7 tips to manage diabetes



As Carelon Health's medical officer, I work with doctors who specialize in diabetes. If you're one of the millions of Americans managing this condition, follow these tips to stay as healthy as possible.



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Check your blood sugar often

Knowing your blood sugar numbers helps you make better food choices. Managing your diet is important to controlling diabetes.

See your doctor regularly

Talk to your care team at Carelon Health often. They can help you keep track of your health and change your treatment if needed.

Z Watch out for carbs

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Too many carbs can make your blood sugar go up fast. Instead, eat more whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.

Stay active

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Even light exercise can help keep your blood sugar stable. It can also promote weight loss, give you more energy, and reduce stress.

Take your medicine

If your doctor gives you medicine, make sure to take it. It can help you manage your blood sugar and prevent complications.



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Keep stress at bay

Stress can affect your blood sugar. Things like yoga, meditation, or mindfulness can help you stay calm and keep your diabetes under control.



Keep moving and drink water

Exercise and drinking lots of water can help keep your blood sugar at a healthy level.

Everyone has different health needs. See your Carelon Health doctor to talk about the best ways to avoid diabetes.



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