

Diabetes: Improving Diabetes Care in Community & Hospital

Why is this important?

Among Albertans, **25%** live with diabetes or pre-diabetes

Empower

In Canada, diabetes is the leading cause of **vision loss** in people of working age

Prevent

Canadians with diabetes are almost **20 times** more likely to be hospitalized for a non-traumatic **lower limb amputation** compared to the general population



Patients with high blood glucose (greater than 10 mmol/L) in hospital can experience **increased length of stay, risk of infections, and poor outcomes**

Transform

Over **25%** of residents in long term care facilities in Canada have **type 2 diabetes**

“Diabetes care in hospital isn’t perfect, but at least we are on the right track. Nurses have so many things to worry about and I think sometimes diabetes management scares them. I am glad all hospital staff are realizing the importance of glycemic management (in and out of hospital).”

- *Nurse who lives with T1 Diabetes Mellitus*

