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# Insulin

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## Definitions

### Hormone

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### Glucose

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### Injection

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A **hormone** that helps the body use **glucose** for energy. The **beta cells** of the **pancreas** make insulin. When the body cannot make enough insulin, insulin must be taken by **injection** or other means.