How are you supposed to deal with your <u>Sick Day</u>?

★What is a <u>Sick Day</u>?

- A Sick Day is defined as one in which you are sick with a cold, the flu or diarrhea or nausea that makes it difficult for you to take meals.
- As you are likely to have erratic glycemic control on a Sick Day, an appropriate measure needs to be taken to deal with it as soon as possible.
- You are likely to have high BG due to the secretion of stress hormones and the associated decrease in insulin action during a Sick Day.
- Conversely, being unable to eat, you are likely to have hypoglycemia.







Cough/cold





Diarrhea

Vomiting

Fever

Abdominal pain

★How to deal with your <u>Sick Day</u>

1. Keep warm and rest.

- This basic coping method is effective in itself.
- This helps to prevent exhaustion and promote recovery.

Take precautions against dehydration likely to result from

2. Take adequate meals, water and minerals.

 Contact/visit your hospital as soon as possible

 Check your condition as often as you can.



- fever, diarrhea or vomiting.This measure also helps to keep your symptoms from
- worsening.
- When you cannot take any meals due to diarrhea or vomiting
- When you have severe abdominal pain
- When you continue to have a high fever (38°Celcius/100.4°F Fahrenheit or higher)
- Measure your BG, body temperature, blood pressure, dietary/water intake, and subjective symptoms.
- Closely monitor your condition on a sick day, and your doctor will be able to give detailed instructions on how to deal with your health problems.

Be sure to have your **<u>Sick Day</u>** plan determined beforehand in consultation with your doctor!