Diabetes is currently one of the 10 leading causes of death in Delaware. In 2015, **110,000** people in Delaware were estimated to have diabetes, and the disease was estimated to affect the health of 13.4 percent of the adult population.¹ Not only does diabetes cause detriment to the well-being of Delaware’s citizens, but it also puts a tremendous financial burden on the state.

In 2014, **108,000** non-traumatic lower limb amputations were performed in the US due to diabetes.³ The average cost of each amputation is **$70,434**.⁴ Research shows yearly visits to a podiatrist by those with diabetes can decrease the risk of lower limb amputation by up to 80 percent.⁵ Delaware projects a total of **150,000** people living with diabetes at a cost of **$1.5 billion** by 2025.⁶

For more information, visit [www.apma.org/diabetes](http://www.apma.org/diabetes).

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