

Insulin PocketCard™



15 years

Action		Insulin Name	Onset	Peak	Effective Duration	Considerations
Bolus	Rapid Acting Analogs	Aspart (Novolog)	5 - 15 min	30 - 90 min	< 5 hrs	Bolus insulin lowers after-meal glucose. Post meal BG reflects efficacy.
		Lispro (Humalog)				
		Glulisine (Apidra)				
	Short Acting	Regular	30 - 60 min	2 - 3 hrs	5 - 8 hrs	
Concentrated Regular Insulin 500 units/mL reg insulin "U-500"		30 - 60 min	2 - 3 hrs	Up to 24 hrs		
Basal	Intermediate	NPH	2 - 4 hrs	4 - 10 hrs	10 - 16 hrs	Basal insulin controls BG between meals and nighttime. Fasting BG reflects efficacy.
	Long Acting	Detemir (Levemir)	3 - 8 hrs	No peak	6 - 24 hrs	
		Glargine (Lantus)	2 - 4 hrs	No peak	20 - 24 hrs	
		Concentrated Glargine (Toujeo) 300 units/mL in 1.5 mL Pen	6 hrs	No Peak	24 hrs	
Basal + Bolus	Intermediate + short	Combo of NPH + Reg 70/30 = 70% NPH + 30% Reg 50/50 = 50% NPH + 50% Reg	30 - 60 min	Dual peaks	10 - 16 hrs	Typical dosing range: 0.5-1.0 units/kg body wt/day. Discard opened insulin vials after 28 days.
	Intermediate + rapid	Novolog® Mix - 70/30 Humalog® Mix - 75/25 or 50/50	5 - 15 min			

Insulin action times can vary with each injection, time periods listed here are general guidelines only; please consult prescribing information for details.

Inhaled Insulin

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Bolus – Rapid-acting	Afrezza Inhaled regular human insulin	4 and 8 unit cartridges before meals	15 mins	1 hr	3 hrs	Assess lung function before starting. Avoid in chronic lung disease — acute bronchospasm risk . Side effects: hypoglycemia, cough, throat irritation.

Injectables That Lower Glucose

Class/Main Action	Name	Dose Range	Considerations
GLP-1 Agonist “Incretin Mimetic” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases insulin release with food Slows gastric emptying Promotes satiety Suppresses glucagon Lowers A1c 0.5 – 1.6% Wt loss of ~ 3lbs	exenatide (Byetta)	5 or 10 mcg BID (renally excreted)	Side effects for all: Nausea, vomiting, weight loss, injection site reaction. Report signs of acute pancreatitis (severe abdominal pain, vomiting), stop med. Black box: Thyroid C-cell tumor warning for liraglutide, exenatide XR, albiglutide, and dulaglutide (avoid if family history of medullary thyroid cancer, notify MD of hoarseness, throat lump).
	exenatide XR (Bydureon)	2mg 1x a week (renally excreted)	
	liraglutide (Victoza)	0.6 - 1.8 mg daily	
	albiglutide (Tanzeum)	30 and 50 mg 1x a week pen injector	
	dulaglutide (Trulicity)	0.75 and 1.5 mg 1x a week pen injector	
Amylin Mimetic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slows gastric emptying Suppresses glucagon Promotes satiety Lowers A1c 0.5 – 1%	pramlintide (Symlin)	Type 1: 15 - 60 mcg; Type 2: 60 - 120 mcg immediately before major meals	For Type 1 or 2 on insulin. Black box warning: severe hypoglycemic risk 3 hrs post injection. Prevent hypoglycemia, decrease insulin dose when starting pramlintide. Side effects: nausea, weight loss.

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