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Gadget gives diabetics new lease on life

DIABETES sufferers will be able to keep their illness at bay with a nifty device that helps them monitor their glucose levels and order supplies.



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According to its creator ConnectedHealth, the iPod-size gadget automatically uploads patients' glucose measurements to their Microsoft HealthVault accounts through the eDiabetes gateway.



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The eDiabetes server then flags any abnormalities, which in turn automatically triggers a call from the

When patients need to order supplies, the eDiabetes gateway enables the patient to request them seamlessly.

Patients are provided the lowest-cost supplies via ConnectedHealth's remote order system.

ConnectedHealth said a recent US study of 255 diabetic sufferers using wireless health monitoring devices found that patients increased the number of days between doctor's appointments by 71 per cent.

Also, ' an automated system allows diabetic patients to better monitor their conditions without impacting their daily life', it said. 'This allowed many patients to reduce the amount of medication required to manage diabetes making diabetic care easier and less expensive.'