



**LAUNCH OF COMPLIMENTARY CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITY ON PRACTICE REGISTRIES  
FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE ON NYDC.ORG**

**Albany, NY, December 20, 2011** – The Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University (Einstein) and the New York Diabetes Coalition (NYDC) are pleased to announce the launch of a free continuing medical education (CME) activity for health care professionals titled “**Bringing Guidelines to Life Using a Diabetes Registry**” presented on the NYDC Web site ([www.nydc.org](http://www.nydc.org)).

The CME activity was planned and produced in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through joint sponsorship of Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the NYDC. Albert Einstein College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This CME program employs video simulations by expert faculty to focus on the use and value of patient registries in optimizing care for patients with diabetes. It will be offered for one year.

Diabetes, the most rapidly growing chronic disease, has become an epidemic that affects one out of every 12 adult New Yorkers. Since 1994, the number of people in the state who have diabetes has more than doubled, and it is likely that number will double again by the year 2050. Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness, kidney disease, and amputation, and it contributes greatly to the state's and nation's number one killer, cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke).

"The cost of treating diabetes is staggering, with the American Diabetes Association estimating the annual cost of diabetes in medical expenses and lost productivity at nearly \$175 billion in 2007," said Dr. Janet Sullivan, chair of the New York Diabetes Coalition. "Improvement in health outcomes of people with diabetes occur when practices use diabetes management tools, educational support and a diabetes registry"

"This new CME activity, applicable to all health care professionals that are responsible for caring for people with diabetes, reinforces the value of patient registries," said Linda Lambert, NYDC vice-chair. "This educational tool, along with other resources in the NYDC tool kit helps providers to more efficiently address the multiple components of care necessary to manage diabetes."

This continuing education activity was funded by an unrestricted educational grant from the New York State Department of Health and can be found at [www.nydc.org](http://www.nydc.org).

The NYDC is a collaboration of professional medical societies, health plans, health-care focused agencies, and community organizations dedicated to improving the health of people with diabetes. The NYDC has been working together since 1999 to develop educational materials and diabetes management tools and to promote initiatives to help people with diabetes and health care professionals manage the complexities of diabetes care.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine designates this enduring material for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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