

# For People With Diabetes Blood Sugar Diary

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# A Circle of Help to Live a Healthy Life

You are the center of a healthy life with diabetes. All the elements of good care begin and end with you.



# The Importance of Knowing Your Blood Sugar Level

Your blood sugar level (also called blood glucose level) shows how well you are controlling your diabetes. And that's important, since keeping your sugar under control will help you feel better and could help you live a healthy, long life. You can test at home—self-monitor—to learn what your blood sugar level is at any time.

## Keep a Record

Each time you check your blood sugar level, make a record in this diary. Over time, you will be able to see what makes your level go up or down. Take this diary with you when you visit your health care provider and other members of your health care team. They need this information to help you take control of your diabetes and to help you make your meal, exercise, and medicine plans work for you.

# Self-monitoring Goals

The American Diabetes Association suggests goals for blood sugar levels (with self-monitoring) for adults with diabetes:

Blood sugar target before meals: 70-130 mg/dL

Blood sugar target 1-2 hours after beginning of meals: <180 mg/dL



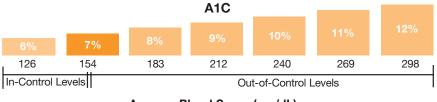
## A1C Record

Your health care provider will do a blood test in the office that is called an A1C test. The A1C test shows your average blood sugar level over the past 2 to 3 months. Your blood sugar is under control if your A1C is less than 7%.

Each time your health care provider tests your A1C level, ask for the number and make a record of it. You will then know what your blood sugar level is over the long term.

# How Average Blood Sugar Affects A1C

A fasting blood sugar test shows how you're doing during that period of the day. An A1C test shows where your blood sugar level has been over the past 2 to 3 months.



Average Blood Sugar (mg/dL)

# **My Blood Sugar Goals**

Talk to your health care team about setting goals.

Before meals, my target blood sugar range is \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dL to \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dL.

Two hours after starting meals, my target blood sugar range is \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dL to \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dL.

I need to test my blood sugar \_\_\_\_\_ times a day.

- O When I wake up O After breakfast
- O Before lunch
- O Before dinner
- After dinner

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- **O** Before bed
- O Before exercise
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# To Learn More About Diabetes

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