

A National Drive to
Find the Undiagnosed

MedicareDiabetes

Screening Project

Dear Friends and Partners,

This is the initial newsletter for the Medicare Diabetes Screening Project! Watch your inbox for periodic newsletters updating you on what is happening in the world of diabetes screening in Medicare. Also find information and updates on partner organizations, and ways to get involved! If you have any information related to Medicare diabetes screening that you would like to submit for the newsletter, please contact Sarah Nordstrom at shno@novonordisk.com.

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Administration on Aging Introduces Disease Prevention Grant Programs

The Administration on Aging (AoA) has partnered with other federal agencies and private foundations to increase older people's access to programs proven to be effective to reduce their risk of disease, disability, and injury. These evidence-based disease prevention programs are being implemented at the state and community level. In September 2006, AoA awarded \$13 million to 16 states to help improve the lives of older Americans. Visit www.aoa.gov/prof/evidence/evidence.asp for more information.

Need FREE Diabetes Materials?

The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) publishes diabetes related materials and information that is free to copy, use and distribute. You can even customize materials with your own logo!

Call 1-800-860-8747 or visit www.ndep.nih.gov for more information!

did you know?

Of the 200,000 Americans that enroll in Medicare every month, 40,000 have diabetes.

Diabetes Screening: Pilot Projects in NH and GA

The Medicare Diabetes Screening Project is currently involved in two pilot projects in New Hampshire and Columbus, Georgia to develop effective outreach and communication models to promote the diabetes screening benefit in Medicare. The effort in New Hampshire is being led by Thomas Maher with the Healthcare Leadership Council, and the Columbus Project is under the leadership of the Columbus Research Foundation. Please contact Thomas Maher at Thomas.maher2@verizon.net, Brooke Jones with the Columbus Research Foundation at brooke@endoconsult.net, or [us](#) for more information!

F.Y.I. Article Link: *(In this section we will include links to relevant journal and news articles)*

[Associations of Diabetes Mellitus With Total Life Expectancy and Life Expectancy With and Without Cardiovascular Disease](#)

About Us:

There are 35 million seniors in Medicare who are 65 years or older. As many as 17 million of them have undiagnosed diabetes or pre-diabetes. Since the passage of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2005, Medicare now covers free screening tests for diabetes and pre-diabetes for at-risk seniors. However, initial data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) suggests that these benefits have been under-utilized.

That's why government, professional and private sector organizations, co-chaired by the American Diabetes Association and Novo Nordisk Inc., are joining forces to create awareness of the screening benefits for diabetes and pre-diabetes available under Medicare.

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