



## What is the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance™?

We are a coalition of 20 members representing patient advocacy organizations, professional societies, trade associations, other nonprofit organizations, and corporations that are committed to changing the way diabetes is viewed and treated in America.

The members of the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance™ (DAA) work together to:

- Increase awareness among policymakers and legislators about the enormous challenges that diabetes and prediabetes pose to US health, health care, and prosperity.
- Educate policymakers about how legislation and public policy can help rein in the growth in the number of people with diabetes, and reduce the burden of the serious complications associated with the disease.

## Current Priorities

**Diabetes Prevention Programs:** The members of the DAA believe that one of the most effective strategies for addressing the growing epidemic of type 2 diabetes is implementation of evidence-based, community-based diabetes prevention programs in communities across the country, with the ultimate goal of making these programs available for the 86 million adults with prediabetes.

The Affordable Care Act authorized funding for a National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP), headquartered at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which would establish the framework for making diabetes prevention programs available in communities across America to people with prediabetes. DAA members have made it a priority to advocate for Congress or the Administration to provide funding for the NDPP. For more information on the National Diabetes Prevention Program, visit [http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/projects/prevention\\_program.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/projects/prevention_program.htm).

**Screening for Type 2 Diabetes:** Another vital component of diabetes prevention, and prevention of diabetes complications, is screening for diabetes and prediabetes in people at risk. Screening is the entry point for primary prevention of type 2 diabetes and identification of people with undiagnosed type 2 diabetes.

DAA members have made it a priority to meet with members of Congress and inform and educate policymakers about the need for risk factor-based diabetes screening guidelines. Such guidelines can identify people with prediabetes who can benefit from diabetes prevention efforts and could also find those with undiagnosed diabetes who could receive appropriate treatment and care.

**Diabetes Treatment and Care:** DAA members advocate for legislation and policies that would increase access to appropriate and necessary treatment and care for all people with diabetes, including access to diabetes self-management education. They also advocate for team-based care, which provides people with diabetes with access to coordinated care by a variety of health care providers, including primary care physicians and other primary care providers; physician specialists such as endocrinologists, nephrologists, and neurologists; diabetes educators; registered dietitians; eye care professionals; dentists; pharmacists; and behaviorists.

## Members of the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance™

The current members of the DAA include:

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	National Association of
American Association of	Chain Drug Stores
Clinical Endocrinologists	National Association of
American Association of	Chronic Disease Directors
Diabetes Educators	National Community
American Clinical Laboratory Association	Pharmacists Association
American Diabetes Association	National Kidney Foundation
American Medical Association	Novo Nordisk Inc.
American Optometric Association	Pediatric Endocrine Society
American Podiatric Medical Association	Results for Life
Healthcare Leadership Council	The Endocrine Society
Medicare Diabetes Screening Project	VSP® Vision Care
	YMCA of the USA

## For More Information

To learn more about the DAA, visit our Web site at [www.diabetesadvocacyalliance.org](http://www.diabetesadvocacyalliance.org).