# Managing Type 2 Diabetes: Home Health Care is Here to Help!

There's no cure for type 2 diabetes, but when it's managed correctly, seniors who are diagnosed can effectively manage their diagnosis, and skilled home health care professionals can offer a helping hand.

## **Skilled Nursing**

Skilled nursing refers to the aspects of a patient's care that can only be performed by a licensed nurse. A skilled home nurse can work with other members of your home health team to:

- Offer disease and medication education.
- Minimize diabetes complications.
- Provide lifestyle and treatment recommendations.

#### Home Health Aide

Home health aides are supervised by medical practitioners, typically nurses, and can provide multidimensional home care to patients in the comfort of their own home.

- Assist with activities of daily living (ADLs), such as bathing, grooming, and dressing, that have been impacted by your diagnosis.
- Report changes in symptoms and progress to your health care team.

## **Medical Social Worker**

Medical social workers work alongside patients and their families to navigate through difficult decisions, with crisis management and advice regarding the American health care system. They can also:

- Offer financial assistance.
- Provide community resources.
- Educate seniors and families about the social and emotional aspects of diabetes care.

# Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy

Did you know that type 2 diabetes can cause numbness in your hands and feet? A physical therapist would. Alongside other specialized therapies, such as occupational therapists and speech therapy, these professionals coordinate care to:

- Improve mobility.
- Create personalized fitness plans that work into your lifestyle.
- Help you recover after a fall or injury.
- Encourage you to follow your diabetes care plan.
- Manage physical symptoms of type 2 diabetes.

It may be time to consider skilled home health care if you or your loved one has experienced any the following:

- You were recently diagnosed with type
  2 diabetes and are feeling overwhelmed.
- Your type 2 diabetes symptoms have become difficult to manage on your own.
- You often find yourself missing medications or forgetting to check your blood sugar.
- You feel anxious or depressed about managing your type 2 diabetes yourself.

For more information on diabetes and how CorsoCare can support you, call us at 248-438-8535.

