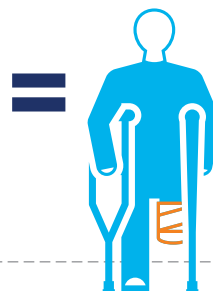


# Why action is needed to **prevent amputations** in Alberta

In Alberta, there is  
**1 amputation every 22 hours**

as a result of a diabetic foot ulcer



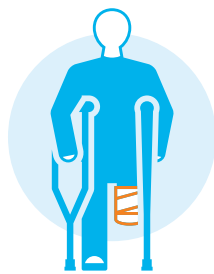
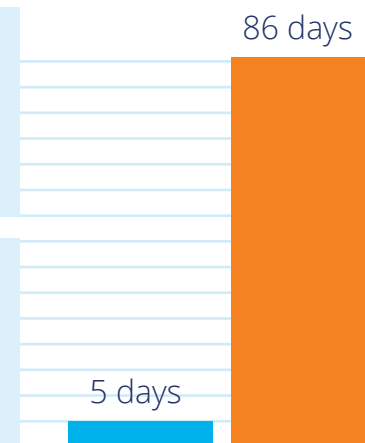
**In 2017, 320,000 Albertans were living with diabetes**



**3,500 to 5,800** had a diabetic foot ulcer

When an ulcer **leads to amputation:**  
**86 days** in the hospital, ER and clinics

When an ulcer **heals properly:**  
**5 days** in the hospital, ER and clinics



Nearly **400** had an amputation below the knee

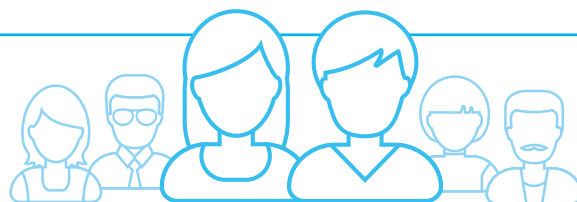
Direct health-care costs:

**Up to \$86 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 **\$16 million a year.**

Ask the Government of Alberta to take action for our health.



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