

Mayo Clinic Minute: Is your child diabetic? Symptoms to watch for

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Ana Creo, M.D. Pediatric Endocrinology Mayo Clinic	Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases among children and teens. "Right now there are more children with Type 1 versus Type 2, but the rates of both are on the rise."
	"So, in general, obesity is increasing in children, so that's certainly one part of Type 2. Type 1, in general, autoimmune disease are increasing in kids."
	Young people who develop diabetes are at a higher risk of health challenges throughout their lives. Being able to recognize the signs and symptoms can help get an earlier diagnosis and ultimately a chance of a better outcome. So what should parents be looking for?
	"If I were to pick two (symptoms) that are more concerning for diabetes, it would be using the bathroom more and (being) really, really thirsty. Sometimes kids can also lose weight, as they're not able to store what they're eating in their body anymore without insulin. So weight loss can be another feature sometimes."
	Symptoms of Type 1 diabetes tend to develop rapidly in young people; whereas Type 2 diabetes symptoms develop over time.
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