

Type 2 Diabetes

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Causes	The main underlying cause of type 2 diabetes is still unknown, but there are risk factors that may contribute to developing this disease.
Risk factors	 Age: The risk of type 2 diabetes increases as you get older. Weight: Being overweight is a main risk factor for type 2 diabetes. Inactivity. Family History: The risk of type 2 diabetes increases if your parent or sibling (or any first-degree relative) has type 2 diabetes. High blood pressure, and high cholesterol. Previous history of heart disease. Previous history of gestational diabetes.
Treatment	The aim of the treatment is to keep the patient's blood sugar levels in the normal range as much as possible and reduce the risk of complications. Prediabetes treatment: • losing 7% of body weight. • Exercising 30 minutes a day, five days a week (150 minutes per week).



	 Type 2 diabetes treatment: Leading a healthy lifestyle: Choose foods lower in fat and calories and higher in fiber. Aim for a minimum of 150 minutes of physical activity per week, and make sure to lose weight if it is above the normal range. Taking medication. Insulin injections.
Prevention	 Healthy lifestyle choices can help prevent prediabetes, and therefore prevent type 2 diabetes. Those with risk factors (especially those over the age of 45) should undergo regular checkups and diagnostic tests to detect the disease early and avoid complications.

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