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Metformin

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

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

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Pancreas

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Biguanide

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National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (U.S.). (2009). *The diabetes dictionary*. [Bethesda, Md.]: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse.

An oral medicine used to treat **type 2 diabetes**. Metformin lowers **blood glucose** by reducing the amount of **glucose** produced by the **liver** and helping the body respond better to the **insulin** made in the **pancreas**. Metformin belongs to the class of medicines called **biguanides**. (Brand names: **Glucophage**, **Glucophage XR**, **Riomet**.)