

# MAKING CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT EASIER:

Using Diabetes as an example

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# OVERVIEW

- Why this matters (*The Burden & Benefits*)
- What we know (*The Evidence*)
- Managing long-term conditions effectively
- Dialogue & Discussion



## OPENING QUESTIONS:

1. How many people are currently diagnosed with diabetes in NZ?

**225,000**



2. How many people are believed to have 'pre-diabetes' ? (*HbA1c 40-60*)

**500,000**

3. How many CVD & diabetes checks are being recorded each quarter?

**45,000**



WHY IT MATTERS

# Global Burden of Long Term Conditions

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- **65%** of all deaths
  - **35 million** deaths in 2010
  - Increase by **17%** over next 10 years
  - **75 %** of health care costs
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# Long Term Conditions in New Zealand

- Prevalence is rising
  - **60%** more over 65 year olds by 2026
  - Most will have good health
  - But **one in five** will have a mental disorder
  - And multiple conditions are common
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- NCDs cause **80%** of all NZ deaths
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## AN INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY

**WHO target (May 2013):**  
**“To reduce premature deaths from NCDs  
by 25 per cent by 2025”**

## AN INTERNATIONAL PRIORITY

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### **INCLUDES:**

**10% relative reduction in diabetes prevalence**

**40% relative reduction in tobacco use**

**0% increase in obesity prevalence**

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MOST PEOPLE  
HAVE NO IDEA THEY HAVE DIABETES

DEALING WITH  
YOUR DIAGNOSIS

## MOST PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA THEY HAVE DIABETES

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**“I didn’t know I had diabetes.**

**It was back in 2003. I felt a bit unwell one night and went to after hours.**

**I ended up going in to hospital to have a gall stone removed and while I was there they discovered I had diabetes as well.”**

**Joseph, Christchurch.**

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## **MOST PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA THEY HAVE DIABETES**

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**“I should have known better because it runs through my family.**

**My father lost both his legs, before passing away. My sister and one of my brothers both died as a result of diabetes related issues and my two remaining brothers have both been diagnosed with it.”**

**Joseph, Christchurch.**

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## WHAT WE KNOW (THE EVIDENCE)

## OPENING QUESTIONS:

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1. At what rate are the number of diabetes diagnoses increasing each year?

8%

2. What positive outcomes are we seeing?

**Declining rate of amputations & heart events despite overall rise in number of people with diabetes**

1. For diabetes or other LTCs and NCDs, what is working well in your practice?
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## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

**7% OF ADULT POPULATION**  
**(But higher for Māori, Pacific & Indo-Asian)**

## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

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**8%**

**ANNUAL GROWTH RATE**  
**(Diagnosed diabetes 2006-2012)**

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# DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

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**OUR LARGEST,  
FASTEST GROWING  
HEALTH ISSUE**

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## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

50%

## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

33%

## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

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**HOWEVER...**

**WE ARE IDENTIFYING EARLIER  
& ACHIEVING GREATER CONTROL  
AFTER DIAGNOSIS**

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## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

# AMPUTATIONS (2006-2012)

Total number up **29%**

Diabetes population up **63%**

Overall rate of amputations for people  
with diabetes down **15%**

## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

# HEART EVENTS (2006-2012)

Total number up **17%**  
Diabetes population up **63%**

Overall rate of heart events for people  
with diabetes down **44%**

## DIABETES - WHAT WE KNOW

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**GREATER IDENTIFICATION  
MORE EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION  
MORE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT**

**FUTURE CHALLENGE:  
BETTER PREVENTION**

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**PEOPLE NEED HELP TO MANAGE  
ESPECIALLY AT THE BEGINNING**

## PEOPLE NEED HELP – ESPECIALLY AT THE START

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**“At the start, when I needed it, they helped manage me. I’m pretty much self-managing now but I couldn’t have done it without the support I had.**

**I feel like I’ve been really well monitored – without the meds my quality of life would have been rotten.**

**Now I can say there’s definitely life after it!”**

**Alan, Hawera.**

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## PEOPLE NEED HELP – ESPECIALLY AT THE START

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**“It’s a real challenge. Most of us have very low understanding of the language of diabetes.**

**One moment you’re just living your life and the next you’ve been diagnosed with a condition and people are talking to you using terms you just don’t understand – HbA1c’s and so on. Let alone the various medications.**

**There’s a lot we could do to make the journey easier and less intimidating for people.”**

**Margaret, Kapiti Coast.**

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**MAKING MANAGEMENT OF  
LONG-TERM CONDITIONS EASIER**

# MAKING MANAGEMENT EASIER

**We need to take a dual approach:**

- ***High-quality individual care***
- ***Population management***

# DIABETES – POPULATION MANAGEMENT APPROACH

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- **Identification:** *More Heart & Diabetes Checks*
  - **Management:** *Diabetes Care Improvement Package*
  - **Prevention & Management:** *Green Prescriptions*
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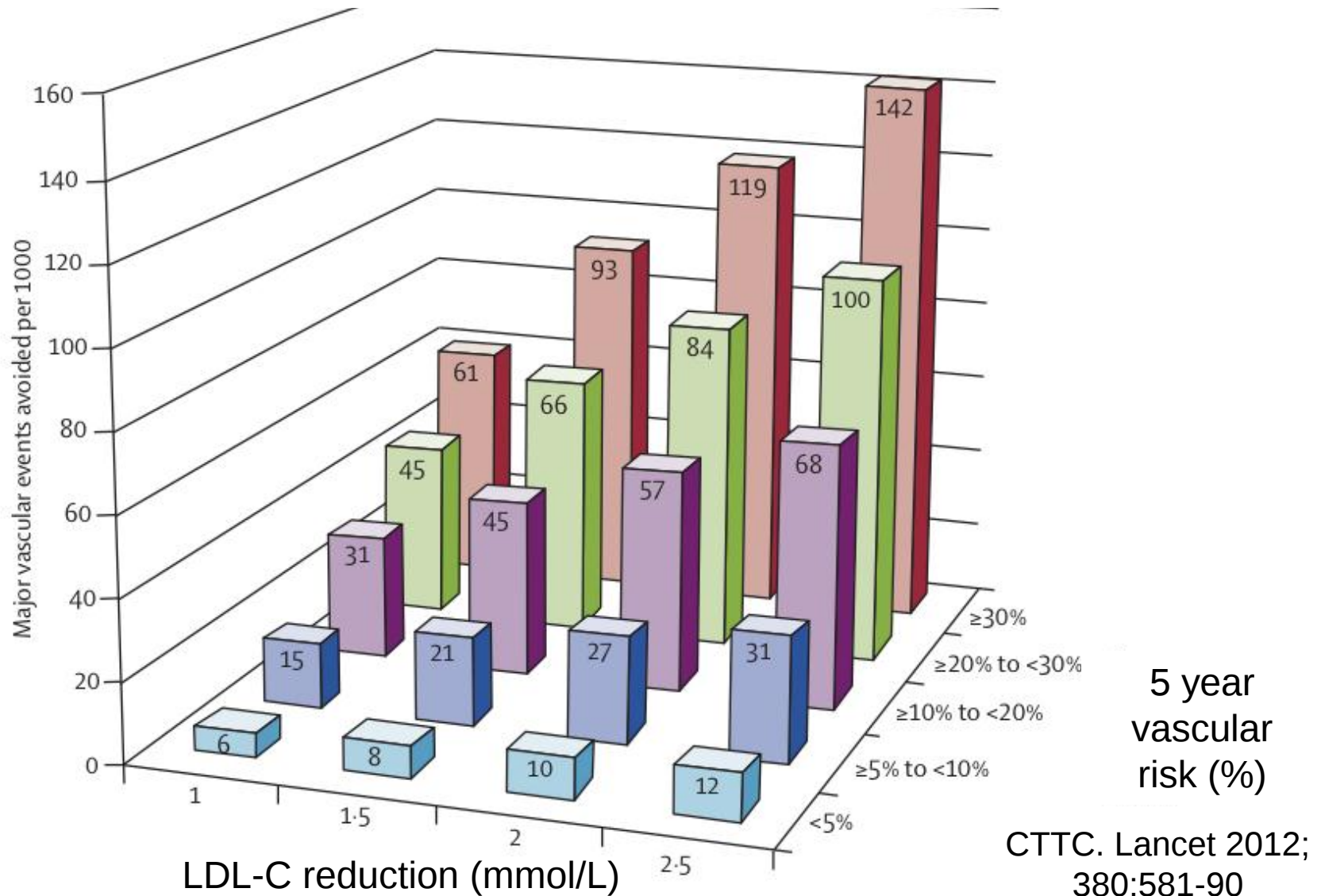
## MANAGING 'PRE-DIABETES'

Losing **5-10%** of overall body weight  
reduces risk by **50%**

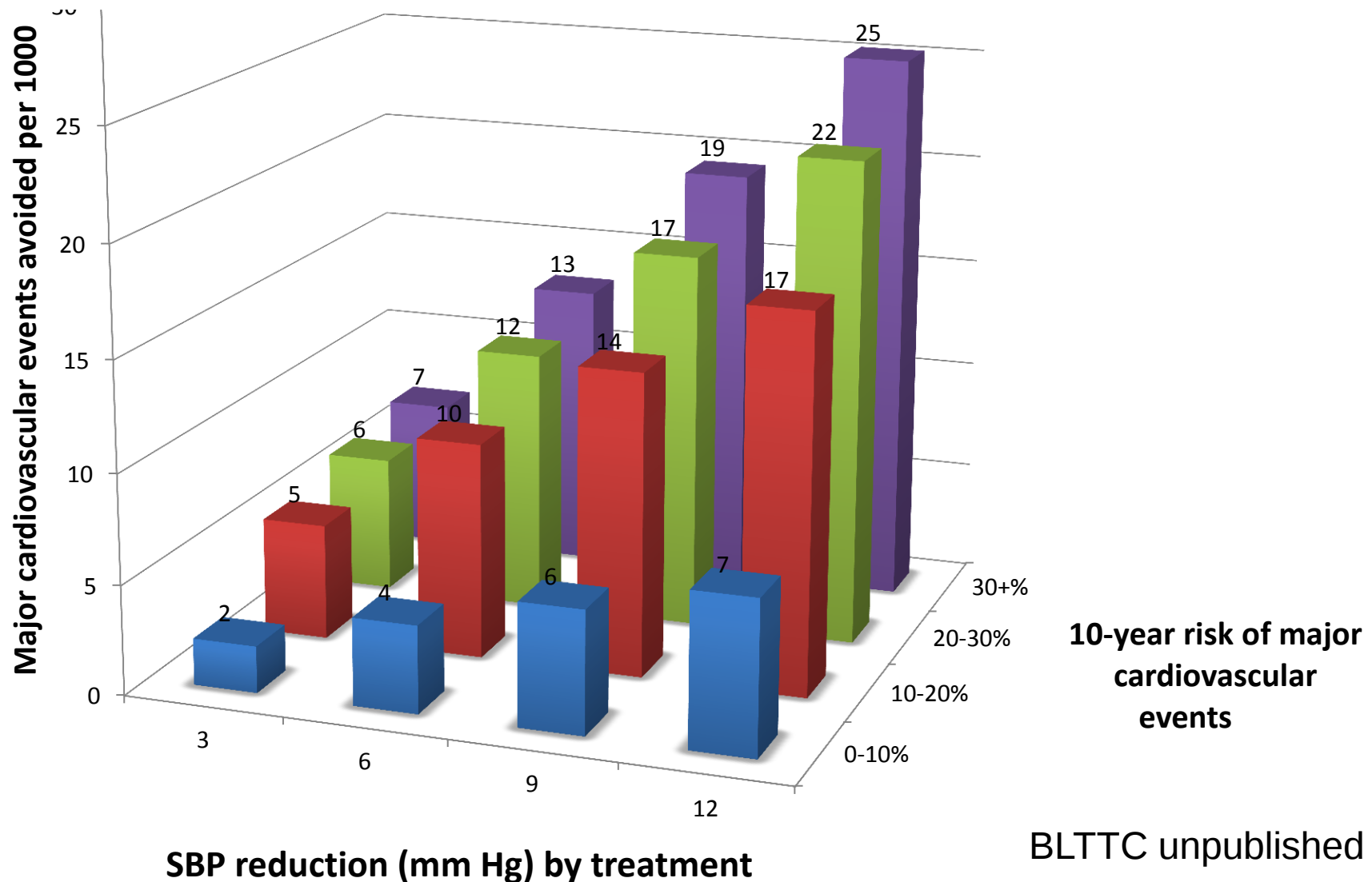
## MANAGING 'PRE-DIABETES'

- 1. Provide lifestyle advice***
- 2. Link with community support & activities (GRx)***
- 3. Address other contributing issues  
(depression, nutrition etc)***
- 4. Agree a schedule of follow up intervals***

# Predicted benefits of increasing LDL-C reductions with statins by baseline absolute CVD risk: vascular events avoided per 1000 treated for 5 yrs



# Predicted benefits of increasing SBP reduction with drugs by baseline absolute CVD risk: CVD events avoided per 1000 treated for 5 yrs



## MAKING MANAGEMENT EASIER

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**Having up to date disease coding for your enrolled population is essential for active management.**

- *Identify those who might need proactive check ups.*
  - *Due to co-morbidities, actively managing one condition can help prevent or control others.*
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## MAKING MANAGEMENT EASIER

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**Identify the risk level for your population,  
then arrange the care to match.**

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## MAKING MANAGEMENT EASIER

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**In some areas access is the issue**

*(mobile outreach, transport subsidies, community clinics)*

**In other areas, education is the challenge**

*(nurse-led clinics, conversation maps, information evenings, various health literacy initiatives)*

**What are the main challenges  
in your practice, for your population?**

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**LIFESTYLE CHANGE IS DIFFICULT**

## PEOPLE NEED HELP – ESPECIALLY AT THE START

*“My GP put me on the Green Prescription programme which has been great. I’d never heard about it.*

*They got me started at my local gym. However the gym manager told me that they don’t want me there if I can’t sort out my blood pressure in case I have a stroke. That wasn’t too welcoming.*

*Still I’ve got to do my part and not be a couch potato. I need to just do it and get outside my comfort zone.”*

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**Joseph, Christchurch.**



**WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT,  
PEOPLE CAN SELF-MANAGE VERY EFFECTIVELY**

## WITH SUPPORT PEOPLE CAN SELF-MANAGE EFFECTIVELY

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***“I got back into water walking, gym, and going for walks. I ended up losing 16 kilos which has made a big difference.***

***In the beginning I beat myself up about it and was a little too dramatic about what I thought I couldn't eat.***

***“I don't find it a struggle at all now. Diabetes is just something I live with. I still need to be disciplined and watch my diet and exercise – but that's good advice for anyone really.”***

**- Deb, Auckland.**

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## WITH SUPPORT PEOPLE CAN SELF-MANAGE EFFECTIVELY

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***“I truly think and feel that I am in better health for having had a diagnosis of diabetes than I might have been.***

***It led me to actively manage my own health and wellbeing. It motivated me to keep to a healthy level of physical activity and manage what I eat.***

***I know I’m the better for it and I’m extremely grateful for that.”***

**- Margaret, Kapiti Coast.**

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## FOR DISCUSSION

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- 1. What is working well in your practice?**
  - 2. What challenges do you face?**
  - 3. What support do you need?**
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FEEDBACK, DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS:

