



Appendix 1

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Appendix to: Twigg SM, Wong J. The imperative to prevent diabetes complications: a broadening spectrum and an increasing burden despite improved outcomes. *Med J Aust* 2015; 202: 300-304. doi: 10.5694/mja14.01234.

Appendix 1. *Current and projected disability adjusted life years (DALYs) in chronic disease in Australia*

While per patient diabetes complications outcomes are improving compared with the general population, diabetes as a diagnosis is increasing in the general population, as is longevity, leading to increased numbers with diabetes. As a result, disability adjusted life years (DALYs) are projected to rise in diabetes resulting in the highest national disability score for any chronic illness from ~2016 onwards. Notably, another ageing related disease, of dementia, is also increasing (Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Burden of Disease Database; ⁸).

