

## **About the Professional Practice Committee for the *Standards of Care in Diabetes***

The Professional Practice Committee (“PPC”) is an interprofessional expert committee comprised of physicians, physician associates, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, diabetes care and education specialists, registered dietitian nutritionists, behavioral health professionals, and others. The committee’s expertise spans various fields, including but not limited to adult/pediatric endocrinology, primary care, epidemiology, public health, behavioral health, cardiovascular risk management, microvascular complications, nephrology, neurology, ophthalmology, podiatry, clinical pharmacology, preconception and pregnancy care, older adult care, weight management and diabetes prevention, diabetes technology as well as other members of the diabetes care team as appropriate.

The PPC’s primary role is to participate in the development, review, approval, and publication of the *Standards of Care in Diabetes* (“SOC”). In addition to the SOC, the committee oversees the review of ADA’s consensus reports and scientific statements and review external documents for ADA endorsement consideration.

### **Timeline for submitting an application**

Applications are accepted year-round, but consideration for the upcoming term (starting January 2026) must be submitted no later than Friday, December 12, 2025.

### **Member selection process**

Each year the ADA conducts a National Call for the Professional Practice Committee.

Applications are evaluated based on area of expertise and excellence in leadership, collaboration, communication, writing and editing, commitment to evidence-based practice, and availability and commitment for the guideline development process. More information may be requested from applicants as necessary and appropriate.

Upon approval, new committee members will be notified of their appointment shortly after the review and approval process, with their appointment to begin in January 2026.

### **Completing an application**

Individuals interested in being considered for appointment to the Professional Practice Committee in 2026 should submit a completed application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications will be accepted by email submission only and must be emailed to [ADAApplications@diabetes.org](mailto:ADAApplications@diabetes.org) with Drs. Elizabeth Pekas ([epekas@diabetes.org](mailto:epekas@diabetes.org)) and Kirthikaa Balapattabi ([KBalapattabi@diabetes.org](mailto:KBalapattabi@diabetes.org)) copied no later than Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Terms for Committee Service**

Members serve a one-year term beginning in January, with the possibility of renewal for up to a maximum of two more years. The appointments coincide with the ADA’s *Standards of Care* development and update process, which runs from January through December each year.

## **Meetings and expenses**

The PPC convenes for a virtual kickoff meeting (~ February) and multiple virtual meetings depending on their area of expertise and interests. The PPC convenes for a 2-day in-person meeting in July every year (2026 dates TBD). Consistent with our reimbursement guidelines, the American Diabetes Association pays for reasonable and appropriate travel and hotel expenses for committee members in connection with official meetings. Members may also choose to pay their own expenses, which typically qualify as a tax-deductible contribution for income tax purposes.

## **Questions**

If you have questions, please contact Drs. Elizabeth Pekas ([epekas@diabetes.org](mailto:epekas@diabetes.org)) and Kirthikaa Balapattabi ([KBalapattabi@diabetes.org](mailto:KBalapattabi@diabetes.org)).