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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the June Edition of Diabetes Network News. In this edition the health professionals from the Mid North report on the work they are doing. There is also a feature article from the South East and Eyre Peninsula outlining their models for paediatric care.

Recently we have received questions about assessing fitness to drive and who is required to sign off the medical form. Put simple, any person with diabetes who is on any oral hypoglycaemic agent or insulin and has a commercial licence will need a specialist or endocrinologist to sign the assessment to drive. Details about frequency and requirements for private vehicle drivers has been included in this issue.

Also included in this issue are the updated foot care factsheets. We have designed two to enable educators to better individualise their education based on the persons risk profile. In this issue you will find 2 fact sheets. Foot care for high risk feet and foot care for low risk feet. Any feedback is welcomed.

Jane Giles, Manager - Education

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Diabetes Outreach

Diabetes Outreach is a program of Country Health SA co-located with The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Diabetes Centre. The service provides continuing education and support programs for health care providers and assistance with service planning.

Diabetes Outreach

- > Provides training and support for rural and remote health professionals.
- > Contributes to local and regional networks.
- > Promotes evidence based standards of care.
- > Facilitates access to information about quality assurance and documentation.
- > Facilitates access to information about population health needs.

We offer:

- > Education resources for health professionals and people with diabetes.
- > Education programs conducted in rural and remote areas
- > Distance education programs.
- > Peer support.

The vision of Diabetes Outreach is:

Better health for rural and remote South Australians by supporting health service providers towards best practice in diabetes care.

The Diabetes Outreach team is located at 8 Woodville Rd, Woodville SA 5001. Visit our website www.diabetesoutreach.org.au for access to and information about education programs and free resources for both people with diabetes and health professionals.



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