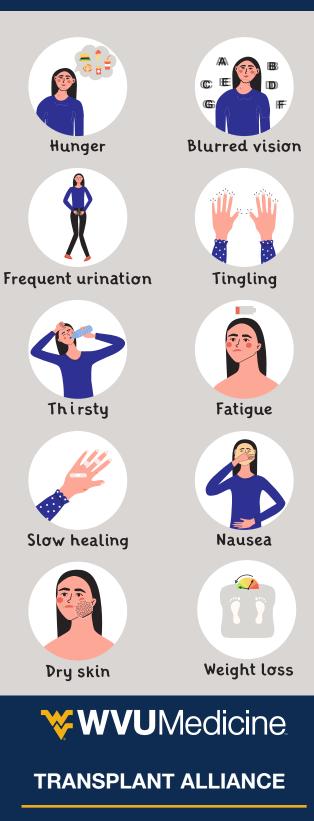
## Hyperglycemia



PHONE: 304-974-3004 / FAX: 304-598-4899 PO Box 8301 Morgantown, WV 26506-9238 Hyperglycemia is another name for high blood sugar levels. Please check with your doctor for the blood sugar range that is best for you.

## Causes of Hyperglycemia

Causes of Hyperglycemia Hyperglycemia may occur for several reasons, including:

- Change or increase in food intake.
- Wrong or missed dose of insulin or diabetes tablets.
- Side-effect of some medications.
- Not enough physical activity.
- Emotional stress.
- Illness.

## **Prevention/Treatment**

Hyperglycemia can be avoided in many cases. Remember these suggested actions to help maintain control of your blood sugar.

- Check food intake and look for ways to improve your eating pattern. Ask your dietitian for help.
- Take insulin or diabetes tablets in the prescribed doses and at the correct times. Contact your doctor if you are concerned.
- **Drink plenty of water** to prevent dehydration.
- **Try increasing your physical activity** gradually and make it a part of your lifestyle.
- **Consider ways of reducing stress** through relaxation training or stress management.
- See your doctor if you are ill to ensure the illness is treated as soon as possible.
- Do not skip diabetic medications on sick days. Contact your doctor.