



BLOOD SUGAR Control Checklist

ALL PATIENTS

Does the patient have a prior diagnosis of diabetes? Yes No

Is the patient's age less than 45? Yes No

Is the patient's BMI less than 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%?

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 percent
- Check blood sugars frequently and use sliding scale as needed

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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