

Pinedale Lions Purchase Diabetes Test Machine

The Pinedale Lions Club recently purchased a Hemoglobin A1c blood sugar diabetes testing machine for the Sublette County Public Health Nurse's office. This portable unit takes just 6 1/2 minutes to analyze and print out results and will allow the nursing staff to perform tests on all county residents who need them. The Pinedale Lions Club will also be paying for the \$8 testing strips needed in the machine, meaning that all tests will be free. This is a potential savings of \$100 per test for most people, which means that it won't take long for the \$3,800 machine to pay for itself.

The new equipment was unveiled at the Health Fair in Pinedale on September 23rd and twenty-four people were tested. Lions assisted the Public Health Nurse's staff in explaining the test and handing out diabetes awareness materials.

According to a report by the Wyoming Department of Health, the number of Wyoming adults with diabetes more than doubled from 1997 to 2010 – from 3% to 7%. Diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults aged 20 – 74, which is one reason that it has become an important focus for Lions Clubs International, and the Pinedale Lions Club.



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