Diabetes is currently one of the 10 leading causes of death in Maryland. In 2015, 638,000 people in Maryland were estimated to have diabetes, and the disease was estimated to affect the health of 12.8 percent of the adult population. Not only does diabetes cause detriment to the well-being of Maryland’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. The average cost of each amputation is $70,434. Research shows yearly visits to a podiatrist by those with diabetes can decrease the risk of lower limb amputation by up to 80 percent. Maryland projects a total of 1.07 million people living with diabetes at a cost of $10.3 billion by 2025.

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

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