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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Laura Russell, MA, RDN, LD, CDCES  
2023-2024 DDPG Chair

As we have started 2024, I continue to be amazed by the advancement of technology in the area of diabetes. Almost monthly there is a new device or medication being approved in the United States, and I am so excited for more options that I can offer my clients with diabetes to help them successfully manage their disease.

The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) is an area where we as dietitians need to be aware of the options as well as embrace the ways AI can enhance our practice. If you missed it, on December 7, 2023, we had a [Zoom Coffee Chat](#) with Miguel Johns from Milton AI where he discussed how AI exists today and how his Milton AI tool can bring value in our practices. You can view all our coffee chats here: <https://www.diabetesdpg.org/resources/coffee-breaks>. Watch for more of these opportunities in 2024!

On January 17, 2024, we also had a webinar focused on AI presented by Janice McLeod, MA, RD, CDCES, FADCES, which was a great resource to increase our knowledge on this topic and begin to understand the road ahead with AI. Check out this webinar here: <https://www.diabetesdpg.org/resources/payment-reimbursement/reimbursement-chats>. Look for more on this topic later this year in *Cutting Edge Nutrition & Diabetes Care*.

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**FNCE® Conference Interactive Workshop  
RDN Leads in Innovative Person  
Centered Obesity and Diabetes Care**  
(left to right) Moderator: Anna Parker  
DCN, MS, RD, CDCES, Chair-Elect;  
W. Scott Putsch, MD, Cleveland Clinic;  
Patricia Davidson, DCN, RDN, LDN,  
CDCES, FAND, FADCES, CHSE, Past Chair;  
Laura Russell, MA, RDN,  
CDCES, DDPG Chair.

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New for 2024 are regular reimbursement chats with our Nutrition Service Payment Specialist, Amanda Kirpitch, MA, RDN, CDCES, CDN. These Zoom chats will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month, so make sure to “stop by” with your questions! You can watch past chats on the DDPG website: <https://www.diabetesdpg.org/resources/payment-reimbursement>.

We are starting to plan for fiscal year 2024-2025. We know that publications and webinars continue to be valuable resources according to our membership survey. We will plan to continue providing these excellent resources in the year to come along with more patient handouts and opportunities for members to gain knowledge of the latest in technology and medications. We can only do these things with help from our volunteers.

If you would like to be involved, we would love your help! We have multiple committee opportunities, so please consider contributing to the DDPG being the best source of diabetes and nutrition care information.



**FNCE® DDPG Spotlight Session Going  
Beyond Glycosylated Hemoglobin: How  
Dietitians Impact Outpatient Diabetes  
Care and Outcomes (left to right )**  
Patricia Davidson, DCN, RDN, LDN,  
CDCES, FAND, FADCES, CHSE, Past Chair  
Casey Colin, DCN, RDN, LDN, FAND.