Creating Excellence in Inpatient Diabetes Management: 
Diabetes Management Mentor’s Contributions to Quality Outcomes
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**Summary:** This session described an innovative peer to peer mentor program which highlighted the contributions of an elite group of clinical nurses, known as Diabetes Management Mentors, who have received extensive education in evidence-based inpatient diabetes care.

**Nursing Implications:**
- It is challenging for all clinicians to stay abreast of the rapid introductions of new medications and technologies available to manage diabetes.
- "Just in time" resources are necessary to assist clinical nurses to deliver evidence-based inpatient diabetes care.
- Clinical nurses who receive ongoing education on diabetes management principles and are mentored as clinical leaders have a direct impact on preventing "near-miss events".
- Clinical nurses need to be conversant with the "language movement" in diabetes care and education to provide person-centered care.

**Key Takeaways:**
- A Diabetes Management Mentor Program is a cost neutral professional enrichment program that impacts care of the patient hospitalized with a diagnosis of diabetes.
- Nurse Executive support is critical to the implementation and sustainment of a Diabetes Management Mentor Program.
- A rigorous interview and application process is integral to the selection of ideal candidates for the Diabetes Management Mentor role.
- Clinical Nurses relish the opportunity to refine and enhance their knowledge of diabetes care and share this knowledge with their peers.

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