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Abstract Title: Patient Outreach to Promote Guideline-Recommended Screening among Diverse Women with Gestational Diabetes: A Factorial Pilot Study

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Background: Given that gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) elevates women's type 2 diabetes risk, national guidelines urge diabetes screening at 4-12 weeks postpartum with an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT). While screening is an Affordable Care Act covered benefit, uptake is low for racial/ethnic minorities. Objective: We examined patient barriers and benefits of screening, and feasibility and acceptability of an online multi-component outreach message to promote it. Methods: Participants were 162 pregnant (n=67) or postpartum (n=95) women with current/recent GDM in a large health system, who had not yet completed screening (72% racial/ethnic minorities; mean age $[\pm SD] = 33\pm4.9$ years). Using a Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST) 2⁴ factorial design, women were randomized to receive up to four components of an online outreach message: tailored risk information (n=82); a values affirmation (n=82); interactive motivational interviewing (MI; n=69); and interactive action planning to problem solve barriers (n=85). **Results:** Barriers to screening included lack of time (52%), prioritizing baby's health (43%), lack of childcare (38%), and fear of abnormal results (31%). Benefits included self-care (85%) and detecting abnormal results (69%). Across 4 components, \geq 91% of women read most of the message; mean acceptability scores were 3.9 of 5 and, as hypothesized, did not differ when components were "on" vs. "off" ($Ps \ge .41$). Over 87% engaged in the interactive MI and action planning components. Conclusion: Ethnically diverse women with GDM endorsed both benefits and barriers to recommended screening. Delivering online outreach components was feasible and acceptable; their efficacy on screening uptake remains to be tested.