

Hackney Diabetes Centre

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Blood Glucose Meters



The Diabetes Centre tries to restrict its meter use to only 5 different meters. We are currently using Glucomen PC, Freestyle Mini, Xceed, Contour and Advantage meters. The following contacts are happy to provide meters and training direct to surgeries. The

companies also offer literature in several languages and other support for primary care.

Name	Telephone	Company	Meter
Sue Cameron	07887 654816	Menarini	Glucomen PC
Carol Edmonds	07899 065962	Abbott	Freestyle Mini
Carol Edmonds	07899 065962	Abbott	Optium Xceed
Martin Southern	07764 825993	Roche	Advantage
Helen Spriggs	07721 443325	Bayer	Contour

Precision QID Meter and Medisense Card Meter

Abbott are withdrawing these meters at the end of 2005. Patients can phone the free "Trade-up" line on **0800 072 1020** for a free replacement meter. The meter nearest to these is the Optium Xceed meter. Alternatively, surgeries can switch patients onto an alternative meter. To find out which patients need a switch, you can search your patient records on the strips – "Medisense G2 test strips"



"My Diabetes" Patient Held Records

The packs have now arrived, and are starting to be distributed to practices and patients. It is available in English for 6500 patients with diabetes and is currently being translated into Turkish with 1000 copies available before the end of the year. The pack should be carried by patients to all appointments with health professionals including GPs; Practice Nurses; Diabetes Nurse Specialists; Dieticians; Chiropodists; Consultants; District Nurses and others. Please telephone or fax to order copies for your surgery (Tel: 8510 5005 Fax: 85105015)



Insulin Course



The insulin course has been delayed this year, but the date is now set for September 20th. The next

course will be February 21st 2006.

The course is aimed at practices wishing to enhance their diabetes care in practice by increasing their skills in dealing with patients on insulin and initiating insulin in primary care. We recommend two clinical staff attend from each surgery if possible.

Please contact Anna-Marie (8510 5005), Charlotte or Leanne (8510 5011) to book your place.

Groups Education Sessions

The Diabetes Lay Educators are holding group education sessions Hackney Diabetes Centre for the patients from ethnic communities of Hackney. We have had two sessions in Turkish and Bengali languages and there will be other sessions in following languages:
Hindi 25th Oct 2005 14:00
Punjabi 29th Nov 2005 14:00
Vietnamese 31st Jan 2006 14:00



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Dr. Francesco Medici has set up this e-mail address for advice & guidance on the Diabetes Services. For urgent patient advice, please contact the DSN on 07768102130 between 9am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-5pm.