# BECOME AN ADA AMBASSADOR FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

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#### **OUR MISSION**

to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.



#### **TODAY'S AGENDA**

- Describe the ADA Ambassadors initiative
- Review the ADA "Diabetes 101" presentation
- Share key diabetes resources for Ambassadors

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#### WHAT ARE ADA AMBASSADORS?

- Support people with diabetes in their communities by connecting people with education and resources from the ADA
- Serve as a bridge between their communities and the ADA by communicating local needs and gaps to the ADA to inform our work
- Program started as a pilot at 2017 CHW conference; currently have almost 100 Ambassadors statewide

#### ADA AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete a training reviewing the ADA's "Diabetes 101" workshop and our available community resources (happening during this session!)
- Present the "Diabetes 101" workshop in their area as available/needed
- Attend local events as available/needed
- Share diabetes resources with their communities
- Communicate local needs and gaps back to the ADA
- Attend bimonthly (every 2 months) conference calls



#### **ADA AMBASSADOR BENEFITS**

- Receive training on topics related to diabetes and new initiatives from the ADA and our partners
- Stay up-to-date on resources available from the ADA and other organizations
- Connect community members with diabetes education and resources
- Share your knowledge of community needs with the ADA to inform our work
- Network with other Ambassadors from across the Northwest Region to share successes and challenges



### **DIABETES 101**

Your name here





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#### TRUE OR FALSE?

If you are overweight or obese, you will get type 2 diabetes.

### **FALSE**

Most overweight people never develop type 2 diabetes, and many people with type 2 diabetes are at a normal weight or only moderately overweight.



#### TRUE OR FALSE?

Eating too much sugar causes diabetes.

### **FALSE**

While a diet high in sugar may put someone at increased risk for type 2 diabetes, it is not the only factor. Type 1 diabetes is caused by genetics and other unknown causes.



#### TRUE OR FALSE?

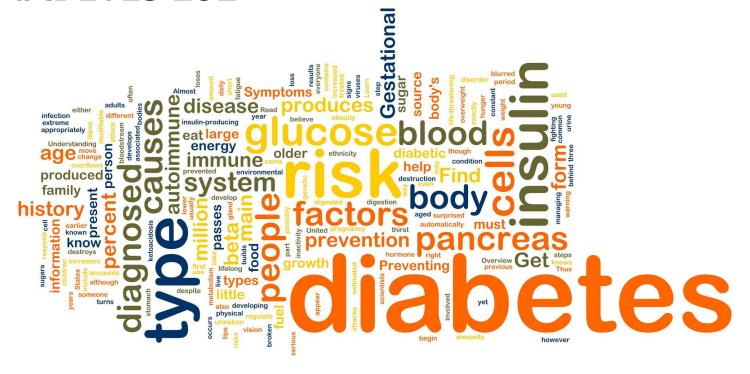
If you have type 2 diabetes and you need to start using insulin, it means you're not taking care of yourself.

### **FALSE**

Type 2 diabetes is often a progressive disease. Eventually, lifestyle change and oral medications may not be enough to keep blood glucose levels in range.



#### **DIABETES 101**





#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE EAT?



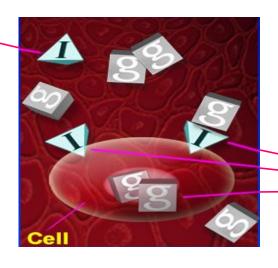
After eating, most food is turned into glucose, the body's main source of energy.



## NORMAL BLOOD GLUCOSE CONTROL

In people without diabetes, glucose stays in a healthy range because:

1) Insulin is released at the right times and in the right amounts



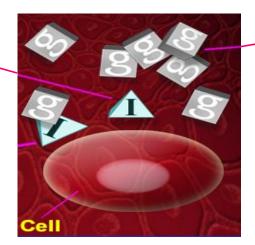
2) Insulin helps glucose enter cells



## HIGH BLOOD GLUCOSE (HYPERGLYCEMIA)

In diabetes, blood glucose builds up for several possible reasons...

1) Too little insulin is made



2) Cells can't use insulin well



#### SYMPTOMS OF HYPERGLYCEMIA



- Increased thirst
- Increased urination
- Blurry vision
- Feeling tired
- Slow healing of cuts or wounds
- More frequent infections
- Weight loss
- Nausea and vomiting

#### TWO MAIN TYPES OF DIABETES

#### Type 1 diabetes

- ~ 5% of all cases
- Pancreas makes little to no insulin
- Managed with insulin

#### Type 2 diabetes

- ~ 90% of all cases
- Cells do not use insulin well (insulin resistance)
- Ability for pancreas to make insulin decreases over time
- Managed with lifestyle change, oral medications, and/or insulin



#### **TYPE 2 DIABETES**



#### Risk factors

- Family history of type 2
- Age
- Ethnic/racial background:
- Overweight/obesity
- Physical inactivity
- History of gestational diabetes

#### WHAT IS PREDIABETES?



- More than 1 in 3 American adults (84 million) have prediabetes
- Occurs before type 2 diabetes
- Blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet diabetes
- Most people with prediabetes don't know they have it

## BURDEN OF DIABETES IN THE UNITED STATES

- Someone is diagnosed with diabetes every 21 seconds in the U.S.
- 30 million people in the U.S. have diabetes
  - 9.4% of the U.S. population
  - 7.2 million people with diabetes are undiagnosed
- More than 1 in 4 seniors have diabetes (more than 11 million)
- 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with diabetes every year

## BURDEN OF DIABETES IN THE UNITED STATES

- The leading cause of:
  - New blindness among adults
  - Kidney failure
  - Amputations
- Increases the risk of heart attack and stroke by 2-4 fold
- 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death
- Diabetes kills more Americans every year than AIDS and breast cancer combined
- Most costly chronic illness in the U.S., with diagnosed diabetes expenses totaling \$327 billion in 2017



American Diabetes Association

## So we know diabetes is common, serious, and expensive.

Is there any good news?

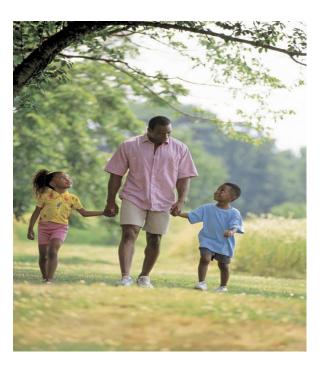


#### IS THERE ANY GOOD NEWS?

- Yes, we can reduce the chances of developing type 2 diabetes in high-risk people (weight loss, exercise, medications)
- Yes, we can reduce the chances of developing diabetes complications through:
  - Blood glucose control (diet, monitoring, medication)
  - Blood pressure control
  - Cholesterol control
  - Regular visits to healthcare providers
  - Early detection and treatment of complications



### PREVENTION EFFORTS ARE KEY



- Most of the diabetes costs are due to end-stage complications
- Investment of resources into early diagnosis, patient education, prevention and treatments pays off in:
  - Longer lives
  - Increased productivity
  - Reduced costs over the long term

### IF YOU HAVE PRE-DIABETES...



- Diabetes management techniques (e.g. Plate Method, increasing physical activity, etc.) can help
- See a doctor regularly
- Consider the Diabetes Prevention Program

### **HEALTHY EATING**



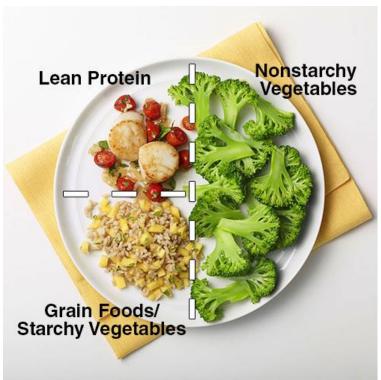
#### Meals based on:

- Lean protein
- Non-starchy vegetables
- Whole grains
- Healthy fats
- Fruit

#### Most food should be:

- Low in saturated and trans fat
- Low to moderate in salt and sugar

### PLATE METHOD





**Dairy** 





#### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



- Aerobic exercise: 30 minutes 5x per week
- Strength training: Twice per week
- Stretching: As often as possible
- Balance exercises: 3 or more days per week

### **LET'S PRACTICE!**





## MEDICATION ADHERENCE AND MEDICAL CARE

- Diabetes medications may change over time
- Be sure to pay attention to current doses and create a system to track when meds are taken
- Crosscheck medications with healthcare provider
- See a healthcare provider for regular checkups, and be sure to get recommended immunizations (e.g. flu and pneumonia shots)



## KNOW THE STEPS TO DECREASE RISK OF DIABETES COMPLICATIONS

- A1c < 7
- Blood pressure < 130/80 (< 120/80 if possible)</li>
- Cholesterol (LDL) < 100, statin therapy for high risk</li>
- Quit smoking
- Be active
- Make healthy food choices
- Take care of feet
- Get recommended screenings and early treatment for complications



## AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION: WHAT WE DO

- Drive discovery: Fund millions in diabetes research (\$37.4 million in 2017); set the standards of care for diabetes nationally.
- Raise voice: Advocate for policies that support people affected by diabetes, and provide legal advocacy assistance for people facing discrimination.
- Support people: Lead programs such as Camp, ADA
   Ambassadors, and Living with Type 2 Diabetes, and
   provide digital, print, and phone resources for people with
   diabetes and their healthcare providers.



### **MORE INFORMATION**

- Center for Information
  - 1-800-DIABETES
  - AskADA@diabetes.org / Preguntas@diabetes.org
- Social media:
  - www.facebook.com/AmericanDiabetesAssociation
- Web:
  - www.diabetes.org
  - www.diabetes.org/washingtonstate



#### **NOTES ON GIVING A PRESENTATION**

- Please do not modify the slides without talking to me first
- Avoid giving medical advice unless you're a medical professional and it's within your scope of practice
- If an audience member has a question and you don't know the answer, that's okay!
  - Tell them you don't know but will find out, then refer them to me or the Center for Information (1-800-DIABETES)



## HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES FOR ADA AMBASSADORS

- Patient Education Materials
- Diabetes Food Hub
- Living with Type 2 Diabetes
- Wellness Day Toolkits
- Website and Center for Information
- State 2-1-1 Programs
- State Departments of Health



#### PATIENT EDUCATION MATERIALS

### SU CONSEJERO DE DIABETES

#### A1C/eAG

#### ¿QUÉ ES A1C?

El AIC es una prueba de glucosa en la sangre que también puede denominarse promedio aproximado de glucosa (en inglés conocido como estimated average glucose o eAG). O Indica el promedio de glucosa en la sangre durante los últimos dos o tres meses. Hace esto midiendo cuánta glucosa se adhiere a los glóbulos rojos. Debido a que siempre se producen glóbulos rojos nuevos para sustituir los viejos, el AIC puede variar con el tiempo con los cambios en el nivel de glucosa en la sangre.

#### ¿CON QUÉ FRECUENCIA DEBO HACERME LA PRUEBA A1C/EAG?

Recuérdele a su equipo de atención médica que le mida el A1C por lo menos dos veces al año. Si está cambiando de medicamentos o haciendo otros cambios en su cuidado, es posible que deba hacerse la prueba con más frecuencia.

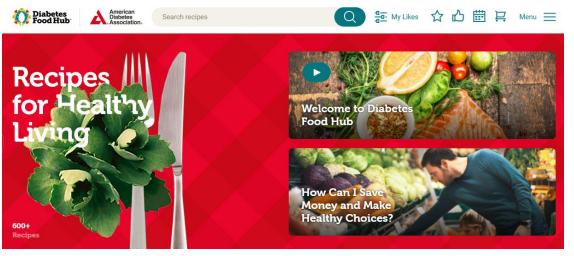
#### ¿CUÁLES SON LOS LÍMITES DESEADOS DE A1C/EAG?

El objetivo general para A1C de la Asociación es 7% (eAG de 154 mg/dl). Es posible que su médico le recomiende un nivel más alto o bajo según su edad y otros factores. Sea cual sea su número, cuanto más se acerque a resultados de menos de 7%, mayor su probabilidad de prevenir o retrasar

- Nearly 200 printable PDF materials available on a range of diabetes-related topics
- Languages include Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Hatian Creole, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese
- Available <u>here</u>



#### **DIABETES FOOD HUB**



- Digital cooking and recipe destination designed by the American Diabetes Association for people living with diabetes, their families, and caregivers
- Allows users to plan weekly meals, create an editable shopping list to prepare those meals, and get healthy tips from ADA dietitians
- Online at https://www.diabetesfoodhub.org



## LIVING WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES PROGRAM

### American Diabetes Association. Living With Type 2 Diabetes

When you're first diagnosed with diabetes, you have a lot of questions. Get the answers you need from experts you can trust. *Living With Type 2 Diabetes* is a free, 12-month program for people newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Members choose to get their information online or in the mail, in English or Spanish.

#### Where Do I Begin?

Get started with this free resource. This booklet will tell you what you need to know about diabetes now.

Then enroll in the free Living With Type 2 Diabetes program to get more information, tools, and resources.

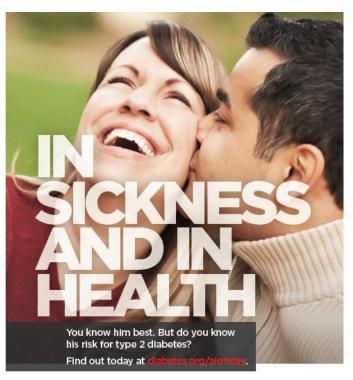
Order your free copy today. Call 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383).



- Free 12-month program for people newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes
- Available in English and Spanish
- Enrollees receive 5 information packets, monthly e-newsletters, and 3 issues of Diabetes
   Forecast magazine
- More information at <u>diabetes.org/lwt2</u>



#### WELLNESS DAY TOOLKITS



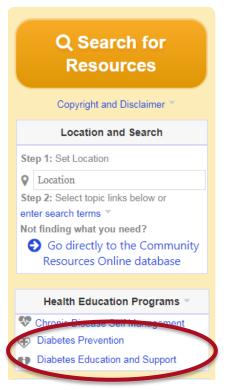
- Three Wellness Days throughout the year:
  - Alert Day (March 27)
  - Get Fit Don't Sit Day (May 2)
  - National Healthy Lunch Day (September 18)
- Digital toolkits with communications materials, engagement ideas, and more
- Available at <u>diabetes.org/wellnessdays</u>

## WEBSITE AND CENTER FOR INFORMATION

- Website: www.diabetes.org
- Center for Information
  - Toll-free phone number: 1-800-DIABETES
  - Online chat
  - Email: <u>askada@diabetes.org</u> / <u>Preguntas@diabetes.org</u>



### **STATE 2-1-1 PROGRAMS**



- Great resource for finding diabetes information and programs
- Call 2-1-1 or visit your state's website:
  - Alaska: <u>www.alaska211.org</u>
  - Idaho: <u>211.idaho.gov</u>
  - Oregon/ SW WA: <u>211info.org</u>
  - Washington: win211.org



#### STATE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH



#### Diabetes Prevention and Control

- > Diabetes Home
- > Prevention & Self-Management Programs
- > Diabetes Data & Statistics
- > Clinical Tools
- > Diabetes Education
- > Partnerships
- > News & Events

#### Types of Diabetes

- > Type 1 Diabetes
- > Gestational Diabetes
- > Diabetes and the Elderly

Are you at risk for diabetes? Know your score. Take the diabetes risk test now:

#### Alaska Diabetes Prevention and Control Program - Home

#### **DIABETES NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### March is National Kidney Month

- > The National Kidney Foundation >
- > CDC Initiatives: Chronic Kidney Disease >
- > March 8 is World Kidney Day
  - > CDC Features: Get tested for Chronic Kidney Disease >
- > March 27 is American Diabetes Alert Day
  - > American Diabetes Association >
  - > National Institute of Health >
- > Are you at risk for Diabetes? Take the test>

Enroll in the FREE on-line diabetes prevention program: TurnAround Health! Alaska residents with prediabetes can take advantage of a FREE 1 year subscription using PROMO Code: Alaska2015. Download the flyer, or SIGN UP Today!

- Includes information, reports and upcoming events
- Click below to visit your state's website:
  - Alaska Diabetes Prevention and Control Program
  - Idaho Diabetes Prevention and Control Program
  - Oregon Diabetes Program
  - Washington Diabetes Connection



#### TO RECAP

- As an ADA Ambassador you will:
  - Connect your community with information and resources related to diabetes
  - Serve as a voice for people affected by diabetes in your community
  - Tell the ADA what needs and gaps you see to inform our resources and programs
  - Network with others who care about diabetes

Sign up using the sheet at the back of the room!



#### **Questions?**

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