



OUR RESEARCHERS | DR. SHAZHAN AMED

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

Through your support, Dr. Shazhan Amed, investigator and head, Division of Endocrinology & Diabetes, BC Children's Hospital, is bringing us one step closer to better and more equitable health outcomes for children 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.

Diabetes is one of Canada's most common, childhood diseases, affecting close to 40,000 children and youth across the country. Managing diabetes is difficult and made worse when young people and their families can't access appropriate care. As a result, young people – and especially young people from marginalized communities – are still not able to meet recommended targets for controlling diabetes.

To help address these health inequities, Dr. Shazhan Amed is establishing a national childhood diabetes registry using an equity lens, in partnership with a network of 10 childhood diabetes centres across Canada.

Through this registry, Dr. Amed and her team will:

1. Work with young people, families, health care professionals, researchers and policymakers to co-develop a registry that will serve all young people equitably.
2. Develop a national childhood diabetes registry and quality improvement initiative to improve diabetes care in all Canadian communities.
3. Leverage the registry to inform action across all parts of the health care system, including clinical care, research, policy, and education.

Your support will help Diabetes Canada fund this project and many more, leading to a more equitable, healthier future for young people with diabetes.