

Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)



DIABETIC
KETOACIDOSIS

This is a **life threatening complication of diabetes** which happens if the body runs out of insulin. It can happen if your child is unwell and has not had enough insulin. It can happen if your child has omitted or forgotten doses of insulin.

DKA is an emergency and needs to be treated in hospital urgently. Always telephone us for advice early, but if you are very concerned about your child dial 999.

What are the symptoms of DKA?

Vomiting

Abdominal pain

Deep heavy breathing

Drowsiness or even coma

How can I prevent DKA?

Follow the sick day rules,

Telephone for advice early.

Ensure your child never misses any doses of insulin