

Ontario Standing Up To Diabetes

McGuinty Government Making Progress on Diabetes Strategy

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Ontario is taking important steps that will enable more people with diabetes to live healthy lives, while reducing the number of people who develop the disease.

The province is announcing targets to ensure that Ontario's Diabetes Strategy is producing results for Ontarians. The targets include:

- Attaching all people with diabetes to a primary health care provider
- Ensuring that 80 per cent of people with diabetes, aged 18 and older, have all three diabetes tests completed.

To help meet these targets, the province is moving forward with a number of new initiatives that will further help people manage and prevent diabetes, including:

- Creating 51 new diabetes education teams across the province
- Expanding chronic kidney condition services, including additional clinic visits and increased dialysis treatment at home
- Creating up to 14 regional coordination centres to help better organize and manage local diabetes programs
- Expanding diabetes care and prevention resources, including new education kits for newly-diagnosed patients, community-based prevention programs for high-risk groups, enhanced services through EatRight Ontario and a new [Stand Up to Diabetes](#) website.

QUOTES

"It's so important that people with diabetes have access to the health care and supports they need to manage their disease. I'm thrilled to help more Ontarians stand up to diabetes."

– Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

"Diabetes is a serious disease but it is important to know that, by increasing daily physical activity and making healthy food choices, many cases of diabetes can be prevented. Proper management of diabetes can prove effective in preventing amputations, loss of sight and other diabetes related complications."

– Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion

QUICK FACTS

- There are already 261 diabetes education teams helping 310,000 Ontarians.
- Eleven of the new diabetes education teams will be located in Aboriginal communities.
- Only 34 per cent of people with diabetes receive all three recommended tests: cholesterol, a retinal eye exam and the HbA1C test within the recommended guideline period.

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