# Understanding the knowledge, attitudes and practices of providing and receiving nutrition care for prediabetes: an integrative review

Mari Somerville<sup>D</sup><sup>A</sup>, Lauren Ball<sup>A</sup>, Eva Sierra-Silvestre<sup>A,B</sup> and Lauren T. Williams<sup>A,C</sup>

<sup>A</sup>Menzies Health Institute Queensland, Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus, Parklands Drive Southport, Qld 4215, Australia.

<sup>B</sup>The Hopkins Centre, Menzies Health Institute Queensland, Griffith University, Logan Campus, Meadowbrook, Qld 4131, Australia.

<sup>C</sup>Corresponding author. Email: lauren.williams@griffith.edu.au

**Abstract.** To synthesise the literature on nutrition care for prediabetes from both the perspective of healthcare providers and patients, six databases (CINAHL, MEDLINE, Embase, PsycINFO, Scopus and ProQuest) were searched to identify qualitative or quantitative studies that focussed on nutrition care and prediabetes in primary care practice. Studies examining the perspectives of patients with prediabetes and healthcare providers were included. Outcomes of interest included knowledge of nutrition care for prediabetes, attitudes around providing or receiving nutrition care and actual nutrition care practices for prediabetes. Overall, 12 851 studies were screened and 26 were included in the final review. Inductive analysis produced five themes: (i) nutrition care is preferable to pharmacological intervention; (ii) patients report taking action for behaviour change; (iii) healthcare providers experience barriers to nutrition care; (iv) healthcare providers tend not to refer patients for nutrition care; and (v) there are contradictory findings around provision and receipt of nutrition care. This review has revealed the contradictions between patients' and healthcare providers' knowledge, attitudes and practices around nutrition care for prediabetes. Further research is needed to shed light on how to resolve these disconnects in care and to improve nutrition care practices for people with prediabetes.

Additional keywords: healthcare providers, primary care, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Received 13 April 2019, accepted 26 June 2019, published online 2 October 2019

## Introduction

Prediabetes presents an opportunity to decrease the incidence and economic burden of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and the associated health complications (World Health Organization 2006). The World Health Organization (WHO) recognises prediabetes as a condition where an individual has an impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) reading of <7.0 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> or impaired fasting glucose (IFG) of 6.1-6.9 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> (World Health Organization 2006). Guidelines from international and national health authorities recommend that individuals make dietary and other behaviour changes given positive outcomes from lifestyle modification observed in longitudinal studies (World Health Organization 2006; Gillies et al. 2007; International Diabetes Federation 2012; Diabetes Australia 2015). The Diabetes Prevention Program (USA), Diabetes Prevention Study (Finland), Indian Diabetes Prevention Program and China Da Qing Diabetes Prevention Study have demonstrated that individuals with prediabetes can reduce their risk of developing T2DM by up to 58% when they engage in lifestyle or pharmacological interventions (Tuomilehto et al. 2001; The

Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group 2002; Ramachandran *et al.* 2006; Gillies *et al.* 2007; Li *et al.* 2008). Individuals diagnosed with prediabetes should therefore be supported to change their lifestyle behaviours, including improving diet quality, with the aim of preventing a progression to T2DM.

The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimated that 352 million people globally were living with prediabetes in 2017 (International Diabetes Federation 2017), which suggests interventions need to be population-wide and easily accessible. The most appropriate place to provide prediabetes management activities is the initial point-of-contact between individuals and healthcare systems, known as primary care (Keleher 2001; American Academy of Family Physicians 2018). International guidelines from the WHO (World Health Organization 2016) and IDF (International Diabetes Federation 2012) recommend that primary healthcare providers (HCPs) screen, diagnose and manage prediabetes in order to prevent T2DM. National guidelines from the American Diabetes Association (ADA) (American Diabetes Association 2018), Diabetes Canada

#### What is known about the topic?

• Over 50% of type 2 diabetes cases can be prevented if diet and lifestyle modifications are implemented during the prediabetes stage, but current nutrition care practices are unknown.

#### What does this paper add?

• Contradictions exist between patients' and providers' reported receipt and provision of nutrition care, despite a common preference for lifestyle management of prediabetes.

(Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Committee 2018), Diabetes UK (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence 2015) and Australian Diabetes Society (Colagiuri *et al.* 2009) echo these recommendations and prioritise lifestyle interventions over pharmacological treatment. A key component of the recommended lifestyle interventions for T2DM prevention is nutrition care, which refers to any practice conducted by a HCP that aims to support patients to improve their diet quality (Ball *et al.* 2012).

Individuals with prediabetes who receive individualised nutrition care or attend group nutrition education sessions experience superior weight and blood glucose outcomes than individuals receiving 'usual care' (Parker et al. 2014; Sun et al. 2017), which includes general advice, but no specific, individualised treatment plan (Harlapur and Shimbo 2013). Guidelines specifically recommend that GPs refer individuals with prediabetes for individualised nutrition care, with a trained dietitian where feasible, or to a group education program for diabetes prevention (International Diabetes Federation 2012; The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners 2016; American Diabetes Association 2018; Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Committee 2018). Although patients reportedly prefer to receive individualised nutrition care rather than general advice (Ball et al. 2014; Endevelt and Gesser-Edelsburg 2014; O'Brien et al. 2016; Sladdin et al. 2017), it is unclear what type of support is provided to and received by people with prediabetes. One recent integrative review of 10 studies by Youngs et al. (2016) explored the effect of a prediabetes diagnosis on lifestyle change behaviour. The researchers found that further education and individualised support is required to motivate individuals with prediabetes to change their behaviour (Youngs et al. 2016). While these findings are important, this study did not include the HCP perspective, and only assessed the effect of a prediabetes diagnosis on an individuals' perceived ability to change behaviour (Youngs et al. 2016). No studies have yet synthesised the literature on nutrition care for prediabetes from both the HCP and patient perspective.

The aim of this study was to integrate the literature on knowledge of nutrition care for prediabetes, attitudes towards providing nutrition care in this context and actual nutrition care practices. By synthesising the perspectives of both HCPs and patients, we can advance our understanding of current practice to identify opportunities to optimise interventions to reduce the incidence of T2DM.

#### Methods

An integrative literature review was conducted for a comprehensive analysis of both qualitative and quantitative studies (Broome 2000; Souza et al. 2010). This approach is common in healthcare research and is more thorough than a traditional systematic review, as it allows for the simultaneous analysis of a variety of study designs and populations (Broome 2000; Whittemore and Knafl 2005; Souza et al. 2010). The review protocol was registered with the International Prospective Register for Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO), registration number: CRD42018103333. PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis) was used to display the search strategy. The guidelines by Whittemore and Knafl (2005) were used to ensure a systematic, rigorous approach (Souza et al. 2010). The SPIDER tool (Sample, Phenomenon of Interest, Design, Evaluation and Research type) (Cooke et al. 2012) was used to identify the guiding question 'What are patients' and healthcare providers' (HCPs) knowledge, attitudes and practices around nutrition care for prediabetes in primary care?'.

#### Data sources and search strategy

A systematic literature search was conducted between December 2017 and February 2018 with assistance from a health librarian. Six databases were searched based on their relevance to the review topic; The Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), MEDLINE, Embase, PsycINFO, Scopus and ProQuest. Search terms relating to experiences, knowledge, awareness and perceptions were paired with search terms for prediabetes, including 'prediabetes or pre-diabetes', and the MESH term 'prediabetic state' in two databases. A detailed search strategy is outlined in Table 1. The search terms for impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) and impaired fasting glucose (IFG) were not used because after initial screening, it was apparent that the key articles were identified by the term 'prediabetes' alone, while 'IGT' and 'IFG' identified articles not relevant to this review. A previous integrative review on behaviour change among individuals with prediabetes used a similar search strategy (Youngs et al. 2016). Although the current review focussed on both patients and HCPs, it was decided that including these terms in the search might unnecessarily limit the findings, and they were applied at the screening stage instead.

#### Study selection

Articles were included in the review if they: (i) focussed on the condition of prediabetes as diagnosed by the WHO or ADA

Table 1. Search strategy

Search term	Keywords
Term 1	prediabe* OR pre-diabe* OR MESH term 'prediabetic state'
Term 2	experience* OR care* OR manag* OR need* OR know* OR
	perce* OR perspective* OR attitude* OR belie* OR
	behavio* OR qualitative*
Search	= Term 1 AND Term 2

criteria, including IFG or IGT: (ii) involved adults (>18 years) of any ethnicity or gender who identified as either patients or HCPs; (iii) assessed current nutrition care practices; and (iv) were available in full-text English, peer-reviewed and were published after 2002. This was the year that the ADA (American Diabetes Association 2018) defined prediabetes as a state of elevated risk for T2DM, based on the results of the Diabetes Prevention Program study (The Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group 2002; Dagogo-Jack 2005; Twigg et al. 2007). Articles were excluded if they did not focus on nutrition care for a prediabetes population, did not involve a primary care interaction or were of the wrong study design (i.e. not an observational study). Randomised controlled trials and intervention studies were excluded as they do not reflect usual care, which was the aim of this study. Articles that examined prediabetes along with other conditions, such as T2DM, were eligible if they presented the prediabetes data separately. Articles that used terminology such as 'high risk' or 'moderate risk' of T2DM, without explicitly defining prediabetes, were excluded. The inclusion and exclusion criteria are outlined in Table 2.

#### Data extraction and quality assessment

The search results were imported into EndNote (Clarivate Analytics, Philadelphia, PA, USA) from each database, along with two additional articles found through manual searches. Duplicates were removed electronically from EndNote and then manually removed based on title matching. The results were imported into the online evidence synthesis software, Covidence<sup>®</sup>, (Melbourne Vic., Australia) for title and abstract screening. Titles and abstracts were screened in duplicate based on inclusion and exclusion criteria. When conflicts arose, researchers met to review the criteria and a mutual decision was made to include or exclude the article for full-text screening. Full texts of articles were analysed independently by two researchers to ensure they met the criteria. Conflicts that could not be resolved through discussion went to a third, independent researcher. Data were extracted using a standardised table to

display study attributes, including authors, year, setting, study design, sample characteristics and aims.

Quality assessment of articles was completed in duplicate using the Mixed Methods Appraisal Tool (MMAT), which is a straightforward scoring system for mixed methods reviews (Pluye *et al.* 2009). Results were compared and conflicts resolved through discussion with a third researcher. Articles were given a score based on the MMAT scoring metrics guidelines, and are reported in the data synthesis tables (Tables 3 and 4).

## Data analysis and synthesis

A systematic approach was used to simultaneously analyse qualitative and quantitative data, following integrative review guidelines by Whittemore and Knafl (2005). Three investigators (M. Somerville, L. Ball and L. T. Williams) performed the data analysis phase to ensure methodological rigour. First, data reduction was performed to divide the data based on methodological design (qualitative, quantitative or mixed method). A predetermined set of subgroups were used to categorise each study, based on the research aim: (i) knowledge and attitudes of nutrition care: (ii) barriers around nutrition care: and (iii) nutrition care practices. Based on these categories, extracted data from each included study was grouped, coded and compared to determine common relationships. Finally, descriptive synthesis was performed to report common themes and display the data. Table 3 presents quantitative findings related to nutrition care, such as percent of HCPs who provided dietary advice or percent of patients who engaged in weight loss behaviours. Qualitative study results reported as themes related to nutrition care for prediabetes are shown in Table 4.

## Results

A total of 12 851 studies were identified by the search. Full-text articles were retrieved for 108 studies, 26 of which met the inclusion criteria (Fig. 1). Most of the excluded studies did not focus on nutrition care (n = 42) or did not involve a prediabetes population (n = 20) (Fig. 1). The included studies were published

Table 2. Inclusion and exclusion criteria

	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
Setting	Any country Published after 2002	Published before 2002
Population	Adults aged >18 years Diagnosed with prediabetes, impaired fasting glucose (IFG) or impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) OR provide primary care for individuals diagnosed with prediabetes, IFG or IGT Any gender Any ethnicity	Individuals aged <18 years Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes or type 1 diabetes
Language	English	Non-English
Outcomes	Qualitative or quantitative measurements of current nutrition care for prediabetes in primary care practice	Prevalence of prediabetes Cost-effectiveness outcomes Biochemical or anthropometric changes Effect of a specific nutrient
Study type	Observational studies Qualitative studies	Interventions or clinical trials
Publication type	Peer-reviewed journal articles	Non-peer-reviewed sources (e.g. newsletters, conference abstracts, commentaries, dissertations)

females; HCP, health prediabetes; p	hcare provider; IF t., patient/s; RCT,	s; HCP, healthcare provider; IFG, impaired fasting glucose; LS, prediabetes; pt., patient/s; RCT, randomised control trial; SES, s	females; HCP, healthcare provider; IFG, impaired fasting glucose; LS, lifestyle; M, males; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Survey; OAD, oral anti-diabetic drug/s; PA, physical activity; PDM, prediabetes; pt, patient/s; RCT, randomised control trial; SES, socioeconomic status; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; USDA, United States Department of Agriculture; wt., weight; y, years	iabetes mellitus; USDA,	Distriction Survey;	OAD, oral anti-diabetic drug/s;	PA, physical activity; PDM, ; wt., weight; y, years
Author year; country Study design	· Study design	Aim	Setting and participant characteristics Sample size $(n = P)$	Nutrition care C measure/s s	Quality score <sup>A</sup>	Key findings	Interpretation
Studies of patients Dorsey <i>et al.</i> 2011 USA	Cross-sectional survey	Examine LS behaviours of overwt. and obese pt. with PDM or T2DM	Overwt. adults with PDM ( $n = 563$ ) from the 2006 National Health Interview Survey % male: 40.5; $\bar{x}$ Age y: 57	Responses to behaviour change questions	*	82% reported weight control 62% reported ↓fat & calories in diet	Patients engaging in beneficial nutrition care practices
Endevelt <i>et al.</i> 2009 Israel	Cross-sectional Chart audit	Identify if SES predicts PDM management	x BMI: $31.6$ PDM pt. ( $n = 210.365$ ) from 2004-06 Macabi Healthcare Services database % male: $50.3$	Frequency of referrals to a dietitian in chart notes	*	% receiving referrals to a dicitian: Age group Males Females 18–44 16.25 22.48 45–64 10.20 26.52	More F v. M received referrals Overall Jrates of referral
Geiss <i>et al.</i> 2010 USA	Cross-sectional survey	Assess LS changes consistent with JT2DM risk and factors associated with their adoption among adults with PDM	Self-reported PDM pt. ( $n = 531$ ) from the 2005–06 NHANES % male: 58.9; $\bar{x}$ Age y: 51.9 $\bar{x}$ BMI: 30.9	Responses to NHANES questions on nutrition care practices and advice	* * *	% reported wt. % reported ut. % reported davi introl wt. conted advi contes of pt. advised t t, did of pt. toldto [ fa	Patients engaging in beneficial nutrition care practices
Harris and Chew 2014 USA	Cross-sectional survey	Describe pt. primary care visit type (acute care (AC), preventive care (PC) or no care visit (NC)) and their wt. $\downarrow$ , diet and PA efforts	Overwt. and obese African Americans with PDM from an RCT at the, Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center, Tufts University in Boston, MA, USA n = 28(AC) 22(PC) 39(NC) % male: 32.1 22.7 51.3 Age y: 59.1 59.4 53.2	Changes in behaviour based on survey responses and weight loss or gain	* * * *	und 8% told to ↑PA, ↓ wt. or change diet 71.4% of AC, 86.3% of PC and 64.1% of NC visit pt. reported any wt. ↓ attempts 2% reported receiving diet advice 57.1% of AC, 77.3% of PC and 38.5% of NC visit pt.	Low % of all pt. received nutrition care; PC visit pt. made most change attempts
Hooks-Anderson et al. 2015 USA	Cross-sectional Chart audit	Determine if race-related disparities exist in providing education in primary care clinics for pt. with T2DM and PDM	EMR data on pt. with PDM (n = 1203) and T2DM $(n = 2764)in St Louis, MO, USAAfrican Am. WhitePDM n = 524 679% male: 27.9 45.9\bar{x} Age y: 53.3 58.0$	Referral code to dietitian, family- community pharmacist or DPP	* * *	attempted dist change 12.6% of all pt. received DPP referral (4% white v. 8.6% African American)	Jrates of referral to DPP for all pt. and racially biased

Pt. engaged in beneficial nutrition care practices; Pt. had ↑ motivation levels	Pt. with PDM engaged in more nutrition care practices than NG adults	↓ rate of nutrition care provided but ↑ rate of compliance	Prefer LS over OAD mgmt.; nutrition care provided but specific advice varied
98% report ↑ motivation to change diet 80% reported it was very to extremely important to ↑PA and ↓ wt 96% reported trying to ↑PA and ↓ wt; only 10% were successful 75% ate <2 servings of fruit or veg/day 50% ate out>4 times per week 34% skin breakfast reoularly	% Doctor's Advice: PDM NG ↓ fat for cholesterol 88.3 77.8 ↓ wt. for cholesterol 69.8 50.9 Told ↑ risk for 43.6 10.6 T2DM % t. reported LS changes (past year): Controlling wt. 49.6 17.7 ↓ fat/calories 58.5 20.6 % t. reported LS changes (ongoing): Controlling wt. 67.1 44.0 f 44.0 f 44.0	M pt. ded to $\downarrow$ fat/ d 82.5% of $i$ M pt. ded to contr 30% of them	100% MBBS, 91.3% MD and 97.9% PG preferred LS mgmt. to OAD 57% of all HCPs advised JCHO and fat, and fprotein and fibre 24% of all HCPs advised small, frequent meals, complex CHO and $\uparrow$ veg 7% advised to avoid alcohol/ junk food
* * * *	* * *	* * * *	* *
Responses to pre- enrolment survey on knowledge, attitudes and behaviours	Responses to NHANES questions on nutrition care practices and advice	Responses to NHANES questions on nutrition care practices and advice	Responses to survey on HCP knowledge, attitudes and behaviours
PDM patients ( $n = 54$ ) from two urban primary care practices affiliated with Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, USA % male: 18.5% White: 11.1 $\bar{x}$ Age y: 45.7% Black: 38.9 $\bar{x}$ BMI: 36.0% Hispanic: 40.7	Cross-sectional data on adults with PDM or normoglycemia (NG) (n = 9966) from the 2005–06 and 2007–08 NHANES PDM NG n = 353 9613 n = 353 48.9 $\tilde{x}$ Age y: 54.4 44.4 $\tilde{x}$ BMI: 30.8 28.0	Subset of respondents ( $n = 2853$ ), including PDM pt. ( $n = 996$ ), from the 2005–06 NHANES PDM No PDM % male: 33.5 66.5 % Age 40–59 33.6 66.4 % Age >60 46.3 53.7	HCPs ( $n = 122$ ), including GPs (MBBS; $n = 14$ ), post-grads in general medicine (PG; $n = 48$ ), physicians (MD; $n = 46$ ), and diabetes specialists (DM; $n = 14$ ) at Sri Devaraj Urs Medical College and R.L Jalappa Hospital and Research Center, Kolar Karnataka
Assess knowledge, perceptions, attitudes and behaviours of PDM pt. for a technology-enhanced LS modification intervention	Examine if pt. aware of their PDM were likely than pt. with NG to report LS changes and determine effect of pt. awareness of PDM and reporting HCP advice on LS change	Examine relationship of receiving HCP advice and adherence to healthy LS indicators among pt. with PDM v. adults without PDM	Assess knowledge and attitudes of physicians regarding PDM mgmt. using a questionnaire
Cross-sectional survey	Cross-sectional survey	Cross-sectional survey	e providers Cross-sectional survey
Kolb <i>et al.</i> 2014 USA	Okosun and Lyn 2015 USA	Yang <i>et al.</i> 2011 USA USA	Studies of healthcare providers Basava-reddy <i>et al.</i> Cross-sec 2015 survey India

(continued next page)

Author year; country Study design	v Study design	Aim	Setting and participant characteristics Sample size $(n = P)$	Nutrition care measure/s	Quality score <sup>A</sup>	Key findings	Interpretation
Curran <i>et al.</i> 2008 Canada	Cross-sectional survey	Conduct a continuing medical education needs assessment of family physicians' knowledge and awareness of PDM	Family Physicians from Family Practice clinics in Atlantic Canada (n = 744; 399 male)	Responses to survey on PDM mgmt. attitudes and preferences	* * *	Mgmt. factors % reporting as useful: Wt. loss 77.4 Counselling techniques 73.7 Inter-professional approach 65.6 Roles of non-GPs in PDM	HCPs recognise nutrition care as important
Fearn-Smith <i>et al.</i> 2007 UK	Cross-sectional survey	Develop and pilot a survey instrument assessing general practitioners' (GP) attitudes to the diagnosis and mgmt. of impaired glucose tolerance	HCPs from three different Primary Care Trusts in Devon, UK (n = 222; 120  male)	Mean scores on a five- point Likert Scale for PDM attitudes of HCPs	* *	Difficult for GPs to influence pt. behaviour with IGT $(\bar{x} = 2.77 (\pm 0.79))$ Pt. require more time than I can give to facilitate LS changes give to facilitate LS changes $(\bar{x} = 3.63 (\pm 0.69))$ I find LS changes are hard for pt. to maintain long-term $(\bar{x}$ $= 3.73 (\pm 0.58))$ I am confident that I can change my pt's LS behaviour $(\bar{x} = 2.73(\pm 0.68))$	HCPs identify barriers to providing nutrition care
Mainous <i>et al.</i> 2016 USA	Cross-sectional survey	Evaluate the relationship between HCP attitudes of PDM mgmt. and behaviours for T2DM prevention	HCP survey respondents from the Council of Academic Family Medicine Educational Research Alliance, USA (n = 1248: 639 male)	Responses to survey on PDM mgmt. attitudes and practices	* * *	% Primary change stressed: Diet change 20.7 ↑PA 10 Weight ↓ 11.3 All chanses equally 58	HCPs recognise nutrition care as important
Mehta <i>et al.</i> 2017 USA	Cross-sectional survey	Assess guideline knowledge, alignment of self-reported adherence and actual practice, and referral to DPPs	HCPs $(n = 305)$ who were participants in the Medical Quality Improvement Consortium $(n = 305; 171 \text{ male})$	Responses to survey on PDM mgmt. practices	* *	% of HCPs reporting: % of HCPs reporting: 95% Referring pt. to a DPP 45% One-third of HCPs who reported following onidelines actually did not	Contradictions between HCP perceived and actual nutrition care practices
Tseng <i>et al.</i> 2017 USA	Cross-sectional survey	Assess knowledge of PDM risk factors, screening and mgmt. practices for PDM and attitudes/beliefs of PDM mgmt.	HCP survey respondents from 40 practice sites across the mid- Atlantic region ( $n = 140$ ; 39 male)	Responses to survey on PDM mgmt. attitudes and practices	* *	% HCP knowledge of: PDM wt. loss recommendation 21.9 Referring to wt. ↓ program first 11.3 % Reported initial mgmt. approach: Diet and PA counselling 98.6 Referring to anturitionist 31.9 Referring to wt. ↓program 12.1	T reported provision of diet advice v. referral for wt. or diet change

 Table 3.
 (continued)

Studies of patients and healthcare pro- Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2015 Cross-sectional USA Chart audit	Studies of patients and healthcare providers Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2015 Cross-sectional Coi USA Chart audit t	iders Compare the mgmt. of PDM between a family practice	ogy (EP) and family (FP) pt. with PDM in rural	Frequency of chart note dictations for	* * *	% pt. received: Initial LS mgmt.	EP <i>v</i> . 91.1	FP 76.9	Receipt of general nutrition care $\uparrow$ but specific care $\downarrow$ ;
		and internal medicine endocrinology clinic	Virginia       EP $(n = 90)$ FP $(n = 78)$ $\bar{x}$ Age y: $61.4$ $57.5$ % male: $47$ $51$ $\bar{x}$ Wt. (kg): $88.3$ $96.7$	nutrition care practices		Specific diet advice Specific wt. ↓ goals	16.9 20.5	13.3 ↑ 6.7	↑ receipt in EP
Bovier <i>et al.</i> 2007 Switzerland	Cross-sectional survey	Assess the adherence to recommended standards of diabetes care by Swiss primary care physicians	9), General Internists non-specialists ( $n = 12$ ), ( $n = 184$ ) and T2DM pt. ) from Primary Care	Responses to survey on PDM mgmt. practices for pt. with PDM v. T2DM	* * *	% Patients F reported: Counselling for diet	PDM T.	T2DM N 91	Nutrition care provided more often to T2DM v. PDM pt.
			Clinics in Switzerland HCPs: Patients: n = 186 591 % male: 72 41 $\bar{x}$ Age y: 52 55			Counselling for wt. ↓ (obese pt.) Making changes to diet	81 25	91 49	
Cloney <i>et al.</i> 2011 USA	Cross-sectional Chart audit	Determine if evidence-based PDM mgmt. used and if demographic differences exist in referrals for PDM	PDM pt. ( $n = 848$ ) from an EMR database from a Midwestern healthcare facility	Frequency of nutrition care practices in relation to demographic	* * *	Making changes 12 to to wt. (obese pt.) 2.4% PDM pt. referred for diet counselling 35.7% of non-GPs v. 4.65% of physicians gave referrals for diet BMI of pt. referred for diet	L) ferred fo ?s v. 4.65 rereferra red for d	to or diet ( 5% of ils for liet	Making changes 1.2 1.0 to wt. (obese pt.) 2.4% PDM pt. referred for diet Overall J rate of referral for counselling nutrition care; 35.7% of non-GPs v. 4.65% of non-GPs referred more physicians gave referrals for than GPs diet BMI of pt. referred for diet
Strychar <i>et al.</i> 2006 Cross-sectional Canada survey	Cross-sectional survey	Determine if GPs apply treatment recommendations for IFG and factors associated with the application of the guidelines	HCPs ( $n = 59$ ) and PDM pt. ( $n = 50$ ) from the university's department of Biochemistry Patients: $\bar{x}$ Age y: 61.5 $\bar{x}$ BMI: 30.6	Pt. and HCP responses to survey on PDM mgmt. practices	* *	counselling; 15% <25; 25% 25-29.9; 60% >30 % Patients reported receiving: Diet advice alone 44 Diet advice + OAD 2 Diet + wt. ↓ or PA advice 38 Referral to dietitian 12 Referral to diabetes centre 2 *Refused treatment 2 % HCPs reported recommending: LS modifications 81	5% <25; >30 ted recei ted recei one 44 OAD 2 PA advi stitian 12 stitian 12 st	: 25% iving: C ice 38 2 ntre 2	Contradictions between the reported provision and receipt of nutrition care practices

<sup>A</sup>Quality score: (\*) low quality to (\*\*\*\*) high quality.

Overview of studies with qualitative and mixed-method designs	EMR. electronic medical record: HCP, healthcare provider: IGT. impaired glucose
Table 4. Over	Diabetes Association: DPP, diabetes prevention program:

on; DPP, diabetes prevention program; EMR, electronic medical record; HCP, healthcare provider; IGT, impaired glucose tolerance; LS, lifestyle; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Survey; OAD, oral anti-diabetic drug/s; PDM, prediabetes; pt., patient/s; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; wt., weight ADA, American Diab

Author year; country	Study design	Aim	Setting and participant characteristics Sample size $(n = P)$	Nutrition care measure/s	Quality score <sup>A</sup>	Key findings	Interpretation
Studies of patients O'Brien <i>et al.</i> 2016 USA	Qualitative interviews	Explore PDM pt.s' perceived risk of T2DM and treatment preferences for evidence- based prevention of T2DM	PDM pt. $(n = 35; 16 male)$ from two large Midwest primary care practices	Knowledge, perceptions and experiences of PDM	* * *	<ul> <li>Jawareness of T2DM risk from J PDM knowledge; PDM LS mgmt. for PD</li> <li>Evidence of T2DM risk is preferred &gt;OAD motivating</li> <li>LS preferred over OAD for PDM mgmt, but both accentable</li> </ul>	↓ PDM knowledge; LS mgmt. for PDM preferred >0AD
Troughton <i>et al.</i> 2008 UK	Qualitative interviews	Inform development of PDM intervention by assessing pt. experience of screening, diagnosis, appraisal of PDM and healthcare experience from diagnosis to 1 year later	Sample of previously diagnosed PDM pt. (n = 15; 7  male) in Leicestershire, UK, from a diabetes screening program database	Experiences and perceptions of a PDM diagnosis	* * *	ange behaviour to t about seriousness agnosis or action re structured, and accurate care erial valued < HCP	↑ motivation to change behaviour; prefer individual nutrition care
Studies of healthcare providers Kandula <i>et al.</i> 2018 Qualita USA inter	roviders Qualitative interviews	Explore HCPs' perspectives on usefulness of a PDM diagnosis and attitudes towards LS and OAD therapy	GPs and nurse practitioners (n = 15; 7  male) from two large, urban, primary care clinics	Attitudes and perspectives of PDM mgmt.	* * *	tervention preferred ment rs to LS mgmt. include: ↓ time, ↓ perceived pt.s' viour change ability and	LS mgmt. for PDM preferred > OAD; barriers to nutrition care
Williams <i>et al.</i> 2004 UK	Qualitative focus groups	Explore views of GPs and practice nurses on detection and mgmt. of people at risk of developing T2DM	HCPs ( $n = 43$ ; 21 GPs and 22 nurses) from 21 practices of a local health board in Wales	Views and knowledge of IGT mgmt.	I	ropriate o: \ time sceptical ood of	Barriers to nutrition care
Wylie <i>et al.</i> 2002 UK	Mixed methods: Interviews, focus groups and survey	Investigate GPs' knowledge of GPs $(n = 34)$ of five primary and attitudes to IGT care groups in England Focus group $(n = 26; 18)$ male); interview $(n = 8; 6)$ male)	GPs $(n = 34)$ of five primary care groups in England Focus group $(n = 26; 18)$ male); interview $(n = 8; 6)$ male)	Knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of IGT mgmt.	*	<ul> <li>GPs uncertain about IGT mgmt. and effectiveness of LS advice, but supportive of an IGT mgmt. guideline</li> <li>GPs feel prevention is not a responsibility of primary care</li> </ul>	↓ PDM knowledge; barriers to nutrition care

	ant	se
	Nutrition care important but not provided properly	1 motivation to change behaviour; barriers to nutrition care
	<ul> <li>Screening practices accurate and frequent but PDM mgmt. suboptimal</li> <li>No pt. referred to DPP or given OAD</li> <li>LS important; Diet and PA advice given but inaccurate, unspecific, not guideline- based</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PDM diagnosis accepted by HCPs and pt.</li> <li>HCPs and pt. found PDM diagnosis motivating for behaviour change</li> <li>Pt. note LS as one way to prevent T2DM</li> <li>Challenges arose when unsuccessful with LS changes and felt it was pointless</li> </ul>
	*	- / *
	PDM mgmt. and screening decisions based on chart notes	Attitudes and experiences of PDM diagnosis and preferences for mgmt.
	Primary care physicians ( $n = 20$ ) and pt. with PDM ( $n = 17$ ) from the University of Michigan Health System	Interviews with pt. with PDM $(n = 10; 5 \text{ male})$ and focus groups with HCPs $(n = 14 \text{ (Hindhede})/13 \text{ (Hindhede})$ and Aagaard-Hansen)) from eight general practices in two regions of Denmark.
S	Identify factors that influence Primary care physicians HCPs to screen pt. for $(n = 20)$ and pt. with F T2DM and characterise $(n = 17)$ from the Unive interpretation and relay of 0f Michigan Health Sy test results to pt.	Examine how pt. categorised Interviews with pt. with PDM Attitudes and as $\uparrow$ risk of T2DM respond to $(n = 10; 5 \text{ male})$ and focus experiences this categorisation and its groups with HCPs $(n = 14$ diagnosis a effect on everyday lives (Hindhede/13 (Hindhede preferences and Aagaard-Hansen)) mgmt. from eight general practices in two regions of Denmark.
Studies of patients and healthcare providers	Qualitative interviews	Qualitative focus groups and interviews
Studies of patients an	Hafez <i>et al.</i> 2017 USA	Hindhede 2014; Hindhede and Aagaard-Hansen 2015 Denmark

Quality score: (\*) low quality to (\*\*\*\*) high quality; – indicates a score of zero.

between 2002 and 2018, with the majority (n = 22) published in the past 10 years. Most studies were conducted in the USA (n = 15), with the others in the UK (n = 4), Canada (n = 2), Denmark (n = 2), India (n = 1), Switzerland (n = 1) and Israel (n = 1). Designs of the included studies were quantitative (n = 18), qualitative (n = 7) and mixed methods (n = 1). Qualitative study methods included semi-structured interviews (Troughton *et al.* 2008; Hindhede and Aagaard-Hansen 2015; O'Brien *et al.* 2016; Hafez *et al.* 2017; Kandula *et al.* 2018), focus groups (Williams *et al.* 2004) or both (Hindhede 2014). One mixed-methods study involved semi-structured interviews, focus groups and questionnaires (Wylie *et al.* 2002).

Ten studies reported data on patients only (Troughton *et al.* 2008; Endevelt *et al.* 2009; Geiss *et al.* 2010; Dorsey *et al.* 2011; Yang *et al.* 2011; Harris and Chew 2014; Kolb *et al.* 2014; Hooks-Anderson *et al.* 2015; Okosun and Lyn 2015; O'Brien *et al.* 2016), nine reported data on HCPs only (Wylie *et al.* 2002; Williams *et al.* 2004; Fearn-Smith *et al.* 2007; Curran *et al.* 2008; Basavareddy *et al.* 2015; Mainous *et al.* 2016; Mehta *et al.* 2017; Tseng *et al.* 2017; Kandula *et al.* 2018) and seven studies provided data on both patients and HCPs (Strychar *et al.* 2006; Bovier *et al.* 2007; Cloney *et al.* 2011; Hindhede 2014; Anderson *et al.* 2015; Hindhede and Aagaard-Hansen 2015; Hafez *et al.* 2017).

Sample sizes ranged from 10 to 43 participants in the qualitative studies and 122 to 210365 participants in the quantitative studies. Both males and females were represented in studies involving HCPs, with a general trend of more male HCPs, except in one study where only 27.7% of survey respondents were male (Tseng *et al.* 2017). Among the studies that examined patients' perceptions or behaviours, the proportion of male-to-female participants varied greatly, while the majority of patients were aged >45 years (Tables 3 and 4).

Quality assessment of all studies revealed a range of scores from low (\*) to high (\*\*\*\*). Quantitative study designs tended to rank higher than qualitative studies based on the MMAT scoring tool (Pluye et al. 2009). Reasons for low scores among the qualitative studies included poor description of participant selection (Wylie et al. 2002; Williams et al. 2004; Hindhede 2014; Hindhede and Aagaard-Hansen 2015; Hafez et al. 2017) and a lack of researcher reflexivity in how their interactions with participants may influence results (Williams et al. 2004; Troughton et al. 2008; Hindhede 2014; Kolb et al. 2014; Hindhede and Aagaard-Hansen 2015; O'Brien et al. 2016; Hafez et al. 2017). Quantitative studies received low scores for having a low response rate or complete outcome data (Strychar et al. 2006; Fearn-Smith et al. 2007; Endevelt et al. 2009; Kolb et al. 2014; Mainous et al. 2016; Mehta et al. 2017), reporting a sampling strategy that was irrelevant for the population under study (Basavareddy et al. 2015; Mehta et al. 2017; Tseng et al. 2017) or for failing to adequately report inclusion or exclusion criteria (Fearn-Smith et al. 2007; Basavareddy et al. 2015; Tseng et al. 2017).

Five themes emerged from the data: (1) nutrition care is preferable to pharmacological treatment; (2) patients report taking action for behaviour change; (3) HCPs experience barriers to providing nutrition care; (4) HCPs tend not to refer patients for further nutrition care; and (5) patients and HCPs have opposing reports of receipt and provision of nutrition care.

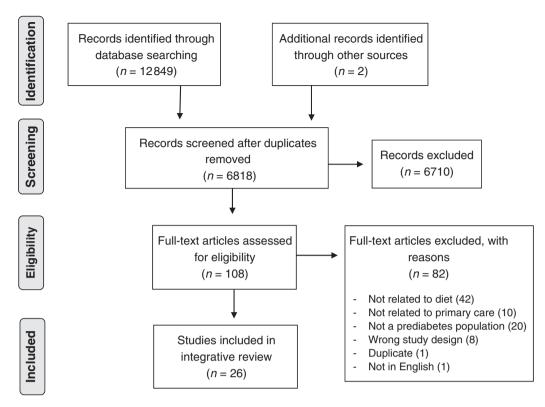


Fig. 1. PRISMA flow diagram.

## Nutrition care is preferable to pharmacological treatment

Patients preferred nutrition care, including support for weight management and dietary changes, over pharmacological treatment, and expressed the benefits of improving diet for overall health, not just diabetes prevention (O'Brien et al. 2016). HCPs also reported preferring interventions focusing on diet, weight management and exercise over pharmacological intervention (Basavareddy et al. 2015; Kandula et al. 2018) or recognising the importance of lifestyle modification as the primary approach to prediabetes management (Curran et al. 2008; Mainous et al. 2016; Hafez et al. 2017; Tseng et al. 2017). Where nutrition care was the preferred treatment approach, HCPs believed that prediabetes treatment was economically beneficial and that when treated, patients in their clinic returned to normoglycemia (Basavareddy et al. 2015). Patients identified a preference for group nutrition education; consistent, structured and accurate nutrition information; and valued HCPs spending time on tasks regarding nutrition more than written material (Troughton et al. 2008). Patients requested more individualised support and guidance from HCPs to help make improvements to their diet, with one participant stating 'I find dieting really hard' (Troughton et al. 2008). Some suggested introducing a specialist prediabetes service, which would include appropriate nutrition care, along the lines of family planning preventive services (Troughton et al. 2008).

#### Patients report taking action for behaviour change

Patients frequently reported changing their lifestyle behaviours to be in line with recommendations, including attempting to control or lose weight (Bovier et al. 2007; Geiss et al. 2010; Dorsey et al. 2011; Yang et al. 2011; Harris and Chew 2014; Kolb et al. 2014; Okosun and Lyn 2015) and making changes to their diet (Bovier et al. 2007; Yang et al. 2011; Okosun and Lyn 2015). However, long-term success rates were low for some attempted behaviour change (Okosun and Lyn 2015). In one study, investigators suggested the modest findings in terms of behaviour change could be attributed to the lack of behaviour change training received by HCPs (Bovier et al. 2007). Several studies reported a positive association between HCP advice to engage in lifestyle modification, such as weight management or dietary changes, and actual patient behaviour (Geiss et al. 2010; Yang et al. 2011; Okosun and Lyn 2015), especially among individuals attending a preventive care visit with a HCP (Harris and Chew 2014). One study reported no significant association between HCP advice to change lifestyle and patient behaviour (Dorsey et al. 2011).

#### HCPs experience barriers to providing nutrition care

Healthcare providers identified several barriers to providing nutrition care. They reported not having enough time in consultations to provide diet advice (Williams *et al.* 2004; Fearn-Smith *et al.* 2007; Mainous *et al.* 2016; Tseng *et al.* 2017; Kandula *et al.* 2018) and felt that their patients had inadequate access to nutrition programs or resources (Williams *et al.* 2004; Mainous *et al.* 2016; Tseng *et al.* 2017; Kandula *et al.* 2016; Tseng *et al.* 2017; Mainous *et al.* 2016; Tseng *et al.* 2017; Mainous *et al.* 2016; Tseng *et al.* 2017; Kandula *et al.* 2018). In two studies involving HCPs, participants expressed having limited time and resources specifically available in primary care for providing preventive services, including nutrition

counselling for prediabetes (Wylie et al. 2002; Williams et al. 2004). They felt these practices to be inappropriate for a primary care setting, and saw them as the responsibility of health promotion and societal change (Wylie et al. 2002; Williams et al. 2004). Other HCPs identified the lack of patients' ability to change (Mainous et al. 2016; Kandula et al. 2018) or the low levels of patient motivation and self-efficacy as barriers to providing lifestyle advice (Wylie et al. 2002; Williams et al. 2004; Fearn-Smith et al. 2007; Mainous et al. 2016; Kandula et al. 2018). One study found that HCPs strongly agreed with the statement 'I find that lifestyle changes are hard for patients to maintain in the long run' (Fearn-Smith et al. 2007). Participants with prediabetes from two studies also reported challenges to behaviour change, expressing frustration when weight loss or attempts to change diet were unsuccessful (Hindhede 2014; Hindhede and Aagaard-Hansen 2015).

#### HCPs tend not to refer patients for further nutrition care

The fourth theme revealed that it was not common practice for HCPs to refer patients for individual nutrition counselling, such as to a dietitian or diabetes educator (Strychar et al. 2006; Endevelt et al. 2009; Cloney et al. 2011; Anderson et al. 2015; Tseng et al. 2017) or to a community behaviour change program (Strychar et al. 2006; Hooks-Anderson et al. 2015; Hafez et al. 2017; Mehta et al. 2017; Tseng et al. 2017). In fact, in one study, none of the 168 patients with prediabetes were referred to a diabetes educator, despite the fact that one worked at the same site as the HCPs (Anderson et al. 2015). Patient and provider characteristics were associated with referral patterns. In one study conducted in the USA, higher rates of referral to diabetes education was associated with being black (Hooks-Anderson et al. 2015), while having a BMI >30 kg m<sup>-2</sup> was positively associated with referral for individual nutrition counselling in another USA study (Cloney et al. 2011). This study found that non-physician providers referred patients for nutrition counselling more often than physicians, although the difference was not statistically significant (Cloney et al. 2011).

# Patients and HCPs have opposing reports of receipt and provision of nutrition care

The final theme focuses on the seemingly opposing findings between patients and HCPs regarding nutrition care. HCPs reported providing lifestyle, dietary or weight loss advice to patients often (Strychar et al. 2006; Basavareddy et al. 2015; Hafez et al. 2017; Mehta et al. 2017; Tseng et al. 2017), while patients stated they seldom received lifestyle, dietary or weight loss advice in consultations (Strychar et al. 2006; Geiss et al. 2010; Yang et al. 2011; Harris and Chew 2014; Mehta et al. 2017). At the same time, patients reported high levels of motivation to make lifestyle changes with a prediabetes diagnosis (Troughton et al. 2008; Hindhede 2014; Kolb et al. 2014; Hindhede and Aagaard-Hansen 2015; O'Brien et al. 2016), with some referring to their prediabetes diagnosis as a 'wake-up call' (O'Brien et al. 2016). While HCPs recognised the importance of lifestyle change, they reported the weight loss, diet and exercise recommendations were unrealistic for most patients (Kandula et al. 2018). Unsurprisingly, some patients expressed frustration because they were motivated to change but received

little or inconsistent advice from their HCP around how to change their diet or lifestyle (Troughton *et al.* 2008). A retrospective evaluation of chart entries in a family practice clinic and an endocrinology clinic revealed that lifestyle advice was often provided during an initial consultation, but follow-up nutrition care was low for all patients, and that specific diet and weight loss advice was offered to less than one-quarter of all patients with prediabetes (Anderson *et al.* 2015).

Some studies found that certain patient or provider characteristics were associated with the provision of nutrition care. Investigators of one cross-sectional study conducted in Israel found patients who receive nutritional counselling from a dietitian tended to be female, aged 45–64 years and were from a high socioeconomic status area (Endevelt *et al.* 2009). A chart audit study comparing the practices of two clinics in rural USA revealed that lifestyle management was provided more often in an endocrinology clinic compared with family practice clinic; however, patients received more specific advice at the family practice clinic (Anderson *et al.* 2015).

While the reports of nutrition care provision differed between HCPs and patients, the specific dietary advice given by HCPs was comparable across all studies. The most common dietary advice given by HCPs was to reduce fat (Geiss *et al.* 2010; Dorsey *et al.* 2011; Yang *et al.* 2011; Basavareddy *et al.* 2015; Okosun and Lyn 2015) and calories (Geiss *et al.* 2010; Dorsey *et al.* 2011; Yang *et al.* 2011). Survey results from one study with various HCP types in India further reported recommendations to reduce carbohydrates and to increase fibre, vegetables and protein (Basavareddy *et al.* 2015).

#### Discussion

To understand what is happening in primary care practice in terms of nutrition care for prediabetes, 26 articles were critically analysed to reveal five themes that describe the nutrition care for prediabetes from both the perspective of HCPs and patients. By using an integrative review methodology, and synthesising data from both qualitative and quantitative studies, a broad understanding of the topic has been obtained.

The reviewed studies indicate discrepancies between the care experienced by patients and the care reported by HCPs. HCPs' attitudes towards nutrition care and reported provision of nutrition care do not reflect their documented behaviours or the care reported by patients. Previous studies have echoed these discrepancies between the attitudes of HCPs and actual practices around providing nutrition care in practice (Kushner 1995; Wynn et al. 2010), including for specific conditions like adolescent obesity (Story et al. 2002) and chronic kidney disease (Munuo et al. 2016). Barriers to providing nutrition care by HCPs have been reported in the literature (Kushner 1995; Helman 1997; Moore et al. 2000) and was a common theme throughout this review. These barriers may contribute to the reported contradictions between how HCPs wish to provide care and how they are actually able to deliver care in practice. This suggests that HCPs would benefit from further support to address these barriers to providing nutrition care so that both their desires and patients' needs are met.

Another concerning result of these discrepancies is that nutrition care for prediabetes may not be patient-centred, which is defined as 'providing care that is respectful of, and responsive to, individual patient preferences, needs and values, and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions' (Institute of Medicine (US) Committee on Quality of Health Care in America 2001). A patient-centred approach, focusing on individualised care, is not only preferred by patients (Ball et al. 2014; Endevelt and Gesser-Edelsburg 2014; O'Brien et al. 2016; Sladdin et al. 2017), but has been shown to improve health outcomes such as reducing blood glucose levels (Parker et al. 2014), which is crucial for T2DM prevention. One contradictory theme among the findings of this review that calls into question the patientcentred approach of current healthcare services is that patients reported high levels of motivation to change behaviour based on a prediabetes diagnosis, yet HCPs reported that patients lacked motivation or self-efficacy to make the necessary lifestyle changes. A recent review by Youngs et al. (2016) reinforced the fact that patients with prediabetes are highly motivated to change but need individualised, structured support to be successful. Therefore, future strategies that advance patient-centred care may improve patients' experience of nutrition care for prediabetes and warrant further work, as it would decrease the likelihood of progressing to T2DM and assist to reduce the incidence of T2DM.

The findings of this review also suggest that HCP practices are not in line with current guideline recommendations for T2DM prevention. Both national and international guidelines suggest lifestyle modification be the primary approach for individuals at high risk of developing T2DM (Colagiuri et al. 2009; International Diabetes Federation 2012; National Institute for Health and Care Excellence 2015; American Diabetes Association 2018; Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Committee 2018). These guidelines recommend referral to nutrition services and provision of dietary support that is individualised and specific (American Diabetes Association 2018; Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Committee 2018). However, this review found that referral to nutrition care services is low and any dietary advice that was offered by HCPs was general. Low adherence to practice guidelines by HCPs is a commonly documented problem in primary care practice (Cabana et al. 1999) and therefore warrants further investigation, particularly around prediabetes management.

The contradictory findings reported in this review may be due to a result of social desirability bias on the part of HCPs and patients, which is common among self-reported research (van de Mortel 2008), or could be a truly discrepant perspective between HCPs and their patients. The supporting evidence around discrepancies in HCP attitudes towards nutrition care and actual practices, combined with the ever-growing prevalence of prediabetes and T2DM (International Diabetes Federation 2017), indicates the latter; that patients are most likely not receiving adequate nutrition care in primary care practice. Further research is needed to understand exactly what patients would like out of their nutrition care experience for prediabetes, and to find out from HCPs how to best address the barriers within the current healthcare system.

A key strength of this review was the study design. An integrative review methodology allows for the inclusion of both qualitative and quantitative studies, and a diverse study population, resulting in a thorough understanding of the literature. Furthermore, articles were assessed for quality using a validated tool (Pluye et al. 2009) by two independent researchers, adding to the methodological rigour of this review process. This study also presented some limitations. Articles published before 2002 were deliberately excluded, so there may be relevant literature that was not captured in our findings. However, a time limit of 2002 was introduced to reflect the current recommendations for prediabetes management and T2DM prevention. Furthermore, the results from the four major longitudinal studies that create the evidence for prediabetes interventions were not published until this time period. Given that 21 of the 26 studies included in this review were published after 2008, it is unlikely this time limit excluded any results. Due to the large quantity of articles screened, it is possible that some articles were overlooked, as perhaps less attention was given for each step of the review process. However, because so many articles were included, the search was comprehensive and likely included all relevant articles.

In conclusion, there are gaps in the nutrition care provided by HCPs to individuals with prediabetes. While both patients and HCPs express similar preferences for prediabetes management, audits do not reflect this in practice. To improve patient outcomes and reduce the burden of T2DM, nutrition care needs to be provided in line with recommendations and with a focus on patients' needs.

# **Conflicts of interest**

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

#### Acknowledgements

This research did not receive any specific funding.

#### References

- American Academy of Family Physicians (2018) Primary care. (AAFP: Leawood, KS, USA) Available at https://www.aafp.org/about/policies/ all/primary-care.html [Verified 23 July]
- American Diabetes Association (2018) Prevention or delay of type 2 diabetes: standards of medical care in diabetes—2018. *Diabetes Care* 41, S51–S54. doi:10.2337/dc18-S005
- Anderson ZL, Scopelliti EM, Trompeter JM, Havrda DE (2015) Management of prediabetes: a comparison of the treatment approaches utilized by a family practice clinic and an internal medicine/ endocrinology practice. *Journal of Pharmacy Practice* 28, 86–92. doi:10.1177/0897190013514089
- Ball L, Hughes R, Desbrow B, Leveritt M (2012) Patients' perceptions of nutrition care provided by general practitioners: focus on type 2 diabetes. *Family Practice* 29, 719–725. doi:10.1093/fampra/cms025
- Ball L, Desbrow B, Leveritt M (2014) An exploration of individuals' preferences for nutrition care from Australian primary care health professionals. *Australian Journal of Primary Health* 20, 113–120. doi:10.1071/PY12127
- Basavareddy A, Shruti Dass A, Narayana S (2015) Prediabetes awareness and practice among Indian doctors-a cross-sectional study. *Journal of Clinical and Diagnostic Research : JCDR* 9, FC01–FC03.
- Bovier PA, Sebo P, Abetel G, George F, Stalder H (2007) Adherence to recommended standards of diabetes care by Swiss primary care physicians. *Swiss Medical Weekly* 137, 173–181.
- Broome ME (2000) 'Integrative Literature Reviews for the Development of Concepts.' (WB Saunders Company: Philadelphia, PA, USA)

- Cabana MD, Rand CS, Powe NR, Wu AW, Wilson MH, Abboud P-AC, Rubin HR (1999) Why don't physicians follow clinical practice guidelines? A framework for improvement. *Journal of the American Medical Association* 282, 1458–1465. doi:10.1001/jama.282.15.1458
- Cloney TA, Galer-Unti RA, Barkley WM (2011) Provider practices in prediabetes intervention and diabetes prevention: application of evidence-based research in the medical office setting. *Journal of Primary Care & Community Health* 2, 187–191. doi:10.1177/ 2150131911401625
- Colagiuri R, Girgis S, Gomez M, Walker K, Colagiuri S, O'Dea K (2009) National evidence based guideline for the primary prevention of type 2 diabetes. Diabetes Australia and the NHMRC, Canberra, ACT, Australia.
- Cooke A, Smith D, Booth A (2012) Beyond PICO: the SPIDER tool for qualitative evidence synthesis. *Qualitative Health Research* 22, 1435–1443. doi:10.1177/1049732312452938
- Curran VR, Hollett A, Allen M, Steeves J, Dunbar P (2008) A continuing medical education needs assessment of primary care physicians' knowledge and awareness of prediabetes care. *Canadian Journal of Diabetes* 32, 273–280. doi:10.1016/S1499-2671(08)24007-4
- Dagogo-Jack S (2005) Primary prevention of cardiovascular disease in prediabetes: the glass is half full and half empty. *Diabetes Care* 28, 971–972. doi:10.2337/diacare.28.4.971
- Diabetes Australia (2015) Pre-diabetes. (Diabetes Australia: Canberra, ACT, Australia) Available at https://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/prediabetes [Verified 29 July 2019]
- Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Committee (2018) Diabetes Canada 2018 clinical practice guidelines for the prevention and management of diabetes in Canada. *Canadian Journal of Diabetes* 42, S1–S325.
- Dorsey R, Songer T (2011) Lifestyle behaviors and physician advice for change among overweight and obese adults with prediabetes and diabetes in the United States, 2006. *Preventing Chronic Disease* **8**, A132.
- Endevelt R, Gesser-Edelsburg A (2014) A qualitative study of adherence to nutritional treatment: perspectives of patients and dietitians. *Patient Preference and Adherence* **8**, 147–154. doi:10.2147/PPA.S54799
- Endevelt R, Baron-Epel O, Karpati T, Heymann AD (2009) Does low socioeconomic status affect use of nutritional services by pre-diabetes patients? *International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance* 22, 157–167. doi:10.1108/09526860910944647
- Fearn-Smith JDG, Evans PH, Harding G, Campbell JL (2007) Attitudes of GPs to the diagnosis and management of impaired glucose tolerance: the Practitioners' Attitudes to Hyperglycaemia (PAtH) questionnaire. *Primary Care Diabetes* 1, 35–41. doi:10.1016/ j.pcd.2006.07.003
- Geiss LS, James C, Gregg EW, Albright A, Williamson DF, Cowie CC (2010) Diabetes risk reduction behaviors among U.S. adults with prediabetes. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 38, 403–409. doi:10.1016/j.amepre.2009.12.029
- Gillies CL, Abrams KR, Lambert PC, Cooper NJ, Sutton AJ, Hsu RT, Khunti K (2007) Pharmacological and lifestyle interventions to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes in people with impaired glucose tolerance: systematic review and meta-analysis. *BMJ (Clinical Research Ed.)* **334**, 299. doi:10.1136/bmj.39063.689375.55
- Hafez D, Nelson DB, Martin EG, Cohen AJ, Northway R, Kullgren JT (2017) Understanding type 2 diabetes mellitus screening practices among primary care physicians: a qualitative chart-stimulated recall study. *BMC Family Practice* 18, 50. doi:10.1186/s12875-017-0623-3
- Harlapur M, Shimbo D (2013) Usual Care. In 'Encyclopedia of Behavioral Medicine.' (Eds MD Gellman, JR Turner) pp. 2021–2022. (Springer New York: New York, NY, USA)
- Harris SS, Chew A (2014) Predictors of weight loss in African Americans with prediabetes or early diabetes. *Journal of the National Medical Association* 106, 8–14. doi:10.1016/S0027-9684(15)30065-1

- Helman A (1997) Nutrition and general practice: an Australian perspective. *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* 65, 1939S–1942S. doi:10.1093/ajcn/65.6.1939S
- Hindhede AL (2014) Prediabetic categorisation: the making of a new person. Health, Risk & Society 16, 600–614. doi:10.1080/13698575.2014.969688
- Hindhede AL, Aagaard-Hansen J (2015) Risk, the prediabetes diagnosis and preventive strategies: critical insights from a qualitative study. *Critical Public Health* 25, 569–581. doi:10.1080/09581596.2014. 921283
- Hooks-Anderson DR, Crannage EF, Salas J, Scherrer JF (2015) Race and referral to diabetes education in primary care patients with prediabetes and diabetes. *The Diabetes Educator* **41**, 281–289. doi:10.1177/ 0145721715574604
- Institute of Medicine (US) Committee on Quality of Health Care in America (2001) 'Improving the 21st-century Health Care System. Crossing the Quality Chasm: a New Health System for the 21st Century.' (National Academies Press: Washington, DC, USA)
- International Diabetes Federation (2012) 'Global Guideline for Type 2 Diabetes.' (International Diabetes Federation: Brussels, Belgium)
- International Diabetes Federation (2017) IDF Diabetes Atlas: Eighth Edition. (International Diabetes Federation: Brussels, Belgium) Available at www.diabetesatlas.org [Verified 29 July 2019]
- Kandula NR, Moran MR, Tang JW, O'Brien MJ (2018) Preventing diabetes in primary care: providers' perspectives about diagnosing and treating prediabetes. *Clinical Diabetes* 36, 59–66. doi:10.2337/ cd17-0049
- Keleher H (2001) Why primary health care offers a more comprehensive approach to tackling health inequities than primary care. Australian Journal of Primary Health 7, 57–61. doi:10.1071/PY01035
- Kolb JM, Kitos NR, Ramachandran A, Lin JJ, Mann DM (2014) What do primary care prediabetes patients need? A baseline assessment of patients engaging in a technology-enhanced lifestyle intervention. *Journal of Bioinformatics and Diabetes* 1, 37–49. doi:10.14302/issn.2374-9431. jbd-13-312
- Kushner RF (1995) Barriers to providing nutrition counseling by physicians: a survey of primary care practitioners. *Preventive Medicine* **24**, 546–552. doi:10.1006/pmed.1995.1087
- Li G, Zhang P, Wang J, Gregg EW, Yang W, Gong Q, Li H, Li H, Jiang Y, An Y, Shuai Y, Zhang B, Zhang J, Thompson TJ, Gerzoff RB, Roglic G, Hu Y, Bennett PH (2008) The long-term effect of lifestyle interventions to prevent diabetes in the China Da Qing Diabetes Prevention Study: a 20year follow-up study. *Lancet* **371**, 1783–1789. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736 (08)60766-7
- Mainous AG 3rd, Tanner RJ, Scuderi CB, Porter M, Carek PJ (2016) Prediabetes screening and treatment in diabetes prevention: the impact of physician attitudes. *Journal of The American Board of Family Medicine: JABFM* 29, 663–671. doi:10.3122/jabfm.2016.06.160138
- Mehta S, Mocarski M, Wisniewski T, Gillespie K, Venkat Narayan KM, Lang K (2017) Primary care physicians' utilization of type 2 diabetes screening guidelines and referrals to behavioral interventions: a surveylinked retrospective study. *BMJ Open Diabetes Research & Care* 5, e000406. doi:10.1136/bmjdrc-2017-000406
- Moore H, Adamson AJ, Gill T, Waine C (2000) Nutrition and the health care agenda: a primary care perspective. *Family Practice* 17, 197–202. doi:10.1093/fampra/17.2.197
- Munuo AE, Mugendi BW, Kisanga OA, Otieno GO (2016) Nutrition knowledge, attitudes and practices among healthcare workers in management of chronic kidney diseases in selected hospitals in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; a cross-sectional study. *BMC Nutrition* 2, 6. doi:10.1186/s40795-016-0045-y
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (2015) Type 2 diabetes in adults: management. (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence: London, UK) Available at nice.org.uk/guidance/ng28 [Verified 29 July 2019]

- O'Brien MJ, Moran MR, Tang JW, Vargas MC, Talen M, Zimmermann LJ, Ackermann RT, Kandula NR (2016) Patient perceptions about prediabetes and preferences for diabetes prevention. *The Diabetes Educator* 42, 667–677. doi:10.1177/01457217166666678
- Okosun IS, Lyn R (2015) Prediabetes awareness, healthcare provider's advice, and lifestyle changes in American adults. *International Journal of Diabetes Mellitus* 3, 11–18. doi:10.1016/j.ijdm.2010. 12.001
- Parker AR, Byham-Gray L, Denmark R, Winkle PJ (2014) The effect of medical nutrition therapy by a registered dietitian nutritionist in patients with prediabetes participating in a randomized controlled clinical research trial. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* 114, 1739–1748. doi:10.1016/j.jand.2014.07.020
- Pluye P, Gagnon MP, Griffiths F, Johnson-Lafleur J (2009) A scoring system for appraising mixed methods research, and concomitantly appraising qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods primary studies in Mixed Studies Reviews. *International Journal of Nursing Studies* 46, 529–546. doi:10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2009.01.009
- Ramachandran A, Snehalatha C, Mary S, Mukesh B, Bhaskar AD, Vijay V (2006) The Indian Diabetes Prevention Programme shows that lifestyle modification and metformin prevent type 2 diabetes in Asian Indian subjects with impaired glucose tolerance (IDPP-1). *Diabetologia* 49, 289–297. doi:10.1007/s00125-005-0097-z
- Sladdin I, Ball L, Bull C, Chaboyer W (2017) Patient-centred care to improve dietetic practice: an integrative review. *Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics* 30, 453–470. doi:10.1111/jhn.12444
- Souza MT, Silva MD, Carvalho R (2010) Integrative review: what is it? How to do it? *Einstein (Sao Paulo, Brazil)* 8, 102–106. doi:10.1590/ s1679-45082010rw1134
- Story MT, Neumark-Stzainer DR, Sherwood NE, Holt K, Sofka D, Trowbridge FL, Barlow SE (2002) Management of child and adolescent obesity: attitudes, barriers, skills, and training needs among health care professionals. *Pediatrics* 110, 210–214.
- Strychar I, Yale J, Gauthier Y, Marchand R, Aris-Jilwan N, Champagne F (2006) Physician treatment practices for patients with fasting plasma glucose levels between 6.1 and 6.9 mmol/L. *Canadian Journal of Diabetes* 30, 1–8. doi:10.1016/S1499-2671(06)02011-9
- Sun Y, You W, Almeida F, Estabrooks P, Davy B (2017) The effectiveness and cost of lifestyle interventions including nutrition education for diabetes prevention: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* 117, 404–421.e36. doi:10.1016/ j.jand.2016.11.016
- The Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group (2002) The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP): description of lifestyle intervention. *Diabetes Care* 25, 2165–2171. doi:10.2337/diacare.25.12.2165
- The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (2016) General practice management of type 2 diabetes: 2016–18. (RACGP: East Melbourne, Vic., Australia) Available at https://www.racgp.org.au/ FSDEDEV/media/documents/Clinical%20Resources/Guidelines/

- Troughton J, Jarvis J, Skinner C, Robertson N, Khunti K, Davies M (2008) Waiting for diabetes: perceptions of people with pre-diabetes: a qualitative study. *Patient Education and Counseling* **72**, 88–93. doi:10.1016/j.pec.2008.01.026
- Tseng E, Greer RC, O'Rourke P, Yeh H-C, McGuire MM, Clark JM, Maruthur NM (2017) Survey of primary care providers' knowledge of screening for, diagnosing and managing prediabetes. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 32, 1172–1178. doi:10.1007/s11606-017-4103-1
- Tuomilehto J, Lindstrom J, Eriksson JG, Valle TT, Hamalainen H, Ilanne-Parikka P, Keinanen-Kiukaanniemi S, Laakso M, Louheranta A, Rastas M, Salminen V, Uusitupa M (2001) Prevention of type 2 diabetes mellitus by changes in lifestyle among subjects with impaired glucose tolerance. *The New England Journal of Medicine* **344**, 1343–1350. doi:10.1056/ NEJM200105033441801
- Twigg SM, Kamp MC, Davis TM, Neylon EK, Flack JR (2007) Prediabetes: a position statement from the Australian Diabetes Society and Australian Diabetes Educators Association. *The Medical Journal of Australia* 186, 461–465.
- van de Mortel TF (2008) Faking it: social desirability response bias in selfreport research. Australian Journal of Advanced Nursing 25, 40–48.
- Whittemore R, Knafl K (2005) The integrative review: updated methodology. *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 52, 546–553. doi:10.1111/ j.1365-2648.2005.03621.x
- Williams R, Rapport F, Elwyn G, Lloyd B, Rance J, Belcher S (2004) The prevention of type 2 diabetes: general practitioner and practice nurse opinions. *The British Journal of General Practice* 54, 531–535.
- World Health Organization (2006) Definition and diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and intermediate hyperglycemia. (World Health Organization: Geneva, Switzerland) Available at http://www.who.int/diabetes/ publications/Definition%20and%20diagnosis%20of%20diabetes\_new. pdf [Verified 29 July 2019]
- World Health Organization (2016) Global report on diabetes. World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Wylie G, Hungin APS, Neely J (2002) Impaired glucose tolerance: qualitative and quantitative study of general practitioners' knowledge and perceptions. *BMJ (Clinical Research Ed.)* **324**, 1190. doi:10.1136/ bmj.324.7347.1190
- Wynn K, Trudeau JD, Taunton K, Gowans M, Scott I (2010) Nutrition in primary care: current practices, attitudes, and barriers. *Canadian Family Physician* 56, e109–e116.
- Yang K, Lee Y-S, Chasens ER (2011) Outcomes of health care providers' recommendations for healthy lifestyle among U.S. adults with prediabetes. *Metabolic Syndrome and Related Disorders* 9, 231–237. doi:10.1089/met.2010.0112
- Youngs W, Gillibrand WP, Phillips S (2016) The impact of pre-diabetes diagnosis on behaviour change: an integrative literature review. *Practical Diabetes* 33, 171–175. doi:10.1002/pdi.2030