

ABC's OF HbA1c: A Review of In-Office Testing & Management of Diabetic Patients



Diabetes mellitus is a metabolic disorder affecting an estimated 463 million people, or one in 11 adults worldwide. As research unpacks the codependent relationship between diabetes mellitus and oral disease, dental providers become an integral aspect to the identification, counseling, and referral of at-risk patients.

Join periodontal hygienist Katrina M Sanders as she discusses dentistry's active role in the early identification of diabetes through hemoglobin A1c [HbA1c] testing. Learn how oral health care providers have the opportunity to strengthen a partnership with our medical colleagues through in-office HbA1c testing and counseling while enhancing multidisciplinary involvement in optimal patient care.

Special Note: This diabetes course can also be co-presented alongside Dr. Elizabeth Sanders, a renowned podiatric surgeon. Her expertise in foot health and diabetes-related complications will provide a comprehensive perspective, enriching the content with specialized insights into how diabetes affects both oral and systemic health. Together, we'll explore the interconnectedness of dental and medical care, offering a deeper understanding of how to optimize patient outcomes. This unique collaboration allows us to address the full scope of diabetes management, enhancing the practice's approach to treating patients with this complex condition.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the scientific links between diabetes mellitus, oral disease, and the signs of uncontrolled diabetes in dental patients.
- Review the oral and systemic effects of diabetes, identifying risk factors and shared causes with oral disease.
- Explore co-therapeutic management strategies and guidelines for counseling diabetic patients in dental care.
- Learn the process, indications, and clinical provision for conducting HbA1c testing in dental offices using CDT-approved codes.

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

Clinical Team Members.
Excellent for: Dental Hygienists

SUGGESTED FORMATS:

1Hr or Half Day Lecture
Available as a Co-Presentation

