Overcoming a Diabetes Epidemic

There should be no doubt in any thinking person’s mind that diabetes has reached more than epidemic proportions. In 2010, there were estimated to be 79 million prediabetes and 25.8 million diabetics just in the US—this is 1/3 of the population!

Further statistics from the CDC (Center for Disease Control) compiled by an naturopathic doctor show that in 2005, diabetes is recorded to have caused 638 deaths, 65 cases of blindness, 487 kidney dialysis and 219 amputations—PER DAY! (Diabetes—the Silent Killer" The Co-op Country Roundup, Vol 14, Issue 3) Other complications of diabetes include kidney disease, atherosclerosis, neuropathy (loss of nerve function) and a predisposition to infections.

Kassandra Munger, a research associate in the Dept. of Nutrition at HSPH commented, “It is surprising that a serious disease such as type 1 diabetes could perhaps be prevented by a simple and safe intervention.”

Yet this is not the first study to demonstrate this concept. Another study, from Finland, published in the Lancet in 2001, began in 1966 when a total of 10,821 children born in Northern Finland were enrolled in the study. Frequency of vitamin D supplementation was recorded during the first year of life. These children were then followed for 31 years for the development of Type 1 diabetes. "Researchers made the amazing discovery that those children who..."

His blood sugar level dropped to an acceptable, safe range: 76 mg/dL. Today, he says he only needs insulin if he becomes sick (which causes blood sugar levels to rise). www.naturalnews.com/042441_type_1_diabetes_raw_food_diet_natural_treatment.html

Dr. Tyson continues to eat 80-90% raw foods, while the remaining portion consists of 10-20% cooked vegan food. http://foodforthesoul.opare.net/black-vegetarian-dr-kilt-tyson/

The healing process for type 1 diabetes also needs to include finding the source of the autoimmune problem so that the body will not kill off the newly formed beta cells. Cases must be treated individually to find the cause of the autoimmune condition. We highly recommend, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” (James 1:5)

Simply replacing white breads with whole grain breads, white pasta with whole grain pasta and white rice with brown rice, while at the same time increasing vegetable intake, can make a significant impact on the health. "By prescribing diet and exercise, James Anderson, M.D. of Lexington, Kentucky, and colleagues stopped [supplemental] insulin completely in two-thirds of their lean diabetic patients, and reduced the amount of insulin in the other third...On a high-CHO/Fiber [carbohydrate/fiber] diet, plus exercise, 80% on insulin won’t need any. The 20% who do can reduce their dosage by 80%.”

This is good news! “Type 2 diabetes, can usually be controlled by dietary modification and exercise.... turmeric, and cornsilk have been shown to encourage regeneration of beta cells while some studies suggest that other simple substances like green beans, dandelion root, and blueberry leaves contain compounds that may mimic insulin.

Natural foods are very important for healing a worn down system, and form the foundation for the healing process also of type 1 diabetes. You may be able to jumpstart your healing process by eating raw foods and eliminating meat and dairy. An article the August 1999 issue of Diabetologia and published on PubMed stated that there was a “pronounced ... relation between beta-casein (A1+B) [which is milk protein] consumption and [type 1] diabetes (r = +0.982).” (PMID:10096780)

There are 2 basic types of diabetes. Diabetes mellitus is the most common, while diabetes insipidus is a rare metabolic disorder. Diabetes mellitus results from a defect in the production of insulin by the pancreas. Without insulin, the body cannot utilize glucose (blood sugar), its principal energy source. As a result, the level of glucose circulating in the blood is high (high blood sugar—hyperglycemia) and the level of glucose absorbed by the body tissues is low.

Diabetes mellitus is divided into two categories:
Type 1 diabetes, called insulin-dependent or juvenile diabetes and type 2 diabetes, or non-insulin dependent diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is associated with the destruction of the beta cells in the pancreas.

But God has an epidemic protection plan. “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;” Psalm 103:2,3 The Bible states here, that God has a plan for healing every disease. Of course, diabetes is no exception.

**Overcoming Type 2 Diabetes**

Since Death is 3/5 eat, changing the diet is always a good place to start. We need to eat more fiber and consume more complex carbohydrates. This means avoiding refined flour; instead using wholegrains in the diet.

But one answer to preventing autoimmune disorders could be just outside your window—Vitamin D—the sunshine vitamin. The Bible says, *Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.* (Eccl. 11:7) Scientific evidence indicates that vitamin D plays a vital role in the normal functioning of the immune system and vitamin D deficiency can lead to the malfunctioning of the immune system, causing autoimmune disorders like Type 1 diabetes. A study, from Harvard School of Public Health, published online Feb. 3, 2013 provides a simple answer to preventing [and potentially reversing] Type 1 diabetes. The study found that “having adequate levels of vitamin D during young adulthood may reduce the risk of adult-onset type 1 diabetes by as much as 50%.”

Despite medical interventions for diabetes, the World Health Organization statistics state that, “An estimated 30 million people worldwide had diabetes in 1985. By 1995, this number had shot up to 135 million. The latest WHO estimate (for the number of people with diabetes, worldwide, in 2000) is 177 million. This will increase to at least 300 million by 2025. The number of deaths attributed to diabetes was previously estimated at just over 800,000. However, it has long been known that the number of deaths related to diabetes is considerably underestimated. A more plausible figure is likely to be around 4 million deaths per year related to the presence of the disorder. This is about 9% of the global total.”

(http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs236/en/)

(or a combination of any one or more of these factors), to name but a few major triggers. But there is reason for hope, as one study shows that the body can improvise, even in the case of a malfunctioning pancreas. Headlines on the website for the Juvenile Diabetes research foundation state that, “Diabetes Researchers Show Some Cells in Pancreas Can Spontaneously Change into Insulin-Producing Cells” http://jdrf.org/press-releases/diabetes-researchers-show-some-cells-in-pancreas-can-spontaneously-change-into-insulin-producing-cells/

Upon further investigation, we find that “A study, conducted at the University of Geneva ... has found that alpha cells in the pancreas, the cells which secrete the hormone glucagon, can regenerate themselves into insulin-producing beta cells after normal beta cells have been destroyed. The study is the first to show that this change of alpha cell into beta cell can happen naturally and spontaneously. The researchers, led by Dr. Pedro L. Herrera, discovered that when they destroyed beta cells in mice to induce an artificial form of type 1 diabetes, the alpha cells in the pancreas then changed into insulin-producers. They found that when nearly all of the beta cells had been destroyed, if mice were given insulin therapy to keep them alive, the alpha cells spontaneously changed into functioning beta cells. After enough alpha cells converted into beta cells, insulin therapy was no longer needed.”

(http://asweetlife.org/feature/the-regeneration-of-beta-cells/

Simple foods like flaxseed, red clover, garlic, and soy have been shown to help your body make insulin better. From what I have read, there is no magic food that can make you better. But there is much food that can help you and diabetesidal health.

Eat a high complex carbohydrate diet, low-fat, high fiber diet including plenty of raw fruits and vegetables as well as fresh vegetable juices. This reduces the need for insulin and also lowers the levels of fats in the blood. Fiber helps to reduce blood sugar surges.”

(http://asweetlife.org/feature/the-food-intolerance-diet/

Exercise also plays a crucial role in controlling diabetes and lowering blood sugar. Exercise enhances the sensitivity of the tissues to Insulin, increasing the number of Insulin receptors. It also helps decrease body fat, thus making people more sensitive to Insulin. It promotes the metabolism of glucose, using up calories that have been added by food intake. To maintain the beneficial effects of exercise the person must be committed to regular exercise at least five times a week.

In other words, eating milk protein significantly increases the risk of developing type 1 diabetes. Furthermore, “According to Dr. Kirt Tyson, a naturopathic doctor who practices in Arizona, eating a diet that primarily consists of raw foods can dramatically reduce blood sugar levels in type 1 diabetics, perhaps even stopping their insulin dependency… Dr. Tyson ...revealed that, prior to starting a raw food diet, his blood sugar level was extremely high (diabetic ketoacidosis) at around 300 mg/dL. Anything above 240 mg/dL is cause for concern. However, within 2-3 weeks of eating raw foods - nuts, seeds and vegetables with no dairy, meat or fruits - he checked his blood sugar again. The unbelievable result?