

# DIABETES PILLS

## HOW AND WHERE THEY WORK

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.

### MUSCLE CELLS

**Glucophage\***  
**Actos**

Help muscle cells make better use of the body's insulin.

### 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.

### KIDNEYS

**Farxiga**  
**Invokana**  
**Jardiance**  
**Steglatro**

Lower the amount of sugar the kidneys keep in the body.

### PANCREAS

**Glimepiride**  
**Glyburide**  
**Glipizide**  
**Nateglinide**  
**Repaglinide**

Help the pancreas produce more insulin.

### 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.