

Why action is needed to **prevent amputations** in Ontario

In Ontario, there is
1 amputation every 4 hours



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as a result of a diabetic foot ulcer

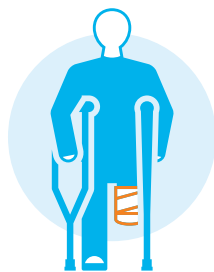
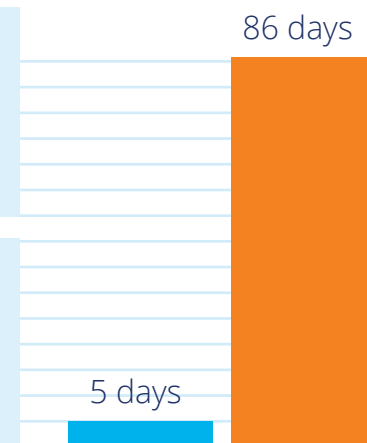
In 2015, 1.5 million Ontarians were living with diabetes



16,600 to 27,600 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 **2,000** had an amputation below the knee

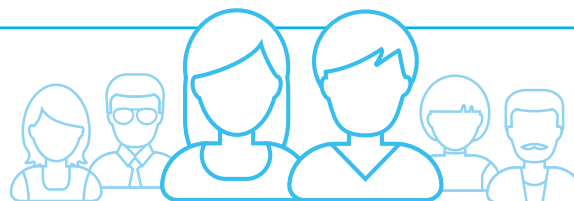
Direct health-care costs:

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.**

In 2017, the Government of Ontario announced \$8 million in funding over three years for these devices.



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