

## Diabetes Self-Management Questionnaire

### General Information

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Your primary physician's name: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Your diabetes physician's name: \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is your race or ethnic background?  
 American Indian or Alaskan Native     Asian/Chinese/Japanese/Korean     Black/African American  
 Hispanic/Latino/Mexican     Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander     White/Caucasian  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Socioeconomic / Support System

1. Marital status:     Single     Married     Divorced     Widowed     Separated
2. How many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does anyone else who lives with you have diabetes?     No     Yes: Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there anyone who will help you with your diabetes care?     No     Yes  
If "yes," who? \_\_\_\_\_  
If different, who is your primary support person/caregiver?     None     Yes  
If "yes," who? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work hours: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Last grade of school completed: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Any religion preference? \_\_\_\_\_

### Cultural Influences

1. Do you have any special dietary needs, religious and/or cultural observances?     Yes     No  
If "yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your language preference?    Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_    Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

## Diabetes History

1. How long have you had diabetes or year diagnosed? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What type of diabetes do you have?  Type 1  Type 2  Gestational  Don't know

## Chronic Complications - Are you aware of or have you ever been told by a doctor you have any of these problems? Please rate as: L=Little M=Moderate S=Severe

- Eye problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Heart/artery problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Nerve problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Teeth/gums problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Feet/leg problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Skin problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Gastrointestinal problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_ Bowel Movements per day: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sexual problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Kidney problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Frequent infections, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other problems, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## Diabetes Health Attitudes / Learning

1. How would you rate your understanding of diabetes?  Good  Fair  Poor
2. In your own words what is diabetes? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever been instructed on diabetes care?  No  Yes: Where and by whom?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you have any physical limitations that may affect your ability to perform your self-care?  
 Hearing problems  Problems with the use of your hands  
 Vision loss (not corrected by glasses or contacts)  Problems with the use of your feet
5. How do you learn best?  
 Written materials  Verbal discussions  Video  Hands-on/Doing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have any other barriers to learning (for example, problems with reading, writing, and/or understanding numbers)?  No  Yes: Describe barrier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical History

1. Have you ever been diagnosed, ever been told, or have you had problems with the following?
- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood pressure         | <input type="checkbox"/> High Cholesterol/Triglycerides                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney/Bladder problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye or vision problems      | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surgery in the last 5 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease/Chest pain                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid disease         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression or anxiety                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Circulation problems    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of Breath                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke                  |
- Numbness/pain/tingling of hands/feet       Other health problems: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have any allergies?    No    Yes: Medication/foods: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you smoke?    No    Yes: How much? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever smoked in the past?    No
- Yes: How long did you smoke for? \_\_\_\_\_ How much? \_\_\_\_\_
- When did you quit? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever tried to quit?    No    Yes: How long ago? \_\_\_\_\_
- Would you like information on how to quit?    No    Yes
4. Do you drink alcohol?    No    Yes   If "yes," amount and type? \_\_\_\_\_

## Family History

1. List any family members with diabetes: \_\_\_\_\_
- With high blood pressure: \_\_\_\_\_
- With heart attacks or other heart problems: \_\_\_\_\_
- With stroke: \_\_\_\_\_      With cancer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Health Care Used in Past 12 months

1. When was your last physical examination? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How often do you see your regular doctor? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you been hospitalized within the last 12 months?    No    Yes
- If "yes," describe reason(s) and where: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you been to the emergency room within the last 12 months?    No    Yes
- If "yes," describe reason(s) and where: \_\_\_\_\_

# Your Diabetes Self Care Behaviors

## Healthy Eating

1. Height:\_\_\_\_\_ Weight:\_\_\_\_\_ What weight are you comfortable at?\_\_\_\_\_
2. Has your weight changed in the past three months?  No  Yes If "yes," I've  lost /  gained\_\_\_\_\_ lbs.  
Was the weight change intentional?  No  Yes:\_\_\_\_\_
3. Highest Weight/Age:\_\_\_\_\_ Lowest Weight/Age:\_\_\_\_\_ Provider/Physician Goal Weight:\_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you ever received diet counseling?  No  Yes If "yes," describe:\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have a current meal plan?\_\_\_\_\_ If so, what is it?\_\_\_\_\_
6. What is your biggest challenge to eating healthily?\_\_\_\_\_
7. How many times do you eat per day?  Meals:\_\_\_\_\_  Snacks:\_\_\_\_\_
8. Times of meals: am:\_\_\_\_\_ noon:\_\_\_\_\_ pm:\_\_\_\_\_ snacks:\_\_\_\_\_
9. If you are a minor and/or a student, which meals do you eat at school? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How often do you eat/drink (answer **per day** or **per week**):  
 Fruit:\_\_\_\_\_  Vegetables:\_\_\_\_\_ How much water per day?\_\_\_\_\_  Alcohol:\_\_\_\_\_
- Milk:\_\_\_\_\_  Fat-free  1 %  2 %  Whole  Soy  Almond  Other milks \_\_\_\_\_
- Beverages with sugar: Juice:\_\_\_\_\_ Soft drinks:\_\_\_\_\_ Others:\_\_\_\_\_
- Sweets/desserts:\_\_\_\_\_ Sugar-free desserts/drinks:\_\_\_\_\_
- Starches eaten:** State number of servings eaten **meal or per day**  
 Bread:\_\_\_\_\_  Cereal:\_\_\_\_\_  Beans:\_\_\_\_\_  Tortillas:\_\_\_\_\_  Rice:\_\_\_\_\_
- Pasta:\_\_\_\_\_  Corn/Peas:\_\_\_\_\_  Potatoes:\_\_\_\_\_  Oats:\_\_\_\_\_  Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- Meats/Proteins:** State number of times eaten **per week**  
 Chicken:\_\_\_\_\_  Red Meats:\_\_\_\_\_  Fish:\_\_\_\_\_  Turkey:\_\_\_\_\_
- Pork:\_\_\_\_\_  Eggs:\_\_\_\_\_  Cheese:\_\_\_\_\_  Nuts/Nut butters:\_\_\_\_\_
- Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- Cooking Oil/Fat used:**  Lard/Shortening:\_\_\_\_\_  Butter/Margarine:\_\_\_\_\_  Olive:\_\_\_\_\_
- Vegetable/Corn:\_\_\_\_\_  Canola:\_\_\_\_\_  Peanut:\_\_\_\_\_
- Other:\_\_\_\_\_
11. Who does the cooking?\_\_\_\_\_ Who usually does the grocery shopping?\_\_\_\_\_
12. How many times during the week do you eat away from home?\_\_\_\_\_
13. How often is your meal away from home: Cafeteria style:\_\_\_\_\_ Fast food:\_\_\_\_\_ Buffet:\_\_\_\_\_
- Sit-down restaurant:\_\_\_\_\_ Other:\_\_\_\_\_

14. How is your food usually prepared?  Fried  Baked  Broiled  Grilled  Steamed  Boiled

Other forms(s)\_\_\_\_\_

15. How would you describe your portions?  Small  Average  Large

16. How would you describe your appetite?  Increased  Normal  Decreased

17. List any food allergies or intolerance:\_\_\_\_\_

18. Any other special diet needs:\_\_\_\_\_

19. How do mood/stress affect your eating?\_\_\_\_\_

### Food Insecurity

1. In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?  No  Yes

If yes, how often did this happen?  Almost every month  Some months but not every month  In 1-2 months

2. In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?  No  Yes

3. In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because you couldn't afford enough food?  No  Yes

4. Answer the following statements regarding your food situation:

1) "The food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more."

Often true  Sometimes true  Never true

2) "I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals."

Often true  Sometimes true  Never true

### Being Active

1. Do you exercise regularly?  No  Yes Types of exercise(s):\_\_\_\_\_

How many days per week do you exercise:\_\_\_\_\_ How many minutes do you exercise per day?\_\_\_\_\_

What time of day do you exercise?\_\_\_\_\_

Note: If you are a minor/student, please include exercise during PE in school.

2. List any problems with exercise:\_\_\_\_\_

3. How important is it to you to be active, where **0** is not important at all and **10** is very important? (Circle one):

0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

4. How sure are you that you can be active, where **0** is not sure and **10** is very sure? (Circle one):

0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

## Monitoring

1. Do you test your blood for sugar?  Yes  No

If "yes," what blood sugar monitor do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any problems with your monitor?  No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you test?  Once a day  2 or more times a day  Once/ Twice a week  Rarely/ Never

Usual results? Mornings: \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon: \_\_\_\_\_ Bedtime: \_\_\_\_\_ After Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ Other times: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you keep a record?  Yes  No

3. What is considered a normal blood sugar range? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are **your** target numbers? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How often do you have **HIGH** blood sugar? (250 or more)  Daily  Several times a week  
 A few times a month  Once in a while  Rarely or never  Don't know

6. How often do you have **LOW** blood sugar (70 or less)?  Daily  Several times a week  
 A few times a month  Once in a while  Rarely or never  Don't know

7. Do you have access to your diabetes supplies?  No  Yes: Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you test your urine for sugar or ketones?  No  Yes: How often \_\_\_\_\_

9. How important is it to you to monitor your blood sugar at least once per day, where **0** is not important at all and **10** is very important? (Circle one):

0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

10. How sure are you that you can monitor your blood sugar at least once per day, where **0** is not sure at all and **10** is very sure? (Circle one):

0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

## Taking Medications

1. Do you take pills for your diabetes?  No  Yes: What times? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Any side effects from the medications that you know of?  No  Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you take any additional nutritional supplements?  Vitamins  Herbal supplements

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever forgotten to take your diabetes medication?  No  Yes: How often? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you take insulin?  No ( If NO proceed to question #6)

Yes Do you inject insulin with:  Syringe  Insulin pen  Insulin pump

Who fills the syringe? \_\_\_\_\_ Who gives the injection? \_\_\_\_\_

What injection sites are used? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you keep the insulin? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you reuse your syringes?  No  Yes If "yes," how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you dispose your syringes? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you ever forgotten to take your insulin?  No  Yes: How often? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How important is it to you to take your medicines, where **0** is not important at all and **10** is very important? (Circle one):  
 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10
7. How sure are you that you can take your medicines, where **0** is not sure at all and **10** is very sure? (Circle one):  
 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

## Problem Solving

1. Have you ever had a low blood sugar reaction?  
 No  Yes: How often?  Rare  1-2 times per week  Daily  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 If "yes," how did you feel? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How did you treat it? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did you require assistance or hospitalization for it?  No  Yes: When/Where? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you carry a source of sugar with you?  No  Yes If "yes," what kind? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever had to give Glucagon?  Don't Know  No  Yes
4. Does someone who lives with you know how to give Glucagon?  Don't Know  Yes  No
5. Do you have an identification that says you are diabetic?  Don't Know  Yes  No
6. Have you ever had high blood sugar?  Don't Know  Yes  No  
 If "yes," how did you feel? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What did you do to treat it? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you ever been hospitalized for very high blood sugar?  No  Yes  
 When/Where: \_\_\_\_\_
7. When you are sick or cannot eat usual food, how do you take care of yourself?  
 Replace usual food with carbohydrate or sugar  Take diabetes medication  Check ketone levels  
 Check blood sugar more often  Drink more water  Contact healthcare provider  
 Do nothing  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Stress

1. Is there much stress in your life?  No  If "yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What do you do to handle stress in your life? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How important is being able to problem solve when being faced with everyday and/or challenging decisions, where **0** is not important at all and **10** is very important? (Circle one):  
 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10
4. Do you feel you can problem solve when faced with everyday and/or challenging decisions, where **0** is not sure at all and **10** very sure? (Circle one):  
 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10
5. Do you perceive problems with your diabetes management, where **0** is none perceived and **10** is perceive many? (Circle one):  
 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

## Healthy Coping

1. How would you describe your general health?  Good  Fair  Poor
2. Is your health important to you?  All the time  Sometimes  Only when ill  Not at all
3. How do you feel about having diabetes? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you feel diabetes is serious?  Yes  No
5. Do you feel you can control your diabetes?  Yes  No
6. Is good control worth it?  Yes  No
7. My diabetes has caused problems in the following areas:  Family life/social activities  Work/school  
 Sports/exercise  Sexual relations  Finances  Contentment  Travel  
 None  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
8. DURING THE PAST MONTH have you experienced any of the following and to what degree?  
1 - Not a Problem 2 - A Slight Problem 3 - A Moderate Problem 4 - Somewhat Serious Problem  
5 - A Serious Problem 6 - A Very Serious Problem  
  
1) Feeling overwhelmed by the demands of living with diabetes (Circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6  
  
2) Feeling that I am often failing with my diabetes routine (Circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6
9. Are you currently experiencing any of the following?  No problems  Recent death  
 Separation  Divorce  Illness  Unemployment  
 Financial difficulties  Housing problems  Loneliness  Confusion  
 Depression symptoms  Thoughts of hurting yourself  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you have history of depression?  No  Yes: How often do you feel depressed?  
 A lot  Some  A little  Not at all

## Reducing Risks

1. How often do you have your eyes checked by an eye doctor? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last exam (with drops in the eyes): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you wear glasses?  No  Yes: For what? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you noticed any changes in your skin recently?  Yes  No  
If "yes," please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
4. How often do you check your feet at home?  Daily  Weekly  Never  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of last foot exam by doctor: \_\_\_\_\_
5. How often do you have a dental checkup? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last checkup: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you ever had a shot to prevent pneumonia?  No  Yes: When: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you received a flu shot within the year?  No  Yes: When: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you had your blood pressure checked?  No  Yes: When: \_\_\_\_\_



9. Have you had a fasting glucose (blood sugar) checked?  No  Yes: When: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you had your cholesterol and triglycerides checked?  No  Yes: When: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Have you had an A1c test done?  No  Yes: When: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you wear a bracelet or keep something with you that identifies you as having diabetes?  Yes  No
13. Do you have a Diabetes Emergency Plan?  Yes  No
14. How sure are you that you can get the help you need to prevent or reduce problems related to diabetes, where **0** is not sure at all and **10** is very sure? (Circle one):  
 0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

## Goal Setting

1. What areas of diabetes would you like to learn more about?
- |  |   |   |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> What is diabetes? | <input type="checkbox"/> Pills for diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> High blood sugar       | <input type="checkbox"/> Low blood sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Diet          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise          | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sick Days              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complications     | <input type="checkbox"/> Insulin Pumps      | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness |  |  |
2. Having diabetes means you may need to make changes; if any, what changes would you like to make now?
- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being active                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating healthily                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Medication taking               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Living with diabetes                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Using healthy coping strategies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Problem solving for blood sugars and sick days | <input type="checkbox"/> Reducing risks of diabetes complications |  |
- None of the above     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Women Only

1. Date of last Pap smear/pelvic exam: \_\_\_\_\_ Last mammogram: \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many pregnancies have you had? \_\_\_\_\_ Abortions/miscarriages: \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many living children do you have? \_\_\_\_\_ Complications of pregnancy? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Were you ever told you had diabetes in pregnancy?  No  Yes
5. Did you have any children that weighted over 9 pounds at birth?  No  Yes

What method of birth control do you use?

- |  |   |  |                                  |
|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No method is used           | <input type="checkbox"/> Postmenopausal | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth control pills | <input type="checkbox"/> Condoms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Norplant/Implanon/Nexplanon | <input type="checkbox"/> Tubal ligation | <input type="checkbox"/> Depo-Provera shots  | <input type="checkbox"/> IUD     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                |   |  |                                  |

## Women Only: Pregnancy

1. Are you currently pregnant?  No  Yes If "yes," what is your due date? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When was your last menstrual period? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you planning to become pregnant?  No  Yes  
 If "yes," are you aware of the effects of diabetes on pregnancy and of pregnancy on diabetes?  No  Yes