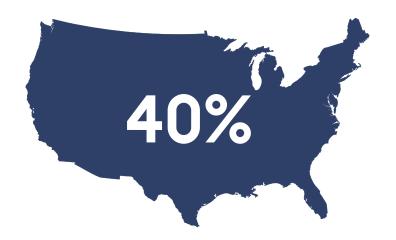
OBESITY & DIABETES: THE LINK & IMPACT IN THE U.S.

U.S. PREVALENCE



of Americans have obesity¹

which is one of the most common causes of Type II diabetes²

1 in every **10**

adults has Type II diabetes³



~4 in every 10 adults have prediabetes⁴



Type II diabetes and obesity

are linked to complications such as cardiovascular disease, kidney damage and mental illness^{5,6}

U.S. HEALTHCARE COSTS

Obesity accounts for

\$480.7 Billion

in direct health care costs 7



\$1 out of every \$4

in health care costs is spent on caring for people with diabetes8

PATIENT CHALLENGES

Poverty

is closely linked to obesity and diabetes9



Only 1/0 of doctors in the U.S. are trained

in obesity medicine¹⁰



Of health care insurers don't cover obesity drugs¹¹

Type II diabetes medications can cost hundreds of dollars per month for both insured and uninsured patients. 12

45%

of patients

fail to achieve control of their blood sugar¹³

Barriers to patient success:

Lack of integrated care Socio-economic factors

Complexity of treatments Patient beliefs on medication

TWO EPIDEMICS IN NEED OF INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Obesity and diabetes are two closely linked chronic diseases that decrease life expectancy, reduce quality of life and are major contributors to the burden of healthcare costs. Effectively addressing these complex conditions requires a multi-faceted approach, including:

- Expanded range of options across the spectrum of disease
- Education of both patients and physicians that obesity is a disease needing medical intervention
- Better integration of care for obesity and diabetes
- Improved access to and government systems fostering nutritious food and physical exercise

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