



Self-Assessment of Diabetes Management

Please answer these questions to the best of your ability. This helps us to tailor any education/review done today to fit your needs. Please circle your answers (“yes”, “no”, etc.) where it applies.

Patient’s name _____ Date of Birth _____

- 1) What type of diabetes do you have? Type 1 / Type 2 / Pre-diabetes / Other:

- 2) In your own words, what is diabetes?

- 3) How do you control your diabetes? (circle any that apply)
Exercise Diet/meal plan Insulin Pills Injection other than insulin
- 4) Nutrition:
 - Do you count carbohydrates (carbs) Yes / No
If no, would you like to learn how to count carbs? Yes / No
 - Do you use food labels as a guide? Yes / No
 - What **time** do you typically eat? Breakfast _____ Lunch _____ Dinner _____
Snacks _____
 - Give a sample of a meal for a typical day, can put # of carbs if you count carbs
Meal: _____
- 5) How often do you check blood sugars? _____ times each day (can put range)
 - What is your **target** blood sugar? _____
 - Do you know how to send blood sugars to the diabetes team to be reviewed? Yes / No
- 6) *What diabetes medication/insulin do you take and how often do you take it?*
 - Name _____ When given _____
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 - Name _____ When given _____
 - What do you do if you miss a dose? _____
 - Do you take your medication before you eat or after you eat? Before / After
- 7) High blood sugars:
 - Can you tell when your blood sugar is too high? Yes / No
 - What do you do to lower your blood sugar?

- 8) Do you check ketones? Yes / No ***If yes, answer the following questions. If no, skip to #9***
 - When do you check ketones? _____
 - What do you do if you have ketones? _____
- 9) Are you on insulin or a medication that can cause low blood sugars? ***If yes, answer the following questions. If no, skip to #10.***
 - Can you tell when your blood sugar is too low? Yes / No
 - *What do you do to raise your blood sugar?* _____
 - What can other people do to help if your blood sugar drops so low that you pass out?

10) Do you exercise? Yes / No

- If yes, what do you do? _____ How often? _____
- What effect does exercise have on your blood sugar? Raises / Lowers / No Effect
 - If it lowers it, how do you avoid lows with exercise?

11) Have you had any of the following complications? (circle) **If none apply, skip to # 12**

Passed out or had seizure from low blood sugar	DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis)	Eye problems	Teeth/gum problems
Depression	Kidney problems	Numbness/tingling/loss of feeling in feet	Sexual problems
High cholesterol	High blood pressure	Other: _____	

12) Do you see your eye doctor, dentist, and primary care physician regularly? Yes / No
Please describe: _____

13) What is the hardest thing for you in caring for your diabetes?

14) What concerns you most about your diabetes?

15) What helps you to manage your stress?

16) Who helps you in caring for your diabetes?
Family / Friends / Teachers / School nurse / Doctors / No one /
Other: _____

17) What is your goal A1C? _____

18) What diabetes topics would you like to discuss today?

This section is to be completed by the diabetes nurse:

Education Needs/Plan:

- Diabetes Pathophysiology & Concepts of Management
- Carbohydrate counting & healthy eating
- Physical activity
- Medication management
- Glucose monitoring & use of patient-generated health data
- Preventing acute complications
- Preventing chronic complications
- Healthy coping & living well with diabetes
- Problem solving

Diabetes nurse signature: _____ Date: _____