

The 4-1-1 on Diabetes

- Nearly 24 million Americans have diabetes and another 57 million have pre-diabetes and are at risk of developing the disease. (*2007 National Diabetes Fact Sheet, CDC*)
 - In comparison, 11.4 million Americans have cancer and 1.05 million Americans have HIV.
- Diabetes is one of the most costly diseases in America, with total direct and indirect costs for diabetes and pre-diabetes estimated at \$218 billion in 2007. (*Dall, T., et al. The Economic Burden Of Diabetes. Health Affairs. 29, No. 2 (2010)*)
- Currently, only 3.7 percent of the National Institute for Health budget goes to diabetes research, despite the fact that one-in-five healthcare dollars is spent caring for someone with diabetes and one-in-ten dollars spent on healthcare is attributable to diabetes and its complications. (*National Institute of Health, FY 2008*)
- On its current course, the number of people with diabetes is projected to nearly double by 2034 to 44.1 million due in large part to the aging of the baby boom population and increased rates of overweight and obesity. (*Huang et al (2009) Projecting the Future Diabetes Population Size and Related Costs for the U.S. Diabetes Care, December 2009, Vol. 32, No 12, 2225-2229*)
- If we are not successful in slowing the number of new cases of diabetes through prevention or delay of onset, by 2034 annual spending on diabetes will nearly triple to \$336 billion. (*Huang et al. (2009) Projecting the Future Diabetes Population Size and Related Costs for the U.S. Diabetes Care, December 2009, Vol. 32, No 12, 2225-2229*)
- One in every 10 healthcare dollars is spent on diabetes and its complications, and one in every three Medicare dollars is spent on people with diabetes. (*Halvorsen, George, Healthcare Will Not Reform Itself, CRC Press, 2009, p.131*)