### DIABETES MELLITUS



### What is Diabetes?

- Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Blood glucose is your main source of energy and comes from the food you eat.
- Diabetes is diagnosed when......

	HbA1c (percent)	Fasting Plasma Glucose (mg/dL)	Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (mg/dL)
Diabetes	≥ <b>6</b> .5	≥ 126	≥ 200
Prediabetes	5.7 <b>—</b> 6.4	100 - 125	140 — 199
Normal	~ 5.7	≤ 99	≤ 139

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

- Diabetes is a long-term condition that causes high blood sugar levels.
- In 2019, it was estimated that 463 million people throughout the world had diabetes (International diabetes federation).
- Type 1 Diabetes the body does not produce insulin. Approximately 10% of all diabetes cases are type 1.
- Type 2 Diabetes the body does not produce enough insulin for proper function. Approximately 90% of all cases of diabetes worldwide are of this type.
- Gestational Diabetes this type affects females during pregnancy.

## Risk Factors For Type 2 diabetes:

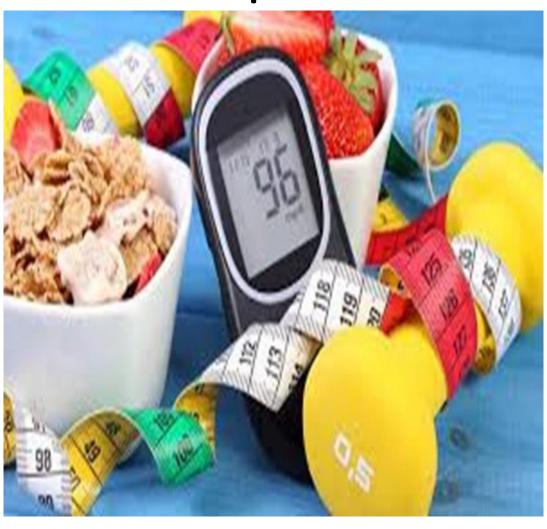


# You are more likely to develop type 2 diabetes if you...

- are <u>overweight</u> or <u>obese</u>
- are age 45 or older
- have a family history of diabetes
- are African American, Alaska Native, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander
- have high blood pressure
- have a low level of <u>HDL</u> ("good") <u>cholesterol</u>, or a high level of <u>triglycerides</u>

- have a history of <u>gestational</u> <u>diabetes</u> or gave birth to a baby weighing 4KG or more
- are not physically active
- have a history of <u>heart</u> <u>disease</u> or <u>stroke</u>
- have <u>depression</u>
- have <u>polycystic ovary syndrome</u>, also called PCOS
- have <u>acanthosis nigricans</u>—dark, thick, and velvety skin around

### How do I prevent diabetes:



- It is important to live a healthy lifestyle to prevent diabetes,
- Lose weight: If you are overweight or obese, it is important to lose weight
- Exercise regularly, this is very helpful as it keeps blood sugar on check.
- Eat healthy: it is very important to eat healthy and avoid high calories, also eat more fruits and vegetables
- Have your blood sugar checked from time to time to ensure that if your blood sugar becomes elevated, this is easily detected and dealt with.

## Complications of Diabetes



- Uncontrolled or poorly managed diabetes can lead to the following complications
- Poor wound healing
- Hypertension
- Heart problems
- Diabetes foot syndrome
- Hearing loss
- Kidney diseases
- Eye complications
- Stroke
- Erectile dysfunction
- Gum diseases
- ETC

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