It is widely known that diabetes is among the leading causes of death in the United States. And the American Diabetes Association estimated the total costs of diagnosed diabetes have risen to $347 billion in 2017. The financial burden, health resources used and lost productivity associated with diabetes continues to increase.

In this era of medical breakthroughs, new research suggests that those who have developed type 2 diabetes may actually be able to reverse the disease with weight loss, diet changes and exercise! Over the last 20 years, researchers have developed a more nuanced understanding of the role of dietary fats and carbohydrates in the development of diabetes. New lower cost technologies that provide users easy and accurate continuous glucose monitoring is dramatically changing the way type 2 diabetes is managed, and this bodes well for future prevention of this disease. Please join us for an enlightening discussion with Dr. Caroline Richardson as she provides us insightful research on the prevention and management of type 2 diabetes.

Dr. Caroline R. Richardson is professor and the Associate Chair of Research in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Michigan. She is also a health services and implementation researcher with a focus on incorporating physical activity promotion into primary care clinical practice for individuals with chronic diseases including diabetes, coronary artery disease, COPD and back pain. Until May 2015, Dr. Richardson was director of the VA Diabetes Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (DM QUERI), a national center that coordinates implementation research related to diabetes care and diabetes prevention nationally at the VA. Dr. Richardson received her B.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1986, and an M.D. from Harvard University in 1994. She was also a Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Clinical Scholar at the University of Michigan in 2001.

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