

GUIDANCE FOR PRESCRIBERS ON AVAILABLE INSULIN PUMP EDUCATION & TRAINING STREAMS FOR PATIENTS

Tailoring education and support to each patient's unique needs, preferences, and circumstances is crucial for successful insulin pump management, better glycemic control, and improved quality of life. This document is intended to guide endocrinologists and diabetes specialists on the available insulin pump education and training streams.

INDUSTRY DEVICE TRAINING

Private device training by pump manufacturers focuses on setting up the pump and demonstrating how to use its features. Support regarding rate adjustments is limited, and follow-up after the pump is initiated is typically brief. This training stream is appropriate for patients who:

- Are confident about which pump they want
- Are already successfully managing their diabetes with injections or a pump that is off warranty
- Do not have major concerns about hypoglycemia, carbohydrate counting, or current pump settings

Upon obtaining pre-approval and ordering their preferred insulin pump, patients should inquire about scheduling private device training directly with the pump manufacturer.

HOSPITAL BASED EDUCATION

This training option provides a more comprehensive approach, including intensive follow-up during the transition to a new pump. Consider this option if the patient:

- Is new to pump therapy (not mandatory if the patient does not have identified learning needs)
- Requires support in selecting the right pump for their needs
- Would benefit from an in-depth review of carbohydrate counting and insulin-to-carb ratios
- Would benefit from basal rate assessments
- Is experiencing frequent hypoglycemia
- Has advanced questions about special pump features

Patients can be referred to the Manitoba Adult Insulin Pump Program (MAIPP) at HSC Winnipeg by completing the referral form available in your EMR through the Manitoba Forms Repository.

Additional prescriber resources are available on the [Shared Health, Health Providers webpage](#)