

First Few Days Using Your Omnipod®

Quick Glance



Congratulations!

You are now among thousands of Omnipod® users around the world! It can be overwhelming to change how you manage your diabetes, but don't worry, the Omnipod team is here to help you!

Getting used to wearing a device can take some time and adjustment. Don't be nervous.

- If you accidentally bump or knock your Pod off, simply follow your Pod change instructions and start a new one.
- If your Pod site is uncomfortable, remember there are several other places you can wear your next Pod.
- Choose your clothes with your Pod in mind until you are comfortable. Be conscious of where your Pod is located so you do not accidentally catch clothing on it and pull it off. Do not place your Pod directly under your waist band or belt.
- Your Pod is waterproof* so you are free to shower or bathe with it on. The Pod's adhesive can keep the Pod securely in place for up to 3 days**. But everyone's skin is different. If you are having trouble with your Pod sticking, there are some ways to help your Pod stick better. A common tip is limiting exposure to moisturizers or oil-based soaps, these can sometimes prevent the adhesive from sticking well.

Common places for Pod placement: arms, lower back and abdomen.



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Your blood glucose (BG) values may vary. Don't panic.

- Initial settings are usually conservative as you start pump therapy. If you experience a single BG above or below target during your first days, treat your BG accordingly. A single day or BG value is not enough to make immediate changes. Adjustments to your settings will be based on patterns. If you see extreme values during the first few days you should contact your healthcare provider.
- During your first few days, try to focus on:

Checking your BG often. Schedule a BG reminder on your PDM 2 hours after you bolus. BG readings before and after meals will help your healthcare provider identify trends in your BG.



Counting your carbs accurately. If possible avoid eating out at restaurants for the first few days. Eating at home allows you to read food labels, measure portions, and achieve a more accurate carbohydrate count.

Try to stay as close to your normal activity as possible. Since activity can impact your BG levels, discuss with your healthcare provider if you should skip your scheduled workout during your first day(s) on the Pod. If you do end up exercising, be sure to check your BG before, during, and after your workout. Remember to carry items like glucose tabs, or juice to treat a low BG should one occur.



You will need to do your first Pod change on your own

- Schedule a generous amount of time to perform the first 1-2 Pod changes so you don't have to rush. Before you know it, you'll be a pro and a Pod change should be quick and easy.
- Remember site rotation can help with insulin absorption. Try a different area that you and your healthcare provider have identified as ideal.
- Check your PDM's History to see how much insulin you used daily. This will help you estimate how much insulin to fill the next Pod with.

Learning about your PDM

- Like your cell phone or BG meter, you will want your PDM available at all times. However, your Pod will deliver your basal rates as scheduled even when it is not in range of the PDM. You will need to have your PDM within 5 ft. of your Pod when you want to bolus, check your BG, or make any changes. Dedicate a spot for your PDM in your home so you will always know where to find it and you won't leave home without it!
- Your PDM does not like to be too hot or too cold so don't leave it in the elements (i.e. the car).
- Get into a habit of checking the battery level. Depending on the PDM you have, you may need to replace the batteries, or recharge the PDM.

Other things to do during the first few days

- Remember to carry backup insulin supplies and Pods when you are away from home.
- Download any apps or software, like Insulet Provided Glooko®, that will help you manage your diabetes.
- Keep an updated copy of your pump settings for future reference.
- Take notes of any unusual events that may occur (illness, strenuous activity, stress etc.).
- Keep in touch with your healthcare team as instructed.
- Omnipod Customer Care is available 24/7. Make sure to save the phone number into your cell phone for easy access.

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Refer to the Omnipod® and Omnipod DASH® Insulin Management System User Guides for complete safety information including indications, contraindications, warnings, cautions and instructions.

* The Pod has a waterproof rating of IP28 for up to 25 feet for 60 minutes. The PDM is not waterproof.

** Up to 72 hours