

Non-Insulin Injectables

| Drug name (generic) | Manufacturer | Comments |
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| Byetta (exenatide) | Amylin Pharmaceuticals | Enhances insulin secretion when blood glucose is high, decreases liver's glucose output, and may suppress appetite. Available in 5- and 10-microgram pens. Possible side effects: Nausea and vomiting. Risk of hypoglycemia is increased when administered in combination with a sulfonylurea; therefore, may need to reduce sulfonylurea dose. Watch for signs of pancreatitis, such as abdominal pain and nausea, and alert your doctor if any are observed. |
| Symlin (pramlintide acetate) | Amylin Pharmaceuticals | Helps suppress appetite and lower high blood glucose after meals. Available in 60- and 120-microgram pens. Take before a meal that has at least 250 calories or 30 grams or more of carbohydrate. Cannot be mixed with insulin; must be taken as a separate injection. Possible side effects: Nausea and insulin-induced hypoglycemia. |
| Victoza (liraglutide) | Novo Nordisk | Stimulates insulin production. Available in 18-milligram pen. Possible side effects: Nausea, which may get better or go away with time, and weight loss. Watch for signs of pancreatitis, such as abdominal pain and nausea, and alert your doctor if any are observed. |
| Bydureon (exenatide) | Amylin Pharmaceuticals | See comments for exenatide. Comes in a 2-milligram vial. Take once weekly. |