DIABETES & RAMADAN

Ramadan Specific Guidelines 2018 For Doctors



PRE-RAMADAN VISIT

- It is mandatory 6-8 weeks before Ramadan
- Call your patients for assessment in the month of Rajab & Shaban
- General well being

ASSESS

- Glycemic control & hypoglycemia risk
- Cardiac & renal status as well as other co-morbidities of your patients

Hypoglycaemia Symptoms

- Trembling
- Palpitations
- Altered mental status
- Headache

- Sweating/chills
- Hunger
- Confusion

EDUCATE REGARDING

Hyperglycaemia Symptoms

- Extreme thirst
- ▶ Frequent urination
- ▶ Confusion
- Abdominal Pain

- Hunger
- ▶ Fatique
- Nausea / Vomiting

WHEN TO BREAK THE FAST

- ▶ Blood glucose <70 mg/dl
- ▶ Blood glucose > 300 mg/dl symptomatic (seek medical advice/break the fast)

SELF MONITORING OF BLOOD GLUCOSE

- ▶ Pre Sehri → Before Iftar → 2hr after Sehri → 2,3 hours after Iftar → Mid day
- When develop symptoms of hypoglycaemia, hyperglycaemia or feel unwell

Targets of SMBG

REMOVE MISCONCEPTION REGARDING PRICKING DURING FAST Less tight glycemic targets should be kept during the day to prevent hypoglycemia (i.e. between 100 - 200 mg/dl) and tighter targets during the night to prevent hyperglycemia (i.e. between 100 -180 mg/dl)

First night of Ramadan

- Take dinner early
- Reduce night dose with late dinner
- Sehri should not be skipped and must be taken as late as possible & allowed

DRUG DOSE & TIME ALTERATIONS

METFORMIN	SEHRI		FTAR
OD 🔵			
BD 🔵			
TDS —			
ACARBOSE	SEHRI		FTAR
OD 🔵			
BD 🔵			
TDS —			
PIOGLITAZONE	SEHRI		FTAR
OD 🔵			
DPP4 INHIBITORS	SEHRI		FTAR
OD 🔵			
BD 🔵			•
MEGLITINIDES	SEHRI	OMIT	IFTAR
OD 🔵			
BD 🔵	HALF DOSE 🌗		
TDS •••	HALF DOSE	MID DAY DOSE	

SULFONYLUREAS	SEHRI	OMIT	IFTAR
OD 🔵			
IN WELL CONTROLLED PATIENTS			75% initially and then adjust according to glycemic control
BD •	HALF DOSE		•

SHORT ACTING INSULIN	SEHRI	OMIT	IFTAR
BD 🔵	HALF DOSE 🌗		
TDS •••	HALF DOSE 🌗	MID DAY DOSE	

LONG /INTERMEDIATE	SEHRI	OMIT	IFTAR
OD 🔵			70%
BD 🔵	HALF DOSE		

ı	PRE MIXED INSULIN	I SEHRI	OMIT	IFTAR
	OD 🔵			
	BD 🔵	HALF DOSE		
1	TDS •	HALF DOSE	MID DAY DOSE	

DIET PLAN

Diet during Ramadan should not differ from a healthy and balanced diet.
It should aim at maintaining a constant body mass.



- Divide total calories between Sehri, Iftar and dinner
- Calorie distribution should be 45 50% from carbohydrates, 20 30% from proteins and less than 35% from fats
- Complex carbohydrates may be advisable at Sehri & food with simple carbohydrates may be appropriate at Iftar
- Make sure early Iftar and late Sehri to prevent hypoglycemia
- Avoid saturated fats E.g. ghee, samosas, pakoras
- Avoid sugary desserts Avoid salty and excessive spices Avoid caffeinated and sweetened drinks
- ▶ Take plenty of fruits & vegetables ▶ Use small amounts of oil when cooking

HEALTHY CHOICES AT IFTAR

Shami Kabab

Chooley/Red beans/Blackeyed peas

Dahi barey

Roti kabab roll

Fruit chart

Sandwich (brown bread)

Pasta (brown flour)

1 medium

½ cup

▶ 1 bara + ¼ cup yogurt chutney

1/3 medium

1/2 cup

1 slice

▶ 1/3 cup

HEALTHY CHOICES AT SEHRI

- Roti with 2-3 teaspoon oil + Lassi
- Roti + Meat/Chicken salan + Milk
- ▶ Roti + Kabab + Milkshake (Fruits + milk)
- Daliya + Milk + Fruits + Dry fruits
- ▶ Roti + Qeema + Fruit + Lassi

FLUID INTAKE

Ensure adequate fluid intake between Iftar and Sehri to maintain fluid balance and prevent dehydration. (At least 10 -15 glasses in short intervals)

WHEN TO EXERCISE

Rigorous exercise is not recommended during fasting because of the increased risk of hypoglycaemia and/or dehydration Patients with diabetes should be encouraged to take regular light-to-moderate exercise during Ramadan.

Tarawih prayers should be considered as part of their daily exercise activities.