International Diabetes Federation
**Description:** The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) is an umbrella organization of over 200 national diabetes associations in over 160 countries. It represents the interests of the growing number of people with diabetes and those at risk. The Federation has been leading the global diabetes community since 1950. IDF’s mission is to promote diabetes care, prevention and a cure worldwide.

**Location:** Belgium

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**Website:** www.idf.org

VU University Medical Center Amsterdam
**Description:** Scientific institute doing research on patient empowerment. One of the scientific programs is a peer support group for people with diabetes and sexual dysfunction.

**Location:** Amsterdam, Netherlands

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Diabetes DE
**Description:** diabetesDE in Germany links people with diabetes, doctors, researchers, diabetes advisers and other interested parties.

**Location:** Berlin, Germany

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Education, Health & Society Foundation (EHSF) - Global Alliance for Self-Management Support (GASMS)
**Description:** The Education, Health & Society Foundation (EHSF) in Spain emphasizes an integrated approach linking self-management support to patient education. The EHSF’s Global Alliance for Self-Management Support is an online collaborative community which aims to facilitate global networking, exchange and collaboration among individuals and organizations committed to the prevention and care of chronic condition with a focus on patient empowerment, self-management education and support.

**Location:** Murcia, Spain

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