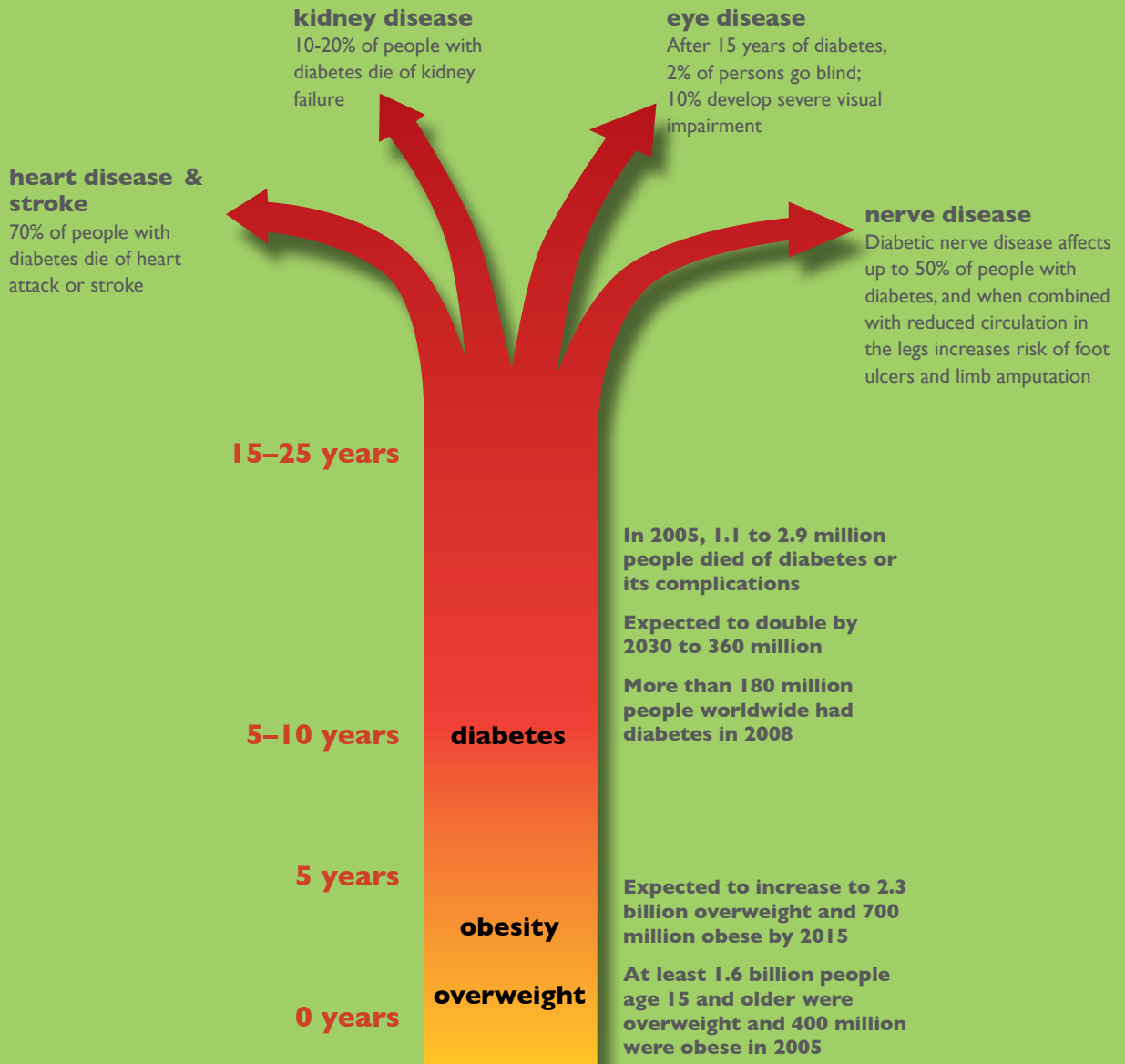


## A PIPELINE OF DISEASE—AND ESCALATING COSTS



*Source: World Health Organization*

In addition to its human toll in pain, suffering, and disability, the worldwide cost to treat diabetes and its complications in 2007 was more than \$232 billion, according to International Diabetes Foundation estimates. That figure will hit \$302 billion by 2025.

In the United States, care for people diagnosed with the disease costs about 2.3 times that for others. According to the American Diabetes Association, total costs were about \$174 billion in 2007, including \$116 billion in medical costs—up 32 percent from 2002—and \$58 billion in lost productivity. Medical costs included:

**\$27 billion for diabetes care**

**\$58 billion for chronic-disease-related complications**

**\$31 billion for excess general medical costs.**