

DIABETIC NEUROPATHY: CLINICAL FEATURES AND THERAPY

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Summary. Diabetic neuropathy is the commonest complication of diabetes mellitus. This complication involves either distal, or proximal parts of nervous system and is specifically caused by diabetes mellitus. In the article the current views regarding the epidemiology of diabetic neuropathy are presented, the main patho-genetic mechanisms are discussed, the clinical features of the main syndromes of neuropathy are described. The principles of therapy of these complications of diabetes are outlined including the results of the recently completed clinical trials establishing new approaches to the patho-genetic treatment of diabetic neuropathy.