IT'S EASY TO START WITH ONE SIMPLE STEP



The 2016 World Diabetes Day theme is Eyes on Diabetes highlighting the importance of screening for early diagnosis and reductions in complications

UP TO 70% OF TYPE 2 DIABETES CASES COULD BE PREVENTED OR DELAYED BY ADOPTING SIMPLE LIFESTYLE CHANGES¹

TO HELP YOU REACH A HEALTHIER LIFE WITH GOOD GLYCAEMIC CONTROL



An individual nutrition therapy programme, preferably provided by a dietitian, is recommended for all people with diabetes.² A healthier diet can help prevent Type 2 diabetes.³



EAT MOKE VEGETABLES & INCREASE FIBER INTAKE



EAT LESS SUGAR AND SATURATED FAT



HAVE REGULAR Mealtimes



TALK TO A DIETITIAN ABOUT A PERSONALISED EATING PLAN



A physical activity plan does not need to be hard! Being active most days of the week with moderate-intensity aerobic activities like walking, cycling or even dancing, and muscle-strengthening activities such as weight training and pilates is just enough! And the good news is that you don't have to do it all at once.

TRY TO BE ACTIVE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES, FIVE DAYS A WEEK



GO FOR A WALK A FEW DAYS A WEEK







Increasing physical activity can also reduce the risk of getting Type 2 diabetes³

WATCH THOSE CARBS AND SUGARS

Monitoring carb intake is a way to achieve good blood glucose control.³



SPREAD THE CARBS YOU EAT THROUGHOUT THE DAY



CHOOSE WHOLEGRAINS INSTEAD OF PROCESSED CARBS LIKE WHITE BREAD



REDUCE SUGAR INTAKE AND TRY Replacing some sugar with Low calorie sweeteners in Foods and beverages

Low calorie sweeteners provide low or no calories and do not affect blood glucose or insulin levels. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has recognised that "Consumption of foods containing low calorie sweeteners instead of sugar induces a lower blood glucose rise after their consumption compared to sugar-containing foods."⁴



BETTER WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

For people with diabetes, being overweight or obese increases the risk for complications. Losing just 5–10% of body weight through physical activity and a balanced diet can help in diabetes management. A weight loss of 5–7% can also help in preventing type 2 diabetes.³



SET YOURSELF AN ACHIEVABLE WEEKLY GOAL

MANAGE YOUR ENERGY BALANCE = CALORIES IN < CALORIES OUT



SMALLER PLATES = SMALLER PORTIONS



WEIGHT-TRACKING APPS CAN HELP YOU FOLLOW YOUR DIETITIAN'S ADVICE



Monitoring your blood glucose is central to helping you understand your body's response and know whether you are meeting your blood glucose targets²



TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR About how to: Measure your blood Glucose



FIND A DEVICE YOU'RE Comfortable with



SET REMINDERS ON YOUR PHONETO HELP YOU REMEMBER WHEN TO CHECK

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KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR BLOOD GLUCOSE MEASUREMENTS

WHICHEVER STEP YOU TAKE FIRST











YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND THAT ONCE YOU START MORE STEPS WILL FOLLOW.



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