

Using Carbohydrate Ratios

Carbohydrate Ratio (CR):

- A method of calculating the amount of insulin (in units) needed to cover the carbohydrate (in grams) contained in a meal or other form of nutrition.
- The insulin needed is expressed as the ratio of units insulin to grams of carbohydrate e.g. Carbohydrate ratio 1:10 = 1 gram of insulin is administered for every 10 grams of carbohydrate eaten.
- Type of Insulin: rapid-acting analogue or regular
- Carbohydrate: subtract out dietary fiber from the total amount of carbohydrate

Carbohydrate Ratio = 5 gm/unit

Carbohydrate (grams)	Insulin (units)
15 - 19	3
20 - 24	4
25 - 29	5
30 - 34	6
35 - 39	7
40 - 44	8
45 - 49	9
50 - 54	10
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	12
65 - 69	13
70 - 74	14
75 - 79	15
80 - 84	16
85 - 89	17
90 - 94	18
95 - 99	19
100 - 104	20
105 - 109	21
110 - 114	22
115 - 119	23
120 - 124	24
125 - 129	25