

JNMA Article Helps Doctors Treat Diabetic Patients

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the excellent article by S. Dagogo-Jack. (Dagogo-Jack, S. Preventing Diabetes-Related Morbidity and Mortality in the Primary Care Setting. *J Natl Med Assoc.* 2002; 94:549-560.) I am sure this article will help many physicians to better understand and treat the patient with diabetes. This is especially important as the diabetes epidemic surges on.

It is an eye-opening experience to see the data regarding the cost of care and the burden to society, and more importantly, the cost to human life and suffering. Thank you for helping many physicians better understand what is occurring in this country and especially in the southeastern portion of the US. Incidentally, this region is referred to as the "Stroke Belt" of our nation.

For more information, visit www.amyloiddiabetes.com, an interactive Web site for those interested in type 2 diabetes and the relationship to islet amyloid.

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