Greater Rochester
Pre-Diabetes and
Diabetes Education and
Support Services Guide

American Diabetes Association

Monroe County Department of Public Health

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What is Diabetes?

What is Diabetes?

• Diabetes means you have too much sugar in your blood.
• Diabetes is caused by not having enough insulin or insulin not doing its job.

What is insulin?

• Insulin is a hormone that helps move sugar from the blood into the cells so that it can be used for energy.

How does this work?

• When you eat food, some of it is broken down to glucose, often called sugar.

• Your pancreas releases insulin

• The sugar and insulin travel through the bloodstream to your cells

• The insulin acts as a key to open the lock on the cells for the sugar to go in. This lowers the sugar in the blood.

• If you have diabetes, there isn’t enough insulin to open the cells or the insulin doesn’t work to open the cells so the sugar in the blood stays high.

• High blood sugar leads to problems.
Types of Diabetes?

**Type 1 Diabetes:**
- Your body cannot make insulin because it destroys your own pancreas
- Mainly KIDS have Type I Diabetes
- **WHAT IS THE TREATMENT?**
  - Insulin shots, diet and exercise

**Type II Diabetes:**
- **MOST COMMON** type of diabetes
- Typically ADULTS get Type II Diabetes, but kids can also get it
- Your body makes insulin, but it doesn’t work
- **WHAT IS THE TREATMENT?**
  - Diet, exercise and sometimes medicine or insulin.

**Gestational (During Pregnancy) Diabetes:**
- The body makes insulin, but it doesn’t work due to pregnancy hormones
- Usually develops during LATE PREGNANCY
- Usually goes away after birth of child
- Is a risk factor for developing Type II Diabetes

**Prediabetes:**
- Higher than normal blood sugar
- When you have prediabetes your chances of getting Type II Diabetes is high
- Can be reversed through diet and exercise

**How do they test for diabetes and prediabetes?**

Testing for diabetes and prediabetes can be done in three different ways:

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Risk Factors for Diabetes

Your chance of developing Type 2 diabetes depends on many risk factors. Some of these you can change like your diet, exercise, and smoking. Risks you cannot change include your family history, race/ethnicity, age or genes.

You are more likely to develop type 2 diabetes if you:

- Are not physically active
- Are obese or overweight
- Smoke
- Have a family history
- Are certain races/ethnicities - African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Asian American or Pacific Islander descent, are at a higher risk
- Are age 45 or older
- Have high blood pressure, heart disease or stroke
- Have low levels of HDLs in your blood (HDL is the good cholesterol)
- Have high levels of triglycerides in your blood
- Have a history of gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy)
- Experience a lot of stress or have depression
- Take certain medications

Symptoms of Diabetes

- Frequent urination
- Unusual thirst
- Extreme hunger
- Unexplained weight loss
- Extreme fatigue
- Blurred vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet
- Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections
Next Steps

Find out if you may be at risk for Diabetes

- Take the Diabetes Risk Test (on page 7) and talk to your doctor about the results

If you have Prediabetes:

- You can cut your chance of developing diabetes in half through a Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) where you will work on improving your diet and exercise more (more starting on page 11)
- Read about prediabetes and how you can prevent diabetes (on page 9)

If you have Diabetes:

- Ask your doctor what type of diabetes you have.
- Ask your health care team to help you learn how to manage your diabetes including:
  - Physical activity
  - Diet and nutrition
  - Medications and possibly insulin
  - Blood sugar monitoring and control

Next we will provide an introduction to the health care providers who will assist you along with how to talk to them and more resources (starting with management programs on page 12)
Are you at risk for type 2 diabetes?

1. How old are you?  
   - Less than 40 years (0 points)  
   - 40–49 years (1 point)  
   - 50–59 years (2 points)  
   - 60 years or older (3 points)

2. Are you a man or a woman?  
   - Man (1 point)  
   - Woman (0 points)

3. If you are a woman, have you ever been diagnosed with gestational diabetes?  
   - Yes (1 point)  
   - No (0 points)

4. Do you have a mother, father, sister or brother with diabetes?  
   - Yes (1 point)  
   - No (0 points)

5. Have you ever been diagnosed with high blood pressure?  
   - Yes (1 point)  
   - No (0 points)

6. Are you physically active?  
   - Yes (0 points)  
   - No (1 point)

7. What is your weight category?  
   - See chart at right.

If you scored 5 or higher:

You are at increased risk for having type 2 diabetes. However, only your doctor can tell for sure if you do have type 2 diabetes or prediabetes, a condition in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Talk to your doctor to see if additional testing is needed.

Type 2 diabetes is more common in African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Higher body weight increases diabetes risk for everyone. Asian Americans are at increased diabetes risk at lower body weight than the rest of the general public (about 15 pounds lower).

WRITE YOUR SCORE IN THE BOX.

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If you weigh less than the amount in the left column: 0 points

For more information, visit us at diabetes.org/alertday or call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383).

The good news is you can manage your risk for type 2 diabetes. Small steps make a big difference in helping you live a longer, healthier life.

American Diabetes Association®
¿Está usted en riesgo de padecer diabetes tipo 2?

1. ¿Qué edad tiene?  
   - Menos de 40 años (0 puntos)  
   - 40-49 años (1 punto)  
   - 50-59 años (2 puntos)  
   - 60 años o más (3 puntos)

2. ¿Es usted hombre o mujer?  
   - Hombre (1 punto)  
   - Mujer (0 puntos)

3. Si es mujer, ¿tuvo alguna vez diabetes gestacional (glucosa/azúcar alta durante el embarazo)?  
   - Sí (1 punto)  
   - No (0 puntos)

4. ¿Tiene familiares (mamá, papá, hermano, hermana) que padecen diabetes?  
   - Sí (1 punto)  
   - No (0 puntos)

5. ¿Alguna vez le ha dicho un profesional de salud que tiene presión arterial alta (o hipertensión)?  
   - Sí (1 punto)  
   - No (0 puntos)

6. ¿Realiza algún tipo de actividad física?  
   - Sí (0 puntos)  
   - No (1 punto)

7. ¿Cuál es su peso?  
   Anote el puntaje correspondiente a su peso según la tabla a la derecha.

Si obtuvo 5 o más puntos:

Existe un mayor riesgo de que usted tenga diabetes tipo 2. Solo su médico puede determinar si tiene diabetes tipo 2 o prediabetes (estado previo a la enfermedad con nivel de azúcar en la sangre más elevado de lo normal.) Consulte a su médico para ver si necesita hacerse pruebas adicionales.

La diabetes tipo 2 es más común en afroamericanos, hispanos/latinos, nativos americanos, nativos hawaianos, asiáticos americanos e isleños del pacífico.

Tener sobrepeso aumenta el riesgo de tener diabetes en todas las personas. Pero los estadounidenses de origen asiático corren un riesgo más alto con un peso corporal menor que el resto del público en general (alrededor de 15 libras menos).

La buena noticia es que usted puede controlar su riesgo de padecer diabetes tipo 2. Algunos cambios pequeños hacen una gran diferencia y le ayudarán a vivir una vida más larga y saludable.

Para más información, visite diabetes.org/alerta o llame al 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383).
What is prediabetes?
Prediabetes is a condition that comes before diabetes. It means your blood glucose levels are higher than normal but aren’t high enough to be called diabetes. There are no clear symptoms of prediabetes. You can have it and not know it.

If I have prediabetes, what does it mean?
It means you might get type 2 diabetes soon or down the road. You are also more likely to get heart disease or have a stroke.
The good news is that you can take steps to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes.

How can I delay or prevent type 2 diabetes?
You may be able to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes with:
■ physical activity, like walking
■ weight loss if needed – losing even a few pounds will help
■ taking medication, if your doctor prescribes it
If you have prediabetes, these steps may bring your blood glucose to a normal range. But you are still at a higher risk for type 2 diabetes.

Regular physical activity can delay or prevent diabetes
Being active is one of the best ways to delay or prevent type 2 diabetes. It can also lower your weight and blood pressure, and improve cholesterol levels. Ask your health care team about ways of becoming more active that are safe for you.
One way to be more active is to try to walk for half an hour, five days a week. If you don’t have 30 minutes all at once, take shorter walks during the day.

Weight loss can delay or prevent diabetes
Reaching a healthy weight can help you a lot. If you’re overweight, any weight loss, even 7% of your weight (for example, losing about 15 pounds if you weigh 200) may prevent or delay your risk for diabetes.
Make healthy choices

Here are some steps you can take to change the way you eat. Small steps add up to big rewards.

- Cut back on regular soft drinks and juice. Have water or try calorie-free drinks.
- Choose lower-calorie snacks, such as popcorn instead of potato chips.
- Eat salad and at least one vegetable at dinner every night.
- Choose fruit instead of cake, pie, or cookies.

Cut calories by cutting serving sizes

- Eat smaller servings of your usual foods.
- Share your main course with a friend or family member when you eat out. Or take half home for later.

Track your progress

Write down what and how much you eat and drink for a week. Writing things down makes you more aware of what you’re eating and helps with weight loss.

Summing it up

- Diabetes is a serious disease – if you delay or prevent it, you’ll enjoy better health in the long run.
- Diabetes is common – but you can reduce your risk by losing a small amount of weight.
- Changing the way you eat and increasing your activity can delay or prevent type 2 diabetes.

Get checked

If you are at increased risk for diabetes, ask your doctor about getting tested at your next visit. Take our risk test at diabetes.org/risktest to find out if you are at risk.

Get started

- Be physically active.
- Make a plan to lose weight.
- Track your progress.

For more information, visit us at www.diabetes.org or call 1-800-DIABETES
Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)
The Diabetes Prevention Program is a year-long program that can help you gain skills to lose weight, be more physically active and manage stress. The program meets once a week for 16 weeks, then once a month for the remainder of the year.

For help with being referred into a Diabetes Prevention Program please contact Daniela Castro at (585)-224-2067

YMCA’s Diabetes Prevention Program (YDPP) is offered at these YMCA sites in the Rochester area. Call (585) 341-4064 or go to: http://rochesterymca.org/social-responsibility/diabetes-prevention-program/

Bay View Family YMCA
1209 Bay Rd, Webster, NY 14580

Carlson Metro Center YMCA
444 East Main St., Rochester, NY 14604

Eastside Family YMCA
1835 Fairport Nine Mile Point Rd.
Penfield, NY 14526

Maplewood Family YMCA
25 Driving Park Ave. Rochester, NY 14613

Monroe Family YMCA
797 Monroe Ave. Rochester, NY 14607

Southwest Family YMCA
597 Thurston Rd, Rochester, NY 14619

Northwest Family YMCA
730 Long Pond Rd. Rochester, NY 14612

Westside Family YMCA
920 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY 14624

***If you have a group or organization you that could benefit from the DPP, contact Christine Stanford at (585) 341-4064 to inquire how the Y can bring this program to you!***

Weight Loss and Diabetes Prevention Program
Center for Community Health and Prevention
46 Prince Street Rochester, NY 14607
Call 585-530-2050 or go to: https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/community-health/programs-services/healthy-living-center.aspx

Rochester Regional Health
Preventing Diabetes Class – One 2 hour session

Unity Diabetes & Endocrinology
2655 Ridgeway Avenue, Suite 220
Phone: 585-368-4560
Offered quarterly – call for registration info

Alexander Park
224 Alexander Street, Suite 200
Phone: 585-922-8400
Offered monthly – call for registration info
Diabetes Management Programs

Diabetes can be managed so you can enjoy the best of health. Below are organizations that offer group diabetes education classes and/or individual sessions with diabetes educators to help you manage your diabetes. Insurance coverage varies.

The American Diabetes Association recognizes these educational services as meeting the National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education.

HCR Home Care Services
85 Metro Park
Rochester, NY 14623
Phone: (585) 272-1930
Fax: (585) 672-2520
http://www.hcrhealth.com/services/specialty-care/diabetes-management

Rochester Regional Health System
Endocrine-Diabetes Care & Resource Center
Rochester General Hospital
224 Alexander Street, Suite 200
Rochester, NY 14607
Phone: (585) 922-8400
Fax: (585) 922-8405
http://www.rochestergeneral.org/centers-and-services/rochester-general-medical-group/services/diabetes

Unity Diabetes & Endocrinology Services
2655 Ridgeway Avenue, Suite 220
Rochester, NY 14626
Phone: (585) 368-4560
https://www.rochesterrregional.org/services/diabetes-endocrinology/unity-diabetes/appointment/

University of Rochester Medical Center
Highland Diabetes HealthSource
Clinton Crossings
2400 S. Clinton Avenue
Building H, Suite 135
Rochester, NY 14618
Phone: (585) 341-7066
Fax: (585) 341-7945

Strong Diabetes Program
Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism
University of Rochester
601 Elmwood Ave., Box 693
Rochester, NY 14642
Phone: (585) 275-2901
http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/endocrinology/patientcare

University of Rochester
Healthy Living Center
Many locations across Monroe County
(585) 530-2050
http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/community-health/programs-services/healthy-living-center.aspx
# Diabetes Management Programs

**Living Healthy with Diabetes** - FREE 6 week workshop, offered at these YMCA sites  
Main Contact: Sara Otis (585) 287-6439

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<td>(585) 341-3084</td>
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<td>Michelle LeBoo</td>
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<td>920 Elmgrove Rd</td>
<td>Tracy LaFountain</td>
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**Lifespan’s Diabetes Care Coordination**

**ELIGIBILITY:**
For patients age 55 or older  
Residents of Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Livingston or Yates Counties.  
Difficulty navigating health care system  
History of missed appointments/non-adherence to treatment plans  
Aging or stressed caregiver  
Lives alone  
Two or more ED visits or hospitalizations within the last year  
Low health literacy  
Co-morbidities, especially those that limit ADLs.

**For Referrals Contact:**
Mary Law, RN  
Intake Coordinator  
585-244-8400, ext. 170  
mlaw@lifespanrochester.org  
www.lifespanrochester.org
Diabetes Support Groups

Support groups offer many benefits for both you and your loved ones. Whether it is sharing information about diabetes, attending events, or just being available to talk and listen. Support groups are a great way to meet people and understand a condition that affects so many.

Diabetes Sisters of the Rochester Area
https://diabetessisters.org

Westside Diabetes Sisters of Rochester
Meets once a month
6:00-8:00 P.M.
Location: Patti's Pantry
2485 Dewey Ave
Rochester, NY 14616
Contact: Cindy Campaniello
cindyc@diabetessisters.org

Diabetes Sisters of Rochester
Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month
From 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Location: St. Anne’s Church
1600 Mt Hope Ave
lower level meeting room 3
Contact: Julie Ann Wilson
juliew@diabetessisters.org
(585) 314-7183

Eastside Diabetes Sisters of Rochester
PODS Meetup
Meets the third Tuesday of each month
From 6:00-8:00pm
Location: Perinton Manor Apartments
Community Room
62 Manorshire Dr.
Rochester, NY 14450
Contact: Andrea Herndon
andrea@diabetessisters.org

Brockport Diabetes Support Group
Meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month
At Strong West
156 West Avenue
Rochester, NY  14420
in the main conference room
From 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Contact person: Amy L. Stacy, 585-737-2944
Email: amy.stacy@rochesterregional.org
Living With Type 2 Diabetes program

A FREE 12 month education program through the mail

- Information to help you learn to live well with diabetes
- Tasty and healthy recipes for you and your family

- A monthly e-newsletter with tips, stories and more resources
- 6 free issues of our award winning *Diabetes Forecast*® magazine

- Access to our online community and local events
- Receive text messages from Care4life to help you learn healthy eating habits, remember medications and appointments, and stay motivated (optional)

To sign up for this program call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or go to: http://www.diabetes.org/living-with-diabetes/ then scroll down to: Enroll in the FREE Living With Type 2 Diabetes Program
Who is On Your Team?

Below is a list of people who can help you live healthy with diabetes. Ask your doctor about getting in contact with any of these people.

**Primary Care Provider MD, DO*, NP, PA**
- Who you see for general check-ups and when you get sick
- Refers to specialists of other team members listed below

**Certified Diabetes Educator, CDE**
- Registered Nurse, Pharmacist, or Registered Dietitian with special training in caring for people with diabetes
- Can help you learn the day-to-day aspects of diabetes self-care

**Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, RDN**
- The nutrition expert
- Can help you figure out your food needs based on your desired weight, lifestyle, medication, and health goals; such as lowering your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol
- Can help you learn how the foods you eat affect your blood sugar and blood fat levels

**Endocrinologist, MD or DO***
- A doctor who specializes in treating diabetes and other diseases of the endocrine system, which includes the pancreas and the thyroid
- Most people with Type 1 diabetes see an endocrinologist, especially when they are first diagnosed
- People with Type 2 diabetes may see an endocrinologist if they are newly diagnosed, having trouble getting their diabetes under control, or are developing complications

**Eye Doctor, MD, DO, or OD**
- Can be either an ophthalmologist or optometrist and checks for any changes in your eyes
- The American Diabetes Association guidelines say you should see your eye doctor at least once a year for a dilated eye exam

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*DO = Doctor of Osteopathy
**OD = Doctor of Optometry
Who is On Your Team? (continued)

Podiatrist, DPM
- A doctor trained to treat problems of the feet and lower legs
- Any foot sore or callus needs to be checked by your primary care doctor or podiatrist, who can also trim your toe nails
- It is important to check your feet daily for signs of trouble

Pharmacist, RPh, or PharmD
- Provides advice on how some medications you are taking can affect your blood sugar levels
- Lets you know about potential side effects of any drug you are going to take
- Reviews what you are taking to see if any new medications will interact with ones you are already taking
- Recommends over-the-counter medicines
- Keeps an accurate record of your medications, your medical history, and allergies
- Find a pharmacy you like and stick with it

Dentist, DDS, DMD
- People with diabetes are at somewhat greater risk of gum disease
- Excess blood sugar in your mouth makes it a good home for bacteria, which leads to infections
- See your dentist every six months and be sure to let your dentist know you have diabetes

Exercise Physiologist, MS
- Trained in the scientific basis of exercise
- Your doctor can help you look for and refer you to a certified professional
- Always get your doctor’s approval for any exercise program

Mental Health Professional, LCSW, MSW, PhD, PsyD, MD
- Helps with personal and emotional side of living with diabetes
- Can help with feelings of depression and anxiety
- May be able to help you find resources to help with your medical or financial needs, and help you cope with any concerns related to diabetes, including problems with the family and coping with workplace situations
Who is On Your Team? (continued)

Use the chart below to keep track of your team

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Family members are very important members of your team!
How to Talk With Your Health Care Team

You are the expert on how you feel and what is going on with controlling your diabetes day to day. It’s important for your doctor and rest of the team to know what is going on with you so that they can help you better manage your diabetes. Be sure to talk about:

- What type of diabetes you have
- Your blood glucose meter readings – including high and low sugars
  - take your meter with you and discuss your goal sugars
- Your medicine and insulin (if you take it)
  - any side effects they might be causing
  - over-the-counter pills, herbs, vitamins, or supplements you take
  - if you should be on aspirin or cholesterol lowering medication to prevent heart problems and stroke
- If you need help with:
  - Health insurance
  - Paying for medicines or food
  - Transportation to health care appointments
- Your diet and exercise
  - Ask for suggestions for improvement
  - Ask to be referred to a registered dietitian if you would like help with your diet
  - Gradually increasing your physical activity to 150 minutes as week is a good starting goal
- If you are feeling down or blue
- Any problems with:
  - seeing things
  - sexual function
  - going to the bathroom
  - numbness, burning, or pain in your feet or arms
  - other symptoms you may be experiencing
- Ways to quit smoking if you smoke
- If you need any tests and exams/shots listed on the following page
# Tests, Exams and Shots

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Managing Your Diabetes – the ABCs

At times all the visits to health care providers, tests, exams, and medications can be overwhelming. Remember to ask your health care team for support and that many complications of diabetes can be prevented by simply remembering the ABCs:

- **A1C** – try to keep it below 7%
- **Blood Pressure** – keep it below 140/90
- **Cholesterol** – keep it low

You **CAN** control your diabetes and the health care team is there to help you.

Additional programs for managing diabetes are provided in the upcoming pages as well as resources regarding:

- Medications
- Physical Activity
- Food and Nutrition
- Quitting smoking
- Any many more
Why it is Important to Control Your Diabetes

If your diabetes is not controlled, over time it can damage organs and cause complications including:

- Stroke
- Eye damage
- Problems with your gums
- Heart attack
- Digestive problems
- Sexual problems
- Kidney problems – including needing dialysis
- Damage to nerves
- Burning, sores, and poor blood supply in the feet

There are things you can do to control your diabetes and prevent or delay complications.

- Choosing healthy foods
- Being physically active
- Checking blood sugars and making sure they are within your goal range
- Taking your medication
- Going to your doctor for check-ups and getting recommended tests

You are NOT alone. Your health care team can help you learn about how to control your diabetes and prevent complications.
Taking Medication as Prescribed

Taking your medication as directed by your health care provider is an important part of controlling your diabetes.

Here are some tips to help you:

- Use a pill box to organize your medications
- Set an alarm to remind you when it is time to take your medications
- Set up a routine to take your medications at the same time every day. Do it with other tasks you do every day, like with a meal or when you brush your teeth.
- If you experience any side effects – talk to your doctor or pharmacist before stopping your medication, they may be able to help!
- At the pharmacy:
  - Fill 90 day supplies (when able)
  - Sign up for automatic refills at the pharmacy (if available)
  - Sign up for medication syncing (if available). This means the pharmacy will fill all of your prescriptions on the same day and save you trips to the pharmacy
  - Request your refill 3 days before you will run out. If you are out of refills or going on vacation, ask 7 days early. *Not available for controlled substances

Questions to Ask at the Pharmacy

Take this list of questions to your local pharmacies and speak to the pharmacists. They can help you access discount programs and resources to help you better manage your diabetes.

- Are these medications and supplies available?
- Are they covered by my insurance?
- Can I sign up for automatic refills?
- Will you call me when they are ready?
- Is there a dietitian or nutrition information available?
- Is medication delivery available?
- When and how should I take this medicine?
- Are there differences in the cost of medications? (use the chart on the next page to compare costs)
Medication and Equipment Comparison Chart

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If You Need Help Paying for Your Medication-
These Programs May Help

+**New York State Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program** - provides secondary coverage for Medicare Part D and EPIC-covered drugs purchased after any Medicare Part D deductible is met. EPIC also covers approved Part D-excluded drugs once a member is enrolled in Part D. For more information go to [https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/epic/) or call 1-800-332-3742 or email [epic@health.state.ny.us](mailto:epic@health.state.ny.us)

+**Extra Help With Medicare Prescription Costs**
This program helps people with limited income or resources pay their Medicare prescription drug costs. If you don’t already have Extra Help, you can apply online at: [https://secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start](https://secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start) or call 1-800-772-1213 to get help filling out the application. The application must be turned in every year to get benefits from year to year.

+**Lilly Cares Program** - A physician’s office must call (800) 545-6962 for an application. Once approved, a voucher is issued for a four-month supply of insulin at a local pharmacy. [http://www.lillycares.com/findprogram.aspx](http://www.lillycares.com/findprogram.aspx)
If You Need Help Paying for Your Medication—These Programs May Help (continued)

+Needy Meds - Prescription drugs available through patient assistance programs, pharmaceutical companies who offer assistance, discount card comparisons, patient assistance program applications and links to Medicaid sites.  [http://www.needymeds.org/](http://www.needymeds.org/)

+Novo Nordisk’s Cornerstones4CareTM Patient Assistance Program (PAP) Provides free medicine to those who qualify. Call 1-866-310-7549 to access program or for more information. Download the application at: [https://www.cornerstones4care.com/patient-assistance-program.html](https://www.cornerstones4care.com/patient-assistance-program.html)

+NY Prescription Saver Card
Must be a resident of New York State and not already receiving Medicaid and have an annual income of under $35,000 if single or $50,000 if married. Call 1-(800)-931-2297.  [https://www.newyorkrxcard.com/](https://www.newyorkrxcard.com/)

+PPARx-Partnership for Prescription Assistance offers free information about pharmaceutical company programs for brand name and generic medications. For more information, call 1-(888) 477-2669.  [https://www.pparx.org/](https://www.pparx.org/)

+PrescriptionHope -Serves those who earn up to $30,000/year as a single person or up to $50,000/year as a couple. For information, call 1-(877) 296-4673.  [https://prescriptionhope.com/](https://prescriptionhope.com/)

+Rite Aid Wellness Plus Program (diabetes specific)-For more information visit [http://www.riteaid.com/diabetes](http://www.riteaid.com/diabetes) or call 1-800-7483-243


+RxHope - A web-based resource that helps people get their medications for free or for a small co-payment. For more information visit:  [https://rxhope.com/Patient/Home.aspx](https://rxhope.com/Patient/Home.aspx)

+Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals Patient Assistance Program  -Lantus is available for those who meet specific income requirements. Call for an application at 1-(800) 221-4025.

+Walgreen’s Prescription Savings Club - Varied discounts on diabetes medications and supplies. Visit or call a local Walgreens Pharmacy or go to [http://www.walgreens.com/rxsavingsclub](http://www.walgreens.com/rxsavingsclub)
What to Do With Used Syringes, Insulin Pens and Lancets (Sharps)

All used syringes (also called sharps) should be put in a heavy duty plastic container with screw on cap, like an empty laundry detergent container.

When the container is ¾ full, put the cap on it and take it to one of the disposal sites below or on the following pages. You can also call to find a disposal site near you - 1-800-643-1643. (M-F, 9am-5pm)

For a map of sites, go to: [http://www.thepointny.org/#](http://www.thepointny.org/#)

**MONROE COUNTY SHARPS DISPOSAL SITES**

Highland Hospital  
1000 South Ave. Rochester, NY 14620  
(585) 341-6833  
Hours: Monday to Friday 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Location: Office of Support Services (Room N180A)

Lakeside Memorial Hospital  
170 West Avenue, Brockport, NY 14621  
(585) 395-6095  
Hours: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM on  
  The second and fourth Friday of the month  
Location: Administrative Office

Monroe Community Hospital  
435 East Henrietta Rd. Rochester, NY 14620  
(585) 760-6500  
Hours: Monday to Friday 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM  
Location: Faith Building, First Floor at Reception Desk

Rochester General Hospital  
1425 Portland Ave. Rochester, NY 14621  
(585) 922-4300  
Hours: 24/7  
Location: Main Emergency Department Entrance

Strong Memorial Hospital  
601 Elmwood Ave. Rochester, NY 14642  
(585) 275-4931  
Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM  
  Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
  Sunday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Location: Rm 1-1303 in Lobby, opposite silver elevators

Eco Park  
10 Avion Dr. Rochester, NY 14624  
(585) 753-7600  
Hours: Wednesday 1:00 PM -6:30 PM  
  Saturday 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM

The Unity Hospital of Rochester  
1555 Long Pond Rd. Rochester, NY 14626  
(585) 723-7205  
Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Location: Apothecary in Timothy R. McCormick Transitional Care Center

The Unity Hospital of Rochester  
1561 Long Pond Road, Rochester NY 14626  
(585) 723-7205  
Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00AM – 5:00 PM  
Apothecary in Professional Office Building

The Unity Hospital of Rochester  
89 Genesee St. Rochester, NY 14611  
(585) 368-3928  
Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Location: Apothecary in Unity at St. Mary’s Campus

**Please be sure to call ahead to confirm times and specific locations for drop-off.**
Physical Activity – How to fit it in Your Life

Regular physical activity is important for everyone, but it is especially important for people with diabetes and those at risk for diabetes. Exercise, or physical activity, can include anything that gets you moving throughout the day.

AT WORK

● Take the stairs instead of the elevator at the office and in the parking garage
● Get up once an hour while you are at work and take a quick walk around your office
● Stand up and stretch at your desk
● If you go out for lunch, walk to the restaurant
● If you take the bus to work, get off a stop earlier and walk the rest of the
● Use a speaker or mobile phone so you can pace around your office during calls

AT HOME

● Make it fun!!! Enjoy dancing with your family.
● Take the dog for a walk around the block
● Play with the kids – play catch or throw the Frisbee around
● Walk in place during the commercials of your favorite television show
● Carry things upstairs or from the car in two trips instead of one
● Walk around the house or up and down stairs while you talk on the phone
● While you are watching TV, move your arms and legs to improve circulation, build muscle, and keep yourself loose.
● Do yard work such as mowing the lawn or raking leaves
● Do housework such as vacuuming, dusting, or washing dishes
Physical Activity Resources

FREE PROGRAMS

City R-Centers – Fitness centers are open to City Residents free of charge. All participants have to fill out an application for an ez-pass to gain access to the facility. Go to http://www.cityofrochester.gov/ezpass/ to download the registration form.

Below are R-Centers that have fitness centers.

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<td>Frederick Douglas Fitness Center</td>
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For more information about R-Center go to http://www.cityofrochester.gov/rcenters/

Rochester Walks!
Maps of marked walking routes in several neighborhoods in the City of Rochester are available at http://www.cityofrochester.gov/rochesterwalks/.

PROGRAMS THAT OFFER REDUCED FEES FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

Join a Fitness Program for a Low Yearly Fee – Some Medicare Advantage insurance programs offer enrollees low annual fees for fitness facilities/programs. Call your Medicare insurance provider or go to these websites to see if you qualify. Silver&Fit https://www.silverandfit.com/

Silversneakers https://www.silversneakers.com

Exercise Express
Various exercise classes available
232 S Plymouth Avenue Rochester NY 14608
http://www.theexerciseexpress.com/ or call (585)967-4356

Greater Rochester YMCA
Exercise facilities and programs at several sites throughout Monroe County
http://rochesterymca.org or call (585) 341-4064

Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester
Exercise facilities and programs.
1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618
www.jccrochester.org or call (585) 461-2000
Create Your Plate

An Easy Way To Eat Well

Having diabetes may mean making changes in what and how much you eat. But that doesn't mean you have to dump all the foods you know and love. With a little planning, you can still include your favorite dishes.

One easy way to do this is by using the “Plate Method.” You don’t need any special tools and don’t need to do any counting. You just need to focus on filling your plate with more non-starchy vegetables and less starchy foods and meats. It is simple and it works, whether you are cooking at home or eating out.

Next Steps

Once you’ve mastered the plate method, you can begin to make your meals even healthier.

The next thing to think about is the types of fat you use on your food. This includes what you use for cooking and the spreads or dressings you add at the table too. Keep your portions small and try these tips:

- For cooking: use liquid vegetable oils instead of butter, margarine, shortening or lard.
- For spreads: use light or reduced fat spreads without trans fat.
- For dressings: use reduced fat or light salad dressings. Vinaigrette are a better choice than creamy dressings because not as much sticks to the salad. Or try flavored vinegar and oil on a salad.

What About Desserts?

Yes, you can still eat dessert sometimes. You can keep blood glucose on track by eating a small portion of sweets in place of other starchy foods, fruit or milk. But remember, sweets don't have the vitamins and minerals in these foods. Save desserts for special occasions.

Things to Remember:

- Try not to eat too much food at one time.
- Space your meals evenly throughout the day.
- Don’t skip meals

The American Diabetes Association is Here to Help You

Healthy eating is one of the biggest challenges you face in managing diabetes. Let us be your source of up to date information and support.

For more information on diabetes and nutrition go to www.diabetes.org/nutrition or call 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383)


GOOD WAYS TO CUT BACK

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1. Imagine drawing a line down the middle of your dinner plate. Then on one side, cut it again so you will have 3 sections on your plate like the picture on your right.

2. Fill the largest section with non-starchy vegetables like salad, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots, and tomatoes.

3. Now in one of the smaller sections, put starchy foods such as noodles, rice, corn, or potatoes.

4. The other small section is for meat, fish, chicken, eggs, or tofu.

5. Add an 8 oz glass of milk and one small piece of fruit or 1/2 cup of fruit salad and you’ve got a great meal. (If you don’t drink milk, you can add an extra piece of fruit, light yogurt, or a small roll.)

Grains and Starchy Vegetables
- whole grain breads, such as whole wheat or rye
- whole grain, high-fiber cereal
- cooked cereal such as oatmeal, grits, hominy, or cream of wheat
- rice, pasta, barley, tortillas
- cooked beans and peas, such as pinto beans or black-eyed peas
- potatoes, green peas, corn, lima beans, sweet potatoes, winter squash
- low-fat crackers and snack chips, pretzels, and fat-free popcorn

Protein
- chicken or turkey (without the skin)
- fish such as tuna, salmon, cod, or catfish
- other seafood such as shrimp, clams, oysters, crab, or mussels
- lean cuts of beef and pork such as sirloin or pork loin
- tofu, eggs, low-fat cheese

Milk
- skim, 1/2%, or 1% milk
- low-fat or fat-free yogurt
- plain soy milk

Fruit
- fresh, frozen, or canned in juice or light syrup
- peach, pineapple, banana, apple, pear, mango, grapes, berries, melon, papaya, apricot, orange, grapefruit

Non-Starchy Vegetables
- fresh, frozen, or canned in juice or light syrup
- spinach, carrots, lettuce, greens, cabbage, bok choy, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, tomatoes, vegetable juice, salsa, onion, cucumber, beets, okra, mushrooms, peppers, turnip

How Deep?
For the plate method, your food can be piled about the thickness of a deck of cards or the palm of your hand.
Próximos pasos
Mediante una vez haya dominado el método del plato, usted puede comenzar a hacer que sus comidas sean aun más saludables. Próximamente debe pensar en los tipos de grasa que usted utiliza en sus comidas. Esto incluye lo que debe cocinar y también las salsas para untar o aderezos que usted incluye en su mesa. Mantenga sus porciones pequeñas y pruebe estos consejos útiles:
• Para cocinar: Utilice aceites vegetales líquidos como la mantequilla, mantequilla o manteca.
• Para las salsas para untar: Utilice las que sean reducidas en grasa o ligeras sin grasas trans.
• Para los aderezos: Utilice los reducidos en grasa o ligeros. Las vinagretas son una mejor opción en lugar de los aderezos cremosos debido a que no se adhieren tanto a las ensaladas. O pruebe un aceite o vinagre de diferentes sabores en las ensaladas.

¿Y los postres?
Si los puede comer de vez en cuando, Usted puede mantener su glucosa en la sangre bajo control al comer una porción pequeña de postre o algo dulce en lugar de otras comidas con azúcar o frutas. Pero recuerde que los postres o dulces no contienen las vitaminas y minerales que se encuentran en éstas comidas. Reserve los postres para ocasiones especiales.

Algo para recordar
• Trate de no comer mucho comida a la vez.
• Reparta sus comidas uniformemente a través del día.
• No deje de comer a las horas indicadas.

La Asociación Americana de la Diabetes está aquí para ayudarte
Comer saludablemente es uno de los retos más grandes que usted enfrenta para poder controlar la diabetes. Le aconsejamos que utilice su fuente principal de apoyo e información actualizada.
Para obtener más información sobre la diabetes y nutrición visite www.portafamilia.org o llame al 1-800-DIABETES (342-2383).
Solicite una copia gratuita de nuestro folleto de 30 páginas ¿Qué cuento Comer? La Guía de la Diabetes sobre Opciones de Alimentos Saludables.

CREANDO SU PLATO
Tener diabetes puede significar que tenga que hacer cambios en lo que come y en las cantidades. Pero eso no significa que tenga que abandonar todas las comidas que a usted le gustan y que conoce. Con un poco de planificación, usted aún puede incluir sus comidas favoritas.
¡CREANDO SU PLATO!

1. Imagínese dibujando una línea en el centro de su plato hacia abajo. Luego en un lado, haga otra línea para que de esta manera tenga 3 secciones en su plato al igual que en la foto al lado derecho.

2. Llene la sección más grande con vegetales sin almidón tales como, ensalada, habichuelas verdes (ejotes), brócoli, coliflor, repollo, zanahorias y tomates.

3. Ahora en una de las secciones pequeñas, coloque comidas con almidón tales como, fideos, arroz, elote (maíz) o papas.

4. La otra sección pequeña es para la carne, pescado, pollo, huevos o tofu.

5. Agregue un vaso de 8 onzas de leche y una fruta pequeña o ½ taza de ensalada de frutas y usted obtendrá una buena comida balanceada. (Si usted no puede tomar leche, puede agregar una pieza adicional de fruta, un yogur bajo en grasa o un panecillo pequeño).

**Granos y vegetales con almidón**
- panes de granos enteros, como el pan integral o de centeno (rye)
- cereales integrales o con alto contenido de fibra
- cereales cocidos tal como avena, semilla de maíz, maíz descascarillado o crema de trigo
- arroz, pasta, cebada, tortillas
- frijoles (habichuelas) y guisantes (arvejas) cocidos, como los frijoles negros, rojos, pinto
- papas, arvejas, elote (maíz), habas, camotes, calabaza de invierno, plátanos
- galletas y chips bajas en grasa, pretzels, y palomitas de maíz (popcorn) sin grasa

**Leche**
- descremada o de ¼% o 1% de contenido de grasa, yogur descremado o bajo en grasa, leche de soya natural

**Fruta**
- fresca, congelada o enlatada en su jugo o en almibar
- durazno, piña, banana, manzana, pera, mango, uvas, arándanos rojos o azules, mielón, papaya, albaricoque, naranja, toronja

**Vegetales sin almidón**
- frescos, congelados o enlatados
- espinaca, zanahorias, lechuga, hojas verdes como la aceituna, repollo, repollo chino (bok choy), habichuelas verdes (ejotes), coliflor, tomates, jugo de vegetales, salsa fresca, cebolla, pepino, remolacha, quingombo (oíra), hongos, pimientos, nabo

¿Qué profundidad?
Para el método del plato, su comida en el plato puede tener el grosor de un mazo de naipes o de la palma de su mano.
Food and Nutrition Resources

Affordable Healthy Food

Foodlink Curbside and Farmers Markets- Cash, debit, EBT and WIC accepted. Go to the link for information on where these programs are located and the dates and times [http://foodlinkny.org/fight_hunger/programs-initiatives/#tab-3](http://foodlinkny.org/fight_hunger/programs-initiatives/#tab-3) or call 211.

Farmers Markets- many local farmers markets accept EBT and WIC. The link below takes you to a map of markets in the community. Once you get to the map, scroll into Monroe County, then click on the blue dots to get information about the markets. [http://data.ny.gov/Economic-Development/Farmers-Markets-in-New-York-State-Map/gfni-eg8a](http://data.ny.gov/Economic-Development/Farmers-Markets-in-New-York-State-Map/gfni-eg8a)

Food Programs for Older Adults

Meals on Wheels – home delivered meals for seniors. For more information go to this link [https://www.vnsnet.com/meals-on-wheels](https://www.vnsnet.com/meals-on-wheels) or call 787-8397 or e-mail mow@vnsnet.com

Senior Centers and Meal Programs – senior centers that provide meals and activities can be found at this link [http://www2.monroecounty.gov/aging-centers.php](http://www2.monroecounty.gov/aging-centers.php) For more information about locations call 753-6280

Emergency Food

For information on food pantries, call 211 and provide your zip code, or go to this map of food pantries. Go to [http://foodlinkny.org/need-food-map/](http://foodlinkny.org/need-food-map/) Once you get to the map, you can click on the red marker to find out information about the pantry.

Help Signing up for Food Programs

Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP), Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc. – Will prescreen to see if you may be eligible for SNAP (formerly called food stamps) and then will provide help with filling out and handing in the SNAP application. Call for more information (585) 295-5624.
Diabetes: Another reason to quit

Tobacco has many bad health effects, especially for people with diabetes. No matter how long you have smoked, your health will get better when you quit.

Diabetes and Smoking
Problems can get worse

- Smoking doubles the damage from diabetes because it damages the arteries.
- Diabetic smokers are more likely to get nerve damage and kidney disease.
- Diabetic smokers are 3 times more likely to die of heart disease.
- Smoking raises the blood sugar level making it harder to control diabetes.
- Smoking weakens the action of insulin.
- Smoking increases the risk of getting diabetes.

The benefits of quitting are big
Diabetes and quitting

- Better blood sugar control.
- Better circulation.
- Improves the action of insulin.
- Less risk of having diabetic nerve and kidney problems.
- Lowers blood pressure.
- Lowers cholesterol.

After you quit
Talk with your doctor about:

- Weight gain or diet changes.
- Changing your insulin dose.
- Changing your diabetes pill schedule.
- Changing other medicines like high blood pressure or high cholesterol medicine.

Check us out on...
1-866-NY-QUITS (1-866-697-8487) • www.nysmokefree.com
- Call us: Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm, Fri-Sun 9am-5pm • Taped message library and tip of the day - 24 hours / 7 days • Join QuNiTY, your smoke-free community https://qunity.nysmokefree.com

This literature was developed by the Tobacco Control Program at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.
Other Health Resources and Programs

Anthony L. Jordan Health Center
Healthy Weight & Wellness Program (For Jordan patients only)
82 Holland St. Rochester, NY 14605
585-423-5878 or email lmoll@jordanhealth.org

Foodlink
Provides various nutrition and cooking classes/education sessions
(585) 328-3380
http://foodlinkny.org/fight_hunger/programs-initiatives/#tab-4

Ibero American Action League Centro de Oro Senior Programs
(585) 256-8900 x 123
http://iaal.org/index.php/family-services/

Interdenominational Health Ministry Coalition (IHMC)
(585) 436-9397
or email: ihmcroc@gmail.com or go to: http://www.ihmcroc.org

Lifespan
Offers older adults and their caregivers a
wide-array of free and fee-based non-medical services.
(585) 244-8400
http://www.eldersource.org/resources.html

Rochester General
Nutrition and Weight Management Center 224 Alexander St. Suite 200
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 922-8446 or email
nutwtmgt@rochestergeneral.org
www.rochestergeneral.org/weightmanagement

Unity Diabetes & Endocrinology Services Weight Loss & Exercise Program
to Prevent Diabetes
2655 Ridgeway Ave. Suite 220
Rochester, NY 14626 (585) 368-4560

University of Rochester Healthy Living Center
Medical Weight and Nutrition Therapy, Stress Reduction, Tobacco
Dependence Treatment
Many locations across Monroe County
(585) 530-2050
http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/community-health/programs-services/healthy-living-center.aspx
Online Resources:
Websites and Apps

**Websites**
- American Diabetes Association
  www.diabetes.org
- Children with Diabetes
  www.childrenwithdiabetes.com
- Choose My Plate
  http://www.chooosemyplate.gov/
- Cornerstones4Care
  https://www.cornerstones4care.com
- Diabetes Health
  www.diabeteshealth.com
- Diabetes Research Wellness Foundation
  www.diabeteswellness.net
- Diabetes Self-Management
  www.diabetesselfmanagement.com
- dLife – For Your Diabetes Life
  www.dlife.com
- Eat Right
  Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics
  www.eatright.org
- National Diabetes Education Program
  www.ndep.nih.gov

**Apps for Mobile Devices**

**DIABETES**
- Cornerstone4care
- BLOOD GLUCOSE
  - Diabetes Pal
  - My Glucose Buddy

**NUTRITION**
- Bant
- Calorie Counter
- Go Meals
- MyNetDiary

**KIDS**
- Carb Counting with Lenny

**FITNESS**
- Charity Miles
- Map My Walk

**MEDICATIONS**
- MedScape

**CAREGIVERS**
- Blue Loop
- Glucagon

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![Image of campers at Camp Aspire](image_url)
Advocacy

Life isn't fair for people with diabetes. First, there is the simple fact of coping with a chronic illness. Second, there are the barriers that prevent people with diabetes from enjoying the same opportunities as the rest of the population. Our Advocacy program's efforts work to bring down the barriers and fund research to Stop Diabetes.

Advocacy Priorities

• **Funding for Research and Programs**
  A greater commitment to diabetes research and prevention funding is critical in the fight against diabetes. We are working to increase funding for diabetes research at the federal and state levels.

• **Prevention**
  We are committed to supporting diabetes prevention issues which strengthen healthy lifestyles and address the alarming rise in child and adult obesity.

• **Legal Advocacy**
  People with diabetes face discrimination at work, at school, and elsewhere in their lives. We are committed to ending this discrimination through our legal advocacy program.

• **Health Disparities**
  Some communities are disproportionally affected by diabetes, which is why we advocate for increased diabetes research, treatment and education in minority populations.

Take Action

Together we can transform the lives of all people with diabetes by working to find a cure, improving access to health care and protecting the rights of people with diabetes.

Please sign up to be a Diabetes Advocate at [www.diabetes.org/advocacy](http://www.diabetes.org/advocacy).