

About Diabetes Australia

Diabetes Australia is the national body for all people with diabetes and those at risk. We are committed to reducing the impact of diabetes.

Diabetes Australia combines the voices of consumers, health professionals and researchers dedicated to diabetes.

Diabetes Australia has four key activities:

- **Leadership for diabetes** – national advocacy, policy, campaigns and communication to raise awareness of diabetes and its impact.
- **Living with diabetes** – supporting self-care and choice, promoting the best possible management of diabetes to help prevent complications, and supporting all ages and stages of diabetes. These activities cover type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes, gestational diabetes and other diabetes.
- **Preventing diabetes** – promoting and developing prevention policies and programs for risk assessment, early detection and prevention, both in high-risk populations (two million Australians are at high risk of developing diabetes) and at a whole-of-population level.
- **Research for diabetes** – supporting, funding and promoting the best diabetes research.

Working with general practice

To inform GPs and other health professionals in the field of diabetes management, Diabetes Australia publishes the *Diabetes Management Journal* quarterly. This ensures that the latest information on the optimum care for people with diabetes, and the latest developments in diabetes management, are delivered to frontline healthcare providers. The *Diabetes Management Journal* is available through [Diabetes Australia](#) and through professional membership of state and territory diabetes organisations.

The National Diabetes Services Scheme

Diabetes Australia administers the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) in conjunction with state and territory diabetes organisations, Australian Diabetes Society and the Australian Diabetes Educators Association. The NDSS is an Australian Government initiative and has operated successfully for more than 30 years. It provides universal access for all Australians with diabetes to subsidised diabetes products, and information, education and support services. As at September 2019, there were more than 1.34 million Australians registered with the NDSS.

Through the NDSS, people with diabetes can receive telephone support via the National Helpline on 1800 637 700, along with a range of diabetes information and educational resources and programs targeted for type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes.

Educational resources from Diabetes Australia

Membership of state and territory diabetes organisations provides additional benefits, including access to a wide range of educational resources and support for people with diabetes, their families and carers. To find out more, visit the [Diabetes Australia](#) website and click on your state or territory.