

# DIABETES

## CARE PROGRAM OF NOVA SCOTIA

### INTRODUCTION

The Diabetes Care Program of Nova Scotia (DCPNS) is funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Health and endorsed by the governing bodies of health care disciplines directly involved in the provision of health care to people with diabetes. This program promotes improved standards of care for people with diabetes, improved continuing education access for healthcare professionals and physicians directly involved in the delivery of diabetes care and education, and the collection and analysis of information related to diabetes and diabetes education in Nova Scotia.

### MISSION

*Through leadership, to improve the health of Nova Scotians affected by or at risk of developing diabetes mellitus.*

### VISION

As a program, we envision...

- Broad support for sufficient and equitable access to quality diabetes centres and programs.
- Collaboration through partnerships with others to achieve enhanced health status.
- Enhanced use of information and information systems for support of persons with or at risk of developing diabetes mellitus.
- Individuals and groups who are interested and committed to the prevention and cure of diabetes and its complications.

### VALUES

We are an action organization that values...

- Striving for excellence through best practice.
- Evidence-based decision making.
- Strength in partnerships.
- Responsiveness.

(see reverse)

## **GOALS**

1. To assure Nova Scotians affected by diabetes mellitus access to advances in diabetes care soon after they become available. This implies the translation of recent research advances in diabetes knowledge to daily clinical practice.
2. To ensure the same high standard of diabetes care, including patient education, is available throughout Nova Scotia.
3. To prevent the development of complications of diabetes in patients affected by the disease. In those who already have the complications, to delay their progression by instituting appropriate interventions.
4. To develop and promote continuing education for physicians and health professionals involved in delivering health care to Nova Scotians affected by diabetes mellitus.
5. To develop and promote cost-effective ways of delivering the best quality diabetes care.
6. To promote self-care leading to better health.
7. To prevent diabetes mellitus in persons at risk.
8. To prevent the development of diabetes through collaborative partnerships aimed at the determinants of health.
9. To identify gaps in the provision of diabetes health care.
10. To develop a means of measuring outcomes for all of the above.

## **RESOURCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS**

- Lending library of resource materials:
  - - Books; Videos; Cassettes; CDs.
- Quarterly newsletter and annotated bibliography.
- Guidelines manuals for care of special populations (pregnancy and pediatric).
- Standard statistical reports for Nova Scotia Diabetes Centres, District Health Authorities, and the Department of Health.
- Annual workshops/inservices.

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