



Preventive Measures and Medical Management of Prostate Enlargement in Diabetic Patients

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Abstract

What are the reasons for the failure of COP 27? For the undersigned they are the same as the failure of the failure of all 26 previous COPs, including the good intentions of the countries that signed the Paris agreements of 2015.

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Introduction

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia:

Benign prostatic hyperplasia is also called BPH. It is a condition in men in which the prostate gland is enlarged and not cancerous. Benign prostatic hyperplasia is also called benign prostatic hypertrophy or benign prostatic obstruction.

The prostate goes through two main growth periods as a man ages. The first occurs early in puberty, when the prostate doubles in size. The second phase of growth begins around age 25 and continues during most of a man's life. Benign prostatic hyperplasia often occurs with the second growth phase.

As the prostate enlarges, the gland presses against and pinches the urethra. The bladder wall becomes thicker. Eventually, the bladder may weaken and lose the ability to empty completely, leaving some urine in the bladder. The narrowing of the urethra and urinary retention. The inability to empty the bladder completely cause many of the problems associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia.

Fig:1 Structure of benign prostate hyperplasia

With type-2 diabetes, the body either doesn't produce enough insulin, or it resists insulin.

DIABETES:

A group of diseases that result in too much sugar in the blood [Glucose].

TYPE 2 DIABETES:

A chronic condition that affects the way the body processes the blood sugar [Glucose].

Symptoms include increased thirst, frequent urination, hunger, fatigue and blurred vision.

Fig:2 structure of type 2 diabetes

Diabetes mellitus cause prostate enlargement:

Enlarge prostate size. The autonomic nervous hyperactivity was associated with increased

LUTS and prostate size in male above 38 years. Increased insulin concentration secondary to

Diabetes may have atrophic effect that leads to Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a serious problem in male health. A positive association exists between clinical markers of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) and DM. Subnormal serum free testosterone is detected in diabetic men. Clinical observation of larger prostate glands in men with diabetes mellitus type 2 led some investigators to hypothesize that an association between these two conditions exists. In fact, both diseases are very common in men as they age and seem to be sharing similar epidemiologic.

BPH pathogenesis along with the fact that both BPH and diabetes mellitus type 2 (DM-2) are both high prevalent diseases is posing doubts on the association between these two common

Fig:3 structure of prostate enlargement.

diseases. On the other hand, even though BPH and DM-2 are apparently disparate clinical entities, both diseases seem to be sharing similar epidemiologic features, which are possibly connected to a common pathogenic pathway related to aging and diet. Typically, clinicians treat BPH and type 2 diabetes as entities, although some have suggested that diabetes may be a risk factor for the development and progression of BPH. Vascular damage and atherosclerosis caused by diabetes.



HISTORY:

The prostate was first formally identified by Venetian anatomist Niccolò Massa in Anatomie

libri introductory (Introduction to Anatomy) 1536 and illustrated by Flemish anatomist Andreas Vesalius in Tabulae anatomical sex (six anatomical tables) in 1538. Massa described it as a "glandular flesh upon which rests the neck of the bladder," and Vesalius as a "glandular body".

The first time a word similar to 'prostate' was used to describe the gland is credited to Andr  du Laurens in 1600, who described it as a term already in use by anatomists at the time. The term was at least as early as 1549 however used by French surgeon Amboise Pare.

At the time, Du Laurens was describing what was considered to be a pair of organs (not the single two lobed organ), and the Latin term prostate that was used was a mistranslation of the term for the Ancient Greek word used to describe the seminal vesicles, parastatal; although it has been argued that surgeons in Ancient Greece and Rome must have at least seen the prostate as an anatomical entity. The term prostate was taken rather than the grammatically correct prostrator (singular) and prostrators (plural) because the gender of the Ancient Greek term was taken as female when it was in fact male.

The fact that the prostate was one and not two organs was an idea popularized throughout the early 18th century, as was the English language term used to describe the organ, prostate, attributed to William Haselden. A monograph, "Practical observations on the treatment of the diseases of the prostate gland" by Everard Home in 1811, was important in the history of the prostate by describing and naming anatomical parts of the prostate, including the median lobe. The idea of the five lobes of the prostate was popularized following anatomical studies conducted by American urologist Oswald Owsley in 1912. John

E. McNeal first proposed the idea of "zones" in 1968; McNeal found that the relatively homogeneous cut surface of an adult prostate in no way resembled "lobes" and thus led to the description of "zones..

Fig:4 comparison of normal prostate and enlarged prostate.

STRUCTURE:

The prostate is a gland of the male reproductive system. In adults, it is about the size of a walnut and has an average weight of about 11 grams, usually ranging between 7 and 16 grams. The prostate is located in the pelvis. It sits below the urinary bladder and surrounds the urethra. The part of the urethra passing through it is called the prostatic urethra, which joins with the two ejaculatory ducts. The prostate is covered in a surface called the prostatic capsule or prostatic fascia.

The internal structure of the prostate has been described using both lobes and zones. Because of the variation in descriptions and definitions of lobes, the zone classification is used more predominantly.

The prostate has been described as consisting of three or four zones. Zones are more typically able to be seen on histology, or in medical imaging, such as ultrasound or MRI.

ANATOMY OF THE PROSTATE:

  The prostate is a walnut-shaped gland that is part of the male reproductive system. The main function of the prostate is to make a fluid that goes into semen. Prostatic fluid is essential for a man's fertility. The glands surround the urethra at the neck of the bladder. The bladder neck is the area where the urethra joins the bladder. The bladder and urethra are parts of the lower urinary tract. The prostate has two or more lobes, or sections, enclosed by an outer layer of tissue, and it is in front of the rectum, just below the bladder. The urethra is the tube that carries urine from the bladder to the outside of the body. In men, the urethra also carries semen out through the penis.

  The prostate is a gland of the male reproductive system.

  It is located in front of the rectum and just below the bladder, the organ that stores urine.

  The prostate consists of a base, an apex, an anterior, a posterior and two lateral surfaces.

  The main purpose of the prostate is to produce fluid for semen, which transports sperm during the male orgasm.

Fig:5 Anatomy of prostate

Lobes Of the Prostate:

The prostate is divided into two lobes

ANTERIOR LOBE:

The anterior lobe is used to describe the anterior portion of the gland lying in front of the urethra. It is devoid of glandular tissue being formed completely of fibromuscular tissue.

MEDIAN LOBE:

The median lobe is a cone shaped portion of the gland situated between the two ejaculatory ducts and the urethra.

LATERAL LOBE:

The lateral lobes (right and left lobes) form the main mass of the gland and are continuous posteriorly. They are separated by the prostatic urethra.

POSTERIOR LOBE:

The posterior lobe is used by some to describe the posteromedial part of the lateral lobes that can be palpated through the rectum during digital rectal exam (DRE).

ZONES OF THE PROSTATE

CENTRAL ZONE:

It surrounds the ejaculatory ducts, comprising approximately 25% of normal prostate volume.

The ducts of the glands from the central zone are obliquely emptying in the prostatic urethra, thus being rather immune to urine reflux.

TRANSITIONAL ZONE:

It is located centrally and surrounds the urethra, comprising approximately 5-10% of normal prostate volume.

The glands of the transitional zone are those that typically undergo benign hyperplasia (BPH).

PERIPHERAL ZONE:

Makes up the main body of the gland (approximately 65%) and is located posteriorly.

The ducts of the glands from the peripheral zone are vertically emptying in the prostatic urethra; that may explain the tendency of these glands to permit urine reflux. That also explains the high incidence of acute and chronic inflammation found in these compartments, a fact that may be linked to the high incidence of prostate carcinoma at the peripheral zone.

The peripheral zone is mainly the area felt against the rectum on DRE, which is of irreplaceable value.

FIBROMUSCULAR STROMA:

The fibromuscular stroma (or fourth zone for some) is situated anteriorly in the gland.

It merges with the tissue of the urogenital diaphragm.

This part of the gland is actually the result of interaction of the prostate gland budding around the urethra during prostate embryogenesis and the common horseshoe-like muscle precursor of the smooth and striated muscle that will eventually form the internal and external urethra sphincter.

Fig:6 structure of fibromuscular stroma.

Gene and protein expression:

About 20,000 protein coding genes are expressed in human cells and almost 75% of these genes are expressed in the normal prostate. About 150 of these genes are more specifically expressed in the prostate, with about 20 genes being highly prostate

specific. The corresponding specific proteins are expressed in the glandular and secretory cells of the prostatic gland and have functions that are important for the characteristics of semen, including prostate-specific proteins, such as the prostate specific antigen (PSA), and the Prostatic acid phosphatase.

Development:

The ventral division of cloaca which is the terminal part of hindgut, forms the urogenital sinus. During the ninth to tenth week of development, the mesenchymes surrounding the urogenital sinus interact with endoderm of proximal part of urogenital sinus which later forms the pro



ximal part of urethra. As a result of these interactions, the initial outgrowths arise from the lateral aspect of the endodermal tube. The outgrowths form the outer glandular zone of prostate. The subsequent outgrowths arise from its dorsal wall which form the internal glandular zone. The outgrowths develop into five distinct groups of epithelial buds by the end of the 11th week and are completed by the 16th week. According to the classification given by Lowsley, five groups of epithelial buds give rise to five lobes, namely, the median, right and left lateral and posterior

and anterior lobes (Lowsley 1912). These lobes of prostate gland till are recognized the 20th week of gestation. With an advance in gestational age, only three lobes are recognizable—two lateral lobes and a median lobe. The epithelial buds branch and rebranch ending into complex ductal system that meets the differential mesenchymal cells. The mesenchymal cells develop around the tubules by the 16th week and become denser at the periphery to form the prostatic capsule. Development of prostate gland (a–e): the endodermal outgrowths from the prostatic urethra into the surrounding mesenchyme form the gland primordium which further proliferate and enlarges. 1 allantois, 2 urinary bladder, 3 ureter, 4 definitive urogenital sinus, 5 seminal vesicle, 6 pelvic part of urogenital sinus, 7 anorectal canal, 8 ductus deferens, 9 prostate, 10 penile urethra, 11 endodermal tube, 12 glandular outgrowths, (f) prostatic glands, (g) enlarged view of tubuloalveolar glands.

Fig: 7 structure of development of prostate.

FUNCTION OF PROSTATE:

It helps produce semen.

The main function of the prostate is to help produce semen. It makes an alkaline fluid which mixes with sperm during ejaculation to create semen. The alkaline fluid helps to protect the sperm once it reaches a woman's vagina as this is an acidic environment.

It produces prostate-specific antigen (PSA).

The prostate produces a fluid called prostate-specific antigen (PSA) which also helps the sperm by acting like a glue to attach it to a woman's cervix. The "glue" then dissolves and the sperm is free to swim into the uterus to find an egg.

The high levels of PSA in a man can also be an indication of prostate cancer. Men over a certain age should have their PSA levels checked on a yearly basis. This is done through a simple blood test.

It pumps sperm.

As well as helping to make semen, the prostate gland helps to pump out sperm during intercourse. The pumping action ensures that the sperm can travel far enough into the uterus to possibly find an egg. This experience helps make sex pleasurable for men.

It's the "G-spot."

The prostate gland is also known as the male "G-spot" and if stimulated during sex can lead to an intense orgasm for some men.

It acts as a filter.

The prostate gland acts as a filter for sperm, removing any toxins that would inhibit the sperm from doing its job. It's believed that there is an increase in prostate diseases because there are more toxins in the air we breathe and food we eat, so the prostate has to work harder.

It creates erections.

The prostate nerves play a role in creating and maintaining erections during sex as they trigger extra blood to the penis to help it well. Many prostate treatments have the potential to disrupt this process and cause issues with erections.

It protects against urinary tract infections.

Prostate secretions can help protect the urethra from urinary tract infections (UTIs).

It controls urine flow.

The prostate controls the flow of urine down the urethra and stops urine from leaving the bladder until a man needs to urinate. It also ensures that no urine is mixed with sperm when a man ejaculates. As the prostate grows, the pressure on the urethra can cause problems with urination.

It produces hormones.

The prostate is responsible for the production of the male hormones dihydrotestosterone (DHT) which happens when testosterone is converted to DHT by the 5-alpha-reductase enzyme in the prostate. DHT is responsible for the male sex drive and as a man ages, this production may slow due to toxins in the prostate and lead to a reduced sex drive.

PROSTATE DYSFUNCTION.

It mainly caused by

Male hormonal changes in old men

Aging

Inflammation And

Fibrosis

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AGE CHANGES IN THE PROSTATE:

At birth, the prostate has a system of ducts embedded in a stroma that forms a large part of the gland. Follicles are represented by small end buds on the ducts. Before birth, the epithelium of the ducts, seminal colliculus and prostatic utricle display hyperplasia and squamous metaplasia, possibly due to maternal estrogens in the foetal blood. This subsides after birth and is followed by a period of quiescence lasting for 12–14 years. At puberty, between the ages of approximately 14 and 18 years, the prostate gland enters a maturation phase and more than doubles in size during this time. Growth is almost entirely due to follicular development, partly from end-buds on ducts, and partly from modification of the ductal branches. Morphogenesis and differentiation of the epithelial cords starts in an intermediate part of the epithelial anlage and proceeds to the urethral and subcapsular parts of the gland; the latter is reached by the age of 17–18 years. The glandular epithelium is initially multilayered squamous or cuboidal and is transformed into a pseudostratified epithelium consisting of basal, exocrine secretory (including mucous) and neuroendocrine cells. The mucous cells are temporary and are lost as the gland matures. The remaining exocrine secretory cells produce a number of products, including acid phosphatase, prostate-specific antigen and β -microseminoprotein. Growth of the secretory component is associated with condensation of the stroma, which diminishes relative to the glandular tissue. These changes are probably a response to the secretion of testosterone by the testis. During the third decade, the glandular epithelium grows by irregular multiplication of the epithelial infoldings into the lumen of the follicles. After the third decade, the size of the prostate remains virtually unaltered until 45–50 years, when the epithelial folding's tend to disappear, follicular outlines become more regular, and amyloid bodies increase in number: all signs of prostatic involution. After 45–50 years, the prostate tends to develop BPH: an age-related condition. If a man lives long enough, then BPH is inevitable, although not always symptomatic.

Prostate Disease and Ageing:

Around 25 per cent of men aged 55 years and over have a prostate condition. This increases to 50 per cent by the age of 70 years. Early stages of prostatic disease may have no symptoms.

Man with 50s or 60s, talk to the doctor about whether they need to have their prostate gland checked and, if so, how often. If they have a family history of prostatic disease (or particular concerns), talk to the doctor earlier about when prostate checks might be suitable for men.



TYPES OF PROSTATE DISEASES:

The three most common types of prostate disease are

Benign prostatic hyperplasia

Prostatitis

Prostate cancer

Although these diseases have different causes, they have similar symptoms. This is why it's important to discuss prostate cancer screening with the doctor as part of your yearly

physical examination. A doctor will often refer to a urologist (a doctor who specializes in diseases of the urinary tract and the male reproductive system) if they have symptoms of any of the following diseases.

PROSTATITIS:

Prostatitis is an inflammation of the prostate. This can be caused by a bacterial infection. Men of all ages can get prostatitis, and it can occur in any size prostate (enlarged or not).

Symptoms of prostatitis include:

Difficulty urinating

Frequent urination, especially at night

Pain or burning during urination

Chills and fever along with urinating problems.

PROSTATE CANCER:

Prostate cancer, in its early stages, may not cause any symptoms. But as it progresses, symptoms often appear.

Symptoms of prostate cancer include:

A need to urinate frequently, especially at night.

Difficulty starting urination.

Inability to urinate.

Weak or interrupted flow of urine (dribbling).

Painful or burning urination.

Painful ejaculation.

Blood in urine or semen.

Frequent pain or stiffness in the back, hips, or upper thighs.

NON-CANCEROUS PROSTATE [BPH]:

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Age-associated prostate gland enlargement that can cause urination difficulty.

This type of prostate enlargement isn't thought to be a precursor to prostate cancer.

With this condition, the urinary stream may become weak or stop and start. In some cases, it can lead to infection, bladder stones, and reduced kidney function.

Treatments include medication that relaxes or shrinks the prostate, surgery, and minimally invasive surgery.

BENIGN PROSTATE HYPERPLASIA:

Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) refers to the non-malignant growth or hyperplasia of prostate tissue and is a common cause of lower urinary tract symptoms in men. Disease prevalence has been shown to increase with advancing age. Indeed, the histological prevalence of BPH at autopsy is as high as 50% to 60% for males in their 60's, increasing to 80% to 90% of those over 70 years of age.

Several definitions exist in the literature when describing BPH. These include bladder outlet obstruction (BOO), lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS), and benign prostatic enlargement (BPE). BPH describes the histological changes, benign prostatic enlargement (BPE) describes the increased size of the gland (usually secondary to BPH) and bladder outlet obstruction (BOO) describes the obstruction to flow. Those with BPE who present with BOO are termed benign prostatic obstruction. Lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) simply describe urinary symptoms shared by disorders affecting the

bladder and prostate (when in reference to men). LUTS can be subdivided into storage and voiding symptoms. These terms have largely replaced those historically termed "prostatism."

The development of benign prostatic hyperplasia is characterized by stromal and epithelial cell proliferation in the prostate transition zone (surrounding the urethra), this leads to compression of the urethra and development of bladder outflow

obstruction

(BOO) which can result in clinical manifestations of lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS), urinary retention or infections due to incomplete bladder emptying. Long-term, untreated disease can lead to the development of chronic high-pressure retention (a potentially life-threatening emergency) and long-term changes to the bladder detrusor (both overactivity and reduced contractility).

Treatment options for BPH range from watchful waiting, to medical and surgical intervention. Risk factors may be divided into non-modifiable and modifiable, with factors such as age, genetics, geographical location, and obesity, all shown to influence

the development of BPH. It is, therefore, important to be able to identify those at risk of disease progression and those who can be managed more conservatively to reduce associated morbidity and health care burden.

ETIOLOGY:

The etiology of BPH is influenced by a wide variety of risk factors in addition to direct hormonal effects of testosterone on prostate tissue.

Although they do not cause BPH directly, testicular androgens are required in the development of BPH with dihydrotestosterone (DHT) interacting directly with prostatic epithelium and stroma. Testosterone produced in the testes is converted to dihydrotestosterone (DHT) by 5 α -reductase in prostatic stromal cells and accounts for 90% of total prostatic androgens. DHT has direct effects on stromal cells in the prostate, paracrine effects in adjacent prostatic cells, and endocrine effects in the bloodstream, which influences both cellular proliferation and apoptosis (cell death).

BPH arises as a result of the loss of homeostasis between cellular proliferation and cell death, resulting in an imbalance favouring cellular proliferation. This results in increased numbers of epithelial and stromal cells in the periurethral area of the prostate and can be seen histopathologically.

MAIN CAUSES:

Aging along with endocrine factors

Idiopathic

Alcohol consumption

Overactive bladder

Inflammation

Obesity

Cancer of prostate

EPIDEMIOLOGY:

Differences in case definitions make interpretation of population-based studies regarding BPH difficult. Whereas BPH can refer to histology, benign prostate enlargement, and physician diagnosis of BPH, LUTS refer to the urinary symptoms shared by disorders affecting the prostate and bladder.

Age is a significant predictor of both the development of BPH and subsequent LUTS, with 50% of men over the age of 50 shown to have evidence of BPH and the association with the development of LUTS shown to increase with age in a linear fashion. This is supported by studies that have demonstrated increases in prostate volume with age (2% to 2.5% increase in size per year). In the US, studies have shown BPH prevalence to be as high as 70% in those between 60 and 69 years of age and more than 80% in those over 70 years. The prevalence of male LUTS alone demonstrated a significant increase with age from 8% (30 to 39 yrs) to 35% (60 to 69 yrs) in the Boston area community health survey, other US population-based studies have shown 56% of men between 50-79 yrs reported symptoms.

At a population-level, the prevalence of BPH increased dramatically between 1998 and 2007 in the US, nearly doubling in the number of cases. These increases are suggested to be attributable to an aging population, with those over 80 years of age projected to be around 19.5 million in 2030 (from 9.3 million in 2003). As populations age, the number of cases can, therefore, be expected to rise.

International studies have suggested that Western populations have significantly higher prostate volumes compared to those from southeast Asia. Further studies looking at the correlation of prostate volume with LUTS, however, found that lower prostate volumes did not necessarily correlate with symptoms, with



higher mean IPSS (international prostate symptom scores) observed in a cohort of Indian men compared to western population¹⁰.

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY:

Genetics/Hereditary Factors:

Genetics and hereditary factors impact a wide variety of disease processes and their role in BPH has been examined. A hereditary influence for the development of BPH has been shown in the increased relative risk of 3.3 of disease concordance in monozygotic compared to dizygotic twins and increased incidence risk in siblings with an early onset of BPH disease.

The specific genetic risk factors have ranged from loss of the Y chromosome, to the action of single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). As the influence of androgens is suspected in prostate cancer and BPH, translational science studies have found a link between androgen metabolism (e.g., 5 α -reductase type II gene variants) and BPH incidence. Other SNPs located near genes associated with increased prostate cancer risk (Iroquois homeobox 4 [IRX4], integrin subunit alpha 5 [ITGA5], and regulatory factor X6 [RFX6]) have been linked with more aggressive BPH disease (high IPSS), whilst SNPs linked to metabolic syndromes have correlated with increased prostate volumes. Despite these discoveries, a recent large genomewide association study was unable to identify significant susceptibility loci for BPH development.

Androgens

Whilst ageing is considered essential for BPH development, another factor is the presence of androgens. The role of male sex hormones has been extensively examined; however, the exact mechanism of action or mechanistic importance is still disputed.

Androgens, especially testosterone derived, play a central role in the normal functional development of the prostate. The main mode of action is via the transcription factor, the androgen receptor (AR), which is predominantly located within the luminal epithelial cells, is almost non-existent in basal cells, and present at a lower density in a proportion of human prostate stromal cells. AR expression may be up-regulated in BPH compared to normal tissue; however, no consistent evidence has been demonstrated for this.

A key step in the AR signalling pathway is the conversion of testosterone to dihydrotestosterone (DHT), via the 5 α -reductase enzyme, in particular the isozyme type 2. DHT then binds to the AR with a 10-fold higher affinity than testosterone.

The importance of androgens in the prostate is demonstrated by the effect of pre-existing deficiency in 5 α -reductase. Affected males are found to have significantly smaller prostates than age-matched controls, and histology from these subjects demonstrated the presence of fibrous connective tissue and smooth muscle, but no epithelial tissue.

So, whilst androgens are required for normal prostate development, their role in BPH pathogenesis is still debated.

Perhaps counter-intuitively as the incidence of BPH increases with age, the levels of circulating testosterone in serum generally decrease. Paradoxically, hypogonadal patients who are treated with androgens have no increased risk of BPH development. One answer to this may be that true DHT concentrations are higher in BPH compared to normal tissues, but remain stable during ageing. It is therefore hypothesised that the prostate is insensitive to circulating testosterone level variations, because the AR in prostate cells is normally saturated by relatively low androgen intra-tissue concentrations. Thus, androgens can maintain the growth of prostate cells within BPH. Additionally, there is a reported 8–10% prevalence of basal cell hyperplasia in BPH, which will account for a proportion of the incidence of BPH cases, despite lower circulating androgens. Due to this perceived importance of androgens (particularly DHT) in BPH, the clinical use of 5 α -reductase inhibitors (5ARIs, e.g., finasteride) for treatment has long been established.

Indeed clinically, improvements in the IPSS, maximum urinary flow rate, and decreased prostate volumes are seen after treatment with 5ARIs. This improvement does take a significant length of time to occur, ~6 months, implying that perhaps the true driver(s) of the disease is not targeted by this treatment.

Fig:8 Androgens

Oestrogens

Often observed to work in opposition to androgens, it has been suggested that oestrogen could be the primary hormone driver behind BPH. This has stemmed from

observational animal studies in which oestrogen dosage induced murine prostatic hyperplasia.

Oestrogens, in particular oestradiol, act similarly to androgens, but via their own nuclear hormone receptors, namely the oestrogen receptor α (ER α) and β (ER β). In addition, the cellular aromatase converts androgens to oestrogens.

In men with metabolic dysfunction, larger adipose tissue volumes can lead to increased aromatase conversion of androgens to oestrogens. This is combined with decreased secretion of testosterone, altering the balance between the two sex hormones, which may account for the increased prostate volumes in this cohort. Additionally, in the ageing male, serum androgen levels decrease, whilst oestrogen levels remain constant or decrease slightly, resulting in an increased oestrogen: androgen ratio. This may be significant in the development of BPH. It could therefore be the combination of higher oestrogen and androgen levels that work together in the pathogenesis of BPH.

One reason for this might be the cellular locations of different oestrogen receptors and their perceived actions. The ER α has been shown to be predominately located within prostatic stromal tissue, whilst the ER β is mainly located within the prostatic basal epithelial cells. Thus, ER α can not only cause stromal cell proliferation, but also has a paracrine influence on the adjacent epithelial cells. However, decreased levels of ER α have been detected in BPH.

The evidence therefore remains contradictory. Whilst ER β has a pro-apoptotic effect, ER β knockout mice develop BPH during ageing, and in human cells, activation of ER β , via an agonist, causes apoptosis within BPH tissues. Why then does the action of the two different receptors not cancel each other out? This may be explained by the higher level of the enzyme aromatase located within stromal cells, implying that ER α may nevertheless be the dominant receptor leading to the hyperplasia.

However, all attempts to block the influence of ER α or aromatase have failed to yield conclusive clinical results in BPH.

Insulin

A role for insulin has been proposed in BPH, as epidemiological studies have shown an increased incidence of BPH in patients with diabetes. Hyperinsulinaemia and insulin resistance are both considered independent risk factors for the disease.

Insulin's effect within the prostate is mediated via IGF-

1, whose receptor has been found to be

expressed at higher levels within the stroma of BPH cases. IGF-

1 acts to increase proliferation of stromal cells in BPH, whilst also having a paracrine effect on the neighbouring epithelial cells. Indeed, increased levels of insulin and IGF-1 increased the risk of presenting with BPH compared to controls, and even could be used to predict prostate size, where larger prostates expressed the highest levels of insulin and IGF-1.

The targeting of insulin/IGF-1 may therefore have a potential therapeutic benefit for BPH and

the use of metformin has been shown to inhibit the proliferation of BPH cells by disrupting the IGF-1 axis, namely inhibiting IGF-1 receptor expression and the phosphorylation of insulin receptor substrate 1 (IRS-1), a substrate of the IGF-1 receptor. Further studies on the effectiveness of this drug on BPH tissue and patients would be needed to clinically evaluate this as a treatment strategy.

Growth Factors/Inflammation:

Changes in the sex hormone balance are important in BPH, but it may provide the mechanism

of maintaining the hyperplastic process rather than being the initiating/causative factor. This is

the current opinion on the process of inflammation (indeed chronic inflammation) and the role of growth factors as key to the understanding of BPH.

The AR and Growth Factors:

Growth factors are chemicals that cause cells to act in a number of ways, mainly either to proliferate or to undergo apoptosis. They include keratinocyte growth factor (KGF), epidermal growth factor (EGF), fibroblast growth factor (FGF) and IGF, all of which promote proliferation; whereas TGF- β treatment results in apoptosis.

Within the prostate, growth factors are normally released by the stromal cells and maintain prostate cellular homeostasis through autocrine and paracrine pathways, as seen in the very earliest stages of human prostate development, where stromal factors determine cell fate (see below). An alteration in the balance of cellular homeostasis is at the core of BPH development. Activation of the AR leads to the increase in growth factors responsible for proliferation. For example, in BPH fibroblasts expressing AR, FGF-2 and FGF-7 are overexpressed. TGF- β 1 induces the differentiation of fibroblasts into



myofibroblasts in the stroma and regulates the epithelial cells' response to IGF-1 (above) mediated by the stromal–epithelial cell axis, resulting in the hyperplasia linked to BPH.

This complexity underpins the difficulty in determining the causes of BPH. However, the increased levels of growth factors do contribute to BPH, but what causes the increase in the levels of these molecules? Current thought is that inflammation plays a key role, particularly as a recent study has shown that pro-inflammatory macrophages induced an increase in stromal proliferation in BPH tissue via AR signalling pathways. Xu et al. also found that AR located within stromal cells of the TZ of the prostate had an increased ability to recruit inflammatory macrophages compared to elsewhere within the prostate, potentially explaining why BPH is mostly seen with this zone.

Role of Chronic Inflammation:

An inflammatory process is thought to be the link between the initial cause and the growth factor-led hyperplasia and gland remodelling seen in BPH.

This suggestion for this link came from the study of >8000 men who had BPH/LUTS and were entered into the Reduction by Dutasteride of prostate Cancer Events (REDUCE) trial. Within this population, 77.6% had chronic inflammation in their prostate biopsy at initial trial entry.

The normal prostate contains multiple cells important for maintaining immunity, as the prostate can be exposed to many pathogens from the urinary tract. In non-BPH tissue, T lymphocytes represent the majority of these cells (>90%), with mostly cluster of differentiation (CD)8 T cells (the predominant type) located within the peri glandular region, whilst CD4 T cells are present in the stroma. In samples of BPH tissue, a reversal of this ratio is seen, with a higher proportion of CD4 cells seen, along with CD3 T cells, demonstrating a picture of chronic inflammation.

The initial stimulus for the inflammatory process is still unknown; however, several have been proposed. They include: bacterial (Escherichia coli) or viral (human papillomavirus, herpes simplex) infections, hormone changes, dietary factors, autoimmune responses, and urinary reflux into the prostate collecting ducts.

The initial stimulus causes the activated T cells in particular to release cytokines and interleukins (ILs) responsible for cell damage, such as an increase in expression of IL-15 in stromal cells, IL-17 from T cells, interferon- γ in basal and stromal cells, and IL-8 in epithelial cells. IL-8 is thought to be key as it induces the expression of FGF-2, which has been shown to be a potent growth factor for both stromal and epithelial cells.

This process of lymphocyte activation, cytokine release and growth factor-induced hyperplasia acts as a self-perpetuating cycle, leading to chronic inflammation and a progressive increase in prostate volume.

Role of chronic inflammation

SYMPTOMS OF BPH:

Urinary frequency—urination eight or more times a day.

Urinary urgency—the inability to delay urination.

Trouble starting a urine stream.

A weak or an interrupted urine stream.

Dribbling at the end of urination.

Nocturia—frequent urination during periods of sleep.

Urinary retention.

Urinary incontinence—the accidental loss of urine.

Pain after ejaculation or during urination.

Urine that has an unusual colour or smell.

RISK FACTORS:

Non-modifiable and modifiable risk factors also contribute to the development of BPH. These have been shown to include metabolic syndrome, obesity, hypertension, and genetic factors.

Metabolic syndrome refers to conditions that include hypertension, glucose intolerance/insulin resistance, and dyslipidaemia. Meta-analysis has demonstrated those with metabolic syndrome and obesity have significantly higher prostate volumes. Further studies looking at men with elevated levels of glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c) have demonstrated an increased risk of LUTS. Limitations of these studies are that there were no subsequent significant differences in IPSS, and the effect of diabetes on LUTS has been shown to be multifactorial in nature. Further studies are therefore required to establish causation in these individuals.

Obesity has been shown to be associated with increased risk of BPH in observational studies. The exact cause is unclear but is likely multifactorial in nature as obesity makes up one aspect of the metabolic syndrome. Proposed mechanisms include increased levels of systemic inflammation and increased levels of estrogens.

Genetic predisposition to BPH has been demonstrated in cohort studies, first degree relatives in one study demonstrated a four-fold increase in the risk of BPH compared to control. These findings have demonstrated consistency in twin studies

looking at the disease severity of BPH, with higher rates of LUTS seen in monozygotic twins.

COMPLICATIONS:

The complications of benign prostatic hyperplasia may include

- ☐ Acute urinary retention
- ☐ Chronic, or long lasting, urinary retention
- ☐ Blood in the urine
- ☐ Urinary tract infections (UTIs)
- ☐ Bladder damage
- ☐ Kidney damage

- ☐ Bladder stones
- ☐ Most men with benign prostatic hyperplasia do not develop these complications.

However, kidney damage in particular can be a serious health threat when it occurs.

DIAGNOSIS:

A health care provider diagnoses benign prostatic hyperplasia based on

A personal and family medical history

A physical exam

Medical tests

Personal and Family Medical History

Taking a personal and family medical history is one of the first things a health care provider may do to help diagnose benign prostatic hyperplasia. A health care provider may ask a man

- ☐ when the symptoms began and how often they occur
- ☐ whether he has a history of recurrent UTIs
- ☐ what medications he takes, both prescription and over the counter
- ☐ how much liquid he typically drinks each day
- ☐ whether he consumes caffeine and alcohol about this general medical history, including any significant illnesses or surgeries
- ☐ What symptoms are present

Physical Exam

A physical exam may help diagnose benign prostatic hyperplasia. During a physical exam, a health care provider most often examines a patient's body, which can include checking for discharge from the urethra

enlarged or tender lymph nodes in the groin
as swollen or tender scrotum
taps on specific areas of the patient's body

Performs a digital rectal exam:

A digital rectal exam, or rectal exam, is a physical exam of the prostate. To perform the exam, the health care provider asks the man to bend over a table or lie on his side while holding his knees close to his chest. The health care provider slides a gloved, lubricated finger into the rectum and feels the part of the prostate that lies next to the rectum. The man may feel slight, brief discomfort during the rectal exam. A health care provider most often performs a rectal exam during an office visit, and men do not require anaesthesia. The exam helps the health care provider see if the prostate is enlarged or tender or has any abnormalities that require more testing.

Many health care providers perform a rectal exam as part of a routine physical exam for men age 40 or older, whether or not they have urinary problems.

Fig:9 structured digital rectum.



Medical Tests:

A health care provider may refer men to a urologist a doctor who specializes in urinary problems and the male reproductive system though the health care provider most often diagnoses benign prostatic hyperplasia on the basis of symptoms and a digital rectal exam.

A urologist uses medical tests to help diagnose lower urinary tract problems related to benign prostatic hyperplasia and recommend treatment. Medical tests may include

Urinalysis.
A prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test.
Urodynamic tests.
Cystoscopy.
Transrectal ultrasound.
Biopsy.

Urinalysis.

Urinalysis involves testing a urine sample. The patient collects a urine sample in a special container in a health care provider's office or a commercial facility. A health care provider tests the sample during an office visit or sends it to a lab for analysis. For the test, a nurse or technician places a strip of chemically treated paper, called a dipstick, into the urine. Patches on the dipstick change colour to indicate signs of infection in urine.

PSA blood test.

A health care provider may draw blood for a PSA test during an office visit or in a commercial facility and send the sample to a lab for analysis. Prostate cells create a protein called PSA. Men who have prostate cancer may have a higher amount of PSA in their blood. However, a high PSA level does not necessarily indicate prostate cancer. In fact, benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostate infections, inflammation, aging, and normal fluctuations often cause high PSA levels. Much remains unknown about how to interpret a PSA blood test, the test's ability to discriminate between cancer and prostate conditions such as benign prostatic hyperplasia, and the best course of action to take if the PSA level is high.

Urodynamic tests.

Urodynamic tests include a variety of procedures that look at how well the bladder and urethra store and release urine. A health care provider performs urodynamic tests during an office visit or in an outpatient center or a hospital. Some urodynamic tests do not require anesthesia; others

may require local anesthesia. Most urodynamic tests focus on the bladder's ability to hold urine and empty steadily and completely and may include the following:

- uroflowmetry, which measures how rapidly the bladder releases urine
- postvoid residual measurement, which evaluates how much urine remains in the bladder after urination
- reduced urine flow or residual urine in the bladder, which often suggests urine blockage due to benign prostatic hyperplasia

Cystoscopy.

Cystoscopy is a procedure that uses a tubelike instrument, called a cystoscope, to look inside the urethra and bladder. A urologist inserts the cystoscope through the opening at the tip of the penis and into the lower urinary tract. A urologist performs cystoscopy during an office visit in an outpatient center or a hospital. The urologist will give the patient local anesthesia; however, in some cases, the patient may require sedation and regional or general anesthesia. A urologist may use cystoscopy to look for blockage or stones in the urinary tract.

Transrectal ultrasound.

Transrectal ultrasound uses a device, called a transducer, that bounces safe, painless sound waves off organs to create an image of their structure. The health

care provider can move the transducer to different angles to make it possible to examine different organs. A specially trained technician performs the procedure in a health care provider's office, an outpatient centre, or a hospital, and a radiologist a doctor who specializes in medical imaging interprets the images; the patient does not require anesthesia. Urologists most often use transrectal ultrasound to examine the prostate. In a transrectal ultrasound, the technician inserts a transducer slightly larger than a pen into the man's rectum, next to the prostate. The ultrasound image shows the size of the prostate and any abnormalities, such as tumours. Transrectal ultrasound cannot reliably diagnose prostate cancer.

Biopsy:

Biopsy is a procedure that involves taking a small piece of prostate tissue for examination with a microscope. A urologist performs the biopsy in an outpatient centre or a hospital. The urologist will give the patient light sedation and local anesthesia; however, in some cases, the

patient will require general anaesthesia. The urologist uses imaging techniques such as ultrasound, a computerized tomography scan, or magnetic resonance imaging to guide the biopsy needle into the prostate. A pathologist a doctor who specializes in examining tissues to diagnose diseases examines the prostate tissue in a lab. The test can show whether prostate cancer is present.

Fig.10 Biopsy

The link between BPH and diabetes:

More and more evidence is showing that diabetes significantly increases the risk of benign prostatic hyperplasia. It also increases the risk of lower urinary tract symptoms in general. Hyperglycaemia and insulin resistance increase risk as well. People with type 2 diabetes were found to have larger prostate glands. 5α-DHT has a role in the physiological function of the beta cells in the pancreas. And testosterone and dutasteride are often used in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia. They inhibit enzymes called 5α-reductases. This is an effort to reduce the biosynthesis of 5α-DHT. This can cause a form of tissue-specific androgen deficiency, but can contribute to various pathophysiological conditions. This includes insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes.

Some other theories of why patients with diabetes are at higher risk of developing benign prostatic hyperplasia include the following:

Increased sympathetic tone
Insulin and related factors stimulating prostate growth
Alterations in sex steroid hormone expression
Induction of systemic inflammation

Oxidative stress

Experts also say that metabolic disturbances such as prediabetes and metabolic syndrome (which involves diabetes and heart disease and a higher risk of myocardial infarction) could play a role in the development of benign prostatic hyperplasia.

The insulin-like growth factor (IGF) axis and IGF binding proteins. Researchers have found that higher expression levels of IGF binding proteins predict higher prostate volume.

ENLARGED PROSTATE AFFECTS THE BLOOD SUGAR:

Upon multiple adjusted linear regression analysis, prostate size correlated with elevated PSA ($P < 0.001$) and increased fasting glucose levels ($P = 0.023$). In non-DM BPH patients with normal testosterone levels, fasting glucose level is an independent risk factor for prostate hyperplasia.

COMPLICATIONS:

Urinary retention,



UTI[UrinaryTractInfections],
Haematuria,
Renal failure,
Residualurine,
Cardiovascular disease.

RISKFACTORS:

Age40 years and oldermales,
Diabetesmellitus(Type 2diabetes)
Erectiledysfunction,
FamilyhistoryofBPH.
Hyperthyroidism
Decreasedsperm count

TREATMENT/MANAGEMENT:

Men with benign prostate hyperplasia may present acutely with urinary retention or may be seen in the clinic or primary care setting. Management of male urinary retention is covered in a separate topic. In those with LUTS, treatment options range from watchful weight in to medical and surgical interventionanddependonthedegreeof“bother”ordiseaseburdentothepatient(as assessed by IPSS).

SURGICALMANAGEMENT

Transurethralresectionoftheprostate(TURP):Thisisthemostcommonntreatment for BPH. During this procedure, your urologist will insert a rigid instrument called a resectoscopeintotheurethra.Thisiswhyitiscalledtransurethral.Insertingthescopethisway means no cutting intotheprostate.Theywillthenusethecharged resectoscopetoremovethe excess tissue that is blocking the urine from leaving the bladder. Youmaybeputtosleepwithgeneralanesthesia.Localanesthesiaforthelowerpartoft hebody may be used for this procedure. The average in hospital stay for TURP is 1 to 2 days.

Transurethralincisionoftheprostate(TUIP): ThisisasimilarproceduretoTURP. Insteadofprostatetissuebeingremovedthebladderneckandprostatearecuttorelax the bladder opening, allowing urine to flow more freely. TUIP is most successful on men with smaller prostates.

Simple prostatectomy: This method is asurgical procedurein which an incision is made throughtheabdomenorperformedlaparoscopically.Theinnerportionoftheprostat eglanis removed, leaving the outer segment intact.

MEDICALMANAGEMENT:

MEDICALMANAGEMENTOFBPHACCORDINGTOBLADDERCC LEVELS.

Asmall prostatehas avolumeof 30ml to40ml andaweightof 20g to 70g.
Amedium prostatehas a value of40mlto 80mland aweightof 20g to 125g.
Alargeprostatehas avolume of40ml to100ml and aweight of 40g to 125g.
Anormalsized prostateisaround 25g.
Anenlarged prostatemay growwell overthreetimesthenormalsize[over 80grams].

Prostate<30 g:Alpha–adrenoceptor blockers.

Prostate>30 g5 Alpha– reductaseinhibitors ±Alpha –adrenoceptor blockers.

MEDICATIONS:

CLASS	DRUGS	DAILYDOSE
5ALPHAREDUCTASEINHIBITORS	FINASTERIDE DUTASTERIDE	5MG
0.5MG		
MINERALOCORTICOID RECEPTORSANTAGONIST[MRAs]	TOLERODINE	
FESOTERODINE	1-2MGBID	
4-8MG		
PHOSPHODIESTERASE[PDEs]		

INHIBITORS	TADALAFIL	5MG
COMBINATIONPRODUCTS	DUTASTERIDE- TAMSULOSIN	0.5/0.4MG

TABLE 1: MEDICATIONS

Medications:

Ahealthcareproviderorurologistmayprescribemedicationthatstopthegrowthof orshrink the prostate or reduce symptoms associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia:

- αalphablockers
- αphosphodiesterase-5inhibitors
- α5-alphareductaseinhibitors
- αcombinationmedications

Alpha blockers:

Thesemedicationsrelaxthesmoothmusclesoftheprostateandbladdernecktoimpr oveurine flow and reduce bladder blockage:

- αTerazosin
- αDoxazosin
- αTamsulosin
- αAlfuzosin
- αSilodosin

Phosphodiesterase-5inhibitors:

Urologists prescribe these medications mainly for erectile dysfunction. Tadalafil (Cialis) belongs to this class of medications and can reduce lower urinary tract symptoms by relaxing smooth muscles in the lower urinary tract. Researchers are working to determine the role of erectile dysfunction drugs in the long-term treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia.

5-Alphaeductaseinhibitors:

These medications block the production of DHT, which accumulates in the prostate and may cause prostate growth:

- αfinasteride
- αdutasteride

Thesemedicationscanpreventprogressionofprostategrowthoractuallyshrinkthe prostatein some men. Finasteride and dutasteride act more slowly than alpha blockers and are useful for only moderately enlarged prostates.

Combinationmedications:

Several studies, such as the Medical Therapy of Prostatic Symptoms (MTOPS) study, have shown that combining two classes of medications, instead of using just one, can more effectively improve symptoms, urinary flow, and quality of life. The combinations include

finasterideand doxazosin
dutasteride and tamsulosin (Jalyn), a combination of both medications that is available in a single tablet
alphablockers andantimuscarinics

A urologist may prescribe a combination of alpha blockers and antimuscarinics for patients with overactive bladder symptoms. Overactive bladder is a condition in which the bladder muscles contract uncontrollably and cause urinary frequency, urinary urgency, and urinary incontinence. Antimuscarinics are a class of medications that relax the bladder muscles.

PREVENTIVEMEASURESANDMEDICALMANAGEMENTOFPROSTATE ENLARGEMENT IN DIABETIC PATIENTS

PharmacologicTreatmentOptionsForBPH:

CLASS	MOA	DRUG	DAILY DOSE (ORAL)	ADVERSEEFFECTS
Alpha- Blockers	Relax tension in the prostatesmoothmuscle by targeting alpha receptors	Alfuzosin Doxazosin Tamsulosin Terazosin Silodosin	10mg 1-8mg 0.4-0.8mg	

1-10mg	8mg	Erectiledysfunction, Dizziness, Infection, Hypotension
5 ARIS	Block the growth of prostatecellbytargeting the 5alphareductase	

Enzymeanddecreasing concentration of DHT	Dutasteride	Finasteride
0.5mg 5mg	Erectile dysfunction, Abnormalejaculation	
MRAs	Decrease bladder SmoothmuscleCell concentration	
Byinhibitingmuscarinic receptor	Tolterodine Fesoterodine	1-



2mg 4-8mg Dry mouth

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF PROSTATE ENLARGEMENT IN DIABETIC PATIENTS PDE5

Inhibitors Decrease detrusor, prostate, and urethra smooth muscle tone via increase of intracellular cGMP Tadalafil 5mg Back pain,

Headache, flushing, nausea

Combination product Combined MOA from 5AR1 and alpha blocker Dutasteride + Tamsulosin 0.5/0.4mg Seem on other therapy agents above

TABLE 2: PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT LIFE LIFE-STYLE MODIFICATIONS: Eating more fibre to help prevent constipation, which can worsen symptoms of BPH. Avoiding medications that can make BPH symptoms worse, such as antihistamines and decongestants. Reaching and maintaining a healthy weight. Adopting a healthful, low-fat diet and limiting spicy foods.

Avoid alcohol, caffeine, and nicotine (all bladder irritants) Avoid drinking fluids after your evening meal.

Try to urinate at least every 3 hours.

Double void (after urinating, wait and try to urinate again to make sure your bladder is really empty).

Obesity,

Lack of physical activity,

Dyslipidemia,

Diabetes mellitus,

Higher blood pressure,

A heart-unhealthy diet,

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and other factors that increase the risk for cardiovascular disease also appear to be associated with increased risk for BPH.

Reducing liquid consumption for 2 hours going to the toilet before sleep, long journeys, or other occasions when urinating may be difficult.

Doing exercises to strengthen the pelvic floor muscles. Working with a physician to train the bladder to hold more urine for longer. Reaching and maintaining a healthy weight.

Adopting a healthful, low-fat diet and limiting spicy foods 15.

LITERATURE REVIEW.

Peter E Clark et al., 2013 on Association between physical activity, lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) and prostate volume have concluded that in this cross-sectional analysis, leisure-time and home-time PA was inversely associated with LUTS severity. The association between PA and LUTS severity was stronger for irritative symptoms and among obese men, and was not mediated through changes in prostate size. Our results indicate the need for further detailed investigation of PA and LUTS 16.

F. Comphaire et al., 2014 on Preventing diseases of the prostate in the elderly using hormones and nutraceuticals have concluded a strategy to prevent prostate cancer that aims at providing men with partial androgen deficiency correct testosterone substitution with a sustained release buccal bio-adhesive tablet. In addition, food supplementation with extracts of *Serenoa repens* and a combination of the antioxidants selenium, (cis)-lycopene and natural vitamin E, together with fish oil rich in long-chain polyunsaturated essential fatty acids of the omega-3 group seems warranted. Clearly, a holistic approach including careful clinical and biological monitoring of the aging man and his prostate remains mandatory 17.

N Caretta et al., 2015 on Hypovitaminosis D is associated with lower urinary tract symptoms and benign prostate hyperplasia in type 2 diabetes have concluded that 25OH-Vitamin D levels were inversely correlated with both IPSS ($R = -0.333$; $p = 0.006$) and prostate volume ($R = -0.311$; $p = 0.011$). At multivariate analysis, hypovitaminosis D remained an independent predictor of both IPSS and prostate volume. In conclusion, we showed, for the first time, an association between 25-OH-vitamin D deficiency, LUTS, and BPH in T2DM men 18.

Zhen Chen et al., 2015 on Effect of obesity and hyperglycaemia on benign prostatic

hyperplasia in elderly patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes have concluded that Aging, obesity, high glucose level, and insulin resistance increase the risk of BPH progression in elderly patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes. Managing body weight and lowering the level of glycosylated haemoglobin may slow the progression of BPH in people with type 2 diabetes 19.

Kevin T McVary et al., 2016 on Erectile dysfunction and lower urinary tract symptoms secondary to BPH have concluded that LUTS and sexual dysfunction are highly prevalent in aging men. Both conditions are also significant contributors to overall quality of life. New data has emerged to indicate potential links in epidemiological, physiologic, pathophysiologic and treatment aspects of these two entities 20.

Claus G Roehrborn et al., 2016 on Erectile dysfunction and lower urinary tract symptoms associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia (LUTS/BPH) combined responders to tadalafil after 12 weeks of treatment have concluded novel measure of combined response is useful in differentiating patients with clinically relevant symptom improvement for both ED and LUTS/BPH after treatment with tadalafil 5mg on a daily basis.

This combined responder measure may be useful in future assessment of treatment benefit across patient groups after various types of treatment intervention (e.g., surgical vs pharmacotherapy vs non-pharmacological intervention) 21.

Raymond C Rosen et al., 2016 on Update on the relationship between sexual dysfunction and lower urinary tract symptoms/benign prostatic hyperplasia have concluded that LUTS/BPH is an independent risk factor for sexual dysfunction in aging men. Further studies are needed to define the mechanism(s) underlying the link between LUTS/BPH and male sexual dysfunction. Additional studies of combination therapy for LUTS/BPH, sexual dysfunction, and other age-associated comorbidities are needed to establish new approaches to the optimal management of these conditions in aging men 22.

Xiaobing Qu et al., 2017 on Prostate volume correlates with diabetes in elderly benign prostatic hyperplasia patients have concluded our study demonstrates that PV is closely correlated with diabetes and diabetes has a direct effect on the occurrence and development of BPH 23.

Sae Woong Kim et al., 2017 on Results of a Randomized, Double-Blinded, Active Controlled Efficacy and Safety of a Fixed-Dose Combination Therapy of Tamsulosin and Tadalafil for Patients With Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms and Erectile Dysfunction Trial have concluded the FDC 0.4/5 mg therapy was safe, well tolerated, and efficacious, indicating that combination therapy could provide clinical

benefits for patients with BPH-

associated LUTS complaints and ameliorate the comorbidity of ED. Kim SW, Park NC, Lee SW, et al. Efficacy and Safety of a Fixed-Dose Combination Therapy of Tamsulosin and Tadalafil for Patients With Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms and Erectile Dysfunction: Results of a Randomized, Double-Blinded, Active-Controlled Trial 24.

Cameron W Johnson et al., 2018 on Metformin inhibits the proliferation of benign prostatic epithelial cells have concluded that Our study demonstrates that metformin inhibits the proliferation of benign prostatic epithelial cells by suppressing the expression of IGF-1 and IGF-1 secretion in stromal cells. Metformin lowers the G2/M cell population and simultaneously increases the G0/G1 population. Findings here might have significant clinical implications in management of BPH patients treated with metformin 25.

M Rourpret et al., 2018 on Erectile dysfunction and diabetes: a review of the current evidence-based medicine and a synthesis of the main available therapies have concluded that the aetiology of diabetic ED is multifactorial. Endothelial dysfunction is the link between diabetes-induced ED and coronary artery disease. A global approach is needed for the successful management of diabetic ED 26.

Niketa sieunarine et al., 2019 on Investigating the link between benign prostatic hypertrophy, BMI and type 2 diabetes mellitus have concluded that his study did not show any significant differences in the mean values of PSA levels between diabetics and non-diabetics, between the 3 different groupings based on BMI ranges 27.

John G Ryan et al., 2019 on Erectile dysfunction and its association with metabolic syndrome and endothelial function among patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus



have concluded that Primary care physicians ought to establish trusting relationships with their patients, providing opportunities for them to probe such sensitive issues as sexual activities, as a means of addressing the possibility of ED. When making the new diagnosis of sexual dysfunction in the absence of metabolic disease or CVD, physicians ought to consider the risk for T2DM and CVD. Associations between metabolic disease, heart disease, and sexual dysfunction further suggest that all patients who are obese and have dyslipidaemia, T2DM, and/or depression should be further screened for ED28.

Jonathan C Levy et., al.2020 on Erectile dysfunction in diabetes mellitus that have concluded the Aetiology of diabetic ED is multifactorial although the relative significance of these factors are not clear. A holistic approach is needed in the management of diabetic ED29.

Won ki Lee et., al.2020 on Postmicturition Dribble Is Associated with Erectile Dysfunction in Middle-Aged and Older Men with Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms have concluded that PMD was significantly correlated with ED and reinforced the relationship between LUTS and ED in middle-aged and older men. PMD might be an important component of the association between LUTS and ED30.

Michael B Chancellor et., al.2021 on Type 2 diabetes but not metabolic syndrome is associated with an increased risk of lower urinary tract symptoms and erectile dysfunction in men aged <45 years have concluded that Men with T2DM and aged <45 years had more LUTS but a similar bladder emptying function than the controls. ED was highly prevalent and was associated with the severity of LUTS. Metabolic syndrome did not aggravate the severity of LUTS, emptying function or ED in the early stage of DM31.

Pasquale Annese et., al.2021 on Preserving ejaculatory function in young patients with lower urinary tract symptoms: medium- to long-term follow-up of prostatic urethral lift at a single centre have concluded that Urolift can improve urinary disorders secondary to BPH, preserving EjF and EF. It is a safe and easy method, reproducible, and with low incidence of complications. Careful selection of patients is mandatory. The main reason for dissatisfaction is the higher expectation of better BPH symptoms relief although patients with high bladder neck and/or prostate volume >45 cm3 were aware of the possible failure32.

Longyun Liu et., al.2022 on Comparison of characteristics between Chinese diabetes mellitus-induced erectile dysfunction populations and non-diabetes mellitus-induced erectile dysfunction populations: A cross-sectional study have concluded that the aetiology, demographic parameters, degree of premature ejaculation, and related biochemical tests were significantly different between the DMED and non-DMED populations33.

Chunlin wang et al., 2022 on A Modified Procedure to Diagnose Erectile Dysfunction Using the International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF-6) Combined with the Premature Ejaculation Diagnosis Tool (PEDT) via an Internet Survey have concluded that establishing the prevalence of ED by using a combination of the IIEF-6 and PEDT was more reliable than using the IIEF-5 alone. Further validation of the modified procedure, especially regarding the effect of age on the results, in future studies is required. Wang C, Zhang H, Liu Z, et al. A Modified Procedure to Diagnose Erectile Dysfunction Using the International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF-6) Combined with the Premature Ejaculation Diagnosis Tool (PEDT) via an Internet Survey34.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES.

AIM:

To study the preventive measures and medical management of prostate enlargement in diabetic patients.

OBJECTIVES:

To find the preventive measures of prostate enlargement in diabetic patients.
To find the complications and risk factors of prostate enlargement.
To find the medical management of prostate enlargement in diabetic patients.

PLAN OF STUDY

PHASE 1: [OCTOBER–NOVEMBER 2022]

Identification of study objectives through literature survey.
Procurement of consent from hospital authorities.
Design of standard data entry form.

PHASE 2: [DECEMBER 2022–JANUARY 2023]

Data collection.

PHASE 3: [FEBRUARY–MARCH 2023]

Data Analysis.

PHASE 4: [APRIL–2023]

Report Submission.

METHODOLOGY

STUDY SITE:

The present study was conducted at Vijaya Hospital .(Pogathota, Nellore)

STUDY DESIGN:

The study design is based on the prospective study.

STUDY PERIOD:

This study was conducted over a period of six months from OCTOBER-2022 to APRIL-2023.

INCLUSION CRITERIA:

- ☐ The participants are the male inpatients in urology department.
- ☐ The male patients who have accepted to participate are participated in this study.
- ☐ The men of age 40 years old people are included in this study.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA:

- ☐ The male inpatients who are refused to participate are excluded from the study.
- ☐ The female inpatients in urology department are excluded from the study.

STUDY INSTRUMENT:

The suitable data entry form was prepared to conduct the study. The different part of the data entry forms are:

PART 1:

Demographic data: related to patients age, gender and habit of patients was collected.

PART 2:

Complaints of the patients [symptoms of BPH] that lead to admission in the hospital was collected.

PART 3:

The various diagnostic tests [ECG, 2D ECHO, urine culture, kidney ureter and bladder scan (KUB)] and treatment done to the patients.

PART 4:



The postoperative monitoring data [painscale, urine output data, sense of relief scale] of the patient was collected.
INFORMED CONSENT:

Study protocol was approved by Hospital committee. The nature and purpose of study was explained, and their concern was sought.
The study subject was interviewed with appropriate pre-prepared data entry form. They were provided information about the study and its objectives. The assurance of confidentiality data was given and those whom the inclusion criteria were invited to participate in the study.

Those who agreed to participate in the study signed a pre-informed consent and were interviewed, their diagnostic investigations were collected from the respective sheets.
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

The collected data was analysed by using SPSS 21 software. analysis was done by using number and percentage for nominal data [such as gender, marital status, percentage].

RESULTS

1. PREVALENCE OF BPH IN OUR STUDY AREA.

MONTH	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES.	NO. OF BPH WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES CASES PER MONTH [N=84]
October	200	15
November	240	16
December	110	9
January	140	10
February	250	22
March	170	12

TABLE:3

Figure:11 Prevalence of bph.

1. INCIDENCE OF BPH IN MEN OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

Tableno:4	
AGE GROUP	NO. OF CASES [N=84]
40-49	6
50-59	12
60-69	24
70-79	20
80-89	22

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COMPLICATIONS OF BPH.

Tableno:5	
COMPLICATIONS	NO. OF CASES
Urinary Retention	65
Urgency of Urine	17
Urinary Tract Infections	15
Burning Micturition	05
Nocturia	10
Dribbling of urine	08
Troubling to start urine	40
Reduced flow	55
Leakage of urine	13
Painful Urination	12

Fig: 13 COMPLICATION OF BPH

ALPHA ADRENOCEPTOR BLOCKERS [Prostate <30g]. 5-ALPHA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS [Prostate >30g].

Doxazosin
Dutasteride
Prazosin Finasteride
Terazosin COMBINATION PRODUCTS.
Tamsulosin Dutasteride+ Tamsulosin.
Alfuzosin ER Finasteride+ Tamsulosin
Silodosin Silodosin+ Dutasteride
Phenoxybenzamine

TABLE: 6

PROSTATE SIZE	VOLUME	WEIGHT
Normal	25ml	25g
Small	30-40ml	20-70g
PROSTATE SIZE	VOLUME	WEIGHT
Medium	40-80ml	20-125g
Large	40-100ml	40-125g
Enlarged	>100ml	>125g

Fig:14 Prostate size compared with bladder cc levels

HUMAN PROSTATE WEIGHT THAT HAS COMPARED WITH AGE:

TABLE: 7

WEIGHT OF PROSTATE [IN GRAMS]	AGE OF THE INDIVIDUALS [IN YEARS]
28.2g	40-49 years
30.8g	50-59 years
35g	60-70 years
46.2g	75 years

FIG:15 Human prostate size has compared with age individuals

BPH MEDICATIONS BASED ON AGE GROUP [An ALPHA-BLOCKERS SUBTYPE].

TABLE:8

DRUG	AGE 50-59	AGE 60-69	AGE 70-79	AGE
80-89	% OF RETENTION			
INCC				
Terazosin	31%	31%	34%	41%
Tamsulosin	43%	42%	37%	36%
Alfuzosin	8%	6%	6%	4%
Doxazosin	18%	21%	23%	19%



PREVENTIVE MANAGEMENT OF BENIGN PROSTATE HYPERPLASIA BASED ON BLADDER CC LEVELS. [ALSO INCLUDES SINGLE DRUGS AND COMBINATION OF DRUGS.]

TABLE: 9

NO.OF CASES [TOTAL CASES COLLECTED =84] CAPACITY[<100CC]	DRUGSUSED	BLADDER
40 Cases Siladosin	20-50cc	
20 Cases Tamulosin	50-60cc	
24 Cases Dutasteride+Tamulosin	60-70cc	

FIGURE:16

FIGURE:17

AFTER TREATMENT:

FIGURE: 18

IDENTIFICATION OF BPH IN (TYPE 2 DIABETES) BY KUB DIAGNOSTIC TESTS COMPARED WITH BMI CLASSES.

TABLE:10

KUB[KIDNEY, BLADDER, URETER] TEST[Total no. of cases 84]	BMI[BODY MASS INDEX]
21 cases Normal	
41 cases Overweight	
22 cases Obese	
45 KUB TEST VS BMI	
40	
35	
30	
25	
20	
15	
10	
5	
0	Normal Overweight Obese

Fig:19 KUB Test Vs BMI

BMI RANGES:

NORMAL OVERWEIGHT OBESE

18.5-24.9 25-29.9 30-34.9

BODY MASS INDEX IN PICTURISED DIAGRAM:

STATUS OF DIABETES MELLITUS IN BPH PATIENTS DURING TREATMENT:

Fig:20 Diabetes mellitus in bph patients

NO. OF PATIENTS HAVING UTI ASSOCIATED WITH BPH.

Fig:21 UTI Associated with bph

NO. OF PATIENTS STAYING AT HOSPITAL:

NO. OF PATIENTS WITH UTI	NO. OF PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED
11	0

1. DISCUSSION

The study entitled Preventive Measures and Medical Management of Prostate Enlargement in Diabetic Patients: - A prospective study was carried out for a period of six months in a 300 bedded hospital in the department of urology. The study was carried out during the period of October 2022-April 2023, a total number of 84 patients who met the inclusion criteria was enrolled in the study.

The prevalence of benign prostate hyperplasia cases in Vijaya hospital was noted, 15 cases out of total 200 cases in a month of October and 16 cases out of total 240 cases in a month of November, 9 cases out of total 110 cases in a month of December, 10 cases out of total 140 cases in a month of January, 22 cases out of total 250 cases in a month of February, 22 cases out of total 170 cases in a month of March (TABLE :1).

The age distribution was analysed, and the results revealed that 6 of the patients were in the group of 40-49 years, 12 of the patients were in the age group of 50-59 years, 24 of the patients were in the age of 60-69 years, 20 of the patients were in the age group of 70-79, 22 of the patients were in the age of 80-89 years (TABLE:2).

The various symptomatic complications caused by benign prostate hyperplasia that leads to further examination and finalise the diagnosis of the patients were analysed and the results revealed that from 65 patients were complained of urinary retention, 17 of the patients were complained the urgency to urinate, 15 of the patients were complained the urinary tract infections, 5 of the patients were complained the burning micturition, 10 of the patients were complained the nocturia, 8 of the patients were complained about dribbling of the urine, 40 of the patients were complained about problem in starting to urinate, 55 of the patients were complained of reduced flow of while urinating, 13 of the patients were complained about leakage of urine and 12 of the patients were complained of pain during urination.

Benign prostate hyperplasia medication based on age groups. The drug Terazosin given to the age group of 50-59 it shows to (31%) effectiveness and to the age group 60-69 it shows (31%) effectiveness and given to the age group of 70-79 it shows (34%) and given to the age group of 80-89 it shows (41%) effectiveness to the patients based on 50cc bladder retention. The drug Tamsulosin given to the age group of 50-59 it shows to (43%) effectiveness and to the age group of 70-79 it shows (37%) and given to age group of 80-89 it shows (36%) effectiveness to the

patients based on 51cc-60cc bladder retention. The drug Alfuzosin given to the age group of 50-59 it shows to (8%) effectiveness and given to the age group of 60-69 it shows (6%) effectiveness and given to the age group of 70-79 it shows (6%) and given to the age group of 80-89 it shows (4%) effectiveness to the patients based on 61cc-80cc bladder retention. The drug Doxazosin given to the age group of 50-59 it shows to (18%) effectiveness and given to the age group of 60-69 it shows (21%) effectiveness and given to the age group of 70-79 it shows (23%) and given to the age group of 80-89 it shows (19%) effectiveness to the patients based on 81cc-100cc bladder retention.

Preventive management of Benign prostate hyperplasia based on bladder cc levels. [Also includes single drugs and combination of the drugs]. Out of 84 collected cases in the Vijaya hospital the drug Siladosin were given to the 40 cases of the patients in bladder cc levels of 20cc-50cc, the drug tamsulosin were given to the 20 cases of the patients in bladder cc levels of 50cc-60cc, the drug dutasteride+tamsulosin were given to the 24 cases of the patients in the bladder cc levels of 60cc-70cc.

Before treatment vs after treatment: In the before treatments 37 patients' cases were collected in the range of 50cc bladder capacity, 31 patients' cases were collected in the range of 51cc- 70cc bladder capacity, 16 patient cases were collected in the range of 71cc-100cc bladder capacity out of total 84 cases. In the after treatment 37 patients' cases were collected in the range of 50cc bladder capacity, 29 patients' cases were collected in the range of 51cc - 70cc bladder capacity, 18 patients' cases were collected in the range of 71cc-100cc bladder capacity out of 84 cases.

Identification of BPH in [type 2 diabetes] by KUB (kidney ureter and bladder) diagnostic test compared with BMI (Body Mass Index). we have collected 21 cases in the range of normal patients based on BMI calculations, also collected 41 cases in the range of overweight patients based on BMI calculations, also collected 22 cases in the range of obese patients based on BMI calculations.



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