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Diabetes Basics

10 Questions with Babli & Vipul

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Vipul asks:

Babli, what exactly is diabetes?

Babli explains:

Diabetes is a chronic condition in which blood glucose, often called blood sugar, is too high. It happens when the body does not make enough insulin, does not use insulin effectively, or both.

BABLI'S ACTION: Start by understanding that diabetes involves how your body manages blood sugar.

Vipul asks:

What does insulin actually do?

Babli explains:

Insulin is a hormone made by the pancreas. It helps glucose move from your blood into your cells, where it can be used for energy. Problems making or using insulin can cause glucose to build up in the blood.

BABLI'S ACTION: Remember: insulin helps your body manage glucose.

Vipul asks:

Are there different types of diabetes?

Babli explains:

Yes. The main types include Type 1, Type 2, and gestational diabetes, which develops during pregnancy. They have different causes and may require different approaches to treatment and management.

BABLI'S ACTION: Know which type you are learning about-they are not all the same.

Vipul asks:

What is the difference between Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes?

Babli explains:

In Type 1 diabetes, the immune system destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, so insulin treatment is necessary. In Type 2 diabetes, the body does not use insulin effectively and may eventually make too little insulin.

BABLI'S ACTION: Don't assume Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes work the same way.

Vipul asks:

What symptoms can diabetes cause?

Babli explains:

Symptoms can include frequent urination, increased thirst or hunger, unexplained weight loss, fatigue, blurry vision, or sores that heal slowly. Some people-especially with Type 2 diabetes-may have few or no noticeable symptoms.

BABLI'S ACTION: Discuss persistent or unexplained symptoms with a healthcare professional.

Vipul asks:

Can someone have diabetes without knowing it?

Babli explains:

Yes. Type 2 diabetes can develop gradually, and symptoms may be mild or unnoticed. That is why appropriate screening can be important for people with certain risk factors.

BABLI'S ACTION: Ask a healthcare professional whether diabetes screening is appropriate for you.

Vipul asks:

How do doctors find out if someone has diabetes?

Babli explains:

Healthcare professionals use blood tests, such as an A1C test, fasting blood glucose test, or other glucose tests. A diagnosis should be made using appropriate medical testing rather than symptoms alone.

BABLI'S ACTION: Use proper medical testing to determine whether diabetes is present.

Vipul asks:

Does eating too much sugar directly cause diabetes?

Babli explains:

It is more complicated than that. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease, while Type 2 diabetes develops through a combination of factors that can include genetics, body weight, physical activity, age, and other influences. Diet is important, but diabetes cannot be explained by sugar alone.

BABLI'S ACTION: Avoid reducing diabetes to a single food or cause.

Vipul asks:

Why is controlling diabetes important?

Babli explains:

Over time, high blood sugar can damage blood vessels and nerves and increase the risk of problems involving the heart, kidneys, eyes, feet, and other parts of the body. Managing diabetes can help reduce these risks.

BABLI'S ACTION: Follow your healthcare plan and recommended monitoring.

Vipul asks:

Can people with diabetes still live healthy, active lives?

Babli explains:

Yes. Diabetes can often be managed with appropriate medical care, healthy eating, physical activity, monitoring, and medications or insulin when needed. The right plan depends on the individual and the type of diabetes.

BABLI'S ACTION: Work with your healthcare team on a diabetes plan that fits your needs.

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Babli's Quick Check

- Remember these diabetes basics:
- Diabetes involves higher-than-normal blood glucose.
- Insulin helps the body manage glucose.
- Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes are different conditions.
- Some people may have few or no obvious symptoms.
- Blood tests are used to diagnose diabetes.
- Proper management can help reduce complications.
- Individual medical guidance matters.

Simple Rule

Remember

Diabetes is manageable, but knowing your blood sugar, following appropriate medical care, and taking consistent healthy actions can make a meaningful difference.

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