

High blood sugar (Hyperglycemia)

Causes

High blood sugar (also called hyperglycemia) is when there is too much sugar in your blood. Over time, it can cause serious health problems. High blood sugar can happen if you:

- Skip a dose of insulin or diabetes pills
- Eat more than usual
- Are less active than usual
- Are under stress or sick

What to do about high blood sugar

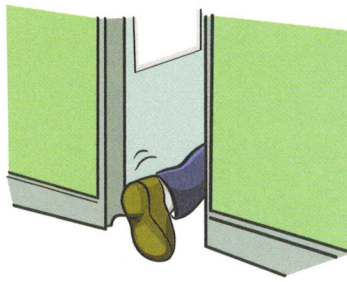
The best way to avoid high blood sugar is to follow your diabetes care plan. Call your diabetes care team if your blood sugar has been higher than your goal for 3 days and you don't know why.

Signs & Symptoms

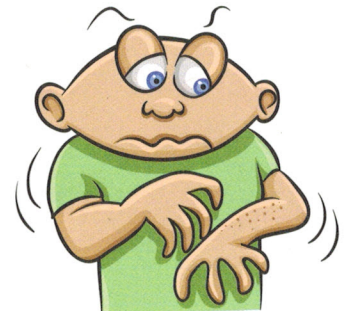
Here's what may happen when your blood sugar is high:



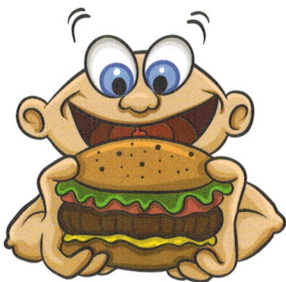
Very thirsty



Needing to pass urine more than usual



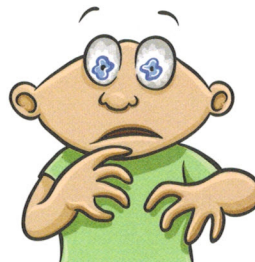
Dry skin



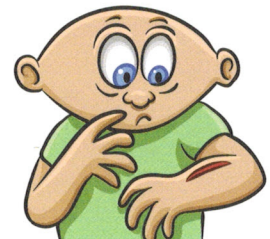
Very hungry



Sleepy



Blurry vision



Infections or injuries heal more slowly than usual