



Advocacy Overview

Speaking Up for the T1D Community

Our mission to improve lives by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent and treat type 1 diabetes (T1D) and its complications requires strong partnerships with government leaders, insurance providers and regulatory officials. Our advocacy team in Washington, D.C., works with volunteers to secure government support for T1D research, and our experts collaborate with regulators and insurers to bring treatments and therapies to everyone who needs them.

Our Advocacy Works

JDRF Advocates use the most powerful tools they have — their own personal stories — to communicate the financial, medical and emotional costs of T1D to healthcare and regulatory leaders.

“ I have seen what a group of voices can do to educate the politicians who have access to important funding resources or convince an insurance company to reimburse families for life-changing technologies Advocacy is so much more than one person. It is all of our voices working together for a single goal — a cure for T1D. ”

— Lara S., mom to a son with T1D

How Advocates Help



Urge national leaders to sustain and increase federal T1D research funding



Tell personal stories about living with T1D and inspiring others to do the same



Sign petitions and send emails to healthcare leaders on issues that matter



Every voice strengthens our impact. We need you! Learn more about joining us by visiting jdrf.org/JOIN or Text “ACT” to 53731 (JDRF1).

Advocacy by the Numbers

For every
\$1 JDRF invests
in T1D research,
it attracts more than
\$2.60 for T1D
funding

\$2.8 billion
has been directed to T1D research
through the government's Special
Diabetes Program over 20 years
— thanks in large part to JDRF
advocacy

All 25 of the U.S.'s largest
private health insurers
now cover an artificial
pancreas system for
people with T1D because
of JDRF advocacy

Recent Success Stories

Together, we're advocating for research funding that will deliver the next generation of life-changing therapies — and for policies that improve the lives of people with T1D right now.

The FDA, in partnership with JDRF, **shaved years off the approval process for artificial pancreas systems** by creating guidelines to assess its safety and effectiveness.

Continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) are now eligible for Medicare coverage thanks to extensive advocacy by JDRF and other stakeholders and strong bipartisan support from Congress.

Employers and health plans are developing policies, in partnership with JDRF, that **make insulin and T1D devices available at lower out-of-pocket costs**. Through JDRF's #Coverage2Control initiative, we let insurers know predictable and affordable T1D treatment can prevent life-threatening — and costly — conditions, and we have made specific, actionable suggestions for how to make insulin more affordable. JDRF also continues to be deeply involved in ongoing conversations with the government and drug companies about progress toward lower insulin costs.

Policies to **protect insurance coverage for people with T1D, a pre-existing condition**, thanks to JDRF and other advocates around the nation. We advocate for young adults to stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26, and for an end to yearly and lifetime dollar limits for essential health benefits.

Add your voice to our advocacy efforts. Learn more at jdrf.org/advocacy.



Every gift takes us one step closer to a cure for T1D. Find out how you can support JDRF and make a difference in the lives of people with T1D by visiting jdrf.org/donate.

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