TIPS FOR BEING **Eric** ACTIVE WITH DIABETES



How much activity?

- Start by doing what you can do, and then look for ways to do more until you reach 150 minutes a week of activity.
- Find the time that works best for you to add up to 150 minutes, or 2.5 hours, in total per week. For example:
 - 30 minutes at one time five times a week.
 - 15 minutes at a time 10 times a week.
 - 10 minutes at a time several times a day.



Do it your way

- · Brisk walking is a great way to be active.
- Try dancing, gardening, following a video, or taking a class.
- · Be active with a friend or family member.
- Start with 10 minutes a day and build up over time.

Be safe

- Check your blood sugar before you are physically active.
- · Carry a snack with you in case your blood sugar goes too low.
- · Carry identification that says you have diabetes.
- Wear shoes that fit well and are made for the kind of activity you do.
- Check your feet every day. Call your doctor or nurse if a cut, sore, blister, or bruise on your feet or toes does not go away after 2 days.



Ask your doctor or nurse:

- · What physical activities are safe for me?
- Are there any special things I need to do to protect my feet?
- Do I need to make any changes in my medicines before I raise my level of physical activity?
- Do I need to eat a snack before I'm active?
- What is one thing I can do to be more active before my next appointment?

Other notes from your doctor or nurse: