



rapid-acting

Insulin **L**ISPRO
Insulin **A**SPART
Insulin **G**LULISINE

no '**LAG**'

onset

5-15
minutes

peak

1 hour

duration

3-5 hours

(IN-sulin is a hormone
that helps glucose get
IN-side cells)

short-acting

Humulin **S**
Actrapid

'Short Acting'

30-60
minutes

2 hours

5-8 hours

intermediate-acting

Humulin **NPH**
Novolin **NPH**

2-4 hours

4-10
hours

10-16
hours

long-acting

Lantus (Glargine)
Levemir (Detemir)
Long

2-4 hours

4-12
hours

20-24
hours

ultra-long-acting

Degludec (**T**resiba)
Tresiba **T**ravels Far

2-4 hours

8-12
hours

24 hours+

fewer
nocturnal hypoglycemic
events compared to
other long-acting
insulins!



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INSULIN REVIEW
ENDOCRINOLOGY

basal and bolus injections of insulin



basal insulin ensures a **steady** level of insulin all day

it helps keep blood glucose levels stable overnight and between meals

basal is usually **long-acting** or **intermediate-acting** & typically requires injections once or twice daily

bolus insulin is taken during **meal times** to provide a **quick-acting** surge of insulin

prevents **post-meal spikes**

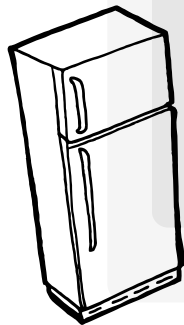
bolus is usually **rapid-acting** or **short-acting**



insulin pumps, mixtures & storage

Insulin solutions should **not be frozen**, and unused vials should be **stored in the fridge** while current vials can be kept at room temperature.

Injection sites should be **rotated** to prevent complications such as **infection and lipohypertrophy**.



Insulin pumps **continuously infuse** a background amount of insulin via a **cannula** and **can deliver boluses in response to food**.

They are loaded with a single type of **rapid or fast-acting insulin** and **provide both basal and bolus insulin doses**.

Insulin mixtures are **pre-mixtures** of **intermediate/long-acting insulin** and **short/rapid-acting insulin**.

They **improve compliance** by providing both basal and bolus components in a **single injection**, convenient for patients who require both types of insulin.

