



DIABETES CANADA

Background Information

In 1921 Drs. Frederick Banting and Charles Best discovered insulin bringing hope to millions of people living with diabetes. Yet the challenge was far from over, and to serve the growing needs of the diabetes population here in Canada, Dr. Best undertook efforts which ultimately led to the formation of The Canadian Diabetes Association in 1953.

Today, the newly branded and renamed Diabetes Canada has a presence in most urban and regional communities across the country. Their mission: To lead the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while we work to find a cure.

About Diabetes Canada (CDA)

Diabetes Canada's mission is to lead the fight against diabetes by helping people with diabetes live healthy lives while we work to find a cure.

We deliver on our mission by providing people with diabetes and health care professionals with education and services; advocating on behalf of people with diabetes; supporting research; and translating research into practical applications.

Our heritage

Our heritage of excellence and leadership started with our co-founder Dr. Charles Best. In the late 1940s, the Diabetic Association of Ontario was formed by Dr. Best, the co-discoverer of insulin, with the intent to serve the needs of the growing number of Canadians with diabetes.

It soon became clear, as the provinces and territories formed their own associations, that combining resources would help the provincial branches serve their membership more effectively. This culminated in the formation of The Canadian Diabetes Association in 1953 which was renamed Diabetes Canada in 2017.

Today, Diabetes Canada has 23 regional offices and more than 30 active branches and chapters across Canada. **Our value-driven culture is committed to excellence, partnership, innovation, integrity and respect.**