

Patients with diabetes undergoing a gastroscopy before 12 midday

This information sheet is to provide advice to patients who have either type 1 or 2 diabetes who are undergoing a gastroscopy in the morning before 12 midday

Day before the test

Once daily insulin	Twice daily insulin	3-5 times daily insulin
Take anti-diabetes	Take insulin and other anti-	Take insulin as usual
medications as usual. If on	diabetes medications as	
bed-time insulin reduce	usual	
dose by half (50%)		

Day of the test

- Fast from midnight
- Clear fluids till 4:30 am (e.g black tea, coffee, clear fruit juice)
- Check blood glucose (finger prick) every 2 hours

Once daily insulin	Twice daily insulin	3-5 times daily insulin
Omit AM anti-diabetes	Omit AM dose of insulin	Omit AM fast acting or
medications. If on AM	and anti-diabetes	mixed insulin
insulin reduce dose by half	medications	
(50%)		

After the test

Once daily insulin	Twice daily insulin	3-5 times daily insulin
Eat and drink normally.	If able to eat before 11	If able to eat before 11
	am:	am: Give normal morning
Give next dose of insulin	Give normal morning insulin	insulin dose after meal.
as usual. Take next dose of	dose after meal.	
anti-diabetes medications	Take next anti-diabetes	If able to eat after 11 am:
as usual.	medications as usual.	Give normal lunchtime
		insulin after meal.
	If able to eat after 11 am:	Give usual teatime and
	Give half dose (50%) of	bedtime insulin doses
	usual insulin after meal.	
	Omit AM dose of anti-	
	diabetes medications.	
	Give usual PM dose of	
	insulin and anti-diabetes	
	medications.	

