How Do My Medicines Work?

**Muscle Cells**
Pioglitazone (Actos)
- Makes muscle cells more sensitive to the insulin

**Liver**
Metformin (Glucophage)
- Slows glucose release from liver

**Liver and Pancreas**
Sitagliptin (Januvia)
- Helps balance insulin levels between the liver and the pancreas

**Pancreas**
- Helps pancreas release more insulin
Repaglinide (Prandin), Glyburide (Diabeta, Micronase), Glipizide (Glucotrol), Glimepride (Amaryl)

**Insulin**
- Used when your pancreas cannot make enough insulin

**Intestines**
Acarbose (Precose, Glyset)
- Slows breakdown of food

Generic is listed first, followed by brand name in parenthesis.

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