

Medicines for type 2 diabetes

All diabetes medicines work to lower blood sugar. Each kind of diabetes medicine works in a different way. Sometimes more than one medicine is needed. Talk with your doctor to learn more about your medicines.

Diabetes pills

Biguanides lower the amount of sugar your liver makes

Your medicine: _____

Sulfonylureas (SUs) help your body release more insulin

Your medicine: _____

DPP-4 Inhibitors (Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors) help your body release more insulin when your blood sugar is high, especially after a meal

Your medicine: _____

Thiazolidinediones (TZDs) help insulin work better

Your medicine: _____

Meglitinides help your body release more insulin when you eat

Your medicine: _____

Starch Blockers (Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors) slow the breakdown of some foods, such as bread, potatoes, pasta, or table sugar

Your medicine: _____

Insulin

If pills alone don't work, your doctor may have you take insulin. It is usually taken by shots, but there is also a kind that is inhaled through your mouth.

Other diabetes medicines (taken by shots)

Amylin Agonists work with your body's own insulin to control your blood sugar, especially after meals

Your medicine: _____

Incretins help the body release more of its own insulin

Your medicine: _____

Remember:

- All medicines can have side effects.
- Do not start or stop taking any medicine without talking to your doctor first.
- Over time, your doctor may ask you to:
 - Take more of the same medicine
 - Change your medicine to a new one
 - Add another medicine

Talk with your doctor about what medicine is best for you.

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