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PCDE at a glance

INTRODUCTION Primary Care Diabetes Europe (PCDE) is the only pan European primary care organization dedicated to diabetes, and in 2017 celebrated 20 years of advocacy, education and research.

PCDE aims for social as well as scientific goals. The association is recognised officially by Belgian law as an international non-profit organization. PCDE has been established to support all people with diabetes, their relatives, informal carers and professional primary health care providers to enhance the quality of the delivered care as well as the quality of life of all people suffering from this chronic

condition. The association was founded according to the objectives of the Saint Vincent Declaration. "Primary Care Diabetes Europe (PCDE) exists to provide a focal point for primary care clinicians and their patients. The role of primary care is already well established in many countries with others increasingly realising that only through enhanced provision in the community can the future effect of diabetes on society be ameliorated." Primary Care Diabetes impacts on the European policy level in their consultancy position at different national and international organisations.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all professionals working in Primary Care. PCDE's current membership exceeds 2400 members. [Become a member of the PCDE community and register.](#)

JOURNAL Primary Care Diabetes Journal publishes original clinical research articles and clinical practice information. Primary Care Diabetes Journal is a peer reviewed and indexed in MedLine, Thomson SCI, PsycInfo, and Scopus.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

EASD- PCDE study group

PCDE created a Primary Care Research Group within EASD renamed in to EASD PCDE Research Group.

The study group is now currently supporting and leading a number of research initiatives across Europe.

In 2017–2018 the group has successfully led and completed a review of published literature on the use of SGLT2-Is in impaired renal function to ascertain their effectiveness in preventing further renal deterioration. This systematic review and meta-analysis has now been published and presented at the 15th annual PCDE conference in Barcelona.

Additionally, the group also led the completion and research work on the management of diabetes in people with severe mental illness. This has also been published and presented.

In collaboration with leading experts in diabetes in Europe, we are currently writing a consensus statement for the management of elderly people with diabetes for the primary care teams in Europe. We are aiming to complete this before the end of 2018.

Study Group projects 2018

The group has this year expanded its research horizon by working in different European countries on a wide variety of topics. Some of the topic areas we are currently conducting research include de-intensifications of medications in the elderly population, the evaluation and validation of decision making software to assist clinicians on the choice of anti-diabetes drugs, epidemiological work on the trends in medication adherence in diabetes and multi-morbidity in diabetes. Research output from these topic areas will be presented and/or published in the next couple of years.

EASD- PCDE study group organisation;

Members

30 members (from 13 different countries).

Role:

To become a link between primary and secondary diabetes care organisations for their better collaboration regarding research priorities, know-how and projects, thus, enabling to generate and translate research evidence from and into primary health care practice.

Chairman:

Dr. Samuel Seidu was elected chairman during the annual meeting of 2016 for a period of 4 years.

Board members of the Steering Group: (elected during the annual meeting in 2012 and in officio since 2006): Prof. Kamlesh Khunti, Prof. Sara Artola, Prof. Pinar Topsever.

Study Group Meetings

There are different meeting opportunities. The annual business meeting of the Study Group takes place during the EASD congress. Additionally, members meet at different primary care conferences as well (e.g. WONCA) or diabetes related conferences (e.g. IDF) and at the bi-annual PCDE International conference, of which the last meeting took place in Barcelona 13-14 April 2018.

PCDE is also involved in different European Framework research projects as DAWN2, MANAGE CARE, CHRODIS,

SWEET, IMAGE, CALLIOPE, MOTIVATE, DE-PLAN and DIAMAP. In the future, even more efforts will be undertaken to provide leadership and participation in high quality research in primary diabetes care. [Read more about PCDE's research activities...](#) and [the EASD-PCDE Study Group](#).

AFFILIATIONS PCDE is the official Diabetes Special Interest Group of WONCA-Europe and organises diabetes tracks within the WONCA regional conferences. Besides, PCDE has a close working relationship with EURADIA, ECD, IDF, EASD, WHO, PCDS and other international and regional leading Diabetes and Primary Care organizations.

CONFERENCES & MEETINGS During the last decade, PCDE has organised several conferences. The last PCDE conference was held 13-14 April 2018 in Barcelona. Previous stand alone PCDE conferences were held in Barcelona on 29-30 April 2016 (theme ; Personalized care in daily practice) and on 23-24 May 2014 (theme; Diabetes education in multimorbidity and hypoglycaemic management).

In 2012 a stand alone conference was held in Barcelona. In 2010 and 2012 the 1st and 2nd International Meeting of Hypertension and diabetes in Primary Care took place in Istanbul co-organized with PCDE partners AHEAD and EPCCS.

[Read more about PCDE meetings..](#)