

# Gestational Diabetes- Tonga Experience Screening & Challenges. Change for Tomorrow

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## **Presentation Outline**

- Where we are now
- Tonga's Approach to NCD (Multisector Approach)
- Gestational Diabetes- History & Trends
- Future look with GDM



# Internationally

- Prevalence of GDM 4.6%-9.2% in USA, Australian Territories >5%
  - 0.6% pre-existing diabetes4.7% GDM
- New Zealand up to 6.6% and Tonga under the Universal Screening –
   10%



# Diabetes in Tonga

The prevalence of diabetes was 34.4% in 2012 and slightly gone up to 40% .due to all risk include:

• Obesity, Family Hx, Previous Hx GDM etc

• No established DIP prevalence, evidence based screening & management program until now. UNIVERSAL SCREENING



# GDM - Tonga

- 2014- Establish GDM Taskforce
- 2015-National guidelines for GDM screening & management/ National Strategy for prevention & control of NCD 2015-2020/ Universal Screening for GDM
- 2016- Technology/e-Health



# **Annual Stats**

- 93% of ♀ aged 25-44y.o. are overweight & 77% are obese
- 99.9% adult Tongans age 25-64y.o. are at moderate to high risk of developing NCD
- 2012- Tonga ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2017 ranked 5<sup>th</sup> 43.3% in the world



# Traditional Screening for GDM - Pregnancy Screening In Tonga.

- Risk Factors- Selective modified OGTT screening test
  - Obstetrician decides
  - capillary OGTT test
  - no multidiscipline approach
  - WHO criteria

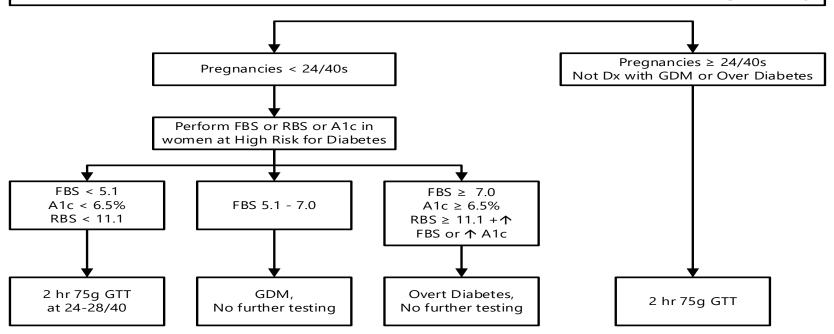


## **Outcomes**

- 2700 National Deliveries in Tonga
- 2000 in Vaiola Main Hospital in Tongatapu
- Aim Universal Screening to screen at least 2000 pregnant women yearly to meet target – that is 40-50 weekly.

# Universal Screening

#### IADPSG Protocol for the Evaluation of Diabetes in Pregnancy



# Risk Factors For Diabetes In Pregnancy

### High Risk Group.

- Age ≥ 35yrs
- FHx DM parents & siblings
- Previous GDM, sister with GDM
- Baby ≥ 4.5kg
- Persistant glycosuria
- BMI > 30
- Previous unexplained perinatal loss or malformed



# 56 Babies delivered

- All at 37+ weeks (Term)
- 5 had LSCS, 51 NVD
- All had good Apgar Score at Birth
- BW Range 2200 4630 grams
- 9 (16%) had BW ≥ 4000 grams
- 1 had BW of ≥ 4500 grams (4630)
- None had Postnatal Complications



# Important Lessons Learned

 ONE OF THE MOST VALUBLE ASSET IN IMPROVING DIABETES MANAGEMENT IN Tonga is THE Mutual Partnership with Midwives, Nurses and NCD Nurses for the Continuum Care for Pregnant Women



# Future look with GDM

- Continuation on Universal Screening for the all Pregnant Women so we identify the risk early for the betterment of our Maternal Midwifery Care in Tonga.
- Enforce the follow up care to be consistent in all level.
- Empower the significant of data collection and audit



# Thank You All

- Acknowledge the GDM Taskforce by train more midwives
- Ministry of Health -Tonga
- WDF –World Diabetic Federation

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