Many people take diabetes pills or tablets to help them control their diabetes. Pills for diabetes are not insulin.

Diabetes pills work in a number of ways and in different parts of the body. The drawing (picture) below shows you where and how many commonly used diabetes pills work.

**LIVER**
*Glucophage*  
*Actos*  
Help to lower the amount of sugar (glucose) made by the liver.

**LIVER AND PANCREAS**  
*Januvia, Onglyza, Tradjenta, Nesina*  
Help the pancreas produce more insulin and also help lower the amount of sugar made by the liver.

**PANCREAS**  
*Glimepiride*  
*Glyburide*  
*Glipizide*  
*Nateglinide*  
*Repaglinide*  
Help the pancreas produce more insulin.

**MUSCLE CELLS**  
*Glucophage*  
*Actos*  
Help muscle cells make better use of the body's insulin.

**KIDNEYS**  
*Farxiga*  
*Invokana*  
*Jardiance*  
*Steglatro*  
Lower the amount of sugar the kidneys keep in the body.

**INTESTINES**  
*Precose, Glyset*  
Slow how the body breaks down some carbohydrates (which helps slow the rise of blood sugar levels).

*METFORMIN* is the generic name of Glucophage.