

FreeStyle Libre Honored by Prix Galien

Continuous glucose monitor named Best Medical Technology as part of Galien Foundation's Prix Galien competition.



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Abbott's revolutionary FreeStyle Libre continuous glucose monitoring system (including the [FreeStyle Libre 14 day system](#)) was named Thursday as the [Best Medical Technology by the Galien Foundation](#) as part of the non-profit's Prix Galien USA competition, [the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in biopharmaceutical research](#).

across a range of categories from Best Pharmaceutical Agent to Best Biotechnology Product, and, in Abbott's case, Best Medical Device or Diagnostic.

Simply stated, the foundation's mission is "to serve as a vehicle for the open exchange of ideas that drive science and new innovations."

The FreeStyle Libre 14 day system is just that kind of innovation. The recognition is a testament to our commitment to designing a technology that is accurate, affordable and accessible¹ that truly changes millions of lives for people with diabetes.

Humans need sleep. Diabetes doesn't. It is a chronic — and potentially debilitating — condition that, if not managed properly, carries potential consequences that can be serious.

Nerve pain. Vision issues. Heart problems and circulation issues that can lead to amputation.

Unfortunately, many of the 425 million people worldwide and 30 million² in the U.S. struggle to meet recommended treatment regimens. And it's understandable why, with round-the-clock glucose monitoring, crucial insulin treatment decisions, smart dietary and lifestyle choices as daily necessities.

Before FreeStyle Libre, traditional glucose monitoring hadn't changed for decades.

- Prick a finger.
- Drop of blood on a test strip.

- Wait.

Repeat dozens of times of day if you're on your game. In actuality, most people living with diabetes test, on average, 1.6 times daily³ due to these inconveniences and real pain from repeatedly making their fingers bleed.

In the U.S., FreeStyle Libre 14 Day system replaces the need for regular fingersticks, can be worn up to two weeks and is accurate for insulin dosing. With a wave over a sensor on the back of your upper arm, it offers real-time glucose readings, 8-hour historical trends and where those trends are heading.

Data from FreeStyle Libre 14 day can be [shared with doctors](#) and healthcare providers. Along with smart [diabetes nutrition](#), you can devise the most effective treatment plan for their lives.

This isn't the first time the FreeStyle Libre 14 day system has been honored a trailblazing technology. Fast Company named it [among the most innovative creations](#) available.

Around the world, the FreeStyle Libre system is helping millions of people living with diabetes. It's part of our commitment to creating [life-changing technology](#) that's helping people live their best lives. You can see more of how that tech came to be [here](#).

References

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⁴Fingersticks are required for treatment decisions when you see Check Blood Glucose symbol, when symptoms do not match system readings, when you suspect readings may be inaccurate, or when you experience symptoms that may be due to high or low blood glucose.

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FREESTYLE LIBRE INDICATIONS AND IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

The FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System is a continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) device indicated for the management of diabetes in persons age 18 and older. It is designed to replace blood glucose testing for diabetes treatment decisions.

The System detects trends and tracks patterns aiding in the detection of episodes of hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia, facilitating both acute and long-term therapy adjustments. Interpretation of the System readings should be based on the glucose trends and several sequential readings over time. The System is intended for single patient use and requires a prescription.

CONTRAINDICATIONS