# **DIABETES Type 1 HOME CARE Plan**



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#### **SUPPORT Team**

Clinic:
Phone number:
Hours:
After hours and holidays/weekends:
My child's doctor:



#### When to CALL for HELP

#### Call your doctor if:

- Your child is sick (vomiting and/or has ketones)
- Your child has 1 or more low blood glucose readings in a 2 to 3 day period (under\_

#### Call 911 and give Glucagon/GlucaGen if:

- Your child is unconscious
- Your child has a seizure







## **FOLLOW-UP Appointments**

#### Family DIABETES EDUCATION class:

Date:	Time:
Location:	

#### My child's next DOCTOR visit:

Date:	lime:
Phone number:	
Location:	

OTHER APPOINTMENT:		
Date:	Time:	
Phone number:		
Location:		



## **DIABETES HELP online**



## Examples of what you will find on the website:

INJECTION instructions

- SICK DAY CARE instructions
- Tips for MANAGING BLOOD **GLUCOSE**
- VIDEOS

- STORIES about FAMILIES and **PATIENTS** with diabetes
- CARB COUNTING instructions
- Electronic **NUTRITION** education (as seen in the hospital), and more

primarychildrens.org/diabetes

• INSULIN DOSING cards

Ask your provider to help you get set up on Intermountain's MyHealth portal.





## **Daily TASKS**

- Test and track my child's blood glucose
- · Give insulin as prescribed
- Make sure my child doesn't skip meals or insulin doses
- Contact my provider/diabetes educator every 2 to 3 days

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	Daytime:
	Bedtime:



## Within the first 3 DAYS after going home

$\square$ Contact your child's <b>SCHOOL OR DAYCARE</b> and talk about a care plan for your child.
☐ Meet face-to-face with your child's teachers and/or administrators, school district nurse, coaches, and activity coordinators. Teach them about LOW BLOOD GLUCOSE (hypoglycemia), snacking, and when to CALL FOR HELP. Make sure they have a copy of your child's EMERGENCY CARE ACTION PLAN. Include contact numbers for ALL parents and legal guardians. Write the numbers in the spaces below as a reminder.
☐ Pack a <b>CARE KIT</b> for your child that includes testing supplies, insulin and delivery supplies, snacks, and a Glucagon or Glucogen kit.
☐ Call your <b>INSURANCE</b> provider. Ask if they have a diabetes patient advocate or care manager that you can work with. Find out what you can expect to pay for insulin and supplies and which ones they cover.
☐ Make a <b>PLAN</b> to cover your child's needs during upcoming school holidays, sports events or other events outside of school, or when traveling.



## WHAT to do at bedtime:



## Check blood glucose and give carbs accordingly:

- Blood glucose under 80: non-optional 30-gram carbohydrate snack without insulin
- Blood glucose 80 to 100: **non-optional** 15-gram carbohydrate snack without insulin (If treating blood glucose under 100, recheck blood glucose within 2 hours to make sure it's over 100.)
- Blood glucose over 100: no bedtime snack required
  - If you want a snack, give insulin for carbs plus a high blood glucose correction dose if needed (according to the correction dose card).
  - If your child does not want a snack, give a high blood glucose correction dose only if needed (according to the correction dose card).





## **Watch for Low Blood Glucose**

Low blood glucose (hypoglycemia) in type 1 diabetes is a dangerous condition. It usually happens when a child doesn't finish a meal or snack, or during and after exercise. **KNOW THE SYMPTOMS** of low blood glucose:

- Pale skin color
- Hunger
- Headache
- Sweating
- Shakiness or dizziness
- Tingling around the mouth
- Difficulty paying attention or confusion
- Clumsy or jerky movements
- Child is moody, nervous, irritable, or cries easily
- Fainting or seizure

#### Remember the 15/15 rule:

Treat low blood glucose with 15 grams of fast-acting carbohydrate. Check blood glucose in 15 minutes. If it's still below 80 mg/dL, give another snack with 15 grams of carbohydrate. Check blood glucose levels again after 15 minutes. Repeat until blood glucose is above 80. If your child is unconscious or having a seizure, use Glucagon/GlucaGen as prescribed.



## WHAT to TELL my family, friends, and caregivers

#### What is type 1 diabetes?

Our child has type 1 diabetes. With type 1 diabetes, the pancreas doesn't make enough insulin. The cells in the human body need insulin to turn glucose (sugar) into energy. Glucose comes from carbohydrates. Carbohydrates are found in fruit, vegetables, breads, milk, and anything with added sugar. Because our child's body doesn't make insulin, or doesn't have enough insulin, glucose stays in the blood instead of going into the cells. This is what makes our child sick.

#### What is the treatment?

Children with type 1 diabetes MUST have insulin injections with every meal, and sometimes with snacks, to stay healthy. Their blood glucose must be checked before every meal, and sometimes with snacks. This is to make sure they get the correct dose of insulin to keep their blood glucose in a healthy range. If their blood sugar gets too low, they may need a snack to bring it back up. Our family may ask you to do these things to make sure our child stays healthy when in your care.

#### What's the difference between type 1 and type 2 diabetes?

Type 1 diabetes is NOT the same as type 2 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is an auto-immune disease and almost always starts in childhood. Our child or family didn't do anything to cause it. It just happens. People with type 1 diabetes don't have a special diet. Our child can eat all the same foods that you do. Type 2 diabetes usually happens in adults. It often runs in families and can be related to food and activity choices.







## **SUPPLIES Checklist**

#### Insulin

- ☐ Long-acting (see below)
- ☐ Rapid-acting (see below)
- ☐ Insulin Dosing Cards
  - Follow the Home Care plan orders for insulin—not what is on the insulin vial, cartridge or pen.
- ☐ Syringes/pen needles
  - If you have ½ unit dosing, check that you have the ½ unit syringe or pen.

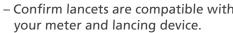


#### **Hypoglycemia Rescue**

☐ Glucagon or GlucaGen

#### **Blood Glucose Testing**

- ☐ Meter
- ☐ Test strips
- □ Lancets



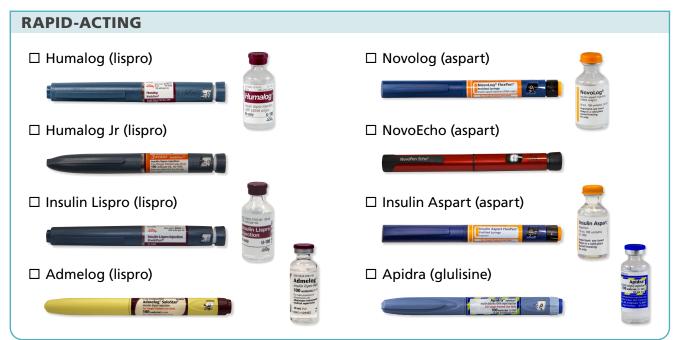
#### **Other Supplies**

- ☐ Ketone Strips
- ☐ Alcohol Swabs



#### **Insulin** (Talk to your child's doctor before using another type of insulin!)





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