



# Eating disorders And Diabetes

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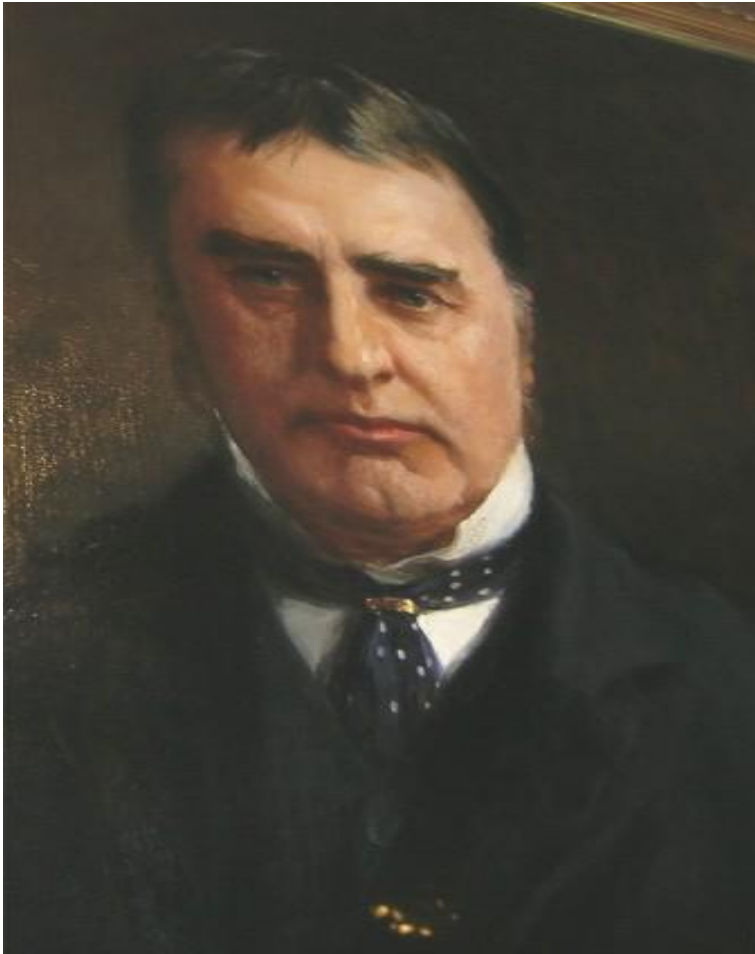


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# Talk Map

- What are eating disorders
- The prevalence of eating disorders
- Comorbidity of eating disorders and DM
- What puts DM patients at risk
- What patients find helpful
- What patients find not so helpful

# Anorexia Nervosa



- USA National Comorbidity  
Lifetime prevalence  
0.9%F & 0.3% M  
(Hudson et al 2007).



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## Bulimia Nervosa

1979: Defined by Russell

1980: Bulimia DSM-III

1987: Bulimia nervosa DSM-III-R

Median age of onset is in the late teens to early 20s

USA Lifetime prevalence 1.5%F & 0.5% M (*Hudson et al 2007*).

WHO .BN (.8%; .4-1.0%).  
(*Kessler et al 2013*)

Persistence BN (6.5 years; 2.2-15.4)

# Binge Eating Disorder: History

2013 DSM-5

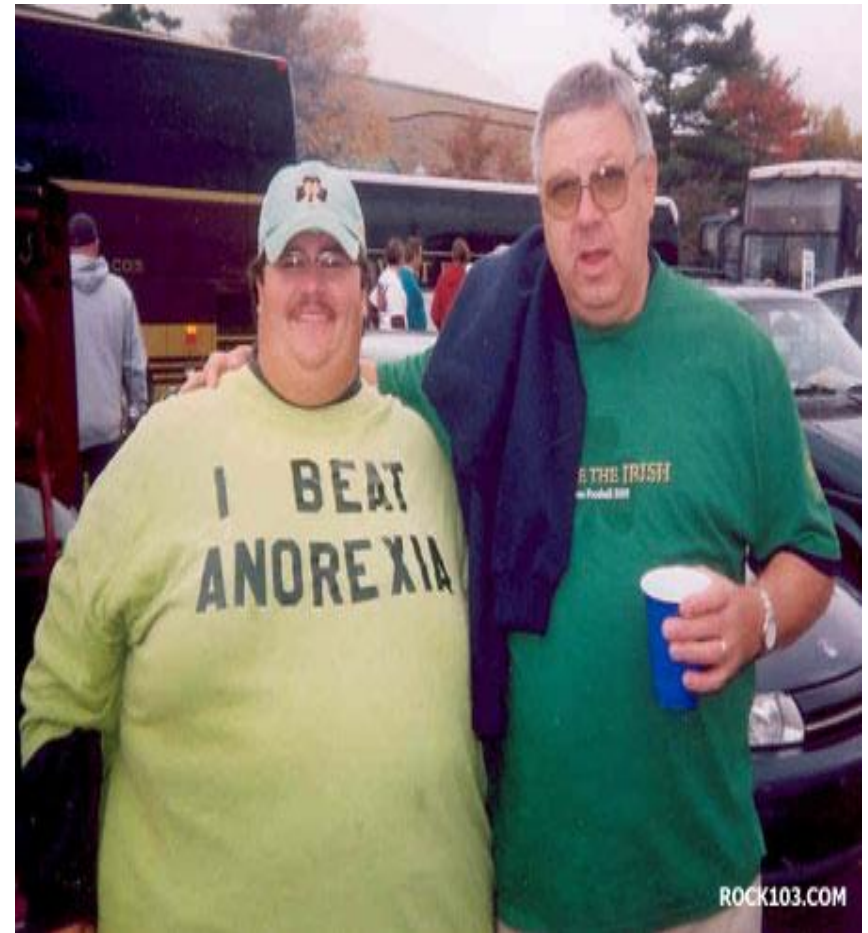
Recurrent distressing binges

- No food restriction
- No compensatory behaviours
- Obesity

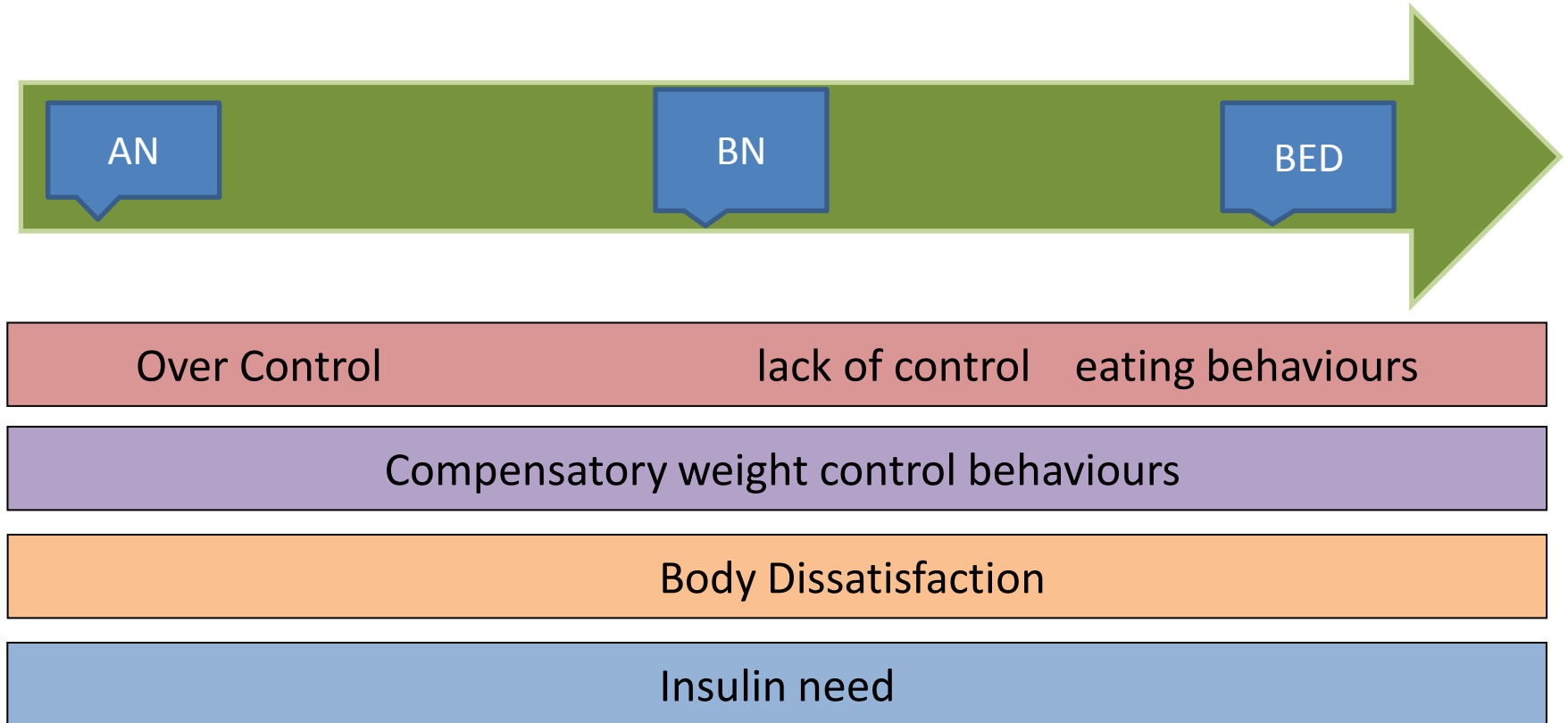
Peak age onset: late adolescence and early 20s

USA Lifetime prevalence 3.5%F & 2% M (*Hudson et al 2007*). WHO BED (1.4%; .8-1.9%) (*Kessler et al 2013*)

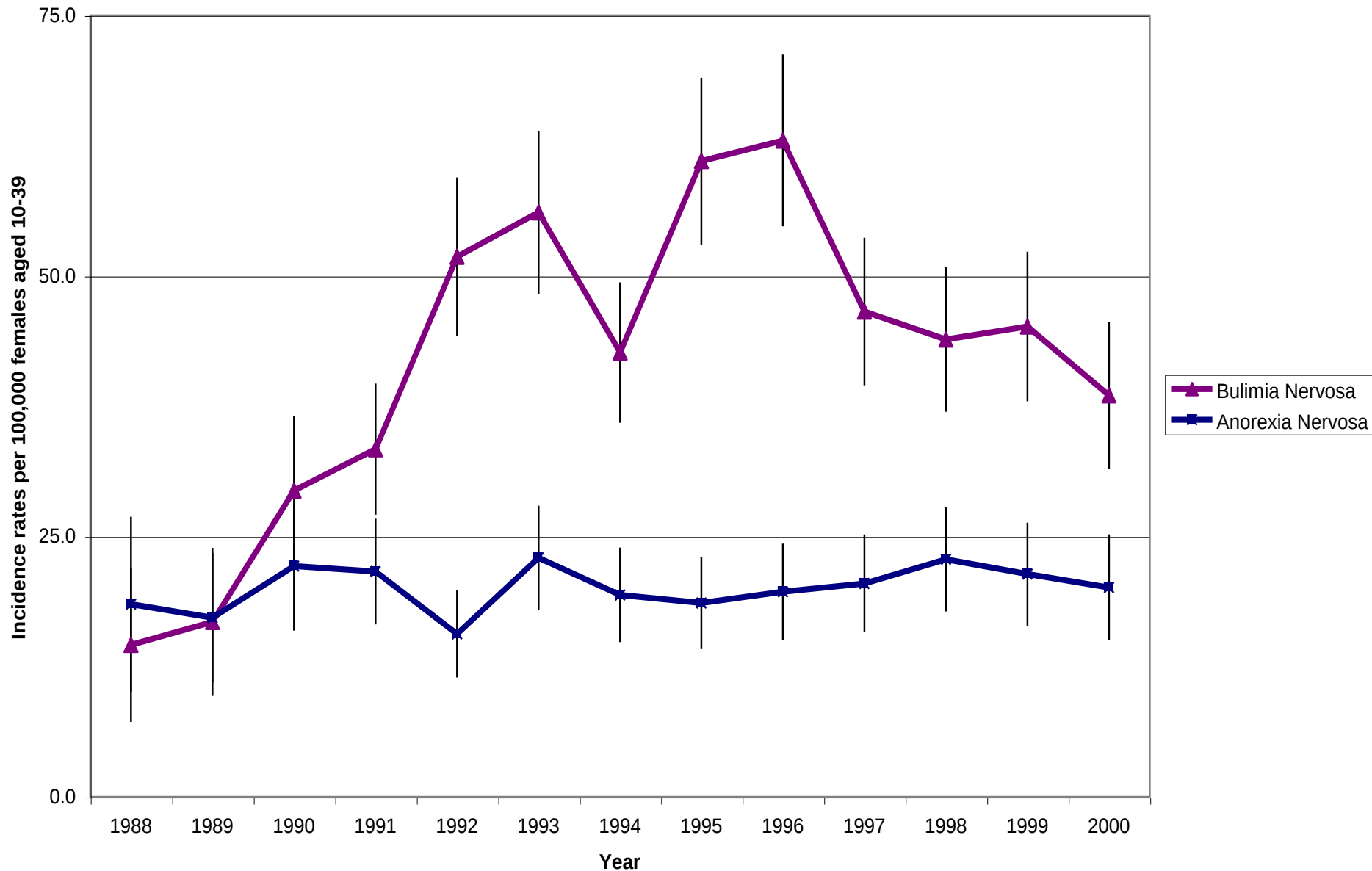
Persistence BED (4.3 years; 1.0-11.7).



# Diabetes with Eating Disorder



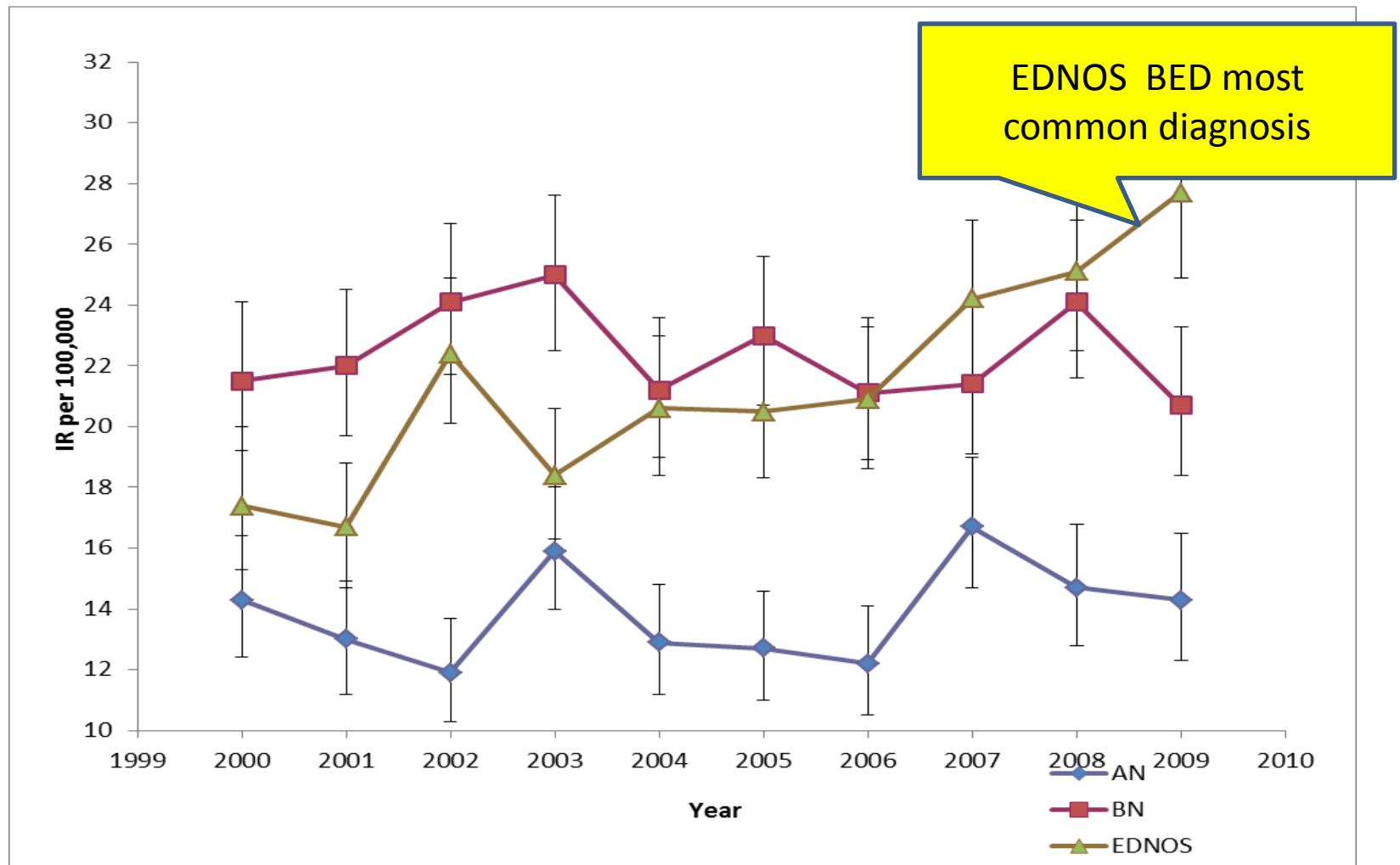
# Time Trends in the Incidence of AN and BN in Primary Care in the UK



Turnbull et al., 1996; Currin et al., 2004

# Cases presenting to primary care in UK

(Micali et al 2013)

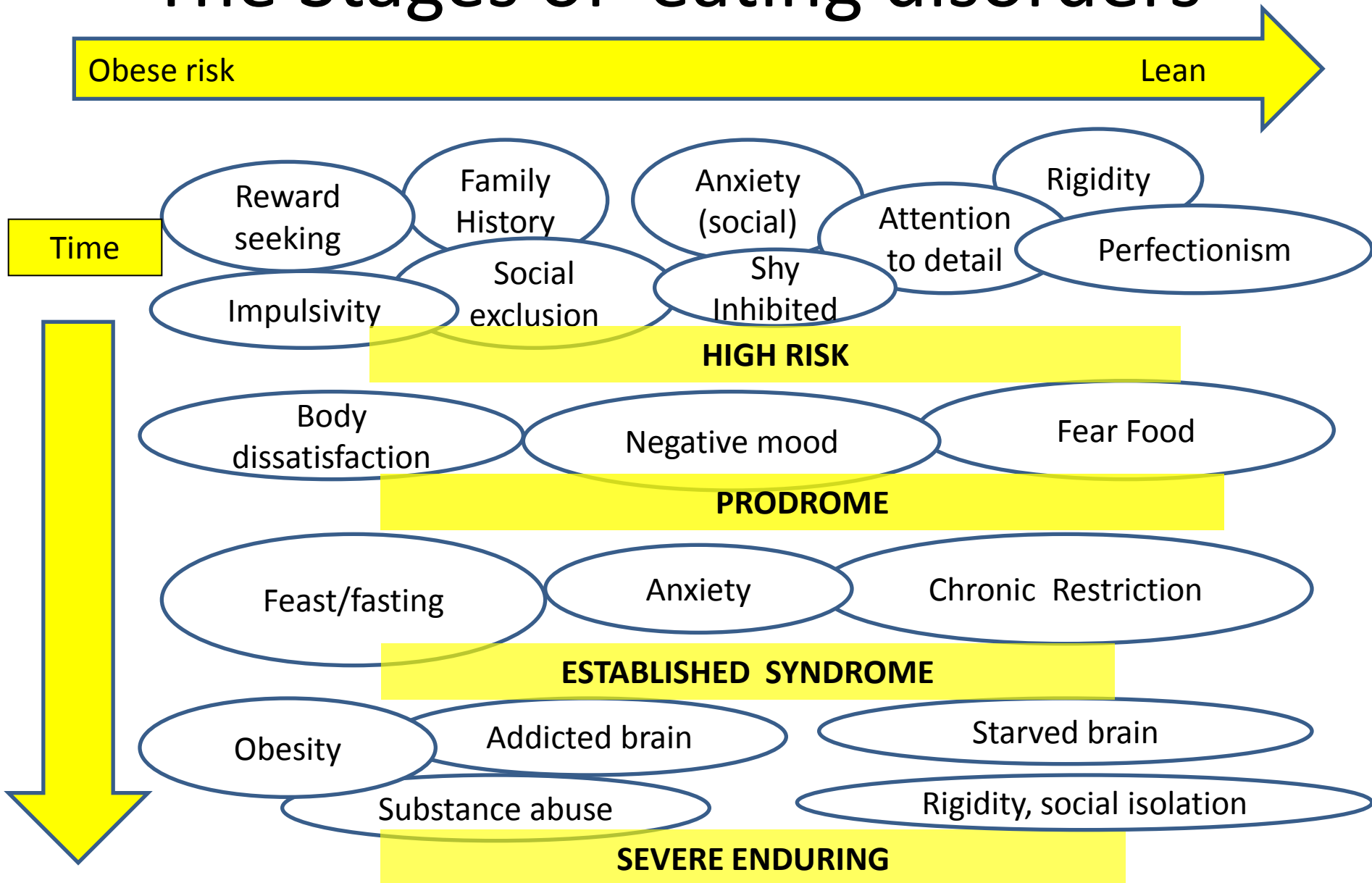


# The association between gender ethnicity and BMI and ED behaviours in SE London (Solmi et al 2013)

|             | OR  |
|-------------|-----|
| Black       | 1.2 |
| Asian       | 1.9 |
| Other       | 1.8 |
| Underweight | 1.6 |
| overweight  | 1.5 |
| Obese       | 2.1 |
| Female      | 2.0 |

10% (N=164) ED behaviours in the year prior to interview.  
M= 5.9% , F= 12.2%

# The Stages of eating disorders



# Epidemiology of ED in type 1 diabetes

## Case control studies:

Increase in subthreshold eating problems: overeating; dieting; heavier; insulin omission; worse HbA1c

Fairburn et al, BMJ 1991; Peveler et al, Diabetes Care 1992

Increase in DSM IV ED 10% versus 4%  $p < 0.001$

Increase in subthreshold ED 14% versus 8%  $p < 0.001$

Worse HbA1c

Jones et al BMJ 2000

## Systematic review

females with diabetes  $n=748$  and without diabetes  $n=1587$

Anorexia nervosa: 0.27% versus 0.06% ns

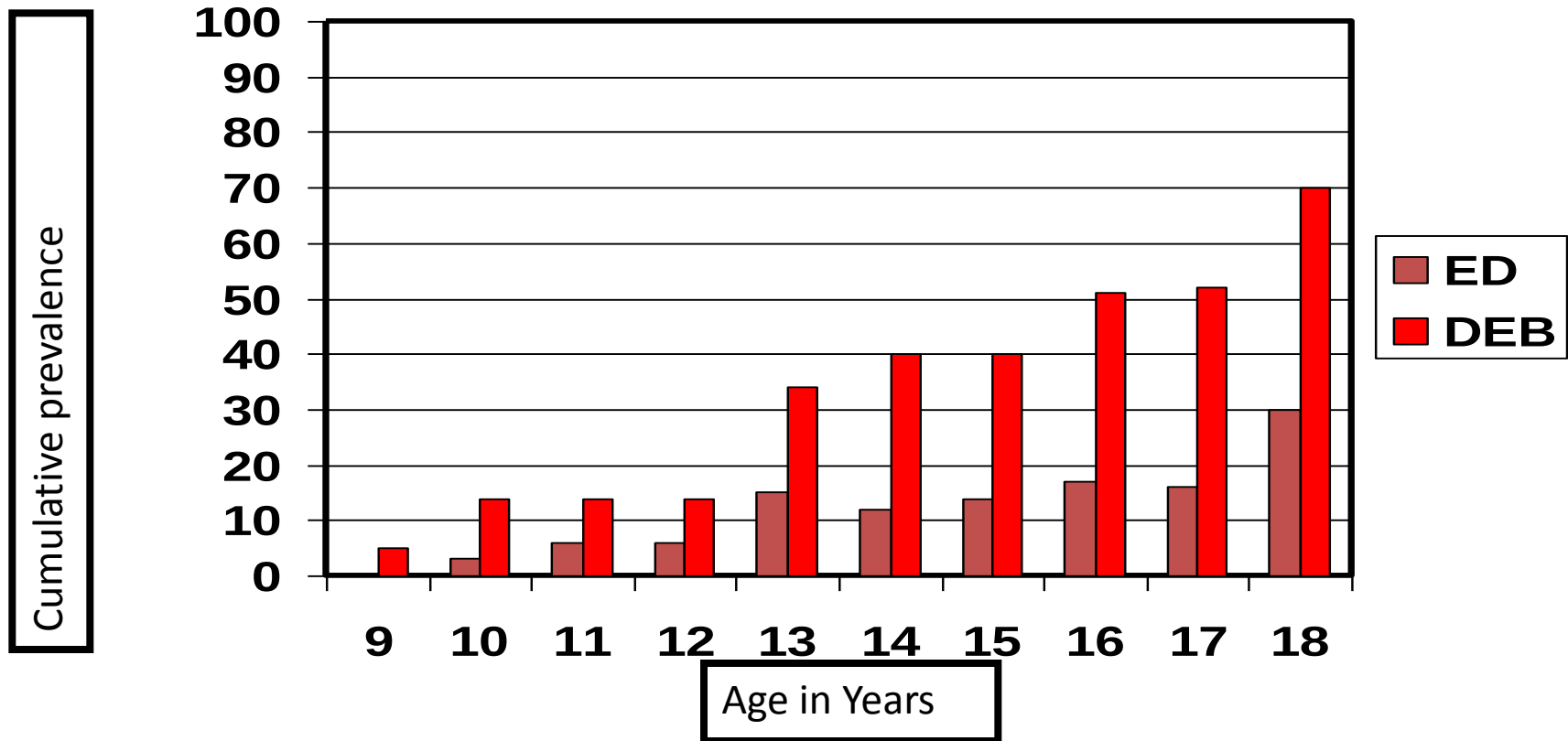
Bulimia nervosa: 1.73% versus 0.69%  $p < 0.05$

Combined AN/BN: 2.00% vs 0.75%  $p < 0.05$

Mannucci et al Inter J Obesity 2002

# Eating Disorders in girls with Type 1 Diabetes

(Colton et al Diabetes Care 30:2861 2007)



DEB –Disturbed eating Behaviour; 43% restrict, 6% binge, 6% V, 3% insulin omission, 25% extreme exercise

ED Eating Disorder : 3% BN, 3% EDNOS, 7% subthreshold

# Disordered eating with rapid fluctuations in blood glucose leads to microvascular complications

| Diagnostic Survey for Eating Disorders | Diabetic retinopathy (%) | Abnormal urinary albumin excretion (%) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Highly disordered                      | 6/7 (86)                 | 3/7 (43)                               |
| Moderately disordered                  | 6/14 (43)                | 3/15 (20)                              |
| Non disordered                         | 12/50 (24)               | 9/50 (18)                              |
| P-value                                | 0.004                    | 0.32                                   |

# What are the things DM specialist need to know?

- Causal Risks: Fat talk, Social processing, Cognitive Factors (OCPD).
- Maintaining Factors: Brain Starvation, Brain fast/feast addiction. Carer reaction
- How to spot

# Causal Risk Factors

# Classical Conditioning: Fat Talk

Praise for not Eating



## Fat Talk

(Nichter & Vuckovic  
1994

Sharpe et al 2013)

**Food=Negative  
emotions**

Criticism Eating



Vicarious learning

Parental eating disorder (Van den  
Berg 2010, Rodgers & Chabrol 2009)

Social contagion (Allison 2013)

High sensitivity to  
judgement and  
rank

Teasing, criticism, bullying  
eating shape weight  
(Brixel et al 2012, Menzel et  
al 2010)

**Not Eating**

# Evaluative Conditioning:

Meaning- Idealisation Thinness/ Fitness

Valuation of Emaciation



Startle ([Reichel et al., 2014](#))

Food=fat

The meaning  
of food/  
eating



Not Eating

Stigmatisation of Fat



Body dissatisfaction

(*Stice & Shaw 2002,*  
*Jacobi et al 2004*)

Social comparison (*Myers &*  
*Crowther 2009 ; [Van](#) den Berg et al*  
*2002*)

Perfectionism (*Wade &*  
*Tiggemann 2013*)

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## Hedonic centre

Reward from food  
(limbic system)

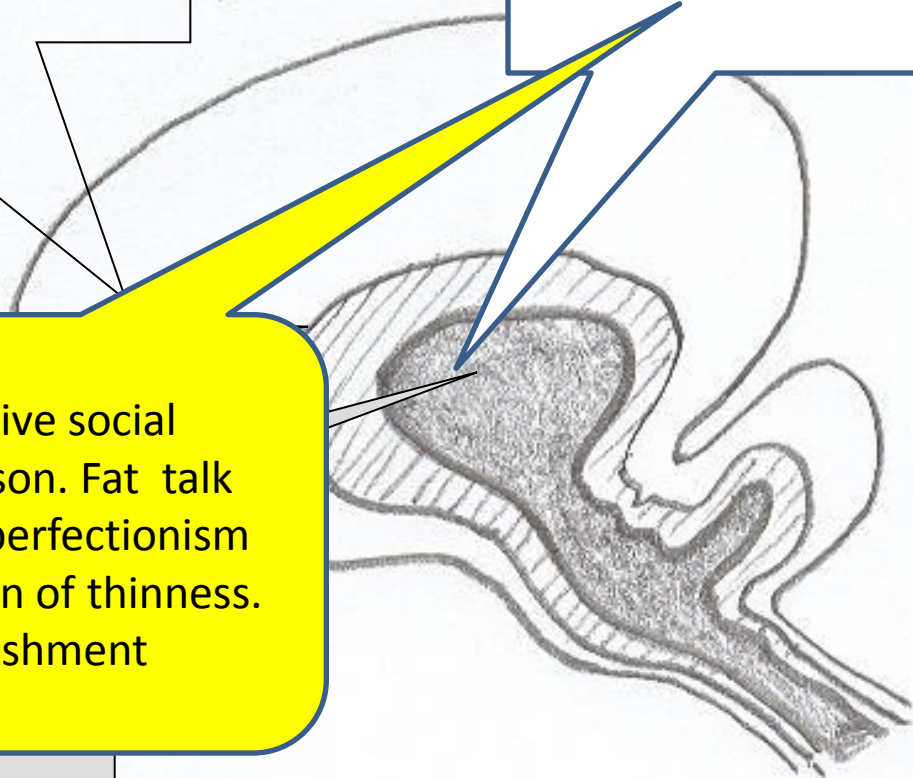
## Homeostasis

Regulates input and supply

Negative social comparison. Fat talk  
Striving, perfectionism  
Idealisation of thinness.  
Punishment

## Learning

Memories of food  
Consequences  
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# Are there Binge Promoters in the DM environment?

| <b>Emotional environment</b>         | <b>Weight &amp; food environment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chronic Disability /low self esteem. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•High BMI (<i>Domargard et al 1999</i>) ( 45% of adolescent cohort &gt; BMI 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.(<i>Colton et 2007</i>)) rapid weight change +-developmental trajectory</li><li>•Salience BMI (weigh-ins).</li><li>•Salience food.</li><li>•Over treatment of hypoglycaemia-hunger, craving,</li><li>• Iatrogenic- “fat talk”.</li></ul> |

# Maintaining Factors

# Animals models of binge eating environmental factors



- A period of under nutrition.
- Divert food stomach
- Intermittent availability of highly palatable food
- Stress.
- Breeding

*(Rada et al 2005, Lewis et al 2005, Avena et al 2005, Corwin 2006, Corwin & Hajnal 2005, Boggiano et al 2005; Avena & Hoebel 2003, Avena & Hoebel 2007, Boggiano et al 2007).*

# Animals models of binge eating

These animals also become addicted to other substances (eg. amphetamine) with changes in opiate, dopamine receptors



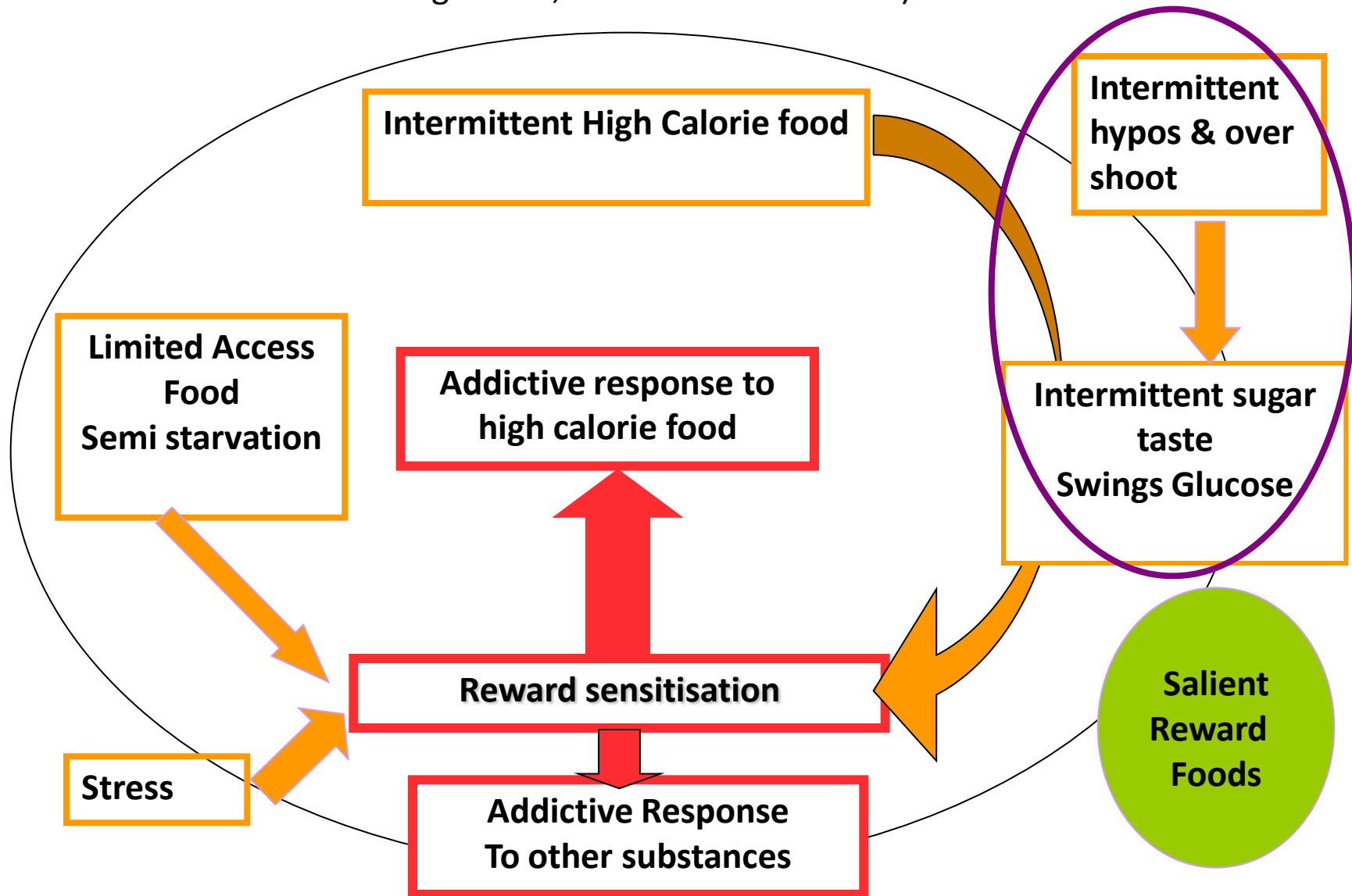
# **Animal models.**

Fast/feast

▶ neuroprogression to  
addictive brain with BN,  
BED.

# Reward sensitisation in DM ?

Berridge 2007, Avena & Hoebel 2007)



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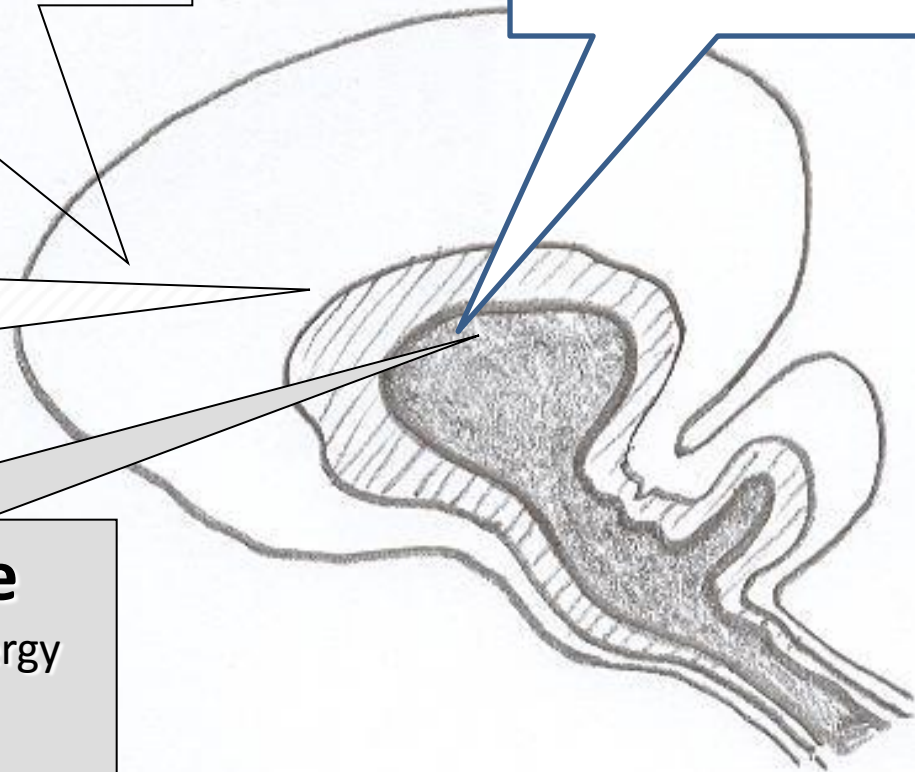
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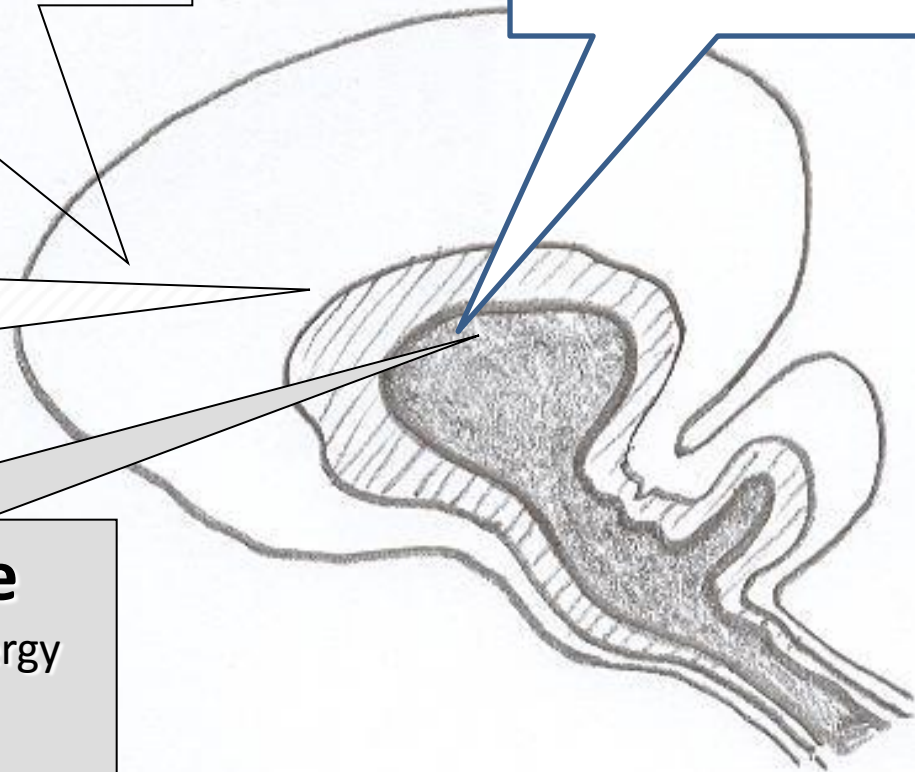
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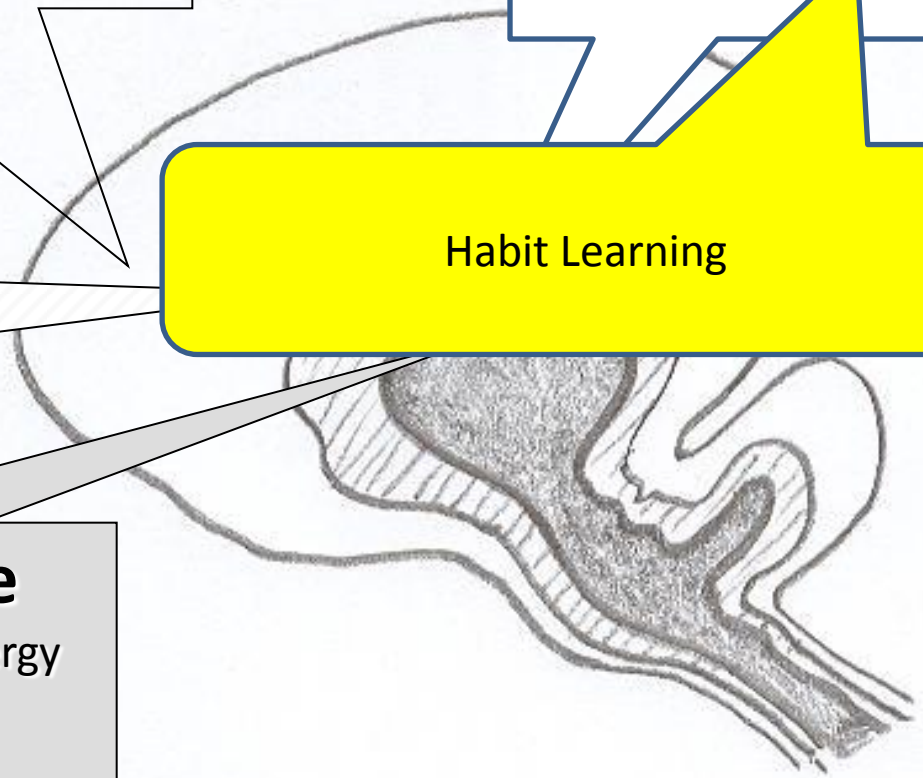
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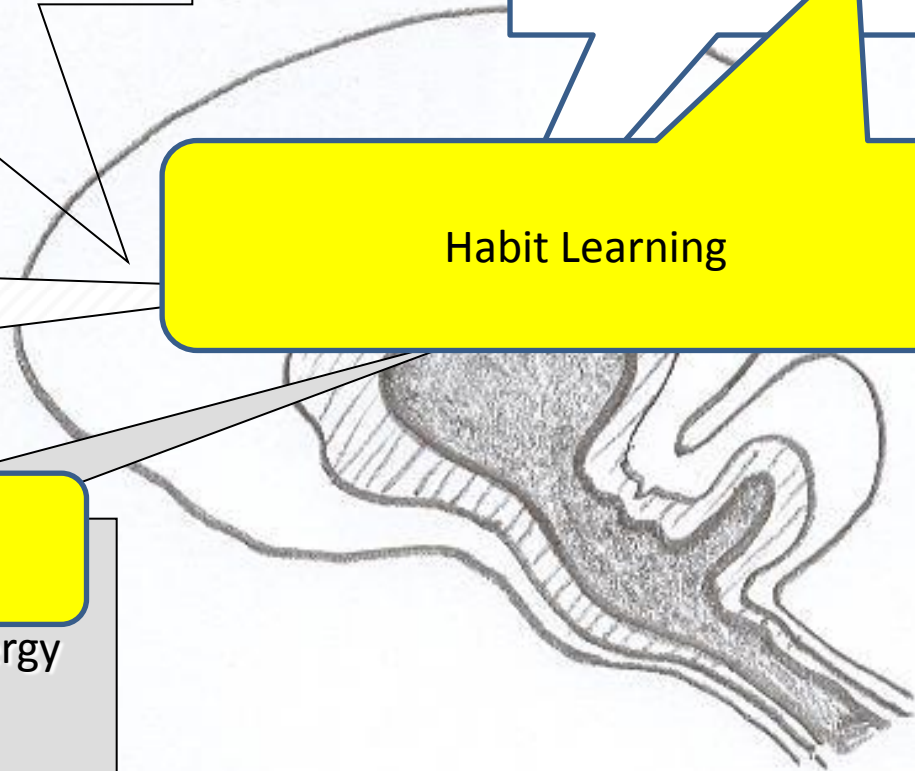
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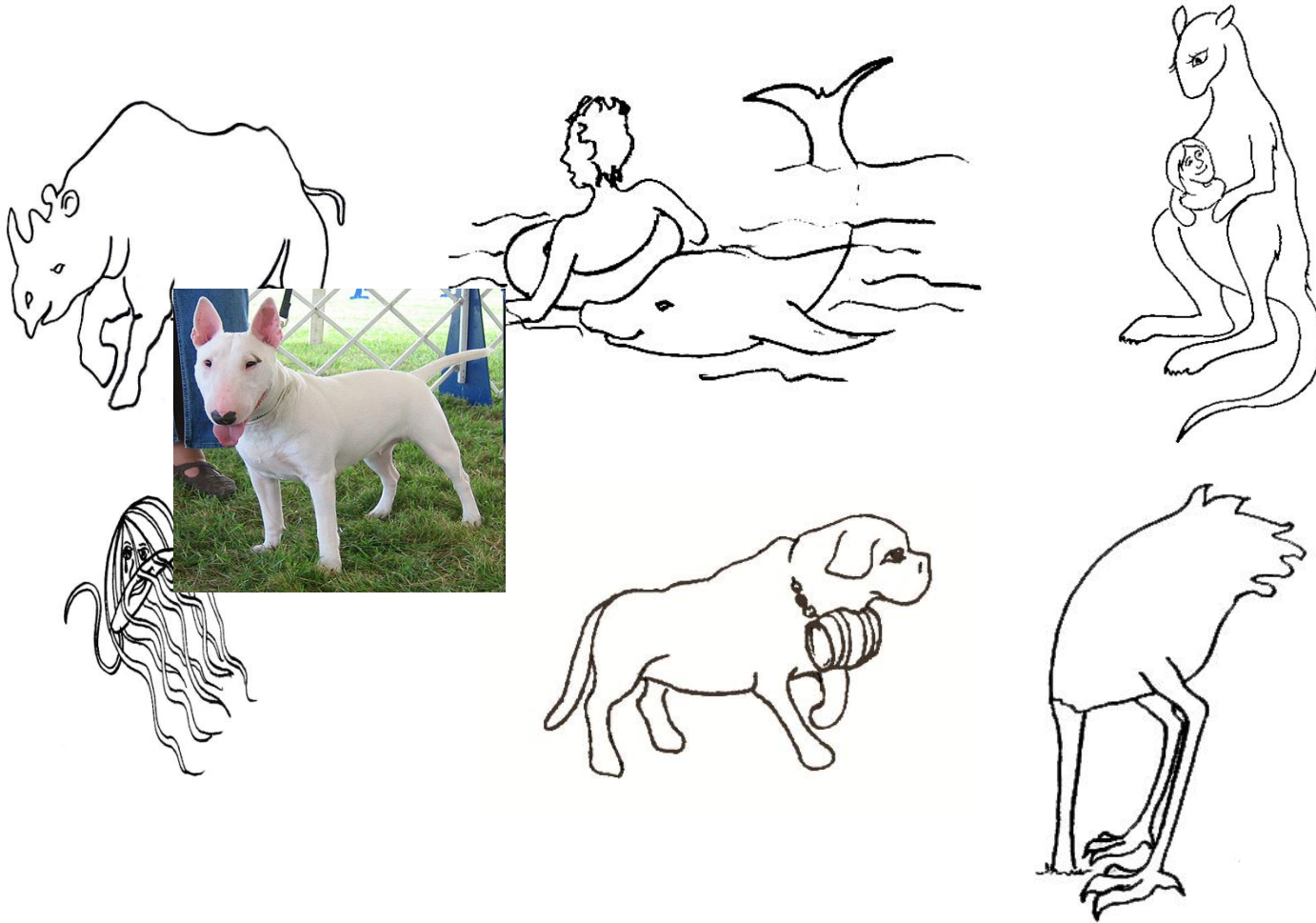
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# Typical carer responses

# Animal Metaphors

Skills Training Ridge et al 2014



# A fathers record of 22 year old daughter's health

weight dynamics from October 15, 2011

|                           | 15/10/2011 | 16/10/2011 | 17/10/2011 | 18/10/2011 | 19/10/2011 | 20/10/2011 | 21/10/2011 | 22/10/2011  | 23/10/2011  | 24/10/2011 | 25/10/2011 | 26/10/2011 | 27/10/2011 | 28/10/2011 |      |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|
| Weight                    | 47.1       | 47.1       | 47.1       | 46.9       | 45.7       | 45.2       | 45.2       | 45.7        | 45.7        | 45.7       | 46         | 45.9       | 46         | 46         | -1.1 |
| Insulin Lantus            | 8          | 8          | 10         | 10         | 10         | 10         | 10         | 10          | 10          | 12         | 12         | 12         | 12         | 14         |      |
| Insulin Humalog           | 4          | 4          | 9          | 10         | 11         | 11         | 13         | 13          | 13          | 11         | 11         | 12         | 15         | 13         |      |
| Insulin total             | 12         | 12         | 19         | 20         | 21         | 21         | 23         | 23          | 23          | 23         | 23         | 24         | 27         | 27         | 21   |
| Average blood sugar level | 64         | 88         | 43         | 53         | 91         | 95         | 90         | 126         | 218         | 173        | 128        | 175        | 104        | 98         | 6    |
|                           | 3.6        | 4.9        | 2.4        | 2.9        | 5.1        | 5.3        | 5.0        | 7.0         | 12.1        | 9.6        | 7.1        | 9.7        | 5.8        | 5.4        |      |
| Stool                     |            |            | Stool      |            | Stool      | Stool      | Stool      | Stool twice | Stool twice | Stool      | Stool      | Stool      | Stool      | Stool      |      |

|                           | 29/10/2011 | 30/10/2011 | 31/10/2011 | 01/11/2011 | 02/11/2011 | 03/11/2011 | 04/11/2011 | 05/11/2011 | 06/11/2011 | 07/11/2011 | 08/11/2011 | 09/11/2011 | 10/11/2011 | 11/11/2011 |     |
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| Weight                    | 45.9       | 46.2       | 46.2       | 46.8       | 47.1       | 47.1       | 47.1       | 47.8       | 47.8       | 48.2       | 48.2       | 48.4       | 48.8       | 49.2       | 3.3 |
| Insulin Lantus            | 14         | 14         | 14         | 14         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 22         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         |     |
| Insulin Humalog           | 22         | 18         | 20         | 21         | 21         | 21         | 23         | 24         | 24         | 23         | 25         | 30         | 33         | 26         | 40  |
| Insulin total             | 36         | 32         | 34         | 35         | 37         | 37         | 39         | 46         | 40         | 39         | 41         | 46         | 49         | 42         |     |
| Average blood sugar level | 246.0      | 90         | 149        | 166        | 97         | 99         | 149        | 238        | 149        | 183        | 130        | 131        | 70         | 73         | 8   |
|                           | 13.7       | 5.0        | 8.3        | 9.2        | 5.4        | 5.5        | 8.3        | 13.2       | 8.3        | 10.2       | 7.2        | 7.3        | 3.9        | 4.1        |     |
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| Weight                    | 49.2       | 49.2       | 49.5       | 49.3       | 49.5       | 50         | 50.4       | 50.4       | 50.4       | 50.6       | 50.6       | 51.1       | 51.4       | 51         | 1.8 |
| Insulin Lantus            | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         | 16         |     |
| Insulin Humalog           | 28         | 27         | 29         | 28         | 31         | 27         | 26         | 29         | 28         | 29         | 27         | 29         | 26         | 27         | 44  |
| Insulin total             | 44         | 43         | 45         | 44         | 47         | 43         | 42         | 45         | 44         | 45         | 43         | 45         | 42         | 43         |     |
| Average blood sugar level | 160.0      | 124        | 76         | 127        | 226        | 62         | 94         | 157        | 78         | 128        | 76         | 149        | 53         | 121.0      | 6   |
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Hunger & low  
mood reduce  
cognitive control

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(limbic system)

Increase  
reward  
sensitivity.  
Attention to  
food

Consumption  
not give  
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Regular Eating and  
insulin with no  
purging

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Habit Learning

- Support motivation.
- Support emotional regulation (calm, kind, compassionate stance).
- Coaching in the skills of understanding others, flexibility, decision making with life plan and core values.
- Skills based learning for carers

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Medication : dopamine, opiate,  
cannabinoids, oxytocin  
Attention bias modification.  
Enrich environment other rewards  
Disrupt craving imagery

# **What do patients find not so helpful?**

- **Problematic thoughts and/or behaviours**
- **Problematic support from professionals**
- **Isolation**

You can go to a diabetic nurse and she can say “we’ll just sort your insulin out and assume that you’ll be able to eat and will be keeping the food down”. I need help with how I feel when I am eating ... Or you can go to an eating disorder specialist and they’ll say “oh lets focus on your eating disorder and obviously you can just take this and that unit”. They don’t realise that its an emotional thing to have to take the decision to take your insulin.

Being told by the GPs that what you’ve got is a phase ... all they need to do is improve their blood sugar ... Being told you don’t have an eating disorder because diabulimia doesn’t actually exists.

It was very easy for me to equate insulin with being fat, just as though you’re injecting fat.

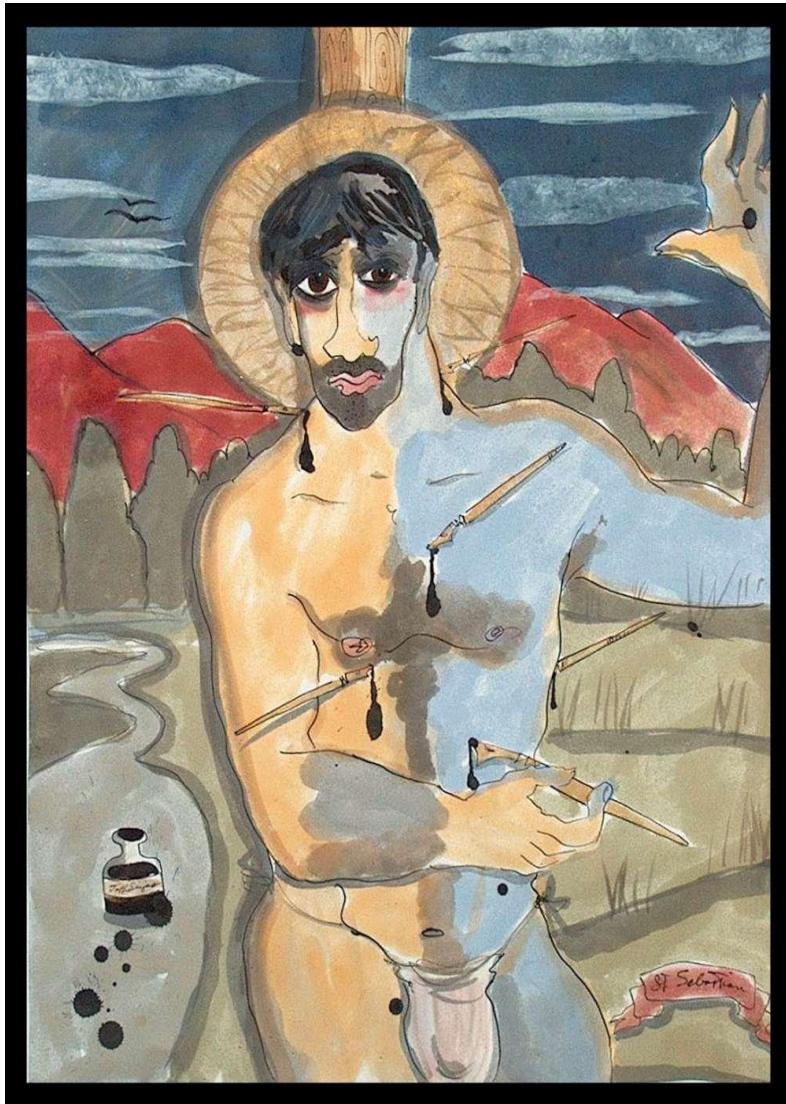
I'm going to have a massive binge but then go for a walk ... it was a case of setting goals and trying to reach those goals to kind of get out of the mess. And every time you achieve a goal it makes you feel better.

If you drop your sugars too quickly, you're going to bring a whole world of pain. That's how you get complications quickly ... Having a target range between 18 and 25 felt much more do able.

A lot of diabetes specialists will really push for perfection which is not a great thing when it comes to eating disorder patients because often they are perfectionists ... Sometimes it is ok not to get everything alright.

# Teaching Self compassion

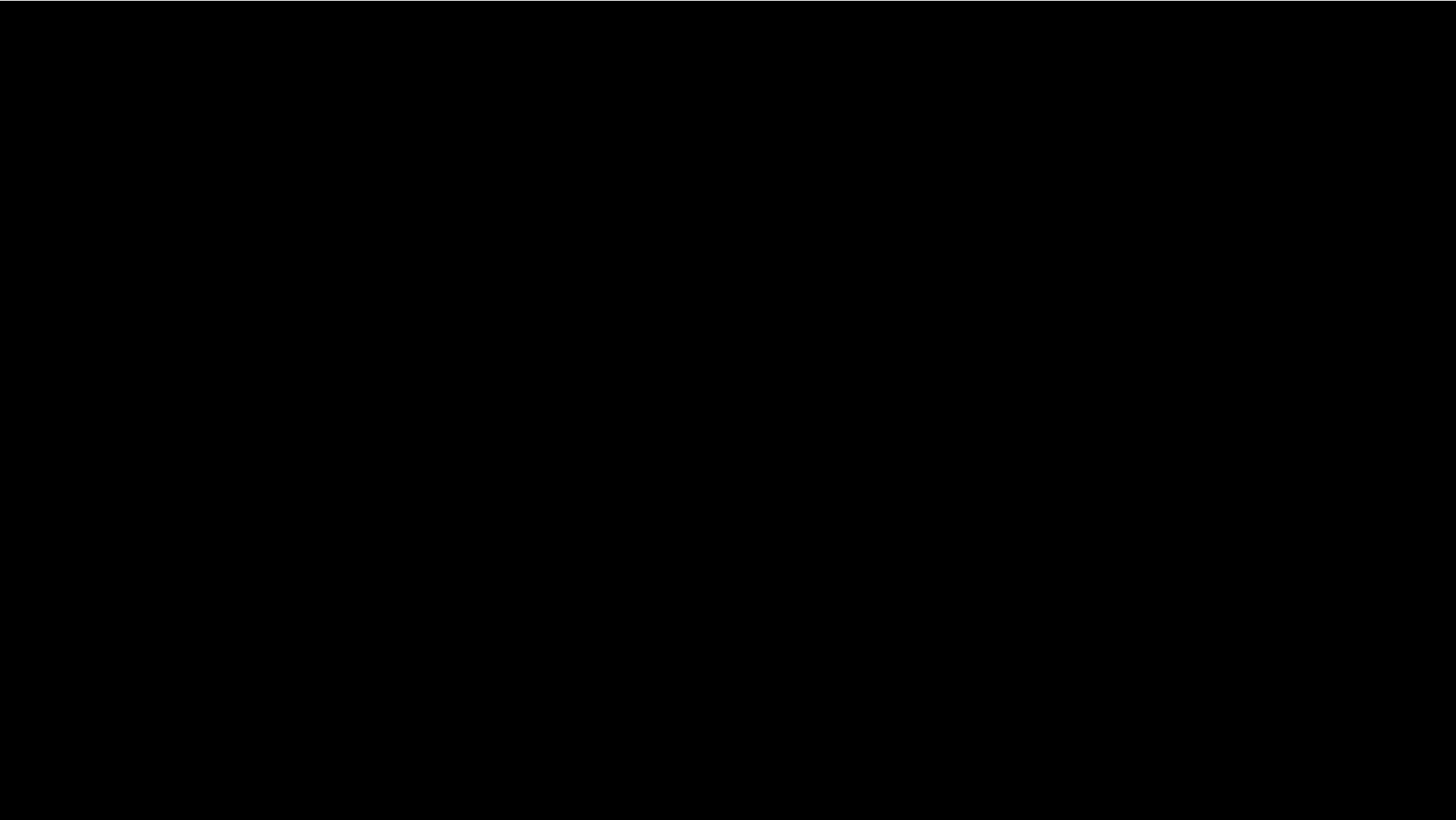
- it was mainly my psychologist that kind of taught me yeah your blood sugars don't have to be perfect and if you go up say like 14 then it doesn't matter, you can correct
- its going to happen..
- So to be told that its ok....., it was kind of a turning point.\_\_\_\_
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## Understand ambivalence about insulin

- What are the not so good things about optimal glucose ?
- Not “feel” right.
- More hypos.
- Gain weight.
- Increased appetite.

It gets better



# Conclusion

- Cultural factors such as the tension between thin values and easy access to high palatability food leads to behaviours that prime binge eating.
- The salience of weight and food and intermittent sugar treatment in DM may increase this risk.
- Early intervention before plastic changes in the reward and counter reward system develop may prevent the physical side effects caused by insulin omission and binge eating.
- Pharmacological treatment may have a role.



## Who are DWED ?

- Started as a social networking group
- Support, Advocacy, Awareness, Action
- Work with Strategic Clinical Networks
- Training for Health Professionals
- The Trustee Board
- Website for Carers, Professionals & DWEDs

# Where can you find Diabetics with Eating Disorders?:

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<http://www.dwed.org.uk/>

<http://www.facebook.com/DiabeticswithEatingDisorders>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/DiabulimiaSupport/> (peer support group)

<https://twitter.com/diabeticswithed>

<http://dwed.tumblr.com/>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/DWEDinfo>

<http://www.tudiabetes.org/group/diabeticswitheatingdisorders>

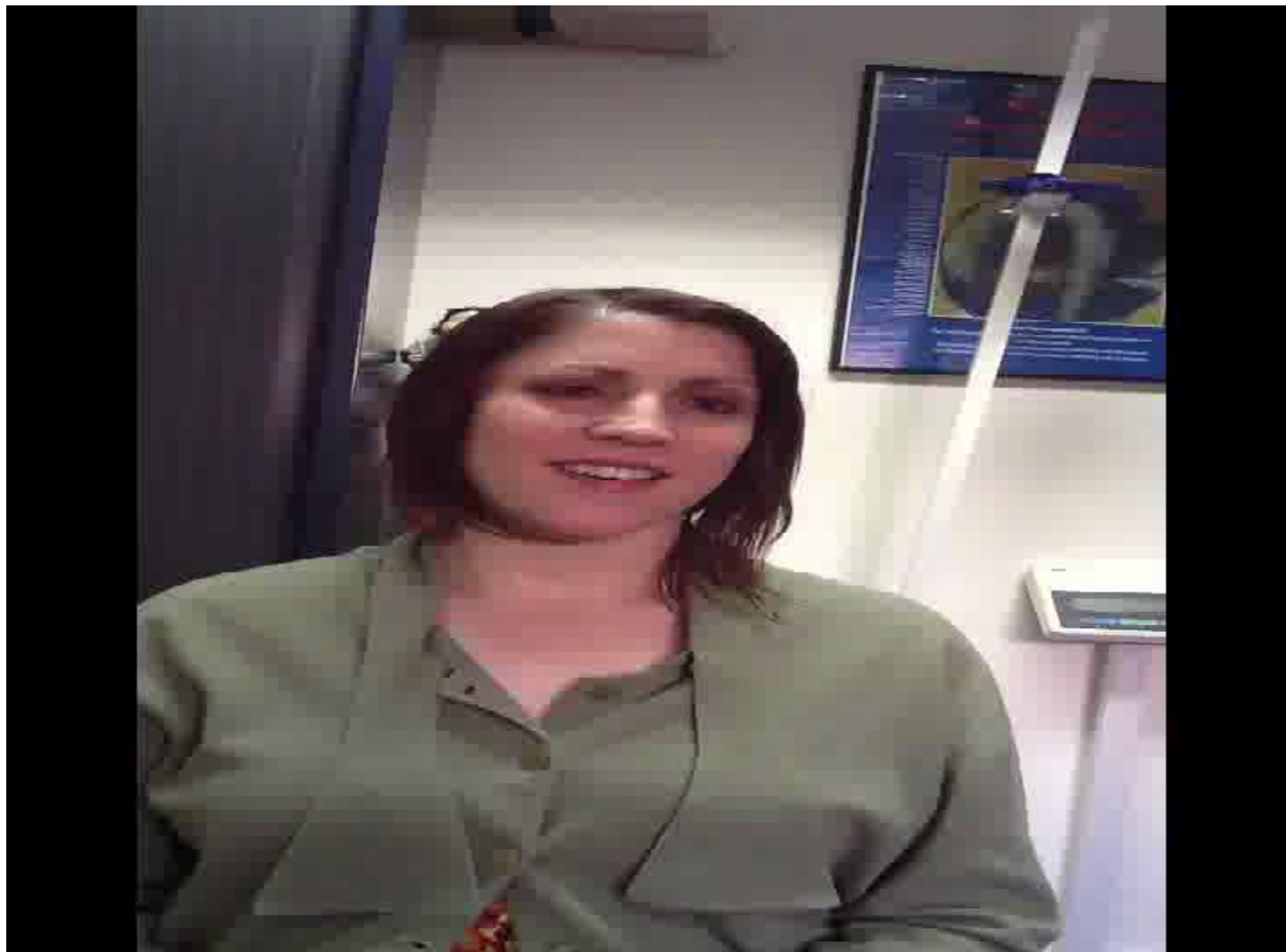
## Where can you donate?

<http://www.justgiving.com/diabeteswed/donate>



# Life Saving advice

# Support Injection



- Bermudez O: Diabetes and eating disorders. Audio Digest Family Practice 2013; 62 ([www.audiogest.org/adfwebcasts/pdfs/fp6102.pdf](http://www.audiogest.org/adfwebcasts/pdfs/fp6102.pdf))

# What are the things ED specialist need to know?

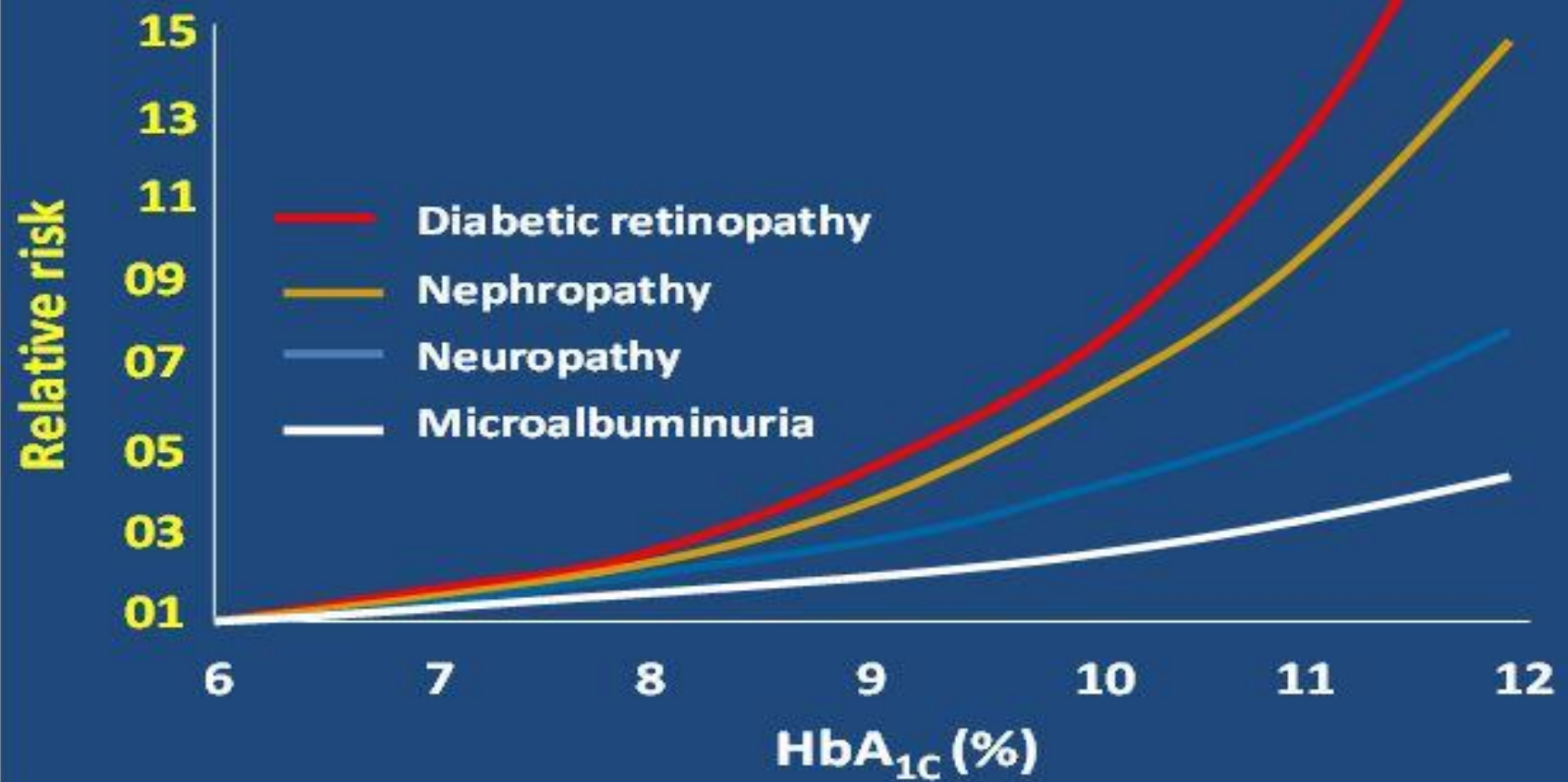
- Too rapid restoration of Normal sugar can be harmful

Markowitz, J. T., Butler, D. A., Volkening, L. K., Antisdel, J. E., Anderson, B. J., & Laffel, L. M. B. (2010). Brief screening tool for disordered eating in diabetes: internal consistency and external validity in a contemporary sample of pediatric patients with type 1 diabetes. *Diabetes care*, 33(3), 495–500. doi:10.2337/dc09-1890

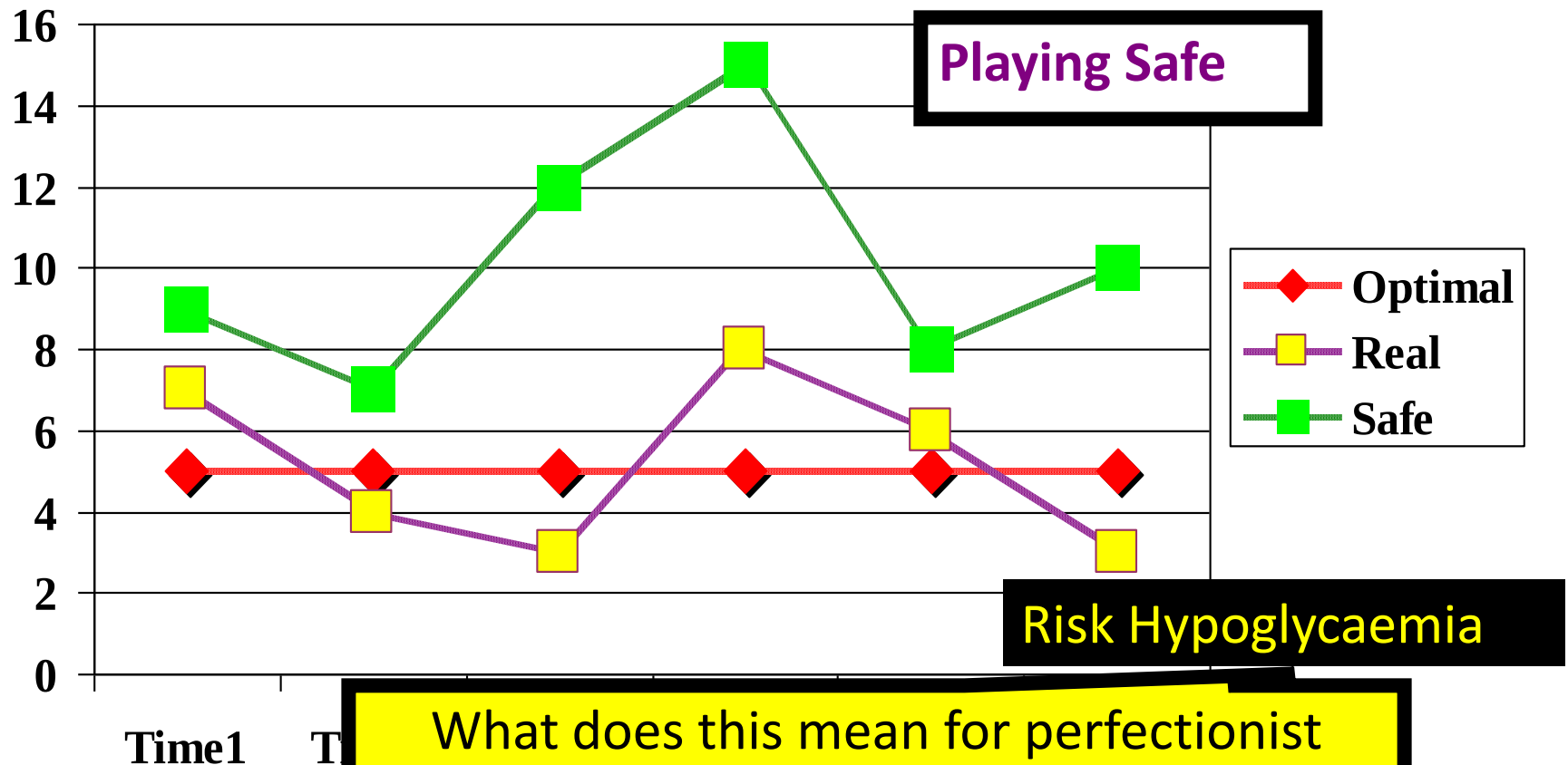
Revised Diabetes Eating Problem Survey (DEPS-R)

Disordered eating behaviours, such as insulin omission, excessive dieting and binge eating, are more prevalent in adolescents with type 1 diabetes.(Markowitz et al., 2010)

It has been reported that 30-40% of adolescents and young adults with diabetes omit or reduce their insulin after meals with the intention of losing weight.(Hasken et al., 2010)

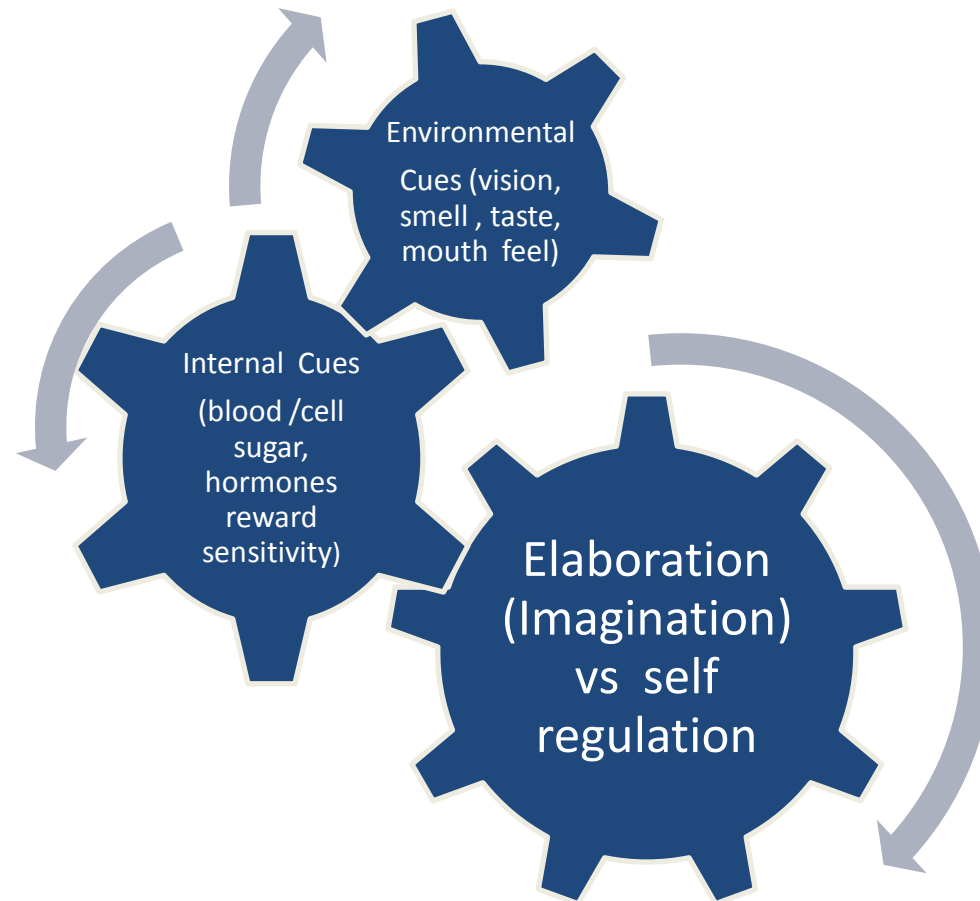


# Optimal HbA1c: Balance Risk/benefit



What does this mean for perfectionist  
Shame, stigma  
Out of control

# Craving: The Drive to Eat



## **PREVENTION**

The process of boosting children's resilience and protecting them from potential poor outcomes. Prevention may be universal or selective.

## **DETECTION**

The action or process of discovering the presence or existence of something e.g. eating disorder symptomology.

## **EARLY INTERVENTION**

Acting as soon as possible to tackle problems that have already emerged for children and young people with the aim of altering the course of events.