



INSULIN RESISTANCE  
— SOLUTION —  
PRACTITIONER TRAINING

**Assessment**

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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”***



# 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	HBA1C is a measure of the percentage of your blood cells that are glycosalated, i.e. sugar-coated! Indicator of glucose control over previous 3 months. The average glucose level can be determined from the A1C as follows: <b>A1C (%) / Mean blood sugar:</b> 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.



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

Date Tested	Test	Optimal Range	Notes
	<b>Blood Spot Fatty Acid by <u>Metametrix</u></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.



# Lifestyle Assessments

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





# 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



# 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%	$>5.7\%$	$>5.7\%$





# Home Glucose Testing

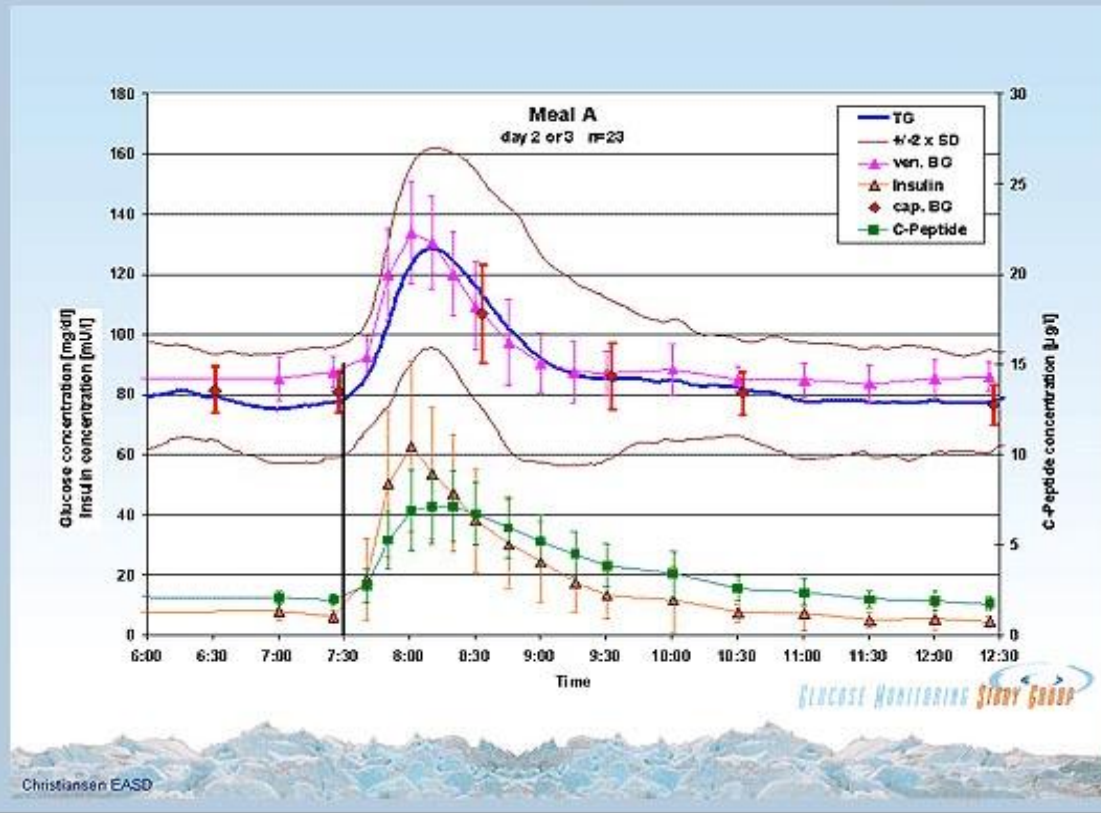
## ☐ Glucose Testing Resource Page

- 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



# What is Normal Blood Sugar?

Christiansen, Prof. 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 a 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 within which most readings fell (2 standard deviations). Bottom lines show Insulin and C-peptide levels at the same time. Graph is a screen shot from Dr. Christiansen's presentation cited below.

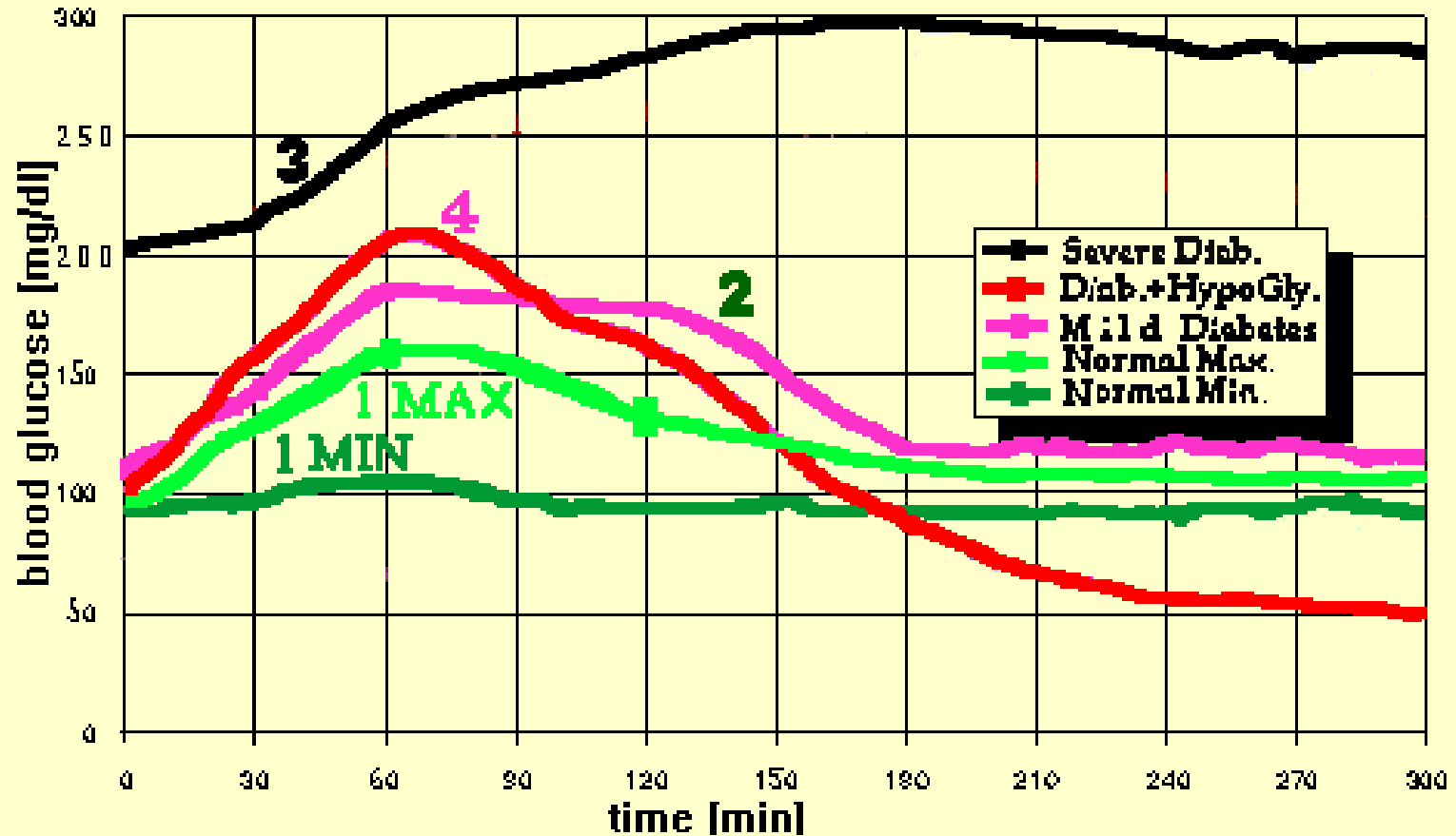
[What is Normal Glucose? Continuous Glucose Monitoring Data from Healthy Subjects.](#)

Professor J.S. Christiansen, presented at the Annual Meeting of the EASD.



# Response After 100 gram Glucose Solution

## 5 hour Glucose Tolerance Test



# 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

<http://www.ajcn.org/content/80/5/1246.full>



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



# 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 diagnostic studies](#) Wong TY, et al *Lancet* 2008; 371: 736-743.  
[The Patterns in which Diabetes Develops](#)

