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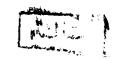
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### **Abbreviation**

- D.M Diabetes Mellitus

- GDM Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> Glycosylated hemoglobin

- IAA Insulin Auto-Antibodies

- ICA Islet Cell Autoantibodies

- IDDM Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

- IGT Impaired Glucose Tolerance

- MODY Maturity Onset Diabetes of Young

- NDDG National Diabetes Data Group

- NIDDM Non Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

- OGTT Oral Glucose Tolerance Test.

- Per. AGT Pervious Abnormality of Glucose Tolerance

- Pot. AGT Potential Abnormality of Glucose Tolerance.

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Glucose intolerance and diabetes may be caused by either inadequate insulin secretion or by impaired action of insulin on the tissues (Harold, 1984).

In 1980, the WHO expert committee on diabetes mellitus defined this disease as a state of chronic hyperglycemia (i.e. the state of having an excessive concentration of glucose in blood), Which may result from many environmental and genetic factors.

Diabetes is currently divided into 2 major forms, type (I) insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) and type 2 Non insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM). Most young persons who become diabetics are type I or IDDM.

In contrast, type 2 diabetes increases in prevalence with age (Fajans, 1978).

Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) is one of the most common serious diseases occuring in children and adolescents (Drash and Arslanian, 1990) In Egypt, the prevalence of Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus among school children is 1,09 for 1000 (Salem et al., 1987)

Vulvovaginitis is in fact the commonest gynaecological disorder of childhood. It is commonly due to low virulence organisms rather than specific pathogenic organisms. Candida albicans plays a significant role in vulvovaginitis in diabetics or those on broad spectrum antibiotics (Forfar and Arneil, 1986).

The aim of the present work is to identify common pathogens causing vulvovaginitis in diabetic females and to study introital commencals of diabetics not complaining of symptoms of vulvovaginitis and to detect the effect of glycemic control on the frequency and cause of infection.

# **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

#### **DIABETES MELLITUS**

#### **Definition:**

Diabetes mellitus refers to a group of disorders that produces hyperglycemia as a prominent manifestation (Matthow, 1989). It is a heterogenous primary disorder of carbohydrate metabolism with multiple aetiological factors. All causes of this disorder ultimately lead to hyperglycemia (Olefsky, 1988). The state of chronic hyperglycemia is due to deficiency or diminshed effectiveness of insulin (Welborn, 1984).

The various types which constitute this group of disorders differ in their clinical behaviour, their epidemiological features and their pathological findings and thus most likely have a different aetiological causes and pathogenesis (Fajan et al., 1978).

- Diabetes mellitus is not a disease in the classical sense, but it is more or less a syndrome. (Anderiani et al., 1984).
- Diabetes is frequently associated with permanent and irreversible functional and structural changes in the cells of the body particulary of the vascular system. These complications affect most characteristically the eye. The kidney and the nervous system are considered to be a major part in the diabetic syndrome (Baird et al., 1977).