

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. There is nothing you can do to prevent T1D, and – at present- nothing you can do to get rid of it.

Symptoms of Diabetes

- Extreme Thirst
- Frequent Urination
- Sudden Vision Changes
- Drowsiness, Lethargy
- Fruity, Sweet Odor on Breath
- Stupor/ Unconsciousness.
- Heavy Labored Breathing
- Increased Appetite

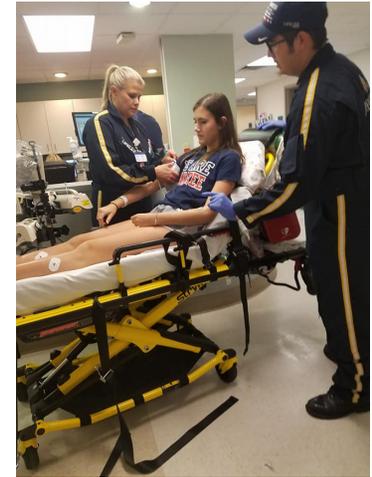
2015	
Cause of death	Deaths
All causes	2,712,630
Diseases of heart	633,842
Malignant neoplasms	595,930
Chronic lower respiratory diseases ^{1,2}	155,041
Unintentional injuries	146,571
Cerebrovascular diseases	140,323
Alzheimer's disease	110,561
Diabetes mellitus ³	79,535
Influenza and pneumonia ²	57,062
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis ³	49,959
Suicide	44,193

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"

**#DKA #DFDA #Ketone
#THXADD #CheckDontGuess**

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.



12/8/18

*Brawl in the Fall race #4 at
Florida Dirt Motor Speedway
#4 Lacy Kuehl
Racing for DKA Survivor
Brooklyn*



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 destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas. People with T1D must inject insulin several times every day or continually infuse insulin through a pump.

Check out our New Merchandise

Hats - \$25

Shirts - \$25

Stress Balls - \$5



Go Check Out Our Website at CheckDontGuess.org

Racing For DKA Survivor Brooklyn

She wasn't feeling well for weeks, but we couldn't figure out what was wrong. After several trips to the doctor, we ruled out the flu, strep, UTI, mono, ear infection, bronchitis and pretty much everything else. She had been complaining about things being blurry so we even went to the eye doctor and they prescribed her glasses. On September 19, 2017, she sent me a text from school saying she couldn't stay awake. I was frustrated that she still felt bad even though we were told she was fine. I picked her up and took her straight to urgent care. Once again they tested for the flu, strep and mono. All negative. One big change from the last visit - she lost 15lbs in two weeks. I remember the day like it was yesterday. Dr. Wilson at the urgent care center told us even though they don't usually do it, she wanted to run one more test just out of curiosity. She pricked her finger and left the room. I had no idea what she was even testing for and to be honest I figured it would be another negative result. When she walked back into our exam room she said "I don't want to alarm you, but we've called 911." Brooklyn's blood glucose reading was 600. Dr. Wilson suspected that it was higher, but 600 was the highest their meter read. While we waited for the ambulance to get there she explained that her body was fighting itself and the weight loss was from her body breaking down her muscle because it had nothing else left to use for energy. She wanted us to go directly to the hospital but was worried that there wasn't enough time for us to drive her there and wait in the waiting room. Calling 911 was her quickest and safest bet. I called her dad in a panic and he met us at urgent care so he could ride in the ambulance with her. I had Maddox with me and wasn't allowed to bring him in the ambulance and we didn't want her going alone. The paramedics were unable to get an IV in her because she was so extremely dehydrated. I met the ambulance at Manatee Memorial where they got her hooked up to fluids and started an insulin drip. After a full bag of fluids and insulin, her blood glucose was reading 789. This was the highest she would go. Once they got that 789 reading they immediately called for a transport to All Children's.

The admitting ER doctor at All Children's came in and pulled a chair up and propped his feet on her bed. His words were "I just have to sit here and look at her. She shouldn't be conscious. I don't know how she is functioning right now." That was the first time I cried. Hard. I had no real knowledge of Type 1 diabetes and I was scared to death. The only thing we knew for certain at that moment was that she was very sick and her body was shutting down. Once she was moved up to a room our lives went into a tailspin. While they worked to get her numbers down, her vision got worse. She couldn't focus on anything. We learned that it was caused by the ridiculous amount of sugar in her body. It had actually built up and was in the fluid around her eyes. Sugar molecules were distorting her eye lens and she was left not being able to read anything or see clearly. We spent 4 days getting pumped full of new knowledge on how to keep her alive. We were trained to do her readings and give insulin shots.

Lacy's Bio

Hi, my name is Lacy Kuehl, and I am 12 years old. I race for my charity Drive for Diabetes Awareness. I have been racing for five years now almost 6 years now. I race Flat dirt and asphalt oval karts. Over this year I have raced for Diabetic Ketoacidosis Survivors. When I race for them I make a poster board with their name on it, I also make them a video and talk about their story, and I recognize them all weekend. The only reason I race is because of my charity, my family wasn't into racing until my little brother passed away and we went to a diabetic charity event and we met NASCAR Driver Ryan Reed and we have loved racing ever since.

Rocco's story

On a Friday night my little brother was feeling sick, so my parents took him to the Doctors. The Doctors said that "He had the Flu, You can go see you, the pediatrician." Later on that night my parents felt that it was worse than the flu so they took Rocco to the ER. When they got to the ER they checked him over. They said that he had the flu and asked my mom "What do you want us to do." Four hours later my little brother Rocco was transported to the All Children's Hospital in Tampa with a blood Glucose of 478. They treated him wrong and then he passed away.