

What is Type 1 Diabetes?

T1D is a chronic autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone people need to get energy from food. T1D strikes both children and adults, and its onset has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. People with T1D depend on external insulin via injection or infusion with an insulin pump to survive. There currently is no cure.

	TYPE 1 DIABETES
Cause	Tied to autoimmune, genetic and environmental factors
Effect	Pancreas cannot produce insulin
Treatment	Lifelong insulin
Prevalence	Approximately 5% of diabetes cases
Prevention/ Cure	Cannot be prevented or cured currently

	TYPE 2 DIABETES
Cause	Tied to aging, a sedentary lifestyle, obesity and genetic susceptibility
Effect	Pancreas cannot properly use insulin the body produces
Treatment	Managing diet and exercise, medications, possible insulin treatment
Prevalence	90-95% of diabetes cases
Prevention/ Cure	Possible to prevent or manage it by diet and/or exercise (for some)

T1D TODAY

30 million Americans have some form of diabetes --

1.25 million of them have T1D

5 million people are expected to have T1D by 2050 -including a threefold increase of youth cases.

64,000 people are estimated to be diagnosed each year in the U.S.

Less than one-third of people with T1D in the U.S. are achieving target blood-sugar levels

More than \$16 billion is spent on T1D-asociated direct medical costs in the U.S.

Warning signs of T1D often appear suddenly and sometimes require immediate medical attention.

These may include:



Extreme Thirst



Fruity Odor on the Breath



Frequent Urination



Zzz Drowsiness or Lethargy



Increased Appetite



Sudden Vision Changes



Unexplained Weight Loss



Heavy or Labored Breathing

Life with T1D

T1D is a disease that requires management 24/7. Insulin doses must be administered many times per day and calculated carefully based on food intake, exercise, stress, illness, the amount of time insulin remains active and other (often unpredictable) factors. People with T1D measure their blood-sugar levels through finger pricks at least six times per day (often many more) or by wearing a continuous glucose monitor. Even with a strict regimen, people with T1D may still experience dangerously high or low blood sugar levels that can, in extreme cases, be life threatening. Every person with T1D must become actively involved in managing his or her disease.

Finding a Cure

While insulin therapy keeps people with T1D alive, it is not a cure, nor does it prevent the possibility of serious complications from T1D. At JDRF, we fund research to deliver new devices and therapies that make day-to-day life with T1D easier, safer and healthier until we can ultimately cure and prevent this disease.

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Every gift takes us one step closer to a cure for T1D. Find our how you can support JDRF and make a difference in the lives of people with T1D by visiting jdrf.org/donate.



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