PEDIATRIC WORKSHEET

ADJUSTING INSULIN DOSES USING DEXCOM G5[®] MOBILE TREND ARROWS



This is your worksheet based on the Endocrine Society approach¹ for making treatment decisions using the Dexcom G5[®] Mobile Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) System.

FOOD + CORRECTION + ARROW = TOTAL INSULIN DOSE

STEP 1: Calculate your rapid-acting insulin dose for food and corrections as prescribed by your healthcare professional. **STEP 2**: Add or subtract insulin based on your trend arrow.

Do not take any additional insulin until at least hours from last dose.

ADJUSTING INSULIN DOSES USING TREND ARROWS: PRE-MEAL AND AT LEAST 3 HOURS POST-MEAL.

ARROW DIRECTION	CHANGE IN GLUCOSE	CORRECTION FACTOR	INSULIN DOSE ADJUSTMENT (U)	NOTES
RAPIDLY RISING	Increasing >3 mg/dL/min	\Box less than 25	□ +4.0	Example: If your correction factor is 1:50
		□ 25-49	□ +3.0	you will add 2.0 units of insulin for the double up arrows.
		□ 50-74	□ +2.0	
		□ 75-124	□ +1.0	
		□ over 125	□ +0.5	
RISING	Increasing 2–3 mg/dL/min	\Box less than 25	□ +3.0	
		□ 25-49	□ +2.0	
		□ 50-74	□ +1.0	
		□ 75-124	□ +0.5	
		□ over 125	No adjustment	
	Increasing 1–2 mg/dL/min	\Box less than 25	□ +2.0	
		□ 25-49	□ +1.0	
		□ 50-74	□ +0.5	
		□ 75-124	No adjustment	
SLOWLY RISING		□ over 125	No adjustment	
	Not increasing/ decreasing >1 mg/dL/min	\Box less than 25	No adjustment	
		□ 25-49	No adjustment	
		□ 50-74	No adjustment	
		□ 75-124	No adjustment	
STEADY		□ over 125	No adjustment	
	Decreasing 1–2 mg/dL/min	\Box less than 25	□ -2.0	
		□ 25-49	□ -1.0	
		□ 50-74	□ -0.5	
		□ 75-124	No adjustment	
SLOWLY FALLING		□ over 125	No adjustment	
\bigcirc	Decreasing 2–3 mg/dL/min	\Box less than 25	□ -3.0	
		□ 25-49	□ -2.0	
		□ 50-74	□ -1.0	
		□ 75-124	□ -0.5	
FALLING		□ over 125	No adjustment	
\bigcirc	Decreasing >3 mg/dL/min	\Box less than 25	□ -4.0	
		□ 25-49	□ -3.0	
		□ 50-74	□ -2.0	
		□ 75-124	□ -1.0	
RAPIDLY FALLING		□ over 125	□ -0.5	

SCENARIO

Kim has a target glucose of 100 mg/dL and a correction factor of 1u:50mg/dL. It is 5:00 PM, before dinner, and Kim has not taken any insulin since lunch at 12:00 PM. Her dinner has 30g of carbohydrate and her insulin to carb ratio is 1u:10g of carbohydrate.



PRACTICE SCENARIO

It is 5:00 PM, before dinner, and you have not taken any insulin since lunch at 12:00 PM. Assume that you are going to eat a typical meal. Using the scenario below figure out how much insulin you would take to correct your pre-meal high glucose using this approach.



¹Laffel LM, Aleppo G, Buckingham BA, Forlenza GP, Rasbach LE, Tsalikian E, Weinzimer SA, Harris DR. A Practical Approach to Using Trend Arrows on the Dexcom G5 CGM System to Manage Children and Adolescents With Diabetes. 2017; 1:1461-1476