## The Cost of Diabetes in Latin America \& the Caribbean in 2014

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## Diabetes in the World



Source: Diabetes Atlas, Sixth Edition 2013

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## Prevalence (\%) of diabetes among adults in the Americas



Diabetes is a costly disease.
The cost of diabetes in the United States was estimated at \$245 billion in 2012

In Africa the burden of diabetes was estimated at Int $\$ 25.5$ billion in 2000

A previous cost analysis for Latin America \& the Caribbean estimated the burden of diabetes at $\$ 65$ billion in 2000


## Aim



The objective ot the present cost ot וuness study was to estimate the societal cost of diabetes in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2014.
This is a prevalence-based approach study. Prevalence data was used to estimate the direct and indirect costs of diabetes and its complications in 29 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
All costs are presented as US2014\$

## Aim

This analysis includes direct medical costs

- medications,
- consultations,
- hospitalizations and
- long-term complications
as well as the indirect costs due to
- premature mortality,
- permanent and temporary disability.


## Indirect Cost

Indirect costs included the cost of lost resources due to mortality, and the cost of both temporary and permanent disabilities. These costs were estimated using the human capital approach that uses the present value of future earnings to estimate the burden of mortality and disability



## PAF = $\mathbf{P ( R R - 1 ) / 1 + ( P ( R R - 1 ) ) ~}$ YPLL <br> GDP <br> Discounted Future Earnings

Permanent disabled:

- amputations,
- terminal renal disease, blindness,
- cerebrovascular diseases
- infarction

Lost productive days 50\% economically active
Number of lost days of work from the ViCent Survey
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Estimated indirect cost of diabetes in Latin America \& the Caribbean, 2014

## Item

Populations 20-79 ( $\mathbf{X 1 0}^{3}$ )
W/diabetes (X
No. of deaths
Mortality
R/diabetes (40-65 years)
YPLL
Cost (US\$X10 ${ }^{6}$ )
Permanent Disability
w/permanently disability
YPLL
Cost (US\$X10 ${ }^{6}$ )
Cost in 1 year ( $\mathbf{U S} \$ \mathbf{X 1 0}{ }^{6}$ )

## Estimate

385,446
34,254

1,386,513
374,920
1,960,339
\$16,934

902,879
8,616,334
\$72,657
\$8,823

## Temporary Disability

w/ temporary disability
25,753,121
YPLL
296,134
Cost (US\$X10 ${ }^{6}$ ) $\$ 2,978$
Indirect Cost (US\$X10 ${ }^{6}$ )

| w/ temporary disability | $\mathbf{2 5 , 7 5 3 , 1 2 1}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| YPLL | $\mathbf{2 9 6 , 1 3 4}$ |
| Cost $\left(\right.$ US\$X10 ${ }^{6}$ ) | $\$ 2,978$ |
| Indirect Cost $\left(\mathrm{US} \$ X 10^{6}\right)$ | $\$ 28,735$ |



## Direct Cost

Direct costs comprise health expenses with medications (such as insulin and oral hypoglycemic agents), examinations, consultations, hospitalizations, emergency visits and treatment of complications. The costs of each of these components of health care expenses were estimated using the "bottom-up" approach. Data on the average cost of healthcare services for diabetes in a subpopulation was collected and then extrapolated to estimate the cost of each type of service for the whole population. It was then extrapolated to estimate the cost of each component for the population as a whole.

| SOURCE OF INFORMATION | EXTRACTED DATA |
| :--- | :--- |
| Commercial prices of medicines and <br> tests survey | Comercial price of medicines, tests \& services <br> obtained from country officials or national <br> diabetes association |
| ViCent database: Survey exploring <br> use of health resources and missing <br> work days | 1,899 patients visiting clinics in six countries <br> (Bolivia, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, <br> Honduras and Nicaragua). |
| Chilean Clinical Record Database | 51,795 patient records used to calculate the <br> prevalence of retinopathy, nephropathy, <br> cardiovascular disease, neuropathy and <br> peripheral vascular disease |
| Database from the National Institute <br> of Public Health in Mexico | Cost of treating each complication of diabetes <br> as a ratio of treating uncomplicated cases of <br> diabetes |
| PAHO's Basic Indicators | Number of consultations, hospitalizations, <br> length of hospital stay, emergency visits in the <br> general population of each country |
| Prevalence estimates by age \& gender | IDF's diabetes atlas |
| GDP, NHE | World Bank Database |


| ITEM | AVERAGE COMERCIAL <br> PRICE | PAHO'S <br> STRATEGIC <br> FUND |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INSULIN | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 U S \$}$ |  |
| METFORMIN | $\mathbf{\$ 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 4 . 2 0}$ |
| MEDICAL VISIT | $\mathbf{\$ 1 7} \mathbf{( x 1 0 0 )}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 9}$ |
| MEDICAL VISIT <br> OFTALMOLIGIST <br> HOSPITAL DAY | $\mathbf{\$ 3 6}$ | - |
| EMERGENCY ROOM | $\mathbf{\$ 5 3}$ |  |
| VISIT | $\mathbf{\$ 4 3}$ |  |
| Rx | $\mathbf{\$ 2 9}$ |  |
| AIc | $\mathbf{\$ 2 0}$ |  |
| LIPID PROFILE | $\mathbf{\$ 2 6}$ |  |
| ALBUMINURIA | $\mathbf{\$ 2 2}$ |  |
| EKG | $\mathbf{\$ 2 6}$ |  |

## Direct Cost: healthcare utilization

The ViCent questionnaire was applied to a random sample of 1,899 patients visiting clinics in six countries (Bolivia, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua). The questionnaire explored health care utilization, the presence of diabetes and diabetesrelated long-term complications.

|  | EMERGENCY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VISITS |  | HOSPITALIZATIONS | LENGHT OF |
| :---: |
| STAY | DAYS

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## Assumptions

| Direct Cost Item | Rationale | Assumption |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Annual use of insulin | $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}$ u per user | $5 \%$ of cases |
| Annual use of metformin | $\mathbf{1 , 5 0 0}$ tablets per user | $50 \%$ of cases |
| Health care utilization | Consultations, <br> hospitalization, length of <br> days in the hospital | 3.5 more consultations, 7 <br> times more <br> hospitalizations, $\mathbf{2 . 3}$ more <br> emergency room visits |
| Testing | 1 A1c, 1 lipid profile, 1 <br> EKG, 1 Rx, 1 proteinuria | $55 \%$ of cases |

## Direct Cost



## Direct Cost



| Complications | Probability | Cost <br> Ratio |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Retinopathy | 0.12 | 1.09 |
| CVD | 0.11 | 1.23 |
| Nephropathy | 0.06 | 2.35 |
| Neuropathy | 0.09 | 1.08 |
| PVD | 0.06 | 3.35 |



Direct Cost (US\$X10 ${ }^{6}$ ) of Diabetes in Latin America \& the Caribbean, 2014

## Estimated Direct Cost of DM \$41,165.5



## Estimated Cost (US\$X1o ${ }^{6}$ ) of Diabetes Complications in Latin America \& the Caribbean



## Using PAHO's Strategic Fund Prices for Insulin \& Metformin




Medication: Reduce Cost in 80\% Reduce Cost in 35\%

Direct Cost of DM: Reduce Cost in 30\%

Estimated annual per capita direct cost (US\$) of diabetes by country in LAC, 2014 and the US 2012


## Average estimated cost of DM in LAC \$1,223 per year



* American Diabetes Association. Economic Cost of Diabetes in the US in 2012. Diabetes Care 2013;36:1033-1046


## National Health Expenditures in Latin America \& the Caribbean,



Mean Per Capita Cost of DM US\$1,083* Mean NHE US\$575
Excess Cost of DM +\$505 Mean NHE (DM) US\$769**

## The Cost (US\$Xio6) of Diabetes in Latin America \& the Caribbean 2014

## Total estimated cost of DM \$69,900.1



## Conclusions

1. Diabetes caused an estimated burden of US\$69 billion in Latin America \& the Caribbean in 2014.
2. Between the year 2000 to 2014, the estimated number of people with diabetes increased from 15 million to 34 million.
3. The present analysis showed a 2.3 -fold increase of the direct medical cost attributed to diabetes and its complications, as well as a 1.7 -fold increase in indirect cost.
4. All-causes total number of death in the LAC accounted for $1,386,513,27 \%$ of which were estimated to be due to diabetes.
5. The number of reported deaths attributed to diabetes in Latin America and the Caribbean for the most recent available year was 184,803 which mean that vital statistics may underestimate diabetes as an underlying cause of death in almost $50 \%$.
6. In most countries the per capita cost of diabetes may exceed the amount of money expended in health care


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