

Asia's Diabetes Challenge

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ACR Facts about Diabetes

- It's a chronic disease, and there is no cure!
- Occurs when the body cannot produce enough insulin or cannot make good use of it.

	Туре 1	Type 2	Gestational
Characteristics	Produce little or no insulin	Insulin resistance or relative insulin deficiency	Occurs during pregnancy
Cause	Auto-immune reaction. Not fully understood.	Often associated with overweight. Not fully understood.	Not fully known
Complications	 Heart attack and strol Kidney failure Reduced vision or blin Nerve damage leadin Cancer 	ndness	 Delivery problems Low blood sugar in baby after birth
Prevention	Unpreventable. Patients need daily insulin injections.	Can be managed through exercise and diet. Most patients need oral drugs and / or insulin.	Unpreventable

Source: International Diabetes Federation (IDF), World Health Organization (WHO), American Diabetes Association (ADA)





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Number of People (20-79 years old) with Diabetes, 2014



ACR China and India in the Lead

Top 10 countries by number of people with diabetes (20-79 years, 2014)

1	China	96.3m
2	India	66.8m
3	USA	25.8m
4	Brazil	11.6m
5	Indonesia	9.1m
6	Mexico	9.0m
7	Egypt	7.6m
8	Germany	7.3m
9	Turkey	7.3m
10	Japan	7.2m

~ 243m cases in Asia out of 387m globally

> US\$120bn diabetesrelated expenditure in Asia

> > In Asia. For Asia.

Source: IDF

ACR Diabetes Prevalence Growing Fast!



National Prevalence Rate Across Selected Asian Economies

 Strong growth in prevalence, especially among developing economies

 Solutions are falling behind growing problems

ACR More Young People Impacted



Percentage of Diabetes Cases Accounted by Young Adults (20-39 yrs old)

Underlying drivers

Urbanization and undesirable lifestyle changes

Significant implications

Individuals, public & private schemes

ACR Individual Spend Rising

Diabetes-related Expenditure			
	Mean Expenditure per Patient		
Country	2014 (US\$)	2007-2014 CAGR (%)*	
Korea	2,144	18%	
Singapore	2,858	12%	
Japan	4,908	8%	
Viet Nam	150	26%	
Indonesia	175	26%	
Philippines	205	23%	
China	421	21%	
Lao PDR	74	18%	
Sri Lanka	123	18%	
India	95	17%	
Bangladesh	43	14%	
Malaysia	565	13%	
Thailand	285	11%	
Cambodia	88	6%	
Oman	1,069	15%	
Kuwait	1,949	14%	
Qatar	2,748	12%	
UAE	1,967	10%	
Saudi Arabia	1,067	9%	
Bahrain	1,196	8%	
Source: IDF, ACR		*Constant exchange rate	

Macro view

- Increase in income per capita allowing more medical spent
- General medical inflation

Disease-specific

- Duration with diabetes
- Choice of drugs and treatments



Pressure Mounts on Public Funds

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Country	Timeline	g Developments Progress
Philippines	Nov 2014	Expanded national health insurance program to all senior citizens
Singapore	Nov 2015	Expanded national insurance scheme to be compulsory and universal, lifetime coverage with no lifetime
Ohina	End 2015	claim limit and include pre-existing conditions
China	End-2015	Expand medical insurance to cover all major illnesses for urban and rural residents participating in the basic medical insurance system
Indonesia	2019	Mandatory enrollment in national system for all Indonesians
Vietnam	2020	Social health insurance for 80% of population, from targeted 70% of population in 2015

Source: The World Bank, WHO, ADB, various news sources



China's State Council has decided to introduce the medical insurance scheme on serious illnesses across the nation (July 2015)

- Main purpose is to solve the problem of poverty caused by major/ chronic diseases
- By end of 2015, all residents participating in the basic medical insurance system for rural and urban residents will be covered
- Scheme will be **run by private insurance institutions** and be financed from the basic medical schemes.
- A chronic disease can also be a major illness.
- Eligible are households where health expenditure equals or exceeds 40% of the household's capacity to pay.

Source: China State Council

ACR Financing – More Room for Insurance

Private insurance can do more to help households and governments

Private Out-of-Pocket

- Wage growth still recovering from crisis
- Poverty or income inequality persist

Government-funded

- 'New normal' growth environment
- Competing uses for public fund



Source: WHO, ACR

ACR Huge Potential for Private Insurance

Potential Market for Diabetes Insurance: Selected Asian Economies



Source: ACR estimates





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General Issues for Insurance



Lack of experience data

- Product design
- Product pricing



Lack of sophistication

- Methods of diagnosis or monitoring (e.g. HbA1c)
- Benefits of insured (e.g. fixed benefits)



Market failure

- Asymmetric information and adverse selection
- Lack of randomness and moral hazard

ACR General Issues for Insurance, cont'd

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Demand aspects

- Awareness of the impact of diabetes on general health
- · Awareness of the cost

Supply aspects

- Expertise for early detection of diabetic conditions
- Expertise & infra-structure to manage early-stage diabetes cases

=> We need incentive-based insurance solutions to align interests



Advent of New Technology

Improving insurability

- Big data and analytical tools
- Telematics in healthcare to monitor patients' actions
- Smartphone apps (e.g. monitor glucose level using phones)

Pitfalls of technological application

- Risk selection cherry picking issue
- Burden on healthcare providers

Solutions built around information and data



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Private plans exist with limited scale



- Scale achieved most quickly with public schemes
 - Few governments have fiscal bandwidth to sustain programs





Involving Private & Public Sectors

Target: Integrated Solution with Governments and Private Sector

<u>Governments</u>

- Infrastructure
- Medical expertise
- Education & Training
- Regulations
- Oversight on healthcare institutions and costs

Private Sector

- Access to data
- Technological applications
- Talent pool
- Promoting awareness lifestyle programs





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Diabetes and Implications

- Financial and economic impact of diabetes is catastrophic not only for individuals, but also the governments and societies at large
- Public sector cannot solve this issue alone
- Diabetes 2 can be controlled but requires lifestyle changes
- Private and public sector together can improve the financial and nonfinancial health outcomes
- Data issues need to be addressed to unlock potential solutions which are likely to be information- and data-driven









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