ALL PATIENTS

Does the patient have a prior diagnosis of diabetes?  □ Yes □ No
Patient’s age > 45?  □ Yes □ No
Patient’s BMI ≥ 30?  □ Yes □ No

If YES to any of the questions:
□ Check fasting blood sugar level on the morning of surgery prior to OR case
□ If fasting blood glucose level > 200, then recommend use of insulin drip during OR case

DIABETIC PATIENTS DEGREE OF BLOOD SUGAR CONTROL

Hemoglobin A1c level > 7.0%?  □ Yes □ No
OR Has any fingerstick reading in the past two weeks been > 200?  □ Yes □ No

If YES or UNKNOWN:
□ Referral for diabetes management

DIABETIC PATIENTS

Perioperative management: Will the patient be NPO after midnight?  □ Yes □ No
Is the patient having bowel prep?  □ Yes □ No

If YES, while NPO and during prep:
□ Stop all diabetic medications except for pioglitazone (Actos)
□ Reduce (Lantus) by 50%
□ Check blood sugars frequently and use sliding scale as needed

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