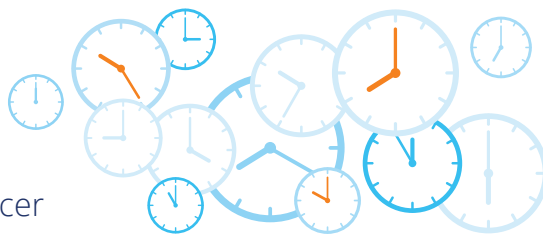


Why action is needed to **prevent amputations** in Nova Scotia

In Nova Scotia, there is **1 amputation every 40 hours**

as a result of a diabetic foot ulcer



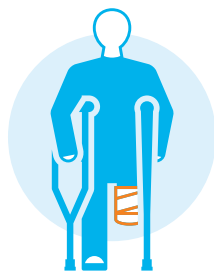
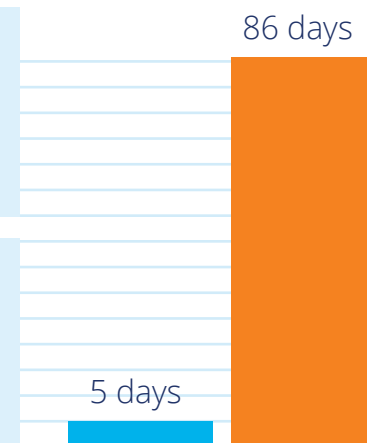
In 2017, 107,000 Nova Scotians were living with diabetes



1,200 to 2,000 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 **220** had an amputation below the knee

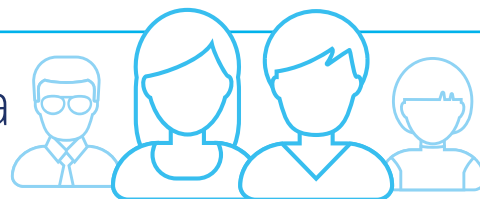
Direct health-care costs:

Up to \$35 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 **\$8.3 million a year.**

Ask the Government of Nova Scotia to take action for our health.



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