



Preparing for Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist Exam (CDCES) 2024

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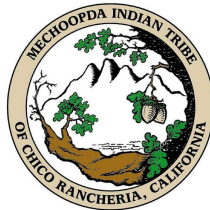
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- ▶ Access



- ▶ We are committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in our educational offerings.
- ▶ We recognize, respect, and include differences in ability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, size, and socioeconomic characteristics.
- ▶ Our goal is to promote equity and access, acknowledging historical and institutional inequities.
- ▶ We are committed to practicing cultural humility and cultivating our cultural competence.
- ▶ We wish to create a safe space within our community where one's beliefs, experiences, identity, and differences in ability, age, size, socio-cultural/socioeconomic characteristics, and political affiliations are considered and respected.

Land Acknowledgment

- ▶ We acknowledge and are mindful that Diabetes Education Services stands on lands that were originally occupied by the first people of this area, the Mechoopda, and we recognize their distinctive spiritual relationship with this land, the flora, the fauna, and the waters that run through this area.



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Review Guide for Certification Exam

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Topics – Prep for CDCES

- ▶ Updated Definitions
- ▶ Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist
 - ▶ Eligibility requirements
 - ▶ Exam content
 - ▶ Study strategies
 - ▶ Test taking tips
 - ▶ [Resources](#)



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Become Certified

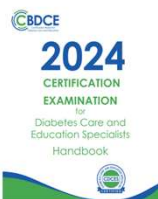
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What is a CDCES?

A Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist is a health professional who possesses comprehensive knowledge of and experience in diabetes prevention, prediabetes, and diabetes management.

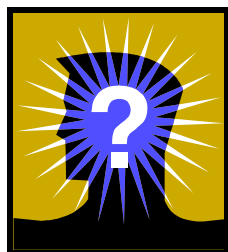
The CDCES educates, supports, and advocates for people affected by diabetes, addressing the stages of diabetes throughout the lifespan.

The CDCES promotes self-management to achieve individualized behavioral and treatment goals that reduce risks and optimize health outcomes



Why Take the CDCES Exam?

- ▶ Provides a mechanism to demonstrate professional accomplishment and growth
- ▶ Provide formal recognition of specialty practice and knowledge at a mastery level
- ▶ Provides validation of demonstrated dedication to diabetes
- ▶ Promote continuing commitment to best practices, current standards and knowledge



Professional Practice Experience Must meet all - 2024

- ▶ A minimum of two years (to the day) of professional practice experience in the discipline under which one is applying for certification

AND

- ▶ *Minimum of 1,000 hours of professional practice experience within the past 5 years in diabetes self-management education with a minimum of 200 hours = about 4 hrs a week) accrued in the last 12 months.

AND

- ▶ Minimum of 15 clock hours of continuing diabetes education within 2 years prior to applying for certification.

2021- 2026 Practice Experience Updates Extended through 2026 and beyond? CBCDE

STANDARD PATHWAY		
DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS (PRIOR REQUIREMENT)	PERMANENT REQUIREMENT CHANGE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FROM 1/1/2024 AND FORWARD*
Current DCE experience (12 months prior to applying)	At least 400 hours of DCE in last 12 months	At least 200 hours of DCE in last 12 months
Total DCE experience needed prior to applying	Total 1000 hours in no more than 4 years prior to applying	Total 1000 hours of DCE within 5 years

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS PATHWAY		
DCE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT	WITHOUT ADJUSTMENTS (PRIOR REQUIREMENT)	PERMANENT REQUIREMENT CHANGE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED 1/1/2024 AND FORWARD
Current DCE experience (12 months prior to applying)	At least 400 hours of DCE in last 12 months	At least 200 hours of DCE in last 12 months
Total DCE experience needed prior to applying	Total 2000 hours in no more than 4 years prior to applying	Total 2000 hours of DCE within 5 years

* Temporary changes were originally to set to end 2022 – 2025 were approved in November 2023 to move from temporary to permanent changes in the eligibility requirements for initial certification.

Professional Degree, DSME Practice Hours, plus CE

- ▶ Only experience occurring AFTER completing your professional degree can be counted toward the Professional Practice Experience requirement.
- ▶ Need 1000 hours of DSME Practice Hours
- ▶ If on Unique Qualifications Pathway, need 2000 hours of DSME
- ▶ For more: info@CBDCE.org or call 877 -239- 3233

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Quick Question A

- Diabetes Care and Education Exam includes which of the following philosophies?
- A. Encouraging compliance improves outcomes
- B. Empower people to improve diabetes self-management
- C. Consider individual needs, goals and life experiences
- D. Help all people achieve an A1c less than 7
- E. Collaborate and provide ongoing care

Definition of Diabetes Education

- ▶ It is a component of a comprehensive plan of diabetes care.
- ▶ Involves the person with prediabetes and or diabetes, caregivers and specialists
- ▶ Ongoing process of facilitating the knowledge, skill, and ability necessary for self-care, as well as activities that assist a person in implementing and sustaining the health practices to manage on an ongoing basis, beyond or outside of formal self-management training.



Definition of Diabetes Education

- ▶ Process incorporates the needs, goals and life experiences of the person and is guided by evidence-based standards.
- ▶ Includes practical problem-solving approaches and collaborative care.
- ▶ Address psychosocial issues, lifestyle change, and strategies to sustain self-management



Language of Diabetes Education

Old Way

- ▶ Control diabetes
- ▶ Test BG
- ▶ Patient
- ▶ Normal BG
- ▶ Non-adherent, compliant



American Diabetes Association Diabetes Care.

The Use of Language in Diabetes Care and Education
Diabetes Care 2014;37(12):e1-e4
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New Way

- ▶ Manage
- ▶ Check
- ▶ Participant
- ▶ BG in target range
- ▶ Focus on what they are accomplishing

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2024 Certification Examination for Diabetes Care and Education Specialists

Assess Your Readiness to Apply for the CDCES Examination

NOTE: The Certification Examination for Diabetes Care and Education Specialists is designed and intended for health professionals who have responsibilities that include the direct provision of diabetes care and education (DCE), as defined by CBDCE. Refer to Definition of Diabetes Care and Education section, [page 6](#).

This review list represents a summary of requirements. See [page 6](#) for all details.

YES

☐ **NO**

- As a clinical psychologist, registered nurse, occupational therapist, optometrist, pharmacist, physical therapist, physician, podiatrist, master certified health education specialist, certified clinical exercise physiologist, registered dietitian, registered dietitian nutritionist, or registered PA, is your license, certification or registration current, active and unrestricted?

OR

Do you hold a minimum of a master's degree in social work from a United States college or university accredited by a nationally recognized regional accrediting body?

OR

If you do not meet either of these, you are encouraged to investigate CBDCE's Unique Qualifications Pathway. Please visit our website for more information on that pathway.

- Has your practice experience occurred within the United States or its territories?
- Has all your practice experience occurred since you met requirement #1 above?
- Do you have a minimum of 3 calendar years (360 days) of practice experience since you received the license, registration or advanced degree as outlined above or are you using a Master's degree in a health-related field as a waiver for one of the last years?
- Have you accrued 1000 hours of practice experience in diabetes care and education (DCE) within the last 5 years?
- Do you have a minimum of 20% (or 200 hours) of the 1000 hours of DCE practice experience accrued within the past year?
- Does your practice experience include at least some or all in the DCE process: assessment, education plan, interventions, ongoing support, monitoring and communication of participant progress, documentation, and development of DMEG services/administration?
- The Examination Content Outline (ECO) identifies what is covered on the Examination. Reminder that regardless of discipline, knowledge (and the ability to apply that knowledge) is necessary across all areas of the ECO. Have you reviewed the ECO and assessed your knowledge across the ECO?
- Have you completed (within the past 2 years) a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education activities** applicable to diabetes and provided by or approved by a provider on our list of Recognized Continuing Education Providers?

Applying to take the CDCES Exam

At the time of your online application, you will receive:

- On-line notification of either approval
- Or that you have been selected for audit

Audit required info:

- Licensure
- Documentation of Professional Practice Experience –
 - A journal of weekly hours of providing DSME
 - Supervisor to verify
- CE course verification
- Employment verification signed by supervisor

Test Taking Window

- ▶ The exam is administered on an ongoing basis
- ▶ Once application approved, candidates must schedule their testing appointment within a 90-day window on a date of their choosing
 - ▶ schedule an appointment to take the examination on a first-come, first-served basis through CBDCE Online scheduling system
 - ▶ See application booklet for more details

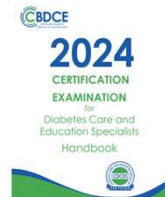


CDCES Live Remote Proctoring (LRP)

- ▶ Candidate uses own computer from home.
- ▶ A compatibility check of the computer's audio/video, webcam and system is required prior to scheduling.
- ▶ The candidate must have a computer with a web camera that can be moved to display the entire room, a microphone, and internet connection to download the PSI secure browser.
- ▶ Calculator built into program



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CDCES Live Remote Proctoring

- ▶ **Breaks:** You are **NOT** allowed any breaks during your LRP exam session.
- ▶ **Identification:** You will be required to take a picture of yourself via the webcam. You will also be required to show via webcam your photo ID.
- ▶ **Room Scan:** You will be required to perform a 360° scan of your testing room. Room must be free of study materials, papers, reference materials, etc.
- ▶ **Calculator:** The LRP platform has a calculator built-in in the lower left-hand corner of screen.
- ▶ **Communicating with your proctor:** will be conducted via chat during the testing session.
- ▶ **Results will pop up on screen upon completion.**



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When will I get my results?

- ▶ You will receive your test results the same day at testing site or if using remote proctoring.
- ▶ You can retake the test as many times as needed
- ▶ Cost –
 - ▶ 1st time \$350
 - ▶ Renewal - \$250



Scoring the Exam

- ▶ Reported as raw and scaled scores
 - ▶ Raw score: number of right answers
 - ▶ Scaled score: statistically derived from the raw score
- ▶ Total score determines pass/fail and is reported as a scaled score ranging between 0 and 99
- ▶ To pass: 70 scaled score units



CDCES Exam First Time Pass rates

2011 -65%

2012 – 63.5%

2013 – 67 and 69%

2014 - 66 and 67%

2015 - 62 and 64% (test updated)

2016 – 67%

2017 – 66%

2018 – 67%

2019 – 70%

2020 & 2021 & 2022 – 67%

2023 – 70%



Exam Details

- ▶ Questions are linked directly to a task or tasks.
- ▶ Each question is designed to test if the candidate possesses the **knowledge necessary to perform the task or has the ability to apply it to a job situation**.
- ▶ 25 of the 175 questions are new - but are **not** counted in the determination of individual examination scores.
- ▶ Score based on 150 questions



Quick Question – Multiple answers

What are some study strategies that will help you succeed?

- Focus your study time on topics you are confident in.
- Take as many practice tests as possible
- Read as many books on diabetes as possible
- Develop a study plan and block off study time.
- Teach the content to someone else

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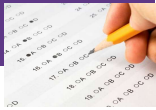
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Overview of CDCES Exam



- ▶ 175 starting in July multiple-choice, objective questions with a total testing time of four (4) hours.
- ▶ Based on job analysis which surveyed diabetes educators about the tasks they performed.
- ▶ **Exam updated in July 2024 based on new exam outline!**

Exam Content - Assessment

- ▶ **Assessment (37)**
 - ▶ Physical and Psychosocial (12)
 - ▶ Self-Management Behaviors and Knowledge (15)
 - ▶ Learning (10)



- I. Assessment (37)**
- A. Physical and Psychosocial (12)**
1. Diabetes relevant health history (diagnosis, duration, symptoms, complications, treatment, comorbidities, healthcare utilization)
 2. Diabetes specific physical assessment (biometrics, life inspection, interventions, etc.)
 3. Social determinants of health (economic, living situation, healthcare access, social supports, and food/housing insecurity)
 4. General health history (family medical, mental health, substance use, surgical, allergies and medication)
 5. Current measures and other laboratory data
 6. Mental health well-being (adjustment to diagnosis, coping ability, etc.)
 7. Considerations related to diabetes self-care practices (cognitive, physical, language, cultural, spiritual, family/caregiver dynamics, bias and myths, life transitions, etc.)
- B. Self-Management Behaviors and Knowledge (15)**
1. Disease process
 2. Eating habits and preferences
 3. Activity habits and preferences
 4. Medication practices and preferences (prescription, nonprescription, complementary and alternative medicine)
 5. Monitoring and data collection (glucose, ketones, weight, dietary intake, activity, etc.)
 6. Use of resources
 7. Use of technology (monitors, smart delivery systems, apps, online education, patient portals, etc.)
 8. Risk reduction of acute and chronic complications
 9. Problem solving
- C. Learning (10)**
1. Goals and needs of learner
 2. Readiness to learn and change behavior
 3. Preferred learning styles (audio, visual, observational, psychomotor, individual vs. group, virtual, etc.)
 4. Literacy, numeracy, health literacy, and digital literacy
 5. Considerations related to learning (developmental stage, physical abilities, language preferences, cultural, spiritual, psychosocial, economic, family/caregiver dynamics, learning disabilities, etc.)

Exam | Care and Education Interventions

- ▶ **Care & Education Interventions (105)**
 - ▶ Disease Process & Approach to Treatment (22)
 - ▶ Individualizes Education Plan (17)
 - ▶ Person Centered Education on Self-Care Behaviors (58)
 - ▶ Evaluation, documentation and follow-up (8)

- B. Individualized Education Plan (17)**
1. Develop plan based on assessment in collaboration with person with diabetes, educator and care team
 2. Identify educational needs
 3. Set SMART goals
- C. Person Centered Education on Self-Care Behaviors (58)**
- 1. Nutrition Principles and Guidelines**
- a. American Diabetes Association (ADA) and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics evidence-based recommendations (meal planning, macronutrients, dietary approaches, etc.)
 - a. Considerations (age, food access, sugar, alcohol and medication, cultural and religious)
 - a. Fat types, food labels
 - a. Protein food sources (meat, cheese, seafood, etc.)
 - a. Alcohol (amount, precautions)
 - a. Food and medication interactions (medication timing, meal timing, etc.)
 - a. Food and medication interactions (allergies, intolerances, health status, culture, etc.)
 - a. Weight management
 - a. Safety and food allergies
 - a. Special considerations (food allergies, food aversions, gastrointestinal, other chronic medical issues, vision, etc.)
- 2. Physical Activity**
- a. ADA and American College of Sports Medicine recommendations
 - a. Benefits, challenges, and safety considerations, post exercise recovery and hydration, etc.
 - a. Activity plan (frequency, intensity, time, and type)
 - a. Adjustment of priorities, food and/or medication for pre and post exercise activities
- 3. Medication Management**
- a. ADA/Endocrine Society Association for the Study of Diabetes (AACE) guidelines
 - a. Medication class, action, administration, side effects, contraindications, etc.
 - a. Medication related (adverse) reactions (hypoglycemia, effects, impact on weight, type and duration of diabetes, etc.)
 - a. Hypoglycemia
 - a. Insulin delivery systems
 - a. Insulin delivery
- 4. Monitoring and Interpretation**
- a. Glucose device (metrics, use, testing techniques, method)
 - a. A1C
 - a. Ketones
 - a. Blood pressure
 - a. Weight
 - a. Labs
 - a. Kidney health

EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE

Exam | Care and Education Interventions

Care & Education Interventions (105)

Disease Process & Approach to Treatment (22)

Individualizes Education Plan (17)

Person Centered Education on Self-Care Behaviors (58)

Evaluation, documentation and follow-up (8)

1. Acute Complications: Causes, Prevention, and Treatment
 - a. Hypoglycemia and Hypoglycemia Awareness
 - b. Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)
 - c. Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemic State (HHS)
2. Chronic Complications and Comorbidities: Causes, Prevention, and Treatment
 - a. ADA Clinical Practice screening recommendations
 - b. Eye disease and visually related issues (diabetes, etc.)
 - c. Heart Disease
 - d. Neuropathy
 - e. Kidney Disease
 - f. Vascular Disease (cerebral, cardiovascular, peripheral, etc.)
 - g. Feet and related problems (ulcers, Charcot foot, etc.)
 - h. Dermatological concerns, ulcers, skin reactions
 - i. Infection (pneumonia, yeast, cellulitis, abscess and soft tissue)
 - j. Dental and gum disease
 - k. Other comorbidities: depression, cognitive dysfunction, thyroid disease, etc.
 - l. Other chronic disease already being treated (hypertension, asthma, etc.)
3. Patient Safety
 - a. Sick days
 - b. Injury and other procedures
 - c. Changes in schedule (shift, religious, cultural, etc.)
 - d. Travel
 - e. Pregnancy and postpartum
 - f. Acute and chronic disease (diabetes, hypertension, etc.)
 - g. Medication use (diabetes, hypertension, etc.)
4. Living with Diabetes and Problems
 - a. ADA targets
 - b. Function of care
 - c. Social inequalities (gender, socioeconomic, genetic, etc.)
 - d. Pre-conception planning (pregnancy) post-partum, and postnatal diabetes
 - e. Psychosocial well-being (depression, disturbed eating, stress, etc.)
 - f. Role of diabetes (diabetes, insulin, etc.)
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 - x. Role of diabetes (diabetes, insulin, etc.)
 - y. Role of diabetes (diabetes, insulin, etc.)
 - z. Role of diabetes (diabetes, insulin, etc.)
5. Evaluation, Documentation, and Follow-up
 - a. Assessment and progress toward goals
 - b. Self-management skills
 - c. Psychosocial well-being
 - d. Weight, eating habits, medications, activity
 - e. Quality of life
6. Needs, concerns, and communication (individual plan for follow-up care, education, support, and referral)

Exam Content – Standards & Practices

Standards & Practices (8)

National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support

Diabetes Prevention Program

Practice Standards

Advocate

Evidence-based care and education

Consider Social Determinants of Health

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity

- III. Standards and Practices (8)
 - A. Describe the current National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (NDSMES)
 - B. Describe the National Diabetes Prevention Program Standards National DPP
 - C. Apply practice standards (AAACE, ADA, Endocrine Society, etc.)
 - D. Describe population health strategies
 - E. Collaborate with other healthcare professionals to advance team-based care
 - F. Advocate for people with diabetes (access to medications and supplies, care in institutional settings, policies, etc.)
 - G. Promote primary and secondary diabetes prevention strategies in at-risk individuals and populations
 - H. Promote evidence-based care and education
 - I. Recognize the impact of disparities (economic, access, gender, ethnicity, geographic, etc.)
 - J. Incorporate principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion



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Articles to Read to Prepare for CDCES Exam

Read More Recommended Articles

ADA Standards of Care 2024 – This yearly publication by the American Diabetes Association outlines the national goals of care based on the latest research for diabetes management. This is one of the most important guidelines to read as a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist.

Summary of Revisions: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2024 – The 2024 Standards of Care includes revisions to incorporate person-first and inclusive language. Efforts were made to consistently apply terminology that empowers people with diabetes and recognizes the individual at the center of diabetes care.

Screening and Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus 2024 – One-page cheat sheet that summarizes screening, risk status, and diagnostic criteria for diabetes. Great for your office and as a study tool.

Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Treatment in 2024. This ADA/EASD hyperglycemia road map details strategies to improve glucose management for both Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. Section 8 of Standards of Care, 2024.

Language & Diabetes: What we say matters! Resource page

Language is powerful and can have a strong impact on perceptions as well as behavior. This mini-webinar and article provide recommendations for the language used by health care professionals and others when discussing diabetes through spoken or written words whether directed to people with diabetes, colleagues, or the general public, as well as research questions related to language and diabetes.



Med Cheat Sheets: (Cholesterol) and (Insulin) Medications 2024 – These summary sheets are helpful for your clinical practice and preparing for certification exams. For exam success, be familiar with the general concepts, (side effects and precautions) of these medications.

ADCS 7™ Self-Care Behaviors – A must-read for anyone entering the field of Diabetes or as a reference for those already in the field. These 7 Self-Care Behaviors™ provide a framework for patient-centered diabetes self-management education and training (DSME/T) and care.

American Association of Clinical Endocrinology Consensus Statement: Comprehensive Type 2 Diabetes Management Algorithm – 2023 Update.

American Association of Clinical Endocrinology 2 Diabetes Mellitus. If you are taking the slide content that reviews diabetes management.

What to Study?

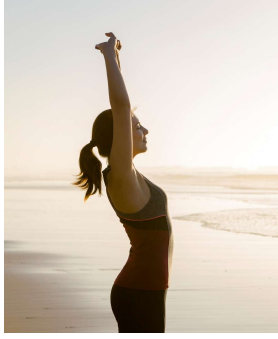


Taking the Exam

Questions

Answers

Pitfalls




Keep it Person Centered

Focus on psychosocial needs and social determinants of health.

Start where the participant is at.

Keep the participants characteristics in mind (age, type of diabetes, etc.)

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Increase success

- ▶ If the answer you wanted isn't there – Pivot, breathe and readjust.
- ▶ Try not to overthink question/answers.
- ▶ Make sure that the answer you choose fits the situation.
- ▶ Focus on national goals and avoid using your work setting's goal.



Take a Practice Test – Learn how to “work” test questions

- ▶ Weed through the details
- ▶ Make sure you REALLY understand key intent of question
- ▶ Find the stem
 - ▶ Identifies key intent of the question
- ▶ Read all the options or answers
- ▶ Eliminate obvious wrong answers
- ▶ Select **BEST** option



Look for Clues in The Answers

- ▶ Answers with the following words are usually **incorrect**: always, never, all, none, only, must, and completely
- ▶ Answers with the following words are usually **correct**: seldom, most, generally, tend to, probably, usually



Getting to the Right Answers



- ▶ Do not leave any answers blank
- ▶ Look for clues in the question
- ▶ Don't get lured in by juicy answers
- ▶ Avoid imposing your life experience into the question/answer
- ▶ Keep breathing – Get up and move
- ▶ Test anxiety – have a plan on how to address
- ▶ Even simple math problem should be worked out on scratch paper

Sample Question -1

- ▶ A patient is admitted to the hospital with elevated glucose levels with a strong family history of diabetes. She is started on fluid replacement and is placed on a clear liquid diet. Her father is in the room and is very concerned. Which of the following would suggest a diagnosis of new onset type 1 diabetes vs type 2 diabetes?



- A. Hyperglycemia
- B. Polyuria
- C. Ketosis
- D. Polydipsia



Sample Question 2

- ▶ MJ has type 1 diabetes and wants to know the possible complications that can result from hyperglycemia during the first trimester of pregnancy. Which of the following complications can result from 1st trimester hyperglycemia?
- A. macrosomia
 - B. vascular defects
 - C. shoulder dystocia
 - D. spina bifida



Vignette Style Question

- ▶ Read the following vignette to answer the next 3 questions.
- ▶ A 47 yr old man with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes and hypertension. Additional known information.
 - ▶ Married, with 2 teenagers
 - ▶ Professor with a BMI of 32
 - ▶ Started on Metformin 500mg BID
 - ▶ Father died of kidney failure secondary to diabetes



Vignette Style Question 1

- ▶ Given his age and health status, according to ADA 2024 Standards, what are his goals?
 - A. BP less than 140/90, LDL less than 100
 - B. BP less than 130/80, LDL less than 70
 - C. BP less than 120/80, start statin
 - D. BP less than 130/80, LDL less than 100



Vignette Style Question 2

- ▶ He says finding time to exercise is challenging due to his work schedule. Using the transtheoretical model, what stage of change is he in?
 - A. Contemplation
 - B. Cost vs. Benefit
 - C. Precontemplation
 - D. Denial



Sample Question 4

Metformin is an antidiabetic agent different than that of sulfonylurea drugs. Some features of the drug are that it:

- A. Stimulates insulin secretion and increases hepatic glucose production.
- B. Causes hypoglycemia
- C. Lowers hyperglycemia in persons with diabetes, but does not lower blood glucose levels in people without diabetes.
- D. Results in weight loss and can cause kidney damage.



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Glucose Treatment for Diabetes-Related Hypoglycemia

Glucose Level	Adults	Children & Adolescents	Older Adults
Glucose < 70 mg/dL	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate	10-15g of fast-acting carbohydrate	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate
Glucose < 54 mg/dL	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate	10-15g of fast-acting carbohydrate	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate
Glucose < 40 mg/dL	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate	10-15g of fast-acting carbohydrate	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate
Glucose < 30 mg/dL	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate	10-15g of fast-acting carbohydrate	15-20g of fast-acting carbohydrate



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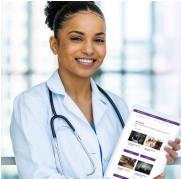
A person with type 2 is on a twice daily dose basal/bolus insulin and complains of waking up with morning headaches. If the fasting capillary BG is 291, advise person to:

- A. Increase evening dose of basal insulin
- B. Increase morning dose of bolus insulin
- C. Check 3am blood glucose
- D. Eliminate bedtime snack















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Knowledge = Confidence

- ▶ Most important aspect of test taking
- ▶ Knowing the content will improve your confidence
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