# EFFECT OF AWARENESS AND PRACTICES OF BARRIERS IN PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN MAKKAH AT SAUDI ARABIA TOWARD MANAGEMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS IN RAMADAN 2022

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## **Background**

## Abstract:

In patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) it is important to carry out the four pillars of DM management including routine control, in this case family support is important to increase self-awareness International migration has grown in the recent years, with the number of persons living outside their country of birth or citizenship reaching 281 million in 2020, up from 221 million in 2010. Low knowledge about diabetes coupled with high disease prevalence is common in low-resource countries. This study evaluated diabetes-related knowledge, attitudes, and practices in of primary care physicians in Makah toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan More than two-thirds (70%) of patients with diabetes mellitus (DM) reside in lower middle-income countries. The prevalence of DM is common in SA so there is a need to explore' awareness of DM in the primary care physicians in Makah toward management of Type 2, Also, it is one of the top ten chronic conditions that can lead to mortality universally, furthermore, diabetes has been shown to be a major risk factor for cardiovascular diseases, high blood pressure, stroke, amputations, as well as pregnancy complications. .**Aim of the study:** To assess the Effect of

awareness and practices of barriers in primary care physicians in Makkah at Saudi Arabia toward management of Type 2 diabetes mellitus in Ramadan 2022 **Method:** cross sectional study conducted among primary care physicians in Makah, during the July to October 2022, the Sample size of diabetic primary care physicians our total participants were (200) to assess the KTP, of primary care physicians in Makkah toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan. **Result** Regarding Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of the participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant had regarding Knowledge average information were(53.0%) the X<sup>2</sup>50.68 a significant relation were p-value =0.001 Regarding Practices the participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant were(44.0%) the X<sup>2</sup> 13.24 a significant relation were p-value =0.001 **Conclusion:** This review highlights the need for increased awareness and knowledge of diabetes mellitus among diabetic Type 2 DM in Ramadan in Makkah the primary care physicians awareness about the primary prevention strategies for T2DM in RAMADAN should be a public health priority in KSA.

**Keywords:** Effect, awareness, attitudes, practices, physicians, Makah management, Type 2 DM, Ramadan .

## **Introduction:**

Currently diabetes mellitus type 2 (T2DM) is a health problem that is often complained of by people in the world because the pattern of occurrence has increased. T2DM was estimated that it would increase by 48% to 629 million by 2024. Based on world diabetes statistics, Saudi Arabia is high ranked with a total of 10.3 million T2DM sufferers (1). T2DM entered the 10th most number of diseases during 2021 (2), that 48% of the average person is diagnosed with T2DM in the age range of 35-44 years (3)

T2DM treatment management must be done for life so that patients often experience boredom and non-adherence in the management of T2DM treatment often occur. The results of the study on 600 T2DM patients, showed that only 16.6% of patients were obedient in anti-diabetic treatment and blood sugar control, 23.3% of patients were obedient to the diet and 31.7% of patients with T2DM obedient to do physical exercise [4] The results of the research by Hamarno, Nurdiansyah, & Toyibah (2016) showed that adherence to control of T2DM patients can be in the form The prevalence of DM is common in SA, so there is a need to explore' awareness of DM in the primary care physicians in Makkah toward management of Type 2. So that policymakers can devise policies to educate the young generation. We aimed to investigate knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding DM among primary care physicians.[5]

The prevalence of diabetes in various regions has attracted significant attention of the medical experts. The prevalence of diabetes is expected to increase in the future due to changes in lifestyle and unhealthy diets of individuals in KSA.[6] More than two-thirds (70%) of patients with diabetes mellitus (DM) reside in lower middle-income countries [7] In the medical services space, the most multiplied illness perceived over the world is diabetes. This is obvious from the expanded revealing of diabetes illness which is relied upon to arrive at a figure of 366 million [8]

There are an estimated 3.5 million Muslims in during the holy month of Ramadan, healthy adult Muslims are to fast from predawn to after sunset. While there are exemptions for older and sick adults, many adults with diabetes fast during Ramadan. However, there are risks associated with fasting and specific management considerations for patients with diabetes. We evaluated provider practices and knowledge regarding the management of patients with diabetes who fast during Ramadan individuals living with type 2 diabetes in high-income Western countries .[9]

An Australian randomized controlled trial suggested that incorrect knowledge about DM risk factors and motivation to make lifestyle changes were significantly associated with diet modifications and exercise habits. That study also reported a strong association between lifestyle modifications and reduction in waist circumference, body mass index, and blood glucose level (BGL) [10]. However, these factors still remain challenges for developing countries including Pakistan. In 2004, Pakistan formed a national action plan to prevent non-communicable diseases (NCD). The main agenda in terms of DM was construction of a population-based NCD surveillance system and integrated public health program. This aimed to integrate DM prevention and ensure availability of anti-diabetics at all levels of healthcare [11].

## **Literature Review**

The results of one study in the US showed that physicians' knowledge in the treatment of diabetes was not enough and knowledge level of different medical groups such as general practitioners, specialists, internal medicine residents and medical students had significant differences with each other[12,13].

According to Diabetes Atlas published by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), India was home to 62.4million diabetics in the year 2011 and the incidence is on a continuous rise and this number is predicted to rise to almost70 million people by 2025. The countries with the largest number of diabetic people will be in India, China and USA by 2030. It is estimated that every fifth person with diabetes will be an Indian. While the ICMR study reported that the prevalence was 2.1 per cent in urban and 1.5 per cent in rural areas. [14]

In UK was also seen that physicians' knowledge about starting insulin therapy in type 2 diabetes, patients' treatment with diet and insulin treatment during an acute illness was not enough. So, suggested that knowledge deficiency decreases by developing appropriate educational programs for physicians, especially those who graduated years before.[15,16]

Another study conducted in rural Northwest of Pakistan regarding knowledge of diabetes among patients showed that high proportion of males have better understanding of diabetes symptoms, signs and complication as compared to females and gender difference was not significant when question about suitable diet was asked for.[17] Another study also showed that overall males were found more aware about diabetes mellitus, healthy diet and life style modification like practicing regular exercise.[18] Another showed that the mean score of diabetic knowledge was higher in male than female[19] A recent study mentioned that DM could be effectively managed and controlled by early screening and abandoning sedentary routine. Adopting healthy lifestyles can be very useful in avoiding all the complications of this avertable disease.[20]

In a study from Singapore demonstrated that diabetic education had changed the practice among diabetics towards self-care. Another study showed that education had a significant role in diabetic awareness to keep correct blood glucose level.[15] These findings are consistent with other studies.[21] Virtually, there are no epidemiological studies in Bangladesh assessing the level of diabetic education and knowledge both in diabetic and non-diabetic population.

In a study,[22] revealed similar trends of having poor knowledge regarding CVD in KAU students.[22] In a recent survey, Alqahtani et al (2020) in Riyadh, KSA, revealed better knowledge scores among the adult population regarding DM.[23] Alenazi et al (2020) mentioned relatively better (62.6%) knowledge scores in young school children regarding DM.[24] Another study from KSA regarding awareness about DM's risk factors reported that almost 50% of the study participants did not have up to the mark knowledge regarding DM.[25,26]

In a study in Pakistan, it has been shown that urban people are knowledgeable than the people residing in the rural area and they suggested the urgent need of diabetic education in the rural area.[27] Of the African rural patient population, 52.2% had lower awareness of blood glucose compared to 47.5% of the African urban dwellers.[28]

## 2.1 Rationale

The month of Ramadan is one of the months that people wait with longing for fasting, but some precautions must be taken for patients with type 2 Diabetes mellitus. DM is a life-long disorder which can be treated by a complex regimen of insulin injections, diet and exercise, and which greatly affects the life of patients and their families. Diabetes patients may find it difficult to find medical and social support at the environment from families, primary care physicians, staff, and other people. Consequently, this study will add significantly to the limited the knowledge, attitudes, and practices toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN in the patients visiting the Diabetic Center. Prevention and health promotion is one of the cornerstones in our practice, thus investing in knowledge, attitudes, and practices toward management of Type 2 DM

## 2.2Aim of the study:

To assess the Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of primary care physicians in Makkah toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan

### 2.3 Objectives:

To assess the level of Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of primary care physicians toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan among patients visiting the Diabetic Centerat the western sector in Makkah city.

## 3. Methodology:

## 3.1 Study design:

This study is a cross sectional descriptive study

#### 3.2 Study Area

The study will be carried out in the city of Makkah Al-Mokarramah Makkah is the holiest spot on Earth. It is the birthplace of the Prophet Mohammad and the principal place of the pilgrims to perform Umrah and Hajj. It is located in the western area in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and called the Holy Capital. Contains a population around 2.578 million. The city has seven Leader of PHC divided into three inners and four outer. Each leders consists of a group of Primary Health Care Centers. The researcher has be conducted at ALsulmaniah center primary care in Makkah Mokarramah.

## **3.3 Study Population**

The study will be conducted among AL sulmaniah center primary care in Makkah Mokarramah. During the April to June, 2022 the period of study in 2022

## 3.4 Selection criteria:

## 3.4.1 Inclusion criteria

- At AL sulmaniah center primary care .
- All nationalities

## 3.4.2 Exclusion criteria :

No specific exclusion criteria.

## 3.5 Sample size

All the physicians' in the primary care diabetic Center at AL-Eskan PHC and the Diabetic Center in Makkah Mokarramah around . The sample size has be calculated by applying Raosoft sample size calculator based on (The margin of error: 5%, Confidence level: 95%, and the response distribution was considered to be 20%) accordingly the Sample size is(130) of physicians' in the primary care diabetic and adding 10 more to decrease margin of error. After adding 5% oversampling, the minimum calculated sample has be (200). Computer generated simple random sampling technique was used to select the study participants.

## Sampling technique:

Systematic random sampling technique is adopted. After that, by using random number generator, then simple random sampling technique was applied to select the PHC. Also, convenience sampling technique will be utilized to select the participants in the study. By using systematic sampling random as dividing the total population by the required sample size; (200).

## **Data collection tool**

The self-administered questionnaire is designed based on previous studies and frameworks to assess Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of primary care physicians in Makkah toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan. The questionnaire was developed in English. The questions were first pre-tested and were revised and finalized after it was pilot tested. Before completing the survey, participants were required to indicate their consent using a forced response question followed by the survey questionnaires. The survey is estimated to take  $\sim 10$  min to complete.

To collect the information, a set of questions were constructed and developed. All questions were closed-ended, with tick boxes provided for responses; participants answered the questionnaires from the April to June, 2021 the period of study in 2022.

The questionnaire consisted of questions that

**First part** General and Socio demographic information. These variables included contact data (email or mobile phone number), age, date, city of birth, and smoking (yes/no). Other variables were education level, employment status, income, marital status, parental status, and number of children, and area of residence.

A questionnaire was developed that had (7) Socio demographic data and (14) questions related to knowledge, (10) attitudes, and (15) practices, respectively. The two senior faculty members checked the questionnaire's validity and comprehension, and it was revised according to their suggestions. A pilot study was conducted on 20 primary care physicians to check the questionnaire's understanding and responses further, and its Cronbach's alpha was 0.75. The results of the pilot study were not included in the final analysis.

The scoring of the knowledge questions was done as  $\leq 50\%$  score = poor knowledge (1 – 21 score), 50% –75% score= moderate knowledge (22 – 33 score), >75% score= good knowledge (34–43). For the attitude scoring was done as correct answer = 1 score, incorrect (No) = minus score, unsure= 0 score. Plus score was considered positive, while 0 or minus score was considered negative. The practice questions were coded as correct (yes) answer = 1 score, incorrect (No) = zero score, unsure= 0 score and >50% score was considered adequate.

## Data collection technique:

Researcher has be visits the selected AL sulmaniah center primary care after getting the approval from the ministry of health. The researcher has be obtained permission from primary health care director and participants.

After the arrival of the participants to the AL sulmaniah center primary care, they should go to the reception first to register and ensure the presence of the center's card, the researcher will be select participants conveniently until the target number achieves and gives the questionnaire for answering. She will be explained the purpose of the study to all participants attending the clinic. **Data entry and analysis:** 

The Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) software version 24.0 will be used for data entry and analysis. Descriptive statistics (e.g., number, percentage) and analytic statistics using Chi-Square tests ( $\chi$ 2) to test for the association and the difference between two categorical variables were applied. A p-value  $\leq 0.05$  will be considered statistically significant. **Pilot study** 

A pilot study will be conducted in one PHC in the same sector due to the similarity to the target group using the same questionnaire to test the methodology of the study. As a feedback, the questionnaire will be clear and no defect will be detected in the methodology

## **Ethical considerations**

Permission from the Makkah joint program of family medicine will be obtained. Permission from the Directorate of Health Affairs of the Holy Capital Primary Health Care will be obtained. Verbal consents from all participants in the questionnaire were obtained. All information was kept confidential, and results will be submitted to the department as feedback. **Budget**: Self-funded

# Results

**Table 1** Distribution of demographic data(age, gender, Level of education, economic level,

 Sources of information) in our study(n=200)

	N	%
Age		
20-30	56	28
30-40	66	33
>40	78	39
Gender	·	
Female	108	54
Male	92	46
Department		·
Clinics	42	21
Critical Care Area	36	18
Emergence department	50	25
Medical	22	11
Obstetrics and Gynecologic	16	8
Pediatric	24	12
Surgical	10	5
Clinical experiences		
less than one year	30	15
1-5 years	46	23
5-10 years	88	44
more than 10 years	36	18
Level of education		
High education	64	32
university	50	25
Postgraduate Studies	86	43
Economic level		
Low	38	19
Average	102	51
High	60	30
The main sources of information about	DM cited by ph	ysicians
Booklets and brochures	26	13
Mass media	44	22
Own personal experience	70	35
Educational films	50	25
Medical and clinical study	66	33

Table 1 shows that most of the participants (39.0%) were in the age group > 40 years the majority of them were female (54.0%) while male (46.0%), also regarding Department the majority of participant are Emergence department were(25.0%) while Clinical experiences the majority of participant 5-10 years were (44.0%).

Regarding the Level of education the majority of participant Postgraduate Studies were (43.0%).regarding the economic level the majority of participant average economic level were (51.0%). While sources of information most of participants from Own personal experience were (35.0%)

	true		fa	lse	Chi-square	
	Ν	%	Ν	%	<b>X</b> <sup>2</sup>	P-value
DM leads to polyuria in diabetic patients:	156	78	44	22	62.720	< 0.001*
DM leads to polydepsia in diabetic patients	138	69	62	31	28.880	< 0.001*
DM leads to fatigue and lack of						
concentration in diabetic patients in	170	85	30	15	98.000	<0.001*
Ramadan:						
DM leads to loss of weight in diabetic	150	75	50	25	50.000	<0.001*
patients:	150	15	50	25	50.000	<0.001
Type I DM is treated with insulin:	154	77	46	23	58.320	< 0.001*
Tremors and sweating means hypoglycemia	136	68	64	32	25 020	<0.001*
in diabetic Patient in Ramadan:	150	08	04	52	23.920	<0.001
The diabetic Patient should take Sweets	116	58	84	42	5 1 2 0	<0.001*
before start the fast :	110	50	04	72	5.120	<0.001
The diabetic Patient should take sweets or						
juices before physical activity class and the	176	88	24	12	115.520	<0.001*
activity class start after breakfast						
Glucose is essential for the brain to	146	73	54	27	42 320	<0.001*
function in particular Ramadan.	140	15	54	21	42.320	<0.001
A major concern for the Patient with						
diabetes is the likelihood of developing in	132	66	68	34	20.480	< 0.001*
particular Ramadan						
A sign of high glucose in a Patient with	158	79	42	21	67 280	<0.001*
diabetes may be in particular Ramadan	150		Τ2	<i>2</i> 1	07.200	-0.001
Glucagon is	122	61	78	39	9.680	< 0.001 *

Table 2 Distribution of the knowledge toward m	nanagement of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN
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Table 2 shows all item of knowledge toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN the majority answer true were respectively (78, 69, 85, 75, 77, 68, 58, 88, 73, 66, 79, 61%) while respectively the  $X^2$  (62.720,28.880, 98.000, 50.000, 58.320, 25.920, 5.120, 115.520, 42.320,

# Table 3 Distribution of the practices toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN

		Done		done	Chi-square	
practices	Ν	%	N	%	$\mathbf{X}^2$	P-value
1.Trying to have competency in using glucometer	170	85	30	15	98.000	0.000
2.Allowing Patient to use restroom more than once	00	15	110	55	2 000	0.157
time	90	43	110	55	2.000	0.137
3.Permission for the Patient to perform self-	152	76	18	24	54 080	0.000
injection of insulin in the home	132	/0	40	24	54.000	0.000
4. Helping diabetic Patient in making decisions in	178	80	22	11	121 690	0.000
particular Ramadan	170	09		11	121.000	0.000
5. Trying to have competency in insulin injection in	18/	02	16	8	141 120	0.000
particular Ramadan	104	)2	10	0	141.120	0.000
6.Discussing Patient about condition at the	174	87	26	13	109 520	0.000
beginning of in particular Ramadan	1/7	07	20	15	107.520	0.000
7.Preventing diabetic Patient from eating sweets at	192	96	8	4	169 280	0.000
home in particular Ramadan	172	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	0	-	107.200	0.000
8. Permission for the Patient to eat his meal and						
snack anywhere, including al tarwah prayer and	166	83	34	17	87.120	0.000
physical activity						
9.Asking Patient for availability of sugar free foods	196	98	4	2	184.320	0.000
10.Talking about DM with diabetic Patient and all	158	79	42	21	67 280	0.000
friends in particular Ramadan	150	1)	72	21	07.280	0.000
11. In the event that the patient feels Dizziness or	172	86	28	14	103 680	0.000
he should initiate breakfast in particular Ramadan	1/2	00	20	17	105.000	0.000
12.Getting emergencies help immediately if						
diabetic Patient loses his consciousness in particular	156	78	44	22	62.720	0.000
Ramadan						
13.Making a list for diabetic Patient medications &	176	88	24	12	115 520	0.000
times of administration in particular Ramadan	170	00	24	12	115.520	0.000
14.Developing an emergency action plan if						
problems with hypoglycemic reaction in particular	146	73	54	27	42.320	0.000
Ramadan						
15.Knowing meal &snacks schedule and remind the	172	86	28	14	103 680	0.000
Patient to take snack at time in particular Ramadan	1/2	00	20	17	105.000	0.000

Table 3 shows all item of practices toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN the most of participant answer done were respectively (85,76,89,92,87,96,83,98,79,86,78,88,73,86%) while respectively the **X**<sup>2</sup>

(98.000,54.080,121.680,141.120,109.520,169.280,87.120,184.320,67.280,103.680, 62.720,115.520,42.320,103.680)and a significant relation between practices were p-value =0.001 respectively (<0.001). except the Allowing Patient to use restroom more than once time the most of participant answer not done were (55.0%) the X2 2.000 no significant relation between practices were p-value =0.001

	Ag	ree	Neut	ral	Disa	gree	0/ of	Chi-square	
Attitude	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%	agreement	X <sup>2</sup>	P- value
1. diabetic Patient shouldn't be treated the same as other peers as they deserve special attention in particular Ramadan	152	76	24	12	24	12	88.00	163.840	0.000
2. Sometimes patients with DM pretend ill to win their sympathy in particular Ramadan	84	42	64	32	52	26	72.00	7.840	0.020
3. providing diabetes care to a patients is not their responsibility but a family responsibility in particular Ramadan	40	20	66	33	94	47	57.67	21.880	0.000
<ul> <li>4. physicians have</li> <li>a role in gathering</li> <li>information updating</li> <li>their knowledge about</li> <li>DM in particular</li> <li>Ramadan</li> </ul>	152	76	24	12	24	12	88.00	163.840	0.000
5. physicians should educate patients about DM and its prevention in particular Ramadan	164	82	16	8	20	10	90.67	213.280	0.000

## Table 4 Distribution of the Attitude toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN

6. physicians should counsel and advising diabetic patients in particular Ramadan	150	75	42	21	8	4	90.33	164.920	0.000
<ul><li>7. the physicians confident in own abilities to manage DM in particular Ramadan</li></ul>	172	86	24	12	4	2	94.67	252.640	0.000
<ul><li>8. the physicians</li><li>ready to attend</li><li>training about DM</li><li>care even in Ramadan</li></ul>	134	67	44	22	22	11	85.33	105.640	0.000
9. Are you support the fasting of a pregnant and feeding woman you have diabetic in particular Ramadan.	38	19	20	10	142	71	49.33	130.120	0.000
10. Do you support presence of physicians and nurse available at the time in particular Ramadan	174	87	10	5	16	8	93.00	259.480	0.000

Table 2 shows all item of Attitude toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN the most of participants answer Agree were respectively (76, 76,82,75,86,67,87) except some item while respectively the  $X^2$  (163.840,163.840,213.280,164.920,252.640,105.640,130.120,259.48) and a significant relation between Attitude were p-value =0.001 respectively (<0.001). Table(5) Distribution of the Knowledge, attitudes, and practices in Makkah toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN

	N	%	Chi-square		
Knowledge	·		X <sup>2</sup> P-va		
Weak	24	12		<0.001*	
Average	70	35	50.68		
High	106	53			
Practices	·	•			
Weak	46	23	13.24	0.0013*	

Average	88	44		
High	66	33		
Attitude				
Positive	152	76	53 045	<0.001*
Negative	48	24	55.045	<0.001

Table 5 Regarding Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of the participant toward Type 2 DM in RAMADAN study results show the majority of participant had regarding Knowledge average information were (53.0%) the  $X^{2}$ 50.68 a significant relation were p-value =0.001

Regarding Practices the participant toward Type 2 DM in RAMADAN study results show the majority of participant had regarding Practices average information were(44.0%) the  $X^2$  13.24 a significant relation were p-value =0.001

Regarding Attitude the participant toward Type 2 DM in RAMADAN study results show the majority of participant had regarding Attitude Positive information were(76.0%) the  $X^2$  53.045 a significant relation were p-value =0.001

# Figure 1 Distribution of the Knowledge, attitudes, and practices in Makkah toward management of Type 2 DM in RAMADAN



#### Discussion

There may be a gap between knowledge of diabetes and awareness of diabetes all participants in our study were of primary care physicians, the study aimed to Assessment of Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of primary care physicians in Makkah 2022 at Saudi Arabia toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan, objectives of the study to assessment of Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of primary care physicians in Makkah 2022 at Saudi Arabia toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan. This is the first study to assess the level of assessment of Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of primary care physicians in Makkah 2022 at Saudi Arabia toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan in Makah .

In the present study, shows that most of the participants (39.0%) were in the age group > 40 years the majority of them were female (54.0%) while male (46.0%), also regarding Department the majority of participant are Emergence department were(25.0%) while Clinical experiences the majority of participant 5-10 years were (44.0%.)

Regarding the Level of education the majority of participant Postgraduate Studies were (43.0%(.regarding the economic level the majority of participant average economic level were(51.0%). While sources of information most of participants from Own personal experience were (35.0%)(See Table 1). In a Jordanian study[27] there was dominancy in male and young age participants. A study from Turkey showed that 50% of participant students were males [20]. A study from Ghana [28] showed more prevalence of males and married teachers and those with age of 30-39 years old and 1-5 years of experience. Most of in Ghana study participants showed a moderate level of knowledge not similar to our results reported. In Bahraini study, it was reported an average knowledge and awareness of students[18]

Overall the results Regarding Knowledge, attitudes, and practices of the participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant had regarding Knowledge average information were(53.0%) the X250.68 a significant relation were p-value =0.001. Regarding Practices the participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant had regarding Practices average information were(44.0%) the X2 13.24 a significant relation were p-value =0.001. Regarding Attitude the participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant had regarding Attitude the participant toward Type 2 DM in Ramadan study results show the majority of participant had regarding Attitude Positive information were(76.0%) the X2 53.045 a significant relation were p-value =0.001.(See Table 5)

Our study findings are similar to a number of previous study results that showed an inadequate level of knowledge and awareness of diabetes mellitus among the respondents in Saudi Arabia [29].[30] reported that 15% of the study participants in Riyadh had inadequate knowledge of DM, while 72% had moderate knowledge, the respondents in Dammam were found to obtain low scores regarding knowledge and attitudes toward diabetes mellitus. In another survey by. [31], shows all item of knowledge toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan the majority answer true were respectively (78, 69, 85, 75, 77, 68, 58, 88, 73, 66, 79, 61%) while respectively the X2 (62.720,28.880, 98.000, 50.000, 58.320, 25.920, 5.120, 115.520, 42.320, 20.480,67.280, 9.680) and a significant relation between Knowledge were p-value =0.001 respectively (<0.001) also shows all item of practices toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan the most of participant answer done were respectively (85,76,89,92,87,96,83,98,79, 86, 78,88,73,86%) while respectively the X2 (62.720,28.880, 92.000, 50.000, 58.320, 25.920, 5.120, 115.520, 42.320, 20.480,67.280, 9.680) and a significant relation between Knowledge were p-value =0.001 respectively (<0.001) also shows all item of practices toward management of Type 2 DM in Ramadan the most of participant answer done were respectively (85,76,89,92,87,96,83,98,79, 86, 78,88,73,86%) while respectively the X2 the X

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62.720,115.520,42.320,103.680) and a significant relation between practices were p-value =0.001 respectively (<0.001). except the Allowing Patient to use restroom more .(Table3,4)

## Conclusion

Practice of fasting leads to changes in the timing and frequency of eating meals and taking medications. Thus, diabetes patients should be educated about how to take care of their dietary habits and medication. Skipping the dawn or dusk meals, irregularity in taking medicine and overeating at the time of breaking the fast may cause problems for diabetes patients. It is important to be aware of the need for adjustments of medicines during Ramadan. The main therapeutic adjustments are reduction in insulin dose and glucose-lowering agents. This must be done under the supervision of the treating physician. It has been suggested that Ramadan-focus. We recommend further strengthening of the Pre-Ramadan education programs by making them more inclusive especially for female patients, the less educated and those with a negative family history of diabetes.

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