X-PERT Diabetes First Steps

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A programme taster to engage patients in structured education

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Aim

To provide key information regarding diabetes self-management to people who are newly diagnosed or who have established diabetes, but have not accessed structured education.



Learning outcomes

By the end of the session participants will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the following:

- Digestion, in particular that all starchy and sugary food and drink break down to glucose.
- Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, insulin action and that mild diabetes is a myth.
- Normal blood glucose range and symptoms from raised blood glucose.
- The seven lifestyle factors for optimal health.
- Health results, their meaning and target ranges.
- What is involved in a diabetes annual review and why.
- Energy balance recognising that the solution to weight loss is long-term lifestyle changes.

- Five food groups which contribute to healthy eating and the daily range of portions.
- That the AMOUNT of carbohydrate has a much greater impact on blood glucose than the TYPE.
- Common myths and misconceptions regarding food and diabetes.
- Health benefits from participating in physical activity and frequency quidance.
- The need to take responsibility for diabetes self-management and accept that self-care choices have the greatest impact on health and well-being.
- The benefits from attending the full X-PERT Diabetes structured education programme.

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