

2005 aPHa Resolution A05-12

TITLE **Type 1 Diabetes in Children**

SPONSOR: Durham Region Health Department

WHEREAS the Canadian Diabetes Association and Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) published Diabetes in Ontario: An ICES Practice Atlas on June 11, 2003; and

WHEREAS the Atlas concluded that for all Ontario children, between 1996 and 2000, there was a 17% increase in the incidence of diabetes in children, the largest increases in incidence being in younger children; and

WHEREAS in the same period, there was an almost 20% increase in diabetes prevalence in children in all age groups, both boys and girls aged 5 and 9 years showing the highest increase; and

WHEREAS currently there are no known preventable or modifiable risk factors for type 1 diabetes, which requires the use of insulin to control diabetes and to prevent a wide array of serious systemic complications (e.g., dental, eye, heart, kidney and neural problems); and

WHEREAS for analytic purposes, type 1 and 2 diabetes in children, such as in the Atlas, are usually combined owing to the lack of sensitive databases, such as a diabetes registry, that adequately captures the different types; and

WHEREAS the education, care and treatment related to type 1 diabetes in children is significantly under-resourced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT aPHa urges the Governments of Canada and Ontario to act immediately and in concert to develop and implement, as soon as possible, a long-term action plan that significantly increases resources available for the epidemiology, education, care and treatment related to type 1 diabetes in children; and

AND FURTHER THAT the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Health, Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Canadian Diabetes Association and Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences are so advised.