



## Diabetes 360° 2018 Year in Review

### Introduction

2018 was a pivotal year for the [Diabetes 360°](#) initiative, beginning with the formal kick-off of the Advisory Board in January and culminating with the recommendation for its funding in Budget 2019 by the House Finance Committee. Here is a look back at some highlights from 2018.

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Held inaugural meeting of Diabetes 360° Steering Committee (now known as Advisory Board).</li></ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Held inaugural meetings of Diabetes 360° Working Groups.</li></ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduced target on Primary Prevention and introduced Diabetes 360° name (formerly known as 90-90-90).</li></ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presented Diabetes 360° to Parliamentarians at two separate Caucus meetings.</li><li>• Sponsored and presented Diabetes 360° at <a href="#">National Indigenous Diabetes Conference</a>.</li></ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Presented</a> to Federal Standing Committee on Health on the need for a national diabetes strategy. Submitted <a href="#">written brief</a> as well.</li></ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The chairs of the federal Diabetes Caucus and the Juvenile Diabetes Caucus jointly issued a letter to Minister Petitpas Taylor in support of Diabetes 360°.</li><li>• Held workshop on type 1-specific recommendations in Diabetes 360°.</li></ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Published the recommendations of the Diabetes 360° initiative on the website <a href="http://www.diabetes.ca/strategy">www.diabetes.ca/strategy</a>.</li></ul>



August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diabetes 360° recommendations also form the sole recommendation Diabetes Canada made in its <u>submission</u> to the Federal Government's 2019 pre-budget consultation.</li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diabetes Canada appeared before the House Finance Committee as part of its pre-budget consultation hearings. <u>Testimony</u> begins at 10:44:17.</li> <li>Expanded the Diabetes 360° Advisory Board.</li> <li>Trained advocates from across the country.</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Appeared</u> before Standing Committee on Health as part of their study on diabetes strategies in Canada and abroad.</li> <li>Published <u>Open Letter</u> to Prime Minister Trudeau in the Globe &amp; Mail, calling for Diabetes 360° to be funded.</li> <li>Initiated public letter-writing campaign that generated nearly 4,000 letters to Members of Parliament calling for Diabetes 360° to be funded.</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held a press conference on Diabetes 360° and released results of <u>Ipsos Opinion Poll</u>.</li> <li>During Diabetes Days on the Hill, had 30 meetings with Senators and MPs as well as some key political staff members.</li> <li>Also during Diabetes Days on the Hill, a mobile screening unit that was set up on Parliament Hill where 30 MPs and senators received comprehensive screening and feedback.</li> <li>To close off Diabetes Days on the Hill, 5 diabetes researchers participated in our reception and did table-top presentations to the approximately 50 Parliamentarians who attended. Many of our guests also obtained comprehensive eye screening using state of the art technology.</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House Finance Committee <u>recommended</u> that Budget 2019 include funding for a diabetes strategy for Canada.</li> </ul>