



**Creating Excellence in Inpatient Diabetes Management:
Diabetes Management Mentor's Contributions to Quality Outcomes**

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Summary: This session described an innovative peer-to-peer mentor program which highlighted the contributions of an elite group of clinical nurses, known as diabetes management mentors, who have received extensive education in evidence-based inpatient diabetes care.

Nursing Implications:

- It is challenging for all clinicians to stay abreast of the rapid introductions of new medications and technologies available to manage diabetes.
- "Just-in-time" resources are necessary to assist clinical nurses to deliver evidence-based inpatient diabetes care.
- Clinical nurses who receive ongoing education on diabetes management principles and are mentored as clinical leaders have a direct impact on preventing "near-miss events."
- Clinical nurses need to be conversant with the "language movement" in diabetes care and education to provide person-centered care.

Key Takeaways:

- A diabetes management mentor program is a cost neutral professional enrichment program that impacts care of the patient hospitalized with a diagnosis of diabetes.
- Nurse executive support is critical to the implementation and sustainment of a diabetes management mentor program.
- A rigorous interview and application process is integral to the selection of ideal candidates for the diabetes management mentor role.
- Clinical nurses relish the opportunity to refine and enhance their knowledge of diabetes care and share this knowledge with their peers.

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