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Executive Summary

The purpose of this paper is to highlight the individual who suffers from type 1 diabetes, because there appears to be a disparity in the equity of their healthcare needs as compared to other chronic illness. Type 1 diabetes is a progressive illness that places a tremendous burden on the person inflicted with it, including emotional, physical, and financial strains, and these burdens contribute to an emotional condition known as diabetic distress (Orben et al., 2022). This distress impacts the individual's self-efficacy, and they see more frequent exacerbations of their diabetes like diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) (Fisher et al., 2018; Hood et al. 2018; Orben et al., 2022). The cost of insulin is high but the cost of a hospitalization with a diagnosis of DKA on average costs the individual \$30,000 (Lyerla et al., 2021).

An evidence-based approach to improving this healthcare inequity for the type 1 diabetic is to provide a text-based intervention that educates, encourages self-efficacy, and empowers the type 1 diabetic patient to take ownership of their disease process. The evidence-based practice question that guided my search through the literature is as follows: In young adults with type 1 diabetes discharged to home following a post diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) episode, how does diabetes discharge instructions with a follow up educational text message at 48 hours and at 2 weeks after discharge, compare to diabetes discharge instructions without a follow up educational text message affect the rate of rehospitalizations with recurrent DKA within 3 months after intervention?

The plan is to implement this project that utilizes a text-based intervention to recently discharged type 1 diabetic patients. Each case will be evaluated over a three-month span of time after discharge. The desired outcome and aim are that there be no additional hospitalizations following the patient's initial hospitalization for DKA for those who received the intervention.

Discharge Preparedness for the Type 1 Diabetic Patient

If you were to visit your local hospital, travel to the intensive care unit (ICU), and speak to one of the critical care nurses, they could tell you a personal story of caring for a patient who has suffered frequent episodes of diabetic ketoacidosis. The patients are typically young adults present without their parent and by themselves or with a significant other. They present with all the signs and symptoms of dehydration and acidosis. You can smell their acetone breath because they are breathing so fast and heavy. Their blood sugar is well above 500 mg/dL. They are not typically happy to see you. The patient tries to hide themselves from the bright lights in the ICU under the covers because they're exhausted, feel horrible, and just want to sleep. However, the nurse knows they must engage with the patient because this patient is critically ill, and their life depends on it. These young adults appear to be oblivious to the severity of their illness, but this is not always the case—they know they are sick. This patient may have possibly been with you a week or two weeks prior in the same condition or worse than they were in the previous admission. The nurse taking the primary role in managing the case experiences frustration with these patients the likes of finishing a beautiful puzzle just to have it strown all over the place, then being tasked to put it back together again.

If you have worked a year in the ICU, you are very familiar with the cyclical nature of these patient admissions. Compassion begins to rise in you as if you were their parent and your heart breaks when you see these readmitted patients in the critical state they come to. Most unhealthy cycles can be interrupted, and new healthier patterns can be brought in to replace the unhealthy ones. About a year ago, through the spirit of inquiry, I began to wonder what a nurse could do to interrupt this specific loop that type 1 diabetics find themselves in and began to consider a few viable options.

This paper contains the purpose and rationale behind this project and transitions into a survey of the literature that was found to provide an evidence-based solution to help the type 1 diabetic patient who is being discharged home after an episode of DKA. The stakeholders will be identified who will receive invitation to take part in this project and an implementation plan and timeline laid out. The methods for data collection will be communicated clearly. The plan for displaying and evaluating the data from this project is documented in the body of this paper. The cost to benefit ratio is given with some projections for the savings that this project can bring to the healthcare system. This is a benchmark study, hence there will not be specific results displayed in this work, however, the outcomes that are anticipated will be provided. Concluding thoughts and recommendations will be given to finish this evidence-based practice project.

Rationale for the Project

Young adults with type 1 diabetes who have been hospitalized and diagnosed with diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) are at risk of being stuck in a negative feedback loop that can end in their demise. Steenblock et al. (2022) emphasizes and sheds light on a negative feedback loop and pathophysiological explanation that exists between diabetes and depression. This feedback loop is manifested in the dysregulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal cortex (HPA) (Steenblock et al., 2022). When an individual with type 1 diabetes is under duress, HPA is activated, resulting in increased cortisol levels, and when chronically activated, the effect leads to cortisol dysregulation and impaired glucose metabolism (Steenblock et al., 2022).

Along with the pathophysiological processes occurring with type 1 diabetes, this vulnerable individual is placed under an incredible burden, typically a juvenile transitioning from pediatric care to adult care, who is experiencing emotional, physical, and financial strains of hospital bills and the cost of insulin. These burdens, when compounded, contribute to a condition

known as diabetic distress syndrome or simply diabetic distress (Orben et al., 2022). Orben et al. (2022) submit that individuals who have diabetic distress are more likely to become lax in their management of the disease process, perform fewer self-care behaviors, have higher glycosylated hemoglobin levels, have increased number of diabetic complications, and have lower quality of life.

Sick people respond to genuine compassion and hands that are extended to heal. I believe this population of patients with type 1 diabetes value their life and will respond when there is an extension to bring healing. In a mixed methods study, participants voiced their desire for peer support to aide them in their management of diabetes (Hood et al., 2018). The key component that contributed to their success was *support*.

Provision 1 of the American Nurses Association (ANA) *Code of Ethics* in essence shapes his or her nursing practice to uphold the inherent worth, dignity, and unique attributes that each person has and to do so compassionately and respectfully (Fowler et al., 2015). The impetus and rationale behind this project are to seek to support and uphold a particularly vulnerable population of people who have type 1 diabetes. One unique attribute of most young adults is that they own a smartphone and on average spend approximately four hours a day on them. The intervention chosen was in line with a key article for this project, in which the main intervention was a text-based intervention that enabled the researchers to extend their reach and improve accessibility to diabetic healthcare for patients in remote towns (Dobson et al., 2018).

In young adults with type 1 diabetes discharged to home following a post diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) episode (P), how does diabetes discharge instructions with a follow up educational text message at 48 hours and at 2 weeks after discharge (I), compare to diabetes

discharge instructions without a follow up educational text message (C) affect the rate of rehospitalization with recurrent DKA (O) within 3 months after intervention (T)?

Literature Synthesis

Young adults with type 1 diabetes suffer with a multifaceted disease process that not only impairs their physical body's metabolic status, but also impairs their mental health and wellness. Upon review of the current literature, it becomes clear that there is a strong mental health component with type 1 diabetes; some patients have depressive-like symptoms, which only compounds the difficulty of managing their disease process (Oh & Ell, 2018; Orben et al., 2022; Hood et al., 2018; Fisher et al., 2018). The purpose of this literature review is not to answer a psychiatric mental health question, but answer one for the person with type 1 diabetes who suffers with diabetic distress. These individuals have measurable levels of distress, which impact self-efficacy and increase the frequency of exacerbations of diabetes (Fisher et al., 2018; Hood et al. 2018; Orben et al., 2022).

Healthcare professionals should be equipped with competencies on identifying and addressing diabetic distress in their practice and use technology to assist in this, because evidence supports the need to incorporate mental health interventions and assessments into the care of patients with diabetes (Orben et al., 2022; Hood et al., 2018). There must be a means to improve accessibility to healthcare for this specific population that have multiple areas of vulnerability. These areas of vulnerability are compounded with the fact that some are from marginalized groups, such as being people of color, women, children, people with disabilities, those in lower socioeconomic status (Chang et al., 2018; Dobson et al., 2018; Hood et al., 2018; Oh et al., 2018).

There are a few interventions from the literature that will be compared that help provide an answer to the concern for accessibility. Before providing synthesis of those interventions, it is worth noting from the research available that it is apparent that patients with type 1 diabetes do show reductions in diabetic distress when receiving intervention to reduce diabetic distress (Oh & Ell, 2018; Orben et al., 2022; Hood et al., 2018; Fisher et al., 2018). Type 1 diabetic patients also show reduced HbA1c levels with intentional intervention and commitment to those interventions (Dobson et al., 2018; Eberle et al., 2021; Fisher et al., 2018; Magny-Normilus et al., 2019; Spaic et al., 2019).

There are two different approaches to reaching this population of people managing type 1 diabetes, and they seek to remedy this concern for accessibility to healthcare; both have been observed in the body of evidence being synthesized. The first intervention is the provision of a person that functions in the way as a community health worker, advocate, transition coordinator, health coach or mediator (Chang et al., 2018; Magny-Normilus et al., 2019; Spaic et al., 2019; Wolever et al., 2022). The other intervention is the utilization of tele-health, which can be the broader term which encompasses the use of telephone or text communications, virtual group appointments on platforms such as zoom, and computer telemonitoring software that patients interact daily that track vital sign trends including weight and fingerstick blood sugar readings (Bisno et al., 2021; Dobson et al., 2018; Eberle et al., 2021).

One study looked at providing a community health worker to reach a marginalized group of Latinos with poorly controlled diabetes and they observed that accessibility to healthcare was improved, but when it came to the actual utilization of services there was no improvement (Chang et al., 2018). An additional group of researchers looked at retired Airforce soldiers who were managing chronic disease processes like heart disease and diabetes who were provided remote health coaches who saw increase their patient's physical activity, but the study concluded that the health coach part of the intervention would need further study (Wolever et al., 2022). The reproducibility of these interventions could be costly in that they require hiring a healthcare professional.

There are two studies that focus on critical transitions for the type 1 diabetic patient, specifically after hospital discharge and going from pediatric care to adult care. The first was a multi-interventional study that provided results in reduction in HbA1c as compared to usual care group from before admission to 60-120 days post discharge; they utilized a discharge advocate and behavioral interventions which improved diabetes control (Magny-Normilus et al., 2019). To supplement this, another study used a transition coordinator who was instrumental in improving the time gap from pediatric care to adult diabetic care. There was a noted significant increase in attendance in the intervention group to the diabetic clinic (Spaic et al., 2019). One qualitative study documented that focused diabetes support groups showed to improve the emotional burden and lessen diabetic distress, which helped improve self-efficacy and management of diabetes (Hood et al., 2018).

The next question considered is whether these patients would benefit from telehealth communications? Young adults with type 1 diabetes showed reduced diabetic distress scale scores who had received Colorado Young Adults with type 1 diabetes (CoYoT1) intervention which included a virtual group appointment (Bisno et al., 2021). It was significant in a large, randomized control trial, in that telemonitoring reduced the risk of readmission, emergency department visits, and death in a 30-day timeframe from discharge (Dawson et al., 2021). One study showed that there may be significant clinical effectiveness for those with type 1 diabetes

and type 2 diabetes to receive telehealth and or telemonitoring, but there was a slightly higher result for those with type 2 diabetes versus those with type 1 diabetes (Eberle et al., 2021).

The main driver in this review of the literature is that the diabetic patient needs connection during vulnerable points of transition, and one of the most accessible forms of communication with young adults are their smart phones (Dobson et al., 2018). This Australian research group tested the effectiveness of a tailored SMS/text messaging self-management program that offered significant improvement in glycemic control in clients with poorly controlled diabetes (Dobson et al., 2018). The challenge of getting the patient in to see the primary care physician after discharge is difficult, which is partly related to the social determinants of health for each patient, including language barriers, non-compliance, drug abuse, neglect, and lack of transportation (Chang et al., 2018; Dobson et al., 2018, Oh et al. 2018). To improve accessibility to service utilization from a healthcare provider, the use of a text-based intervention narrows the gap and is the impetus behind this literature review and helps to answer the clinical question at hand (Dobson et al., 2018).

Project Stakeholders

The primary stakeholders invited to attend, otherwise known as the external stakeholders, are those affected by this proposition for change, specifically investors for the hospital. Internal stakeholders are all of those whom this project touches within the hospitals and clinics. The internal stakeholders are the chief executive officer (CEO) of the hospital and the CEO of the clinic, chief financial officer (CFO) of the hospital and CFO to the clinic, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) attending physicians, emergency room physicians, chief medical officer (CMO) of the hospital and the CMO of the clinic, primary care providers in the clinic, the director of endocrinology, the nurse manager of the ICU, and nurses from the ICU. The secondary

stakeholders that will be included in this project will be the few families in the community that have been affected by type 1 diabetes and desire to be present.

Prior to proceeding with this project, permissions will need to be granted by hospital administration and the international review board (IRB). Patients will be given informed consent. Confidentiality and privacy will be upheld to high standards for this project. It will be ensured that Provision 1 of the American Nurses Association (ANA) is upheld, which states that the nurse will uphold the inherent worth, dignity, and unique attributes that each person has and to do so compassionately and respectfully (Fowler et al., 2015).

Implementation Plan

Permission will need to be first obtained by the CMOs, CEOs, CFOs, ICU nurse manager, consultation with the IRB, and office manager at the clinic to hold a meeting to make this presentation. Gatekeepers in this process will be the CMO and attending physicians in the clinic. Additionally, CMO and physicians in the hospital, specifically within the ICU and emergency department (ED) settings, have an important role in intervening for this vulnerable population of young diabetics and will be willing if given the opportunity to contribute on their behalf. The ICU nurse manager is the change champion in this process. One barrier foreseen is permission to proceed. An additional barrier is any legal concern for maintaining patient privacy and confidentiality. Cost to proceed with this change project is considered as well.

The presentation will be held in the main conference center at the outpatient clinic prior to the opening hours of the clinic. A complimentary breakfast will be provided. Primary stakeholders will be invited to attend; the primary stakeholders affected by this proposition for change are the external stakeholders, specifically investors for the hospital, and internal stakeholders. The internal stakeholders are the CEO of the hospital and the CEO of the clinic, CFO of the hospital and CFO to the clinic, ICU attending physicians in the ICU and ED, CMO of the hospital and the CMO of the clinic, family practice physicians at the clinic, director of endocrinology, nurse manager of the ICU, and ICU nursing staff. Prior to this presentation an opportunity will be extended during ICU rounding to the multidisciplinary team. The invitation will include an intentional request for physicians to please provide any constructive feedback. Secondary stakeholders that will be included are a few families in the community that have been affected by the impact of type 1 diabetes.

The morning will open with a brief story from a local family impacted by the overwhelming management of their 18-year-old daughter's type 1 diabetes, who had three hospital admissions the end of last year. Their story is descriptive, remarkable, and tells how their young daughter came to a breaking point after a prolonged hospitalization for DKA. She knew she needed to bring change into her management of type 1 diabetes and break free of previous bad habits. The intervener in her case was her mother. Her mother began first by sending daily helps and hints for diet and encouragements to check her blood sugar. She would send reminders to her daughter via text to remind her of upcoming doctor's visits to check her hemoglobin A1C level. Midway through the following year, her hemoglobin A1C levels dropped significantly. This story encourages and informs about the weight of and significance this disease process has on an individual and the family.

The presentation will transition to background and significance of the type 1 diabetic patient, including the frequency of hospital admissions for type 1 diabetic patients in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), the frequency of rehospitalization for DKA exacerbation, any occurrence of and the number of mortalities in a year's time related to DKA as the primary diagnosis, associated costs of the hospitalization for those patients who have insurance and those who do not. The presentation will include the impetus behind the change project and will be communicated as a research question. A review of the literature will be presented showing significance for a text-based intervention which brings positive impact on the patient with type 1 diabetes in that they have fewer admissions following the intervention. The presentation will move towards a description of the intervention and the process change.

Resources needed to proceed will be a team of committed contributors including nursing staff, diabetes educator, nurse manager of the ICU, in cooperation with clinical staff such as the attending physician and LVN/MA at the office. Permission to use the intervention will need approval from the IRB. The utilization of text messaging will be accomplished with a company smartphone. Special training will be given to team members who are texting the patient's discharged, to ensure that the message is simple, direct, one way (clinician-to-client), and in the patient's preferred language. The time to send these messages will be minimal and should not be burdensome to deliver. The cost to send messages to patients is comparable to follow up calls that are made routinely, and therefore, there will not be a significant cost to implement. The change project leader will need assistance from the nurse manager at the hospital and office manager at the clinic to assist with fluidity of the process change.

Timetable/Flowchart

The major phases of the implementation plan will be as follows and based on key points from *Implementing Evidence in the Clinical Setting* on pp. 289-290 (Melnyk et al., 2019). See Appendix B.

• Establish a formal implementation team – Change project leader, nurse manager at the hospital, office manager at the clinic, nursing staff willing to contribute. (1 month)

- Building excitement raise awareness to the need for change and encourage ownership of the change project. (1 month)
- Dissemination of evidence the presentation at the main conference room at the clinic of the research question, literature surveyed showing evidence for and necessity for change. (Preparation and implementation may take 1-2 months).
- Develop clinical tool this is the development of the specific message sent to the discharged diabetic patient at 48 hours and 2 weeks after discharge. (Development may take 1-2 months to develop and be approved by physicians and CMO).
- Pilot the EBP change roll it out in proper time. (From inception to roll out it is anticipated that this may take 10-12 weeks total.)
- Celebrate success.

Data Collection Methods

The initial phase for this project's data collection will take careful planning. The team in the first few months of the project will refine and plan out what our approach will be and refine our procedures, including testing the clinical tool. The text-based intervention will be evaluated for clarity and conciseness. One outcome is that the clients will not be overwhelmed by a cumbersome message, but rather encouraged and informed by a brief, direct, and clear educational message at 48 hours post discharge and 2 weeks post discharge. Within the first few months our team will meet with the attending emergency room and ICU physicians as well as the diabetes educators on our team to ask if they would consider making a quick consultation to our team at the patient's discharge. Attending physicians will have been informed of the text-based intervention that will be utilized to follow up with patients being discharged home after a hospitalization for DKA. The team will keep a spreadsheet with the physician's names who have agreed to provide consultation to our team at discharge. We will be able to provide data based on the physician's consultation, whether the patient was admitted to the ICU and discharged home from there or discharged home after a brief emergency room visit.

The second phase of data collection will span a period of one year. This part of the plan will include subject enrollment and intervention sessions. After physician consultation, we will approach the patients at discharge. Informed consent will be obtained if the patients agree to enroll in the study. There will be two groups of patients in our project: group A will receive the diabetes discharge instructions with the addition of the text-based intervention and group B will simply receive diabetes discharge instructions at discharge. Group A will receive communication of the plan to offer an educational text-based intervention at 48-hours, 2 weeks after discharge, and then a three month follow up. Group B will receive communication that they will be followed over the next three months after discharge to observe for readmissions to the hospital for DKA.

When IRB and study approval is obtained from the facility, enrollment of patients to the project will start January 1, 2025, until September 1, 2025. Group A will start with the first patient that is enrolled and continue with third, fifth, seventh, and so on to provide some randomization. Group B will start with the second patient who is enrolled and continue with the fourth, sixth, eighth and so on. Enrollees in Group A will be provided opportunity to read about our process to be informed prior to giving consent to receive the text-based intervention at discharge. Both groups will be informed that their names and other patient identifiers will be held confidential, and their privacy will be upheld under the strict standards set in place under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) guidelines.

There will be a span of three months total from enrollment in the intervention sessions to the time of the post-assessment. Intervention sessions will last no longer than two weeks in congruence with the research question driving this study. If a patient is hospitalized within the first 48-hours or the first two weeks of the intervention session with a primary diagnosis of DKA, this will be noted and documented in the patient database. The outcome desired is that the patient will not be hospitalized during the intervention session time frame.

The last phase of data collection will be at the patient's three-month mark following discharge from the hospital, status post diagnosis of DKA. Data will be collected at this time if the patient had been readmitted to the hospital with DKA at any point during the last three months. Further data will be recorded at the three-months mark to take note of patient outcomes after discharge including: discharge destination, alive or deceased, hemoglobin A1C level, and a brief survey. The primary outcome that will be taken note of is whether the patient required readmission to the hospital at any point within three months of initial discharge.

Data will be completely collected by December 31, 2025, and data analysis will be starting January 1, 2026. Data analysis will take a period of 1 month to ensure that there is completeness of the data. We will discuss if there is any missing data and how to document this in our findings. The primary instrument for data collection that will undergo analysis will be an excel spreadsheet. See Appendix C.

Evaluation

The initiation of this change project will require evaluation of data. Thus, a dashboard will be stationed in the ICU breakroom displaying milestones at-a-glance, which will proceed following the rolling out the process change at 1 month, 2 months, and 3 months. This will be color coded: green indicating no rehospitalization to 1 rehospitalizations, yellow representing

more than 2-3 rehospitalizations, and red indicated more than 5 rehospitalizations. Data needed after rollout of the project for evaluation will be a supporting diagnosis of DKA and record of rehospitalizations. If unable to enact the project, hopefully enthusiasm sparked in the presentation will propel the nursing staff to teach their patients about diabetes and associated complications. However, with the provision of evidence-based practice guidelines, hopefully the nursing staff will be encouraged to enact this change project.

It is estimated that the project will have approximately 100 patients, 50 receiving the intervention and 50 not receiving the intervention. Success will ultimately be representative of there being no hospitalizations for those receiving the text-based intervention. If it is possible to keep this population of patients within the green, that is, having one or no hospitalizations, this project is successful. A simple statistical evaluation of the data will be generated from the instrument created for data collection. See Appendix C.

Cost/Benefit Analysis

From 2009 to 2014 there was a rise in DKA hospitalizations in the United States at a rate of 54.9% (Benoit et al., 2018). As of the year 2021, the median cost of a DKA hospitalization in the United States was \$29,981, with a range of \$10,838 to \$284,357 (Lyerla et al., 2021). Lyerla et al. (2021) later point out this near \$30,000 far exceeds the cost of insulin. The cost of insulin may not be the primary deterrent to be compliant among individuals with type 1 diabetes; it has become more aware that there is an inequality of social determinants of health that have contributed to health disparities and poor self-efficacy in diabetes management (Lyerla et al., 2021). Benoit et al. (2018) conclude that evidence-based and targeted prevention, the likes of diabetes self-management instruction and support could play a significant role in reversing the trends of the life-threatening and avoidable complication of DKA. Since the potential cost of one

hospitalization for DKA reaching \$30,000, it is within a reasonable estimation that the cost of recurrent hospitalizations for this complication of type 1 diabetes reach upwards of \$100,000 in a year.

When creating the budget for this project, one goal is to not leave the patient with an expense or bill regarding receiving the intervention. The goal of this project is to reduce the overall cost for the patient and the hospital. There will be a designated team member who will send a simple and direct text message that is educational and encouraging to promote compliance with follow up with the primary care provider 48 hours after discharge and two weeks after discharge. The cost to send a single text message with a designative smart phone is \$0.20 for AT&T and Verizon carriers (AT&T Intellectual Property & Verizon). The idea is to make a connection with the patient and offer positive feedback and encouragement which hopefully improves self-efficacy and prevents hospitalization. Permission will be requested to utilize the hospital phone during working hours from hospital administration. Permission will be requested for our team to be able to make these calls during their working hours as well. If permissions are granted this will have no significant costs or loss for the nurse team member or the hospital.

There will be minimal expenses in preparing the presentation. A light breakfast with coffee and hot tea will be provided for each person in attendance. The hope is that the administration will see that potential savings could exceed \$30,000-90,000 for a single case, with the prevention of a rehospitalization. The justification for proceeding with this project is that a young person with this disease process could potentially avoid the risks associated with relapsing into DKA. The hope is that more than one rehospitalization is prevented with this intervention, that this will improve the patient's self-efficacy, and that the hospital and the patient will be satisfied with the potential financial savings.

Discussion of Results

Once the project is launched there will likely be hurdles and challenges associated with coordination with hospital and clinic staff communications, leadership challenges with the project team members, and plans to ensure sustainability of this evidence-based practice change. It is anticipated the team will hold regular weekly meetings in the afternoon to keep abreast of the best ways to keep communication open and transparent, with the intent purpose of keeping the team members aware of where we are in the process of implementation and to report any potential case studies that have come through the hospital or clinic. The team will identify and regularly invite an evidence-based practice (EBP) mentor to our group meetings in the afternoon to help sustain the EBP process in our practice. Our EBP mentor will help us to prepare for the implementation once ready, help guide us weekly to ensure that we are staying on target with our plan, support us as we seek to ensure we are providing evidence-based care, and support our growth and development as an EBP team. The team expects that we will see a reduction in hospitalizations for patients who have received the text-based intervention, receive report that the patients have improved diabetes self-efficacy, and see reduction in hemoglobin A1C results.

Conclusions/Recommendations

In conclusion, Orben et al., gives strong representation for the diabetic community they worked with, individuals who specifically expressed feeling a lack of control (2022). Healthcare workers have an obligation to promote the well-being of their patients and seek to empower this vulnerable population and their families with a sense of control over their disease process. The recommendations made are attainable and have the potential to be implemented with effectiveness according to the literature. We will empower our patients and their support systems with regular text-based communication that provide education and encouragement, in hopes to improve their self-efficacy.

The next step after the project is completed, is to compile the data, and if we are successful in bringing effective change in practice, we will seek to share our success with other healthcare systems. We will have our initial project presentation reformatted for outside agencies or healthcare systems. We will encourage those healthcare communities to strengthen their aims at creating safer healthcare practices for type 1 diabetic patients by utilizing the EBP process to search for more effective measures of prevention of unnecessary hospitalizations, to improve outcomes for the type 1 diabetic patients, and reduce the frequency of hospitalizations to manage DKA.

Regarding our project being implemented in other healthcare settings, we would purpose to leave with them the knowledge that type 1 diabetic patients need support, because their disease process is burdensome and management of the disease process without the support of a healthcare community is very challenging. This is especially true for the young adult who has recently transitioned from pediatric care to adult primary care. These young adults will need more than just a visit with their primary care provider, they need an equivalent of regular communication from an individual in the healthcare setting who will fill the role as a healthcare coach or community healthcare worker who is willing to regularly check in and provide the support that is needed. This project clearly defines a problem that also is inclusive of the need to improve accessibility to diabetes care and one effective way to do this is through text-based communication or some form of telehealth. This idea of telehealth can take many forms, the important thing is that the patient receives regular support to ensure that they are encouraged,

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educated, and empowered to improve upon their self-efficacy as it relates to their management of diabetes.

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Appendix A

Evidence Table

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& title) 1. Bisno, D. I., Reid, M. W., Fogel, J. L., Pyatak, E. A., Majidi, S., & Raymond, J. K. (2021). Virtual Group appointments reduce distress and improve care management .	Framework Telehealth or Virtual Care and Group or Shared Medical Appointment s combined in an experimental model CoYoT1	Method RCT	Setting n = 58 YAs with TID 5 did not attend any study visits and were excluded.	Definitions TH with VGA Vs. TH only	Major Variables DDS (CAS 0.950) DSTAR (CAS 0.89) SED (CAS 0.86) SMOD-A CES-D EQ-5D	Analysis DDS (includes Average score, ED, PD, RD, ID)	Study FindingsDDS -Average scores -> TH only group increased 1.94 to2.14. CoYoT1 reduced from 1.95 to 1.79.ED - CoYoT1 (2.37 to2.19)PD - CoYoT1 (no change)RD - CoYoT1 (2.46 to2.17)ID - CoYoT1 (1.65 to1.51)	 + quality [study strengths and weaknesses]) LOE: I STRENGTHS: Shows that VGA contribute to reduce psychosocial burden significantly. WEAKNESS: Although improvement in DDS results; all other major variables had no significant statistical finding. Small sample size FEASIBILITY: This test could be reproducible in other objects
adults with								CONCLUSION:

type 1 diabetes.							
2 Exporin							 YA with T1D showed reduced DDS scores who had received CoYoT1 intervention. Although no improvement in other variables, reduction in DDS scores is significant and promising for clients to potentially improve self-efficacy. USPSTF: A, High
2. Experim	mental RCT –	300 poorly	Participant	The study reported	X ² analysis,	Participants with the	LOE: I
designChang, A.,Patberg, E.,impact ofCueto, V., Li,CHW (fH., Singh, B.,access aKenya, S.,utilizationAlonzo, Y.,care)&Carrasquillo,O. (2018).	single hg the blind of (focus and ion of	controlled DM2 adults 2 public hospitals in Miami, FL public hospital clinics	assigned with a community CHW. Participant with usual care	self-reported access to care over a year at an exit interview. Medical Expenditures Panel Survey EMR to extract	logistic regression models (to adjust for gender, age, education status, depression, and other	assigned CHW report fewer problems with access to medical needs and Rxs. No difference observed in utilization in primary care	STRENGTHS: CHW intervention proved to show improvement, showing improvement in self-reported access to care. WEAKNESS: Did not find improvement in service

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health workers, access to care, and service utilization among Florida Latinos: A randomized controlled					of healthcare, hospitalization, primary care visits, and ER visits	comorbiditi es).	visits, ER utilization, or hospitalizations	 The impact of CHW may be limited infrastructure and the healthcare system the CHW is being rolled out in FEASIBILITY: Could be utilized on other populations or settings. CONCLUSION:
trial.								 Latinos w/ poorly controlled DM showed improvement with a 1-year CHW intervention leading to improved self-report access to care, but when it comes to utilization of service there wasn't improvement. USPSTF: A, High
3. Dawson, N. L., Hull, B.	N/A	RCT	N= 1,055 (n = 578 + n = 477)	Two groups:	Primary Outcome:	Primary Outcome: compare number	Primary Outcome:	LOE: I STRENGTHS:
P., Vijapura, P.,						receiving standard		• Study has large sample sizes in both groups in the RCT.

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Dumitrascu,				Allocated to	Readmission or	care to	23.7% (137/578) standard	Statistically significant reduction in
A. G., Ball,				standard care n	death within 30	those	care and 18.2% (87/477)	primary and secondary outcomes as it
С. Т.,			Started with	= 578	days of discharge.	receiving	who received TM.	relates to telemonitoring.
Thiemann,			N = 5,051, but			TM.		• Diverse patient populations (race, age,
K. M.,			lost 3,671 due				Absolute risk difference is	sex, disease processes).
Maniaci, M.			to exclusion	A 11 / 1 /	G 1		-5.5%.	The intervention may have increased
J., & Burton,			criteria,	Allocated to	Secondary	G 1		patient self-efficacy and
M. C. (2021).			declined to	1 M n = 4 / /.	Outcome:	Secondary		understanding of their disease process.
Home			participate,			Outcome:	Sacandami Outaamai	
telemonitorin			and other			compare	Secondary Outcome:	WEAKNESS:
g to reduce			reasons.		Emergency	number	14.2% (81/570) standard	
readmission					Department visit	standard	care and 8.6% (40/464)	• This study considers a wide range of
of nign-risk					within 30 days of	care to	who received TM	high-risk patients the majority of
patients: A			From $n =$		discharge.	those		which are cardiopulmonary disease
intention to			1.380 the		8	receiving		process related which is more than
treat			group was			TM		those who have diabetes, which is the
randomized			split in two			1.01.		focus of the PICOT.
clinical trial			groups of $n =$					• Expensive to purchase technology
ennicar triai.			690.					needed.
								• Unable to blind participants to the
								intervention based on the nature of the
								intervention.
			Lost an					EFASIBILITY
			additional 325					
			\rightarrow not eligible					

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			at d/c, withdrew from study, unable to contact at 30- day follow-up.					 This is reproducible and applicable to the patient population in the PICOT question, but the cost may be significant and challenging for patients. CONCLUSION: Significant results showing how TM can reduce the risk of readmission, ED visits, and/or death in a 30-day timeframe from discharge. USPSTF: A, High
4. Dobson, R., Whittaker, R., Jiang, Y., Maddison, R., Shepherd, M., McNamara, C., Cutfield, R.,	mHealth Development and Evaluation Framework	9 Month- Two arm, parallel, randomi zed control trial (RCT)	366 participants aged 16 and over w/ poorly controlled diabetes type 1 and type 2 DM.	Primary- Change in HbA1C from baseline to 9 months. Secondary- Change in HbA1C at 3	HbA1C percentage change. SEDM, SDCA, DDS2, BIPQ, EQ- 5D, VAS	Percent and mmol/mol	Primary treatment effect– HbA1C in the intervention wing compared to the control group was significantly greater: mean -8.85 mmol/mol at 9 months.	LOE: LEVEL I STRENGTHS: • Sample size • Diverse population • Pragmatic design WEAKNESS:

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Murphy, R. (2018). Effectiveness of text message based, diabetes self- management support				At nine months they assess change in self efficacy, DM self-care, diabetes			group at 9 months. Secondary treatment effect– SEDM – no significant change	 to treatment allocation – potential bias. Limitations for those who don't speak English. FEASIBILITY: Low cost Scalable solution Technology is improving and most
programme (SMS4BG): Two arm, parallel randomised controlled trial.				distress, perceptions and beliefs about DM, health related quality of life, perceived support for diabetes management, and intervention engagement and			SDSCA – improvement in DM foot care for intervention group. AMD 0.85 DDS2 – so significant change BIPQ – reduction noticed in intervention group. AMD -0.54 EQ-5D VAS – significant improvement in	everyone has a phone for text messages / SMS. CONCLUSION: Tailored SMS/text messages self-management program has the potential to improve glycemic control in adults w/ poorly controlled DM. USPSTF: A, High

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				satisfaction at 9 months.			intervention group. (4.38 (0.44 to 8.33), P=0.03) Perceived support for DM management – improvement in intervention group. (0.26 (0.03 to 0.50), P=0.03)	
5. Eberle, C., & Stichling, S. (2021). Clinical improvement s by telemedicine interventions managing type 1 and type 2 diabetes: Systematic	N/A	Systemat ic Meta- Review	31 eligible studies: (21 SRs & MAs, 8 RCTs, 1 non-RCT, and 1 qualitative study).	T1DM response to TM and improvement in DM control Vs. T2DM Response to TM and	Primary outcome: HbA1c Secondary outcome: FBG, BP, weight, BMI, QoL, cost, and time saving	HbA1c	HbA1c: <i>Hedge g</i> = TIDM vs T2DM – Su et al., Hedge g=	 LOE: I STRENGTHS: There was evidence that TM/TH provide improvement in HbA1c levels. They observed multiple study designs, reviewed several important clinical outcomes, and provided a focus of comparison of these interventions as compared between T1DM and T2DM. WEAKNESS:

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Meta- Review.				improvement in DM control			-0.27, P= 0.3	Large variation in technologies used for telemedine interventions.
							vs	 Many of the measurements had insignificant statistical findings.
							Hedge g=	• Some of the articles may have
							-0.63, P=<0.001	confounding data, such as those that had higher HbA1c levels at the start may have more significant drops when comparing T1DM and T2DM who
							Tchero et al.,	have differing baseline HbA1c levels.
							Hedge g=	FEASIBILITY:
							-0.26, P= .05	Many of the interventions are reproducible.
							vs	CONCLUSION:
							Hedge g=	• There may be significant clinical
							-0.48, P= .001	effectiveness for those with T1DM and T2DM to receive TH/TM. There was a slightly higher result for those
							Smaller effect =	with T2DM vs. those with T1DM.
							Smaller eggees =	USPSTF: A, High

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			0				• • •	
							Toma et al.,	
							T1DM = -0.12%	
							T2DM = -0.55%	
							Kitsiou et al.,	
							T1DM = -0.3%	
							T2DM = -0.8%	

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6.	Emotion	RCT	N=301	T1DM receives	T1DDS	TIDDS	TIDDS:	LOE: I
	Regulation			2 different				
Fisher, L.,			TIDM patients	interventions.	(CAS a= 0.84)			
Hessler, D.,								
Polonsky, W.							OnTrack	STRENGTHS:
Н.,			F G (D					
Masharani,			From CA, OR,	OnTrack:	NonJudge		2.90 – baseline	• Diverse population with T1DM and
U., Guzman,			AZ, Canada	emotion-	(CAS = 0.05)		2.22 2	with high levels of distress and
S., Bowyer,			(Toronto,	focused	(CAS a = 0.93)		2.23 - 3 months	elevated HbA1c.
V., Strycker,			Ontario)	intervention			2.15 - 9 months	Low attrition rate and no significant
L., Ahmann,							2.15 – 7 months	between-group differences,
A., Basina,					NonReact			WEARNESS.
M., Blumer,			>/=19-vear-	Knowlt:	Tioniteaet			WEAKINESS:
I., Chioe, C.,			old with dx	Kilowit.	(CAS a= 0.89)		Knowlt	 All participants were required to have
NIIII, S., Deters A I			>12 months	Educational /	ĺ` í			• An participants were required to have
Shumway				behavioral			2.87 - baseline	could present a limited
M Weihs				intervention				generalizability
K & Wu P					PCSRIPQ		2.24 - 3 months	Participants were recruited differently
(2018 July			Mean item					related to there being small numbers
5). <i>T1-</i>			score >/= 2 on		(CAS a= 0.80)		2.17 – 9 months	of eligible participants in each city.
redeem: A			T1DDS					Intervention design was limited not
randomized								permitting further analyses.
controlled					DKT			r
trial to					DK12			FEASIBILITY:
reduce								

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diabetes			Recent HbA1c		(CAS a=		HbA1c:	These interventions could be
distress			>7.5%					reproduced.
among adults								CONCLUSION
diabetes							OnTrack	CONCLUSION.
undo crest			No ESRD,					• It is apparent that patients with T1DM
			psychosis, or				8.83 – baseline	do show reduction in DD when
			dementia				874 3 months	receiving intervention to reduce DD;
							0.74 - 5 months	TIDM show reduced HbA1c levels
							8.65 – 9 months	commitment to an intervention.
			At 3 months					
			8% and at 9 months 40°					USPSTF: A, High
			12% total				Knowlt	
			attrition rate					
							8.77 – baseline	
							8.60 - 3 months	
							0.00 5 monus	
							8.59 - 9 months	

7.	N/A	2-phase	Phase 1: N =	Phase 1:	The instrument	Quantitativ	RD – patients scored	LOE: LEVEL VI
		mixed	155	DDS17 was	measured the	e: SPSS	higher on this subset than	
Hood, S.,		methods		used to measure	extent to which	24	any other DDS17 subscale.	STRENGTHS:
Irby-			Phase 2: $N =$	DD. DDS17	respondents	quantitative	28.4% w/ moderate RD	
Shasanmi,		Phase 1	23	has 17 items in	perceived the	data	and 29% w/ high RD.	• Mixed Methods with quantitative and
A., de Groot,		- written		the instrument	following diabetes	analysis	C	qualitative data that complement each
M., Martin,		survey		and 4 subscales	aspects (EB, PD,	software.		other, providing a perspective into
E., & LaJoie,		DDS17		_	RD, ID) on the			African American's DD.
A. S. (2018).		used to	African		DDS17. The	Chi-Square	EB – second highest	Large African American male
Understandin		assess	American	EB – emotional	problem was	analysis	scoring – one quarter	represented group in healthcare
g diabetes-		DRD w/	recruited	burden	identified utilizing	-	reached 25.2% w/	research.
related		subscale	between	(Diabetes and	a 6-point Likert-	Qualitative:	moderate EB; another	
distress		s: EB,	February and	Depression,	type scale.	Focus	quarter reached 25.8% w/	WEAKNESS:
characteristic		RD, ID,	June 2012	Intrusiveness of	· · ·	groups	high EB (needing clinical	
s and		and PD	from	Diabetes).		were	treatment)	• The quantitative and qualitative study
psychosocial				PD – physician		recorded,		sizes are small, which should alert one
support		Phase 2	comm-unity	related distress		professiona		to avoid generalizing the data.
preferences		— a	based settings.			lly		
of urban		sample	University of	RD – regimen		transcribed,		FEASIBILITY:
African		from	Louisville	related distress		and then		- Denne descible
American		phase 1	employee,	(medication and		coded with		• Reproducible
adults living		voluntee	African	dietary).		Atlas.ti		CONCLUSION
with type 2		red to	American	ID –		version 6.2		concelebion.
diabetes: A		attend 1	barbershop,	interpersonal		qualitative		 Evidence from this study supports the
mixed-		of 4	and African	distress		analysis		need to incorporate mental health into
methods		gender	American	involving		software.		the treatment of patients with DM.
study.		stratified	social groups,	family and				• Findings support the need for
		follow	churches,	friends.				healthcare providers to prioritize
		up focus	fraternity, and					mental health in African American
		groups	local health					clients with DM and to potentially
		to study	fair.					utilize DKD screening.
		the						

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		results from the quantitat ive survey.		Phase 2: 4 genders stratified follow up groups including 2 male and 2 female to study the results of the phase 1 quantitative results.				USPSTF: B, Moderate
8. Magny- Normilus, C., Nolido, N. V., Borges, J. C., Brady, M., Labonville, S., Williams, D., Soukup, J., Lipsitz, S.,	N/A	RCT	N=180 Adult with T2DM, active cardiac disease, on tele/medical floor and soon	Intervention Group & Usual care group	Adherence to DM management based on the 90-day refill at the pharmacy.	MPR	MPR (84.5% vs 76.4%, difference 8.1% With a 95% confidence interval {CI} = -1.04 to 17.2], P = 0.06)	LOE: I STRENGTHS: • Design covers the transition from hospital to home. Provided "teaching moments" that would influence DM self-efficacy. WEAKNESS:

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Hudson, M., & Schnipper, J. L. (2019). Effects of an intensive discharge intervention on medication adherence, glycemic control, and readmission rates in patients with type 2 diabetes.	r ramework		to be discharged home. Further criterion includes that they are likely to be placed on insulin at discharge. HbA1c >8.0%.	Definitions	Secondary outcome:	Change in HbA1c between 60 to 120 days s/p D/C as compared to HbA1c less than 90 days before hospitalizat	S/p D/C HbA1c: Decreased in intervention arm. 1.09 Decrease in usual care arm 0.11. difference of differences =	 Assumed short-term readmissions could be the result of poor glucose control in T2DM, which is not the case. Interventions didn't include colab with PCP, which may have been limiting. FEASIBILITY: Reproducibility would be challenging given the multipronged intervention arm. Reproducibility may rely on a single prong. CONCLUSION: Multiple intervention study with
					ED visit, admit to "observation	ED - 1 pt. $Obs 2 pt.$	-0.98 [-2.03 to -0.07], P = 0.04).	Multiple intervention study with results in reduction in HbA1c as compared to usual care group from before admission to 60-120 days post D/C. Utilization of a DA proved helpful. Behavior interventions utilized improved DM control.

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					status",	Hosp.		USPSTF: A, High
					within 30 days of	aum = 5		
					D/C.	pt.		
9.	Patient-	Data	N= 251 from	PHQ-9	Patients had an	Longitudin	Depressed individuals	LOE: I
	centered	collected	348 initial	Depression	average decrease	al patterns	would precipitate low self-	
Oh, H., &	medical	from	participants	Screening	in depressive	of the	efficacy and low adherence	STRENGTHS:
Ell, K.	home model	RCT	from E. Los		symptoms by 7.21	variables of	to a treatment plan at 6 and	
(2018).			Angeles, CA	MOS - to -	between baseline	interest and	12 month follow ups.	 Presents results proving changes in
Associations				measure	and 6 months	a series of t		depressive symptoms and social support can support differences in
between			Hispanics part	perceived social	follow up.	tests to		self-efficacy and adherence to DM
changes in			of AHH that	support.	T-4-1	compare		management among low- income
depressive			nad med nx of	MOSSAD		data means		Hispanics.
symptoms			DM, neart	MOS-SAK -	support improved	at baseline,		
and social			disease, or	self care	by 21.45%.	6 months,		
diabetes			ficart failure	behaviors	Changes in	and 12		WEAKNESS:
management				benaviors	depressive	monuis.		 Depute should not be concretized
among low-					symptoms 6			Results should not be generalized
income.					months post			convenience sampling at three clinics
predominantl					baseline were	Hierarchica		that were not randomized
y Hispanic					correlated with	1 regression		• 25-34% did not complete the 6 and 12
patients in					self-efficacy	models to		month follow ups
patient-						explore any		monui ronow ups.
-						correlation		

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centered			-			between		FEASIBILITY:
care.						changes in		
						depressive		Reproducible
						symptoms		
						and social		CONCLUSION:
						support.		
						Post hoc analyses were intended to identify the time at which the depressive s/s and social support affected DM managemen t.		 The study finds evidence that there is a profound correlation between depressive like symptoms and self- efficacy and to management of the disease process of DM. USPSTF: A, High

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and DM2 statistical software total DD data	Jy the
similarities in version 28.0 scores,	
the (SPSS Inc.). subscale DD stemmed from WEAKNESS:	
experience of scores, and judgment and blame from	
living with Themati Clinical HCPs and general • Small sample size.	
diabetes c cutoffs in population. • Unable to measure associations	ons
distress: A analysis SPSS between themes and distress sec	scores.
qualitative using statistical	
study of NVivo software FEASIBILITY:	
adults with software version	
type 1 and 28.0 (SPSS • Reproduceable.	
type 2 Inc.).	
diabetes.	
HCPs should be equipped with	th
competencies on identifying an	and
addressing DD in their practice	is
	10.
USPSTF: B. Moderate	

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11.	Transitional	RCT	N= 205; n =	Standard care	Primary Outcome:	Primary	Mean number of visits	LOE: LEVEL I
	care model		104 in the	group	Proportion of	Outcome:	over 18 months =	
Spaic, T.,			transition		participants who			STRENGTHS:
Robinson, T.,			program		did not show for at			
Goldbloom,			group and n =		least 1 DM clinic			 strong design, practical interventions,
E., Gallego,			101 in the	VS	visit in 12 month		4.1 (SD 1.1) in the	appropriate intervention for the
P., Hramiak,			standard care		follow up.		transition program	focused age group, and the follow up
I., Lawson,			group.					with the participants covered the
M. L.,								transition from pediatric to adult care.
Malcolm, J.,				Transition				
Mahon, J.,				program group	Secondary		3.6 (SD 1.2) in standard	WEAKNESS:
Morrison, D.,			Multi-center,	(18-month	Outcome:		care	
Parikh, A.,			randomized,	period with the				Smaller sample size
Simone, A.,			parallel group	assignment of a	Freq of HbA1c			Lack of blinding
Stein, R.,			from 3	TC (CDE) who	testing, mean			
Uvarov, A.,			pediatric care	gives support	HbA1c level, freq.		(P = 0.002)	FEASIBILITY:
& Clarson,			centers (2	during the	of complication			
C. (2019,			tertiary	transition from	screening			• Reproducible
April 22).			centers and 1	peds to adult	(nephropathy,			CONCLUSION
Closing the			secondary	care.	retinopathy, and			CONCLUSION.
gap: Results			center) in		peripheral	Attended	51 (400/) a setisia sets in	• The use of a TC was instrumental in
of the			Ontario		neuropathy), ED	Attended	51 (49%) participants in	• The use of a TC was instrumental in improving the time gap from peds to
multicenter			Canada.		visits \rightarrow DKA or	all SIX VISITS	the transition program and	adult DM care. There was noted a
canadian					hypoglycemia, pt.	_		significant increase in attendance in
randomized					satisfaction w/	No change		the intervention group to the diabetic
controlled					transition process,	in HbA1c		clinic.

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publication, & title)	Conceptual Framework	Design/ Method	Sample/ Setting	Their Definitions	Measurement of Major Variables	Data Analysis	Study Findings	Strength of the Evidence (i.e., level of evidence + quality [study strengths and weaknesses])
trial of			Age 17-20		and DD & impact	in the two	26 (26%) participants in	USPSTF: A, High
structured			who had 1		of DM on QOL	groups.	standard care.	
transition in			visit in the					
young adults			clinic with					
with type 1			their pediatric		Moon Ub A 1a			
alabetes.			endocrine-		OOL CSO DOI			
			were sched to		QOL, CSQ, DQL			
			be transition					
			to adult care			ED/Hospita	Transition prog: 9	
			in 6 months.			lized		
							Standard care: 2	
						TC		
						IC intermention		
						intervention		
						Increased		
						Satisfaction		
							CSQ mean score 29.0 [SD	
							2.7] vs. 27.9 [SD 3.4], P =	
							0.032)	
						Reduced		
						DDS		

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						Reduced EB of DM compared with their baseline scores.	1.95 [SD 0.8] vs. 2.18 [SD 0.8], P = 0.049) (mean score 2.3 [SD 1.1] vs. 2.7 [SD 1.2], P = 0.027)	
12. Wolever, R. Q., Yang, Q., Maldonado, C. J., Armitage, N. H., Musty, M. D., Kraus, W. E., Chang, J., Ginsburg, G. S., &	Health and Wellness Coaching methods within the National Board for Health and Wellness Coaching (NBHWC) Content Outline and	RCT construct ed on a 2X2 factorial prospecti ve design.	200 active- duty USAF, beneficiaries, and retired USAF primary care patients from David Grant USAF Medical Center, Travis	Height, Weight, Waist circumference, blood pressure HbA1C, Labs (fasting blood glucose or HbA1c, total cholesterol, triglycerides, high-density lipoprotein	Primary Outcomes: SBAS, NCI Secondary Outcomes: Interventions – SRA, HC, GRT	Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) Chi-square compared categorical variables and ensured balance on randomizati on.	Primary: fat intake at 1 yr above recommendation <30% - no dietary improvements observed/ Phys activity – HC group 3.6 times more likely to report increase physical activity compared to reports of sedentarism.	 LOE: I STRENGTHS: One of the most large and rigorous evaluating HC on HC behaviors WEAKNESS: Multi-contractual and logistic hurdles at the start effected recruitment and enrollment time. Sample were all military thus limiting generalizability.

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Vorderstrasse	Practical		Air Force	[HDL], low-		Statistical	No interactive effect found	FEASIBILITY:
, A. A.	Skills Guide		Base, CA.	density		Analyses	for HC group by FRS or	
(2022).				lipoprotein		from SAS	DM2. Those higher risk	Reproducible
Health				[LDL], and		Version 9.3	for DM2 lost average	
coaching and				triglycerides),			2.2kg more than the at 1	CONCLUSION:
genetic risk				along with			year	
testing in				current				Remote HC combined with SRA can
primary care:				medications.				increase physical activity.
Randomized								• GRT and HC needs further study.
controlled								
trial.								USPSTF: A, High

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Appendix B

Timetable and Flowchart



The major phases of the implementation plan will be as follows and based on key points from *Implementing Evidence in the Clinical Setting* on pp. 289-290 (Melnyk et al., 2019).

Appendix C

Excel Spreadsheet Instrument

Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Columns	Column7	Column8	Column#	Column10
Patient Initials	Group A	Group B	Admission Date	Discharge Date	Discharge Location	Discharge Disposition	Received text at 48 hrs	Received text at 2 weeks	Number of Readmissions at 3 months
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