

New aspect in nutrition: Effect of nutritional education on diabetes management during Covid-19 pandemic



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Abstract

Diabetes has been considered as a health-related problem and has gained a growing trend among populations. Besides that, Covid-19 outbreaks seem to put patients with diabetes at greater risk.

It is well known that obesity and diabetes come with inflammation and are related to lifestyle parameters including nutrition and dietary pattern. It is suggested that increase in anti-inflammatory nutrients via dietary pattern improvement may be an effective strategy for diabetes management. As prevention is always prior to treatment, eating a well-balanced diet and various food groups' consumption seems to be a better way to provide individual's need to nutrients especially anti-inflammatory and antioxidant agents rather than supplementation which can be achieved with proper and well-organized educational programs. Education is an effective and safe strategy to improve dietary diversity, induce anti-inflammatory condition and improve antioxidant capacity which leads to better diabetes managements during COVID-19. According to the pandemic and lockdown, recruiting online educational programs emphasizing on food groups, essential nutrients, anti-inflammatory foods and antioxidants not only for patients diagnosed with diabetes or under diabetes treatment, but also all the individuals especially susceptible groups, may have significant effect on nutritional knowledge improvement, better food choice, more effective health related condition management and better quality of life which can lead to better health status.

Biography

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