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AOPA RECOGNIZES WORLD DIABETES DAY

Alexandria, VA – Nov. 14 – Today is a significant date as it marks the first United Nations-observed World Diabetes Day. With the Baby Boomers aging and obesity rates among Americans garnering more and more headlines in the media, the issue of diabetes affecting children and adults is a crucial social concern. The statistics for diabetic affliction are staggering: approximately 246 million people are diagnosed globally and in the United States, alone, the number is 21 million. Millions more are at risk.

Certified Prosthetists and Orthotists dedicate themselves, daily, to those coping with diabetes. Highly qualified members of the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association provide pedorthic care, supply and adjust orthotic devices and rehabilitate amputees with prosthetic technology. The Orthotics and Prosthetics field is committed to high-quality treatment of the symptoms of diabetes and to assisting the efforts of World Diabetes Day organizers to increase awareness and treatment of this debilitating disease and support its eradication.

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. This year the association celebrates the 90th anniversary of its founding, when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the industry.

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