

Crossing the Finish Line

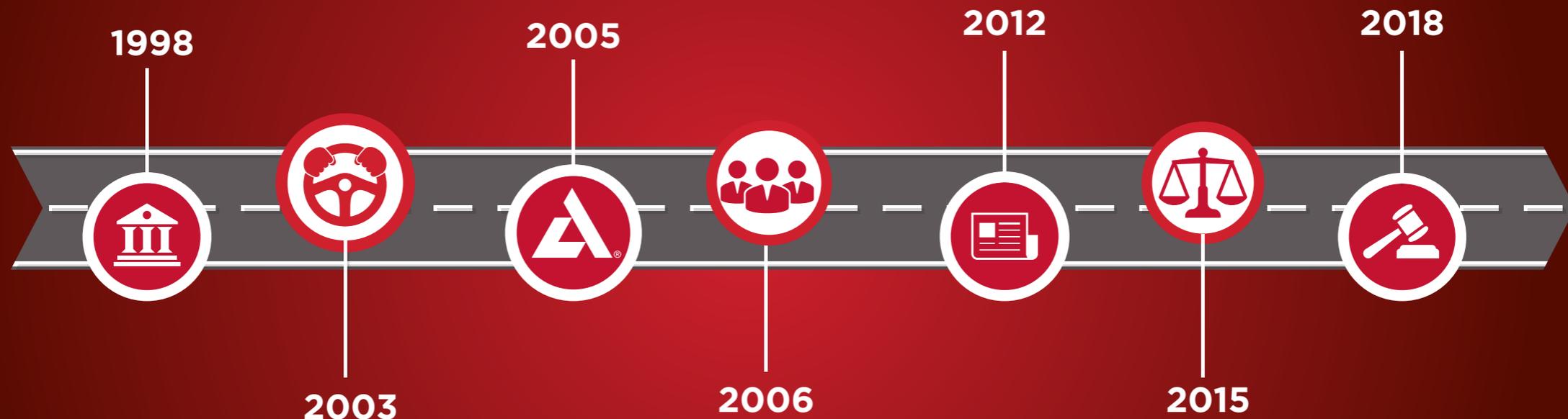
ADA goes to Congress to force the U.S. Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of licensing people with insulin-treated diabetes (ITDM).

ADA volunteers Chris Saudek, MD, Ed Horton, MD, George Grunberger, MD, FACP, FACE, and Michael Brennan, MD serve on an expert panel to advise the government about diabetes.

ADA returns to Congress to fix the Diabetes Exemption Program. Legislation passes making it easier to qualify for a diabetes exemption and requiring FMCSA to establish a Medical Review Board to make recommendations on diabetes and other conditions.

ADA publishes a position statement on Diabetes & Driving in Diabetes Care

FMCSA publishes a Final Rule on diabetes in the Federal Register. Final Rule eliminates the blanket ban against insulin use that has been in regulation since 1970. New rule allows drivers with ITDM to be assessed by a treating clinician and outside of an exemption program.



The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces a new Diabetes Exemption Program allowing certain qualified individuals with ITDM to operate commercial motor vehicles.

FMCSA establishes a Diabetes Expert Panel to review data and provide recommendations to the agency. ADA volunteer Daniel Lorber, MD, FACP, CDE leads the Diabetes Expert Panel. Despite the panel's expert recommendations, the Medical Review Board rejects them in favor of their own proposals, which includes a restriction on people with ITDM being allowed to transport hazardous materials or carry passengers.

FMCSA publishes an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking public input on a new diabetes rule.

FMCSA publishes a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The proposed rule eliminates the Diabetes Exemption Program in favor of individual assessment by the driver's treating clinician and cites extensively to ADA's position statement.

ADA activates its Diabetes Advocates to weigh in in support of the proposed rule. FMCSA receives more than 1,200 public comments, 1,000 of which are from Diabetes Advocates.