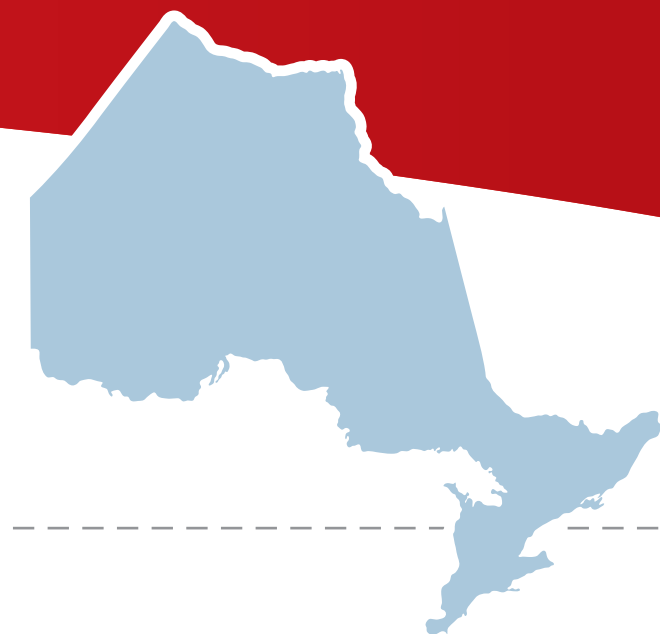


Why action is needed to prevent amputations in Ontario



In 2015, 1.5 million Ontarians were living with diabetes

In Ontario, there is 1 amputation every 4 hours as a result of a diabetic foot ulcer



16,600 to **27,600** had a diabetic foot ulcer



Nearly **2,000** had an amputation below the knee

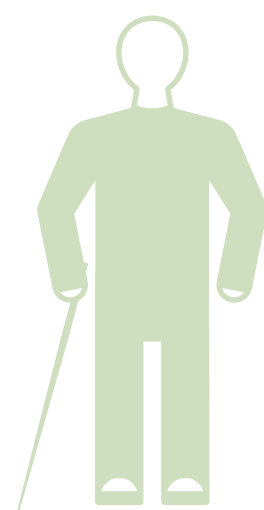


When an ulcer heals properly:

~ 5 days in the hospital, ER and clinics

When an ulcer leads to amputation:

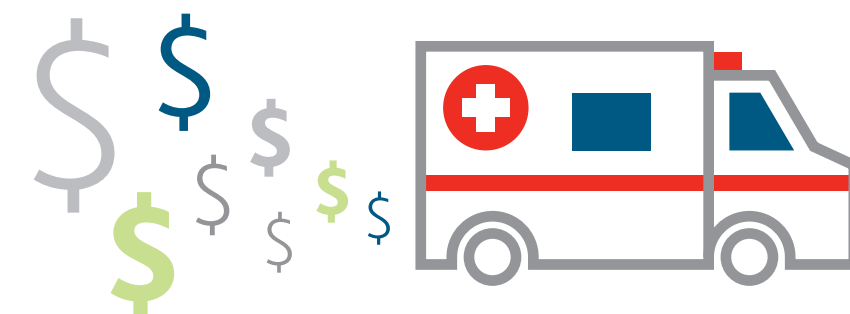
~ 86 days in the hospital, ER and clinics



800 associated premature deaths

Direct health-care costs:

Up to **\$400 million** a year



What can we do?

In addition to improved screening and foot care, increased government funding for specialized devices can help prevent amputations and **save our health-care system up to**

\$75 million a year.

Ask the Government of Ontario to **take action** for our health.



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