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BCDiabetes Loop Affiliate Program

BCDiabetes is committed to making **Automated Insulin Delivery (AID)** accessible to every Canadian living with Type 1 diabetes, with a bold goal of having 200,000 individuals on some form of AID by 2028. In 2025, we believe that **Loop**, using the Loop app with the **Omnipod Dash** and **Dexcom G7**, offers the best option for most, despite not yet being Health Canada approved. For more on the Loop program at BCDiabetes **click here**.

Our affiliated Loop sites play a crucial role in achieving this mission. They gain the ability to access and share the **Loop app** and its regular updates as well as Loop Caregiver, enabling them to support their own clients independently and **at no charge**..

Becoming a BCDiabetes Loop Affiliate

To become a BCDiabetes Loop affiliate, your clinic must demonstrate competence in installing, fine-tuning, and troubleshooting Loop and Loop Caregiver.

As of 2026-Jan-31 BCDiabetes has Loop Affiliates in Saskatoon (100+ installations), Montreal (10+) and two from Winnipeg (early days) including both pediatric and adult sites.

Here's the pathway to affiliation:

1. **Initial Coursework:** Begin with the foundational training available at **loop.bcdiabetes.ca**. We recommend a two day in-person visit to BCDiabetes in Vancouver (email questions@bcdiabetes.ca for an invitation) to see how we do things. Once you've done that proceed to **our in-house secondary coursework**.

2. **Mandatory Tertiary Coursework:** Navigate to the DIY section of the **Diabetes Technology Expert Program** offered by **diabetotech.com** (available at no cost) and enter your name and email address. Once you have your credentials complete the "DIY Loop" section.

3. **Certification and Application:** Once you've completed the secondary coursework noted above, you'll be eligible to take a short quiz through Diabetotech.com. Upon successful completion, you'll receive a certificate. Email this certificate to **questions@bcdiabetes.ca** and request to become an affiliated Loop site.

4. **Privacy and sharing agreement with BCDiabetes:** Having access to TestFlight apps built by BCDiabetes and sharing them with your client comes with serious responsibilities. By signing you become a member of a trusted community. This contract also requires that you share with BCDiabetes anonymized data on all Loop starts including demographics plus pre & post TIR and GMI and diabetes emergency incidents. **Here is a draft** of the agreement.

Once your clinic is affiliated, you'll be granted access to the BCDiabetes Loop app & Loop Caregiver app for all your clients who have signed the appropriate consent and waiver forms:

- **Consent & Waiver for Minors**
- **Consent & Waiver for Adults**

Nightscout for Enhanced Monitoring

The final highly recommended step is to set up a **Nightscout account** for each client. Nightscout provides the best real-time access to crucial data from Loop, including CGM readings, insulin delivery, and carbohydrate intake and is a prerequisite for Loop Caregiver.. While Tidepool is an alternative, clients must manually upload data to Tidepool at each clinic appointment.

BCDiabetes offers **no-cost Nightscout accounts** to all its direct clients for 12 months, and indefinitely if they have follow-up appointments every 12 months thereafter. To take advantage of this, an initial referral to BCDiabetes from your clinic is all that's needed (**online**, **email** or fax to 604-628-3821). BCDiabetes may also consider providing blocks of Nightscout accounts to affiliate clinics on a case-by-case basis at $60 per user per year, paid in advance.

Alternatively, your clients can **build their own Nightscout** or subscribe to professionally maintained Nightscout services such as **T1Pal.com**, **Nightscout pro**, or **ns10be**.

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