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Richard A. Kahn, Ph.D., is Chief Scientific and Medical Officer of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), the leading nonprofit health organization dedicated to preventing and curing diabetes and to improving the lives of the nearly 21 million children and adults currently living in the United States with the disease.

Kahn is responsible for all of the scientific and medical affairs of the Association, which can be divided into five major areas. First, he is responsible for the Association's professional education activities, consisting of many clinical conferences and symposia, research conferences, and the largest diabetes-related clinical and scientific meeting in the world -- the Association's Annual Scientific Sessions. Second, he manages the development of the Association's clinical practice guidelines and clinical consensus reports, which provide guidance and direction to health professionals who deliver diabetes care. Third, he is responsible for the Association's research program which awards over 43 million dollars of support to both basic and clinical scientists nationwide. Fourth, Kahn provides senior staff direction for the many professional books and journals produced by the Association. Finally, he oversees the Association's two professional "certification" or Recognition Programs - the Diabetes Education Recognition Program and the newly developed Provider Recognition Program.



Prior to joining the American Diabetes Association in 1985, Kahn was Chief of Scientific Affairs for the American Red Cross in St. Louis, Missouri, and an Associate Professor of Pathology at Washington University. In these positions he established the first Tissue Bank in the Red Cross System and directed a large research laboratory concerned with the pathophysiology of blood cells and the prevention of transfusion-transmitted diseases.

Kahn received his doctorate in physiology from Georgetown University and has published over 50 original research reports as well as numerous book chapters. He has received many awards, honors, invited lectureships and is a member of a variety of professional organizations.