

You are helping
improve diabetes
care in Oregon!

Your doctor, nurse, or clinic is participating in an important program that is gathering information about diabetes in children in Oregon. This information will help us determine if childhood diabetes is increasing, and where it's increasing the most. Overall, it will help us improve diabetes care for children in Oregon.

You can also learn about potential research opportunities that may benefit your child.



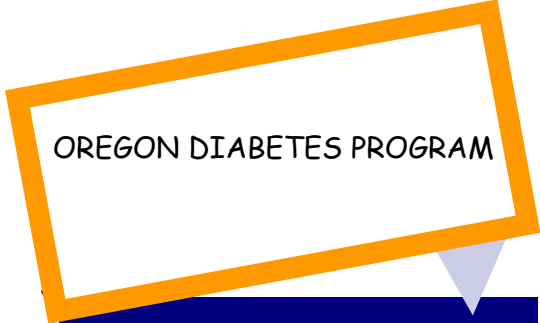
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Something New!

What Is It?

It's the Childhood Diabetes Database!

A law was passed in 2001, calling for the creation of a database to collect information on childhood diabetes in Oregon. It's called "Grace's Law," named after the granddaughter of the law's sponsor, who has diabetes.

The law makes diabetes a "reportable disease." That is, all doctors and nurses in Oregon are required to report cases of diabetes in children 18 years old and younger. This means that your doctor or nurse is required by law to send us contact and diagnosis information about your child. This information will be used for the benefit of your child and other children with diabetes.

The law also requires Oregon schools to report cases of childhood diabetes to the Oregon Diabetes Program. So your child's school nurse may talk to you about this database, too.

What Are The Benefits?

The information in the database will be used to calculate the prevalence and incidence of childhood diabetes. In other words, it will show us how many children in Oregon have diabetes, and if there are more children with diabetes each year.

It's important for us to have this information, because it will help us make decisions about our programs. It will also show us where more help is needed. Overall, having this information will help us improve diabetes care for children in Oregon.

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Is My Child's Information Safe?

Yes! By law, the database records are completely confidential. We keep them on a secure computer at the Oregon Diabetes Program, and we don't share them with any other programs in the state. They can't even be accessed by court subpoena.

Once your child is in the database, someone from the Oregon Diabetes Program will contact you directly. You will be asked if you want to be informed of opportunities for your child to participate in research studies. If you do want to be kept informed, the Oregon Diabetes Program will let you know when research studies happen in the future. Any participation in research is completely voluntary.

If you have any questions, please contact us!