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Basal Rate Testing Note Pad

Why test your basal rate?

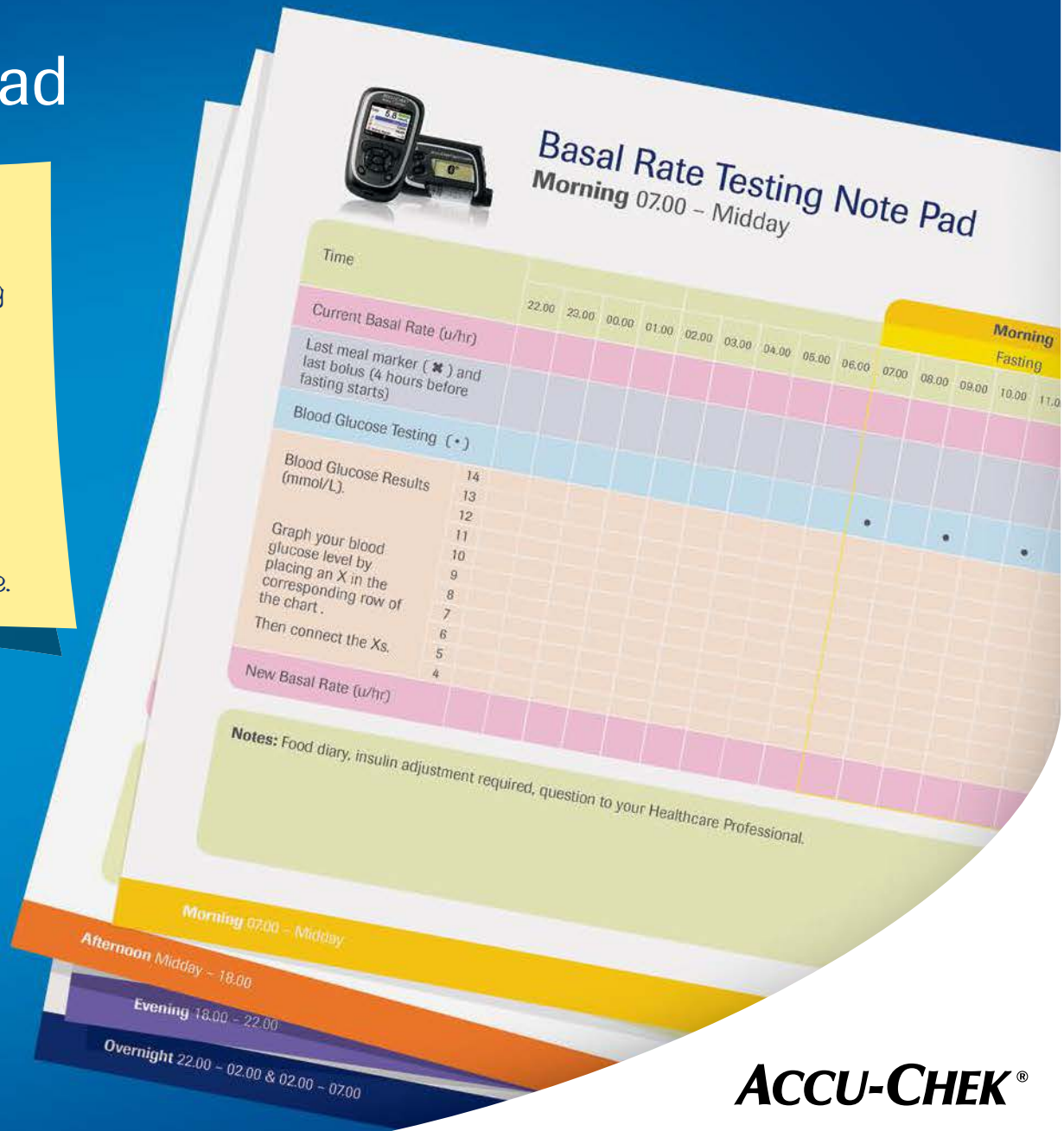
The purpose of testing your basal rate is to ensure that it is meeting your body's requirements.

The key steps to achieving good results from pump therapy are:

Step 1: Ensure your basal rate is well adjusted to your needs

Step 2: Ensure your personal ratios (insulin sensitivity and carb ratios) are well adjusted to your needs

Basal rates should be tested periodically as your body requirements may change with physical activity, weight changes, seasons and age.



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How to test your basal rate?

- Testing a basal rate involves **fasting** (no intake of carbohydrate) from at least 4 hours before and including the period you are testing.
- **Regular testing of your blood glucose levels** during the fasting period will tell you how effective your basal rate is.
- Divide your day into 4 or 5 time blocks (overnight, morning, afternoon or evening). **Fast through only one block per day**.
- Make sure your blood glucose is in target before the beginning of the testing period (ideally between 5 – 8 mmol/L and definitely less then 14 mmol/L).

DO's:

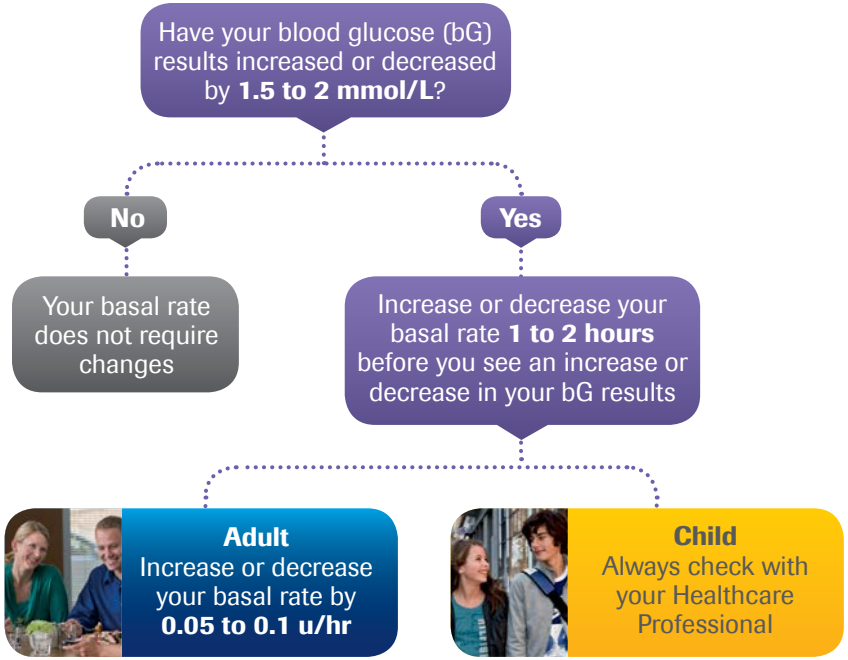
- Have your last meal 4 hours prior to your testing time block. Give a standard bolus with your last meal (not an Extended or a Multiwave bolus).
  - Four hours allows all your active bolus insulin to have finished working and for food to be digested.
- Avoid low glycaemic index or high fat meals such as pizza, curries or pasta as your last meal, as they can continue to affect your blood glucose levels for several hours.
- Take carbohydrate-free meals or snacks.
- Test your blood sugar levels every 2 hours and record the results.
- Check your insulin sites are in good condition.

DO NOT:

- Do not have any snacks or meals containing carbohydrate during the testing period.
- Do not drink alcohol (even if carb free) as alcohol affects the way the liver works and may induce hypo's.
- Do not test if you have had an hypo 6 to 12 hours priors to the testing period.
- Do not test on days when you are really active or not feeling too well.

What to do with the results?

Always check with your Healthcare Professional first.
It is usually recommended to follow the chart below:



Only make small changes to your basal rate as it depends on individual sensitivity to insulin. It is always possible to increase or decrease the basal rate again later.

Repeat your fasting test within a few days to evaluate whether the changes have been successful.

Basal Rate Testing Note Pad

Overnight 22.00 – 02.00 & 02.00 – 07.00

Date:

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Notes: Food diary, insulin adjustment required, question to your Healthcare Professional.

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Morning 07.00 – Midday

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Afternoon Midday – 18.00

Date:

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Evening 18.00 – 22.00

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Advice about Carb Free meal

The foods below are “carb free” and can be eaten during fasting. In doubt, always check the food labels.

It’s ok to eat:

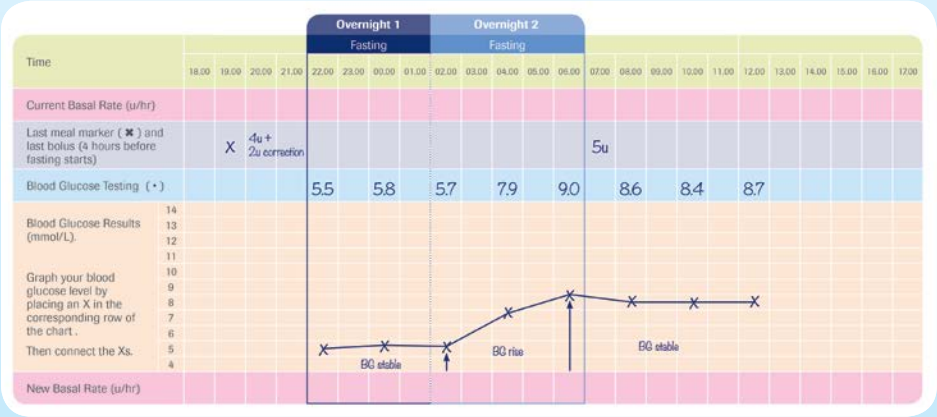
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Fish (no bread crumbs)
- ✓ Meat
- ✓ Chicken
- ✓ Hard cheese
- ✓ Green Salad (e.g. lettuce, rocket)

Do not eat:

- ✗ Root vegetables (e.g. potatoes, carrots)
- ✗ Pulses (e.g. lentils, beans)
- ✗ Peas or sweetcorns
- ✗ Rice, pasta, bread or products containing flour or grains
- ✗ Milk or yogurt

What to do with the results?

Example 1



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BG rises between 2am and 6am

Increase basal rate between midnight and 4am

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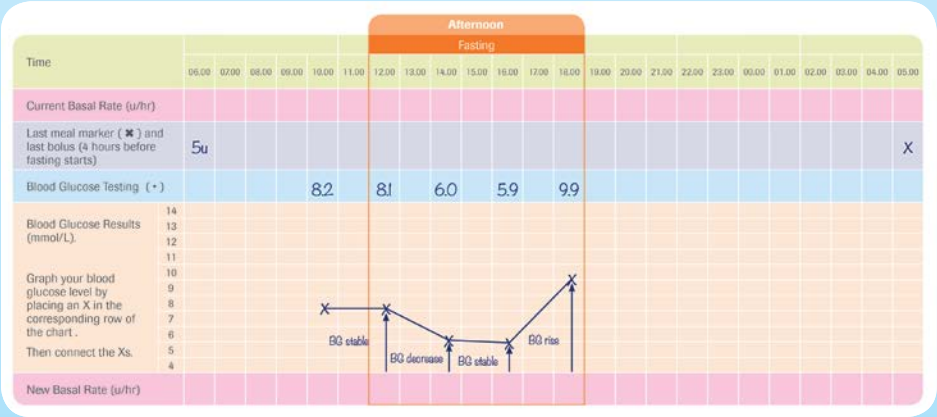

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BG decreases between 12pm and 2pm

Reduce basal rate between 10am and 12pm

BG increases between 4pm and 6pm

Increase basal rate between 2pm and 4pm

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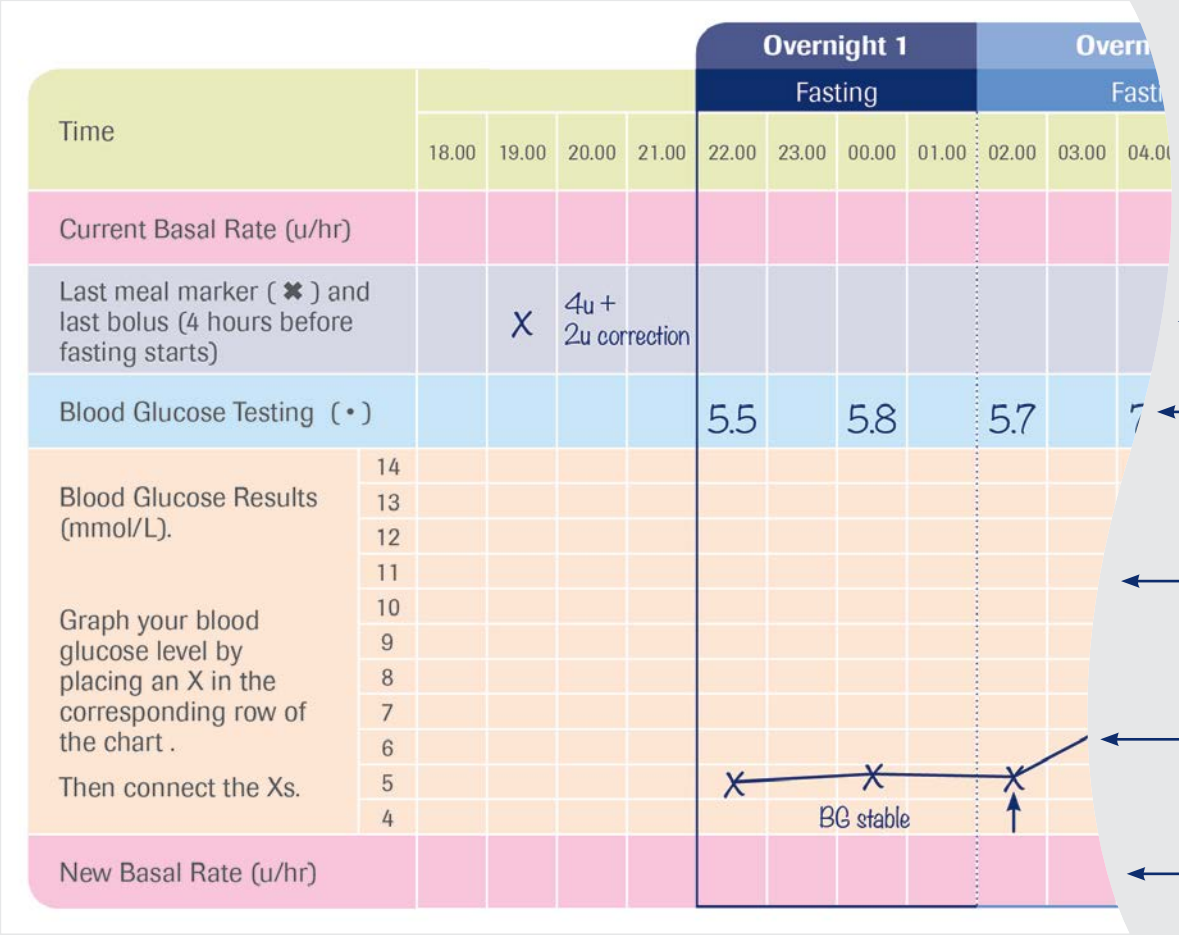

Step 1

Write your current basal rate (u/hr)

Step 2

Mark a "x" when you had your last meal and your last bolus. This must be 4 hours before your fasting starts

Step 3

Record your blood glucose (bG) results

Step 4

Graph your bG readings by placing an "x" in the corresponding row of the chart and connect the "x"s

Step 5

Check if your bG results increase or decrease at any time during fasting by 1.5 to 2 mmol/L

Step 6

If they do, increase or decrease your basal rate 1 to 2 hours before you see your bG increase or decrease and record your new basal rate (u/hr)

Always check with your Healthcare professional

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