

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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PATIENT REFERRAL

From: Provider Stamp/Information or contact phone number:

Patient Label or Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____

Number of pages, including this form: _____

✓ Referral	Program	Special notes
	* Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) (Programming for people diagnosed with diabetes)	A1c from the past 12 months is required.
	* Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) (Diabetes risk reduction and prevention programming)	Current weight and laboratory results required.
	Get Into Fitness Today (GIFT) (Wellness and weight loss programming)	Current weight is requested.
	* BP for Me (Heart health and blood pressure education program)	Blood pressure reading taken within the last 3 months is required.

PROGRAMS AT NO CHARGE TO PARTICIPANTS - Daytime/evening groups held in various community locations.

NOTES FOR REFERRING PROVIDER:

- All programs listed above are for patients ≥ 18 years of age.
- *** DSME, DPP, & BP for Me REFERRALS:** Please fax patient's most recent laboratory results for Hb A1C (DSME & DPP), Fasting Blood Glucose (DPP), Oral Glucose Tolerance (DPP) and/or blood pressure reading (BP for Me) to the Florida Department of Health - Hillsborough County along with this Patient Referral Form.
- **DPP** - if your patient was diagnosed at *Gestational Diabetes Mellitus* in a previous pregnancy, no blood work is required; however, **please note that on this referral form.**
- We will contact your patient to register for the referred classes/sessions. If your patient would like to receive more information about the education before we contact them, they may call: **(813-559-4188).**

Results of laboratory tests and weight will be reviewed by our Registered Dietitian/Certified Diabetes Educator in order to be more informed about the participant prior to class time. This information also provides back-up for national accreditation for our programs.

If you want to consider this a patient order please sign below:

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Diabetes Self-Management Education Classes

Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) is based on the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education. Led by a Certified Diabetes Educator or a Registered Dietitian, the DSME is designed to provide the skills, information and support needed to empower persons with diabetes to better manage their condition. Multiple studies have found that DSME is associated with improved diabetes knowledge and self-care behavior, improved clinical outcomes such as lower A1C, lower self reported weight, improved quality of life, healthy coping and lower healthcare costs.¹

Manage Your Diabetes classes meet once per week for six weeks. During each class a different diabetes self-management topic is featured such as monitoring, healthy eating, or taking medications. A family member or other support person is encouraged, but not required, to attend with participants.

Criteria for DSME Participation: ~ 18 years of age or older AND ~ Diagnosis of Diabetes

Diabetes Prevention Program

Adopting and maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a proven way to reduce the risk of developing diabetes.^{1,2,3} In fact, research strongly suggests that lifestyle modification be the first choice to prevent or delay diabetes as it offers greater benefits when compared to drug therapy.¹ Additionally, lifestyle change has a variety of other health benefits and health care providers are encouraged to make such recommendations.

Our Diabetes Prevention Program is based on research funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which showed that by eating healthier, increasing physical activity, and losing a small amount of weight, a person with pre-diabetes can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes by 58%.¹ The evidence-based goals for this program include reduction of weight by 7% and increased physical activity to 150 minutes per week.

This 12-month program begins with 16 weekly one-hour core sessions, followed by monthly sessions geared towards maintaining progress. A trained Lifestyle Coach will help and support participants to **make and sustain** lifestyle changes to prevent type 2 diabetes. Participants will learn strategies for healthy eating, being active, and dealing with day to day situations. Additionally, they will receive tools to help them monitor activity patterns and eating habits to assist them in achieving long-term success.

Criteria for Program Participation:

- **BMI ≥ 24** (≥ 22, If Asian)
- 18 years of age or older
- Blood-based diagnostic test:
 - ~ A1c: **5.7 - 6.4%**
 - ~ Fasting Plasma Glucose: **100-125mg/dL**
 - ~ 2-hour (75 gm glucose load) Plasma Glucose: **140-199 mg/dL**
 - ~ Clinically diagnosed / self-reported Gestational Diabetes Mellitus in prior pregnancy

1) American Diabetes Association. (2012). Standards of medical care in diabetes 2012. Diabetes Care 35 S11–S63.

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