



# RHODE ISLAND WORLD DIABETES DAY

## DIABETES IN RI

- In 2023, 11.8% of RI adults reported a diagnosis of diabetes; that's 1 in 10 adults not including people who are undiagnosed.
- Even after adjusting for age, diabetes in RI has increased over the past decade from 8.3% in 2013 to 10% in 2023.
- According to the CDC, 1 in 3 Americans have prediabetes but only 10% have been diagnosed. This means that about 294,000 Rhode Islanders have prediabetes, and most don't know it.
- Poverty and low income are associated with a variety of poor health outcomes. Rhode Islanders whose household income is less than 200% of the federal poverty level have higher rates of diabetes (16.3%) compared to those whose income is greater than 400% of the federal poverty level (8.5%).
- Diabetes is expensive for all patients, no matter their insurance status. RI adults with diabetes report frequent financial strain. In fact, 6.1% of RI adults with diabetes reported not seeing a provider in the past year. The COVID-19 pandemic likely caused more of a financial strain on RI's underserved residents.
- Black and Hispanic/Latinx adults report being diagnosed with diabetes at younger ages, meaning they are trying to care for their diabetes for more of their lives.

Serious medical complications can result from diabetes, including heart disease, stroke, lower limb amputations, kidney disease, and blindness.

Data source:  
RI Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

For Resources and Support, please visit the RI World Diabetes Day Resource Page.

## 2025 RHODE ISLAND WORLD DIABETES DAY

**Thursday, November 13, 2025**

### MISSION

To positively impact the growing diabetes epidemic in the state by building a coalition of community members who work toward reducing the burden of prediabetes and diabetes in Rhode Island.

### HISTORY

Rhode Island World Diabetes Day (RIWDD) was launched through the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) in November 2012 to raise awareness about diabetes and its impact on the residents of Rhode Island. This event highlights the strong collaboration between the many community organizations, government officials, health partners, and community members who are committed to decreasing diabetes in Rhode Island. Thanks, in part, to the generous support of our sponsors, the event has grown significantly each year.

### 2025 RHODE ISLAND WORLD DIABETES DAY

The RIWDD Planning Committee has planned a morning of interesting, dynamic presentations for Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI. The RIWDD Planning Committee has extended invitations to physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, registered dietitians, social workers, and public health professionals to attend.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)





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### DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**\*CME credits available**

- 7:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall
- 7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast/Networking/Exhibits
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. Rhode Island World Diabetes Day 2025 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 8:10 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Kris Freeman, Olympic cross-country skier and Patient Ambassador in partnership with Novo Nordisk
- 8:50 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. It Costs How Much?! Navigating Financial Wellness and Affordable Medication Access in Uninsured and Underinsured Patients, Alisha Crowley, MD & Madeleine Greene, Brown Medicine
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. Step Ahead: Early Detection, Education and Multidisciplinary Care for Diabetic Foot Health, Lisa Gould, MD, PhD, & Mary Elizabeth Brady, RN, CWCN Wound Healing Society, American College of Surgeons, VNA of Care New England
- 10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. Break and Exhibit Hall
- 10:25 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. Gestational Diabetes in the AI Era: From Predicting Pregnancy Complications to Lifelong Health Insight, Alexis Gimovsky, MD & Martha Kole-White, MD, CPPS, Women & Infants Hospital of RI
- 11:05 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Enhancing Age-Friendly Diabetes Management through the 4Ms Framework, Karen D'Antonio, BS, RN, CDOE, Healthcentric Advisors
- 11:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. Grace Diaz Blue Light Award Presentation
- 11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. EXHIBIT HALL

### GRACE DIAZ BLUE LIGHT AWARD

Each year we recognize an individual or organization that has positively impacted diabetes in the state of Rhode Island by awarding them the Grace Diaz Blue Light Award. The recipient of the award shows exceptional creative thinking, approach, passion, and commitment to supporting healthy living with diabetes. In keeping with the theme of World Diabetes Day 2024-2026 (WDD), “Diabetes and Well-being”, this year’s Blue Light award will be presented to a Rhode Islander who has shown a commitment to improving the well-being of patients with diabetes.

“ We have diabetes, it gets to come along  
with us, it doesn’t get to stop us. ”

– CHRIS OLSEN

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rhode Island World Diabetes Day welcomes the opportunity for you and your organization to be involved in this collaboration through the following sponsorship options:

Benefit	Platinum \$5,000	Gold \$2,500	Silver \$1,250	Bronze \$1,000
Recognition as a Sponsor on Rhode Island World Diabetes Day website	✓ <i>(logo and hyperlink)</i>	✓ <i>(logo and hyperlink)</i>	✓ <i>(logo)</i>	✓ <i>(logo)</i>
Displayed recognition during the day's LIVE event (event "carousel" slides)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Company name/logo listed on program marketing materials including informational collateral, program calendar, brochure, and agenda	✓	✓	✓	—
Acknowledgement on World Diabetes Day event during opening and/or closing remarks	✓	✓	—	—
Prime exhibitor table location	✓	✓	—	—
Number of exhibitor tables	2	1	1	1

## FRIENDS/PATRONS Any Amount

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of this important event, please complete the following form. For questions, please contact Deborah Newell at [info@riwdd.org](mailto:info@riwdd.org). Thanks for your interest and support!

## SPONSORSHIP FORM

### Rhode Island World Diabetes Day 2025

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