

# Diabetes Agents:

## Questions Patients Should Ask and Understand

1. Why do I need to take medication for my diabetes?
2. How do my diabetes medications work?
3. What are the names of my diabetes medications and how do they work?
4. How long do I need to stay on these medications?
5. When does the dose of my diabetes medication need to be changed?
6. Do I need regular blood tests?
7. How do I take this medication?
8. What should I do if I forget to take a dose?
9. Do I need to test my blood sugar at home regularly?
10. Are there side effects that I need to know about?
11. Are there drug interactions I need to know about?
12. What should I do if I feel sick or can't eat?
13. When should I call my doctor or 911?
14. Are there medications (prescription or over-the-counter) that I should avoid?
15. Do I know what low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) is and how to spot it?
16. Have I had an episode of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) recently?
17. When I had low blood sugar, what steps did I take to raise it? Did they work?
18. Should I wear a medical alert tag?



### Additional Patient Resources:

- Quality Insights resources: [http://bit.ly/QI\\_Tools](http://bit.ly/QI_Tools)
  - Everyone With Diabetes Counts Visual Teaching Tools: [http://bit.ly/QI\\_EDCToolkit](http://bit.ly/QI_EDCToolkit)
  - Updated Blood Sugar Guidelines: [http://bit.ly/QI\\_SugarGuidelines](http://bit.ly/QI_SugarGuidelines)
  - My Diabetes Plate: [http://bit.ly/QI\\_DiabetesPlate](http://bit.ly/QI_DiabetesPlate)
  - Your Blood Glucose Numbers (English and Spanish): [http://bit.ly/QI\\_Glucose](http://bit.ly/QI_Glucose)
  - Hypoglycemia Symptoms: [http://bit.ly/QI\\_Hypoglycemia](http://bit.ly/QI_Hypoglycemia)

