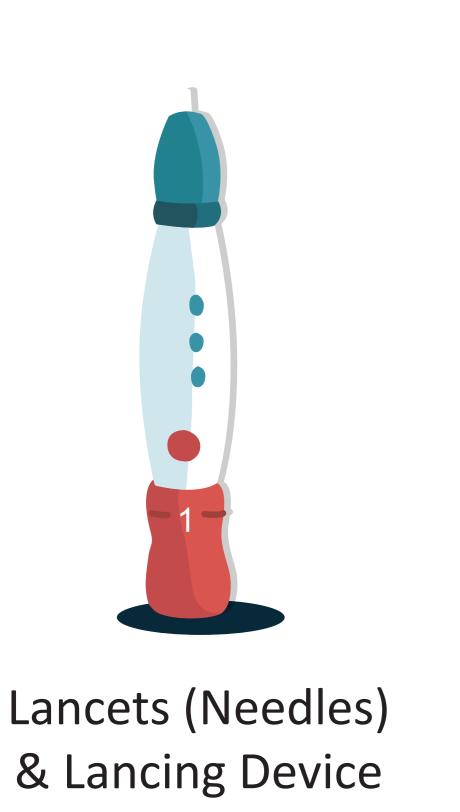
# BLOOD SUGAR METERS

# Components of a Blood Sugar Meter Test Kit:







Glucose Glucometer Test Strips

#### Know Your Device! Did You Know?

- Some blood sugar meters check for ketones\* in the blood, alerting patients about a potentially fatal complication from extremely high sugar levels.
- \*Ketones are produced by breaking down fats when the body cannot produce enough insulin to process sugars.
- Some blood sugar meters will prompt users when there is an insufficient blood sample and allows application of more blood to the same test strip.
- Connection to computer and phone apps helps to store readings and view blood sugar charts.

### Factors to Consider When Buying a Blood Sugar Meter:



Ease of use



Amount of blood needed for each test



Cost



Size of device and screen



After-sales support



Out-of-range indicator



Speed of testing result



Date and time recording feature



Results may be transferred to computer or mobile device



## Alternate Site Testing

#### Flash Glucose Monitoring System (on Upper Arm)

- 5-10 minutes delay
- Sensor is attached to the skin and readings can be obtained by scanning with your mobile phone.
- Complements standard home glucose monitors.

#### **Alternate Site Testing (i.e. Forearms, Thighs)**

- 20-35 minutes delay
- Only used for patients with stable blood sugar levels
- Not recommended for people who are prone to low blood sugar





Speak with your Pharmacist for advice on diabetes management, lifestyle changes, and recommended strategies to help keep your blood glucose in check!

