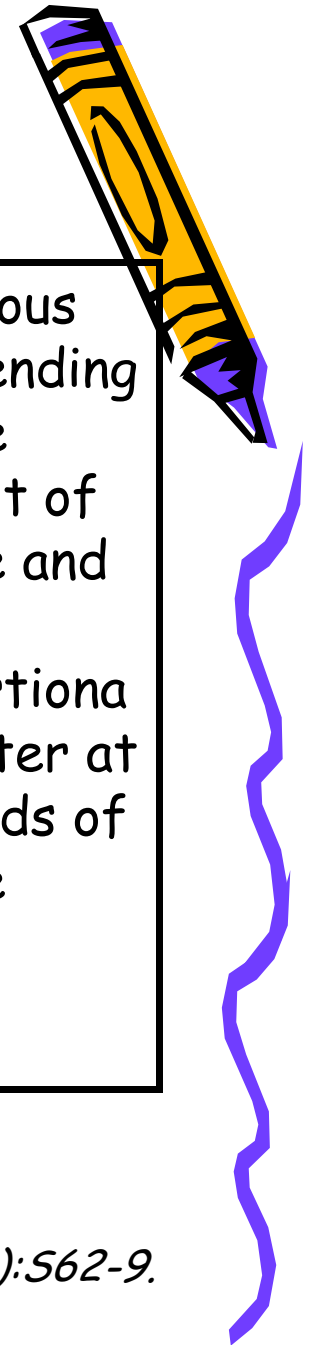


Either one of the below:			
<b>Random PG</b>	$\geq 11.1$ mmol/l	& with symptoms	
<b>FPG</b>	$\geq 7.0$ mmol/l	Fasting >8 hrs	To be confirmed by repeat testing, if no unequivocal hyperglycemia
<b>2hr PG (OGTT)</b>	$\geq 11.1$ mmol/l		
<b>A1c</b>	$\geq 6.5\%$	NGSP certified; DCCT assay standardized	

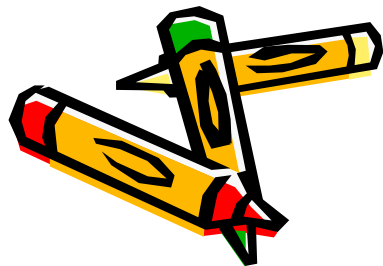


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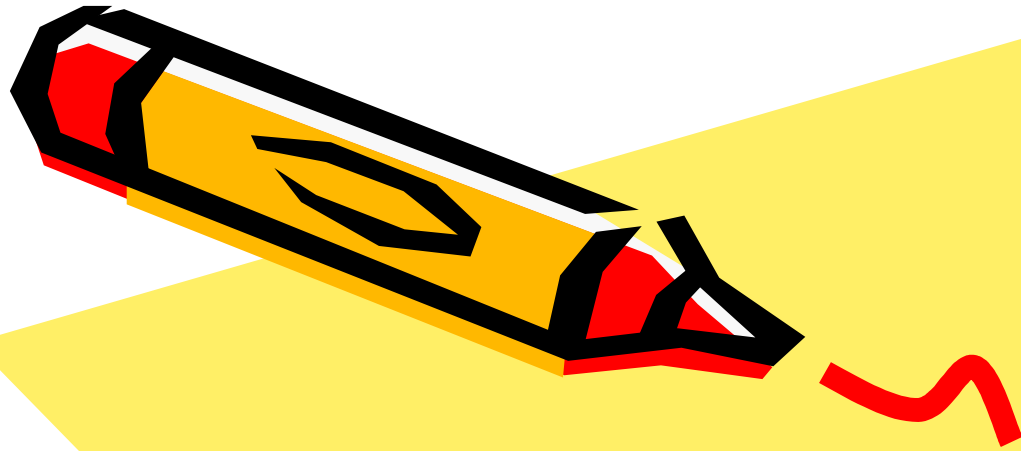
# Categories of increased risk for DM



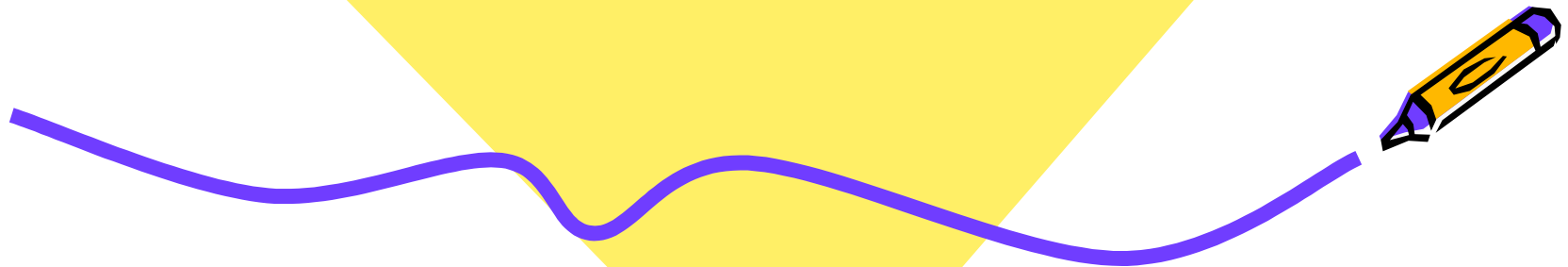
<b>FPG</b>	$\geq 5.6 - 6.9$ mmol/l	Fasting >8 hrs	* Continuous risk, extending below the lower limit of the range and becoming disproportionately greater at higher ends of the range
<b>2hr PG (OGTT)</b>	$\geq 7.8 - 11.0$ mmol/l		
<b>A1c</b>	$\geq 5.7 - 6.4\%$	NGSP certified; DCCT assay standardized	



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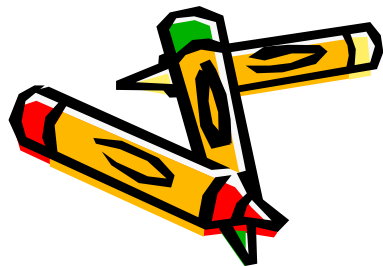
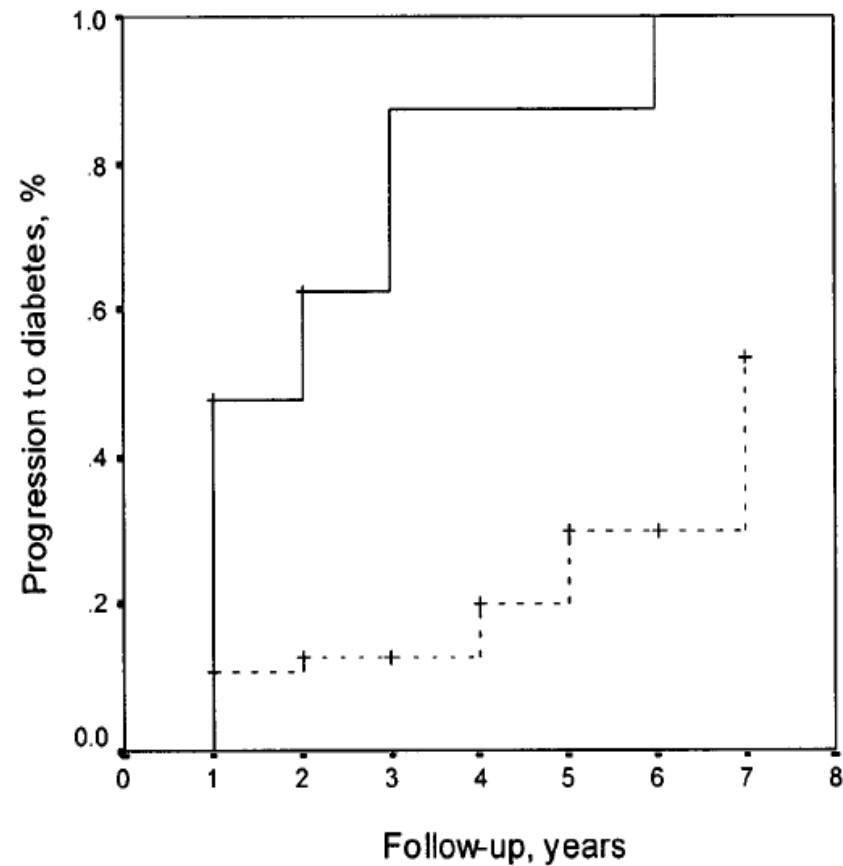
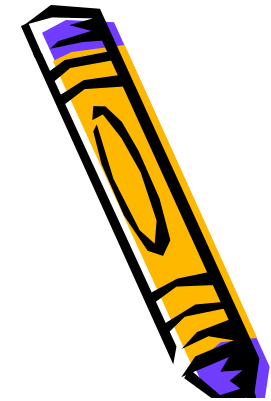


# Ways forward in diagnosing diabetes



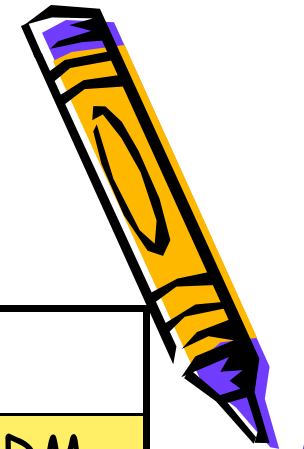
HK Chinese subjects with risk factors for DM:

			LR	Prog to DM, %/yr
FPG	A1c	No.	DM	ADA
≥6.1	≥6.1	21	9.32	44.1
≥6.1	<6.1	18	1.06	17.4
<6.1	≥6.1	36	0.90	13.7
<6.1	<6.1	133	0.58	8.1
Total		208	-	13.2



Ko GT et al. Diabetes Care 2000;23: 1770-3

# FPG & A1c 'predicting' DM



FPG	A1c	No.	OGTT			LR	
			Normal	IGT	DM	*Abn	DM
HK Chinese subjects with risk factors for DM							
≥5.6	≥5.5	880	132	221	527	7.03	5.36
≥6.1	≥6.1	551	25	96	430	17.2	12.8
HK Chinese subjects from community (ADA criteria)							
≥6.1	≥6.1	18	1	4	13	141.9	74.7



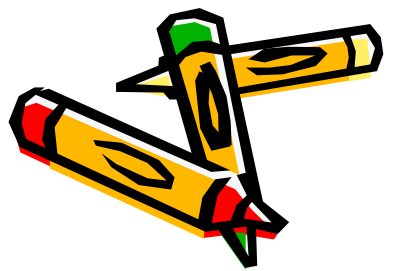
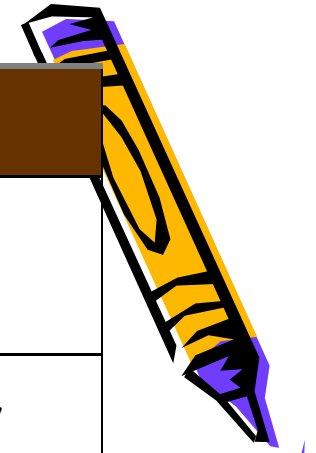
*Ko GT et al. Diabetes Care 1998;21: 1221-5*  
*Ko GT et al. Diabetes Care 1998;21: 2032-3*  
*Ko GT et al. Diabetes Care 1999;22: 1908-9*

Categories	Choice of test
Diagnosing diabetes e.g. symptomatic pts	Fasting or random PG (on 2 separate occasions)
Epidemiological survey	Fasting or 2 hour PG after OGTT (one value only)
Diabetes screening:	
1. no risk factor	Fasting PG
2. risk factor present e.g. FH +ve	OGTT, or paired test of FPG + HbA <sub>1c</sub>
Selected subjects:	
1. pre-DM i.e. IGT or IFG	OGTT
2. FPG $\geq 5.6$ mmol/L & HbA <sub>1c</sub> $\geq 5.5\%$	OGTT



*Ko GT. Diagnosing diabetes mellitus in the Asian population. HK Med J 2000;6:53-9.*

Categories	HK	ADA / IEC
Diagnosing diabetes	FPG or RPG (twice)	RPG / FPG / 2hPG / A1c (twice)
Epidemiological survey	FPG or 2hPG (once)	Not clear ( ? FPG / A1c, once )
Diabetes screening:		
1. no risk factor	FPG	FPG or A1c
2. at risk e.g. pre-diabetes; hx of borderline high A1c	OGTT, or FPG + HbA <sub>1c</sub>	FPG / 2hPG / A1c (twice)

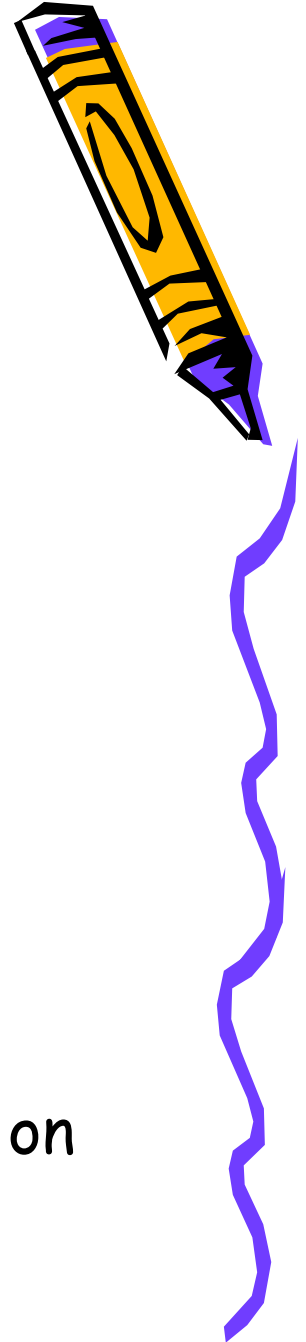


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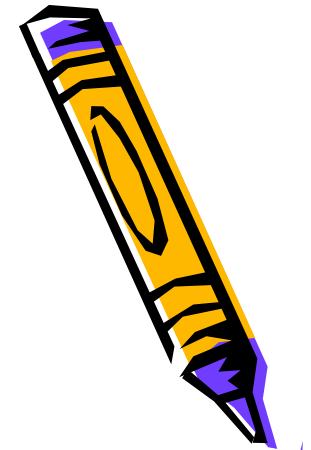


# Decision on DM Dx test (I)

- **Clinicians**
  - Understanding on the tests
- **Patients**
  - Medical conditions e.g. hbopathy
  - Degree of DM Risk
  - Availability for vs. Preference to a test
- **Test options**
  - Availability vs. Practicality
  - Resources of testing centers
    - ? Further evidence-based information on the tests e.g. diagnostic cut-off level, confounders ...

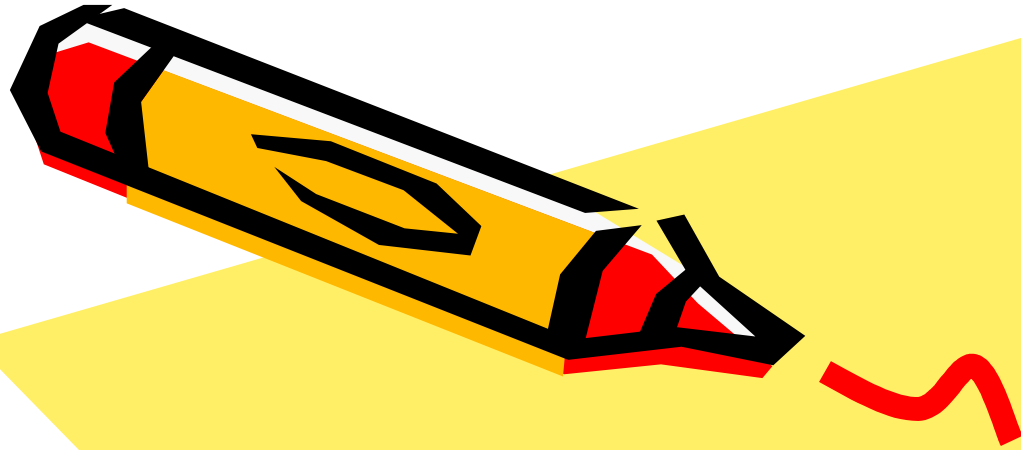


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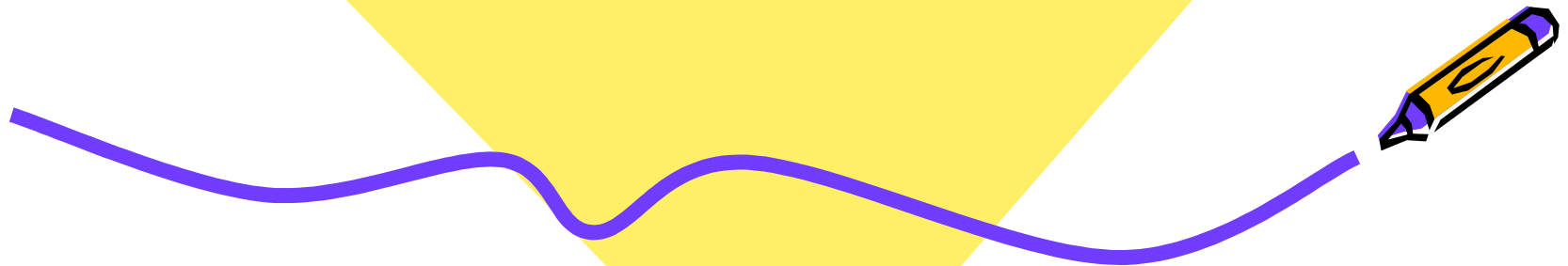


- **Most cases**
  - FPG or RPG or A1c
  - Repeat testing (the abnormal test)
    - $\pm$  2hr PG with OGTT
- **At risk patients**  
(i.e. high chance of the need for 2 tests to confirm Dx)
  - FPG + A1c
  - Higher the risk, more the tendency to check 2 tests at the same time

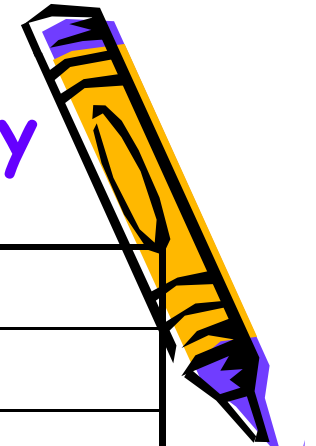




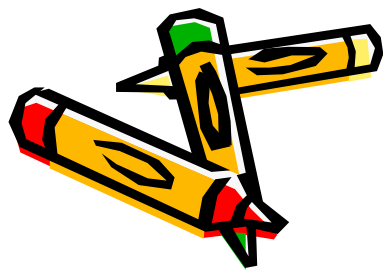
Thank You For  
Your Attention



# Dx of hyperglycemic disorders in pregnancy



First prenatal visit				
Measure FPG, A1c, or RPG on all or only high-risk women				
	FPG	A1c	RPG	
Either one:	$\geq 7$ mmol/l	$\geq 6.5\%$	$\geq 11.1$ mmol/l (+ confirmation by FPG/A1c)	Overt DM
	$\geq 5.1-6.9$ mmol/l	-	-	GDM
24-28 wks' gestation (2hr 75g OGTT)				
	FPG	1hr PG	2hr PG	
	$\geq 7$ mmol/l	-	-	Overt DM
Either one:	$\geq 5.1$ mmol/l	$\geq 10$ mmol/l	$\geq 8.5$ mmol/l	GDM



*Int Asso of DM & Pregnancy Study Groups (IADPSG).  
Diabetes Care 2010;33:676-82.*

