

Different Types of Diabetes

Type 1

Type 2

Diagnosis

Type 1 is often diagnosed in young children, but it can be diagnosed at any age

Development

The immune system will destroy any new beta cells the body produces

Treatment

Type 1 causes dependence upon injected or pumped insulin for life

Prevention and Control

Type 1 cannot be prevented and it cannot be controlled without insulin





Diagnosis

Type 2 is often diagnosed in people over age 40, but it can be diagnosed at any age

Development

The body becomes insulin resistant and does not use insulin properly

Treatment

Treated initially with diet, exercise and/or pills. Over time some Type 2 may have to inject insulin

Prevention and Control

Healthy lifestyle choices are known to lower the risk of Type 2, however, some people inherit Type 2 despite a healthy lifestyle. It is possible for some to manage Type 2 without medication, or to be taken off of medication with better management and go in "remission", but this is not the case for all Type 2

Other Types of Diabetes



Gestational diabetes: a form of diabetes in pregnancy

LADA (also known as Type 1.5): a slower progressing form of Type 1

MODY: a form of diabetes caused by specific genetic mutations

Diseases of the pancreas, certain surgeries and medications, or infections can cause diabetes. These types of diabetes account for only 1% to 5% of all cases of diabetes.