

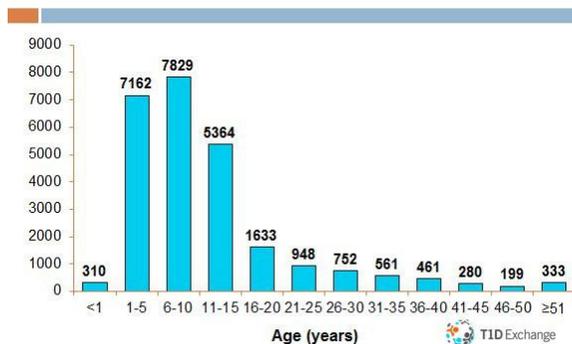
Diabetic Ketoacidosis

While its causes are not yet entirely understood, scientists believe that both genetic factors and environmental triggers are involved. Its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle.

Knowing the warning signs for Type 1 diabetes could save a life.

Education about the symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes is critical because Type 1 can easily be mistaken for more common illnesses, such as the flu, and misdiagnosis can have tragic consequences. As many as 3 million Americans may have Type 1 diabetes. Each year, more than 15,000 children and 15,000 adults – approximately 80 people per day – are diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in the U.S. Knowing the symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes can save a life. Please share what you've learned with everyone.

Age at Diagnosis of T1D



Our Mission

Drive for Diabetes Awareness

It shall be the mission of this corporation to create public awareness of the need for diabetes screening, particularly of young children, and to distribute information by pamphlets and similar communications at sporting events and otherwise to inform the public about the symptoms of diabetes and dangers of the unknown or untreated diabetes for the support for those dealing with a diagnosis of, or research related to, juvenile diabetes such as by promoting the slogan: "Check Don't Guess"

www.CheckDontGuess.org

By supporting Drive for Diabetes Awareness, you play a pivotal role in helping diabetes awareness that helps, prevents, supports and ultimately educates others about diabetes and its complications. There are many ways you can help! Drive for Diabetes Awareness, INC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit. All donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.



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Florida Dirt Motor
Speedway (FDMS)
Points Race and FCKL
#4 Lacy Kuehl



Symptoms of Diabetes

**Extreme Thirst,
Frequent Urination,
Sudden Vision Changes
Drowsiness,
Fruity or Sweet Odor on Breath
Unconsciousness,
Heavy Labored Breathing,
Increased Appetite.**

What is Type 1 Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes (T1D, insulin-dependent or juvenile) can occur at any age, but most commonly is diagnosed from infancy to the late 30s. With T1D a person's pancreas produces little or no insulin. Although the causes are not entirely known, scientists believe the body's own defense system (the immune system) attacks and destroy the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. People with T1D must inject insulin several times every day or continually infuse insulin through a pump.

Merchandise

hats = \$25

Shirts = \$25

Stress Balls = \$5



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Rocco's story

Rocco Cole Kuehl was born January 7th, 2009. He was a happy, healthy baby boy. His sister Lacy just loved being a big sister and would want to do everything she could to look after him, feed him, change his diapers, bathe him, read to him but most of all she loved him with all her heart, we all did.

One evening shortly after Rocco had celebrated his 1st Birthday we noticed that his breathing had changed and he seemed to be more tired than usual. I took him to a walk-in clinic the next morning, I told them I was concerned about his breathing and how lethargic he was. They told me he had a virus and that if he didn't improve in a day or two I should take him to his Pediatrician (during his examination Rocco slept the whole time). Rocco slept most of the day, he didn't have a fever? So why was he so tired?

That evening I took him to the ER. 4 Hours later he was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and was in DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis). Rocco was critical. Sunday while in the NICU he started having Seizures (caused by swelling in his brain) shortly after that while in the CT room Rocco had another Seizure. We watched as they tried to save our son.

He was taken to St Pete All Children's Hospital. At approx 3am Monday 25th January we were told our son was in a coma and that he was brain dead. Tests proved the doctors to be correct and we had to make the hardest decision in our lives, to turn off the machines that were keeping him alive. I held my son in my arms for the last time and told him how much we loved him. I held him close and tight until his little heart stopped beating. I didn't want to let him go. That moment will stay with us forever. No parent should ever have to lose a child, and we believe that if we had known the signs and symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes Rocco would have been diagnosed sooner and correctly. He would still be here with us today.

We don't ever want this to happen to another family. Knowledge is power. Knowing the Symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes can save a life. Please help us spread the Awareness of Type 1 Diabetes and the Sudden Onset of DKA. It could help save the life of another child. Thank you for your support.