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RESULTS

AUTOANTIBODY (AAb) SCREENING
GUIDANCE FROM THE BARBARA DAVIS
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Guidance on initial screening ¹	
Children Screen during recommended well-child visits to improve feasibility, starting as early as age 1 year. Screen at: ✓ 1- 2 years of age ✓ 4-6 years of age ✓ 11-13 years of age	Adults Screen during recommended yearly visits to help improve feasibility.
If negative for AAbs¹ Children • Rescreen patients with increased risk in 1 year • For all other patients, rescreen around 6 years and 9-11 years	Adults Rescreen patients with increased risk in 1 year
If positive for 1 AAb² Children Conduct confirmatory tests and consider collaborating with specialists • If <3 years: rescreen every 6 months for 3 years, then annually for 3 more years - If no additional AAbs, stop AAb screening • If ≥3 years: rescreen annually for 3 years - If no additional AAbs, stop AAb screening	Adults Conduct confirmatory tests • For patients with increased risk: to monitor for risk of progression, screen annually • For all other patients: repeat screen every 3 years
If positive for ≥2 AAbs, collaborate and/or refer to a specialist to be staged¹²	

MONITORING GUIDANCE TO TRACK
DISEASE PROGRESSION²

Patients positive for 1 AAb ^{††}	
Children After first positive screen: RBG and HbA1c with AAb screening for 2 years	Adults • Consider annual monitoring if the patient has a first-degree relative with type 1 diabetes (T1D) or elevated T1D genetic risk, dysglycemia, or history of stress hyperglycemia • If no risk factors, perform metabolic monitoring every 3 years
Patients with Stage 1 T1D ^{††}	
Children • Repeat HbA1c with RBG or 10-14 day CGM: - If <3 years of age: every 3 months - If 3-9 years of age: every 6 months - If >9 years of age: annually • To diagnose progression to Stage 2 or Stage 3: use OGTT or a 2-hour blood glucose test	Adults • Provide SMBG meters/strips to check glucose with illness or symptoms • Repeat HbA1c annually - Adjust frequency according to individual risk - If HbA1c changes by ≥10%, perform OGTT to stage - If normoglycemic for 5 years, reduce monitoring to every 2 years
Patients with Stage 2 T1D ^{††}	
Children • Provide SMBG meters/strips • Monitor metabolic status every 3 months	Adults • Monitor metabolic status every 6 months using HbA1c and one of the following: blinded CGM, higher frequency SMBG, or 2-hour plasma glucose following OGTT - If HbA1c changes by ≥10%, perform OGTT to stage • Consider C-peptide assessment to ensure proper classification

1. Simmons KMW, Frohnert BI, O'Donnell HK, et al. Historical insights and current perspectives on the diagnosis and management of presymptomatic type 1 diabetes. Diabetes Technol Ther. 2023;25(11):790-799.

2. Phillip M, Achenbach P, Addala A, et al. Consensus guidance for monitoring individuals with islet autoantibody-positive pre-stage 3 type 1 diabetes. Diabetes Care. 2024;47(8):1276-1298.

* Please refer to the full consensus monitoring guidance led by Breakthrough T1D (formerly JDRF) for recommendations on psychological assessment and support for screened patients.

† The full consensus monitoring guidance recommends metabolic monitoring in clinic via the following methods: HbA1c, OGTT, and random BG, plus SMBG at home. Breakthrough T1D was formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

BG=blood glucose; OGTT=oral glucose tolerance test; RBG=random blood glucose; SMBG=self-monitoring blood glucose