

New York State's Type 2 Diabetes Report Card: It's D-

The New York State Department of Health has refused and refused to fund both proven—and Centers of Disease Control-recommended—diabetes prevention education and patient self-care education shown to significantly prevent complications like amputation and kidney failure. New York State has entered an unprecedented diabetes crisis.

Here is New York State's Appalling 2018 Diabetes Report Card:

Cases and Complications Soar!*		State Grade
Annual New Diabetes Cases	114,000	D
People in New York State with Diabetes	1,529,719	
Diabetes-related Lower Limb Amputations since 2009	48% Increase	D
Yearly Increase in Diabetes-Related Dialysis Cases	3,024	D
State Support for Evidence-based Diabetes Education		
Annual Funding for the National Diabetes Prevention Program – Proven to reduce by 58% the risk that pre-diabetics will develop diabetes	\$0	F
Annual Funding for Diabetes Self-Management Courses proven to slash amputations, blindness and other complications	\$0	F
Technical assistance for clinical and community groups trying to provide this education themselves---defunded for past two years	\$0	F
Future state plan for technical assistance and training for clinical and community groups trying to provide key diabetes patient education themselves---only one Technical Assistance Center in Albany	Not yet clear	
Decrease in New York State diabetes patients who receive even one self-care education session---a drastic fall from 52% of patients in 2001 to only 35% today	48 percent Decrease	F
OVERALL: The soaring diabetes complication rate spurred by the falling patient education rate gives New York State a D- in diabetes.		D-

* Statistics all from Centers for Disease Control Diabetes Atlas except Amputation Rate and New Dialysis Cases from NY State Reports.

Demand that New York State support evidence-based diabetes education!
Email NYS Health Commissioner Howard Zucker: howard.zucker@health.ny.gov

About Health People

Health People is a groundbreaking peer education, prevention and support organization in the South Bronx whose mission is to train and empower residents of communities overwhelmed by chronic disease and AIDS to become leaders and educators in effectively preventing ill health, hospitalization and unnecessary death.

Established in 1990 as a women's AIDS prevention and support program, Health People has grown, using its peer-education model, to provide a full range of HIV/AIDS services for men, women and families. It also has conducted community asthma programs, New York's first diabetes peer-educators program, and a community smoking cessation program. Health People's Junior Peer program, Kids-Helping-Kids includes teens who are mentors for younger children with sick or missing parents.

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