



# MEDICATION REFERENCE CARD

## Drug Category: Diabetic Agents

### ORAL HYPOGLYCEMICS Drug Brand Name (Drug class):

- Metformin (Biguanides)
- Glipizide, Glyburide, and Glimepiride (Sulfonylureas)
- Acarbose, Miglitol (Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors) use alone or in combination therapy
- Saxagliptin, Sitagliptin (Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors) use alone or in combination therapy
- Pioglitazone, Rosiglitazone (Thiazolidinediones)

### INSULIN Drug Brand Name (Generic):

- Apidra (Insulin Glulisine), Humalog (Insulin Lispro), Novolog (Insulin Aspart): Rapid Acting
- Humulin R, Novolin R: Regular or Short Acting
- Humulin N, Novolin N (NPH): Intermediate
- Levemir (Insulin detemir), Lantus (Insulin Glargine): Long Acting

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#### SITUATION

Signs and symptoms associated with hypoglycemia from diabetic agents:

- Change in behavior or mental status
- Falls
- Generalized weakness
- Hallucinations
- Irritability
- Pallor
- Diaphoresis

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#### BACKGROUND

- Indications: Type I and Type II diabetes
- Other diagnoses, co-morbidities, other medications, recent medication changes, recent pertinent labs (including recent blood sugars)
- Significant drug interactions, e.g., with other hypoglycemic agents
- Recent caloric intake

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#### ASSESSMENT/APPEARANCE

- Recent and current blood sugar
- Change in vital signs
- Skin color changes
- Change in behavior or mental status

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS/REQUESTS

Contact the resident's physician or practitioner to ask:

- Can the resident be managed in the facility?
- Are there new lab orders?
- Are there new medication orders?