



Diabetes Self-Management Initial Assessment Form

Date: _____

Name (Last, First, MI): _____ Date of Birth: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Prediabetes Type 1 Diabetes Type 2 Diabetes Other _____ Unknown

Year of diagnosis: _____

Have you had diabetes education? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

Are you taking diabetes medication? Yes No

If yes, how often in the past week **did you miss a dose?** _____

Are you taking blood pressure medication? Yes No

If yes, how often in the past week **did you miss a dose?** _____

Health history, check all that apply (currently or past):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuropathy (numbness/pain/tingling in hands & feet) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea/loose stools <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease <input type="checkbox"/> Eye disease/retinopathy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney disease | <input type="checkbox"/> High cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> Foot problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with sexual function <input type="checkbox"/> Depression/Anxiety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peripheral vascular disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Skin problems <input type="checkbox"/> Slow healing wounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant |

List all allergies (medication, food, environmental): _____

How would you rate your overall health? Excellent Very Good Good Average Poor

I understand health and medical information Yes Somewhat No

Do you believe you can improve your health? Yes Somewhat No

What is the most difficult part of managing your health? _____

My goal is to: Gain weight Lose weight Maintain current weight

Ethnicity, check all that apply:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American |

Primary language English Spanish Other: _____ Describe any cultural or religious practices or beliefs that influence how you care for your health: _____

Schooling, please indicate the highest level you completed:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> High school | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate school | <input type="checkbox"/> Military training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/vocational/business school | | |

Do you have difficulty with the following? Check all that apply:

- | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> English language | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Care, if yes describe: _____ | | |

How do you like to learn? Check all that apply:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listening | <input type="checkbox"/> Watching a video or pictures | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing an activity/ hands on learning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group discussions | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading | |

Do you have difficulty affording personal health care items, such as food, medicine, test strips?

- Frequently Sometimes No

KNOWLEDGE

How would you rate your understanding of diabetes?

- Excellent Very Good Good Average Minimal

What areas would you like to learn more about? Check all that apply:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is diabetes, how it is diagnosed, how it progresses | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring blood sugars, targets, when & why to check it | <input type="checkbox"/> How to change behaviors, goal setting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition & weight and their impact on blood sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Prevention & treatment of diabetes related complications | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem solving, sick days, treating low & high blood sugars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications, how they work (actions & benefits) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical activity how it impacts blood sugar levels | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress & coping, creating a support plan |

What is your overall diabetes goal? _____

REDUCING RISKS

In the last year have you had the following? Check all that apply:

- Diabetic eye exam Dental exam Diabetic foot exam A1C test Flu shot
 Month/year: _____ Month/year: _____

Do you check your blood pressure at home: Yes No Typical results: _____

How often do you examine your feet?

- Daily Several times/week Few times/month Once in a while Rarely or never

Tobacco use: Current Never Quit

SUPPORT

Which of the following describes how you feel about having diabetes, check all that apply:

- Okay Distressed Nuisance Denial Depressed
 Anxious Hopeless Overwhelmed Other: _____

Describe the amount of stress in your life: _____

Who gives you support and encouragement to take care of your diabetes? check all that apply:

- Family Friends Support group Co-worker Healthcare provider
 No One Other: _____

How sure are you that you can find the support you need to manage your diabetes?

- Very Sure Somewhat Sure Not At All Sure

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Do you have limitations that prevent you from being physically active? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

On average how many **minutes per week** do you participate in aerobic (cardio) activities?

- Walking Jogging Swimming Cycling Other: _____

On average how many **days per week** do you participate in muscle strengthening activities? _____

- Free weights Resistance bands Weight machines Other: _____

How ready and willing are you to improve your physical activity routine?

- Not at all Thinking about it Ready Already doing it

On a scale of zero to ten, how **important** is it to be physically active to help manage your diabetes?

(zero = not important at all, ten = very important): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

On a scale of zero to ten, what is your **confidence** in using physical activity to help manage blood sugar?

(zero = no confidence, ten = totally confident): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

My physical activity goal is: _____

HEALTHY EATING

Which of these healthy habits are you currently doing? check all that apply:

- Read food labels Include high fiber foods Count calories
 Measure food portions Choose low sodium foods Limit saturated/trans fats
 Limit sugar-sweetened items Count carbohydrate grams/serving
 Other: _____

How would you rate the quality of your current eating habits?

- Excellent Very Good Good Poor

How ready and willing are you to improve your eating habits?

- Not at all Thinking about it Ready Already doing it

On a scale of zero to ten, how **important** is it to eat healthy to help manage your diabetes?

(zero = not important at all, ten = very important): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

On a scale of zero to ten, what is your **confidence** in using healthy eating to help manage blood sugar?

(zero = no confidence, ten = totally confident): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Do you consume alcohol? Yes No If yes describe intake: _____

MONITORING

Do you check your blood sugars? Yes No

If yes, how often? _____ What time(s) of day do you test? _____



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What is the **low to high range** of your blood sugars? _____

How often do you have low blood sugars? _____

How often do you have high blood sugars? _____

On a scale of zero to ten, how **important** is it to check your blood sugar to help manage your diabetes?
(zero = not important at all, ten = very important): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

On a scale of zero to ten, what is your **confidence** in using blood sugar readings to help manage blood sugar?
(zero = no confidence, ten = totally confident): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Do you wear medical identification or keep something with you to identify that you have diabetes?

- Yes No Sometimes

PROBLEM SOLVING

When you are sick and unable to eat your usual foods, what do you do? check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eat/drink foods/liquids with carbohydrates | <input type="checkbox"/> Take diabetes medications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check blood sugar more often | <input type="checkbox"/> Check ketone levels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call health care provider | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

QUALITY OF LIFE

On a scale of zero to ten, how do you rate your quality of life?
(Zero = very low quality of life, ten = excellent quality of life): 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Client Signature: _____ RDN Signature: _____

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