# changing diabetes® in children

# Remember **DIETS**Causes of **UNCONTROLLED** diabetes



#### Diet:

- inappropriate quality
- quantity
- timing of food







**Drugs:** Intake of drugs which cause high blood glucose levels, Eg. :-

- steroids
- over the counter drugs like cough syrups
- indigenous drugs of unknown nature





## Insulin:

- inappropriate dosage
- skipping a recommended insulin dose
- taking wrong insulin





## Illness, infection

- any seasonal illness
- skin, ear, nose, throat, teeth, chest, foot, urinary tract infections
- any surgery

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# Other Endocrine and autoimmune disorders, Eg.:-

- thyroid disorders
- coeliac diseases
- PCOD (Polycystic ovarian diseases)



#### **Emotions:**

- any kind of stress
- feeling low
- lack of sleep





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#### Testing:

- inappropriate timing of testing
- wrong testing (not washing hands/pressing too hard )
- wrong readings (expired strips)



**Technique** - Inappropriate technique or site of taking insulin

**Teaching -** Lack of diabetes education and hence not balancing appropriately between Diet ~ Exercise ~ Monitoring ~ Insulin



**Somogyi Phenomenon** - a rebound high blood glucose level in response to low blood glucose

**Support -** Lack of support from family, friends and community





### **Sports**

- lack of physical activity
- less exercise
- Inappropriate exercise

Acknowledgement - Diabetes Educator's Handbook - Care for children and adolescent living with diabetes







