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# Hormone

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

## Definitions

### Glucose

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A chemical produced in one part of the body and released into the blood to trigger or regulate particular functions of the body. For example, **insulin** is a hormone made in the **pancreas** that tells other cells when to use **glucose** for energy. Synthetic hormones, made for use as medicines, can be the same or different from those made in the body.