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Ketone

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

Definitions

Insulin

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Fat

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Coma

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A chemical produced when there is a shortage of [insulin](#) in the blood and the body breaks down body [fat](#) for energy. High levels of ketones can lead to **diabetic ketoacidosis** and [coma](#). Sometimes referred to as ketone bodies.