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Food habits adequacy of hypertensive and diabetics patients

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Introduction: The study describes the healthy food consumption in hypertensive and diabetic people and classifies the adequacy of habits according to the Brazilian Ministry of Health's Food Guide. **Objective:** To describe the adequacy of food consuption by diabetics and hypertensive patients in a Primary Health Care setting.

Methodology or experience description: A cross-sectional analysis of data from the baseline in 2011 was conducted with a simple random sample of hypertensive and diabetic adults cared for in a primary health service, who responded to a baseline questionnaire from a longitudinal study.

Results: A total of 2482 people were analyzed; 66.5% were hypertensive only, 6.5% were diabetic only and 27.1% had hypertension and diabetes. Among the participants, 76.6% did not have adequate food habits. Were observed a high intake of fats, sugar and salt, and a low intake of fibers. The prevalence of an inadequate food habit was higher among those who were hypertensive only.

Conclusions or Hypothesis: Considering a chronic condition, improving their nutrition should be a goal of treatment for disease control and prevention of damage. The difference between the groups suggests the importance of analysis and management strategies specific to each stratus.

Palavras-chave: Food Consuption. Hypertension and Diabetes. Primary Health Care.