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# Oral hypoglycemic agents

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC)

## Definitions

### Type 2 diabetes

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### Blood glucose level

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### Alpha-glucosidase inhibitor

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### Biguanide

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### D-phenylalanine derivative

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### DPP-4 inhibitor

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### Meglitinide

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### Sulfonylurea

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### Thiazolidinedione

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## Source

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Medicines taken by mouth by people with **type 2 diabetes** to keep **blood glucose levels** as close to normal as possible.

Types of oral hypoglycemic agents are **alpha-glucosidase inhibitors**, **biguanides**, **D-phenylalanine derivatives**, **DPP-4 inhibitors**, **meglitinides**, **sulfonylureas**, and **thiazolidinediones**.