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Thank you for your generosity. Diabetes Canada is grateful to our donors for supporting critical research that will end diabetes.

Through your support, Dr. Dean Eurich, professor with the school of public health and program director for the clinical epidemiology program at the University of Alberta, is bringing us one step closer to more equitable health outcomes for First Nations people living with diabetes.

In Canada, who you are impacts how healthy you'll be. This is health inequity – when your ethnic background, level of income or where you live affects your health outcomes. This is unfair and unjust.

The diabetes epidemic in First Nations communities is a tragic legacy in Canada. Health, social, and systemic inequities, discrimination and racism, and geographic isolation all have had long-term, negative impacts on the health of First Nations peoples – First Nations living on reserve have a rate of diabetes three to five times higher than that of other Canadians. On top of this, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the care of patients with diabetes and has impacted First Nations communities more than the general population.

To help address these health inequities, Dr. Dean Eurich is working in partnership with First Nations communities to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on diabetes care for First Nations in Alberta.

With First Nations health leaders, traditional knowledge holders, and Chiefs and Council, Dr. Eurich will examine how the COVID-19 pandemic is influencing trends in diabetes and diabetes care among First Nations people in Alberta. Their findings will help inform more equitable future diabetes programming in the province post-pandemic.

Thank you for giving hope for a healthier future to First Nations people with diabetes.