



## **COSTCO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EVENTS**

Costco warehouses in Columbus, Ohio, and Spokane, Washington, recently held Health Professional Events for Diabetes Healthcare Professionals and Certified Diabetes Educators. These were firsts for both warehouse locations, and both were successes.

In Columbus, there were 14 attendees.

Spokane had 9 attendees in addition to the Certified Diabetes Educators who led the healthy store tours, using the Costco Healthy Shopping Guide at cdiabetes.com/guide.







Laura Poland, President-Elect of the Columbus Dietetic Association, said this:

"I thought the event was great! The dietitian leading the tour was fantastic. It was nice the way they had the tour set up with the gathering area, brief talk and food to start and then the tour. I believe we ended up with about 6 dietitians from the Columbus Dietetic Association and I was hearing positive feedback from them regarding the tour.

It's nice to know that Costco will support us if we have a group of clients we would like to give a tour to. I do monthly "dining with the dietitian" events, I may throw in a Costco tour in next year."











At both events, attendees learned in a group setting how Costco promotes wellness and can help their patients with heart disease, diabetes and prediabetes.





Attendees also learned that Costco carries many healthy foods, including more organic foods than whole foods, and has great prices at their pharmacies. They also have an Optical Department, and offer many free health screenings.







Costco Marketing professionals at both locations helped coordinate the events, and are working with the healthcare professionals in attendance to lead their own healthy shopping tours at Costco. They will also reach out to other healthcare professionals and diabetes educators in their areas for future Events and healthy shopping programs.

To get a better idea about the types of healthy food options available at Costco, read Laura Poland's article about her healthy shopping tour of Costco, which can be found on the <u>cdiabetes.com</u> website at <a href="http://cdiabetes.com/building-a-healthy-plate-at-costco/">http://cdiabetes.com/building-a-healthy-plate-at-costco/</a>. Other attendees also plan on writing articles for <a href="mailto:cdiabetes.com">cdiabetes.com</a>, to share important consumer information, and to help promote Costco.











The Costco Warehouse store in Yorba Linda, CA, recently held their first Health Professional Event for Diabetes Healthcare Professionals and Certified Diabetes Educators.

There were eight guests from local area hospitals. Event speakers included Masood, the Costco Pharmacist, Candi from the Optical Department and Steve from the Hearing Aid Department. This was followed by a tour of the warehouse and pharmacy.

## SAMPLE INVITATION TO A COSTCO **DIABETES HCP EXPO**

## COSTCO DIABETES HCP EXPO



**PROFESSIONALS** 

You're invited to a guided Costco warehouse tour!

Gain in-depth knowledge of the exceptional health and wellness products available, and learn how to help your patients shop smarter at Costco. Plus, receive a free copy of the Costco Diabetes or Heart Healthy Shopping Guide. The more you know, the better you can educate your patients on the benefits of shopping at Costco.



1500 Gemini Place Columbus, OH 43240

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Light, healthy refreshments will be served.

To RSVP contact:

Marketing Manager (614) 987-1900, ext. 405

EXCLUSIVE OFFER AT THIS EVENT:



\* Offer is valid only for nonmembers for their first year of membership. Limit one offer per household. Offer is nontransferable and may not be combined with any other offer or coupon You must join in person with a Costco representative. Costco Cash Cards are not redeemable for cash. A Costco membership is SSS a year. An Executive Membership is an additional SSS upgrade fee a year. Each membership includes a free Household Card. Please include sales tax in all applicable states. Costco accepts all Visa\* cards, Costco credit cards, cash, checks, debit/ATM cards, EBT and Costco Cash Cards. Departments and product selection vary by location.

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Local diabetes HCPs learn to shop for diabetes and heart healthy products at Costco. They are then "trained" to offer healthy shopping tours for their own patients and clients.



Program offers healthy Costco products and samples for invited HCPs to enjoy and promote to their patients.





Go to <u>cdiabetes.com/guide</u> for a **FREE** Costco Diabetes and Heart Healthy Shopping Guide!





