What are the consequences of diabetes?

In 2012, diabetes was the direct cause of 1.5 million deaths, with more than 80% of these deaths occurring in low- and middle-income countries. WHO projects that diabetes will be the 7th leading cause of death by 2030. The overall risk of dying among people with diabetes is at least double that of their peers without diabetes. Diabetes increases the risk of heart disease and stroke, which are responsible for 50% to 80% of deaths in people with this condition. Diabetes is also a leading cause of blindness, amputation and kidney failure.

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