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Food Intake in Pregnant Women with Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

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INTRODUCTION

Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) is a subtype of hyperglycemia diagnosed for the first time in pregnancy. Inadequate glycemic control in GDM increases the risk of maternal, fetal and neonatal consequences, in this sense, nutritional therapy is essential during the follow-up of these pregnant women.

The aim of the present study was to verify the fulfillment of the nutritional requirements of macronutrients of pregnant women diagnosed with GDM at Hospital Lusíadas Lisboa.



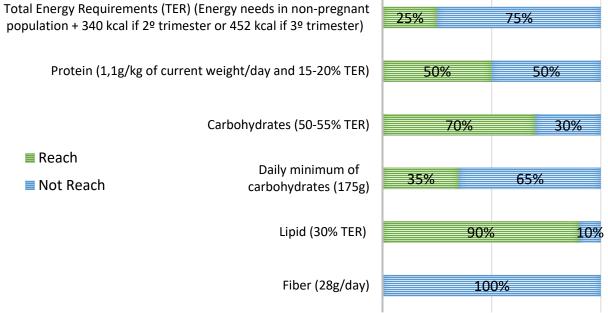
RESULTS

Age (years)	35± 4 (min.26; max.42)
Pre-gestational weight (kg)	70,75± 15,31 (min. 52,0; max. 101,3)
Current weight (kg)	77,42± 15,62 (min. 60,0; max. 119,8)
Body Mass Index (BMI) prior to pregnancy (kg/m²)	26,2± 5,3 (min. 19,3; max. 37,6)
Fasting capillary blood glucose (mg/dL)	89±9 (min.76; max.103) 75% reached the fasting capillary glycemic objective (≤95) Pregnant women who didn't meet the goal set for fasting blood glucose, had, on average, higher pre-gestational BMI
Postprandial capillary blood glucose (mg/dL)	119± 19 (min.97; max.190) 95% reached the postprandial glycemic objective (≤140)



75% of pregnant women were in the third trimester of pregnancy and the majority (40%) were diagnosed in the third trimester

FULFILLMENT OF THE NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF MACRONUTRIENTS



CONCLUSIONS

The present study demonstrated the importance of an individualized nutritional intervention by a nutritionist in pregnant women diagnosed with GDM. The importance of this intervention is based on adherence to an adequate dietary pattern that prevents nutritional deficits, enhances clinical outcomes and contribute to reducing the incidence of GDM.

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