

Diabetes Support Organisations

Information for Health Professionals

There are many organisations available to assist and support young people with diabetes and their families. The two major organisations in Australia are the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and Diabetes Australia.

It is important that all health professionals are aware of the support organisations available to young people with diabetes and their families and to ensure this information is given to them.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

JDRF is a world-wide non-profit health organisation and registered charity which is dedicated to funding basic and applied medical research to find a cure for diabetes and to prevent diabetes complications. In addition, the organisation provides information, education and advocacy on Type 1 diabetes for children, adolescents, their families, health professionals, government and the wider community.

JDRF provides practical support to families through its national volunteer network.

To join JDRF a membership form must be completed. The first six months membership is free for newly diagnosed young people and their families.

Further information can be obtained by contacting **1300 363 126** or by visiting their website www.jdrf.org.au.

Diabetes Australia (DA)

Diabetes Australia Limited (DA) is a federation of 12 major diabetes organisations, comprising 8 State and Territory Associations of Diabetes Australia, as well as the Australian Diabetes Society, the Australian Diabetes Educators Association, the Kellion Diabetes Foundation and the Diabetes Research Foundation-Western Australia.

DA aims to:

- Help people with diabetes live full and meaningful lives
- Help families learn how to incorporate diabetes into their lifestyle
- Alert the community to the seriousness of diabetes, its risk factors and potential for prevention of Type 2 (non-insulin dependent) diabetes
- Liaise with health professionals with the common goal of constantly improving diabetes care support diabetes research with funding through the Diabetes Australia Research Trust (DART)
- Fight discrimination and lobby government and decision makers about diabetes-related issues
- Raise funds for research

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Diabetes Australia – Queensland (DAQ)

Diabetes Australia-Queensland (DAQ) provides information on how people with diabetes (and pre-diabetes) can access services and advice on diabetes management in their area. DAQ seeks to promote a healthy lifestyle and education for the community about diabetes, its management, risks and prevention.

To join DAQ, a membership application should be completed and the annual membership fee paid. Membership application forms and further information is available by contacting Diabetes Australia – Queensland on **1300 136 588** or by visiting their website www.daq.org.au.

DAQ also administers the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) which is a government subsidised scheme. The NDSS provides supplies at a cheaper rate. More information about the NDSS is available on Fact Sheet on this website.

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