The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in Disease Specific Research and Innovation

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American Diabetes Association

- Voluntary Health Association
- Founded in 1940



- Non-governmental, non-profit organization
- ~\$200M/year budget-funded primarily through public donations
- Governed by volunteer Board of Directors & National Committees
- Staff of ~800 full time employees, National home office in DC and ~80 local offices throughout the US
- Professional membership of ~14,000
- Mission- "To prevent and cure diabetes, and improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes"



American Diabetes Association. OUR VISION: Life free of diabetes and all its burdens





The Rising Tide of Diabetes in the US



Annual Cost of Diabetes in the US is \$245B USD

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/atlas/obesityrisk/atlas.html. Accessed August 6, 2014



Diabetes has a Significant Global Impact



Annual Global Cost of Diabetes is \$548B USD

IDF Diabetes Atlas, 6th Edition update, 2014, accessed May 22, 2015



Therapeutic Advances for Diabetes



Dramatic Reductions in Complication Rates





Research is Central to the ADA Mission

Professional Resources

Scientific sessions Professional education Peer-reviewed journals DiabetesPro

Medical Information

Clinical practice recommendations (Guidelines) Medical publications

RESEARCH

Direct research funding Collaborative initiatives

Advocacy

Research support Diabetes prevention and care Legal advocacy and support Legislative action

Communities

Community health education programs Center for information and community support Forecast magazine

Diabetes.org



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Pathway to Improved Treatments and Cures



Accelerating Progress for People with Diabetes



Research Funding: New Fundamental Discoveries Target Identification and Optimization Research Program Pathway to Stop Diabetes Accelerate Research Discoveries



American Diabetes Association Research Programs

Research advances are essential to help people living with diabetes today, and are the only way to ultimately cure diabetes

Since Program inception in 1952:

- » Nearly 4,500 research projects have been funded
- » More than **\$700** million has been invested in diabetes research

In 2014 alone, the Research Program:

- » Made **\$30** million available for research
- » Included more than 375 active research projects
- » Supported investigators and institutions in the United States, Canada and EU



Research Program Objectives

- » Support high-quality academic science across the spectrum of diabetes research
- » Encourage new investigators to dedicate their careers to diabetes research
- Support innovative research with the potential to have a significant impact for people with diabetes



Research Funding Process

Researchers submit their original proposals

We receive ~1000 applications/year for research in all areas relevant to diabetes

Volunteer experts on the Research Grant Review Committee review proposals

- Three diabetes experts review each grant-and then discuss their reviews in a live meeting
- provide priority scores and written feedback to applicants
- Compiled scores are averaged to get final priority score

Volunteer Research Policy Committee reviews rankings and recommends funding

We support ~10% of the grants we receive each year

Supported projects are monitored for the life of the grant

 Scientific data, publications, patents, career progression, subsequent funding



Association Research Grant Opportunities



Grant Portfolio Distribution



Research Programs Accomplish Key Goals

98% remain in diabetes research

6 publications per award

82% of early career recipients receive promotions

85% receive subsequent federal funding



PATHWAY TO STOP DIABETES A RADICAL NEW ROAD FOR RESEARCH

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Research Foundation[®] *Science. Progress. Hope.*

Diabetes Research: Vastly Underfunded vs. Its Impact



Yet, More People Die Today from Diabetes than Breast Cancer and AIDS <u>Combined</u>

TO STOP DIABETES American Diabetes Association, RESEARCH FOUNDATION

A Generation of Potential Is Lost



The Average Age for First NIH Project Grant Is 42 Years Old!

PATHWAY TO **STOP DIABETES**

Attract Brilliant Minds at the Peak of Their Creativity **Invest** in People, Not Projects

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Provide Freedom, Autonomy and Resources

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Pathway to Stop Diabetes

What Differentiates Pathway from Other Programs?

- **Funding** ... Awards of Up to \$1.625 Million
- **Security** ... 5 to 7 Years of Support
- Autonomy ... The Freedom to Innovate, to Explore, to Blaze New Trails
- Mentoring ... Guidance from Distinguished Scientists, Business Leaders and Other Major Donors
- Collaboration ... Opportunities to Advance Research and Careers Through Symposia, Speaking Opportunities and Technology



Mentorship and Guidance



Pathway Symposium

- Pathway Scientists meet in person each year
- Mentor Advisory Group, Association Leadership, Donors, and Sponsors
- Encourages mentoring and development of collaborations
- High level of engagement and quality scientific exchange, lasting relationships



Accelerating Progress for People with Diabetes



Scientific and Medical Journals

diabetes Diabetes Care





Clinical Diabetes Spectrum







Scientific Sessions

Annual Scientific Meeting

- » Largest diabetes scientific congress
- » ~18,000 participants; 40% US / 60% International
- Academic Researchers, Clinicians, Health Care Providers and Industry

Program

- » 865 Speakers in 94 Sessions
- > 50 Oral Abstract Sessions; 2,331
 Poster Presentations
- » 60 Guided Audio Poster Tours
- » 10 Special Lectures and addresses
- **»** 17 Meet-the-Expert Sessions
- » 10 Interest Group Discussions





"Discovery" of Exendin-4

- Glp-1 well characterized human peptide with insulinotropic activity, but short half-life
- John Eng, MD, discovered stable homologue, Exendin-4 in 1992 at Bronx VA in Gila monster saliva
- Patented, published and "marketed" to industry without success
- Presented at Scientific Sessions in June 1996
- Licensed in October 1996
- Approved as first in class GLP-1r agonist BYETTA in 2005

Accelerating Progress for People with Diabetes



Patient Advocacy in the Regulatory Process

Regulatory Pathways and Guidelines

- Convene scientific panels to discuss and develop recommendations to address regulatory hurdles that impact people with diabetes
- Input on proposed policies and guidelines

Patient Advocacy

- Expert staff or professional member representatives attend all FDA advisory panels
- Provide public comment regarding the unmet needs and patient perspective







Regulatory Pathway for an Artificial Pancreas

Artificial Pancreas

- » Complex, multi-component device
- » Utilizes therapeutics, devices and control algorithms
- » Significant safety considerations
- » No defined regulatory pathway

Advocacy effort – led by JDRF



- 2010 assembled expert clinical panel to propose regulatory pathway
- **»** Worked with FDA to refine proposed guidance
- » Petitioned congress to advance development of AP
- » 2012 final FDA guidance approved
- » 2014 NIH issued RFA for \$20M to advance clinical studies of AP

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Standards of Care Drive Clinical Practice

Diabetes Care.

THE JOURNAL OF CLINICAL AND APPLIED RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes-2015

Translating research outcomes into clinical practice

- » Makes Evidence-based recommendations for all aspects of diabetes care
- » Updated and published each January
- Informs medical practice in US and internationally
- Informs public healthcare policies



Evidence Base for Clinical Recommendations





Acceleration Progress for People with Diabetes



Become Involved in Association Activities

Apply for Grants

Individual or training/development grants

Share your Data

- » Attend and present at Scientific Sessions and Research Conferences
- » Publish in Association Journals

Share your Expertise

- » Grant and Manuscript Review
- » Scientific Sessions or Conference Planning
- » National Committees



How to Get Involved

Everything the Association does depends on volunteerswe need scientific and medical expertise to accomplish our mission

Research Programs

» Research Policy and Grant Review Committees
Scientific Meetings

 Scientific Program Committees, Planning Committees and Interest Groups

Publications

» Manuscript Reviewers and Editorial Boards

Advocacy

» Ad-hoc workgroups, local and national advocacy Standards of Care

» Professional Practice Committee and professional education



Working with an Association Benefits Everyone

- Support for you work
- Career development opportunities
- Network within your scientific community
- Influence Association activities and programs
- Participate in development of public policy



Healthcare Ecosystem



Medical Associations are uniquely positioned as independent, patientfocused arbiters to integrate the components of a complex healthcare ecosystem to advance progress and innovation

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Thank you!

