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## BLOOD SUGAR REGULATION DURING PHYSICAL EXERCISE: REVIEW ARTICLE

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### **Abstract**

One of the causes of diabetes mellitus is physical activity. Management of physical exercise is one of the 5 pillars of diabetes management apart from diet, medication, education and monitoring. The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of diabetic exercise on reducing blood sugar levels in diabetics. This research is a simple review article research. There were 5 articles reviewed. All articles are themed on physical exercise and blood sugar control. All articles conclude that physical exercise can control blood sugar in diabetes mellitus patients.

Keywords: Diabetic Exercise, Decreased Blood Sugar Levels.

#### INTRODUCTION

With time, the pattern of illnesses people experience has changed from malnutrition and infectious diseases to degenerative illnesses like diabetes mellitus. Diabetes mellitus is a chronic condition in which the body has trouble using insulin or the pancreas cannot produce enough of it. This is consistent with the assertion made by that diabetes mellitus (DM) is a degenerative disease that has been on the rise every year in nations worldwide (Ginanjar et al., 2022).

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a chronic metabolic disorder with characteristics of hyperglycemia. According to the Indonesian Endocrinology Association (PERKENI) in 2011, there are several diagnostic criteria, namely a person is said to have diabetes if there are symptoms of diabetes mellitus with plasma glucose when  $\geq$ 200 mg/dl or the presence of classic symptoms of diabetes mellitus with fasting glucose levels  $\geq$ 126 mg/dl or levels plasma sugar 2 hours on oral glucose tolerance test (TPGO)  $\geq$ 200mg/dl (Ruben et al., 2016).

Diabetes Mellitus, better known as diabetes, is a condition of disturbed metabolism in the body due to the body's inability to produce the hormone insulin, causing an increase in blood sugar levels beyond ordinary. The prevalence of this disease in developing countries, including Indonesia, is increasing. The WHO report cited that the DM prevalence of 1.5% - 2.3% will be 5.7% at the age of more than 15 years, and there is estimated that there will be an estimated 178 million people who suffer from diabetes mellitus. Based on the classification of DM, the number of people with type 2



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DM in 2000 is estimated to have reached 12.3 million people and will increase to 19.4 million. This increase occurs in line with increasing life expectancy, unhealthy food intake, less physical activity, obesity, and a modern lifestyle (Rehmaita et al., 2017).

Lifestyle changes like poor eating and exercise habits predispose insulin resistance. People with Diabetes must work towards leading a healthy lifestyle, which includes changing their eating habits to prevent overeating and increasing their physical activity to keep their bodies healthy and prevent complications. The development of various diseases in different body organs, such as the eyes, kidneys, heart, leg blood vessels, and nervous system, are complications that frequently occur when Diabetes is not controlled and handled correctly. Because of this, treating and managing diabetes patients requires effective collaboration between patients, families, communities, and health professionals (Fadhila, 2019)

Components Physical exercise or exercise is crucial in the management of diabetes because of its effect on lowering blood sugar levels by increasing glucose uptake by muscles and improving insulin use. Physical exercise will cause an increase in blood flow, so more capillary nets open so that there are many insulin receptors available, and the receptors become more active, which affects the decrease in blood glucose in diabetics (Indriani, 2004).

The four pillars of managing Type 2 DM are non-pharmacological management, diabetes education, meal/diet planning, exercise, and antidiabetic medication. One of the pillars of managing Type 2 DM is physical exercise. If type 2 diabetes mellitus patients' hyperglycemia is not treated right away, it may persist and lead to complications. By engaging in aerobic exercise, complications can be avoided. The goal of aerobic exercise is to increase cardiovascular endurance to a more usable level. This physical activity is performed for 30 to 60 minutes gradually, intensely, and at low intensity (Indriani, 2004).

### Research methods

This article review method uses simple data analysis (simplified approach). Article search adjusted to Medical Subject Heading (MeSH). This search is done by looking at the title of the article that has keywords like the following:

Table 1. MeSH

Latihan Fisik	Gula Darah	Terapi Pengganti Insulin
Or	Or	Or
Physical Exercise	Blood Glucose	Suntik insulin

Journal searches certainly have inclusion and exclusion from article searches. The inclusion and exclusion of this study are as follows:



# "The Rules of Physical Therapy for Cardiac Rehabilitation in Community Settings" Jl. A. Yani, Pabelan, Kec. Kartasura, Kabupaten Sukoharjo, Jawa Tengah 57169

Table 2. Criteria for Scientific Articles

Inklusi	Ekslusi	
Quasi Experimental Design (One or Two	Literature Review, correlation research	
Group Pre Test - Post Test and Time Series		
Design		
The study sample of patients experiencing	The study sample of patients who did not	
blood sugar levels in the insulin room	experience blood sugar levels in the insulin	
	room	
Journal articles published from 2016	Journal articles published before 2016	
Articles in Indonesian and English	Articles do not use Indonesian and English	

Tabel 3. Hasil Pencarian Jurnal

Tabel 5. Hash Fehcahan Julian				
Peneliti dan Jurnal	Judul Penelitian	Metode	Kesimpulan	
Yoga Ginanjar	The Effect Of Diabetic	Quantitative research	The effect of	
Iga Damayanti	Exercise On Reducing	method, using pre	diabetes exercise on	
Jurnal Keperawatan	Blood Sugar Levels In	design	reducing blood sugar	
Galuh (2022)	Patients With Diabetes	experimental in the	levels in people with	
	Mellitus In The Working	form of one group	diabetes mellitus	
	Area Of Pkm Ciamis,	pre-post test		
	Ciamis District In 2021	design.		
Graceistin Ruben	The Effect Of Diabetic	The research method	Effect of diabetic	
Julia Villy Rottie	Foot Exercises On	used is Pre	foot exercise on	
eJournal	Changes In Blood Sugar	Experimental with	changes in blood	
Keperawatan	Levels In Type 2 Diabetes	the one group pre test	sugar levels in	
(2016)	Mellitus Patients In The	post test design	diabetes.	
	Working Area Of	method.		
	Enemawira Puskesmas			
Rehmaita,	The Effect Of Diabetic	Using a quasi-	Physical activity,	
Mudatsir, Tahlil	Exercise And Walking On	experimental method	both diabetes	
Jurnal Ilmu	Reducing Blood Sugar	with a pre- and post-	exercise and	
Keperawatan	Levels	test two group design	walking, lowers	
(2017)			blood sugar levels.	
Maria Lousiana,	Effectiveness Of Physical	Using a quasi-	Controlling or	
Sr. Hermana,	Yoga Exercise On Blood	experimental	lowering blood	
Sondang Sianturi	Sugar Levels In Type 2	Quantitative method	sugar levels during	
Jurnal Keperawatan	Diabetes Mellitus In	with a cross-sectional	type 2 diabetes	
Soedirman	Kramat- Jakarta	research design.	mellitus	
Puji Indriyani	The Effect Of Aerobic	This research is	There is an effect of	
Heru Supriyatno	Physical Exercise On	quantitative with the	physical exercise:	
Agus Santoso	Decreasing Blood Sugar	type of pre-	aerobic exercise on	
	Levels In Type 2 Diabetes	experimental research	decreasing blood	
	Millitus Patients	without a comparison	sugar levels in	
		group	patients with type 2	
			DM	



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## The Benefits of Physical Exercise on Blood Sugar Levels in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus.

Patients can learn the significance of leg exercises or activities from the research. Blood sugar management requires more than just medication. This is due to the fact that damage to the pancreas' ability to produce insulin, which regulates blood sugar levels, causes diabetes mellitus in patients. It is necessary to support other factors that serve the same purpose as the damaged pancreas, namely by influencing blood sugar production. Exercise and FIIT are the other important components. Choosing and sticking to foods that contain the recommended amounts of sugar is related to FIIT. especially those with a low sugar content. Moderate Walking, body, and leg exercises, as well as other suggested exercises, can help lower blood sugar levels (Westcott, 2012).

The results of this study indicate that people with diabetes mellitus have decreased blood sugar levels. This shows that there is an effect of foot exercise in lowering blood sugar levels as an indication of an improvement in diabetes mellitus. Therefore providing foot exercise activities is an effective way to manage diabetes mellitus. This is because diabetes exercise plays a role in regulating blood sugar levels. In this type, insulin production is generally not disturbed, especially at the onset of diabetes mellitus. In addition to regulating blood sugar levels, exercise can also reduce body weight and prevent complications. Physical activity that is carried out consistently affects physiological changes and adaptations in the human body. Physical activity is any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that results in energy expenditure that can be measured in kilocalories (Wlodek & Gonzales, 2003).

Physical exercise is one type of physical activity. Physical exercise is body movement carried out by muscles in a planned, structured, repetitive manner which causes an increase in energy use to increase body fitness. Physical exercise is often used as the first step in lifestyle modification to prevent and manage chronic diseases, including type 2 diabetes mellitus (Støa et al., 2017).

Regarding reducing blood sugar levels in clients with type II diabetes mellitus by doing diabetes exercise, which states that there are significant differences between fasting blood sugar at baseline and the end of diabetes exercise intervention. This proves that by doing diabetes exercise regularly, it can control or reduce blood sugar levels. The frequency of exercise per week should be done 2-5 times per week; the intensity of exercise is light and moderate, namely 60% -70% MHR (maximum hate rate), and the duration of exercise is 30-60 minutes (Diyah, 2014).

Yoga Practice, Based On Research, Can Control Blood Sugar And Can Reduce Body Weight, Blood Pressure, Lipid Profile, Oxidative Stress, And Cortisol Levels. In Addition, Yoga Practice Can Overcome Problems In Type II Diabetes By Controlling Impaired Glucose Tolerance. The Duration Of Regular Yoga Practice Shows More Effective Results Than Other Physical



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Exercises (Syamsuryadin et al., 2022).

### Conclusion

From several journals that have been reviewed, it is concluded that physical exercise that is carried out regularly and pays attention to the principles of FITT (Frequency, Intensity, Time, Type) can reduce blood glucose levels in people with type 2 diabetes mellitus. There are several types of physical exercise that are recommended for people with DM Type 2 includes aerobic exercise, strength training, flexibility training and balance training.

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