

# Common Diabetes Medications

Name of Medicine	When to take it:	Some side effects to report to your NP or doctor
<b>Insulin</b> (Levemir, Detemir, Lantus-glargine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same time every day</li> <li>• Take with food</li> </ul>	⇒ Low blood sugar ⇒ Rash ⇒ Weight Gain ⇒ Headache
<b>Glipizide</b> (Glucotrol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always take with meals</li> <li>• Your nurse will tell you when and how much to take, if you are prescribed Glipizide</li> </ul>	⇒ Low blood sugar ⇒ Diarrhea/nausea ⇒ Dizziness/headache
<b>Actos</b> (Pioglitazone)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always take with meals</li> <li>• Your nurse will tell you when and how much to take, if you are prescribed Actos</li> </ul>	⇒ Weight gain ⇒ Headache ⇒ Joint pain
<b>Metformin</b> (Glucophage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always take with meals</li> <li>• Your nurse will tell you when and how much to take, if you are prescribed Metformin</li> </ul>	⇒ Diarrhea ⇒ Nausea/vomiting ⇒ Headache ⇒ Rash

**This information is for health education purposes only. Ask your NP, doctor, or pharmacist if you have any questions about your medications or side effects.**