

When to Call your Diabetes Care Team:

- Your Blood Sugar is less than 70 mg/dl twice in one week or you experience a severe low blood sugar of less than 50.
- Your blood sugar is over 250 mg/dl for more than 2 days
- You are vomiting or are unable to keep fluids down
- You have a fever of 101.5 or higher that last 24 hours
- You have been vomiting or having diarrhea for more than 6 hours.
- Cuts, burns or blisters on skin that do not seem to be healing.

AFTER HOURS / WEEKENDS:

- Call 911 for a loss of consciousness or life-threatening emergency
- Find a **Quick Care Option** at: <https://www.vhan.com/>
- Or text your zip code to **615-908-2273** for nearby care

MY INSULIN	
Type	
Supplied	
Additional info	
Storage Unused vials and pens are good until expiration date	Once opened good for:
Dosing Schedule	
Timing before meals	

Reminders:

- Take good care of yourself, plan ahead if you are too sick to take your medicines or keep hydrated
- Call your PCP first
- After hours/weekends refer to your emergency plan

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My Insulin Pen Guide

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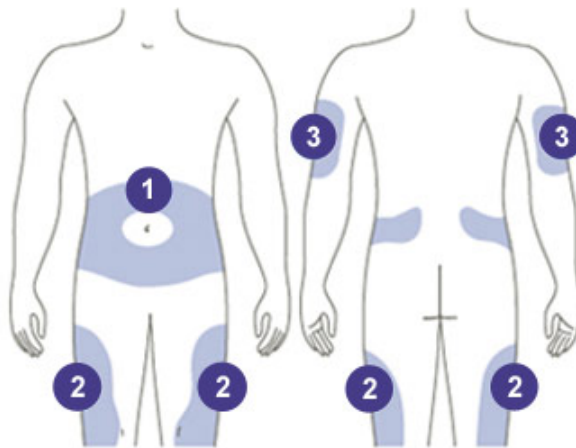
MY INSULIN SUPPLIES ✓	
Insulin (either vials or pen)	
Shortest thinnest needle possible	
Alcohol swabs	
Sharps container	
Blood Glucose meter	
Test strips	
Lancets	

Insulin Pens

Attach a new pen needle to the pen.

Prime the pen: Remove the cap, point the needle away from you and dial 1-2 units on the pen. Push the plunger in and make sure that you see insulin come out of the needle (repeat this step if you do not see any insulin come out)

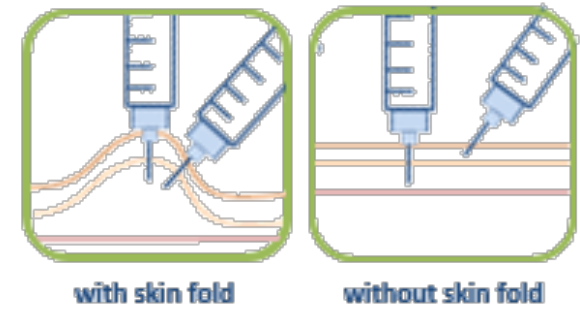
Where can I inject?



You want to inject into the layer of fat under the skin. Options for injection include the abdomen (staying two fingers away from the belly button), backs of arms, outer thighs, hips, or buttocks.

Choose an area of your body that is comfortable for you and then rotate sites within that section of your body.

Notes:



How to Inject?

Turn the dial on the pen to your appropriate dose

Gently pinch a one to two inch portion of skin and fat between your thumb and one finger at your chosen injection site. Push the needle fully into the skin at a 45 or 90 degree angle.

Inject the insulin and leave the needle in the skin for 10 seconds.

Remove the needle from your skin, replace the cap on the used needle, unscrew, and dispose of needle in a sharps container