

Diagnosing Diabetes Mellitus

1. Fasting blood glucose level - 8 hours fasting

(preferred initial diagnostic method)

a. Prediabetes

i. 100 - 125 mg/dL

b. Diabetes mellitus

i. ≥ 126 mg/dL

2. Oral Glucose Tolerance Test

a. Prediabetes

i. 140 - 199 mg/dL

b. Diabetes Mellitus

i. ≥ 200 mg/dL

3. Random Blood Glucose Levels

a. Diabetes mellitus

i. ≥ 200 mg/dL + symptoms (polyuria, polydipsia, polyphagia)

4. Hemoglobin A1C (Best test to evaluate treatment response over time)

a. Prediabetes

i. 5.7 - 6.4%

b. Diabetes mellitus (treatment of diabetes focuses on a goal of HbA1C < 7.0%)

i. $\geq 6.5\%$

