

# Diabetes Targets for Adults



**Prevent or reduce complications of diabetes by meeting these targets**

- 🎯 **Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub>**      **Less than 7%\***
- 🎯 **Lipids**
  - LDL**      **Less than 100 mg/dl**
  - HDL**      **More than 50 mg/dl (females),  
More than 40 mg/dl (males)**
  - Triglycerides**      **Less than 150 mg/dl**
- 🎯 **Blood Pressure**      **Less than 130/80 mmHg**
- 🎯 **Body Mass Index**      **Less than 25**
- 🎯 **Microalbumin**      **Less than 30 mg**
- 🎯 **Tobacco Use**      **If you use tobacco products, quit.**
- 🎯 **Annual Eye Exam**
- 🎯 **Complete Annual Foot Exam**

## GUIDELINES FOR FREQUENCY OF LAB TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

<b>Examination</b>	<b>Every 3 months</b> for those who are not meeting blood glucose or blood pressure goals, on new therapy, on intensive insulin therapy, or with evidence of progression of microvascular or macrovascular disease  <b>Every 6 months</b> for those who are meeting blood glucose and blood pressure goals, are not on new therapy, and do not have evidence of progression of microvascular or macrovascular disease
<b>Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub></b>	Same as for examination above
<b>Blood Glucose</b>	If patient is self-monitoring blood glucose and records are acceptable: <b>Optional</b> If patient is not self-monitoring blood glucose: Test when fasting at each examination visit and correlate with A <sub>1c</sub>
<b>Blood Pressure</b> <sup>1,2</sup>	Check and record at every visit
<b>Foot Exams</b> <sup>3</sup>	1. Screen feet annually: physical exam and sensory exam using a monofilament 2. Categorize findings: low or high risk Low risk: none of the 5 high risk characteristics listed below High risk: one or more of the following: Loss of protective sensation Absent pedal pulses Severe foot deformity History of foot ulcer Prior amputation 3. High risk: screen at every visit
<b>Dilated Eye Exam</b> <sup>4</sup>	Annually for most patients with mild or no NDPR or microaneurisms, biennially for patients in good control with advise from an eye care professional
<b>Microalbumin</b> <sup>5, 6, 7</sup>	Annually
<b>Fasting Lipid Profile</b>	Annually
<b>Influenza Vaccine</b>	Annually
<b>Pneumococcal Vaccine</b>	Once before age 65. Consult physician about revaccination after 65
<b>Self-Management Education</b>	1. Upon diagnosis 2. When there are significant changes in therapy; the patient is not meeting targets; for pre-pregnancy counseling; and newly diagnosed gestational diabetes 3. Annually reassess need for education
<b>Refer to Specialists</b>	1. As needed, when not meeting targets 2. As needed, when complications are noted
<b>Dental Exam</b>	At least annually for preventive care

1. If BP is 130-139/80-89 initiate exercise and nutritional intervention, if not effective use ACE-I, ARB or Thiazide diuretic; if BP >140/90 initiate lifestyle modification + ACE-I, ARB or diuretic; if >150/90, consider initial two drug therapy with ACE-I or ARB + Thiazide diuretic  
2. Unless contraindicated, use low dose aspirin as a prophylactic measure at onset of vascular risk and/or after age 40: (Low dose: 81 mg to 325 mg every day)  
3. Refer to "Feet Can Last a Lifetime" packet for additional foot screening information ([www.ndep.nih.gov](http://www.ndep.nih.gov))  
4. Exception: Examine when planning pregnancy if possible and in first trimester with close follow-up  
5. Screen for protein before testing for microalbumin. If protein is present, it is not necessary to perform any tests for microalbumin  
6. Consider using ACE inhibitors if microalbumin levels are >30mg/24 hours as determined by a 24 hour urine collection or spot urine microalbumin/creatinine ratio >30 (on at least two separate occasions)  
7. Exception: Screen in first trimester in pregnancy

\*HbA<sub>1c</sub> normal range defined by clinical lab (usually 4 to 6.5%). Keep as low as possible without significant hypoglycemia.  
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