Understanding and managing diabetes



Check off each goal as you complete it, and bring this sheet with you to your healthcare appointments. Living with diabetes can be managed with the right strategies and support. Talk with your doctor and follow their advice. There are also things you can do.



A1c Goals

Have an **A1c test** done twice this year. **My A1c goal is:**



Eye Exam

Have a **dilated eye exam every year** with an eye doctor who focuses on retinas. Send the report to your doctor.



LDL Goals

Talk to your doctor about **heart disease risk factors** including cholesterol and blood lipid (LDL), weight, physical activity and lifestyle changes.



Urine Test

Have a **urine test** done at your next doctor's appointment to make sure your kidneys are working right.



Blood Pressure **Monitor your blood pressure** and discuss keeping it under control with your healthcare team.



Feet Check

Check your feet every day. Call your doctor if you see redness, sores or wounds.



Blood Sugar **Monitor your blood sugar** as directed by your doctor. Keep a record using a notebook or an app.



Smoking

Smoking, tobacco and e-cigarettes are harmful to your health. Call QuitWorks at **800-QUIT-NOW** or visit **smokefree.gov** if you need help quitting tobacco.



Medicine

Take all your **medicines** as ordered by your doctor. Stay up to date on **vaccines**.



Eat healthy

Choose foods that are **low in sugar and high in fiber**, such as vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins.

