

Diabetes Self-Management Questionnaire

General Information

1. Name: _____ Age: _____
2. What is your race or ethnic background?

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native	☐ Asian/Chinese/Japanese/Korean	☐ Black/African American
☐ Hispanic/Latino/Mexican	☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	☐ White/Caucasian
☐ Other: _____		

Socioeconomic

1. How many family members live in your household? _____
2. Occupation: _____ Work hours: _____
3. Last grade of school completed: _____
4. Any religion preference? _____

Cultural Influences

1. Do you have any special dietary needs, religious and/or cultural observances? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If "yes," explain: _____
2. What is your language preference? Spoken: _____ Reading: _____

Diabetes History

1. How long have you had diabetes or year diagnosed? _____
2. What type of diabetes do you have? ☐ Type 1 ☐ Type 2 ☐ Gestational ☐ Don't know

Diabetes Health Attitudes / Learning

1. Have you ever been instructed on diabetes care? ☐ No ☐ Yes: Where and by whom?

2. Do you have any physical limitations that may affect your ability to perform your self-care?

☐ Hearing problems	☐ Problems with the use of your hands	☐ Problems with the use of your feet
☐ Vision loss (not corrected by glasses or contacts)	☐ No problems	
3. Do you have any other barriers to learning (for example, problems with reading, writing, and/or understanding numbers)?
☐ No ☐ Yes: Describe barrier(s): _____

Medical History

- Have you ever had problems with the following?

☐ High Blood pressure	☐ High Cholesterol/Triglycerides	☐ Kidney/Bladder problems
☐ Eye or vision problems	☐ Frequent nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea	
☐ Surgery in the last 5 years	☐ Heart disease/Chest pain	☐ Thyroid disease
☐ Asthma	☐ Depression or anxiety	☐ Circulation problems
☐ Obesity	☐ Shortness of Breath	☐ Stroke
☐ Numbness/pain/tingling of hands/feet	☐ Other health problems: _____	
- Do you have any allergies to food or medication? ☐ No ☐ Yes: _____
- Do you smoke cigarettes or vaping devices? ☐ No ☐ Yes: How much? _____
Would you like information on how to quit? ☐ No ☐ Yes
- Do you drink alcohol? ☐ No ☐ Yes: amount and type? _____

Family History

- List any immediate family members (i.e., mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, and/or siblings) with:
diabetes: _____ high blood pressure: _____
heart attacks or other heart problems: _____
stroke: _____ cancer: _____

Food Insecurity

- In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?
☐ No ☐ Yes
If yes, how often did this happen? ☐ Almost every month ☐ Some months but not every month ☐ In 1-2 months
- In the last 12 months, did you eat less than you should because you didn't have enough money for food?
☐ No ☐ Yes
- In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry because you couldn't afford enough food? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Monitoring

- Do you test your blood for sugar? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If "yes," what blood sugar monitor or CGM do you use? _____
How often do you test? ☐ Once a day ☐ 2 or more times a day ☐ Once/ Twice a week ☐ Rarely/ Never
- What are your usual blood sugar results? _____ What are **your** target numbers? _____

Taking Medications

1. Do you take medications for diabetes? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, which ones and what times? _____

2. Any side effects from the medications? ☐ No ☐ Yes: _____

3. Have you ever forgotten to take your diabetes medication? ☐ No ☐ Yes: How often? _____

4. Do you take insulin? ☐ No **(proceed to next section)** ☐ Yes

Do you inject insulin with: ☐ Syringe ☐ Insulin pen ☐ Insulin pump

Who fills the syringe? _____ Who gives the injection? _____

What injection sites are used? _____ Where do you keep the insulin? _____

Do you reuse your syringes? ☐ No ☐ Yes: How often? _____

Where do you dispose your syringes? _____

Have you ever forgotten to take your insulin? ☐ No ☐ Yes: How often? _____

Problem Solving

1. Have you ever had a low blood sugar reaction?

☐ No ☐ Yes: How often? ☐ Rare ☐ 1-2 times per week ☐ Daily ☐ Other _____

How did you feel? _____

What did you do to treat it? _____

Did you require assistance or hospitalization for it? ☐ No ☐ Yes: When/Where? _____

2. Do you carry a source of sugar with you? ☐ No ☐ Yes: What kind? _____

3. Have you ever been given glucagon? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Don't Know

4. Have you ever had high blood sugar? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Don't Know

How did you feel? _____

What did you do to treat it? _____

Have you ever been hospitalized for very high blood sugar? ☐ No ☐ Yes

When/Where: _____

Healthy Coping

1. My diabetes has caused problems in the following areas:
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| ☐ Family life/social activities | ☐ Work/school | ☐ Sports/exercise | ☐ Sexual relations |
| ☐ Finances | ☐ Contentment | ☐ Travel | ☐ None |
| ☐ Other: _____ | | | |
2. DURING THE PAST MONTH have you experienced any of the following and to what degree?
- 1) Feeling overwhelmed by the care that living with diabetes requires
- ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never
- 2) Feeling that I am often failing with my diabetes routine
- ☐ Often ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

Reducing Risks

1. Which of the following have you done in the past year?
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| ☐ Dilated eye exam | ☐ Dental exam | ☐ Foot exam |
| ☐ A1C blood test | ☐ Blood pressure check | ☐ Cholesterol blood test |
2. Have you received the following vaccinations?
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| ☐ Pneumococcal | ☐ Flu shot (within the year) | ☐ COVID-19 |
| ☐ Shingles (age 50 or older) | ☐ RSV (age 60 or older) | ☐ Hepatitis B ☐ Tdap |

Goal Setting

1. What areas of diabetes would you like to learn more about?
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|--|---|---|--|--|
| ☐ What is diabetes? | ☐ Pills for diabetes | ☐ High blood sugar | ☐ Low blood sugar | ☐ Diet |
| ☐ Exercise | ☐ Stress | ☐ Sick Days | ☐ Pregnancy | ☐ Blood testing |
| ☐ Complications | ☐ Insulin Pumps | ☐ Emergency Preparedness | | |
2. Having diabetes means you may need to make changes. What changes would you like to make now?
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| ☐ Being active | ☐ Eating healthily | ☐ Medication taking |
| ☐ Monitoring | ☐ Living with diabetes | ☐ Using healthy coping strategies |
| ☐ Problem solving for blood sugars and sick days | ☐ Reducing risks of diabetes complications | |
| ☐ None of the above | ☐ Other: _____ | |

Healthy Eating

1. Weight: _____ What weight are you comfortable at? _____
2. Has your weight changed in the past three months? ☐ No ☐ Yes: I've ☐ lost / ☐ gained _____ lbs
3. Have you ever received diet counseling? ☐ No ☐ Yes Describe: _____
4. Do you have a current meal plan? _____ If so, what is it? _____
5. How many times do you eat per day? ☐ Meals: _____ ☐ Snacks: _____
6. Who does the cooking? _____ Who does the grocery shopping? _____
7. How many times do you eat away from home **per week/month**? _____
8. Do you drink at least 8 cups (equivalent to 64 ounces or 2 liters) of water daily? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If no, how much water do you drink daily? _____

<i>How often do you eat/drink the following:</i>	Never	1-3 times per month	1-3 times per week	4-6 times per week	1 or more times per day
Fruits					
Vegetables					
Sweets/desserts					
Juice, sports drinks, energy drinks					
Soda					
Beef					
Butter, margarine, lard					

Being Active

1. Do you exercise regularly? ☐ No ☐ Yes Types of exercise(s): _____
How many days per week do you exercise: _____ How many minutes do you exercise per day? _____
2. List any problems with exercise: _____

Women Only

1. Have you had a Pap smear/pelvic exam in the last 3-5 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes
2. If over 40 years of age, have you had a mammogram in the last 1-2 years? ☐ No ☐ Yes
3. Were you ever told you had diabetes in pregnancy? ☐ No ☐ Yes
4. Did you have any children that weighted over 9 pounds at birth? ☐ No ☐ Yes
5. Are you currently pregnant? ☐ No ☐ Yes
6. Are you planning to become pregnant? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If "yes," are you aware of the effects of diabetes on pregnancy? ☐ No ☐ Yes