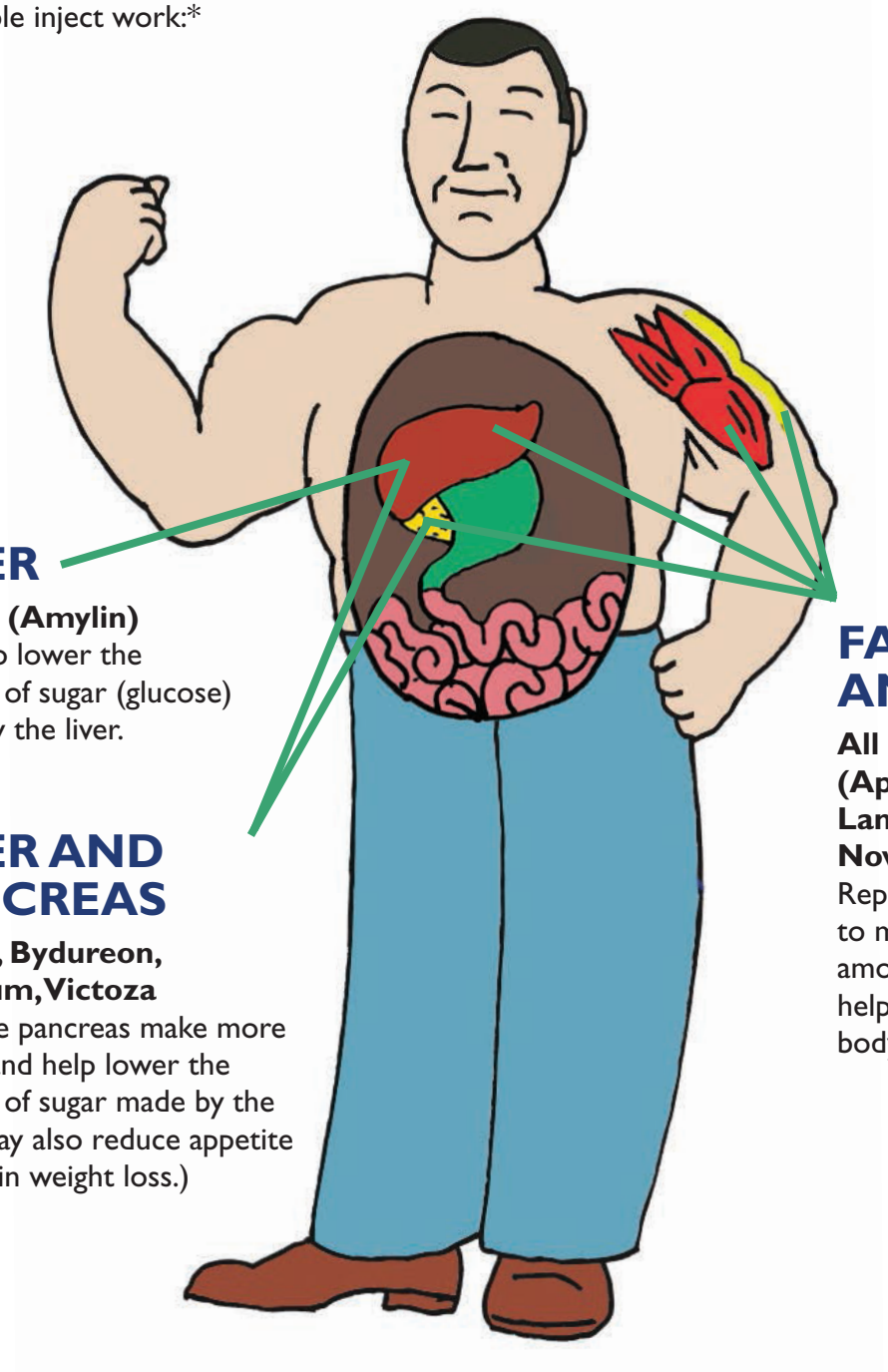
MEDICINES YOU INJECT
HOW AND WHERE THEY WORK

Many people take shots (injections) to help them control their diabetes. Some are insulin; others are hormones or protein. Like diabetes pills, shots may work in different ways in different parts of the body.

The drawing (picture) below will help you understand how and where diabetes medicines that people inject work:*



LIVER

Symlin (Amylin)
Helps to lower the amount of sugar (glucose) made by the liver.

LIVER AND PANCREAS

Byetta, Bydureon, Tanzeum, Victoza
Help the pancreas make more insulin and help lower the amount of sugar made by the liver. (May also reduce appetite and aid in weight loss.)

FAT, MUSCLES, LIVER AND PANCREAS

All types of insulin (Apidra, Humalog, Humulin, Lantus, Levemir, NovoLog, Novolin, and more)
Replace the insulin the body used to make in the pancreas, lower the amount of sugar made by the liver, and help move sugar from the blood into body cells (to give you energy).

* Not all diabetes medicines that can be injected are listed.

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