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## Assessments

- ❑ Assess your clients to determine if they are a candidate for blood sugar balancing:
  - Use the ***“Insulin Resistance Assessment” online form***
  - ***Lab Testing – PDF document***
  - Use the ***“Short Lifestyle Assessments”***



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## Lab Testing for Insulin Resistance and Blood Sugar Dysregulation - #1

| Date Tested | Test                          | Optimal Range | Notes   |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
|             | <b>Fasting Glucose</b>        | 75 - 89       | Fasting glucose becomes abnormal after a long standing problem with insulin control.  |
|             | <b>Fasting insulin</b>        | 2 - 5         | High fasting insulin is indicative of a serious insulin dysregulation. Rarely done, but much more useful would be insulin after eating. In most cases it parallels blood sugar, but not all the time.   |
|             | <b>Triglycerides</b>          | 50 - 100      | These are fats that have been created from excess carbohydrates.  |
|             | <b>HDL</b>                    | > 50          | 'good cholesterol'  |
|             | <b>Triglyceride/HDL ratio</b> | < = 1         | This is a good marker for insulin resistance and sugar dysregulation. Ideal is when the HDL is greater than the triglycerides.  |
|             | <b>Hemoglobin A1C</b>         | 4.8 - 5.0     | HBATC is a measure of the percentage of your blood cells that are glycated i.e. sugar-coated! Indicator of glucose control over previous 3 months. The average glucose level can be determined from the A1C as follows:<br><b>A1C (%) / Mean blood sugar:</b><br>4/65, 5/100, 6/135, 7/170, 8/205, 9/240,<br>10/275, 11/310, 12/345. Available as an online test in all major pharmacy chains and as a home |

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## Lab Testing for Insulin Resistance and Blood Sugar Dysregulation - #2

| Date Tested | Test   | Optimal Range | Notes   |
|-------------|--|---------------|---|
|             | <b>Blood Spot Fatty Acid by Metametrics</b>                            | N/A           | Detects imbalances in omega-3 and omega-6 fats that adversely affect insulin sensitivity and can lead to blood sugar imbalances. DHA is particularly important. |
|             | <b>Vitamin D</b>   | 75 - 100      | Improves insulin sensitivity and regulates immune system.   |
|             | <b>C-peptide (also known as insulin C-peptide, connecting peptide)</b> | 1.1 - 4.4     | This test measures residual beta cell function by determining the level of insulin secretion.   |
|             | <b>Islet Cell Antibodies (ICA)</b>                                     | < 1           | Antibodies that attack the islet cells of the pancreas, the cells that make insulin.  |
|             | <b>Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase (GAD) Antibodies</b>                    | 0.0 - 1.5     | Glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) is an enzyme that is produced primarily by pancreatic islet cells. GAD is an enzyme that makes GABA.                          |
|             | <b>Insulin Antibodies (IAA)</b>  | < 5           | Antibodies that attack insulin.   |
|             | <b>Adrenal Stress Index</b>  | N/A           | A panel that measures the adrenal hormones cortisol and DHEA as well as fasting and post meal insulin. Adrenal stress contributes to insulin resistance.        |

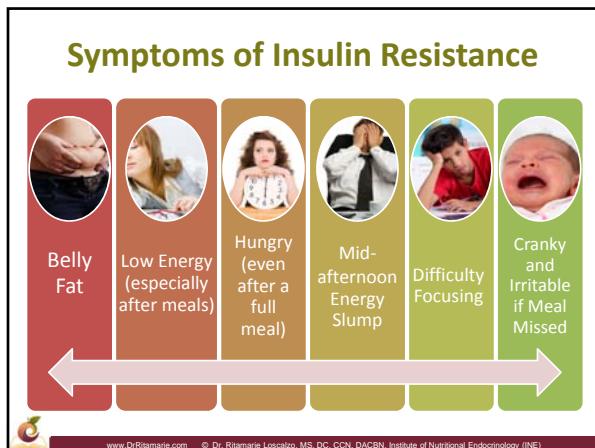
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## Lifestyle Assessments

- ❑ Diet & Nutrition
- ❑ Fitness
- ❑ Stress & Attitude
- ❑ Sleep
- ❑ Timing



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### Lab Marker Patterns

|                 | Normal   | Insulin Resistance             | Metabolic Syndrome | Diabetes |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Fasting Glucose | 75-89    | 90-119                         | >=100              | >=120    |
| Triglycerides   | >65      | >90                            | >110               | >110     |
| HDL             | 50-90    | <65                            | <55                | <55      |
| Fasting Insulin | 2-5      | Normal or >5 – varies on stage | >5                 | >5       |
| Hemoglobin A1C  | 4.5 – 5% | 5.3-6.5%                       | >5.7%              | >5.7%    |

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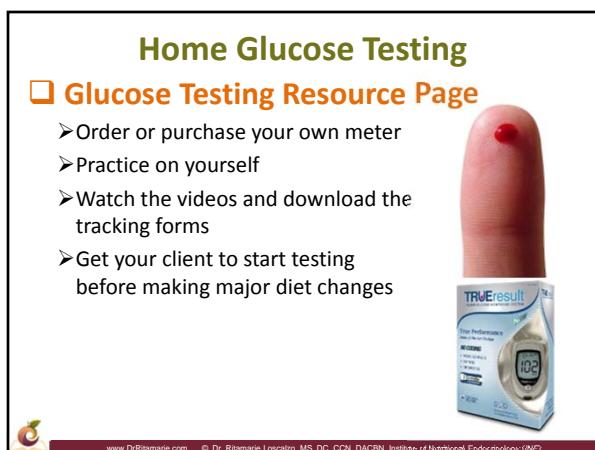
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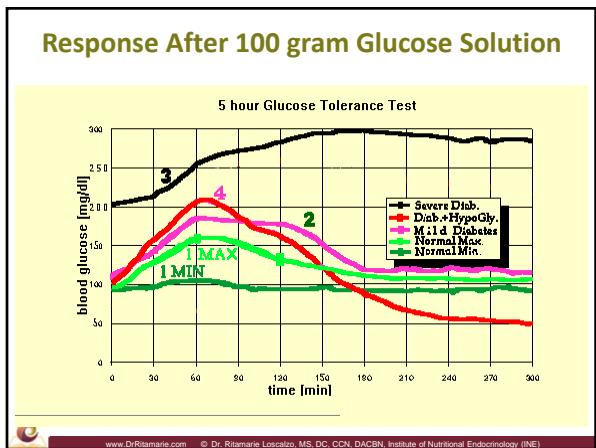
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## What is Normal Blood Sugar?

Christiansen, Pfr, J. S., On the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the EASD, Copenhagen, 13-Sep-06  
What is Normal Glucose? - Continuous Glucose Monitoring Data from Healthy Subjects

What is Normal Blood Sugar?  
Normal blood sugars after a high carbohydrate breakfast eaten at 7:30 AM. The blue line is the average for the group. The brown lines show the range with individual readings. C peptide levels at the same time. Graph is a screen shot from Dr. Christiansen's presentation cited below.

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## Some Foods Don't Raise Glucose But Increase Insulin

- ✓ Dairy produces high insulin responses, despite low GI
- ✓ Insulin response to milk not just due to lactose
- ✓ Amino acids leucine, valine, lysine, and isoleucine are insulinogenic – highest in whey
- ✓ Protein-rich foods and foods rich in fat and refined carbohydrate elicited insulin responses that were higher than their glycemic responses
- ✓ Protein-rich foods or the addition of protein to a carbohydrate-rich meal can stimulate a modest rise in insulin secretion without increasing blood glucose

*Glycemia and insulinemia in healthy subjects after lactose-equivalent meals of milk and other food proteins: the role of plasma amino acids and incretins* Mikael Nilsson, Marianne Stenberg, Anders H Frid, Jens J Holst and Inger ME Björck  
Applied Nutrition and Food Chemistry, Lund University, PO Box 124, 221 00 Lund, Sweden  
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## Blood Sugars Over 100 Cause Damage

- ✓ Beta cell destruction begins at levels over 100 (5.6 mmol/L).
- ✓ A small amount of beta cell dysfunction begins to be detectable in people whose blood sugar rose only slightly over 100 mg/dL on a 2-hour glucose tolerance test.
- ✓ Every small increase in the 2-hour glucose tolerance test result corresponded to how much beta cell failure was detectable. The higher a person's blood sugar rose within "normal" range, the more beta cells were failing.





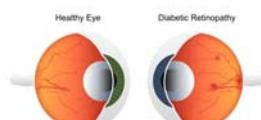
Beta-cell dysfunction and glucose intolerance: results from the San Antonio metabolism (SAM) study. Gastaldelli A; Ferrannini E; Miyazaki Y; Matsuda M; De Fronzo RA; Diabetologia 2004 Jan;47(1):31-9



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## Diabetic Retinopathy Develops at "Pre-Diabetic" Blood Sugar Levels

- ✓ More than 60% of retinopathy cases were among patients with fasting plasma glucose levels below 7.0 mmol/L (126 mg/dL).
- ✓ 7.4% to 13.4% of participants had retinopathy at glucose levels below 5.6 mmol/L (100 mg/dL).
- ✓ One in ten people had only abnormalities of post-meal blood sugars.



Relation between fasting glucose and retinopathy for diagnosis sectional studies Wong TY, et al *Lancet* 2008; 371: 736-743. The Patterns in which Diabetes Develops



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