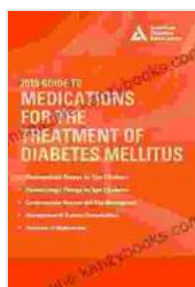


# 2024 Guide to Medications for the Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus: A Comprehensive Guide for Healthcare Professionals

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This guide provides a comprehensive overview of the medications used to treat diabetes mellitus. It includes information on the different types of

diabetes medications, their mechanisms of action, dosing, and side effects. This guide is intended to be a resource for healthcare professionals who are involved in the care of patients with diabetes.

## **Types of Diabetes Medications**

There are four main types of diabetes medications:

\* **Insulin:** Insulin is a hormone that is produced by the pancreas. It helps glucose enter cells, where it can be used for energy. Insulin is used to treat type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes. \* **Oral medications:** Oral medications are taken by mouth. They work by either increasing the body's production of insulin, decreasing the body's resistance to insulin, or increasing the excretion of glucose in the urine. Oral medications are used to treat type 2 diabetes. \* **Injectable medications:** Injectable medications are given by injection. They work by either increasing the body's production of insulin or decreasing the body's resistance to insulin. Injectable medications are used to treat type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes. \* **Combination medications:** Combination medications contain two or more different types of diabetes medications. They are used to treat type 2 diabetes.

## **Mechanisms of Action**

The different types of diabetes medications work by different mechanisms of action.

\* **Insulin:** Insulin works by binding to receptors on cells, which allows glucose to enter the cells. \* **Oral medications:** Oral medications work by either increasing the body's production of insulin, decreasing the body's resistance to insulin, or increasing the excretion of glucose in the urine. \* **Injectable medications:** Injectable medications work by either increasing

the body's production of insulin or decreasing the body's resistance to insulin.

## Dosing

The dosing of diabetes medications is individualized based on the patient's needs. The dose of insulin is typically determined by the patient's blood glucose levels. The dose of oral medications is typically determined by the patient's blood glucose levels and weight. The dose of injectable medications is typically determined by the patient's blood glucose levels and weight.

## Side Effects

All medications have the potential for side effects. The side effects of diabetes medications can vary depending on the type of medication.

\* **Insulin:** The most common side effects of insulin are hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) and weight gain. \* **Oral medications:** The most common side effects of oral medications are gastrointestinal upset, headache, and weight gain. \* **Injectable medications:** The most common side effects of injectable medications are injection site reactions, hypoglycemia, and weight gain.

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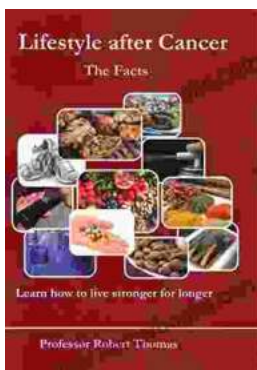
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