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Type 2 diabetes

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

Definitions

Blood glucose level

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Insulin

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A condition characterized by high **blood glucose levels** caused by either a lack of **insulin** or the body's inability to use insulin efficiently. Type 2 diabetes develops most often in middle-aged and older adults but can appear in children, teens, and young people.