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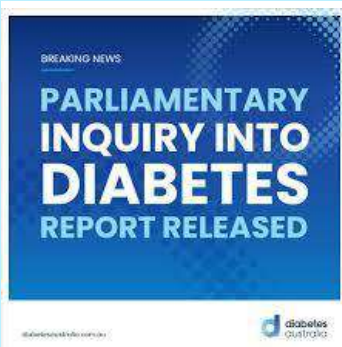
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Inside this issue: Euro Parliament & NCDs, Food labelling, Could free gyms help, Sugar tax news, Conference Reports, and lots of advocacy ideas.

23 Recommendations Following Diabetes Inquiry



The long-awaited Parliamentary 'State of Diabetes Mellitus in Australia' report has come up with 23 recommendations.

Having completed a year-long inquiry that generated almost 500

written submissions, the House Standing Committee on Health, Aged care and Sport published their report.

Committee Chair, Dr Mike Freeland MP said: 'In Australia, approximately 1.5 million people – some five per cent of the population – are known to live with a form of diabetes. In addition, it is expected that the number of Australians diagnosed with the condition will continue to rise. The nation faces what has throughout the inquiry been

referred to as a diabetes epidemic.' According to Dr Freeland, the fundamental aim of the Committee's report is to improve health outcomes for Australians affected by all forms of diabetes. By placing particular emphasis on prevention, the Committee is also seeking to raise awareness of major risk factors associated with the disease, such as obesity.

Among the recommendations are a call for an economic analysis of the direct and indirect cost of all forms of diabetes in Australia. A review of dietary guidelines, food labelling reforms, a sugar tax, screening programmes, better education and greater emphasis on prevention. You can access the full report here: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport/Inquiry_into_Diabetes/Report

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Can Taxes Help?

Dr Ted Herbosa MP, the Philippines health secretary, told a meeting hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank in Washington DC, that a tax on tobacco and alcohol in the country resulted in a sixfold increase in the country's health budget as well as a drop in consumption of the harmful products.

The meeting on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and financing on non-communicable diseases (NCD), heard that the policies adopted by the Philippines had increased the health budget by six times from 1.8% to 5.8% of GDP.

Health Secretary Herbosa said: "We were able to infuse money into the healthcare system to be able to care for the poorest populations."

The two-day meeting's aim was to generate



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consensus about how best to finance effective strategies to tackle NCDs and mental health. It is part of the build-up to the United Nations High-level Meeting on these issues in 2025.

Excise taxes on harmful products is one of the WHO's package of "88 best measures" to tackle NCDs – but countries should prioritise which of these will work best for the NCDs they face, said Bente Mikkelsen, WHO director for NCDs.

Advocacy Action: Does your country have alcohol and tobacco taxes? Could they be increased to generate more funds for the health budget, and to improve care and treatment for people with diabetes?

<https://healthpolicy-watch.news/countries-trade-advice-about-how-to-tackle-ncds-at-global-financing-dialogue/>

New European Parliament and NCDs

Following the election this year of a new European Parliament (EP), Members of the EP are being pressed to link with their national parliaments to put into practice the policy ideas the EU has for tackling Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) such as obesity and diabetes.

The growing impact of NCDs on national healthcare systems threatens to overwhelm them and thus the prosperity of the whole EU, as well as the other European countries that account for nearly 4 in 10 citizens on the continent.

The EU has published figures that estimate the cost of diabetes related health care costs and diabetes related productivity losses at \$190 Billion, cardiovascular disease at \$316 Billion, obesity at \$510 Billion. All are expected to rise in cost. The new EP and the other EU institutions will be asked to set their priorities and decide whether to change their approach to NCDs from the previous recommendations that

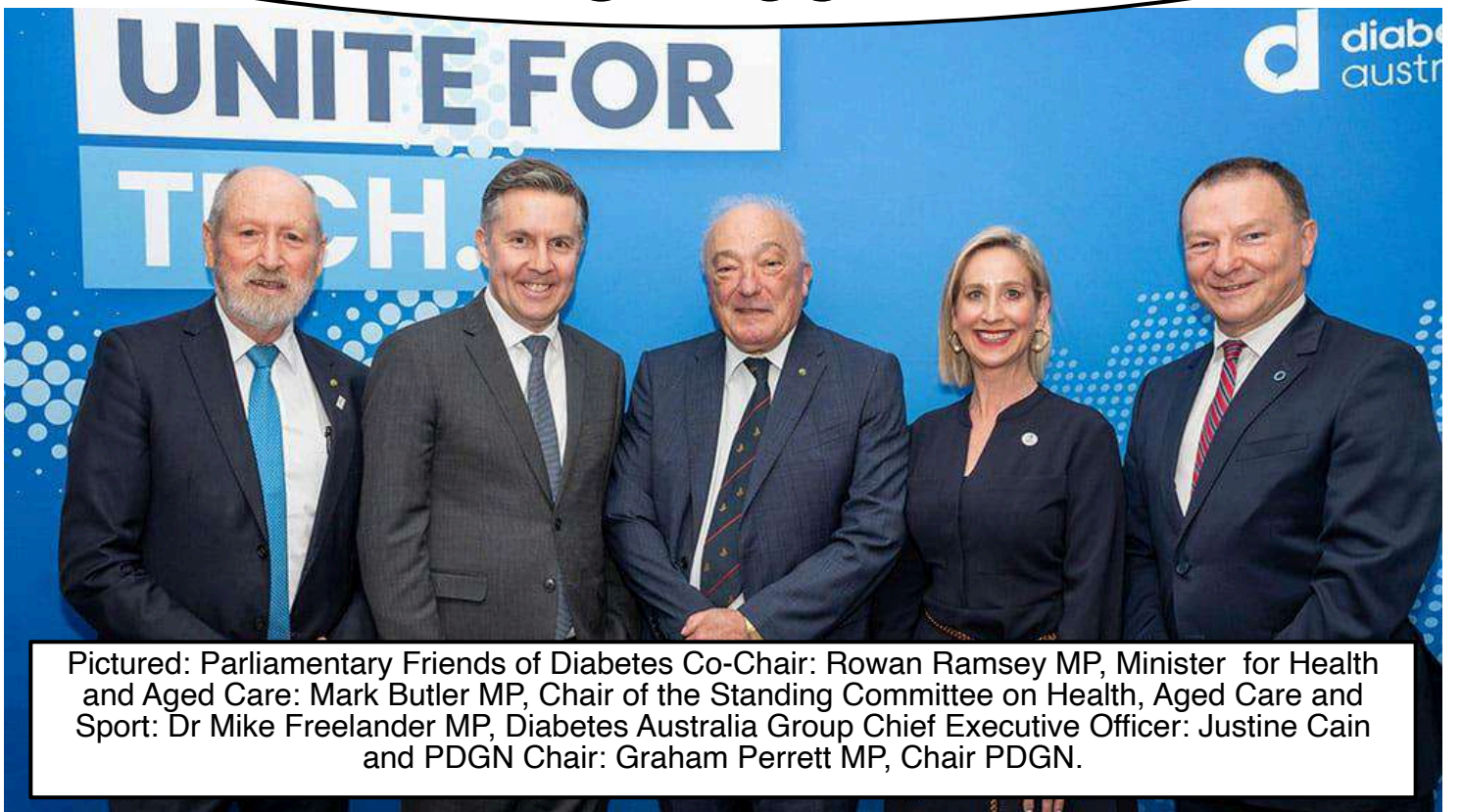
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promote health checks for obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Early diagnosis and treatment are proven to be the most effective for successfully reducing the risk of, and managing, co-morbidities, ultimately avoiding unnecessary complications and deaths.

It is hoped that members of national parliaments across the continent, whether in or out of the EU, will be included in future proposals to ensure well-meaning EU priorities get implemented where health policy is decided.

Advocacy Action: If you are in the EU, can you contact one of your MEPs and ask them what they are or can do to help your national parliament accept the EU's ideas, and how to implement them? If you are in Europe but not in the EU, can you raise the EP's NCD proposals in your Parliament and how they compare with your country's existing health priorities and policies?

Aussie Polities Unite in Fight for Tech



Pictured: Parliamentary Friends of Diabetes Co-Chair: Rowan Ramsey MP, Minister for Health and Aged Care: Mark Butler MP, Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport: Dr Mike Freelander MP, Diabetes Australia Group Chief Executive Officer: Justine Cain and PDGN Chair: Graham Perrett MP, Chair PDGN.

Following the publication of the Parliamentary Report on diabetes in Australia, PDGN Chair Graham Perrett MP together with his Parliamentary Friends of Diabetes Co-Chair Rowan Ramsey MP, hosted the launch of Diabetes Australia's National Diabetes Week campaign; 'Unite in the Fight for Tech'.

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler MP; and Chair of the Standing

Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport, Dr Mike Freelander MP, at the launch of our new campaign '[Unite in the fight for tech](#)'

The message at the event was simple; Australians living with all types of diabetes should have equitable access to the technology they need to live well.

Advocacy Action: Could you organise a similar event in your Parliament to highlight the need for equitable access to the technology people with diabetes need to stay well?

News in Brief

The New Zealand Aviation Security Service has joined forces with Diabetes New Zealand to produce guidance on what to expect at airport security for people living with diabetes.



The online brochure aims to educate and prepare people living with diabetes before arriving at the airport. It includes relevant tips, explanations of the screening process, and helpful information.

Security screening can bring uncertainty for travellers with medical conditions, due to restrictions on medication, whether screening equipment will impact medical devices, and what happens if an officer needs to inspect a device or other related items.

Advocacy Action: Does your aviation service, or airports authority, have such guidance available? Can you ask your relevant minister to assure people with

Call to Policy Makers on NCDs

Health experts in Ghana have issued a stark warning that Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) could become the next global pandemic following COVID-19 if immediate measures are not implemented.

Prof. Gordon Abekah-Nkrumah of the Department of Health Services Management at the University of Ghana Business School emphasized the need for a multidimensional approach to tackling NCDs.

He highlighted that effective regulations and policies are essential to address the root causes of these diseases.

“NCDs are the next pandemic. How are we communicating this to the elites who have the power to make decisions when it comes to resource allocation, such as the Ministry of Finance and cabinet?

The call to action from health experts is clear: immediate and strategic measures are needed to prevent NCDs from becoming the next pandemic, with a focus on comprehensive policies and effective communication with decision-makers.

Black Patients at Higher Risk for Severe Insulin-Deficient Diabetes

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According to study findings published in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism, Severe insulin-deficient diabetes was more common among Black patients than White patients.

The study suggests that Black/African American patients are at higher risk for a more severe form of diabetes, which may contribute to health outcome disparities within the population at large.

<https://www.endocrinologyadvisor.com/news/black-patients-at-higher-risk-for-severe-insulin-deficient-diabetes/>

Could Free Gyms Help?

The idea of free outdoor gymnasiums in poorer districts is one response Botswana is implementing following a World Health Organization (WHO) report that indicated the country has a high burden of NCDs that accounted for around 46 percent of deaths in 2019.

The first, located near the low-income and high-density suburb of Block 7 in Francistown, Botswana's second-largest city, was constructed and fully equipped to the tune of 70,000 pula (about \$5,600) and was officially unveiled to the public in May 2024.

It has weight plates, jump ropes, squat racks, dumbbells, adjustable benches, and aerobic steps, which can be used to build



**Francistown City Mayor,
Godisang Radisigo**

muscles and keep oneself fit.

Godisang Radisigo, the Francistown City Council mayor, said that the outdoor gym serves a large community in the African country's second-largest city. He claimed that at least 5,000 people stand to benefit from the facility.

NCDs main cause of death and disability in the Americas



A new report launched by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) reveals that while overall life expectancy has risen in the Americas, so has the number of people living with noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

Population ageing has led to an increase in

ill-health and disabilities caused by NCDs and injuries. The report urges countries of the Americas to take action to address the challenges to health systems posed by the Region's ageing population.

You can read the report via this link:
<https://www.paho.org/en/news/28-6-2024-new-paho-report-shows-ncds-continue-main-cause-death-and-disability-americas-warns>

NZ Breakthrough on CGM

After a long-campaign, reported in previous issues, [Pharmac](#) has agreed to fund continuous glucose monitors (CGMs), insulin pumps, and insulin pump consumables for people with T1D from October.

The breakthrough has been hailed as “monumental” by Diabetes New Zealand.

About 12,000 New Zealanders with diabetes are expected to get funded continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) in the first year, which will rise to more than

18,000 after five years.

There are about 4800 people currently using insulin pumps in the country, and this is expected to increase to almost 10,000 over five years.

Advocacy Action: Patience and persistency often pay off in campaigns. What is the position in your country regarding funding for or reimbursement of medical technology that can pay back the funder in improved outcomes and lower costs in the long-run?

Appeal in Parliament for Progress on Healthcare

National Conference (NC) Mian Altaf Ahmad MP (pictured) has expressed concern over the deficiencies in the Jammu and Kashmir region healthcare system.

He was speaking during discussion grants for the health and family welfare in the Lok Sabha, the Indian Parliament. He called for more attention and resources to be devoted to NCDs such as cancer and diabetes.

Mian Altaf Ahmad MP said: “The cancer disease is spreading and those affected by the disease also suffer financially. I urge the government to further reduce the cost of



cancer treatment and medicines. I also appeal to the government to take measures against the rapidly growing diabetes disease and make progress in its treatment and medication.”

New Figures on Diabetes Care Costs

Diabetes UK has released [new figures about NHS investment in diabetes care](#), including estimates of how much is spent on diabetes diagnosis and management, and the treatment of diabetes complications.

It shows that delivering diabetes care and treatment costs the NHS £10.7 billion annually, and this could increase to nearly £18 billion over the next 15 years.

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Diabetes UK commissioned York Health Economics Consortium to produce this work, and the findings are published in [Diabetic Medicine Journal](#), along with a detailed description of how the researchers carried out the work and estimated the costs.

Food Package Labelling Move

A bill in the Philippines that would mandate front-of-package warning labels (FOPWL) on food products with unsafe levels of “nutrients of concern” is being pushed by a public law group to curb rising rates of obesity and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), excessive intake of these nutrients poses various health risks such as overweight/obesity, the development of

NCDs such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and vascular, heart, brain, and kidney diseases.

The WHO estimates that NCDs account for 68 per cent of the total deaths in the Philippines.

<https://www.bworldonline.com/health/2024/08/28/616540/front-of-package-warning-labels-can-help-prevent-obesity-and-ncds-imagine-law/>

Conference Reports

ADA Takeaways – Adrian Sanders reports

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) Scientific Conference held in Orlando, attracted over 11,000 people representing 115 countries. The event aims to accelerate progress toward preventing diabetes, working towards a cure for diabetes, and improving the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

The event opened with a special lecture from the head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Robert M. Califf, MD, who predicted that “Artificial Intelligence (AI) will become a much larger integrating factor in changing the way we think about health and health care, the technologies and products we use, and the way we regulate the vast industries that are involved.”

Diabetes Education

In another lecture, Patti Urbanski, (ADA)

President, Health Care & Education, had a clear message when she said: “Diabetes education works”.

In her presentation, “Lessons Learned—Diabetes Education for One and For All,” she highlighted ongoing research and available data on the effectiveness of diabetes education, weaving in her personal experience as a person diagnosed with T1D in her adolescence and as a diabetes educator with over 35 years of clinical experience.

Ms. Urbanski also highlighted the importance of training and mentoring clinical staff, especially in the primary care setting, to provide them opportunities to learn about diabetes education.

“The demand for diabetes education is there, if we can offer flexible services to meet the needs of clinics and health care systems,” she said.

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With over 200 sessions to choose from there was a wealth of evidence-based cases to improve advocacy, from the Efficacy and Safety of Inhaled Insulin, the use of closed loop insulin systems, the difficulty to control T2D and many more of interest to any with an interest in diabetes and its comorbidities.

Outside the Conference Centre

Outside the main events a lunch and learn event was held on the topic of “Best Practices: Making the Standard of Care a Standard of Practice for Ready-to-Use Glucagon.”

Those who attended learned more about options for rescue medications

and the importance of prescribing them to people with diabetes in the same manner as other medications. Guests had an opportunity to practice with a glucagon demo kit, while the Q & A session prompted discussion around campaigning to make ‘glucagon’ pens as common in public places as defibrillators.

Advocacy Action: How available is glucagon in your country? Can you work with your national diabetes association or other diabetes advocacy organisation to campaign for greater availability of ‘glucagon’ to treat dangerously low blood glucose levels in an emergency.

EASD Madrid

Madrid, September 12th. - The International Diabetes Federation (IDF), the European Diabetes Forum (EUDF), and the Spanish Diabetes Federation, in collaboration with the Global Parliamentary Diabetes Network (PDGN) and supported by Sanofi, have addressed, during a side-event to the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) Congress, the urgent need to implement public health policies in Europe for the early detection of type 1 diabetes.

The forum "Going Beyond What We Can See: Early Detection of Type 1 Diabetes" brought together people living with T1D, government representatives, scientific experts, and national and international patient associations to discuss policies and strategies to provide an effective and sustainable response for people who will develop type 1 diabetes and their families.

“Early diagnosis would prevent diabetic ketoacidosis, a severe complication that can have serious health consequences and may lead to poorer cognitive development when it occurs in childhood, and it can be associated with worse glycemic control throughout life.

This undeniable benefit, along with scientific advances in new immunomodulatory treatments, opens a pathway to potentially prevent or delay the onset of the disease, and even cure it,” explained Luis Castaño, Professor of Paediatrics at the Cruces University Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of the Basque Country, and researcher at the Biomedical Research Centre in Diabetes (CIBERDEM) and the European Network Endo-ERN.

Adrian Sanders, Secretary-General PDGN, (pictured centre), discussed the advances



being made in early detection around the world: "Several countries worldwide are involved in research on universal screening for T1D, conducting clinical trials, or, in the case of Italy, the Parliament has approved a national paediatric screening program. The evidence being gathered, especially the economic argument, will convince more governments to follow the same path. The key will be strong advocacy and well-informed legislators," Sanders explained.

Besides Italy, other countries such as Germany, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia, and the United States have launched national T1D screening strategies for the general population, Castaño pointed out.



A Busy Week

PDGN was represented by Co- Chair Sir Michael Hirst and Secretary General Adrian Sanders at this year's European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) conference in Madrid.

A meeting was held with the President of the Spanish Health Commission, Augustin Santos Maraver MP, and there are hopes that a group of interested parliamentarians in diabetes and its comorbidities can be formed in the Spanish Parliament.

Sir Michael Hirst (right), and Adrian Sanders (centre), meeting EASD President, Chantel Mathieu on her tour of the exhibition.

Sugar Tax News **Germany Considering**

In the light of rising obesity rates across Germany, policymakers are taking a closer look at implementing a sugar tax aimed at curbing consumption of sugary drinks and snacks.

It is believed that over half of German adults are now overweight, with nearly one in five classified as obese. Rates of diet-related illnesses like diabetes are also on the rise.

Some see a tax on sugar content in various products as a way to reduce intake and encourage better health, while providing funds to invest in prevention and improves care and support for people with diabetes.

<https://thenorthlines.com/germany-considers-sugar-tax-to-improve-public-health-and-nutrition/>

Standing up to the Sugar Lobby

President of the Moroccan Parliamentary Diabetes Group and Vice-President of PDGN, Dr Mostafa Brahimi MP, reports that it would take a slight 10 percent increase in the number of chronically ill patients enrolled in Morocco's healthcare fund to push it to complete bankruptcy.

He says that the health security scheme could see it reserves fall to a critical point by 2027 if it fails to curb deficits and a rising claims ratio. "A keyway to do this would be to pursue policies aimed at reducing the number of people with long-term, costly chronic illnesses. "Insured chronic illness patients living with diabetes, hypertension, and kidney failure make up about 6 percent of the paying healthcare beneficiaries nationwide.

However, they are consuming half the national health care fund," said Dr Brahimi, who is also Deputy Vice-President of the Social Sectors Commission in the House of Representatives and a WHO EMRO region expert.

He says their illnesses have generally been accepted as a result of three forces that shape modern health issues: excessive and regular consumption of fats, salt and sugar. The substances are all considered vital in Moroccans' daily diets, with sugar being one of the few food goods historically subsidized by the state.

In 2018, Dr Brahimi and other members of the Social Sectors Committee, laid the foundation for what they hoped would become a long-term policy that could change Moroccan consumers' approach to processed sugar and proposed imposing a 50 percent increase in the domestic consumption tax (TIC) on both carbonated and non-carbonated sugary drinks.

Their goal was simple: Tax sugar to make companies use less of it in their products. The tax is higher if the products have more sugar, making consumers think twice before making unhealthy and expensive choices.

Both measures were passed despite strong resistance from the sugar lobby funded by confectionary, soft drinks, and others involved in their distribution and sale, and backed by the Moroccan Industry Ministry.

"In Morocco, as in other countries around the world, there are as many lobbies or special-interest representatives as there are sectors of activity.

Brahimi and his commission were clear that they wanted local industries to thrive, just not at the expense of consumers' health.

With the sugar tax on the statute book, although still subject to rumblings from the sugar industry who oppose any cuts to subsidies on sugar aimed to protect domestic producers against external competition, Mostafa Brahimi has chosen a new target to tackle the disparities in nutritional content between products sold in Morocco and the EU.

He believes we need to look at processed foods and the nutritional quality of packaged foods in the European Union and North African countries that he claims reveal stark differences in sugar and fat content between the two regions.

Having made great strides in reducing sugar consumption Dr Brahimi's attention will now focus on salt. It's a campaign PDGN is confident he will win.

Nutrition News

Healthy Choices Recognised

In Malaysia, the Health Ministry (MoH) is going to grant 'Healthy Choice' recognition to companies that reduce the sugar content in their products.

This is part of the ministry's 'war on sugar' campaign that Minister Dr Datuk Seri Dzulkefly Ahmad (pictured, right) has said is crucial to reduce sugar intake that is seen as one of the main causes of weight gain, leading to various non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as obesity and diabetes.

He said: "Findings from the National Health and Morbidity Survey (NHMS) 2023 show that one metric has not decreased: high body weight. The main cause is linked to sugar intake. This is one of the reasons the MoH is planning a programme to declare war on sugar. We have not launched it yet, but we have drawn up this programme."

Advocacy Action: Does your government have a similar initiative that could help consumers make informed choices? Can you draw upon obesity and ill-health economic studies to support such a policy?

Nutrient Profiling to promote healthy diets

The Uganda National Civil Society Coalition on Healthy Diets, an alliance of organisations working with government to create and strengthen the coordination of a Civil Society platform to champion Nutrition advocacy, has urged the Ministry of Health to expedite the passage of the Nutrient Profiling Model (NPM), a tool designed to promote healthy diets and empower consumers to make informed food choices.

With a major challenge from NCDs in the country the Coalition is working with the Ministry of Health on passing of the Bill so that the tool will help people identify products, food, and sugar-sweetened beverages that are high in salt, fat, and sugar.

<https://www.pmldaily.com/news/2024/06/health-ministry-urged-to-expedite-nutrient-profiling-model-passage-to-promote-healthy-diets.html>

Research Corner

Randomised controlled trials have shown that total diet replacement (TDR) can lead to remission of type 2 diabetes.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landia/article/PIIS2213-8587\(24\)00194-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landia/article/PIIS2213-8587(24)00194-3/fulltext)

Preexisting diabetes was associated with a more than tripled odds of experiencing stillbirth or perinatal mortality, with higher risks for mothers with type 2 vs. type 1 diabetes.

<https://www.healio.com/news/womens-health-ob-gyn/20240826/diabetes-triples-odds-of-stillbirth-with-greater-risk-for-women-with-type-2>

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WHO blames tobacco, processed food, fossil fuel, and alcohol industries for 2.7million deaths a year in Europe alone.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/385/bmj.q1298>

Study links COVID-19 to faster onset of T1D symptoms in children

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2821151>

The importance of early diagnosis - Clinical Outcomes in Pediatric Patients With Type 1 Diabetes With Early Versus Late Diagnosis.

<https://diabetesjournals.org/care/article-abstract/doi/10.2337/dc24-0625/157156/Clinical-Outcomes-in-Pediatric-Patients-With-Type?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

Study offers possible explanation for link between diabetes and Alzheimer's. Acute Hyperglycemia Induced by Hyperglycemic Clamp Affects Plasma Amyloid- β in Type 2 Diabetes - IOS Press

Tech News

A person with diabetes in Scotland has been saved from leg amputation through the use of new microwave technology.

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2478220/breakthrough-microwave-therapy-saves-diabetic-patients-legs-in-scotland>

Dexcom's G6 CGM system combines with AID in Netherlands.

https://sg.finance.yahoo.com/news/dexcoms-dxcm-g6-cgm-system-162400726.html?prefer_reader_view=1&prefer_safari=1

Associations News

Don't Forget World Diabetes Day 14th November Every Year

The International Diabetes Federation has designated Diabetes and Well-being as the theme for World Diabetes Day 2024 to 2026. Over the next three years, the campaign will focus on: Raising awareness of the emotional challenges, stress and anxiety that living with diabetes can bring and highlighting the importance of addressing mental health in diabetes management and treatments plan.

Promoting the importance of physical activity and a healthy diet to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes and manage all types of diabetes and its related complications. Highlighting the barriers that restrict a person living with diabetes from living a healthy and fulfilling life with their condition. More information about campaign activities and resources will be available soon on www.worlddiabetesday.org.



Advocacy Action: The time to start planning for WDD 2024 is now. Talk to your national diabetes association about what they are planning and whether you can help. Among events in past years have been screening tests for parliamentarians and their staff, events involving information and screening in constituencies, inviting young people with diabetes to parliament to lobby their elected representatives, and applying for a debate on a diabetes related topic to coincide with WDD.

Diabetes Australia's Call for Action

A report from Diabetes Australia has issued an urgent call for action on diabetes prevention, highlighting a national health crisis.

The 2024 State of the Nation report, launched before the publication of the Parliamentary Report into diabetes, revealed an alarming rise in type 2 diabetes diagnoses, particularly among younger people in the country.

Over the last decade, the number of people aged 21 to 39 diagnosed with diabetes has surged by 44%, with diagnoses before the age of 20 increasing by 17%.



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are particularly hard-hit, experiencing the world's highest rates of youth-onset type 2 diabetes, with cases among 15 to 24-year-olds doubling in the past five years.

Diabetes Australia Group CEO Justine Cain expressed deep concern over the lack of a national type 2 diabetes prevention plan, saying: "The current state of play is failing our young people."

"We need urgent action to prioritise diabetes prevention and its associated complications. This is about the health of our nation and future generations."

PDGN News

First Regional Champion Revealed

The first European Parliamentary Diabetes Champion award has been presented to the Speaker of the House of Commons Rt.Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP.

This was the first of a series of regional awards the Parliamentarians for Diabetes Global Network (PDGN) will be presenting over the coming year. The European award goes to a globally recognised figure who has not hidden their late diagnosis of T1D but has led them to become a public advocate and role model for people with all types of the condition.

PDGN Co-Chairs, Sir Michael Hirst (left) and John Bowis OBE (right) were joined by PDGN Secretary General Adrian Sanders (right), Diabetes UK Public Affairs Manager Izzy Roberts, and from Sanofi Alessandro Sorrentino, Iker Mille Irure and Laura Wetherly at a ceremony in Speakers House, Westminster.

The award was decided by a panel of PDGN board members who looked at the nominee's involvement in promoting prevention, early diagnosis and better



treatments for people with diabetes, and how they have contributed to overcoming stigma and misinformation as a consequence of their diagnosis.

This award has been made possible with support from Sanofi. Sanofi recognizes the importance of raising awareness and fighting stigma in favour of the diabetes community. For this to succeed, we must bridge the gap between policy makers and the life science & health sector.

Are You in the IPU or the CPA?

Are you a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, or other international parliamentary body?

Please let our General Secretary, Adrian Sanders, know. International gatherings that take place could be places where diabetes issues could be raised, and we want to push diabetes up the agenda whenever we can. Please contact: adrian@pdgn.org.uk Thank you.

Future Events

PDGN Holds events online and in-person involving parliamentarians reporting on the challenges they face, and successes they may have had. If you would be interested, or can recommend someone as a parliamentary panellist, online or in person, please let Adrian Sanders know – adrian@pdgn.org.uk

Are You Facing Election?

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