

| 18.1 Goals to Guide How You Exercise            |                  |                       |           |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Goal:   | How Often        | How Intense           | How Long  |
| <b>Reduce Risk of Heart Disease and Illness</b> | 2-3 times a week | 40% max heart rate    | 15–30 min |
| <b>Get Physically Fit</b>                       | 4 times a week   | 70–90% max heart rate | 15–30 min |
| <b>Lose Weight</b>                              | 5 times a week   | 45–60% max heart rate | 45–60 min |
| 220 – your age = your maximum heart rate.       |                  |                       |           |

| 18.2 TIR During Exercise Depends on:   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your current IOB, glucose, and glucose trend</li> <li>• Timing of the exercise relative to recent meals and boluses</li> <li>• The duration and intensity of the activity</li> <li>• Your training level</li> <li>• Whether the exercise is aerobic or anaerobic</li> <li>• Stress hormone release in competitive sports</li> </ul> |

| 18.3 How Glucose and Insulin Levels Affect Performance |  |  |
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| Glucose  | Metabolic State  | Performance Impact                                   |
| <b>&lt; 70 mg/dl<br/>(3.9 mmol/L)</b>                  | Excess insulin without enough glucose for cells        | Fatigue, poor performance                            |
| <b>70-180 mg/dl<br/>(3.9-10 mmol/L)</b>                | <b>Efficient fuel flow, monitor IOB and trend line</b> | <b>Maximum performance</b>                           |
| <b>&gt; 180 mg/dl<br/>(&gt; 10 mmol/L)</b>             | If insulin level is OK, glucose will come down         | Performance may be reduced but exercise is OK.       |
| <b>&gt; 250 mg/dl<br/>(13.9 mmol/L)</b>                | With no ketones, exercise should lower the glucose     | Impaired performance – moderate exercise is OK       |
| <b>&gt; 250 mg/dl<br/>(13.9 mmol/L)</b>                | With the presence of moderate or large ketones         | Do not exercise. Address the cause for high ketones. |

## 18.4 What Makes the Glucose Rise During and After Exercise with Diabetes

Exercise usually lowers the glucose. These four things can make glucose rise with diabetes:

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| Lack of insulin    | This is the most common cause for a glucose rise during exercise. For example, if a person goes for a run before breakfast and their fasting glucose is above 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L), their glucose may be more likely to rise because the liver will be releasing glucose with this relatively low insulin level. The same run on another morning with a fasting glucose below 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) may not do this.                  |
| Anaerobic exercise | With short, intense anaerobic exercises, like running the 100-yard dash or power weight-lifting, glucose is rapidly released into the blood by rising epinephrine levels. Epinephrine can raise glucose production seven or eight times higher than normal, while glucose uptake into cells increases only three to four fold. <sup>156</sup> A normal pancreas can release extra insulin directly into the blood, but a pump cannot.    |
| Competition        | Large amounts of stress hormones are released in competitive events, like a swim meet, a 10K run, or a century bike ride. Stress hormones release large amounts of glucose in these “fight or flight” situations. The person without diabetes quickly releases insulin to balance this, but someone with diabetes may see their glucose rise rapidly.  |
| Dehydration        | Serious dehydration during hot weather or strenuous exercise can make glucose test higher than it actually is. If your urine looks like lemonade, dehydration is unlikely. If it looks like apple juice, dehydration may make the glucose test higher than it actually is. Thirst is a late sign of dehydration. Drink ample non-caloric fluids and retest your glucose 20 minutes later before you decide the correction bolus to give. |

## 18.5 Match Carbs to Need

Not all carbs are the same, so it helps to know how quickly different foods raise glucose.

Fast carbs are ideal for raising low glucose levels before or during exercise and for exercises that consume carbs rapidly. Fast carbs include glucose tablets, Sweet Tarts, honey, corn flakes, raisin bran, athletic drinks (Gatorade™, Power Ade™), dried or ripe fruits, and regular soft drinks.

Slower carbs like PowerBars™, oatmeal, Swiss muesli, fruit, ginger snaps, pasta al dente, brown rice, and many candy bars help prevent glucose from dropping during longer periods of activity. They can be eaten before the start of some exercises, every 45 minutes during, and then afterward to replenish glycogen stores.

## 18.6 ExCarbs: Grams of Carb per Hour of Activity

These are the total grams of carb used in one hour of each activity at these weights. Can be eaten before, during, or after an activity, or used to guide insulin reductions or lower a high glucose.

| Activity          | Weight   |          |          |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|
|                   | 100 lbs. | 150 lbs. | 200 lbs. |
| baseball          | 25       | 38       | 50       |
| basketball        |          |          |          |
| moderate          | 35       | 48       | 61       |
| vigorous          | 59       | 88       | 117      |
| bicycling         |          |          |          |
| 6 mph             |          |          |          |
| 10 mph            | 20       | 27       | 34       |
| 14 mph            | 35       | 48       | 61       |
| 18 mph            | 60       | 83       | 105      |
| 20 mph            | 95       | 130      | 165      |
| 22 mph            | 122      | 168      | 214      |
| dancing           |          |          |          |
| moderate          | 17       | 25       | 33       |
| vigorous          | 28       | 43       | 57       |
| digging           | 45       | 65       | 83       |
| golf (pull cart)  | 23       | 35       | 46       |
| handball          | 59       | 88       | 117      |
| jump rope 80/min  | 73       | 109      | 145      |
| mopping           | 16       | 23       | 30       |
| mountain climbing | 60       | 90       | 120      |
| outside painting  | 21       | 31       | 42       |
| raking leaves     | 19       | 28       | 38       |
| running           |          |          |          |
| 5 mph             |          |          |          |
| 8 mph             | 45       | 68       | 90       |
| 10 mph            | 96       | 145      | 190      |
| 12 mph            | 126      | 189      | 252      |
| shoveling         | 21       | 45       | 57       |
| skating           |          |          |          |
| moderate          | 25       | 34       | 43       |
| vigorous          | 67       | 92       | 117      |
| skiing            |          |          |          |
| crosscountry 5mph | 76       | 105      | 133      |
| downhill          | 52       | 72       | 92       |
| water             | 42       | 58       | 74       |
| soccer            | 45       | 67       | 89       |
| swimming          |          |          |          |
| slow crawl        | 41       | 56       | 71       |
| fast crawl        | 69       | 95       | 121      |
| tennis/volleyball |          |          |          |
| moderate          | 23       | 34       | 45       |
| vigorous          | 59       | 88       | 117      |
| walking           |          |          |          |
| 3 mph             | 15       | 22       | 29       |
| 4.5 mph           | 30       | 45       | 59       |

### 18.7 Number of ExCarbs Needed for Exercise per 100 lbs. (45 kg) of Weight

For intensity, the number 1 represents a slight increase in activity like a casual walk. A 7 would be all-out exercise like running hard and barely able to talk between breaths.

|                    | Exercise Intensity                                   |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|--|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                    |  | 1    | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     | 7     |
| Duration (minutes) | 15   | 4 g  | 9 g   | 13 g  | 17 g  | 21 g  | 26 g  | 30 g  |
|                    | 30   | 9 g  | 17 g  | 26 g  | 34 g  | 43 g  | 51 g  | 60 g  |
|                    | 45   | 13 g | 26 g  | 39 g  | 51 g  | 64 g  | 77 g  | 90 g  |
|                    | 60   | 17 g | 34 g  | 51 g  | 69 g  | 86 g  | 103 g | 120 g |
|                    | 75   | 21 g | 43 g  | 64 g  | 86 g  | 107 g | 129 g | 150 g |
|                    | 90   | 26 g | 51 g  | 77 g  | 103 g | 129 g | 154 g | 180 g |
|                    | 105  | 30 g | 60 g  | 90 g  | 120 g | 150 g | 180 g | 210 g |
|                    | 120  | 34 g | 69 g  | 103 g | 137 g | 171 g | 206 g | 240 g |
|                    | 150  | 43 g | 86 g  | 129 g | 171 g | 214 g | 257 g | 300 g |
|                    | 180  | 51 g | 103 g | 154 g | 206 g | 257 g | 309 g | 340 g |
|                    | 210  | 60 g | 120 g | 180 g | 240 g | 300 g | 360 g | 420 g |
|                    | 240  | 69 g | 137 g | 206 g | 274 g | 343 g | 411 g | 480 g |
|                    | A = carb intake    B = carb intake + bolus reduction |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                    | C = carb intake + bolus reduction + basal reduction  |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |

### 18.8 Carb and Insulin Adjustments to Balance Exercise per 100 lbs. Weight

| Exercise Duration | Exercise Intensity |        |        |          |        |        |         |       |        |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
|                   | Mild               |        |        | Moderate |        |        | Intense |       |        |
|                   | Carbs              | Bolus  | Basal  | Carbs    | Bolus  | Basal  | Carbs   | Bolus | Basal  |
| 15 min            | + 0g               | normal | normal | + 0 g    | normal | normal | + 20g   | - 10% | normal |
| 30 min            | + 10g              | normal | normal | + 20g    | - 10%  | normal | + 40g   | - 20% | normal |
| 45 min            | + 18g              | - 10%  | normal | + 30g    | - 20%  | normal | + 50g   | - 30% | normal |
| 60 min            | + 25g              | - 15%  | normal | + 40g    | - 30%  | normal | + 60g   | - 40% | - 10%  |
| 90 min            | + 38g              | - 20%  | normal | + 55g    | - 45%  | - 20%  | + 90g   | - 50% | - 20%  |
| 120 min           | + 50g              | - 30%  | normal | + 70g    | - 60%  | - 20%  | + 110g  | - 70% | - 30%  |
| 240 min           | + 80g              | - 50%  | - 10%  | + 120g   | - 60%  | - 20%  | + 200g  | - 70% | - 40%  |

These estimates must be adjusted for your weight and through testing.

### 18.9 Rebuild Glycogen Faster to Reduce Delayed Hypoglycemia

After prolonged or strenuous exercise, you want to rebuild muscle glycogen quickly once the exercise stops. There is a 20- to 30-minute window following exercise when muscles are primed to restore depleted glycogen. Consuming carbs and protein for muscle repair right after exercise lets muscle glycogen stores quickly rebuild. Chocolate milk provides a convenient way to provide both carbs and protein just after exercise.

Fast glycogen rebuilding means less glucose will be drawn out of the blood in the following hours, with less risk of a low glucose during the night, even on an AID system. Carb intake just after exercise reloads your glycogen and prepares you for exercise the next day. A small carb bolus may be needed to cover these carbs and improve glycogen uptake.

Higher carb intake increases muscle glycogen storage for endurance and performance. On a high-carb diet, a trained marathon runner can run for about four hours before exhaustion. Many athletes “fuel up” muscle glycogen stores to improve performance by eating a high-carb meal covered with a carb bolus the evening before major exercise events.