Clinical Pathway: Prediabetes, Outpatient
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Clinical algorithm:

1. Screen patient for pre-diabetes according to the ADA guidelines.
2. Patient diagnosed with pre-diabetes according to ADA guidelines.
3. BPA fires based on criteria to prompt problem list documentation.
4. Order panel includes labs, Emmi video, lifestyle medicine and diabetes education referrals.
5. Consider insurance specific wellness programs (such as Omada, Silver Sneakers, Momentum, etc).
6. Add “Prediabetes” reference documents to patient instructions. Also consider adding “Understanding Carbohydrates”.
7. BMI ≥35 and less than 60 yo?
   - Yes: Shared decision making for starting metformin.
   - No: Continue with current therapy.
8. Continuous reassessment at every visit.
Clinical Pathway Summary

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PATIENT POPULATION AND DIAGNOSIS:

Meet one of the three following requirements:

- A hemoglobin A1c test with a value between 5.7% and 6.4%
- A fasting plasma glucose test of 100 – 125 mg/dL
- A 2 hour plasma glucose test (oral glucose tolerance test) of 140-199mg/dL

APPLICABLE TO: Primary Care

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The same tests used to screen for and diagnose diabetes can also be used to identify individuals with prediabetes (who are at high risk for subsequently developing diabetes).

If the patient has one of the following test results when screened, the patient may be diagnosed with prediabetes.

1. A1c of 5.7 to 6.4
2. Fasting glucose 100-125
3. 2-hour OGTT glucose 140-199

The primary goal of prediabetes management is to prevent progression to diabetes with lifestyle changes.

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CPC APPROVAL DATE: 12/16/21

OPTIMIZED EPIC ELEMENTS:

New BPA to suggest problem list documentation for prediabetes based on lab values.

New order panel which includes labs, patient education videos, and diabetes education and lifestyle medicine referrals.

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LINK TO METRIC DASHBOARD: Coming Soon
Clinical pathway clinical approach

TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT:

Lifestyle management is the primary intervention for patients diagnosed with prediabetes. Recommendations include dietary modifications, physical activity, and weight reduction of 7% as well as consideration for Diabetes Education and/or Lifestyle Medicine referrals.

Metformin has been shown to decrease the progression of patients with prediabetes to full-fledged diabetes. It is recommended for those with a BMI greater than 35 and less than 60 years of age. (Grade 1A) (American Diabetes Association, 2016)

REFERENCES:

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