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Glucagon

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

Definitions

Hormone

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Alpha cell

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Pancreas

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Blood glucose

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Hypoglycemia

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A **hormone** produced by the **alpha cells** in the **pancreas**. Glucagon raises **blood glucose**. An injectable form of glucagon, available by prescription, may be used to treat severe **hypoglycemia**.