

What is Glucagon?

People with type 1 diabetes who experience severe low blood sugar emergencies may require glucagon. Glucagon raises the blood sugar when a person with type 1 diabetes is unable to swallow liquid or food because of severe sleepiness, unconsciousness, or seizure activity. Glucagon, like insulin, must be injected with a syringe into the skin. It is a hormone that helps the liver release glucose in order to raise blood sugar levels.



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Glucagon Kits

Glucagon is packaged in a kit with a vial of powder containing the medicine and a syringe filled with liquid to mix with the medicine. Directions for mixing and injecting the medicine are in the package. Read the directions carefully and ask your healthcare provider for more explanation, if necessary.

Do not mix glucagon after the expiration date printed on the kit and on the vial. Check the date regularly and replace the medicine before it expires. **After mixing glucagon, discard any unused portion, regardless of the expiration date.**