

# Barriers to appropriate diabetes management among homeless people in Toronto

**Table 1: Characteristics of study participants at homeless shelters in Toronto**

Characteristic	No. (and %) of subjects
Age, yr	
23–39	6 (12)
40–59	38 (76)
60–75	6 (12)
Sex	
Male	41 (82)
Female	9 (18)
Race	
White	32 (64)
Black	8 (16)
Aboriginal/Native Indian	5 (10)
Asian	3 (6)
Other	2 (4)
Education	
Completed high school	19 (38)
Duration of current episode of homelessness	
< 6 mo	20 (40)
6 mo–1 yr	16 (32)
> 1 yr	14 (28)
Difficulties obtaining necessities of life	20 (40)
CAGE score*	
0	24 (48)
1–2	7 (14)
3–4	19 (38)
Cocaine use within past year	11 (22)
Heroin use within past year	2 (4)
Major mental illness	20 (40)
History of hospital admission because of psychiatric reasons	13 (26)

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\*The CAGE score is equal to the number of affirmative responses to the following questions: Have you ever felt the need to Cut down on your drinking? Have people Annoyed you by criticizing your drinking? Have you ever felt Guilty about your drinking? Do you drink in the morning for an Eye-opener?