

## *Integrated care for diabetes and eye health: A global compendium of good practice*

### **SUMMARY**

As global awareness of Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) has increased so too has the development of resources and tools to assist health care providers in the early detection and treatment of this growing public health problem associated with the rising prevalence of diabetes. However, few of these resources have focused on providing insight into innovative approaches to integrating eye health with diabetes management and control, across the health care spectrum.

For this reason the 'Integrated care for diabetes and eye health: A global compendium of good practice' has been developed. It documents a series of 'real-world' case studies that showcase current initiatives to advance integrated care for DR across the spectrum of health promotion, prevention, early intervention and treatment in a range of different contexts and resource settings.

The compendium has been designed to help fill a crucial knowledge gap and to strengthen the existing evidence base through providing insights on a range of different models, lessons learned and key recommendations on how to effectively implement integrated care.

Drawing on evidence from a range of projects and programs showing promising results from 17 countries, the document will provide guidance to policy makers, medical organisations, service providers and social investors.

The intended outcome is that decision makers and practitioners will be able to build on the findings and learnings presented in this report to implement their own strategic and tactical approaches to addressing the challenges of blindness and vision loss from diabetes. Ultimately, it is our hope that those living with or at risk of DR around the world will be able to access the support they need, when and where they need it.

The compendium can be accessed here:

- **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness:** <https://www.iapb.org/resources/a-global-compendium-on-good-practice-integrated-care-for-diabetes-and-eye-health/>
- **International Diabetes Federation:** <https://idf.org/54-our-activities/513-integrated-care-for-diabetes-and-eye-health.html>