Table III: Guidelines for Diabetes Screening in Asymptomatic Patients⁴⁴

Target Population	Screening Recommendation*	Level of Evidence
Yes to both of the following:**		
• Age 40 to 70 years old***	Screen every 3-years****	II-IV
• Overweight or obese (i.e., body mass index > 25		
kg/m ²)		

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*Screen with any one of the following: hemoglobin A1C, fasting plasma glucose, oral glucose tolerance test.

**Persons who have a family history of diabetes, history of gestational diabetes or polycystic

ovarian syndrome, or are members of certain racial/ethnic groups (i.e., African Americans,

American Indians or Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, or Native

Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders) may be at increased risk of diabetes at a younger age or at a

lower BMI and should be considered for earlier screening.

***The American Diabetes Association recommends screening for diabetes in adults aged 45

years or older and screening in persons with multiple risk factors regardless of age. 46,95

****More frequent testing may be considered for those with abnormal tests results or those at

higher risk.

Level of evidence definitions: IA, evidence from meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials;

IB, evidence from at least one randomized controlled trial; IIA, evidence from at least one

controlled study without randomization; IIB, evidence from at least one other type of

experimental study; III, evidence from nonexperimental descriptive studies, such as comparative studies, correlation studies, and case-control studies; IV, evidence from expert committee reports or opinions or clinical experience of respected authorities, or both.