

## Diabetes Prevention and Caring for the Diabetic Patient

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### **The Economic Cost of the Diabetic Patient; Can CBD Be a Possible Solution?**

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The growth rate of Type 2 diabetes mellitus is explosive in the overall population and direct and indirect costs are staggering. With the annual per capita medical spending for people with diabetes more than two times that for those without, the escalating costs threaten to paralyse the delivery of government services, and impoverish the affected. Governments must find cost-effective strategies that focus not just on prevention but effective treatment.

Can cannabis-based medicines be the answer? As we learn more about the pivotal role of the endocannabinoid system in the pathogenesis of diabetes, we can no longer ignore cannabidiol (CBD) as a possible solution. If CBD is successful in both treatment and prevention, what would be the overall economic impact?