



So you have prediabetes ... now what?



Prediabetes means your blood glucose (sugar) level is higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. This condition raises your risk of type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease.

What can you do about it?

The good news is that there's a program that can help you.

The National Diabetes Prevention Program, led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), uses a method proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

By improving food choices and increasing physical activity, your goal will be to lose 5 to 7 percent of your body weight—that is 10 to 14 pounds for a person weighing 200 pounds.

These lifestyle changes can cut your risk of developing type 2 diabetes by more than half.

How does the program work?

As part of a group, you will work with a trained diabetes prevention coach and other participants to learn the skills you need to make lasting lifestyle changes. You will learn to eat healthy, add physical activity to your life, manage stress, stay motivated and solve problems that can get in the way of healthy changes.

The program lasts one year, with 16 sessions taking place about once a week and six to eight more sessions meeting once a month. By going through the program with others who have prediabetes you can celebrate each other's successes and work together to overcome challenges.

Some insurance plans will cover the cost of the program. Check with your insurance provider to see if it is covered. Also, some places that provide the program will adjust the fee you pay based on your income.

Why should you act now?

Without weight loss and moderate physical activity, many people with prediabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within five years. Type 2 diabetes is a serious condition that can lead to health issues such as heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, or loss of toes, feet or legs. **NOW is the time to take charge of your health and make a change.**

Features of the program:

- o A trained coach to guide and encourage you
- o A CDC-approved program
- o Group support
- o Skills to help you lose weight, be more physically active and manage stress

What participants are saying ...

"I love having a lifestyle coach. She has given us great information, helped me stay on track and stay positive!"

—Bruce

"I'm so excited because I went to the doctor last week and all of my numbers were down and I officially no longer have prediabetes."

—Vivien

Find out how to enroll by contacting:

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