

The Philatelic History Of Diabetes

(NAPSA)—The search for a cure for diabetes, a disease which now affects more than 16 million Americans, has resulted in some interesting treatments.

For example, a thousand years before Hippocrates, doctors in ancient Egypt treated diabetes with beer swill, cucumber flower and water from the bird pond.

Today the cure is within reach, and a new book, *The Philatelic History of Diabetes: In Search Of A Cure* (American Diabetes Association, \$14.95), shows how doctors are getting closer to finding a cure one stamp at a time.

The book chronicles experimental research, therapeutic advances and the hope for a cure. Covering 3,500 years of history, it includes photos of fascinating stamps from around the world.

With more than 40 internationally issued postage stamps beautifully displayed and identified by country and date of issue, this book groups commemorative stamps into five evolutionary phases that illustrate how diabetes has been viewed throughout history. These phases include:

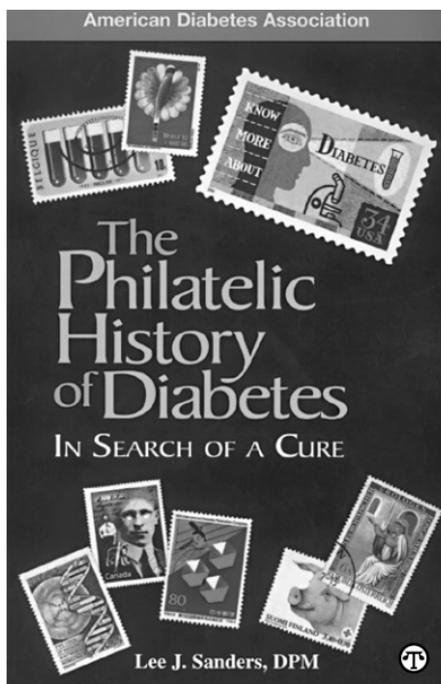
- The descriptive phase, when ancient Egyptians, Greek, Hindu and Chinese physicians tried to understand what caused diabetes and how diabetes was viewed during the Middle Ages and by Arabian medicine.

- The diagnostic phase which took place during the Renaissance.

- The experimental phase during which insulin was discovered.

- The therapeutic era in which insulin was made available and blood glucose was first monitored.

- The era of complications in



A new book reveals a fascinating detective story that could help find a cure for diabetes.

which doctors found ways to cope with the complications caused by diabetes.

The incidence of diabetes has increased dramatically since the diagnostic phase—from an uncommon illness to one that is expected to affect 300 million people by the year 2025. Through the generosity of author Lee J. Sanders, DPM, Chief of Podiatry at the VA Medical Center, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, all profits from the book will be donated to the American Diabetes Association and finding a cure for diabetes.

The book can be ordered toll-free from the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-232-6733 or through amazon.com.