

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Taking charge of your health care

Patients who partner with their health care provider have a better outcome in achieving their goals. There are things that you can do to live better with diabetes and things your medical team can do to assist you. Here is a list of questions to ask your doctor on your next office visit.

Print out this page and take it with you to your next appointment:

- 1. Is there more that could be done to manage my diabetes?
- 2. What more can I do to manage my blood glucose level?
- 3. Do I need to take any lab tests and examinations?
- 4. When will you have my test results and when will you call me to discuss the results?
- 5. When is my next A1C test is due?
- 6. Can you refer me to a diabetes educator or dietician?
- 7. Should I start seeing other doctors regularly, such as an eye doctor or foot doctor?
- 8. How can exercise make a difference in my diabetes?
- 9. Will you help me plan a new exercise program?
- 10. Do any of my tests show that I am at-risk for complications of diabetes?
- 11. What else can I do to lower my risk?
- 12. How often should I schedule appointments to have diabetes checked?
- 13. Are there any new medications that could be used to help manage my diabetes?

Tips:

- ♣ Take a notepad and keep all information from your interview and appointments in one place
- ♣ After your office visit, review you notes
- Call your doctor if there is anything that you may have questions about