

How Do My Medicines Work?

Muscle Cells

Pioglitazone (Actos)

- *Makes muscle cells more sensitive to the insulin*

Liver

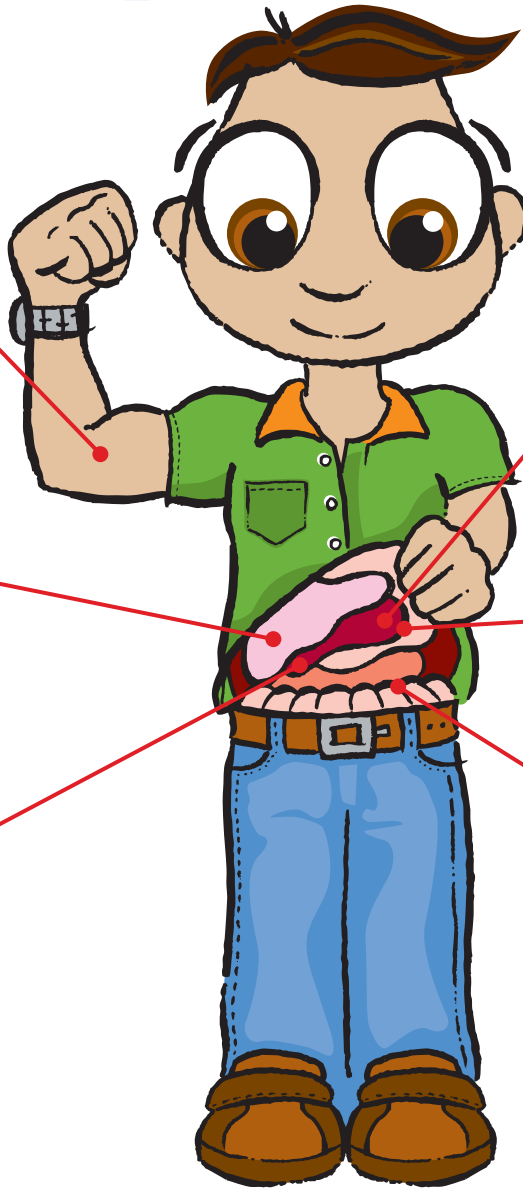
Metformin (Glucophage)

- *Slows glucose release from liver*

Liver and Pancreas

Sitagliptin (Januvia)

- *Helps balance insulin levels between the liver and the pancreas*



Pancreas

Repaglinide (Prandin), Glyburide (Diabeta, Micronase), Glipizide (Glucotrol), Glimepride (Amaryl)

- *Helps pancreas release more insulin*

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.