

Diabetes for Primary Care 2026

Thursday, March 26, 2026
Live Online via MS Teams

About the Course

This course is designed to provide up-to-date, evidence-based information on common diabetes medical issues while suggesting pragmatic approaches to clinical management. The format will encourage audience participation through practical lectures, case studies, breakout sessions, and audience response questions. Faculty will discuss recent advancements, diabetes management at KPWA, and industry updates in diabetes. Successful completion of this program will increase confidence in diagnosis, treatment, and effective prescribing, with the ultimate goal of improving patient outcomes.

Target Audience

Primary care physicians, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and members of the health care team who seek to advance their knowledge in this area.

Course Objectives

At the end of the conference, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss the Kaiser Permanente Diabetes Program.
- Cite how the CDM Program at KPWA improves the quality of care for individuals with chronic diseases through comprehensive management, patient education, and coordinated care plans.
- Provide an overview of the fundamental principles and current best practices in the treatment of type 2 diabetes.
- Utilize continuous glucose monitors (CGMs), including their indications, insurance coverage, and data interpretation, to enhance diabetes management and patient outcomes.
- Cite the latest updates on GLP-1 receptor agonists, including their clinical indications, efficacy, safety profiles, and recent advancements in treatment protocols.
- Cite essential knowledge for primary care providers on the diagnosis, management, and ongoing care of patients with type 1 diabetes.
- Outline the key aspects of preconception counseling for individuals with diabetes and provide updates on the management of gestational diabetes, including when to refer to Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM).
- Provide guidance on effective nutrition counseling strategies for individuals with diabetes, focusing on dietary modifications, meal planning, and the role of nutrition in glycemic control.
- Explore the latest smart tools and resources available for diabetes management and provide practical coding tips to enhance documentation accuracy.
- Engage with faculty in a discussion addressing complex questions and real-world challenges in diabetes management and reflect on course content and apply insights to improve clinical practice in diabetes care.

Agenda

a.m.

8:00 - 8:30

Introduction and Overview of KPWA Diabetes Program
- *Meredith Cotton, RN, MSN, CDCES, BC-ADM, Annie Gayman, MD, Mamatha Palanati, MD*

8:30 - 9:30

Type 2 Diabetes Treatment Basics
- *Katie Paul, MD, MPH, Rakesh Popli, MD*

9:30 - 10:30

Continuous Glucose Monitors: Indications, data interpretation, coverage
- *Meredith Cotton, RN, MSN, CDCES, BC-ADM*

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 11:45

GLP-1 Updates - *Melissa Sturgis, PharmD, BCACP*

11:45 - 12:15

Diabetes Smart Tools, Resources, and Coding Tips
- *Meredith Cotton, RN, MSN, CDCES, BC-ADM, Mamatha Palanati, MD*

p.m.

12:15 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - 2:00

What Should I Know About Type 1 Diabetes in Primary Care? - *Su Ah Bae, MD, Emily Omura, MD*

2:00 - 3:00

Preconception Counseling in Diabetes and Updates in Gestational Diabetes - *Anna Walton, MD*

3:00 - 3:15

Break

3:15 - 4:00

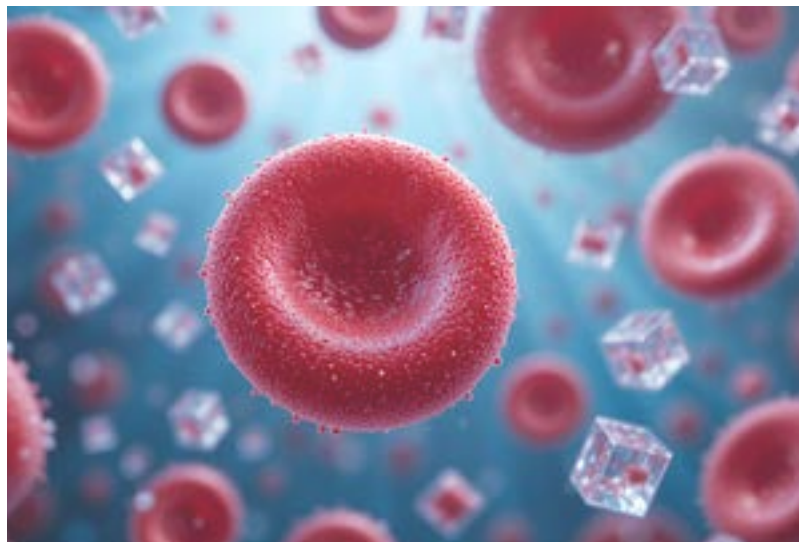
Nutrition Counseling in Diabetes
- *Jessica Kim, MS, RDN, CD, CDCES*

4:00 - 4:30

Faculty Q&A - *All Faculty*

4:30

Adjournment



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