Diabetes Care: The ABCs to Better Health				
		How often	Ideal level	Your result
SUGAR	A1c measures blood sugar control Lowering your A1c reduces diabetes complications	Every 3-6 months	Less than 7%	
	Blood pressure control Lowering your blood pressure reduces strokes	Every visit	Less than 135/80	
(A)	Cholesterol (LDL) level Lowering your LDL level reduces heart attacks	Every year	Less than 100 mg/dL	
	D iabetes kidney microalbumin test Treating early kidney damage may prevent dialysis	Every year	Less than 30 mg/gm	
	Eye exam If your last eye exam was abnormal If your last eye exam was normal Detecting early eye damage may prevent blindness	Every year Every 2 years		
	Foot exam ☑ Observe the feet ☑ Check pulses ☑ Test sensation Helps prevent serious foot infections and amputations	Every year		
	Goal for self-management ☑ My goal: Choosing your own goal will help you succeed	Every visit		
	Home glucose testing Ask your doctor if this is right for you	Varies		
	Immunizations and heart medications ☑ Influenza (flu vaccine) ☑ Pneumonia (Pnemovax) ☑ Statins and aspirin Immunization helps prevent serious infections and heart medications reduce heart attacks	Every year At least once Daily if needed		
	Just ask for a referral to: ☑ Diabetes education classes ☑ Nutritional counseling ☑ Weight management program ☑ Smoking cessation program	Varies		
	Kids in your future? ☑ Folic acid supplement Controlling your blood sugar reduces risks to your baby	Daily		