# HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DEXCOM G6\*

## 1. WEAR

The more you wear your Dexcom G6 the more you will understand your glucose responses. Use your Dexcom G6 to find out more about how foods, exercise, and insulin dosing affect you.



#### 2. SHARE

Dexcom Share is a feature of the Dexcom G6 app that lets you share your glucose information with Followers.

To set up Dexcom Share tap the Share icon in the

Dexcom G6 app to invite Followers.

Having at least one Follower has been linked with lower mean glucose values and more time in range.<sup>†</sup>





Followers download the Dexcom Follow app

## 3. PLAN

Dexcom G6 offers custom alert settings that may help you achieve your glucose targets. Ask your healthcare professional how you can set up alerts to work with your lifestyle.



Recent data suggests that customizing high and low alert settings led to more time in target glucose ranges (70-180 mg/dL).<sup>‡</sup>



Urgent Low Soon alert notifies you when your glucose will be at or below 55 mg/dL within 20 minutes.

This alert can help you to take action to prevent a low.

#### **4. RESPOND TO ALERTS**

Don't ignore your alerts. When responding to an alert, take a minute to think about what might have caused it. Ask yourself:

- Did I eat more or less carbs than usual?
- Was I more or less active than usual?



• When did I last take insulin?

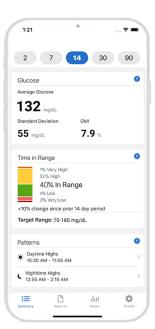
#### **5. REVIEW**

Download the Dexcom CLARITY app to track your progress, receive weekly notifications of statistics, and share data with your clinic.

When you use the Dexcom G6 app, your glucose data is automatically sent to your CLARITY account.

Review your Dexcom CLARITY reports. These reports can help you and your healthcare professional see if there are any patterns of highs or lows, helping you make more informed treatment decisions.

Users that review Dexcom CLARITY data can result in more time in target range (70-180mg/dL).<sup>‡</sup>



To view data from the Dexcom receiver, go to clarity.dexcom.com and sign in with your Dexcom account.

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#### **6. PERSONALIZE**

Personalize your Dexcom G6 to fit your needs. If you're not achieving your glucose targets as frequently as you

like, understand it may take a while for things to improve. Be patient. Work with your healthcare provider to establish goals and personalize your targets.



My pre-meal glucose target is less than \_\_\_\_

My peak glucose target is less than \_\_\_\_\_ (after a meal)

Reflect on how CGM is helping you acheive your targets:

#### 7. EXPERIMENT

Your Dexcom G6 is an excellent tool for discovering which foods raise your glucose or not. Try different foods and ask yourself:

How did that food/meal affect my glucose?

Would you do anything differently?

#### 8. TREND

Use the trend arrows to help you understand what is really going on. Whether it concerns food, insulin or exercise, trend arrows can help you understand the speed and direction of your glucose:

$\bigcirc$	Not increasing/decreasing more than 1 mg/dL each minute
$\bigcirc$	Glucose could increase/decrease 30-60 mg/dL in 30 minutes
ÔQ	Glucose could increase/decrease up to 60-90 mg/dL in 30 minutes
$\Diamond \bigcirc$	Glucose could increase/decrease more than 90 mg/dL in 30 minutes§

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Have a plan for lows and the list of foods you eat for a low. Work with your healthcare professional to create a personalized plan of action (example below).

#### My plan

My glucose is too low and requires action if it is less than	
Take g glucose and re-check in mins.	
Repeat treatment if glucose is not rising after minutes.	

\*The tips in this paper are based on tips in Barnard-Kelly K., and Polonsky W., Development of a Novel Tool to Support Engagement With Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems and Optimize Outcomes. Journal of Diabetes Science and Technology 2020, Vol. 14(1) 151–154

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#### § Dexcom G6 CGM System User Guide, 2018

BRIEF SAFETY STATEMENT Failure to use the Dexcom G6 Continuous Glucose Monitoring System (G6) and its components according to the instructions for use provided with your device and available at https://www.dexcom.com/safety-information and to properly consider all indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions, and cautions in those instructions for use may result in you missing a severe hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) or hyperglycemia (high blood glucose) occurrence and/or making a treatment decision that may result in injury. If your glucose alerts and readings from the G6 do not match symptoms or expectations or you're taking over the recommended maximum dosage amount of 1000mg of acetaminophen every 6 hours, use a blood glucose meter to make diabetes treatment decisions. Seek medical advice and attention when appropriate, including for any medical emergency.

The web-based Dexcom CLARITY software is intended for use by both home users and healthcare professionals to assist people with diabetes and their healthcare professionals in the review, analysis, and evaluation of historical CGM data to support effective diabetes management. It is intended for use as an accessory to Dexcom CGM devices with data interface capabilities. Caution: The software does not provide any medical advice and should not be used for that purpose. Home users must consult a healthcare professional before making any medical interpretation and therapy adjustments from the information in the software. Caution: Healthcare professionals should use information in the software in conjunction with other clinical information available to them. Caution: Federal (US) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed healthcare professional.

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