

Diabetes

Ten Facts

You may be surprised to read how common diabetes really is, what it can do to your body and that there is no cure.

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- 1** Diabetes is the fastest growing non-infectious disease in the world.
- 2** The risk of heart disease and stroke are 2 – 5 times higher with diabetes.
- 3** There is no cure.
- 4** Diabetes is the second most common cause of commencing renal dialysis (for kidney failure).
- 5** Nearly 1 in 4 Australians adults have diabetes or the early signs of the disease.
- 6** The number of people with diabetes in Australia has tripled since 1981.
- 7** For every person with diabetes there is one person who has it but doesn't know.
- 8** Diabetes is the most common cause of blindness in people under 60.
- 9** Diabetes is the most common cause of non-injury lower limb amputation.
- 10** 7½ percent of Australians over the age of 25 years have diabetes.