

## FEND UPDATE FEBRUARY 2021

Dear Member

I hope you and those dear to you continue to be well. Undoubtedly the different surges of the pandemic continue to be disruptive, particularly the challenge of maintaining the normal "in presence" service to people with diabetes.

It seems to be that there is an emerging shift in the initial necessary response to the diabetes service provision over time, particularly as professionals and people with diabetes recognise the importance of being in the presence of each other for consultations. This pandemic is challenging the whole system of healthcare delivery. It will require very sober analysis and decision making in order to redesign health service delivery that is truly person centric.

WHO continues to advise that future pandemics are likely to be more frequent. It will be interesting to hear from you if such discussions are taking place in your own service delivery and between other components of your institution even if they are informal at the moment.

### CONFERENCE

Just to confirm the 2021 FEND annual conference will be delivered virtually similar to 2020 conference which seemed to work quite well. The conference starts 24 Sept 2021. We plan to have a provisional programme available by end of March. The official Call for Abstracts will be announced on the FEND website in mid March.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

FEND continues its academic accredited programme (MSc) for members. The next intake will be Sept 2022. The programme is currently full for 2021. It is reassuring that some members are availing themselves of this opportunity. We know from past groups that not only is their professional status enhanced but also that the groups are very supportive of each other including international networking and policy influence.

### SPONSORS

We wish to acknowledge the support of our corporate sponsors in 2020: Ascensia, Bayer, Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi.

### INTERESTING READING

The Consequences of Hypoglycaemia (Diabetologia)

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00125-020-05366-3>

Outcomes of Pregnant Women With T1/T2 Diabetes (PracticeUpdate)

<http://prac.co/l/y9aggkuf>

Management of Diabetes and Hyperglycaemia in the Hospital (PracticeUpdate)

<http://prac.co/l/y76dqfmr>

Prediabetes, Not Just Full-Blown Diabetes, Increases Risk of Declining Neurological Health  
<https://www.endocrinologynetwork.com/view/prediabetes-not-just-full-blown-diabetes-increases-risk-of-declining-neurological-health>

Fetal ultrasound scans to guide management of gestational diabetes: improved neonatal outcomes in routine clinical practice

[https://www.diabetesresearchclinicalpractice.com/article/S0168-8227\(21\)00049-8/fulltext](https://www.diabetesresearchclinicalpractice.com/article/S0168-8227(21)00049-8/fulltext)

Stay well and safe

Kind regards

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