

**COMMISSION
DIABETES SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON LIFESTYLE AND CARDIOMETABOLIC HEALTH**

- Number of Members:** Eight (8) members shall include:
- Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Up to six members
 - Ex-officio members: Council Chair and Vice Chair
 - Liaisons will be appointed with other scientific councils (Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, Clinical Cardiology, Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing, and Epidemiology and Prevention) and major partners including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other organizations with similar interests.
- Method of Appointment:** The Council Chair shall appoint the Chair of the committee. The Council Chair in consultation with the Chair of the Committee shall appoint the Vice Chair and members. Liaison members shall be appointed by the organization or faction that they represent.
- Term of Office:** Committee terms shall be for two years, and shall begin and end with the AHA fiscal year (July-June). Terms shall be staggered to insure continuity. The members may be re-appointed for one term.
- Frequency of Meetings:** The committee may meet face-to-face twice per year. Additional meetings, via teleconference, may be arranged as required.
- Chair's Responsibilities:** The chair will also serve as a member of the Leadership Committee and will attend two face-to-face meetings per year. The chair is responsible for:
- Identifying and recruiting committee members.
 - Filing a written report on the committee's activities, including proposals for new initiatives and project updates, at least 3 weeks prior to each Leadership Committee meeting.
 - With the assistance of AHA staff, overseeing the development and implementation of initiatives.
- Committee Responsibilities:** The committee shall be fully informed on new scientific developments and advances in knowledge concerning diabetes as it relates to health and the occurrence or treatment of cardiovascular diseases and stroke:
- Synthesize the pertinent knowledge for the development of policy and position papers; and provide advisory and resource information in these areas for the AHA.
 - Stimulate basic, clinical, and behavioral research in diabetes, identifying areas of needed or expanded investigative effort and emphasis.
 - Interact with other Council Committees (Nutrition, Physical Activity, Obesity and Behavior Change) in

scientific and educational activities of common interest.

- Promote in cooperation with the Councils, the Clinical Science Committee, the Population Science Committee, and other AHA committees appropriate and well designed programs related to the prevention and treatment of diabetes.
- Advise the Consumer Health Marketing Coordinating Committee and the Office of Public Advocacy in matters concerning legislation and government regulations related to diabetes and cardiovascular health promotion and treatment of cardiovascular disease and stroke.
- Cooperate with and assist other scientific and health agencies in programs concerning diabetes and cardiovascular disease.
- Work with News Media Relations to disseminate information pertinent to diabetes and cardiovascular disease to health professionals and the public through news and medical media.

Committee Responsibilities:

- Assist the AHA in establishing research priorities related to diabetes and cardiovascular disease
- Develop new science advisories and guidelines, and revise/update existing advisories and guidelines.
- Develop education program content for scientific conferences and meetings.
- Respond to requests for expert testimony on behalf of AHA to federal agencies.
- Advocate for reimbursement programs related to counseling patients and their families.
- Respond to requests from the AHA Office of Communications for interviews with the media.
- Support AHA efforts for implementing programs involving diabetes in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

Member Qualifications:

- Recognized expertise in the field of diabetes.
- Organizational skills and time availability to be able to meet deadlines and follow through on commitments.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal relationship skills.
- Demonstrated change management skills such as accountability, flexibility, rational and timely decision making, initiative, and innovation.
- Working knowledge of the AHA mission, strategic goals and organization.