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Find out how your diabetes will be changed with your medicines

Do not assume that hospital [staff] will know how to manage your [diabetes. Your] care team should work closely [with] you. In addition:

- Do not be afraid to remind [staff that you] have diabetes.

- Always wear your diabetes ID [so staff knows] you have diabetes. You may need [surgery] or a test. Remember to put [it back on].

- Ask what changes will be made [to your] care plan.

- Ask how often and when your b[lood sugar] [will be checked].

- If you take insulin at home, [ask the doctor treating] you in the hospital to writ[e orders]. Follow these orders during [your stay].

- If you wear an insulin pump [ask if you can use it] during your hospital stay.

- Tell the nurse if you think [you have low] or high blood sugar.

People who take other medicines may be affected by new medicines [given by the hospital]. Speak up if you have had any problems or reactions to [medicines in the past].

- Which medicines to stop taking before your hospital stay [and] your current medicines that you are given to you each time and why. If you are forgetful keep a log. Often medicines are given at the wrong time or for the wrong reason.

- What to do if medicines are not given on time or before [a meal]. [Ask your doctor about care if] your meal has not arrived.

- Tell your doctor [how your blood] sugar will be affected by [the] medicines used to put you to sleep.

- Ask how your blood sugar will be affected by new medicines given to you after surgery or for your illness.

- If you will be given insulin, ask what type you will be given and when. You may not normally take insulin, but you may be given it in the hospital.