

## What are acute emergencies?

Acute emergencies are serious health conditions that start suddenly, cause serious ill health and have the possibility of leading to death among persons with type 2 diabetes. They last for a short time if managed very well.

There are three common acute emergencies that may result from type 2 diabetes. These are:

1. Hypoglycaemia
2. Hyperglycaemia Hyperosmolar states
3. Diabetes keto-acidosis

Because these conditions can lead to death, they **MUST** be managed in the hospital by a medical team with expertise and skills to manage them.