Ketone and sick day management for those on multiple daily injections

How to calculate rapid acting insulin (Novorapid/Apidra/Humalog)

TDD	5%	10%	20%

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er stop basal/background insulin (Lantus, Levemir, Pro		Protophane or NPH)	*% of TDD replaces normal correction			
Urine Ketones	Blood Ketones mmol/L	< 4 mmol/L	4 - 8 mmol/L	8.1 - 15 mmol/L	> 15 mmol/L	
egative or trace/small	0.6 - 0.9 mmol/L	 Use 15g of rapid acting carb to treat hypo Consider minidose glucagon if unable to tolerate carb 	 Normal insulin Offer carb & sweetened fluid use insulin to carb ratio to cover food/fluid 	 Give *5% of TDD Encourage sugar free fluids Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food 	 Give *10% of TDD Encourage sugar free fluids Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food Repeat dose after 2 hours 	
+		Test blood glucose and ketones repeat in 15 mins and repeat 15g rapid acting carb every 15 min until BGL > 4mmol/L RING HOSPITAL FOR ADVICE	Test blood glucose & ketones 2 hourly	Test blood glucose & ketones 2 hourly	ketones not reduced Test blood glucose & ketones 2 hourly	
Small / Moderate	1.0 - 1.4 mmol/L	 Use 15g of rapid acting carb to treat hypo Consider minidose glucagon if unable to tolerate carb 	 Give* 5% of TDD Carb and sweetened fluid Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food/fluid 	 Give* 10 % of TDD Encourage sugar free fluids Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food 	 Give *10% of TDD Encourage sugar free fluic Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food 	
++		Test blood glucose and ketones repeat in 15 mins and repeat 15g rapid acting carb every 15 min until BGL > 4mmol/L	Repeat dose after 2 hours if ketones not reduced Test blood glucose & ketones 2 hourly	 Repeat dose after 2 hours if ketones not reduced. Test blood glucose & ketones 2 hourly 	Repeat dose after 2 hours ketones not reduced Test blood glucose & ketones 1 hourly	
		RING HOSPITAL FOR ADVICE				
Large	> 1.5 mmol/L	 Use rapid acting carb to treat hypo Consider minidose glucagon if unable to tolerate carb 	 Give *5% of TDD Carb and sweetened fluid Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food/fluid Repeat dose after 2 hours if ketones not reduced 	 Give *10% TDD Encourage sugar free fluids Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food Repeat dose after 2 hours if ketones not reduced 	 Give* 20% of TDD Encourage sugar free fluid Use insulin to carb ratio to cover food Repeat dose after 2 hours ketones not reduced. 	
++++			Go to hospital if vomiting	Go to hospital if vomiting	Go to Hospital if vomiting	
		GO TO HOSPITAL	Test blood glucose & ketones 2 hourly	Test blood glucose & ketones 1 hourly	Test blood glucose & ketones 1 hourly	
			RING HOSPITAL FOR ADVICE	RING HOSPITAL FOR ADVICE	RING HOSPITAL FOR ADVICE	

Immediate risk of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) if the blood ketone level is > 3.0 mmol/L. Insulin treatment is needed urgently. Go to closest emergency department.

To calculate total daily dose (TDD) - add up all insulin given on a usual day, includes long acting and rapid acting insulin. (E.g. If TDD is 50 units, 5% = 2.5 units; 10% = 5 units; 20% = 10 units). Do not include correction doses for unexpected hyperglycaemia.

Adapted from ISPAD guidelines 2014 & APEG guidelines 2011



You need to speak to your Doctor or Diabetes Educator urgently or go to hospital if:

- Vomiting persists and unable to keep fluids down
- Ketones are not coming down or are 1.5mmol/L or more after two supplemental doses of insulin
- Persistent hypoglycaemia
- Blood glucose does not improve or remains over 15mmol/L despite
 two supplemental doses of insulin
- Drowsy or confused
- Fast or unusual breathing
- Abdominal pain
- Unsure what is wrong
- The people who are caring for you are not sure what to do or are exhausted

If pregnant go to hospital or contact health care team if ketones > 1mmol/L

% Of Total Daily Dose Ready Reckoner							
Total daily dose (TDD) ↓	5%	10%	20%				
15	1	1.5	3				
20	1	2	4				
25	1.5	2.5	5				
30	1.5	3	6				
35	2	3.5	7				
40	2	4	8				
45	2.5	4.5	9				
50	2.5	5	10				
55	3	5.5	11				
60	3	6	12				
65	3.5	6.5	13				
70	3.5	7	14				
75	4	7.5	15				
80	4	8	16				
85	4.5	8.5	17				
90	4.5	9	18				
95	5	9.5	19				
100	5	10	20				