

# DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS IN AUSTRIA - EXAMPLE DIABETES

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Problems in Austria

Solution: Disease Management programs ?

DMP Diabetes in Austria

Experiences and results

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# DIABETES IN AUSTRIA - RELEVANCE

- 130.000-500.000 patients ?
- Start of therapy too late ?
- care provided varies
- parallel / multiple investigations result in high costs
- Lack of interface management

# DIABETES - CARE PROVIDERS

General Practitioners

Hospitals

Nursing homes

Ambulatory services,

Non-physician providers

Specialized outpatient facilities

Public health institutions

# PROBLEMS

Who is responsible ?

Are there enough service facilities ?

Do the patients know them ?

Is the quality of care adequate ?

# QUESTIONS

Are there international / national guidelines ?

Are they followed ?

How compliant are patients ?

# DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

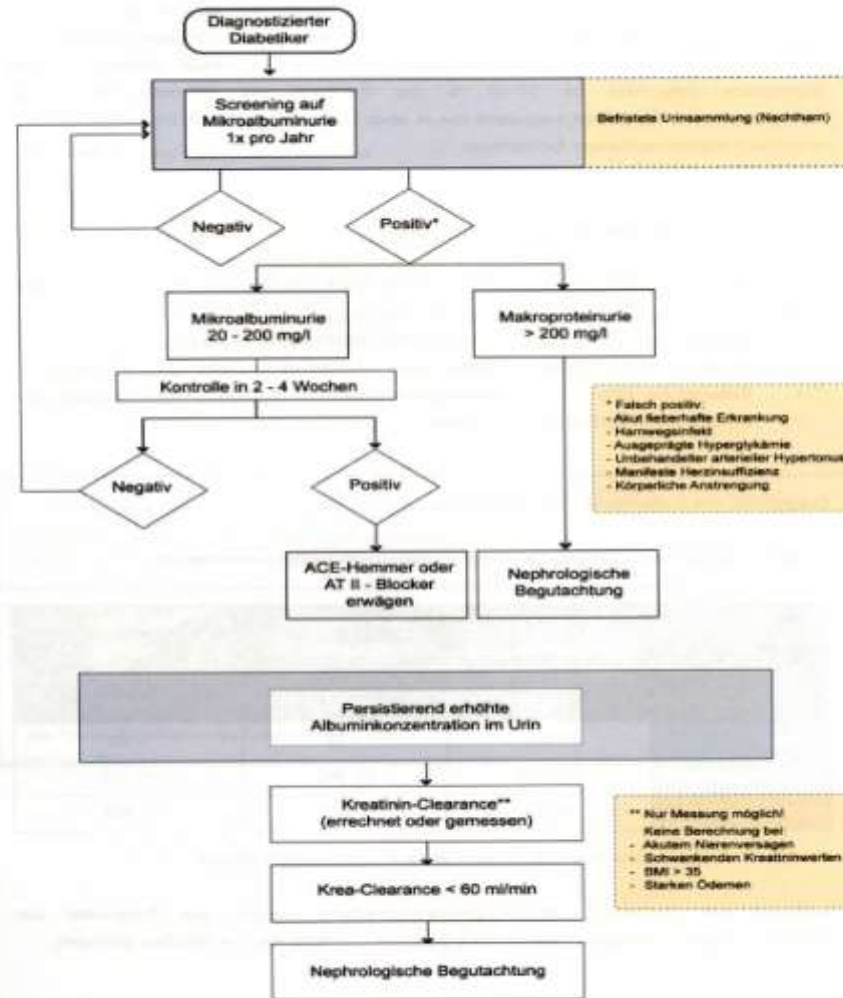
„Systematic, structured health care interventions for patients with chronic diseases based on sound evidence in order to guarantee continuous, high quality care.“

# DMP DIABETES - COMPONENTS

- Training of providers
- care based at PHC-level
- Specific payment per patient for GP s
- Use of evidence based guidelines / pathways
- Empowerment / education of patients
- Quality assurance (documentation, feedback)
- Continuous evaluation (outcomes, economics)
- Management of data and information
- Participation voluntary



# EXAMPLE



# PATIENT EMPOWERMENT

- Declaration of participation
- Patient education
- Agreement on individual aims/goals
- Patient handbook
- Patient information (eyes, feet,...)
- posters

# DMP - BUDGET

- Costs for diabetes-care approx. 1.000 Mio. €
- Costs for DMP diabetes approx. 20 Mio. €
- Financed from a specific budget

# DMP - STATUS

- Started in 2007
- Implemented in 6 counties
- Roll out in 3 counties planned
- 572 GP's participate (10/2010)
- 15.087 patients participate

# PATIENTS VIEW

- 40% believe that their care improved
- Referrals to ophthalmologists increased
- Frequency of feet inspection increased
- Better informed/knowledge
- Care coordination in 81% with GP
- Change in lifestyle in 87%
- Self measurements increased

# DMP – EVALUATION (RCT)

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> significantly lower
- Admission rate to hospitals lower
- Follow-ups for eyes, kidney and feet increased

*Preliminary, Sönnichsen et al, Salzburg*

# PLANS

Program should be more and better promoted

Participation should be improved

Further programs are being developed