Why is SMBG important for people with diabetes?

Self-monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG) enables better blood glucose control, which decreases the long-term risks of diabetic complications. It allows patients to track their blood glucose levels anytime, which helps prevent the immediate and potentially serious consequences of very high or very low blood glucose levels. Self-monitoring your blood glucose levels is one of the best ways to examine how well a diabetes treatment plan is working for you.

How often do you need to test?

SMBG Blood Glucose Frequency Level Treatment Regimen	At Target	Above Target
Multiple daily injections or insulin pump	> 3-4 times/day	> 3-4 times/day
Oral agents or once-daily insulin	> 1 time/day + 1 profile*/week	> 2 times/day
Oral agents plus once-daily insulin	> 1 time/day + Frequent profiles	> 2 times/day
Non-pharmacologic therapy	> 1 profile/week	> 1 profile/week

^{*} A collection of pre- and post-meal glucose test results over a 7-day period.

What is your blood glucose target level?

The table below shows tight diabetes control targets, which are the normal target levels for nondiabetics that have been recommended by ADA. Aiming to control the glucose levels as close as possible to the numbers below will help the diabetic to prevent complications. It is important to set your individual goals with your health care provider.

Fasting,	1-2 Hours	Before	1-2 Hours	Before	1-2 Hours
Before Breakfast	After Breakfast	Lunch	After Lunch	Dinner	After Dinner
3.9-5.6	< 7.8	3.9-5.6	< 7.8	3.9-5.6	< 7.8
mmol/L	mmol/L	mmol/L	mmol/L	mmol/L	mmol/L
70-100	< 140	70-100	< 140	70-100	< 140
mg/dL	mg/dL	mg/dL	mg/dL	mg/dL	mg/dL

Please consult your health care provider for your blood glucose target ranges,
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