

The Open University

Diabetes care

Annual review

The diabetes care technician (DCT) Hi Toby do you want to come through.

Toby (a person with Type 1 diabetes) Hi Ya.

DCT How are you, alright?

Toby Very well thank you.

DCT

Right then, it's annual review time. Now you've already had your blood pressure checked today and that was absolutely fine. Your urine test was absolutely fine, no problems there at all. Your weight has gone up a little bit, when was the last time you saw a dietician?

Toby

About six months ago.

DCT

Ok, that's lovely. Right, so what's your current diabetic medication?

Toby

I'm on the Novorapid, and then Glargine in the evening.

DCT

And then Glargine, lovely. So how much of the Novorapid are you having?

Toby 8 units three times a day.

DCT And then of the Glargine?

Toby 14 units before bed.

DCT

And you test your blood at home?

Toby

Yes.

DCT And what kind of ranges do you get? **Toby** Between 3 and 19.

DCT

OK, so they are quite erratic then?

Toby

Yes.

DCT How often is the 3 happening?

Toby Once sort of every two or three weeks.

DCT

But you still get a good recognition and you know that you're going low?

Toby

Yes.

DCT And are you a smoker at all?

Toby

No.

DCT Excellent. Are you on any other medication?

Toby

No.

DCT Anything for high blood pressure or cholesterol?

Toby

No, none at all.

DCT

Excellent. Right, if you would just like to stand up for me, we'll have a look at your injection sites. Do you just do your tummy?

Toby

Yes and my arms occasionally.

DCT

Now, it's a little bit bruised there, do use new needles every time?

Toby

I change them every time. Yes.

DCT

Good. There are no lumps or bumps though. Let's have a look at your arm. Just relax your arm for me. Do you do it about here? **Toby** Yes.

DCT

That's fine, no problem. Just need to measure your waist. Pull your shirt up for me. OK, that's great. Right that's us finished. If you would just like to take a seat outside the doctor will call you through shortly.

Toby OK, thank you.

DCT Goodbye.