

7 STEPS FOR BETTER LIVING WITH DIABETES

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EAT HEALTHY



Make healthy food choices



Watch portion sizes



Eat regular meals

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TAKE MEDICATION



Know your pills and insulins, understand how they work and take the right doses at the right times

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PROBLEM SOLVE



Recognize your high and low blood sugars, understand what caused them and learn to treat and prevent them

2

BE ACTIVE



Exercise 5 days a week



Be active 30 minutes a day



Lose 10–20 pounds if you are overweight

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REDUCE RISK



Quit smoking



Do regular health exams (eye, foot, dental)



See your doctor regularly for check-ups and tests

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MONITOR



Check your blood sugar levels; know your A1C



Check your blood pressure, cholesterol, eyes, feet and teeth

7

COPE WELL



Get support from your family, friends and diabetes care team



Set realistic goals and work toward them