

Oral Diabetes Medications

Generic Name	Brand Name	When to take	Precautions
Sulfonylureas Stimulates pancreas to make more insulin			
Glyburide	Diabeta (1.25-20mg) Micronase (1.25-20mg) Glynase (0.75-12mg)	Take prior to or with a meal Ideally 30 minutes before the meal	May cause low blood sugar
Glipizide	Glucotrol (2.5-40mg) Glucotrol XL (5-20mg)	Take once a day, 30 minutes before first meal	May cause low blood sugar
Glimepiride	Amaryl (1-8mg)	Take once a day with first meal	May cause low blood sugar
Biguanides Decreases liver glucose production and increases use of glucose by the cells			
Metformin	Glucophage (500-1000mg)	Take with meals	Not recommended if on medication for severe congestive heart failure or if creatine (kidney test) is elevated
Metformin Extended Release	Glucophage XR (500-2000mg) Fortamet (500-2500mg) Glumetza (500-2000mg)	Take with evening meal	
TZD Makes body sensitive to insulin			
Actos	Pioglitazone	Take with Meals	Not recommended if on medication for severe congestive heart failure or if creatine (kidney test) is elevated Call the doctor if you notice new swelling, shortness of breath or rapid weight gain
DPP-4 Inhibitor Stimulates pancreas to make more insulin and decreases liver glucose production			
Januvia	Sitagliptin (25-100mg)	Take once daily with or without a meal	Talk to your doctor if you have kidney problems
Onglyza	Saxagliptin (2.5-5 mg)		
Trajenta	Linagliptin (5mg)		Call your doctor if you have abdominal pain or vomiting
Sodium Glucose Co-transporter Inhibitor (SGLT2) Helps kidneys not absorb glucose and increases urine glucose output			
Invokana Farxiga	Canagliflozin Dapagliflozin	Take before first meal of the day	Talk to your doctor if you have kidney problems or are on dialysis

Combination medications

Metformin/Glipizide	Metaglip (2.5/250mg, 2.5/500mg, 5/500mg)	Take with meals	Not recommended if on medication for severe congestive heart failure or if creatine (kidney test) is elevated May cause low blood sugar
Metformin/Glyburide	Glucovance (1.25/250mg, 2.5/500mg, 5/500mg)	Take with meals	
Metformin/Januvia	Janumet (50/500mg, 50/1000mg)	Take once daily with a meal	Not recommended if on medication for severe congestive heart failure or if creatine (kidney test) is elevated
Metformin/Onglyza	Kombiglyze (5/500mg, 5/1000mg, 2.5/1000mg)		
Metformin/Actos	Actosplus Met (15/500mg, 15/850mg)	Take with meals	Not recommended if on medication for severe congestive heart failure or if creatine (kidney test) is elevated Call the doctor if you notice new swelling, shortness of breath or rapid weight gain