



DiabeticFoot
Australia

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Diabetic Foot Australia is seeking expressions of interest to join the DFA steering committee

Diabetic Foot Australia (DFA) was established in 2015 with the vision to end avoidable amputations within a generation in Australia. Our primary objectives are to:



Optimise national diabetes-related foot disease evidence based clinical practice



Empower Australia to become a leading nation in diabetes-related foot disease management



Stimulate national diabetes-related foot disease research



Reduce Australia's diabetes-related amputation rate

Since then we've made some great advances in tackling our primary objectives. To date activities have included:

- The '2018-2022 Australian diabetes-related foot disease strategy' published
- The 'Australian guidelines on footwear for people with diabetes' published
- The 'Australian diabetic foot ulcer minimum dataset standards' published
- Hosted two of the largest national diabetic foot conferences in the world
- Delivered multiple "Whats new in DFU" education events" around the nation
- Established an Australian online research repository
- Current projects include delivering the Australian Research Agenda and new national clinical guidelines and pathways for diabetes-related foot disease
- Australia is now the 5th leading nation for diabetic foot research output
- And produced multiple patient and clinician focused resources

DFA is led by a national steering committee comprised of a broad range of national experts from disciplines including medical, surgical, nursing, allied health, research and industry disciplines. Members also bring a wealth of experience as representatives on international, national and state diabetic foot groups, including the 'International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot', the former national diabetic foot ulcer group 'Australian Diabetic Foot Network' and DFoot International.

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to play a leadership role in developing the strategic plan and priorities for DFA, and delivering projects and activities that align with the strategic plan. Members have a well-developed understanding and experience with diabetes-related foot disease in Australia and participate in making informed, valuable contributions to DFA's primary objectives.

DFA Steering Committee member objectives include:

- To promote and uphold Diabetic Foot Australia's aim, mission and vision statement
- Be available to attend and participate in quarterly meetings
- Actively participate in DFA working group/s and projects
- Employ professional and unbiased decision-making processes
- Play a leadership role in determining and delivering priorities from the strategic plan

DFA is now seeking one additional steering committee member and is looking for those with significant DFD experience in the following

- **Infectious Diseases Physicians**



STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATION INFORMATION

About the DFA Steering Committee

The DFA Steering Committee aims to comprise a broad range of DFD-related expert members with complementary representative skill-sets. Where possible, membership aims to contain representative skill-sets from many different DFD related disciplines (medicine, surgery, nursing and allied health), sectors (clinical practice, research and industry) and geographical locations (Australian states and territories).

Tenure & Commitment

The term of a committee member is two years and a member can serve up to a maximum of four consecutive terms. Quarterly committee meetings are held each year with the majority conducted online. Face-to-Face meetings are usually once per year (expenses met by DFA). Committee members should be available to attend at least three out of the four meetings. Outside of committee meeting attendance, the expectation is for members to also lead and/or participate in working groups established to deliver specific agreed upon DFA projects.

New Member Responsibilities

Our vision is to end avoidable amputations within a generation in Australia. The current key aims for the DFA steering committee is to play a leadership role in developing priorities from the "Australian diabetes-related Foot Disease Strategy", and delivering projects and activities that align with that strategic plan.

Steering Committee members also play an active leadership and/or supportive role in DFA working groups to deliver agreed upon national DFD focused outcomes in Australia.

Outside of attending meetings and participating in DFA working groups, members should employ professional and unbiased decision making, disclose any conflicts of interest and ensure that any documentation reviews are undertaken in a timely manner.

Eligibility

The DFA Steering committee is currently looking for one healthcare professional in the discipline of infectious diseases physicians to join the DFA steering committee. Applicants should work in Australia, have significant DFD experience, and a clinical background is preferred.

Application Process

All applications are to be submitted by completing the attached application form and emailing to nationaloffice@diabeticfootaustralia.org

All applications received will be discussed by the DFA Steering Committee who will decide on the preferred nominee/s to fill the vacancies that best address the criteria and achieves broad and inclusive representation. The DFA steering committee decision will be final.

Submission Deadline

All applications should be submitted online and must be received by **COB Monday 20 July 2020**.

Appointment

Once the decision is made, all successful and unsuccessful nominees will be notified of the outcome following a decision at the upcoming DFA steering committee meeting in late August 2020

The successful nominee will then commence their role as a DFA Steering Committee member from 01 September 2020.

For further information or a copy of the Terms of Reference please contact us at nationaloffice@diabeticfootaustralia.org

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