The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) ("Diabetes Impact in South Carolina," 2014) estimates that one in eight adults in South Carolina are affected by diabetes. Healy et al., found that, “formal diabetes education for patients with poorly controlled diabetes is associated with 34% reduced odds of all-cause readmissions by 30 days and 20% reduced odds of readmissions by 180 days” (Healy, Black, Harris, Lorenz, & Dungan, 2013). Increased patient education, presented by staff nurses, on managing this disease may reduce the need for future hospital visits due to complications. Many hospitals either don’t have a diabetes inpatient education department or the service is limited to outpatient care only (Wisnewski, 2017). Such is the case in the practice setting for this project, the Columbia VA Medical Center. The purpose of this project will be to implement a nursing practice standard to provide diabetes education on this unit, in order to provide every diabetic patient with simple nurse-led education on the management of their disease.