

### Newsletter | January 2025



### From the Desk of Our Co-Chairs

Greetings DAC membership!

I wanted to take a moment to wish our membership a Happy New Year! As we prepare for 2025, I look ahead at what we have to share and ways we can make a difference in the lives of people living with diabetes. This year, I ask you to be our shepherds!

We have a new Guide (our 3rd Edition), which can be accessed here: North Carolina's Guide to Diabetes Prevention and Management, 3rd Edition – Diabetes NC. Please take the time to share this with list serves where you professionally network.

Additionally, there is no time like the present to build our membership and diversify our audience at our quarterly meetings! Please share our link to membership interest so that all aspect of the diabetes care team are represented and all voices are

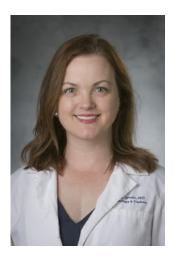
heard: DAC Membership Interest Survey



Lastly, please share this newsletter! Use it as a way to share our resources and encourage use of the website, our guide and to learn more about the DAC!

Joanne Rinker MS, RDN, BC-ADM, CDCES, LDN, FADCES

DAC Co-Chair



### Welcome Our New Co-Chair: Dr. Susan Spratt

Susan E. Spratt is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Nutrition and Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at Duke School of Medicine. She is also the senior medical director for the Duke Population Health Management Office.

In her 25 years at Duke, she has developed the Lien-Spratt nomogram for intravenous insulin titration, served as medical director of the Duke Endocrine clinic, the physician lead for the Durham Diabetes Coalition, and program director for the Duke Diabetes Initiative, implemented systematic screening for social drivers of health across the health system, and after visiting Verona, Wisconsin 7 times, has created countless order sets and clinical decision support tools in Epic, an electronic health record.

She is passionate and considers all pathways to educate as many people as possible about diabetes care. She is excited and honored to serve as co-chair of the NCDAC in 2025!

### **Diabetes Advisory Council Winter Meeting**

Friday, February 7, 2025, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
In-person and Virtual Attendance Options
The McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education
1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

RSVP Here
Virtual Meeting Link

The North Carolina's Guide to
Diabetes Prevention and Management, 3rd Edition

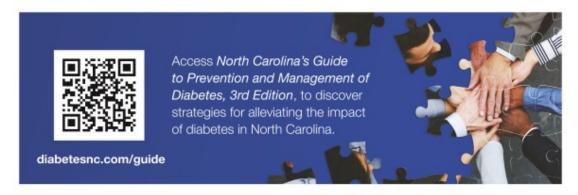
## North Carolina's Guide to Prevention and Management of Diabetes 3rd Edition





MANAGE WEIGHT | LIVE TOBACCO FREE | PARTICIPATE IN LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAMS PARTICIPATE IN DIABETES EDUCATION | ENGAGE IN TREATMENT PLAN | GET ADEQUATE SLEEP

North Carolina's Guide to Prevention and Management of Diabetes, 3rd Edition, serves to inform about diabetes in North Carolina, provide prevention and management strategies for individuals, and offer targeted recommendations for community groups, employers, and healthcare providers to manage diabetes and minimize complications.



The North Carolina's Guide to Diabetes Prevention and Management, 3rd Edition is live!

This guide includes basic information about diabetes, its effects on the North Carolina population, and suggestions on how individuals can prevent and manage the disease.

You can download your copy here.

The American Diabetes Association Releases Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025

### Diabetes Care

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# Standards of Care in Diabetes 2025

American Diabetes Association

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The American Diabetes Association® has released the **Standards of Care in Diabetes—2025**, the authoritative evidence-based guidelines for diagnosing and managing diabetes and prediabetes. Click the **link** to access a brief overview of the key updates and the updated document.

### Reader's Corner

The Reader's Corner is a space to share articles and resources provided by DAC members. If you'd like to contribute to the next DAC newsletter, please reach out to Dominique Ashley at dominique.ashley@dhhs.nc.gov. We look forward to your submissions!



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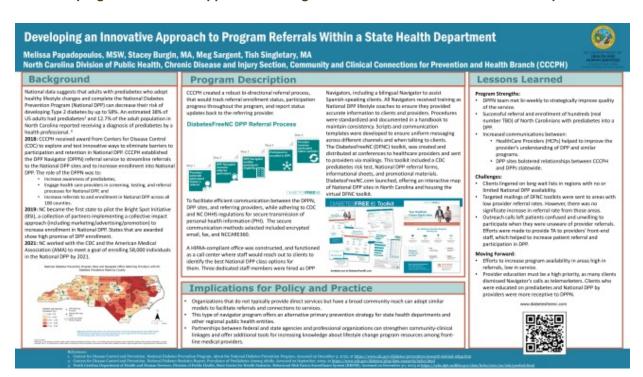


"The Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has received a five-year competitive renewal grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The grant will strengthen HPDP's infrastructure supporting a broad range of community engaged prevention research addressing health disparities. The Center's core research project will address the challenge of scaling up Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) programs more equitably to those at highest risk, including people of color, people with lower incomes, and those living in rural areas. With this grant, HPDP will maintain its standing as a CDC Prevention Research Center (PRC), the only center in the country to have been continuously funded since 1986.

"As the CDC funded state health department agency for diabetes education, management and prevention, the Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health (CCCPH) Branch is excited that HPDP will continue to be the CDC Prevention Research Center in NC," said Tish Singletary, head of the CCCPH branch at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services."

You can continue reading the article here.

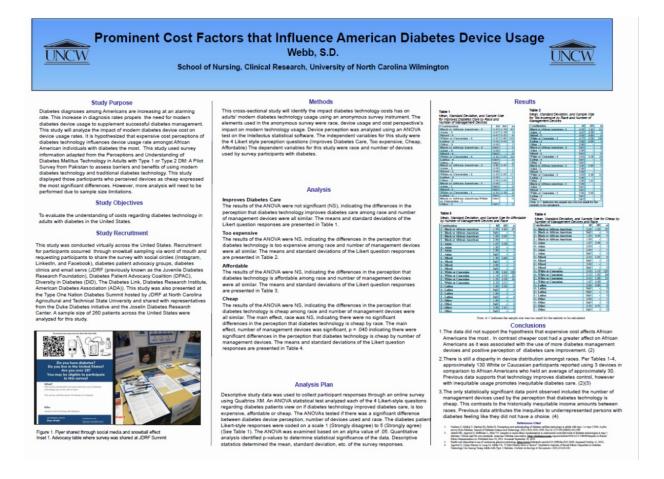
#### Developing an Innovative Approach to Program Referrals Within a State Health Department



The Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch (CCCPH), part of the NC Division of Public Health under NC DHHS, operated a Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) Navigator service from 2019 to 2024. While referral and enrollment data are still being collected and analyzed, the

implemented process and the connections fostered by the navigator service has been successful. The poster, "Developing an Innovative Approach to Program Referrals Within a State Health Department," highlights the development of the navigator service, aiming to inspire other organizations to adopt similar services to help patients navigate referrals to various programs.

### **Prominent Cost Factors that Influence American Diabetes Device Usage**



Prominent Cost Factors that Influence American Diabetes Device Usage covers perspectives analyzes the impact of modern diabetes device cost on device usage rates. It is hypothesized that expensive cost perceptions on diabetes technology influences device usage rate amongst African American individuals with diabetes the most. This study displayed the perceptions of benefits and barriers from patients living with diabetes.

**Expanding Health Equity: The Impact of Health Extension for Diabetes (HED)** 





Health Extension for Diabetes (HED) is a practice tested diabetes support program, recognized by the American Diabetes Association (ADA). Developed by Clemson University Cooperative Extension, the HED programming recently expanded into North Carolina as part of the Centers for Disease Control-funded Advancing Health Equity in Diabetes cooperative agreement. Participants in the HED program attend bi-weekly education sessions, delivered either in person or virtually by Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Agents working in local NC Cooperative Extension offices. In these hour-long sessions, FCS Agents help participants create action plans to help promote behavior change. Follow up contact occurs with the participants weekly, either by phone or email, to help problem solve and overcome barriers for behavior changes. The HED program is unique in that it

leverages clinical partnerships with health care providers who provide diabetes care, such as certified diabetes care and education specialists (CDCES). The CDCES partner leads a HED session focused on medication and self-monitoring and lends their expertise to participants by answering diabetes related questions outside of the scope of FCS Agents, referred to as "Ask it Basket".

In late June 2024, the first HED cohorts were delivered in 3 high-priority rural NC counties (Bertie, Hertford, and Northampton counties). The initial HED cohorts were successful, with 18 participants graduating from the program. As part of HED programming, rigorous data was collected both pre- and post-program. Several participants reported improvements in diabetes self-management behaviors, such as weight loss, reduction in medication dose, and lowering A1c.

New HED cohorts will begin early 2025 with a goal of impacting at least 75 participants each year to help promote diabetes self-management skills in the community. You can learn more about the HED program on our website, Health Extension For Diabetes (HED) Program

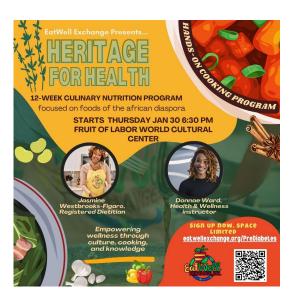
### **Upcoming Events**

The events listed below are not hosted or sponsored by the NC DAC. They were shared by DAC members for inclusion in the newsletter. If you'd like to submit an event for the next newsletter (pending approval by the cochairs), please contact Dominique Ashley at dominique.ashley@dhhs.nc.gov.



For any questions, please contact Njoie directly at ncook1@amerihealthcaritasnc.com or 704-380-7686.

Seeking organizations interested in attending and sharing resources, as well as presenting information on supporting community residents in addressing Social Determinants of Health. All organizations are welcome, especially those serving Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Pamlico, Duplin, Carteret, and Craven counties. This event is free and open to the public. To register, please visit the following link.



Eatwell Exchange is hosting a FREE 12-week Diabetes Prevention Culinary Program, Heritage for Health, in Raleigh. The program begins on January 30th and runs weekly from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

For more information, visit: www.eatwellexchange.org

