



OVERVIEW AND HELPFUL HINTS

INTENDED USE

Bayer's A1CNow® SELF CHECK test provides quantitative measurement of the percent of glycated hemoglobin (%A1C) levels in capillary (fingerstick) blood samples. The test is for home use to monitor glycemic control in people with diabetes.

Before using this test, please read all instructions carefully. If you need help, call 1-866-371-9044. We invite you to call and we will walk you through the test.

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INTRODUCTION

The percent (%) of A1C in your blood today tells you how well you have been controlling your glucose levels over the past 2-3 months. About 50% of the A1C result is from the past 30 days of glucose levels; about 25% is from the past 30-60 days and about 25% is from the past 60-90 days.¹

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends that you test your A1C levels at least 2 times per year if your blood sugar is stable. If you are taking insulin, your treatment changes or your blood sugar is too high, the ADA recommends that you test at least every 3 months.²

The A1CNow SELF CHECK test is an easy-to-use test to measure your A1C levels at home. By measuring your levels at home, you can be better informed in-between your doctor visits and feel more in control of your diabetes.

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KIT CONTENT

The box contains materials for two A1C tests. Make sure all of the following parts are in the box. DO NOT open the pouches until ready to use.

- A1CNow SELF CHECK Monitor (1)
- Cartridge Pouch (2)
- Shaker Pouch (2), each containing:
 - Shaker (1)
 - Blood Collector (1)
 - Lancet, disposable (1)
- Extra lancet (1)
- Quick Reference Guide (1)
- Instructional DVD (1)
- Overview and Helpful Hints (1)

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PREPARING TO TAKE THE TEST

You may take your fingerstick blood sample and do your A1C test any time of the day. Remember to wash your hands prior to performing the test.

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No special diet is necessary (you do not have to be fasting when taking this test). You may want to do this test at the same time as you do a blood glucose test.

In order to help ensure an accurate result, please complete the test from beginning to end in 15 minutes. Avoid running the test in direct sunlight, on hot or cold surfaces or near sources of hot or cold. If the test has recently been at high temperatures (greater than 82°F / 25°C) or at cold temperatures, allow the kit parts to come to room temperature (64°-77°F / 18°-25°C) for at least one hour before you do your test. Leave the parts in their sealed pouches while waiting.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE RESULT

The Monitor will not store your result in memory, so write down the result and the test date on the log area in the Quick Reference Guide as soon as possible to prevent loss of information.

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WHAT THE TEST RESULT MEANS

For most people with diabetes, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends that your A1C should be under 7%.² Your health care professional will tell you what level is right for you.

HOW DOES THIS TEST COMPARE WITH THE A1C TEST FROM THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE OR THE LABORATORY?

The A1CNow SELF CHECK test is annually certified by the National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program (NGSP). The American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends that A1C tests be certified by the NGSP. For information about NGSP certified methods, please visit the website: www.NGSP.org.

STORAGE

- Store and use at room temperature (64°-77°F / 18°-25°C) and out of direct sunlight.
- If you cannot confidently store the kit under these recommended conditions you have the option of refrigerating the kit. However, you must

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bring the kit to room temperature for at least one hour prior to use.

- DO NOT use the test after the expiration date shown on the box.
- If the temperature label, placed on the outside of the kit is exposed to a temperature in excess of 122°F/50°C, the dot on the label will turn red and the product should not be used.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- **DO NOT adjust your medication unless instructed to do so by your doctor or health care professional.**
- Conditions such as hemoglobin (Hb) variants, anemia, recent significant blood loss, a recent blood transfusion, or high amounts of rheumatoid factor may affect the accuracy of your A1C result.
- People with hemophilia (bleeding disorder) or on anti-coagulant therapy (blood thinning medicine) should consult their doctor or health care professional before using this kit.
- Leave the Cartridge Pouch sealed until ready for use.
- Carefully read and follow the Quick Reference Guide and watch the DVD to ensure proper test performance.
- DO NOT reuse the Shaker or the Cartridge. Throw these parts away after using them once.
- DO NOT use the test kit if any parts are cracked or broken.
- DO NOT substitute this test for glucose monitoring.
- DO NOT eat or drink any parts of this kit.
- If the solution from inside the Shaker touches your skin or your eyes, flush with water.
- For use outside of the body only (in-vitro diagnostic use).
- Keep out of reach of children under the age of 7 years. When children are performing the test, be sure that testing is done under adult supervision.

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- DO NOT use any other body fluids or food to perform this test. Use ONLY your fingerstick blood sample.
- DO NOT add your blood directly to the cartridge. Your blood must first be added to the Shaker.
- DO NOT handle the white circle area of the Cartridge.
- This test is NOT for the screening or diagnosis of diabetes.
- This test is to be used at room temperature between 64° and 77° F (18° and 25°C). Using the test outside this temperature range will give you an error code.
- This test is not a substitute for regular visits to your health care professionals or for monitoring your glucose levels.

TROUBLESHOOTING

See the table below for a description of A1CNow+ operating and error codes ("OR" = Out of Range; "QC" = Quality Control, "E" = Monitor Error)

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MESSAGE	DESCRIPTION AND RESOLUTION
OR 1	The blood sample may have too little hemoglobin for the test to work properly, or you added too little blood. Call customer service.
OR2	The blood sample may have too much hemoglobin for the test to work properly, or you added too much blood. Call customer service.
OR 3	The blood sample may have too little hemoglobin A1C for the test to work properly, or you added too little blood. Call customer service.
OR 4	The blood sample may have too much hemoglobin A1C for the test to work properly, or you added too much blood. Call customer service.
OR 5	The monitor temperature is below 18°C (64°F). The test must be repeated with a new cartridge at room temperature (18-25°C).
OR 6	The monitor temperature is above 25°C (77°F). The test must be repeated with a new cartridge at room temperature (18-25°C).
<4.0	The %A1C is less than 4%. Call customer service.

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>13.0	The %A1C is greater than 13%. Call your doctor.
QC 2	Occurs when you insert a Cartridge that already has sample added to it. Do not remove and reinsert a Cartridge after adding sample.
QC 6	Sample was added to Cartridge before “SMPL” display. This counts down one test on the Monitor. Remove and discard Cartridge. To avoid this error, do not add sample until the “WAIT” prompt clears and “SMPL” appears.
QC 7	The Cartridge remained in the Monitor without sample addition for 2 minutes after “SMPL” prompt. This counts down one test on the Monitor. Discard the Test Cartridge and insert a fresh one when you are ready to dispense the Shaker.
All other QC Codes	The quality control checks inside the Monitor did not pass. The test will need to be repeated with another kit. Call customer service.
E Codes	The Monitor is not working. Call customer service.

Customer Service: 1-866-371-9044

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DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS

Keep the monitor to run the second test and dispose of it after the second test has been performed. Throw away all of the other used components (except the Lancet) in your daily household waste. The Lancet, Shaker, Blood Collector and Cartridge can be used only once.

Since the Lancet has a sharp point it should be disposed of in an appropriate sharps container in the same way you dispose of your glucose testing lancets.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When should I do the A1CNow SELFCHECK test?

The A1CNow SELFCHECK test can be performed at any time of day. No fasting is required. You may wish to do the test at the same time you do your glucose test.

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My Lancet accidentally went off before I pressed it against my finger. What should I do?

There is one extra Lancet included in the box. You should use that one.

Sometimes I have trouble getting a blood drop that is large enough. What can I do?

Try washing your hands in warm water. Warm water will help increase blood flow for a better fingerstick. You may also massage the finger before the fingerstick.

What is the best way to fill the Blood Collector?

Hold the Blood Collector horizontally or at a 45° angle relative to the blood drop. Touch the tip gently to the drop of blood and allow the tube to fill. It will stop automatically when it is filled completely.

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My Blood Collector is not filled completely. What should I do?

Apply pressure to your finger to get more blood. Again, touch the tip gently to the drop of blood and allow the tube to fill. You may have to re-stick your finger to get the necessary blood. If the Blood Collector does not fill, call customer service.

There is extra blood on the tip of the Blood Collector. What should I do?

Carefully wipe the tip of the Blood Collector with a piece of gauze or tissue. If some of the blood comes out while doing this, touch the tip gently to the blood drop to re-fill the Blood Collector.

The Shaker seemed to leak when I pushed the Blood Collector into it. What should I do?

Call customer service.

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The Cartridge will not insert into the Monitor. What should I do?

Make sure you are inserting the Cartridge right side up with the Test Code on top. Also, be sure the Cartridge is facing the right way. You should be able to read the Test Code as you insert the Cartridge into the Monitor.

I accidentally opened the Cartridge pouch too early. What should I do?

You can use the second Cartridge in the kit. Do not use the already opened Cartridge. Throw away the Cartridge that has been opened more than 2 minutes.

The Test Codes on the Cartridge and the Monitor do not match. What should I do?

Do not use the Cartridge. Save the packing materials and call customer service.

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The Monitor did not turn on after I inserted the Cartridge. What should I do?

Take the Cartridge out. Re-insert in until it ‘clicks’. If the Monitor still does not turn on, this means that it may have a problem and can’t be used. Call customer service.

I did not see ‘RUN’ and a countdown after I added the sample using the Shaker. What should I do?

Call customer service.

My result says ‘QCOK’ and a number. What should I do?

‘QCOK’ means the Monitor is working correctly. The number you see is your A1C result. Write your result down in the result log in the Quick Reference Guide. Review your result with your Health Care Professional.

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The A1CNow SELFCHECK test does not match the result my doctor got from the laboratory. Why is this?

Test results will rarely match exactly. This is true even for tests done in the same lab. A1C results may be different due to: slight differences between labs, normal variation within each test and the time between two tests.

My result is not ‘QCOK’ and a number. What should I do?

Refer to the troubleshooting section. You can also call customer service.

What should I do with the test after I am done with it?

After you write down your result, you can throw away the used Blood Collector, Shaker and Cartridge in your daily household trash. These items can be used only once. Note that the Lancet is also a single-use item and should be disposed of in a sharps container.

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Save the Monitor for your second test. Monitor will display “01TL” showing that there is one test left. When Monitor is displaying “00TL” it indicates that you have used both tests. Once you used the second test, you can throw away the Monitor in your daily household trash.

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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