

# DIABETES AND SPINAL FUNCTION

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Diabetes is a condition that impairs the body's ability to process blood glucose. Spinal nerve interference has been documented by leading scientific researchers to be a contributing factor of endocrine and metabolic disorders including diabetes.

Growing evidence supports the hypothesis that reduced central nervous system signaling contributes to the pathogenesis of common metabolic disorders, including diabetes and obesity.

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“Intracellular and intercellular are the basic mechanisms for the regulation of all cells. Disturbances in cell signaling are central to disturbances in insulin secretion and action, which lead to diabetes and to both micro and macrovascular complications.”

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**“Abnormalities of the central afferent and efferent pathways have been revealed by evoked potential studies in diabetic patients.”**

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“Lesions of the hypothalamic input region may produce a variety of symptoms, including diabetes, obesity, sexual dystrophy, and loss of thermal control.”

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A study of 46 patients showed that in addition to impairment of peripheral nerve function, diabetes without clinical evidence of pain can have a defect in spinal afferent transmission.

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