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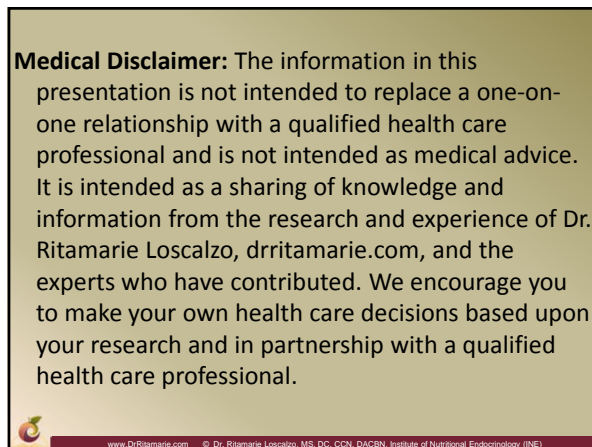
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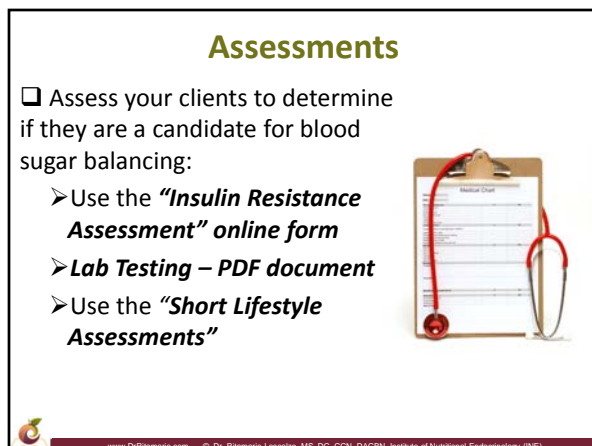
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### Lab Testing for Insulin Resistance and Blood Sugar Dysregulation - #1

Date Tested	Test	Optimal Range	Notes
	Fasting Glucose	75 - 89	Fasting glucose becomes abnormal after a long standing problem with insulin control.
	Fasting Insulin	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.
	Triglycerides	50 - 100	These are fats that have been created from excess carbohydrates.
	HDL	> 50	"good cholesterol"
	Triglyceride:HDL ratio	< = 1	This is a good marker for insulin resistance and sugar dysregulation. Ideal is when the HDL is greater than the triglycerides.
	Hemoglobin A1C	4.8 - 5.0	HBATC is a measure of the percentage of your blood cells that are glycosylated, i.e. sugar-coated! Indicator of glucose control over previous 3 months. The average glucose level can be determined from the A1C as follows: A1C (%) / Mean blood sugar: 4/65; 5/100; 6/135; 7/170; 8/205; 9/240; 10/275; 11/310; 12/345. Available as a home test kit in all major pharmacy chains and online.

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

Date Tested	Test	Optimal Range	Notes
	Blood Spot Fatty Acid by MetametriX	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.
	Vitamin D	75 - 100	Improves insulin sensitivity and regulates immune system.
	C-peptide (also known as insulin C-peptide, connecting peptide)	1.1 - 4.4	This test measures residual beta cell function by determining the level of insulin secretion.
	Islet Cell Antibodies (ICA)	< 1	Antibodies that attack the islet cells of the pancreas, the cells that make insulin.
	Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase (GAD) Antibodies	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.
	Insulin Antibodies (IAA)	< 5	Antibodies that attack insulin.
	Adrenal Stress Index	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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### Symptoms of Insulin Resistance

Belly Fat

Low Energy (especially after meals)

Hungry (even after a full meal)

Mid-afternoon Energy Slump

Difficulty Focusing

Cranky and Irritable if Meal Missed

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### Lab Marker Patterns

	Normal	Insulin Resistance	Metabolic Syndrome	Diabetes
Fasting Glucose	75-89	90-119	$\geq 100$	$\geq 120$
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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### Home Glucose Testing

**Glucose Testing Resource Page**

- Order or purchase your own meter
- Practice on yourself
- Watch the videos and download the tracking forms
- Get your client to start testing before making major diet changes

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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 began 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](#), Gastaldello A, Ferrannini E, Miyazaki Y, Matsuda M, De Fronzo RA, *Diabetologia* 2004 Jan;47(1):31-9



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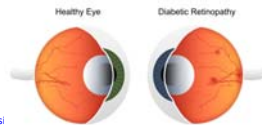
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### Diabetic Retinopathy Develops at "Pre-Diabetic" Blood Sugar Levels

- ✓ 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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