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Dear Colleagues interested in diabetes management,

The quality of diabetes care today varies widely throughout the world. The United Nations have called for actions to improve the quality of diabetes care worldwide and to monitor the current situation and changes achieved. Despite the growing need for effective diabetes care, few studies have sought to compare the quality of care between countries or between regions within a country.

With your help, we would like to describe the condition of diabetes care around the world and perform the Global Diabetes Survey together!

For this project, patients, primary care physicians, specialists, nurses, dietitians, politicians, economists, representatives from insurance companies, in short, all diabetes-related stakeholder groups, will be invited each year to take the Survey and submit a standardized questionnaire. Our goal is to assess the quality of diabetes care using an independent and transparent survey. Since the Global Diabetes Survey is the first diabetes survey of this scale, the survey data will provide valuable information about the comparative effectiveness and quality of diabetes care programs. The results could then be used to encourage policymakers to improve diabetes care programs.

This is where we need your help!

The yearly report on the quality of diabetes care is more effective if many people from different countries participate. It is also important that each of the survey's nineteen focus groups is represented so that the survey gives a balanced picture of diabetes care. Therefore we invite you to participate in the survey.

Please register at www.globaldiabetessurvey.com and answer the questionnaire about diabetes care once a year. If you register now, you can participate in the further development of the questionnaire by sending us your comments back. Therefore you can use the comment window in every section.

We have included information about the **Global Diabetes Survey** in the following pages. We thank you in advance for your participation and your interest in improving diabetes care.

Sincerely,

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The Global Diabetes Survey – an Overview

1) Why do a global survey about diabetes care?

In order to improve diabetes care, we first have to know about the existence and variation of current diabetes programs. By collecting data about diabetes care around the world, the survey will make it possible to compare diabetes care in different countries and help to benchmark effective diabetes care strategies.



2) Who should take the survey?



A realistic assessment of diabetes care requires the participation of diabetes patients, diabetes care providers, and other people affected by diabetes. To encompass the breadth of diabetes care, we've created 19 focus groups that we think together reflect the condition of diabetes care in a country.

When you register for the GDS, select the focus group that best describes your relationship to diabetes. This information is important for the survey analysis since the survey data will be grouped according to country of residence and selected focus group. The combination of results from the individual focus groups will provide an overall picture of diabetes care in each country.

3) Which focus group do you represent?



Affected people

care providers

other stakeholder groups

Diabetes patients

diabetologists/endocrinologists

politicians or public health authority employees

Diabetes patients' relatives

general practitioners

scientists

Representatives from patient organizations

Diabetes nurses

health insurance

Pharmaceutical specialists

Pharmaceutical industry

educators

other (i.e. media, students)

nutritionists/dietitians

experts in physical activity

psychologists

medical staff

Prevention specialists

other (i.e. nurses)



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4) What is the timeline of the survey?



All registered members on the “Global Diabetes Survey” website will receive an email with a link to the global survey online questionnaire. The GDS Team will analyze the survey responses and present the results of the global survey on November 14th, World Diabetes Day. Registered members will have access to the results on the GDS website before the results are publicly announced.

5) What do you get from participating in GDS?

Using the survey results that we will post on our website, users can:

- compare different aspects of diabetes care between countries and regions within a country
- describe differences in the perception of diabetes care between focus groups
- identify areas of diabetes care that need to be improved
- present the data to politicians and stakeholders as evidence for diabetes care reform



6) How to register for the survey?

Go to the Global Diabetes Survey homepage at www.globaldiabetessurvey.com and click on the “Register” link. After your registration you can answer the questions.

The questionnaire to be used in the survey is in an ongoing process of further development. If there is any improvement suggestion, please let us know. For this you can use the comment boxes below every section of questions. Your comments and your commitment are very important to us. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

Peter Schwarz, MD, PhD and the Global Diabetes Survey Team

