

Facility/Service:
Ward/Unit:

ALERTS

Nil
Notify doctor _____ if; _____
OR
BGL less than _____ mmol/L OR BGL greater than _____ mmol/L
OR
Blood ketones greater than _____ mmol/L
OR
Urine ketones _____
Prescriber Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Reason for nurse not administering insulin Codes MUST be circled	
Absent	(A)
Fasting	(F)
Refused-notify Dr	(R)
Vomiting-notify Dr	(V)
On Leave	(L)
Not Available - obtain supply or contact doctor and generate incident report	(N)
Withheld-Enter reason in clinical record	(W)
Self Administering	(S)

Instructions for Using Prescribing Chart

- All Insulin prescription orders except intravenous (IV) infusions are to be recorded on this chart.
- Patients receiving subcutaneous insulin are to have their Blood Glucose (BGL) and ketones recorded on this chart.
- Specify the frequency of BGL monitoring (page 3). Tick as appropriate. Patients with unstable BGLs require more frequent monitoring.
- All patient management must also be documented in the patients health care records.

Guide to Insulin Prescription and Administration

- Daily review and prescribing of insulin is recommended as requirements can often vary whilst in hospital. Insulin may be prescribed in advance if the patient's glycaemic status is stable.
- Insulin requirements should be modified peri-operatively or when dietary intake is modified.
- For most patients the target BGL range is 5-10mmol/L, pregnancy is an exception.
- The word units has been pre-printed. Write the value only. **Do not re write the word units.**
- If any changes are to be made to the order - (eg. insulin type or dose), a completely new order is to be written. No alteration should be made to the original order.
- To discontinue an insulin order, the prescriber will draw two oblique lines in the administration column on the day of discontinuation of the drug and sign and date it. A single oblique line will also be drawn through the insulin name.
- The preferred site of insulin injection is the abdomen.
 - Insulin pump - (prescribe insulin on this chart. Write "insulin pump" below prescription)
 - Other diabetes medication on National Medication Chart

Special Instructions

DATE	INSTRUCTIONS	NAME (DESIGNATION)	SIGNATURE

ADULT SUBCUTANEOUS INSULIN PRESCRIBING CHART SMR130035

Guidelines Hypoglycaemia Management

Caution
Do not give patients oral treatment if they are:

- Unconscious
- Drowsy
- Nil by mouth
- Tolerating sips of water only
- Unable to swallow safely
- Receiving nasogastric tube feeds

• Identify and treat the case of hypoglycaemia and document in health care records
• If the patient is hypoglycaemic when the next dose of insulin is due, delay administration until after correction of the hypoglycaemia. Do not omit insulin, consider dose review.

Hyperglycaemia Management

- Identify and treat the cause of hyperglycaemia.
- Review the appropriateness of the current insulin regimen and adjust doses as necessary (requirements may change as the patient recovers and mobilises).
- Consider commencement of an insulin infusion if the patient is NBM, vomiting or if hyperglycaemia persists, (according to local policy).
- Check BGL and ketones according to local policy.

Supplemental Insulin and Correction of Hyperglycaemia

- The patient's usual diabetes treatment, particularly insulin requirements, should be reviewed at least daily in the acute phase of their illness and adjusted as appropriate.
- Supplemental insulin is not a replacement for regular antihyperglycaemia therapy and should not be used in isolation.
- Supplemental insulin is best given before a meal, in addition to the patient's usual insulin doses, in order to prevent post meal hyperglycaemia.
- When prescribing supplemental insulin, state (1) the BGL range for each dose of insulin (2) the timing and frequency of administration. It is preferable to use the insulin analogues, aspart (NovoRapid), lispro (Humalog) or glulisine (Apidra) due to their more rapid onset and shorter duration of action.
- The following supplemental order may be used as a guide, however may need individual modification:

If BGL range before meals is:	10-12 mmol/L -----	Give 2 units of rapid acting insulin
	12.1-18 mmol/L -----	Give 4 units of rapid acting insulin
	18.1-20 mmol/L -----	Give 6 units of rapid acting insulin
	>20 mmol/L -----	Call for clinical review

The dose is determined by the current BGL and the patient's insulin sensitivity or weight.

- Multiple doses of supplemental insulin given within a short time frame (e.g. less than every 4 hours) may have an additive effect and result in hypoglycaemia.
- If significant hyperglycaemia persists, consider an insulin infusion (according to local policy).

This is intended as a guide for clinicians to provide quality patient care. It is not intended, nor should it replace individual clinical judgement.

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