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**UWMC PRE-OP HOLDING & SURGERY INSULIN INFUSION PROTOCOL**  
**Goal Blood Glucose (BG) Range = 80-150 mg/dL**

Algorithm 1 Recommend start here for type 1 diabetes		Algorithm 2 Recommend start here for type 2 diabetes		Algorithm 3 Recommend NO patients start here		Algorithm 4 Recommend NO patients start here	
BG	Units/hr	BG	Units/hr	BG	Units/hr	BG	Units/hr
<b>&lt;60 = Hypoglycemia (See below for treatment)</b>							
<70	Off	<70	Off	<70	Off	<70	Off
70-109	0.2	70-109	0.5	70-109	1	70-109	1.5
110-119	0.5	110-119	1	110-119	2	110-119	3
120-149	1	120-149	1.5	120-149	3	120-149	5
150-179	1.5	150-179	2	150-179	4	150-179	7
180-209	2	180-209	3	180-209	5	180-209	9
210-239	2	210-239	4	210-239	6	210-239	12
240-269	3	240-269	5	240-269	8	240-269	16
270-299	3	270-299	6	270-299	10	270-299	20
300-329	4	300-329	7	300-329	12	300-329	24
330-359	4	330-359	8	330-359	14	>330	28
>360	6	>360	12	>360	16		

**General Guidelines:**

- **Standard insulin infusion:** 100 units/100 mL 0.9% Sodium chloride via an infusion device
- **Start insulin infusion when:**
  - BG > 150 X 2 readings for patients not previously on insulin
  - BG ≥ 70 for patients with Type 1 diabetes or already on insulin infusion therapy
- **Check blood glucose EVERY hour**
- **Hypoglycemia protocol for BG < 60 mg/dL**
  - **Turn off** infusion AND give 50% dextrose IV  
 BG 50-60 mg/dL **25 mL** (1/2 amp)  
 BG <50 mg/dL **50 mL** (1 amp)
  - **Recheck blood glucose (BG)** every 20 minutes and repeat **25 mL** of 50% dextrose IV if BG < 60 mg/dL. Restart infusion *at a lower algorithm* once blood glucose is >70 mg/dL X 2 checks

**Changing Algorithms according to blood glucose:**

- Moving Up: blood glucose (BG) is out of goal range **and** has not decreased by at least 60 mg/dL
- Moving Down: BG < 70 mg/dL **OR** BG decreases >100 mg/dL in an hour **OR** pt has hypoglycemic episode.

**TPN/Tube Feeds**

- **Decrease insulin infusion rate by 50% if nutritional therapy is discontinued or significantly reduced and check BG every hour.**

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**UWMC SURGERY INSULIN INFUSION ORDERS**



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### UWMC Insulin Infusion Protocol

**Goal BG Range = 80-180 mg/dL**

**ICU Goal BG Range = \_\_\_\_\_**

#### Discontinue All Previous Insulin Orders

Algorithm 1		Algorithm 2		Algorithm 3		Algorithm 4	
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**General Guidelines:**

- **Standard drip:** 100 units/100 mL 0.9% NaCl via an infusion device
- Start when:
  - BG > 120 for patients who have received oral diabetes medication within 24 hrs
  - BG ≥70 for patients treated with insulin prior to hospital admission
- Discontinue insulin infusion when patient is eating **AND** has received first dose of subcutaneous insulin.
- Hypoglycemia protocol for BG<60 mg/dL (see back for specifics)

**Intravenous Fluids:**

Recommendations for patients that are not eating:

**DM Type 1** (10 grams glucose/hour) **DM Type 2** (5 grams glucose/hr)

- D51/2 normal saline with 20 mEq/L Potassium chloride IV at \_\_\_\_\_mL/hr
- D5LR with 20 mEq/L Potassium chloride IV at \_\_\_\_\_mL/hr
- TPN or Enteral Feeds (see separate orders) \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_mL/hr

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### Initiating The Infusion

- **Algorithm 1:** Start here for most patients.
- **Algorithm 2:** Start here if s/p CABG, solid organ transplant, receiving glucocorticoids, or patient receiving >80 units/day of insulin as an outpatient.
- **Algorithm 3** NO PATIENTS START HERE.
- **Algorithm 4** NO PATIENTS START HERE

### Moving Algorithms: (Move up or down only one algorithm per BG check)

- Moving Up: If BG is out of goal range **and** has not decreased by at least 60 mg/dL
- Moving Down: When blood glucose <70 mg/dL or if BG decreases >100 mg/dL in an hour **OR** if pt has hypoglycemic episode.

### Maintain Patient Within Current Algorithm-Once BG is in Goal Range

- Adjust **RATE** within current algorithm until patient is in goal range for 4 hours
- Once patient is within goal range for 4 hours, **there is no need to adjust RATE unless BG falls out of goal range**

### Patient Monitoring:

- Check BG every hour until it is within **goal** range for 4 hours. Then check every 2 hours X2, then every 4 hours. Resume hourly checks if BG falls out of goal range.
- Hourly monitoring may be indicated for critically ill patients even if they have stable blood glucose.
- If patient is eating, check BG every hour X 3 after meals.
- **TPN/Tube Feeds**
  - **Decrease insulin infusion rate by 50% if nutritional therapy is discontinued or significantly reduced and check BG every hour X 4 hrs.**

Treatment of Hypoglycemia (BG<60 mg/dL) Signs and symptoms include, palpitations, diaphoresis, weakness, altered mental status.

- **Turn off** drip AND
- Give D50W IV
  - BG 50-60 mg/dL **25 mL** (1/2 amp)
  - BG <50 mg/dL **50mL** (1 amp)
- Recheck BG every 20 minutes and repeat **25mL** of D50W IV if BG<60mg/dL. Restart drip once blood glucose is >70 mg/dL X2 checks. *Restart infusion at a lower algorithm* (see moving down).

### Notify the Physician:

- For any blood glucose change >100 mg/dL in one hour.
- For blood glucose  $\geq$  360 mg/dL
- For any hypoglycemia which results in loss of consciousness
- For hypoglycemia which has not resolved within **20 min** of administering **50mL** of D50W IV and discontinuing the insulin infusion.
- Failure of algorithm 4 (Consider Endocrine consult)

**ANESTHESIOLOGY PERIOPERATIVE ORDERS**

- Historical Medical Record at bedside
- IV: Start upon pre-op arrival
  - Lactated Ringers at \_\_\_\_\_ mL/hr
  - 0.9% Sodium chloride at \_\_\_\_\_ mL/hr
- D5NS at \_\_\_\_\_ mL/hr
- Meds: \_\_\_\_\_
- EKG             CXR             Urine HCG
  
- Labs \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**GLUCOSE CONTROL ORDERS**

**Check capillary blood glucose (BG) on arrival and every hour—  
Check One of the Following:**

- Patient uses subcutaneous insulin pump at home**
  1. Turn pump off and disconnect tubing when patient arrives
  2. Piggyback Insulin Infusion per UWMC Operating Room Insulin Infusion Protocol
  3. If IV fluid does NOT contain dextrose - piggyback dextrose 5% to deliver 50-100 mL/hour
  
- Patient is an inpatient already on the insulin infusion protocol.**
  1. Continue insulin infusion at current rate UNLESS TPN/enteral feeds will be interrupted. Reduce rate by 50% for these cases per the insulin infusion protocol
    - a) If IV fluid does NOT contain dextrose - piggyback dextrose 5% to deliver 50-100 mL/hour
    - b) Continue hourly BG monitoring and titration per protocol
  
- Patient is not currently receiving an insulin infusion**
  1. Check blood glucose hourly and if >150 mg/dL confirm with another point of care test or lab draw within 20 minutes.
  2. If confirmed BG>150 (see step 1) OR any single BG>250 mg/dL
    - Initiate UWMC Operating Room Insulin Infusion Protocol with BG monitoring per protocol.
    - If IV fluid does NOT contain dextrose - piggyback dextrose 5% to deliver 50-100 mL/hour

**If BG<60 mg/dL:**

1. Give 25 mL of 50% dextrose and turn off insulin infusion if on (see OR insulin infusion protocol orders)
  2. If IV fluid does NOT contain dextrose - piggyback dextrose 5% to deliver 50-100 mL/hour
  3. Recheck BG in 20 minutes.
- If blood glucose is still <60 mg/dL, retreat with 50% dextrose and call anesthesiologist.

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**PACU DIABETES ORDERS**

- Patient is to be admitted to the hospital or stay overnight on 4 South**
  - Continue Surgery insulin infusion protocol with hourly blood glucose monitoring
  - Call surgical team for post Op insulin orders
- Patient will be discharged to home from the PACU**
  - Discontinue insulin infusion upon arrival to PACU
  - Check blood glucose (BG) on arrival and hourly until discharge
  - If BG<60 mg/dL                      Give 25 mL of 50% dextrose IV and recheck BG in 20 minutes
  - If BG>250 mg/dL                      Call anesthesiologist for additional orders
- Patient receives insulin as a routine medication at home**
  - If BG>150 mg/dL administer Lispro (Humalog<sup>R</sup>) insulin every **3** hours using the algorithm below. (Blood glucose is checked hourly but correction Lispro is given only every 3 hours)

SubQ Correction Dose of Lispro (Humalog <sup>R</sup> )				
Blood Glucose (mg/dL)	Patient ≤ 50 kg	Patient 51-70 kg	Patient 71-90 kg	Patient >90 kg
150-199	1 unit	2 units	3 units	4 units
200-249	2 units	4 units	5 units	6 units
250-299	4 units	6 units	7 units	9 units
300-349	6 units	8 units	10 units	12 units
>349	7 units	9 units	12 units	14 units

- Restart routine prandial subQ insulin once patient is able to resume usual oral diet **and/or**
  - Resume basal subQ insulin at next scheduled dose **or**
  - Resume subQ insulin pump once patient awake and able to self manage his/her diabetes
- (To have RN administer insulin at UWMC, you must complete Sub-Q insulin order form UH1807)

- Non-insulin Treated Patient**  
Instruct patient at discharge to restart oral anti-diabetic agents **EXCEPT METFORMIN** once able to resume oral diet (provide patient with "How to Manage Your Diabetes Before and After Surgery" handout)

- For Patients Taking Meformin (check one below):**
  - Procedure unlikely to alter renal function:** (e.g. Cataract or minor orthopedic procedures)
    - Restart Metformin once patient is able to resume his/her usual oral diet
  - Procedure likely to alter renal function:** (e.g. upper GI procedure, procedure involved significant blood loss and/or IV contrast/aminoglycoside administration):
    - Instruct patient to call primary care physician in 2 days before restarting Metformin

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