

### **Prescriptions for Fruits and Vegetables (PRx)**

## **Know Your Numbers!**

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In order to control your diabetes, it is important to know your blood sugar numbers and your target goals. High blood sugar (glucose) silently damages blood vessels and can cause serious health problems. By keeping your numbers close to your target, you can prevent complications and live a healthier & longer life!

Two ways to track your blood glucose:

#### A1C

- This test measures your average blood sugar for the past 2-3 months.
- Your doctor will order this blood test every 3-6 months.
- The higher the amount of glucose in your blood, the higher your A1C will be.
- For most people with Diabetes, a good target A1C goal is 7%

| A1C        |                               |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| 6% or less | Normal                        |
| 7% or less | Goal for Diabetes             |
| 8% or more | Blood sugar is not controlled |

#### Self-Glucose Monitoring (Self Blood Test)

- You do this test yourself using a drop of blood and a meter.
- This measures the blood glucose level at the time you check it.
- This can help you understand how food, exercise and activity affect your blood sugar.
- Good times to self-test are before meals, 2 hours after meals, at bedtime, and if you don't feel well.
- Your doctor can help you determine when to test.

| Test Time            | Target goals for people with Diabetes |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Before Meals         | 80-120                                |
| 2 hours after a meal | Less than 180                         |
| Bedtime              | 110-150                               |

# A1C Conversion Table

| A1C              | Glucose |
|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 4                | 68      | <mark>5</mark>   | 97      | <mark>6</mark>   | 126     | 7                | 154     | 8                | 183     |
| <mark>4.1</mark> | 71      | <mark>5.1</mark> | 100     | <mark>6.1</mark> | 128     | <mark>7.1</mark> | 157     | <mark>8.1</mark> | 186     |
| <mark>4.2</mark> | 74      | <mark>5.2</mark> | 103     | <mark>6.2</mark> | 131     | <mark>7.2</mark> | 160     | <mark>8.2</mark> | 189     |
| <mark>4.3</mark> | 77      | <mark>5.3</mark> | 105     | <mark>6.3</mark> | 134     | <mark>7.3</mark> | 163     | <mark>8.3</mark> | 192     |
| <mark>4.4</mark> | 80      | <mark>5.4</mark> | 108     | <mark>6.4</mark> | 137     | <mark>7.4</mark> | 166     | <mark>8.4</mark> | 194     |
| <mark>4.5</mark> | 83      | <mark>5.5</mark> | 111     | <mark>6.5</mark> | 140     | <mark>7.5</mark> | 169     | <mark>8.5</mark> | 197     |
| <mark>4.6</mark> | 85      | <mark>5.6</mark> | 114     | <mark>6.6</mark> | 143     | <mark>7.6</mark> | 171     | <mark>8.6</mark> | 200     |
| <mark>4.7</mark> | 88      | <mark>5.7</mark> | 117     | <mark>6.7</mark> | 146     | <mark>7.7</mark> | 174     | 8.7              | 203     |
| <mark>4.8</mark> | 91      | <mark>5.8</mark> | 120     | <mark>6.8</mark> | 149     | <mark>7.8</mark> | 177     | 8.8              | 206     |
| <mark>4.9</mark> | 94      | <mark>5.9</mark> | 123     | <mark>6.9</mark> | 151     | <mark>7.9</mark> | 180     | <mark>8.9</mark> | 209     |

| A1C              | Glucose | A1C              | Glucose | A1C               | Glucose | A1C               | Glucose | A1C               | Glucose |
|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 9                | 212     | <mark>10</mark>  | 240     | <mark>11</mark>   | 269     | <mark>12</mark>   | 298     | <mark>13</mark>   | 326     |
| <mark>9.1</mark> | 215     | 10.1             | 243     | <mark>11.1</mark> | 272     | <mark>12.1</mark> | 301     | <mark>13.1</mark> | 329     |
| <mark>9.2</mark> | 217     | 10.2             | 246     | <mark>11.2</mark> | 275     | 12.2              | 303     | 13.2              | 332     |
| 9.3              | 220     | 10.3             | 249     | <mark>11.3</mark> | 278     | 12.3              | 306     | 13.3              | 335     |
| <mark>9.4</mark> | 223     | 10.4             | 252     | <mark>11.4</mark> | 281     | 12.4              | 309     | 13.4              | 338     |
| <mark>9.5</mark> | 226     | <mark>105</mark> | 255     | <mark>11.5</mark> | 283     | 12.5              | 312     | 13.5              | 341     |
| <mark>9.6</mark> | 229     | 10.6             | 258     | <mark>11.6</mark> | 286     | 12.6              | 315     | 13.6              | 344     |
| <mark>9.7</mark> | 232     | 10.7             | 260     | 11.7              | 289     | 12.7              | 318     | 13.7              | 347     |
| <mark>9.8</mark> | 235     | 10.8             | 263     | <mark>11.8</mark> | 292     | 12.8              | 321     | 13.8              | 349     |
| <mark>9.9</mark> | 237     | 10.9             | 266     | 11.9              | 295     | 12.9              | 324     | 13.9              | 352     |

ADA recommended target = less than 7%



| What is your A1C number?                           |  |
|--|--|
| What is your average glucose from the chart above? |  |