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Is diabetic patients' risk profile and behaviour influenced by education?

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Documentation is sparse concerning the effect of the education in footcare in type 2 diabetics.

Aim: Are anthropological methods useful evaluating the quality of footcare education? How is education in footcare communicated and which barriers have to be overcome?

Patients and Methods: Type 2 diabetics who have received footcare-education within the last 6 months or who are receiving re-education during the study-period.

4 anthropological models are used:

- Individual interviews obtained (tape-recorded) by semi-structured questionnaires in the ward and patients from the outpatient clinic interviewed in the patients' homes, 50% of the patients with footulcer.
- Focus group discussion (tape-recorded) in 2 local diabetic committees using the same questionnaire.
- Observation of the patients reactions during group education in footcare by chiropodists in 3 different hospitals "Diabetes schools"
- Individually short semi-structured interviews with healthcare-providers.

Results: Statistics will be ready in the end of June 2006. Hopefully these anthropological methods will prove sufficient and helpful in elucidating how to select and combine education/re-education methods.