# Exercise for people with diabetes: medical considerations in various situations

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## 함께할 내용

- ✔ 운동과 관련된 부작용을 최소화하기 위한 권고사항
- ✓ Exercise considerations for medications
- ✓ Physical activity considerations for exercising with health-related complications

Source: Physical Activity/Exercise and Diabetes: A Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association (*Diabetes Care 2016;39:2065-2079*)

# Pre-exercise Health Screening and Evaluation

- Pre-exercise medical clearance is not necessary for asymptomatic individuals receiving diabetes care consistent with guidelines who wish to begin low- or moderate-intensity physical activity not exceeding the demands of brisk walking or everyday living.
- Some individuals who plan to increase their exercise intensity or who meet certain higher-risk criteria may benefit from referral to a health care provider for a checkup and possible exercise stress test before starting such activities.

# Suggested carbohydrate intake or other actions based on blood glucose levels at the start of exercise

Pre-exercise blood glucose	Carbohydrate intake or other action
<90 mg/dL (<5.0 mmol/L)	<ul> <li>Ingest 15–30 g of fast-acting carbohydrate prior to the start of exercise, depending on the size of the individual and intended activity; some activities that are brief in duration (&lt;30 min) or at a very high intensity (weight training, interval training, etc.) may not require any additional carbohydrate intake.</li> <li>For prolonged activities at a moderate intensity, consume additional carbohydrate, as needed (0.5–1.0 g/kg body mass per h of exercise), based on blood glucose testing results.</li> </ul>
90–150 mg/dL (5.0–8.3 mmol/L)	<ul> <li>Start consuming carbohydrate at the onset of most exercise (~0.5–1.0 g/kg body mass per h of exercise), depending on the type of exercise and the amount of active insulin.</li> </ul>
150-250 mg/dL (8.3-13.9 mmol/L)	<ul> <li>Initiate exercise and delay consumption of carbohydrate until blood glucose levels are &lt;150 mg/dL (&lt;8.3 mmol/L).</li> </ul>
250-350 mg/dL (13.9-19.4 mmol/L)	<ul> <li>Test for ketones. Do not perform any exercise if moderate-to-large amounts of ketones are present.</li> <li>Initiate mild-to-moderate intensity exercise. Intense exercise should be delayed until glucose levels are &lt;250 mg/dL because intense exercise may exaggerate the hyperglycemia.</li> </ul>
≥350 mg/dL (≥19.4 mmol/L)	<ul> <li>Test for ketones. Do not perform any exercise if moderate-to-large amounts of ketones are present.</li> <li>If ketones are negative (or trace), consider conservative insulin correction (e.g., 50% correction) before exercise, depending on active insulin status.</li> <li>Initiate mild-to-moderate exercise and avoid intense exercise until glucose levels decrease.</li> </ul>
Adapted from Zaharieva and Riddell (88)	

- Target range for blood glucose prior to exercise : 90-250 mg/dL
- Carbohydrate intake required will vary with insulin regimens, timing of exercise, type of activity, and more, but it will also depend on starting blood glucose levels.

# Suggested initial pre-exercise meal insulin bolus reduction for activity started within 90 min after insulin administration

	Exercise duration		
Exercise intensity	30 min	60 min	
Mild aerobic (~25% VO <sub>2max</sub> )	-25%*	-50%	
Moderate aerobic (~50% VO <sub>2max</sub> )	-50%	-75%	
Heavy aerobic (70%-75% VO <sub>2max</sub> )	-75%	N-A	
Intense aerobic/anaerobic (>80% VO <sub>2max</sub> )	No reduction recommended	N-A	
Recommendations compiled based on four studies (94–97). N-A, not assessed as exercise intensity is too high to sustain for 60 min. *Estimated from study (95).			

# Minimizing Exercise-Related Adverse Events in People with Diabetes

#### Recommendations

- Insulin regimen and carbohydrate intake changes should be used to prevent exercise-related hypoglycemia. Other strategies involve including short sprints, performing resistance exercise in the same session, and activity timing. B
- Risk of nocturnal hypoglycemia following physical activity may be mitigated with reductions in basal insulin doses, inclusion of bedtime snacks, and/or use of continuous glucose monitoring. C
- Execise-induced hyperglycemia is more common in type 1 diabetes but may be modulated with insulin administration or a lower intensity aerobic cooldown. Exercising with hyperglycemia and elevated blood ketones is not recommended. C

# Minimizing Exercise-Related Adverse Events in People with Diabetes

#### Recommendations

- Some medications besides insulin may increase the risks of exercise-related hypoglycemia and doses may need to be adjusted based on exercise training. C
- Older adults with diabetes or anyone with autonomic neuropathy, cardiovascular complications, or pulmonary disease should avoid exercising outdoors on very hot and/or humid days to prevent heatrelated illnesses.
- Exercise training should progress appropriate to minimize risk of injury.

# Exercise considerations for diabetes, hypertension, and cholesterol medications and recommended safety and dose adjustments

## **Diabetes Medication**

Insulin

#### Exercise considerations

- Deficiency: hyperglycemia, ketoacidosis
- Excess: hypoglycemia during and after exercise

#### Safety/dose adjustments

- increase insulin dose pre- and postexercise for deficiency
- decrease prandial and/or basal doses for excess insulin

# **Diabetes Medication**

#### Insulin secretagogues

- Exercise-induced hypoglycemia
- If exercise-induced hypoglycemia has occurred, decrease dose on exercise days to reduce hypoglycemia risk

#### Metformin

- None
- Generally safe; no dose adjustment for exercise

#### Thiazolidinedione

- Fluid retention
- Generally safe; no dose adjustment for exercise

## **Diabetes Medication**

#### DPP4 inhibitors

- Slight risk of CHF with saxagliptin and alogliptin
- Generally safe; no dose adjustment for exercise

#### GLP1 receptor agonists

- May increase risk of hypoglycemia when used with insulin or sulfonylureas but not when used alone
- Generally safe; no dose adjustment for exercise but may need to lower insulin or sulfonylurea dose

#### SGLT2 inhibitors

- May increase risk of hypoglycemia when used with insulin or sulfonylureas but not when used alone
- Generally safe; no dose adjustment for exercise

# Hypertension Medication

#### ß-blockers

- Hypoglycemia unawareness and unresponsiveness; may reduce maximal exercise capacity
- Check blood glucose before and after exercise; treat hypoglycemia with glucose

#### Other agents

- Regular exercise training may lower blood pressure; some agents increase risk of dehydration
- Doses may need to be adjusted to accommodate the improvements from training and avoid dehydration

# **Cholesterol Medication**

#### Statin

- Muscle weakness, discomfort, and cramping in a minority of users
- Generally safe; no dose adjustment for exercise

#### Fibric acid derivatives

- Rare myositis or rhabdomyolysis; risk increased with gemfibrozil and statin combination
- Avoid exercise if these muscle conditions are present

Physical activity consideration, precaution, and recommended activities for exercising with health-related complications

Coronary heart disease

#### Exercise considerations

- Coronary perfusion may actually be enhanced during higher-intensity aerobic or resistance exercise.

#### Physical activity recommendations/precautions

- All activities okay.
- Consider exercising in a supervised cardiac rehabilitation program, at least initially.

#### Exertional angina

- Onset of chest pain on exertion, but exercise-induced ischemia may be silent in some with diabetes.
- All activities okay, but heart rate should be kept ≥10 bpm below onset of exercise-related angina.

#### Hypertension

- Both aerobic and resistance training may lower resting BP and should be encouraged.
- Some BP medications can cause exercise-related hypotension.
- Ensure adequate hydration during exercise.
- Avoid Valsalva maneuver during resistance training.

#### Myocardial Infarction

- Stop exercise immediately should symptoms of myocardial infarction (such as chest pain, radiating pain, shortness of breath, and others) occur during physical activity and seek medical attention.
- Restart exercise after MI in a supervised cardiac rehabilitation program.
- Start at a low intensity and progress as able to more moderate activities.
- Both aerobic and resistance exercise are okay.

#### Stroke

- Diabetes increase the risk of ischemic stroke.
- Stop exercise immediately if symptoms of a stroke (occurring suddenly and often affecting only one side of body) happen during exercise.
- Restart exercise after stroke in a supervised cardiac rehabilitation program.
- Start at a low intensity and progress as able to more moderate activities.
- Both aerobic and resistance exercise are okay.

- Congestive heart failure (CHF)
  - Most common cause is coronary artery disease and frequently follows a myocardial infarction.
  - Avoid activities that cause an excessive rise in heart rate.
  - Focus more on doing low- or moderate-intensity activities.

- Peripheral artery disease
  - Lower-extremity resistance training improves functional performance.
  - Low- or moderate-intensity walking, arm ergometer, and leg ergometer preferred as aerobic activities.
  - All other activities okay.

#### Peripheral neuropathy

- Regular aerobic exercise may also prevent the onset or delay the progression of peripheral neuropathy in both type 1 and type 2 diabetes.
- Proper care of the feet is needed to prevent foot ulcers and lower the risk of amputation.
- Keep foot dry and use appropriate footwear, silicagel or air midsoles, and polyester or blend socks (not pure cotton).
- Consider inclusion of more non-weight-bearing activities, particularly if gait altered.

#### Local foot deformity

- Manage with appropriate footwear and choice of activities to reduce plantar pressure and ulcer risk.
- Focus more on non-weight bearing activities to reduce undue plantar pressure.
- Examine feet daily to detect and treat blisters, sores, or ulcers early.

#### Foot ulcers/amputation

 Moderate walking is not likely to increase risk of foot ulcers or reulceration with peripheral neuropathy.

- Foot ulcers/amputation
  - Weight-bearing activity should be avoided with unhealed ulcers.
  - Examine feet daily to detect and treat blisters, sores, or ulcers early.
  - Amputation sites should be properly cared for daily.
  - Avoid jogging.

#### Autonomic neuropathy

- May cause postural hypotension, chronotropic incompetence, delayed gastric emptying, altered thermoregulation, and dehydration during exercise.
- Exercise-induced hypoglycemia may be harder to treat in those with gastroparesis.
- With postural hypotension, avoid activities with rapid postural or directional changes to avoid fainting or falling.
- With cardiac autonomic neuropathy, obtain physician approval and possibly undergo symptom-limited exercise testing before commencing exercise.

- Autonomic neuropathy
  - With blunted heart rate response, use heart rate reserve and ratings of perceived exertion to monitor exercise intensity.
  - With autonomic neuropathy, avoid exercise in hot environments and hydrate well.

# Eye disease

- Mild to moderate nonproliferative retinopathy
  - Individuals with mild to moderate nonproliferative changes have limited or no risk for eye damage from physical activity.
  - All activities okay with mild, but annual eye exam should be performed to monitor progression.
  - With moderate nonproliferative retinopathy, avoid activities that dramatically elevate blood pressure, such as powerlifting.

# Eye disease

- Severe nonproliferative and unstable proliferative retinopathy
  - Individuals with unstable diabetic retinopathy are at risk for vitreous hemorrhage and retinal detachment.
  - Avoid activities that dramatically elevate BP, such as vigorous activity of any type.
  - Avoid vigorous exercise; jumping, jarring, and head-down activities; and breath holding.
  - No exercise should be undertaken during a vitreous hemorrhage.

# Eye disease

#### Cataracts

- Cataracts do not impact the ability to exercise, only the safety of doing so due to loss of visual acuity.
- Avoid activities that are more dangerous due to limited vision, such as outdoor cycling.
- Consider supervision for certain activities.

# Kidney disease

#### Microalbuminuria

- Exercise does not accelerate progression of kidney disease even though protein excretion acutely increases afterward.
- Greater participation in moderate-to-vigorous leisure time activity and higher physical activity levels may actually moderate the initiation and progression of diabetic nephropathy.
- All activities okay, but vigorous exercise should be avoided the day before urine protein tests are performed to prevent false positive readings.

# Kidney disease

#### Overt nephropathy

- Both aerobic and resistance training improve physical function and quality of life in individuals with kidney disease.
- Individuals should be encouraged to be active.
- All activities okay, but exercise should begin at a low intensity and volume if aerobic capacity and muscle function are substantially reduced.

# Kidney disease

- End-stage renal disease
  - Doing supervised, moderate aerobic physical activity undertaken during dialysis sessions may be beneficial and increase compliance.
  - Exercise should begin at a low intensity and volume if aerobic capacity and muscle function are substantially reduced.
  - Electrolytes should be monitored when activity done during dialysis sessions.

# Orthopedic limitations

#### Structural changes to joints

- Individuals with diabetes are more prone to structural changes to joints that can limit movement, including shoulder adhesive capsulitis, carpal tunnel syndrome, metatarsal fractures, and neuropathy-related joint disorders (Charcot foot).
- In addition to engaging in other activities (as able), do regular flexibility training to maintain greater joint range of motion.
- Stretch within warm-ups or after an activity to increase joint range of motion best.
- Strengthen muscles around affected joints with resistance training.
- Avoid activities that increase plantar pressure with Charcot foot changes.

# Orthopedic limitations

#### Arthritis

- Common in lower-extremity joints, particularly in older adults who are overweight or obese.
- Participation in regular physical activity is possible and should be encouraged.
- Moderate activity may improve joint symptoms and alleviate pain.
- Most low- and moderate-intensity activities okay, but more nonweight-bearing or low-impact exercise may be undertaken to reduce stress on joints.
- Do range-of-motion activities and light resistance exercise to increase strength of muscles surrounding affected joints.
- Avoid activities with high risk of joint trauma, such as contact sports and ones with rapid directional changes.

# Managing Physical Activity with Health Complications

#### Recommendations

- Physical activity with vascular disease can be undertaken safely but with appropriate precautions. B
- Physical activity done with peripheral neuropathy necessitates proper foot care to prevent, detect, and prevent problems early to avoid ulceration and amputation. B
- The presence of autonomic neuropathy may complicate being active; certain precautions are warranted to prevent problems during activity.

# Managing Physical Activity with Health Complications

#### Recommendations

- Vigorous aerobic or resistance exercise; jumping, jarring, headdown activities; and breath holding should be avoided in anyone with severe nonproliferative and unstable proliferative diabetic retinopathy. E
- Exercise does not accelerate progression of kidney disease and can be undertaken safely, even during dialysis sessions.
- Regular stretching and appropriate progression of activities should be done to manage joint changes and diabetes-related orthopedic limitations.

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