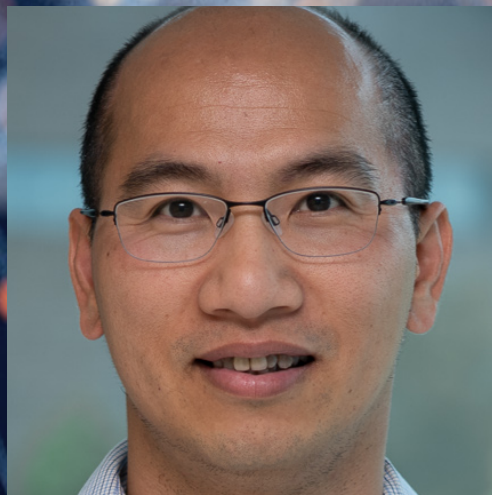


Dr. Hai Nguyen



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Project: Universal Drug Coverage for Diabetes Medications in Canada: Evaluating Current Impacts and Assessing Future Expansion

Thank you. Through donor support, Dr. Hai Nguyen, Professor with the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Guelph, is working to improve access to medications for people with diabetes.

Managing diabetes requires regular access to medications, and lack of access to optimum medications and care can lead to health complications such as nerve damage, blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, anxiety, amputations, and even death.

In Canada, nearly 15% of people with diabetes do not have prescription drug insurance and must pay for their medications out of pocket. Many newer and highly effective treatments, such as GLP-1 medications, remain uncovered in most provinces. As a result, many people are missing out on medications that could significantly improve their health.

Dr. Nguyen is evaluating Canada's national pharmacare program to understand whether this program is working for people with diabetes. He will study how pharmacare affects people with diabetes across the country, to understand the real-world impacts of the program. He will evaluate whether adding GLP-1 medications to pharmacare would be a smart investment. And he will conduct a national survey to hear directly from people living with diabetes about what they value the most in a drug plan – including affordability, access, and fairness – to help shape policies that reflect patients' priorities.

His aim is to help strengthen pharmacare in Canada so that all people with diabetes can access the medications they need to live healthier lives.

Thank you for your generosity. Diabetes Canada is grateful to our donors for supporting critical research that will improve the lives of people with diabetes.