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# Biguanide

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## Definitions

### Type 2 diabetes

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### Blood glucose

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### Glucose

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### Liver

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### Insulin resistance

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### Insulin

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## Source

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A class of oral medicine used to treat **type 2 diabetes** that lowers **blood glucose** by reducing the amount of **glucose** produced by the **liver**. This type of medicine also helps treat **insulin resistance**, a condition in which the body doesn't use **insulin** the way it should. (Generic names/Brand names: **metformin/Glucophage**, **Glucophage XR**, **Riomet**.)