FOUR WAYS TO KNOCK OUT DIABETES

Overcoming diabetes can be difficult. Did you know that diabetes is an endocrine-related disease? So having good hormone health puts you in a better position to manage and beat the disease, and recognizing early signs can lead to prevention. Together we can knock out diabetes by making healthy choices, attaining blood glucose goals, and incorporating exercise.

Visit hormone.org for more information on diabetes.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF PRE-DIABETES!

PRE-DIABETES = blood glucose levels higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes

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<td>Blood glucose &lt;100 mg/dL</td>
<td>100-125 mg/dL</td>
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One in three adults have pre-diabetes; 90% don’t know they have it.

Other risk factors:
- Overweight, body mass index over 25
- Inactive
- Age 45+
- Family history of type 2 diabetes
- African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian-American or Pacific Islander
- Gestational diabetes or gave birth to a baby who weighed more than 9 lbs.
- Polycystic ovary syndrome
- High blood pressure
- Regularly sleep less than six or more than nine hours per night

MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES!
READ FOOD LABELS

SERVING SIZE
Knowing the amount you should eat helps you correctly calculate nutritional value and effect on your blood glucose.

CARBOHYDRATES
Carbohydrates raise your blood sugar levels. Watching your carbohydrate intake helps keep the levels in your target range.

FIBER
Fiber improves blood sugar control, lowers cholesterol and helps you feel full so you don’t overeat.

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1 medium sweet potato, baked in skin, without salt 114g

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*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.
INSULIN: A hormone ... and a treatment!
A hormone made in the pancreas, insulin allows your body to use sugar (glucose) from carbohydrates in food you eat for energy or store it for future use. Insulin also helps keep your blood sugar level from getting too high (hyperglycemia) or too low (hypoglycemia).

Blood sugar rises when you don’t have enough insulin or your cells are unable to use the insulin already there.

Hypoglycemia may be caused by:
- Too much medication
- A missed meal
- A delayed meal
- Too little food eaten as compared to the amount of insulin taken

Hyperglycemia may be caused by:
- Not enough insulin (type 1)
- Enough insulin, but not effective (type 2)
- Too much food, too little exercise
- Illness such as cold or flu
- Stress (family, work)
- Dawn phenomenon (surge of hormones produced by body between 4-5 a.m.)

Blood sugar goals (if you have diabetes):
- 70-130 mg/dL before meals
- Less than 180 mg/dL 1-2 hours after meals

You have questions. We have answers.
The Hormone Health Network is your trusted source for endocrine patient education. Our free, online resources are available at hormone.org.

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