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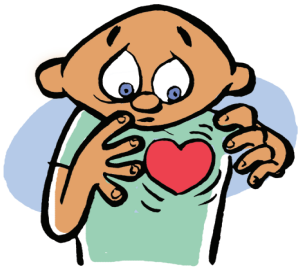
Hypoglycemia (Low Blood Glucose)

Causes: Too little food or skipping a meal; too much insulin or diabetes pills; more active than usual.

Onset: Often sudden.

Some Symptoms:

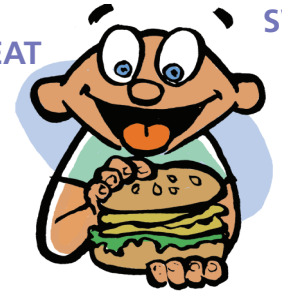

SHAKY


FAST HEARTBEAT


SWEATING

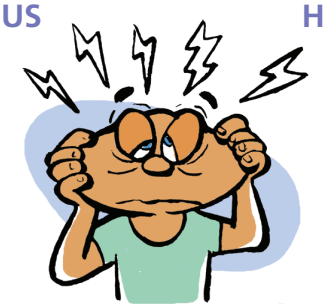

DIZZY


ANXIOUS


HUNGRY


BLURRY VISION


WEAKNESS OR FATIGUE


HEADACHE


IRRITABLE

IF LOW BLOOD GLUCOSE IS LEFT UNTREATED, YOU MAY PASS OUT AND NEED MEDICAL HELP.

What Can You



CHECK your blood glucose, right away. If you can't check, treat anyway.



TREAT by eating 3 to 4 glucose tablets or 3 to 5 hard candies you can chew quickly (such as peppermints), or by drinking 4-ounces of fruit juice, or 1/2 can of regular soda pop.



CHECK your blood glucose again after 15 minutes. If it is still low, treat again. If symptoms don't stop, call your healthcare provider.

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Hyperglycemia (High Blood Glucose)

Causes: Too much food, too little insulin or diabetes pills, illness, or stress.

Onset: Often starts slowly.

Some Symptoms:



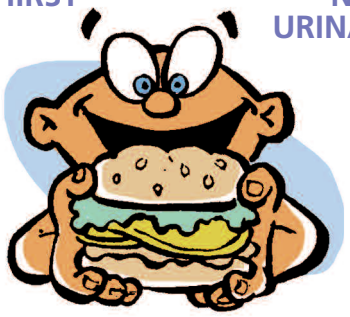
EXTREME THIRST



NEED TO URINATE OFTEN



DRY SKIN



HUNGRY



BLURRY VISION



DROWSY



SLOW HEALING WOUNDS

HIGH BLOOD GLUCOSE MAY LEAD TO A MEDICAL EMERGENCY IF NOT TREATED.

What Can You Do?



CHECK BLOOD GLUCOSE

If your blood glucose levels are higher than your goal for three days and you don't know why,

CALL YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER



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