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Miglitol

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

Definitions

Type 2 diabetes

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Carbohydrate

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Blood glucose

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Alpha-glucosidase inhibitor

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An oral medicine used to treat **type 2 diabetes**. Miglitol slows down the digestion of foods high in **carbohydrate**, such as rice, bread, milk, and fruit. The result is a slower and lower rise in **blood glucose** after meals. Miglitol belongs to the class of medicines called **alpha-glucosidase inhibitors**. (Brand name: **Glyset**.)