Gila River HEALTH CARE

Culturally Competent Compassionate Care

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Important Patient Information

INSULIN MEDICATION CHANGE

There has been a change in the preferred basal insulin at Gila River Health Care. Your provider may prescribe Levemir insulin instead of Lantus insulin.

What are Levemir and Lantus?
Both are basal insulins that are slowly released after a dose is injected. The injections are given once or twice per day. Both are clear liquids.

Why was I prescribed Levemir insulin instead of Lantus insulin?
Medication purchasing contracts change and when there is a substantial change, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee may recommend a different preferred medication. This is only done with careful review of the medications and it must have approval of the Medical Executive Committee as well. The change will give us a better value with the same efficacy.

Since Levemir costs less than Lantus, is it an inferior (less effective) product?
No, they are very similar and effective. In some health care systems, Levemir costs more than Lantus.

What is the difference between Levemir and Lantus?
Both are effective basal insulins. The formulation is slightly different and it may take a little bit more Levemir to reach the same result as Lantus. There no other significant differences.

How do I get the best results with the new insulin?
Continue to monitor your glucose at home regularly. Contact your provider if your numbers are running higher or lower than is normal for you.

What if I have more questions?
Contact the Pharmacy or Primary Care Provider or team so they can help.

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