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Through advances like these, JDRF will continue to improve life for everyone—no matter how long they have been living with T1D—until we have a cure.

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A key factor is maintaining tight blood sugar control, which improves longevity and can also reduce complications. Technological advances, such as the insulin pump, can help people of all ages achieve this.

“When I was diagnosed, you ate meals at the same time of day. You took the exact same amount of insulin at the same time,” said Steve, now 64. “The insulin pump is a lifesaver. I can eat when I need to. I can chart my blood sugar, see trends at all times of day, and adjust insulin as needed.” Continuous glucose monitors

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