

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

PMSI Becomes an AADE-Accredited Diabetes Education Program

PMSI was recently named an accredited diabetes education program by the American Association of Diabetes Educators. This will allow patients access to critical diabetes education services.

Diabetes education is a collaborative process through which people with or at risk for diabetes gain the knowledge and skills needed to modify behavior and successfully self-manage the disease and its related conditions. It is provided by diabetes educators.

“Trends show that diabetes education is moving out of the hospital and into the community, so AADE’s accreditation program was created, in part, to encourage diabetes education where the patient is seeking care,” said Leslie E. Kolb, RN, BSN, MBA, Program Director, Diabetes Education Accreditation Program. “PMSI is exactly the type of program we envisioned when we set up our accreditation program in 2009.”

Meet the Diabetes Educational Staff

Debbie Zlomek, RN, CDE, CPT is our Diabetes Educational Coordinator. What do those initials stand for?

RN (registered nurse). Debbie is a licensed registered nurse in the state of Pennsylvania.

Certified Diabetes Educator® (CDE®) status means a licensed professional has successfully completed the Certification Examination for Diabetes Educators. Candidates must meet rigorous eligibility requirements to be able to take the examination. Achieving certification status demonstrates to people with diabetes and employers that the health care professional possesses distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes. Currently, there are more than 17,000 diabetes educators who hold NCBDE certification.

CPT (certified pump trainer) acknowledges that a licensed professional has met the training requirements and passed a written exam to educate and train patients on insulin pumps. Debbie is a certified pump trainer for the following insulin pumps: Medtronic, Animas and Roche. Debbie will be taking her certification exam on the Omni Pod pump this month.

Emily Dutil, BS is a Patient Educator. Emily has extensive training in diabetes education. She will coordinate individual appointments and group classes for patients to meet with Debbie, do follow-up education and assist patients with testing and pump supplies.



