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To: Regional Chair Europe, Professor Şehnaz Karadeniz

Subject: How can a person demonstrate the existence of diabetes and its separation into types of diabetes?

Dear Professor,

We would like your opinion on a topic that concerns people with diabetes and scientific communities in Greece over the past few days.

People with diabetes in Greece, in order to get some benefits from the state, need to go through a health committee, in order to diagnose and detect the type of diabetes. According to the latest legal framework, certain tests are proposed for those diagnosed with diabetes from the age of 16, such as anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase (anti-GAD), the tyrosine phosphatase-related islet antigen 2 (IA-2) and glucagon-stimulated c-peptide test (GST). The views, even of the scientific community, differ on the necessity of these examinations.

As IDF's mission is to promote diabetes care, we are addressing you to give us formal and scientifically based information about the prerequisite medical tests in order to diagnose and confirm diabetes and classify the ailing to a specific category of diabetes. Your reply will be very helpful for us, as our purpose is to defend people with diabetes in Greece.

We would kindly ask you for your reply by Tuesday 5th February 2018, as the Committee will convene at 6th February 2018. We remain at your disposal for any further information or clarification.

Sincerely Yours,

On behalf of the Board of Members

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