

11.00 Glycemic Safety PSAT

References

1.00 The facility has an up to date, evidence-based approach for glycemic

11.00-1.00-1.00 *

The facility uses a team leader/interdisciplinary committee to plan and monitor the safe care of INPATIENTS with diabetes.

[Joint Commission Requirements for Advance Certification Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSDF.2 EP 5](#)
[Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes 2018. American Diabetes Association. January 2018 Volume 41, Supplement 1](#)

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Rationale: The interdisciplinary committee could consist of endocrinology, hospitalist, pharmacy, nursing, nutrition, ED, urgent care, medicine and other appropriate disciplines.

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11.00-1.00-2.00 *

The facility employs an evidence-based inpatient acute care diabetes management processes to avoid glucose extremes during the hospital stay especially preventing hypoglycemia (Blood glucose readings <70 mg/dL).
** Consider risk assessment methods to identify patients at high risk for Hypoglycemia. **Consider risk assessment methods to identify patients at high risk for Hyperglycemia

[Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes - 2018. American Diabetes Association. January 2018 Volume 41, Supplement 1 Page S145](#)
[LD.03.03.01 Leadership uses healthcare system-wide planning to establish structure and processes that focus safety and quality.](#)
[PC.01.02.01 The hospital assesses and re-assesses its patients.](#)
[PC.01.02.03 The hospital assesses, re-assesses patient his condition according to defined timeframes.](#)

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Rationale: The extremes of glucose values are associated with increased mortality - tight control of glycemia in the elderly and frail population is associated with worse outcomes than less strict control due to hazards from Hypoglycemia

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- 11.00-1.00-3.00 *** The facility monitors its care processes: Data on glycemic safety is regularly reviewed and shared within the facility such as a Glycemic Safety Committee, Patient Safety Committee, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, etc. (using the normal facility upward communication processes)

[LD.03.03.01 Leadership uses healthcare system-wide planning to establish structure and processes that focus safety and quality.](#)

[PI.01.01.01 The hospital collects data to monitor its performance.](#)

[Institute for Healthcare Improvement Global Trigger Tool](#)

[MS.05.01.01 : The organized medical staff has a leadership role in organization performance improvement activities improve quality of care, treatment, and services and patient safety.](#)

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Rationale: An oversight committee should be used so that the facility can identify issues and take actions when hazards are noted or trends occur that put patients at risk. Care planning and oversight is a TJC requirement.

Comments:

POC:

2.00 Steps taken to safeguard acute care inpatients with diabetes.

- 11.00-2.00-1.00 *** Performing hemoglobin A1C on all patients with diabetes or hyperglycemia (blood glucose > 140mg/dL) while admitted to the hospital if not performed in the prior 3 months.

[ADA Standard 14: Diabetes care in the hospital: standard medical care in diabetes - 2018 Page s144.](#)

[Joint Commission Requirements for Advance Certification Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSDP.2 EP 5](#)

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Rationale: This piece of information is needed to assess the overall management of the patient's diabetes. If not ordered recently, the inpatient team should do so in order that the team have this information.

Comments:

POC:

- 11.00-2.00-2.00 *** Initial glycemia management orders state the type of diabetes (i.e. type 1 or type 2 diabetes) or no previous history of diabetes.

[ADA Standard 14: Diabetes care in the hospital: standard medical care in diabetes - 2018 Page s144.](#)

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Rationale: The type of diabetes

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- 11.00-2.00-3.00 *** Nurse driven CPRS hypoglycemia protocol/order set is activated upon admission to an inpatient acute care unit. (Insulin should be administered using validated written or computerized protocols that allow for automatic predefined adjustments in the insulin dose based on glycemic fluctuations).

Rationale: Authoritative guidelines and consensus statements from the Endocrine Society, ADA, American Association of endocrinologists and American College of Endocrinology recommend a defined format for prescribing all insulin orders (e.g. preprinted order forms, computerized order sets in electronic prescribing systems). Cochrane review or RCT using computerized advice to improve glucose control in the hospital found significant improvement in the percentage of time patients spent in the target glucose range, lower mean blood glucose levels and no increase in hypoglycemia in patients with type 2 diabetes, so structured insulin order sets should be incorporated into the CPOE.

Comments:

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References

[ADA Standard 14: Diabetes care in the hospital: standard of medical care in diabetes - 2018 Page s144.](#)
[VA inpatient nursing hypoglycemia competency](#)
[Joint Commission Requirements for Advance Certification of Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSD4.4 EP 2](#)

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- 11.00-2.00-4.00 *** The use of split-mixed (NPH and regular) insulin is avoided in hospitalized diabetic inpatients except in limited circumstances.

[VA DOD Guidelines](#)

Rationale: The consensus is that split-mixed increases the risk of hypoglycemic events.

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- 11.00-2.00-5.00 *** Exception example to 2d: continuous tube feeding patients where use of every 6 - 8 hour NPH with supplemental regular insulin aspart may be appropriate.

[ADA standard 14: Diabetes care in the hospital: standard of medical care in diabetes - 2018 Page 148](#)

Rationale: The rationale for this is that the tube feeding may sustain the calorie load more so than regular oral intake such that a coverage scenario is not unreasonable.

Comments:

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- 11.00-2.00-6.00 *** The limited use of sliding scale insulin (SSI) only regimens. SSI may be used for short term if insulin needs are unknown, but therapy should be converted to basal plus correction regimen after 24 hours if insulin therapy is needed.

[ISMP safe use of insulin - safe practice 4.1](#)

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Rationale: Eliminate the use of sliding scale insulin doses based on blood glucose values as the only strategy for managing Hyperglycemia.

Comments:

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- 11.00-2.00-7.00 *** The facility safely prepares and administers insulin products by providing patient specific doses of intermediate or long-acting insulin in properly labeled syringes.

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults reference 62](#)

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Rationale: Labels on clinician-prepared insulin syringes are more likely to be limited or absent compared to pharmacy prepared syringes.

Comments:

POC:

- 11.00-2.00-8.00 *** The facility safely prepares and administers insulin products by providing patient specific doses of intermediate or long-acting insulin in properly labeled syringes.

[Article from AHRQ based on nursing survey that indicates few insulin syringes are labeled.](#)

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Rationale: Surveys have indicated how few insulin products drawn up in the patient care area are safely labeled.

Comments:

POC:

- 11.00-2.00-9.00 *** The facility safely prepares and administers insulin products by providing patient specific doses of intermediate or long-acting insulin in properly labeled syringes.

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults - Safe practice 2.6](#)

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Rationale: The pharmacy prepares and dispenses BASAL INSULIN doses in patient-specific prefilled syringes (if stability permits) for patients who are not using a patient-specific pen or insulin pump in the inpatient setting.

Comments:

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<p>11.00-2.00-10.00 * The facility safely prepares and administers insulin products by providing patient specific doses of intermediate or long-acting insulin in properly labeled syringes.</p> <p>Rationale: General insulin safety protocol is required for TJC Advanced Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSDF.2 EP 5.</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>Joint Commission Requirements for Advance Certification Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSDF.2 EP 5</p>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> MET</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> PARTIALLY MET</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET</div> <p>POC:</p>
<p>11.00-2.00-11.00 * The facility has a robust labeling and independent double check process for bedside clinicians administering immediate acting insulins and those long acting or intermediate acting doses that are not prepared by pharmacy.</p> <p>Rationale: Appropriately label all clinician-prepared syringes of subcutaneous insulin, unless the medication is prepared at the patient's bedside and is immediately administered to the patient without any break in the process.</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults - Safe practice 3.5</p>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> MET</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> PARTIALLY MET</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET</div> <p>POC:</p>
<p>11.00-2.00-12.00 * The facility has a robust labeling and independent double check process for bedside clinicians administering immediate acting insulins and those long acting or intermediate acting doses that are not prepared by pharmacy.</p> <p>Rationale: Prior to subcutaneous insulin administration the practitioner:</p> <p>a. Confirms that there is an appropriate indication.</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults - Safe practice 3.5</p>	<div><input type="checkbox"/> MET</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> PARTIALLY MET</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET</div> <p>POC:</p>

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2.00 Steps taken to safeguard acute care inpatients with diabetes.

11.00-2.00-13.00 * The facility has a robust labeling and independent double check process for bedside clinicians administering immediate acting insulins and those long acting or intermediate acting doses that are not prepared by pharmacy.

Rationale: Prior to subcutaneous insulin administration the practitioner:

- b. assesses the patient's most current blood glucose value.

Comments:

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References

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults - Safe practice 3.5](#)

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11.00-2.00-14.00 * The facility has a robust labeling and independent double check process for bedside clinicians administering immediate acting insulins and those long acting or intermediate acting doses that are not prepared by pharmacy.

Rationale: Prior to subcutaneous insulin administration the practitioner:

- c. Assesses the patient for symptoms of Hypoglycemia.

Comments:

POC:

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults - Safe practice 3.5](#)

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11.00-2.00-15.00 * The facility has a robust labeling and independent double check process for bedside clinicians administering immediate acting insulins and those long acting or intermediate acting doses that are not prepared by pharmacy.

Rationale: Prior to subcutaneous insulin administration the practitioner:

- d. Informs the patient of their most current blood glucose level.

Comments:

POC:

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults - Safe practice 3.5](#)

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References

2.00 Steps taken to safeguard acute care inpatients with diabetes.

- 11.00-2.00-16.00 *** The facility has a robust labeling and independent double check process for bedside clinicians administering immediate acting insulins and those long acting or intermediate acting doses that are not prepared by pharmacy.

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults - Safe practice 3.5](#)

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Rationale: Prior to subcutaneous insulin administration the practitioner:

- e. Informs the patient of their dose, the full name of the product, and the insulin's intended action.

Comments:

POC:

- 11.00-2.00-17.00 *** The facility has a robust labeling and independent double check process for bedside clinicians administering immediate acting insulins and those long acting or intermediate acting doses that are not prepared by pharmacy.

[Joint Commission Requirements for Advanced Certification Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSD.2 EP 5](#)

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Rationale: General insulin safety protocol is required for TJC Advanced Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSD.2 EP 5.

Comments:

POC:

3.00 The facility has formally developed guidelines or protocols for the ac

- 11.00-3.00-1.00 *** Administration of subcutaneous insulin for patients who are receiving enteral or parenteral nutrition.

[ADA standard 14: Diabetes care in the hospital: standard medical care in diabetes - 2018 Page 148](#)
[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults Safe practice 1.3.c](#)

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Rationale: The rationale for this is that the tube feeding may sustain the calorie load more so than regular oral intake such that a coverage scenario is not unreasonable.

Comments:

POC:

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References

3.00 The facility has formally developed guidelines or protocols for the ac

11.00-3.00-2.00 * Patients transitioning from intravenous insulin.

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults safe practice 1.3.a](#)

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Rationale: 1.3 Organizations develop and utilize evidence-based insulin protocols and/or evidence-based insulin order sets with decision support capabilities. These guide a). Transition from intravenous to subcutaneous insulin.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-3.00 * Patients designated to receive nothing by mouth (NPO)

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults safe practice 1.3.b and c](#)

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Rationale: 1.3 Organizations develop and utilize evidence-based insulin protocols and/or evidence-based insulin order sets with decision support capabilities. These guide: c). Management of insulin during planned and unplanned interruptions of oral, enteral and parenteral nutrition.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-4.00 * Patients designated to receive nothing by mouth (NPO)

[Joint Commission Requirements for Advanced Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSDF.4 EP 2](#)

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Rationale: General insulin safety protocol is required for TJC Advanced Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-5.00 * Patients with insulin resistance who are receiving concentrated insulin products (U-500, U-300, U-200)

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults Safe Practice 1.3.d](#)

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Rationale: 1.3 Organizations develop and utilize evidence-based insulin protocols and/or evidence-based insulin order sets with decision support capabilities. These guide: d. Management of CONCENTRATED INSULIN.

Comments:

POC:

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References

3.00 The facility has formally developed guidelines or protocols for the ac

11.00-3.00-6.00 * Patients admitted with or developing Diabetic Keto Acidosis (DKA)

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults Safe Practice 1.3.i](#)

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Rationale: 1.3 Organizations develop and utilize evidence-based insulin protocols and/or evidence-based insulin order sets with decision support capabilities. These include: i). Identification, communication and management of critical blood glucose values.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-7.00 * Guidelines for patients who receive insulin via insulin pump including transitions of care processes.

[ISMP recommendations for the safe management of patients with an external subcutaneous insulin pump during hospitalization.](#)
[Joint Commission Requirements for Advance Certification of Inpatient Diabetes Care. D5PR.1 EP 5, D5CT.5, EP 3](#)

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Rationale: If self management of insulin via continuous pump is to be used, a protocol should include a requirement that the patient, nursing staff and physician agree that self-management is appropriate. If self infusion is going to be used, hospital policy and procedures delineating guidelines (including changing of infusion sites) are advised.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-8.00 * There is a structured discharge planning process for diabetes patients that includes updating of treatment (if applicable)

[ISMP Safe Practice Guidelines for Subcutaneous Insulin in Adults Safe Practice 4.1](#)

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Rationale: Prior to transitions of care, a process is in place to ensure that patients will have the necessary prescriptions, supplies, a follow-up care plan, and printed instructions for all prescribed insulins and blood glucose monitoring.

Comments:

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References

3.00 The facility has formally developed guidelines or protocols for the ac

11.00-3.00-9.00 * There is a structured discharge planning process for diabetes patients that includes updating of treatment (if applicable)

[PC.04.01.01 The hospital follows a process that addresses the patients' needs for continuous care, treatment and services after discharge or transfer.](#)

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Rationale: The Joint Commission also stipulates that there is a process for facilitating the discharge of the patient and their care in the next care setting.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-10.00 * There is a structured discharge planning process for diabetes patients that includes updating of treatment (if applicable)

[PC.04.01.05 Before the hospital discharges or transfers patient, it informs and educates the patient about his or follow-up care, treatment and services.](#)

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Rationale: The Joint Commission also stipulates that the patient be educated about their follow-up care and treatment.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-11.00 * The facility is monitoring the evolving role of and has considered the impact of the use of diabetes agents that do not cause hypoglycemia and their role in inpatient care in minimizing the use of SSI (SGL-2, metformin, DPP4 agents) (OPTIONAL PRACTICE)

[ADA Standard 14: Diabetes care in the hospital: standard medical care in diabetes - 2018 - listings throughout the document regarding evidence based medicine as the foundation](#)

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Rationale: There are over 13,000 clinical trials studying diabetes and the role of the new agents is not completely elucidated. This suggestion is for facilities to consider advancements and to modify their approach if/when the literature is updated.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-12.00 * There is a structured discharge planning process that includes safe transition to the next care environment assuring that the patient has the appropriate diabetes supplies at discharge and is educated on any new system added to the regimen (such as new insulin pen use and troubleshooting)

[ADA standard 14 - transitions from acute care settings.](#)
[PC.04.01.01 The hospital follows a process that addresses the patients' needs for continuous care, treatment and services after discharge or transfer.](#)

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Rationale: Structured discharge communication: Information on medication changes, pending tests and studies, and follow-up needs must be communicated to outpatient physicians.

Comments:

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References

3.00 The facility has formally developed guidelines or protocols for the ac

11.00-3.00-13.00 * There is a structured discharge planning process that includes safe transition to the next care environment assuring that the patient has the appropriate diabetes supplies at discharge and is educated on any new system added to the regimen (such as new insulin pen use and troubleshooting).

[ISMP safe use of insulin - safe practice 4.1](#)

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Rationale: Prior to transitions of care, a process is in place to ensure that patients will have the necessary prescriptions, supplies, a follow-up care plan, and printed instructions for all prescribed insulins and blood glucose monitoring.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-3.00-14.00 * There is a structured discharge planning process that includes safe transition to the next care environment assuring that the patient has the appropriate diabetes supplies at discharge and is educated on any new system added to the regimen (such as new insulin pen use and troubleshooting).

[ADA standard 14 - transitions from acute care settings.](#)

[PC.04.01.01 The hospital follows a process that addresses the patients' needs for continuous care, treatment and services after discharge or transfer.](#)

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Rationale: Structured discharge communication: Information on medication changes, pending tests and studies, and follow-up needs must be communicated to outpatient physicians.

Comments:

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4.00 The facility utilizes a structured approach to assess/ provide diabetes

11.00-4.00-1.00 * Patient education is coordinated between medicine, nursing, food and nutrition and pharmacy such that the patient receives the same message from all care givers.

[LD.03.08.01 New or modified services or processes are designed.](#)

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Rationale: This is necessary because sometimes the patients can receive differing information from one discipline versus another or even one unit versus another.

Comments:

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4.00 The facility utilizes a structured approach to assess/ provide diabetes

11.00-4.00-2.00 * Various materials and modes (leaflets, videos, handouts, etc. are regularly reviewed, assessed updated to assure consistency and accuracy of information.

[IM.02.02.03 The hospital retrieves, disseminates and transmits health information in useful formats.](#)
[IM.03.01.01 Knowledge-based information resources are available, current, and authoritative.](#)

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Rationale: This is necessary to keep the patient information up to date with the latest evidence based medicine. Videos can vary from the products used at the site and even the types of insulin commonly used can change. This disparity can confuse the patients and lead to safety hazards.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-4.00-3.00 * The facility provides education about: 1) Diabetes and Your A1C Number 2) Insulin Information 3) How to use your glucose meter 4) Hypoglycemia 15-15 Rule 5) Sick Day Guide 6) When to Call Your Provider.

[ADA Standard 14: Diabetes Care in the hospital: Standards for Medical Care in Diabetes - 2018 Page S149.](#)

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Rationale: It is recommended that these areas of knowledge be reviewed and addressed prior to discharge.

Comments:

POC:

11.00-4.00-4.00 * The facility provides education about: 1) Diabetes and Your A1C Number 2) Insulin Information 3) How to use your glucose meter 4) Hypoglycemia 15-15 Rule 5) Sick Day Guide 6) When to Call Your Provider.

[The Joint Commission Requirements for Advance Certification for Inpatient Diabetes Care. DSSE.3 EP 5](#)

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Rationale: General educational components of TJC Advanced Inpatient Diabetes Certification.

Comments:

POC: