

Which CGM will you choose?

Continuous Glucose Monitors Comparison

This comparison tool will help answer common questions to help make choosing one of the two most common brands of CGMs easier. **Contact your insurance provider to determine if a CGM is covered under your insurance plan and if your insurance has a preferred brand.**

Features	FreeStyle Libre 2/3 Plus from Abbott 	G6 or G7 from Dexcom 
How long does a sensor last?	15 days, no grace period	G6: 10 day, no grace period G7: 10 day, +12 hours beyond expiration (grace period)
Is it compatible with iPhone and Android devices?	YES	YES
I don't have a smartphone, is there a reader I can use with the CGM?*	YES	YES
Is a separate transmitter required? If yes, how long does the transmitter last?	NO	G6: YES; 90 days G7: NO
What is the communication type (i.e. NFC, Bluetooth)?	2 Plus: NFC to start and scan the sensor, Bluetooth for alarms. 3 Plus: NFC to start the sensor, Bluetooth for streaming glucose data and alarms	Bluetooth

*If you use a standalone receiver, you will need to upload your receiver to Libreview (FreeStyle Libre) or Clarity (Dexcom) before your doctor appointment, or bring it with you to your appointment if you do not have computer and internet access at home.

Applying the CGM	FreeStyle Libre 2/3 Plus from Abbott 	G6 or G7 from Dexcom 
What is the size of the sensor?	2 Plus: 1.38in. wide x 0.20in. tall 3 Plus: 0.83in. wide x 0.11in. tall	G6: 1.2in. wide x 1.8in. long G7: 1.07in. wide x 0.94in. long
Is the applicator pre-attached to sensor?	2 Plus: NO 3 Plus: YES	G6 or G7: YES
Where on the body can the sensor be worn?	Back of upper arm	G6: Abdomen G7: Back of upper arm
What is the warm-up period (the period of time between applying the CGM and being able to read your glucose level)?	60 min	G6: 2 hours G7: 30 min

Using the CGM	FreeStyle Libre 2/3 Plus from Abbott 	G6 or G7 from Dexcom 
What required alarms does the CGM have?	Urgent low alarm (less than 55mg/dL)	Urgent low alarm (less than 55mg/dL)
What optional alarms does the CGM have?	High glucose, low glucose, and signal loss alarms	High & low glucose alerts, predictive urgent low soon
Is calibration required?	NO	NO. Optional calibration is available.
Can I share my CGM data with my care team?	Via LibreView website	Via Clarity app and website

Support	FreeStyle Libre 2/3 Plus from Abbott 	G6 or G7 from Dexcom 
What is the replacement policy for faulty sensors or sensor that fall off prematurely? How can I obtain a replacement sensor?	Answer the guided questions and complete the request form: michmed.org/RnRMW 	Complete a Dexcom Product Support Request at michmed.org/8zJ4G 
Where can I go to find educational materials about this CGM? MCT2D CGM Resources michmed.org/JYQZd 	MyFreeStyle Free guided support for new FreeStyle users  FreeStyle Libre 2 Plus User Guide: michmed.org/vQgA8 FreeStyle Libre 3 Plus User Guide: michmed.org/Zxen2	Dexcom Care Virtual Program – michmed.org/5k8WW register to meet virtually with a Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES)  Dexcom Training, User Guides, & Support Materials: michmed.org/W44jZ 
What live (phone or text) customer support is offered?	Customer Care: 1-855-632-8658 Online Chat (24/7 excluding holidays)	Dexcom Customer Support: 1-888-738-3646 Online Chat (8am-8pm EST): michmed.org/kqggK 

Additional CGM Resources

Getting started with a CGM: Patient Guide michmed.org/WA2W2 	Affording your Type 2 Diabetes Care: A Patient Toolkit on Insurance Coverage and Cost michmed.org/jmKmn 	Insurance Coverage Worksheet for Patients: What to Ask Your Insurance Company myumi.ch/Xnz8R 
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