National Federation of the Blind

Diabetes Action Network

Second Annual Knowledge is Sweet Seminar

NFB Jernigan Institute

Baltimore, Maryland

May 16–17, 2025

## Agenda

Times listed are in Eastern Daylight Time

All meetings will take place in Members Hall.

## Friday, May 16, 2025

**7:00 a.m.** Breakfast

**8:30 a.m.** Welcome to the Knowledge is Sweet Seminar and Some Logistics, Debbie Wunder, President, Diabetes Action Network, Columbia, Missouri

**9:00 a.m.** Collective Collaboration is the Answer, Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland

**9:30 a.m.** Tandem Mobi: Bringing Accessible Insulin Pump Technology to the Blind, Kerry Harrison, MS, RDN, CDCES, Tandem Diabetes Care, Baltimore Territory Manager

**10:30 a.m.** Break

**10:45 a.m.** I'm a Type 2 Diabetic Living an A1 Life, Mark Feliz, Board Member, Diabetes Action Network, Mesa, Arizona

**11:00 a.m.** We’re in This Together: Being a Supportive Partner Emotionally and Financially, Jesse Shirek, Governmental Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind,   
Baltimore, Maryland

**11:45 a.m. Questions and getting ready for lunch**

**12:00 p.m.** Lunch and Exhibits

**2:00 p.m.** Dialysis: My Part in Needing It and What I’ve Learned While Giving My Kidneys a Rest, John Tebockhorst, Secretary, Diabetes Action Network, Minneapolis, Minnesota

**2:15 p.m.** Hearing the Words “You Are a Diabetic”: My Reaction and Then Taking Control, Jean Brown, First Vice President, Diabetes Action Network, Indianapolis, Indiana

**2:30 p.m.** Life After Pancreas Rejection and Returning to the Insulin Pump, Sherry Shirek, Member, Diabetes Action Network, Baltimore, Maryland

**2:55 p.m.** Break

**3:10 p.m.** Diabetes on the Move: Accessories, Emergency Kits, Snacks, and More, Anil Lewis, Second Vice President, Diabetes Action Network, Atlanta, Georgia

**3:25 p.m. Snack Packing and Socializing**

**3:50 p.m.** Exhibitors Presentations from Top Level Sponsors

**4:**05 p.m. Special Fit Break

**4:**10 p.m. Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults: When Type 1 is Diagnosed as Type 2, Debbie Wunder, Columbia, Missouri

**5:00 p.m.** Break

**6:00 p.m.** Dinner

## Saturday, May 17, 2025

**7:00 a.m.** Breakfast

**8:30 a.m.** Welcome to Day Two, Debbie Wunder

**9:00 a.m.** The Importance of Exercise to the Blind Person with Diabetes, Gary Scheiner, MS, CDCES, Owner and Clinical Director, Integrated Diabetes Services, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**10:00 a.m.** Pushing the Bounds of Accessibility through the Medical Device Nonvisual Accessibility Act and Taking Action, John Paré, Executive Director of Advocacy and Policy, National Federation of the Blind, Baltimore, Maryland

**10:45 a.m.** Break

**11:00 a.m.** The Carb Count Challenge, Liz Moyer, Teaching Assistant, Chimes, and Board Member, Diabetes Action Network, Baltimore, Maryland

**11:30 a.m.** Sugar Sugar, Danielle McCann, Membership Building Coordinator, National Federation of the Blind, and Treasurer, Diabetes Action Network, Baltimore, Maryland

**12:00 p.m.** Lunch and Exhibits

**2:00 p.m.** New Medications, Dietary Guidelines, and the Future of Blind People Using Insulin Pumps for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes, Kiya Rivera, RD, CDCES, CPT, Certified Diabetes Educator, UM Midtown Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology, Baltimore, Maryland

**3:00 p.m.** My Baby, Me, and Gestational Diabetes: The Shock, My Baby’s Health, My Health, and the Future for Us Both, Julie Orozco, JD, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, Baltimore, Maryland

**3:25 p.m.** Strategies for Combating Fatigue, Neuropathy, and Other Complications of Diabetes, Panel Discussion, Debbie Wunder, President, Diabetes Action Network, Columbia, Missouri, Danielle McCann, Treasurer, Diabetes Action Network, Baltimore, Maryland, Gary Wunder, Board Member, Diabetes Action Network, Columbia, Missouri

**3:55 p.m.** After the Seminar: Ways to Get and Stay Involved with the National Federation of the Blind and the Diabetes Action Network, Danielle McCann and Mark Feliz

**4:15 p.m.** Summing Up the Seminar: What Did You Like, What Could We Have Done Differently, and Should We Do This Again?  
Debbie Wunder and Other Members of the Board

**5:00 p.m. Adjourn**