Having a Morning Endoscopy Procedure (Upper Gastroscopy / Bronchoscopy / EBUS / ERCP)



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For patients taking insulin and / or other diabetes medications

You will be expected to fast for six hours prior to the procedure.

This leaflet contains the information you will need to safely manage your diabetes throughout the day prior to the procedure and the day of the procedure.

If you are on Insulin pump therapy to manage your diabetes, please contact the Endoscopy Unit on 01493 452370 and your Diabetes Nurse prior to your procedure.

What to do with your insulin for your procedure

If you are on insulin please see the following chart. The changes you need to make on the day before, the day of and after the procedure. These depend on the insulin you are taking. Please be sure to follow the instructions for your insulin below.

	procedure			
	Mixed/ Biphasic Insulin			
Take normal insulin dose with meals.	No breakfast Omit morning dose of insulin	Take 50% normal breakfast dose with lunch and normal dose with evening meal		
Intermediate or Long-acting/ Basal Insulin Abasaglar Taken in the morning				
Taken in the morning				
Take normal insulin dose	Take 50% normal insulin dose	Take 50% normal insulin dose with lunch		
Taken in the evening				
Take 75% normal insulin dose	No insulin required	Take evening dose as normal		
Taken twice daily				
Take 75% normal insulin dose	Take 50% normal insulin dose	Take evening dose as normal		
Basal bolus regimen – For basal adjustment see above				
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What to do with your diabetes medications for your procedure			
If you are on other diabetes medications (as well as insulin or instead of insulin) see the chart below.			
Name of medication	Morning of procedure	After procedure	
Acarbose	Omit morning dose	Take lunchtime and evening dose as normal	
Repaglinide	Omit breakfast dose	Take lunchtime dose as normal	
Gliclazide	Omit breakfast dose	Take morning dose with snack / lunch	
Glibenclamide		Take evening dose as normal	
Glipizide			
Glimepiride			
Dapagliflozin	Omit for 4 days prior to	Restart next morning once eating and	
Empagliflozin	procedure	drinking normally	
Cannagliflozin			
Sotagliflozin			
Metformin (Sukkarto)			
Pioglitazone			
Alogliptin	No change except		
Linagliptin	if taking Rybelsus		
Sitagliptin	then omit dose	No change	
Saxagliptin,			
Vildagliptin			
Exenatide			
Liraglutide			
Dulaglutide			
Semaglutide			
Tirzepatide			

Monitoring blood glucose levels

If you have a blood glucose meter we advise testing every two hours whilst fasting.

If you usually correct high glucose level using rapid acting insulin you can give a small correction dose if blood glucose levels are greater than 15mmol/L.

Recognising hypoglycaemia (or a "hypo")

Fasting can make you more likely to become hypoglycaemic. A "hypo" is when your blood glucose is less than 4mmol/L.

You may feel the following symptoms if you are having a hypo:

- Sweating heavily
- Feeling anxious
- Trembling and shaking
- Tingling of the lips
- Hunger
- Going pale
- Palpitations
- Slurring words
- Behaving oddly
- Being unusually aggressive or tearful
- Difficulty concentrating

How to treat a "hypo" prior to the procedure

If you recognise you are having a "hypo", you should treat it quickly using:

• Lucozade or sugary flavoured water.

If you use a blood glucose meter you should recheck your blood glucose 10-15 minutes following treatment. If levels remain less than 4mmol/L treat again with the above.

Important: Please inform a member of staff if you have had a hypo when you arrive for your procedure.

Your Feedback

We want your visit to be as comfortable as possible - talk to the person in charge if you have any concerns. If the ward/department staff are unable to resolve it, then ask for our Patient Advice and Liaison (PALS) information. Please be assured that raising a concern will not impact on your care.

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