

Patients with diabetes undergoing an afternoon gastroscopy

This information sheet is to provide advice to patients who have either type 1 or 2 diabetes who are undergoing a gastroscopy in the afternoon.

Day before the test

Once daily insulin	Twice daily insulin	3-5 times daily insulin
If on bedtime insulin reduce	Take insulin and anti-	Take insulin as usual
dose by a quarter (25%)	diabetes medications as	
Take anti-diabetes	usual	
medications as usual		

Day of the test

- Have a light breakfast.
- Fast from 7:30 am.
- Clear fluids till 9:30 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 and lunchtime	Reduce AM dose of insulin	Reduce AM dose of fast
anti-diabetes medications. If	by half (50%) and omit AM	acting or mixed insulin by
on AM insulin reduce dose	and lunchtime doses of	half (50%) and omit
by half (50%)	anti-diabetes medications	lunchtime insulin

After the test

Once daily insulin	Twice daily insulin	3-5 times daily insulin
Eat and drink normally.	If able to eat before	If able to eat before
	2.30pm:	2.30pm: Give normal
Give next dose of insulin as	Give normal lunchtime	lunchtime insulin dose <u>after</u>
usual.	insulin dose <u>after</u> meal.	meal.
	Take next anti-diabetes	
Take next dose of anti-	medications as usual.	If able to eat after 2.30pm:
diabetes medications as		Give half dose (50%) of
usual.	If able to eat after	usual lunchtime insulin after
	2.30pm: Omit lunchtime	meal.
	dose of anti-diabetes	
	medications.	Give usual teatime and
		bedtime insulin doses.
	Give usual PM dose of	
	insulin and anti-diabetes	
	medications.	

