

Drugs Commonly Used to Treat Diabetes

More than 23 million Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes (high blood sugar).¹ If not properly treated, diabetes can lead to serious health conditions, including heart disease, stroke, kidney damage, blindness and loss of limbs (fingers and toes to arms and legs). If taken exactly as prescribed by a doctor, medications are an effective treatment for diabetes and can help you avoid serious and costly health issues.

The chart below lists some of the most commonly prescribed medications and testing supplies used to manage diabetes. This chart only provides a sample list of drug options (not all drugs available) and may change.

| Generic Drugs | Brand-name Drugs |
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| acarbose | Actoplus Met |
| acetohexamide | Actos |
| chlorpropamide | Avandamet |
| glimepiride | Avandaryl |
| glipizide | Avandia |
| glipizide-metformin | Byetta |
| glyburide | Duetact |
| glyburide-metformin | Fortamet* |
| insulins | Glumetza |
| metformin | Glyset |
| tolazamide | Insulins |
| tolbutamide | Janumet |
| | Januvia |
| | Prandin |
| | Riomet |
| | Starlix* |
| | Symlin |
| | Symlinpen 120/Symlipen 60 |

¹ National Institutes of Health, June 2008

* Indicates a non-preferred brand

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