

What's New in Diabetes Management

A Focus on Transitions of Care

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Objectives for Pharmacists and Nurses

- Discuss indications and place in therapy for the new antihyperglycemic agents
- Identify key differences between the glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RA) and the sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors (SGLT2i)
- Describe the role of the new diabetes agents within a transitions of care plan

Objectives for Pharmacy Technicians

- Identify medications within the same class to ensure there is not duplication of therapies while obtaining medication history
- Outline common lab parameters used to assess the effectiveness of diabetes treatment
- Describe different storage requirements for recommended agents

Presentation Plan



- 01** Transitions of Care Considerations
- 02** American Diabetes Association (ADA) Guideline Updates for the management of Type 2 Diabetes
- 03** Review of SGLT2is
- 04** Review of GLP-1 RA
- 05** Utility of once weekly insulin icodec

Transitions of Care

Transitions of Care

- Coordination and continuation of care as patient is transferred between setting
- Effective transitions of care
 - Patient centered
 - Promote interprofessional communication
- Errors most commonly occur in the transfer from inpatient to community setting
 - Inconsistent care coordination $\approx 20\%$ of 30 day readmissions

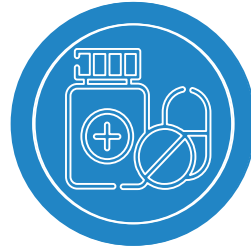


Medication reconciliation must be performed at all areas of transition!

Aspects of Transitions of Care



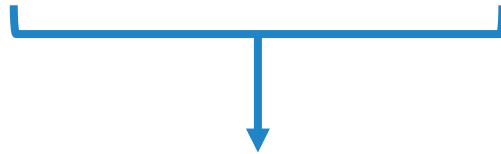
Medication
Reconciliation



Pharmacotherapy
Management



Cost &
Coverage



Inpatient ↔ Outpatient

Medication Reconciliation

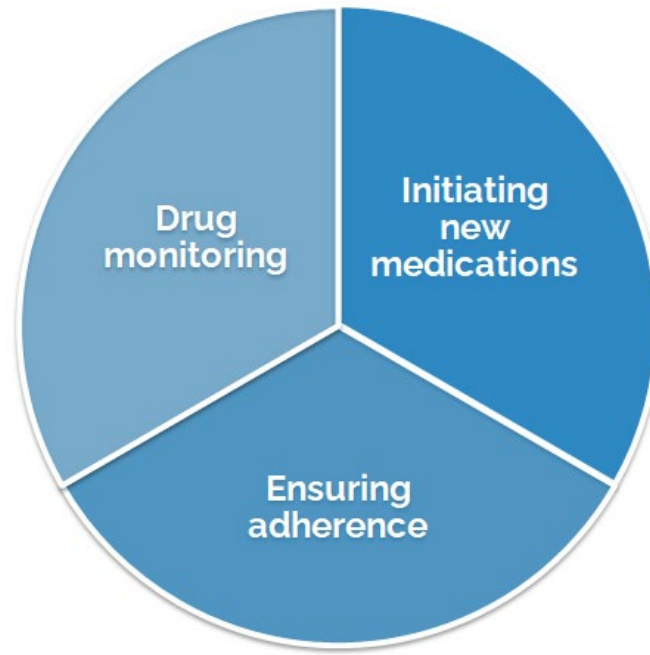
Outpatient to Inpatient

- Confirm the accuracy of prior to admission medication list
- Check the patient has an indication for all medications
- Include over-the-counter and medications taken as needed
- Assess appropriateness for reinitiation inpatient

Inpatient to Outpatient


- Assess if each medication should continue upon discharge
- Ensure that the patient has access to medications
- Educate patient on changes to previous medication list






Pharmacotherapy Management



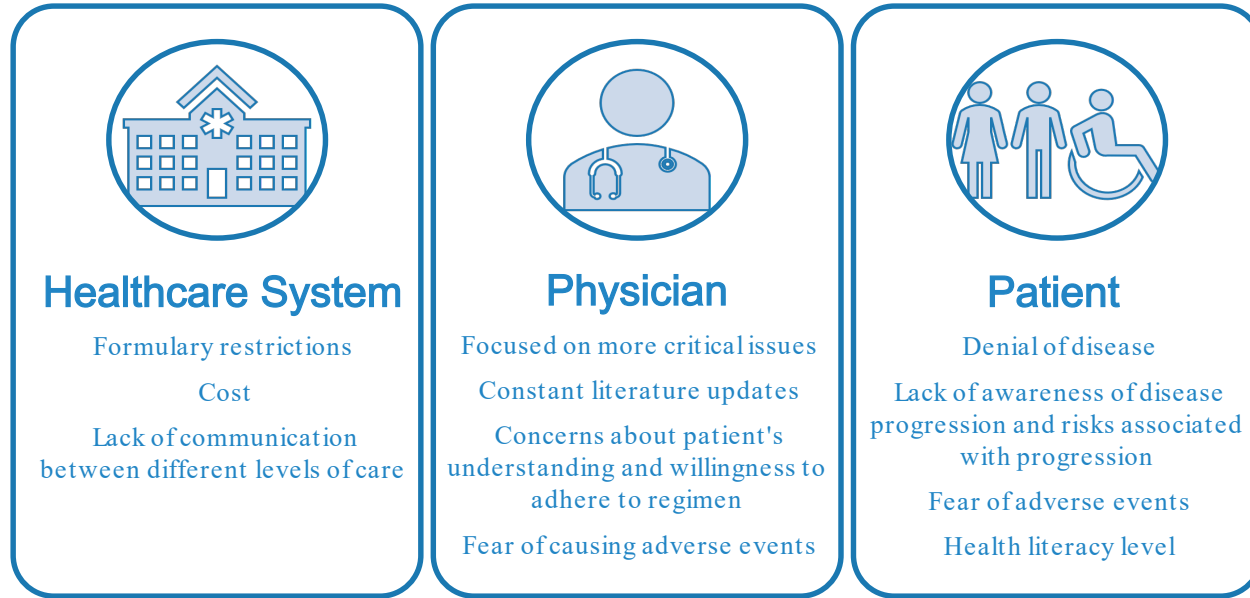
Cost & Coverage

- Insurance coverage
 - Copays
 - Coverage gaps
- Formulary availability
 - Hospital and insurance formularies



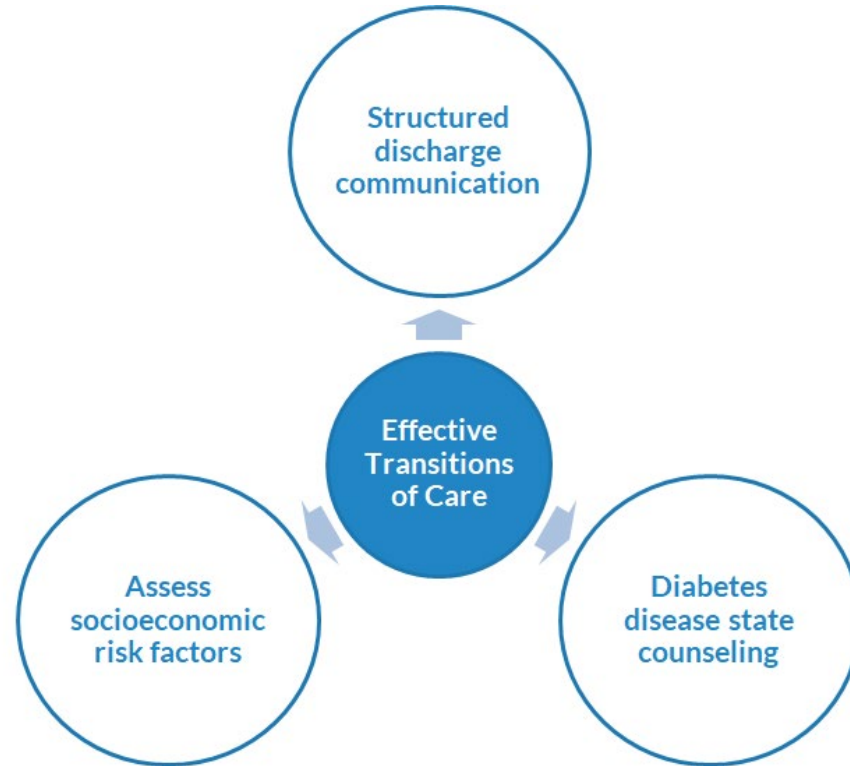
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2	Generics 	\$\$
3	Preferred Brands 	\$\$\$
4	Non-Preferred 	\$\$\$\$
5	Specialty 	\$\$\$\$\$

Clinical Inertia in Diabetes



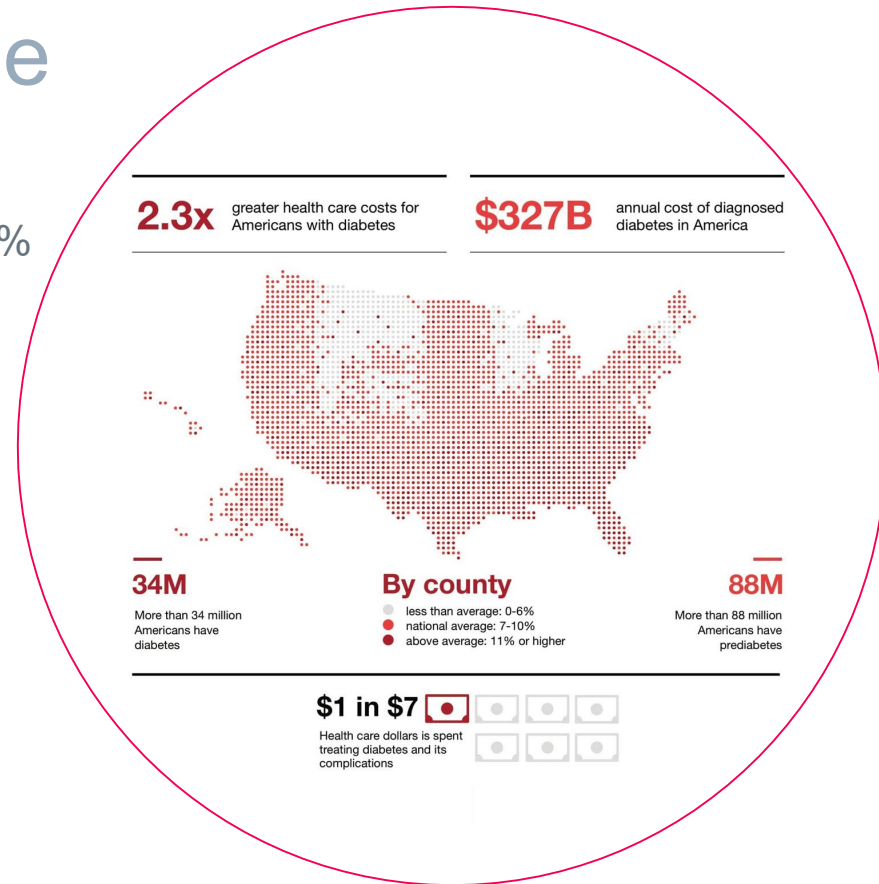
- Prolonged periods of hyperglycemia are associated with...
 - Reduced life expectancy
 - Increased risk for myocardial infarction (MI), heart failure, and stroke

ADA Guideline Recommendations on Transitions of Care



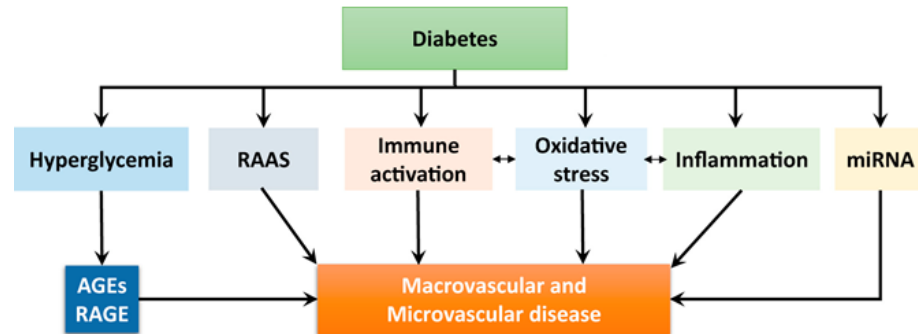
Type 2 Diabetes in the United States

- In 2018, 34.2 million Americans (10.5% of the population) had diabetes
- 1.5 million Americans are diagnosed with diabetes every year
- Microvascular & macrovascular complications
 - Leading cause of morbidity and mortality for individuals with diabetes
 - \$37.3 billion in cardiovascular-related spending per year associated with diabetes



Management & Complications of Diabetes

- Assessing glycemic control
 - Hemoglobin A1c: < 7%
 - Measured every 3-6 months
 - Preprandial plasma glucose: 80-130 mg/dL
 - Peak postprandial plasma glucose: < 180 mg/dL
- Hyperglycemia can accelerate mitochondrial production of reactive oxygen species (ROS)
- ROS interact with DNA to
 - Decrease nitric oxide production
 - Cause endothelial dysfunction
 - Increase inflammatory pathways
 - Stimulate fibrosis
 - Vasoconstriction
 - Platelet aggregation



Complications of Diabetes

Microvascular



Retinopathy



Nephropathy



Neuropathy

Macrovascular



Cardiovascular



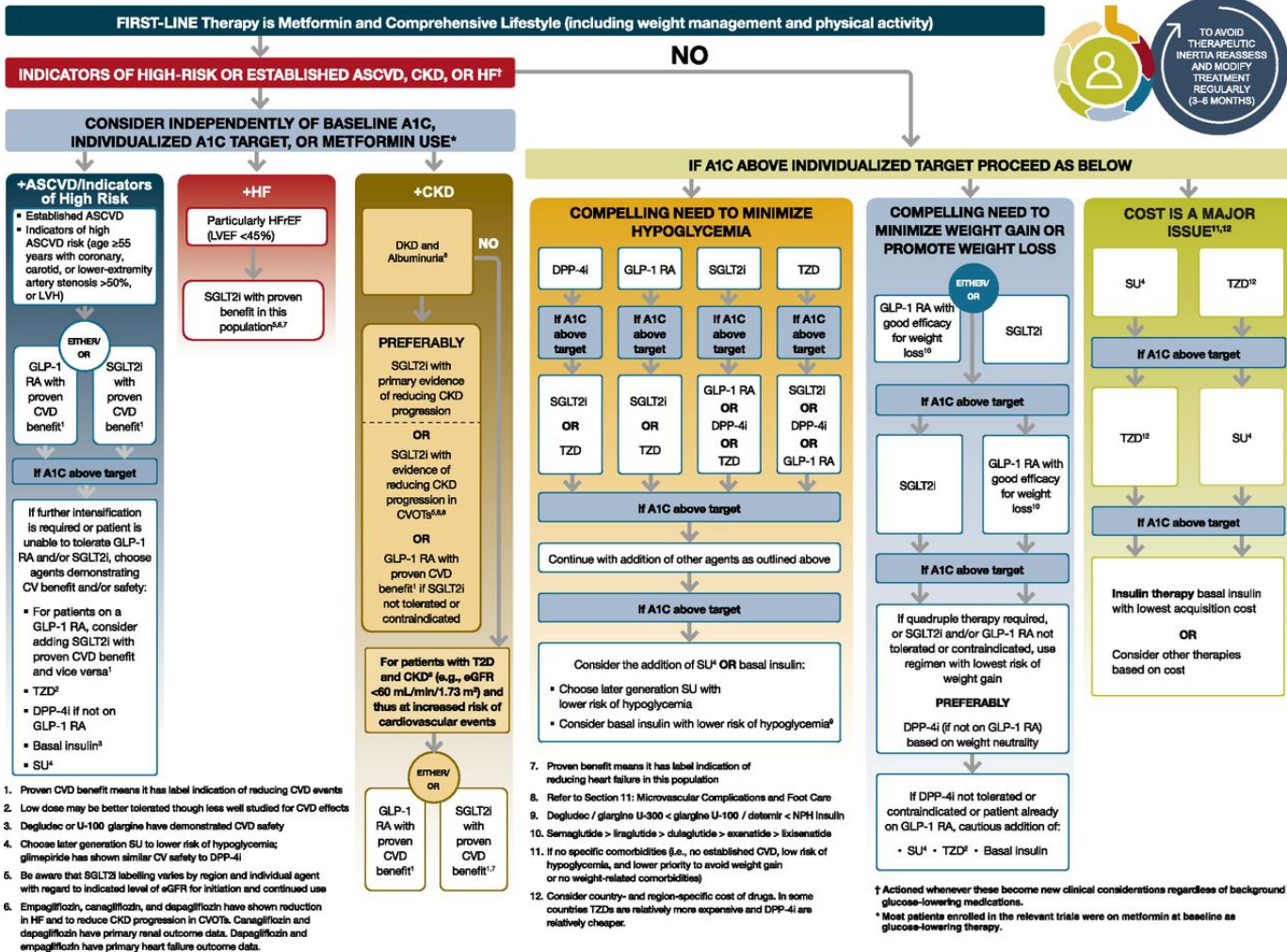
Peripheral vascular disease



Cerebrovascular disease

Updates to Recent ADA Guidelines

- The choice of medication added to metformin is based on the clinical characteristics
 - Established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) or indicators of high ASCVD risk
 - Heart failure
 - Chronic kidney disease (CKD)
 - Risk for specific adverse drug effects
- Other considerations include safety, tolerability, and cost of the additional medication
- Guideline recommendations have been updated to include a dedicated decision pathways for patients with **ASCVD/ high risk, chronic kidney disease and heart failure**
- **GLP-1 RA** have been added to insulin pathway



INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF†

**CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C,
INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET, OR METFORMIN USE***

**+ASCVD/Indicators
of High Risk**

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age ≥55 years with coronary, carotid, or lower-extremity artery stenosis >50%, or LVH)

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹ SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹

If A1C above target

- If further intensification is required or patient is unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV benefit and/or safety:
- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit and vice versa¹
 - TZD²
 - DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
 - Basal insulin³
 - SLI⁴

+HF

Particularly HFrEF (LVEF <45%)

SGLT2i with proven benefit in this population^{5,6,7}

+CKD

DKD and Albuminuria⁸

NO

PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression

OR

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing CKD progression in CVOTs^{5,6,8}

OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹ if SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated

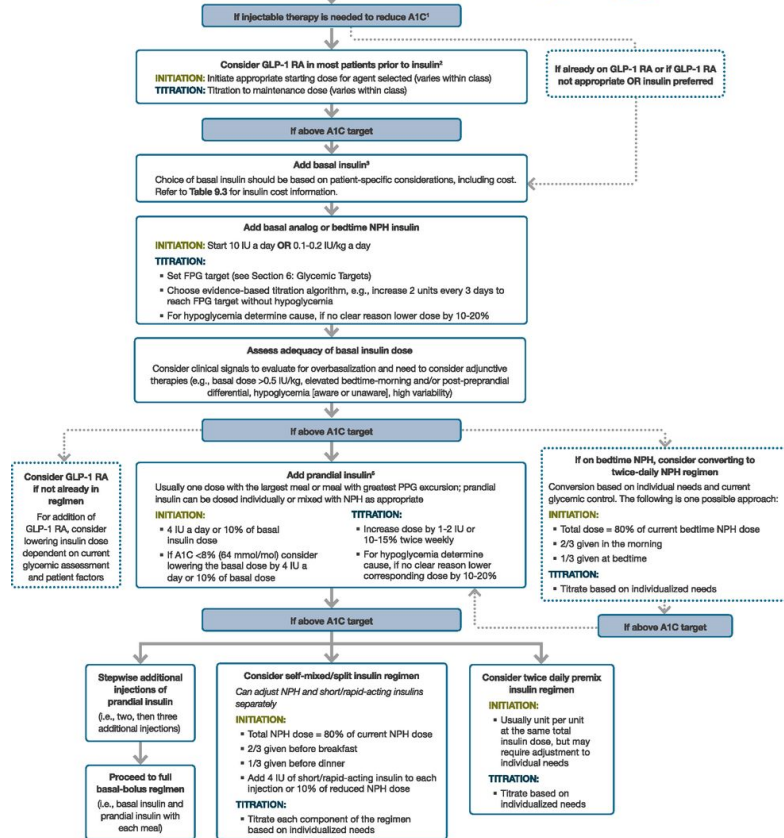
For patients with T2D and CKD⁸ (e.g., eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²) and thus at increased risk of cardiovascular events

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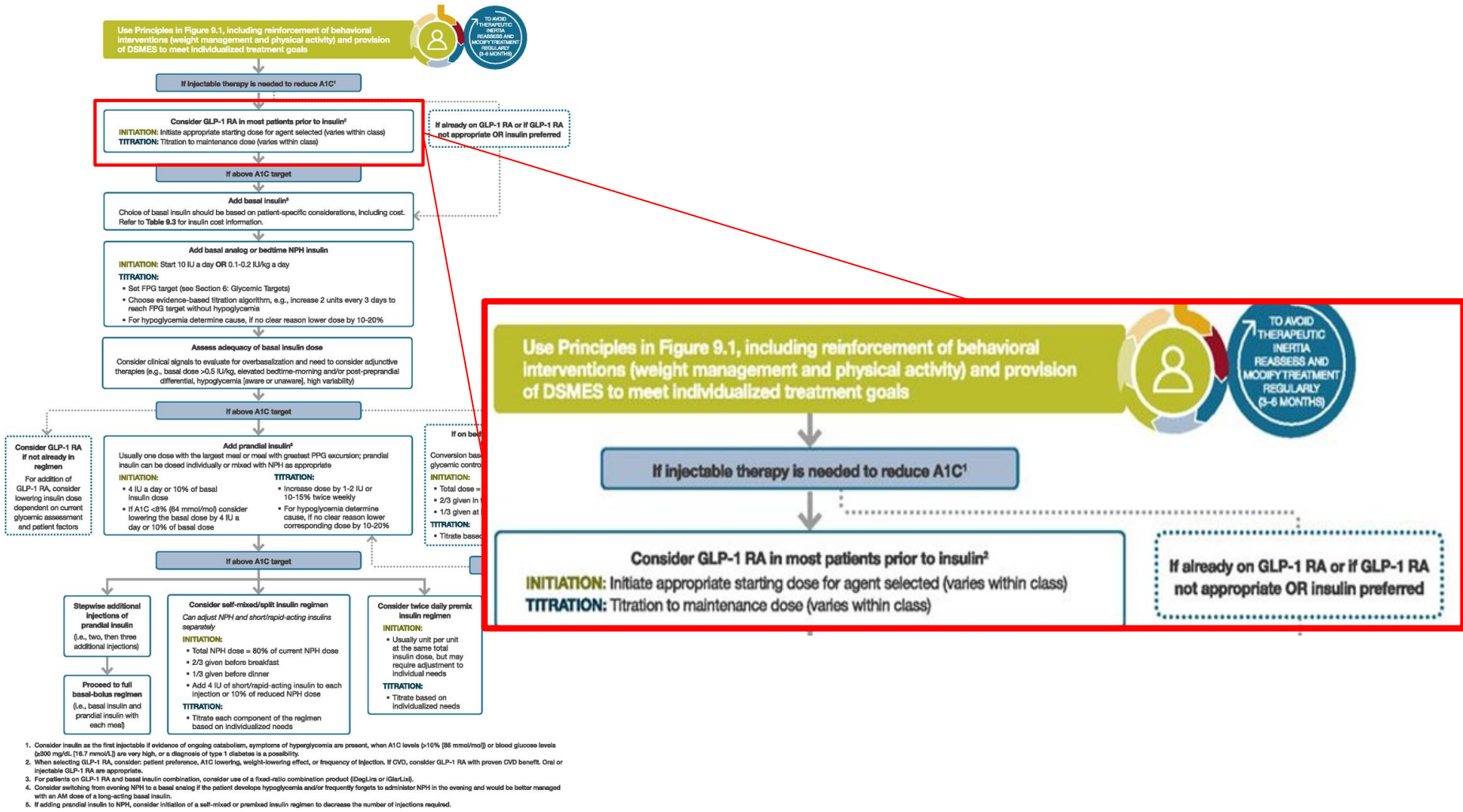
Use Principles in Figure 9.1, including reinforcement of behavioral interventions (weight management and physical activity) and provision of DSMES to meet individualized treatment goals



TO ACHIEVE THERAPEUTIC READINESS AND ADHESION TO TREATMENT REGULARLY & FREQUENTLY



1. Consider insulin as the first injectable if evidence of ongoing catabolism, symptoms of hyperglycemia are present, when A1C levels >10% (86 mmol/mol) or blood glucose levels >300 mg/dL (16.7 mmol/L) are very high, or a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes is a possibility.
2. When selecting GLP-1 RA, consider patient preference, A1C lowering, weight-lowering effect, or frequency of injection. If CVD, consider GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit. Oral or injectable GLP-1 RA are appropriate.
3. For patients on GLP-1 RA and basal insulin combination, consider use of a fixed-ratio combination product (DagLira or iGlarLira).
4. Consider switching from evening NPH to a basal analog if the patient develops hypoglycemia and/or frequently forgets to administer NPH in the evening and would be better managed with an AM dose of a long-acting basal insulin.
5. If adding prandial insulin to NPH, consider initiation of a self-mixed or premixed insulin regimen to decrease the number of injections required.



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Sodium–glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors (SGLT2i)

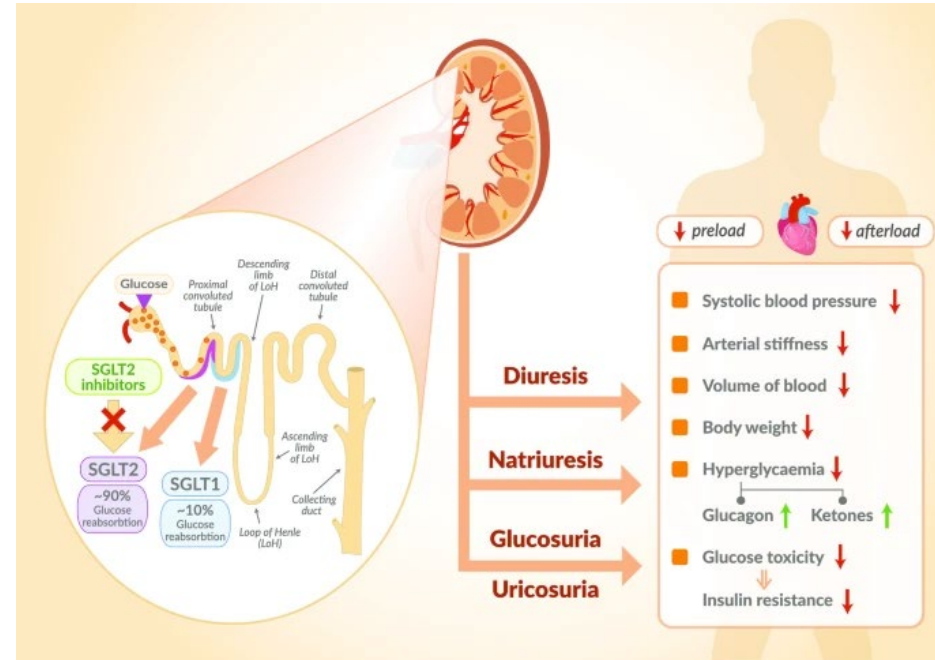
SGLT2 Inhibitors

- Common suffix: “-gliflozin”
 - Canagliflozin (Invokana[®])
 - Empagliflozin (Jardiance[®])
 - Dapagliflozin (Farxiga[®])
 - Ertugliflozin (Steglatro[®])
- A1c lowering potential
 - 0.5 - 1%
- Dosing considerations
 - Tablet
 - Dose without regard to meals
 - Renal dose adjustments required
- Storage
 - Room temperature: 25 °C or 77 °F
 - Excursions permitted between 15-30 °C or 59-86 °F

Medication	Dosing	Renal Dose Adjustment	
Canagliflozin	100 - 300 mg PO daily	eGFR 30-60 mL/min	100 mg PO daily
		eGFR < 30 mL/min	Not recommended
Empagliflozin	10 - 25 mg PO daily	eGFR < 30 mL/min	Not recommended
Dapagliflozin	5 - 10 mg PO daily	eGFR < 25 - 30 mL/min	Not recommended
Ertugliflozin	5 - 15 mg PO daily	eGFR < 30 mL/min	Contraindicated

SGLT2 Inhibitors

- Mechanism of action
 - Proximal convoluted tubule
 - Prevents reabsorption of glucose and sodium
 - Promotes glucose excretion
- Benefits
 - Weight loss
 - Minimal hypoglycemia risk
 - Heart failure, ASCVD, and diabetic kidney disease



SGLT2i: Heart Failure Benefit

Canagliflozin

CANVAS & CANVAS-Renal

10,142 patients
Type 2 diabetes and high cardiovascular risk
Canagliflozin 100 mg daily vs 300 mg vs placebo

Hospitalization for heart failure
5.5 vs 8.7 participants per 1,000 patient-years
(HR 0.67 [95% CI 0.52-0.87])

Canagliflozin

CREDESCENCE

4,401 patients
Type 2 diabetes and chronic diabetes related kidney disease
Canagliflozin 100 mg daily vs placebo

Hospitalizations for heart failure
15.7 vs 25.3 events per 1000 patient-years
(HR 0.61 [95% CI 0.47-0.80])

Empagliflozin

EMPA-REGOUTCOME

7,020 patients
Type 2 diabetes with established cardiovascular disease
Empagliflozin 10 mg daily vs 25 mg daily vs placebo

Hospitalization for heart failure
2.7% vs 4.1%
(HR 0.65 [95% CI 0.50-0.85])

Empagliflozin

EMPEROR- Reduced

3,730 patients
Class II-IV heart failure with $EF \leq 40\%$
Empagliflozin 10 mg daily vs placebo
• 49.8% of patients in each group had history of diabetes

Composite of cardiovascular death or hospitalization for worsening heart failure:
19.4% vs. 24.7% (HR 0.75 [95% CI 0.65-0.86])
Hospitalizations for heart failure
(HR 0.70 [95% CI, 0.58-0.85])

SGLT2i: Heart Failure Benefit

Dapagliflozin

DECLARE-TIMI 58

17,160 patients

Type 2 diabetes and established ASCVD or multiple risk factors for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

Dapagliflozin 10 mg daily vs placebo

Hospitalization for heart failure
2.5% vs 3.3%
(HR 0.73 [95% CI 0.61–0.88])

Dapagliflozin

DAPA-HF

4,744 patients with class II-IV heart failure with ejection fraction $\leq 40\%$
Dapagliflozin 10 mg daily vs placebo

- 41.8% of patients had a history of type 2 diabetes in each group

Worsening heart failure
10.0% vs. 13.7%
(HR 0.70 [95% CI 0.59–0.83])

Ertugliflozin

VERTIS CV

8,246 patients

Established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

Ertugliflozin 5 mg daily vs 15 mg daily vs placebo

Hospitalization for heart failure
2.5% vs 3.6%
(HR 0.70; [95% CI 0.54–0.90])
not included in statistical hierarchy

SGLT2i: ASCVD Benefit

Canagliflozin

CANVAS & CANVAS-Renal

10,142 patients
Type 2 diabetes and high cardiovascular risk
Canagliflozin 100 mg daily vs 300 mg vs placebo

MACE outcomes
26.9 vs 31.5 participants per 1,000 patient-years (HR 0.86 [95% CI 0.75–0.97])

Canagliflozin

CREDESCENCE

4,401 patients
Type 2 diabetes and chronic diabetes related kidney disease
Canagliflozin 100 mg daily vs placebo

MACE outcomes
38.7 vs 48.7 events per 1000 patient-years (HR 0.80 [95% CI 0.67–0.95])

Empagliflozin

EMPA-REG/OUTCOME

7,020 patients
Type 2 diabetes with established cardiovascular disease
Empagliflozin 10 mg daily vs 25 mg daily vs placebo

MACE outcomes
10.5% vs 12.1%
(HR 0.86 [95% CI 0.74–0.99])

Cardiovascular death.
3.7% vs. 5.9% (HR 0.62 [95% CI 0.49–0.77])

Dapagliflozin

DECLARE-TIMI 58

17,160 patients with Type 2 diabetes and established ASCVD or multiple risk factors
Dapagliflozin 10 mg daily vs placebo

MACE outcomes
8.8% vs 9.4%
(HR 0.93 [95% CI 0.84–1.03])

Ertugliflozin

VERTIS CV

8,246 patients
Established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
Ertugliflozin 5 mg daily vs 15 mg daily vs placebo

MACE outcomes
11.9% vs. 11.9%
(HR 0.97; [95% CI 0.85–1.11])

Death from cardiovascular causes
6.2% vs 6.7%
(HR 0.92 [95% CI 0.77–1.11])

MACE outcomes : composite endpoint including cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, or stroke

Source: Neal B, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377(7):644-657.

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SGLT2i: Diabetic Kidney Disease Benefit

Canagliflozin

CANVAS & CANVAS-Renal

10,142 patients
Type 2 diabetes and high cardiovascular risk
Canagliflozin 100 mg daily vs 300 mg vs placebo

Progression of albuminuria
89.4 vs 128.7 participants per 1,000 patient-years (HR 0.73 [95% CI 0.67-0.79])

Composite renal outcomes
5.5 vs 9.0 participants per 1,000 patient-years (HR 0.60 [95% CI 0.47-0.77])

Canagliflozin

CRENCE

4,401 patients
Type 2 diabetes and chronic diabetes related kidney disease
Canagliflozin 100 mg daily vs placebo

Composite renal outcomes
43.2 vs 61.2 events per 1000 patient-years (HR 0.70 [95% CI 0.59-0.82])

Empagliflozin

EMPA-REG/OUTCOME

3,730 patients
Class II-IV heart failure with EF ≤ 40%
Empagliflozin 10 mg daily vs placebo
• 49.8% of patients in each group had history of diabetes

Annual rate of eGFR decline
-0.55 vs -2.28 mL/minute/1.73 m² per year (P < 0.001)

Composite renal outcomes
1.6 vs 3.1 events per 100 patient-years (HR 0.50 [95% CI 0.32-0.77])

Dapagliflozin

DECLARE-TIMI 58

17,160 patients with Type 2 diabetes and established ASCVD or multiple risk
Dapagliflozin 10 mg daily vs placebo

Composite renal outcome
4.3% vs. 5.6% (HR 0.76 [95% CI 0.67 to 0.87])

Ertugliflozin

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Ertugliflozin 5 mg daily vs 15 mg daily vs placebo

Composite renal outcomes
3.2% vs 3.9% (HR: 0.81 [95% CI 0.63 to 1.04])

Composite renal outcome : sustained 40% reduction in eGFR, need for renal replacement therapy, doubling of serum creatine, or death from renal causes

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SGLT2i: Adverse Events cont.

Genitourinary infections (8-12%)

- Mechanism: glucosuria
- Genital mycotic infections and bacterial urinary tract infections
- Five-fold increase in genital mycotic infections compared to other medications

Fournier's gangrene (<1%)

- Mechanism: excess glucose in the urine allows bacteria to grow and infect the tissue under the skin that surrounds muscles, nerves, fat, and blood vessels of the perineum

Acute kidney injury (1-3%)

- Mechanism: proximal tubular natriuresis
- Risk factors: use with other renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system antagonists and traditional diuretics
 - Potential risk of AKI with canagliflozin and dapagliflozin is likely attributable to the high-risk population and not related to any inherent nephrotoxicity of these agents

SGLT2i: Adverse Events cont.

Volume depletion (1-4%)

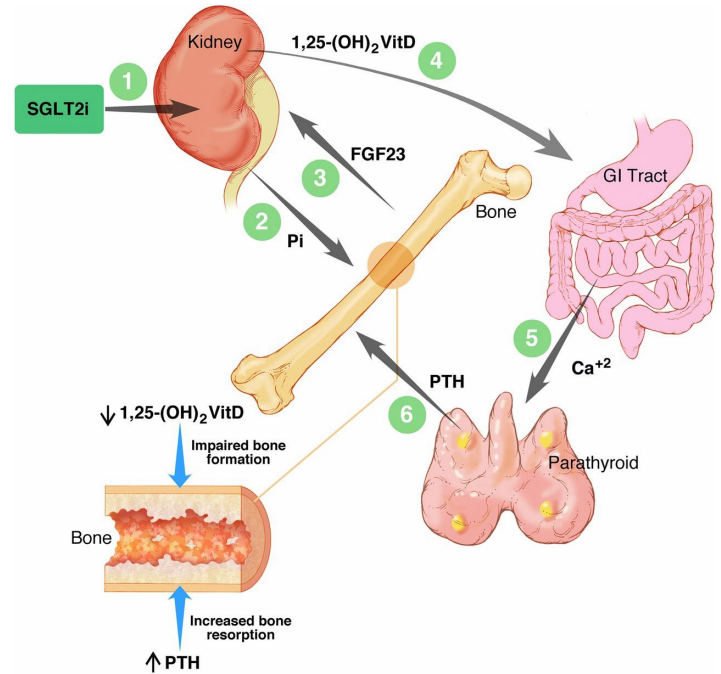
- Mechanism: osmotic diuresis
- CANVAS trial showed significant increase in canagliflozin group
- Can lead to other complications

Amputation

- Mechanism: potentially due to decreased organ perfusion in the setting of volume depletion
- Risk factors: history of amputation or peripheral vascular disease
 - CANVAS trial odd ratio = 1.97

Skeletal Fractures

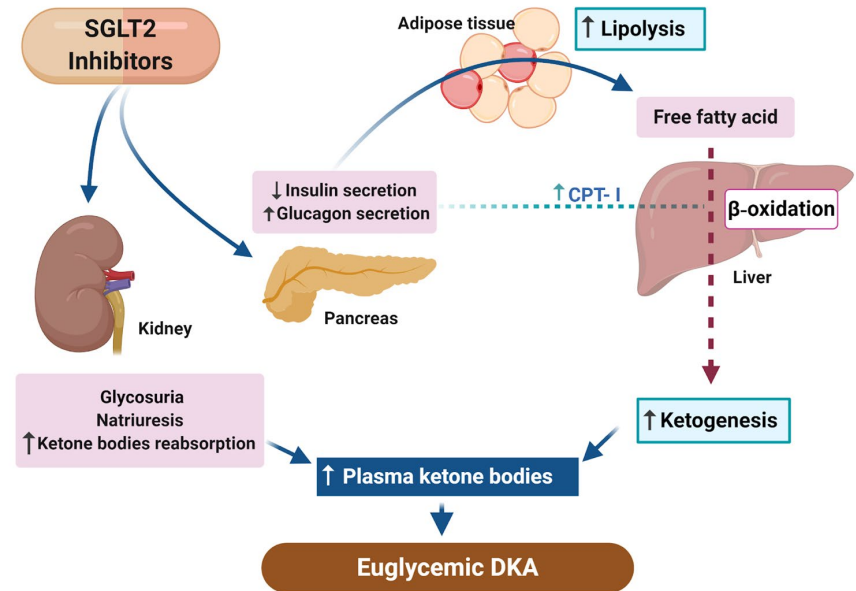
- Mechanism: weight loss, impaired calcium excretion, or falls
- CANVAS trial showed significant increase in fractures
 - Odds ratio = 1.26



SGLT2i: Adverse Events

Euglycemic diabetic ketoacidosis (<1%)

- Presentation
 - Nausea, vomiting, malaise
 - Blood glucose level: <250 mg/dL
 - Ketones in blood and urine
 - Anion-gap metabolic acidosis
 - pH <7.3, serum bicarbonate of <18mEq/L
- Exacerbated by illness, surgery, increase ethanol intake, or decreased food intake



SGLT2i Transitions of Care

Medication reconciliation

- Check for class duplication within combination products
- Continuation of medication
 - Assess risk for euglycemic DKA
 - Experiencing nausea, vomiting, malaise
 - Severe infection
 - Planned surgery within 3 days
 - Decreased oral intake (NPO, malnutrition)
 - Consider re-starting 1-2 days prior to discharge

Brand name	Ingredients
Invokameté	Canagliflozin and metformin
Invokamet XRé	Canagliflozin and metformin extended-release
Xigduo XRé	Dapagliflozin and metformin extended-release
Qterné	Canagliflozin and sitagliptin
Glyxambié	Empagliflozin and linagliptin
Synjardyé	Empagliflozin and metformin
Synjardy XRé	Empagliflozin and metformin extended-release
Seglurometé	Ertugliflozin and metformin
Steglujan é	Ertugliflozin and sitagliptin

SGLT2i Transitions of Care

Pharmacotherapy management

- Initiation of new medication
 - Assess for contraindications
 - History of euglycemic DKA, Fournier's gangrene
 - Consider starting 1-2 days prior to discharge if on hospital formulary
- Monitoring
 - Renal function
 - Volume status
 - Systolic blood pressure >100 mmHg
 - Weight changes
 - Adverse events
- Ensuring adherence
 - Providing education
 - Utilizing teach back

SGLT2i Transitions of Care

Cost & Coverage

- Brand only products
- Formulary coverage
 - Preferred agent
- Patient assistance program
 - Different criteria for insured patients, Medicare/ Medicaid, and uninsured patients

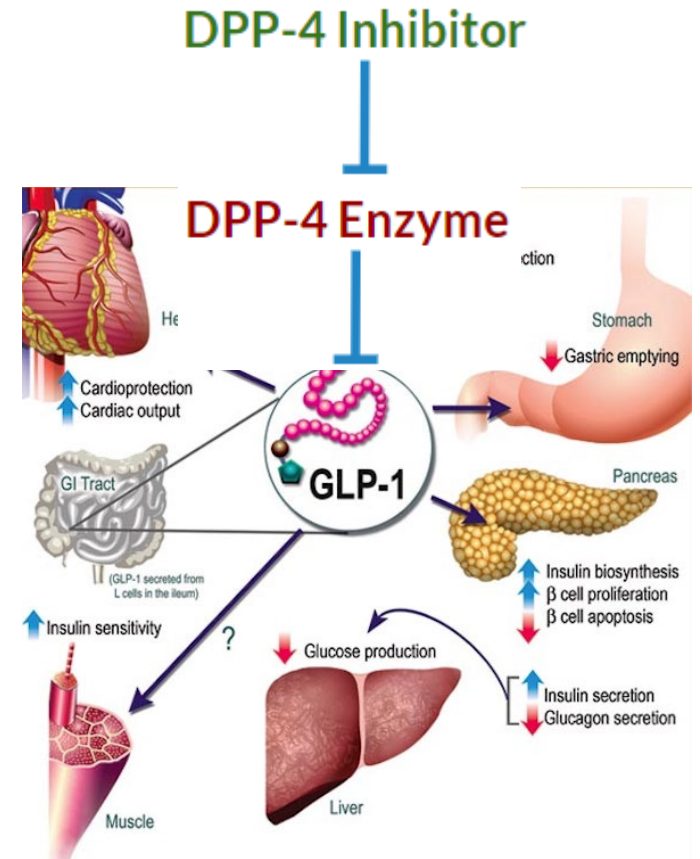
Compound(s)	Dosage strength/product	Median 30 day AWP	Median 30 day NADAC
Ertugliflozin	15 mg	\$354	\$284
Dapagliflozin	10 mg	\$621	\$496
Empagliflozin	25 mg	\$627	\$501
Canagliflozin	300 mg	\$622	\$499

AWP: average wholesale price
NADAC: National Average Drug Acquisition Cost

Glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RA)

GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

- Common suffix: “-tide”
 - Exenatide (Byettaé , Bydureoné)
 - Liraglutide (Victozaé)
 - Dulaglutide (Trulicityé)
 - Semaglutide (Ozempicé , Rybelsusé)
 - Lixisenatide (Adlyxiné)
- A1c lowering potential
 - 0.8-1.7 %
- Mechanism of action
 - Analog of glucagon-like peptide-1
 - Increases glucose-dependent insulin secretion
 - Decreases inappropriate glucagon secretion
 - Increases B cell growth/replication
 - Slows gastric emptying and decreases food intake



GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

- Dosing considerations
 - Oral tablet or subcutaneous injection
 - Twice daily, daily or weekly administration
 - Renal dose adjustment

Medication	Starting Dose	Maximum Dose	Titration	Renal Dose Adjustment
Exenatide	IR: 5 mcg SC BID prior to meal	10 mcg SC BID prior to meal	Increase to 10 mcg BID after 1 month	CrCl < 30 mL/min Not recommended
	ER: 2 mg SC once weekly			eGFR <45 mL/min Not recommended
Liraglutide	0.6 mg SC daily	1.8 mg SC daily	Increase 1.2 mg after one week, may increase to 1.8 mg if needed for glycemic control	No adjustments necessary
Dulaglutide	0.75 mg SC once weekly	4.5 mg SC once weekly	Increase to 1.5 mg after 4 to 8 weeks if needed to achieve glycemic goals. If additional glycemic control is needed, may further increase to 3 mg after at least 4 weeks and then to a maximum of 4.5 mg after at least 4 weeks	No adjustments necessary
Semaglutide	3 mg PO daily	14 mg PO daily	Increase to 7 mg after 30 days, then to 14 mg after another 30 days if needed for glycemic control	No adjustments necessary
	0.25 mg SC once weekly	1 mg SC once weekly	Increase to 0.5 mg after 4 weeks, may increase to 1 mg after an additional 4 weeks if needed to achieve glycemic goals	
Lixisenatide	10 mcg SC daily	20 mcg SC daily	Increase to 20 mcg after 14 days	eGFR < 15 mL/min Not recommended

Source: Bydureon (exenatide) [prescribing information]. Wilmington, DE: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP; October 2017. Rybelsus (semaglutide) [prescribing information]. Bagsvaerd, Denmark: Novo Nordisk Inc.; September 2019. Ozempic (semaglutide) [prescribing information]. Bagsvaerd, Denmark: Novo Nordisk Inc.; December 2017. Adlyxin (lixisenatide) [prescribing information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Sanofi-aventis U.S. LLC; July 2016.

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GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

- Storage considerations

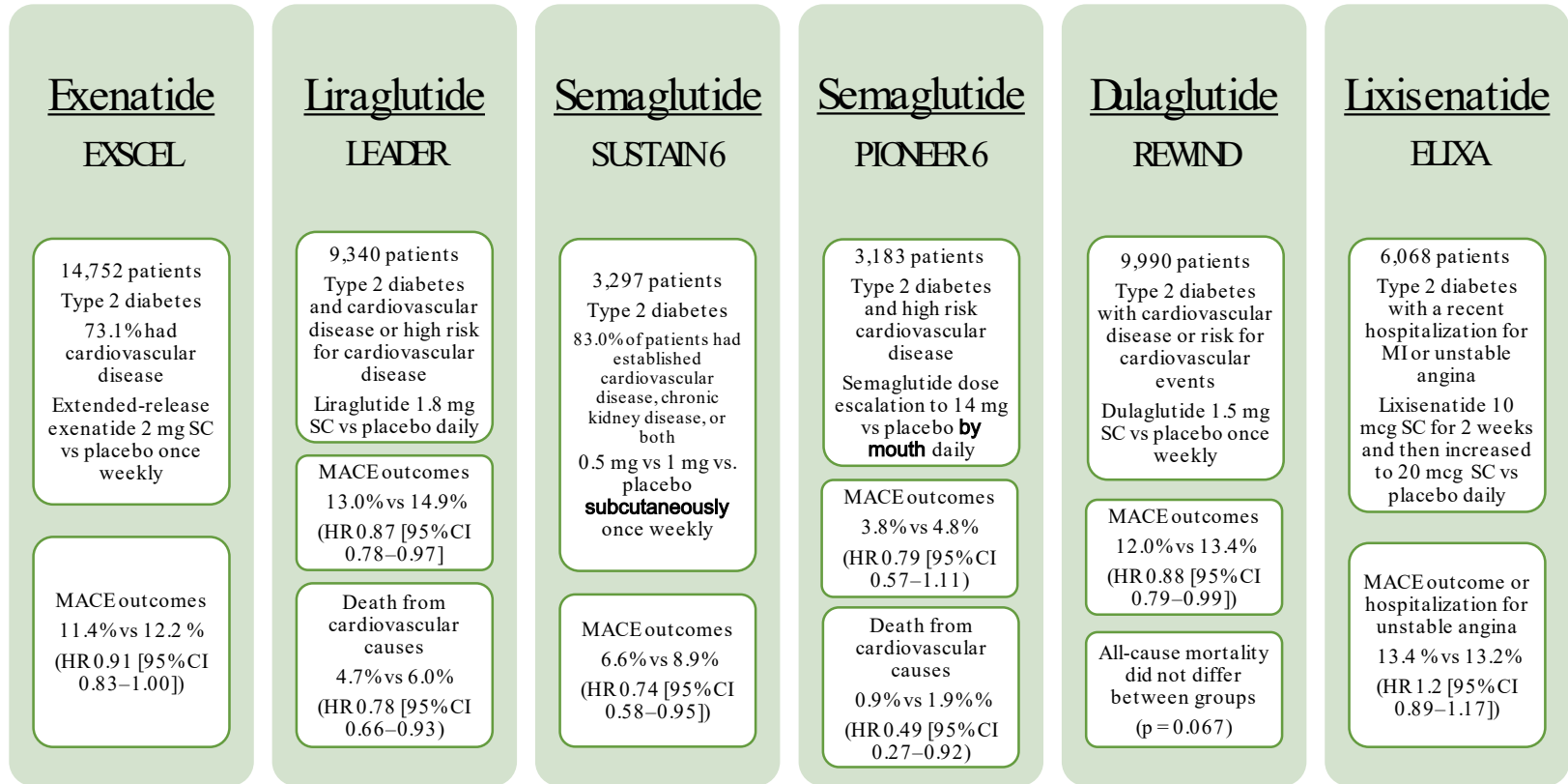
Medication	Formulation	Prior to first use	After first use
Exenatide (IR)	Pre-filled, multi -dose pen	Refrigerated at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C)	Do not to exceed 77°F (25°C) Discard after 30 days
Exenatide (ER)	Single dose vial with diluent or pen	Refrigerated at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C) until expiration date on package or room temperature 77°F (25°C) for 4 weeks	N/A
Liraglutide	Pre-filled, multi -dose pen	Refrigerated at 36 °F to 46 °F (2°C to 8 °C)	Room Temperature 59 °F to 86 °F (15°C to 30 °C) or Refrigerated at 36 °F to 46 °F (2°C to 8°C) Discard after 30 days
Dulaglutide	Single use pen or syringe	Refrigerated at 36 °F to 46 °F (2°C to 8 °C)	N/A
Semaglutide (tablet)	Blister packed tablets	Store at 68° to 77°F (20 to 25°C); excursions permitted to 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C)	
Semaglutide (injection)	Pre-filled, multi -use pen injector	Refrigerated at 36 °F to 46 °F (2°C to 8 °C)	Room temperature 59 °F to 86 °F (15°C to 30 °C) or refrigerated at 36 °F to 46 °F (2°C to 8°C) Discard after 56 days
Lixisenatide	Pre-filled, multi -use pen	Refrigerated at 36 °F to 46 °F (2°C to 8 °C)	Store below 86 °F (30°C) Discard after 14 days

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GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

- Benefits
 - Weight loss
 - Minimal hypoglycemia risk
 - ASCVD and diabetic kidney disease
- Adverse Events
 - Gastrointestinal effects
 - Pancreatitis
 - Injection site reactions
- Black Box Warning
 - Risk of thyroid C-cell tumors

GLP-1 RA: ASCVD Benefit



MACE outcomes : composite endpoint including cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, or stroke

Source: Holman RR, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377(13):1228-1239. Husain M, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2019;381(9):841-851.

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GLP-1RA: Diabetic Kidney Disease Benefit

Liraglutide

LEADER

9,340 patients
Type 2 diabetes and
cardiovascular disease or
high risk for cardiovascular
disease
Liraglutide 1.8 mg SC vs
placebo daily

New or worsening
nephropathy
5.7% vs 7.2%
(HR 0.78 [95% CI 0.67–0.92])

Semaglutide

SUSTAIN6

3,297 patients
Type 2 diabetes
83.0% of patients had
established cardiovascular
disease, chronic kidney disease,
or both
0.5 mg vs 1 mg vs. placebo
subcutaneously once weekly

New or worsening
nephropathy
3.8% vs. 6.1%
(HR 0.64 [95% CI 0.46–0.88])

Composite renal outcome: sustained 40% reduction in eGFR, need for renal replacement therapy, doubling of serum creatines, or death from renal causes

GLP-1 RA Transitions of Care

Admission medication reconciliation

- Check for class duplication
 - Combination products
 - DPP-4 inhibitors (-gliptins)
- Confirm dosing schedule for weekly formulations
- Continuation of medication inpatient
 - Typically not on hospital formularies
 - Combination GLP-1 RA and insulin products
 - Need to adjust insulin dose based in GLP-1 RA requirements
 - Recommended increasing basal insulin by 10% with removal of GLP-1 RA

Brand name	Ingredients
Soliquaé	Lixisenatide and insulin glargine
Xultophyé	Liraglutide and insulin degludec

GLP-1 RA Transitions of Care

Pharmacotherapy management/ discharge medication reconciliation

- Ensuring adherence
 - Slow titration schedule
 - Education on injection technique
 - Once weekly formulations
- Monitoring
 - Renal function (for specific agents)
 - Weight changes
 - Adverse events
- Initiation of new medication upon discharge
 - Benefits of adding liraglutide vs insulin upon discharge
 - Pasquel et al. showed significant reduction in A1c, hypoglycemia events, and body weight at 26 weeks
 - Significant increase in GI side effects leading to discontinuation in 10% of patients
- Transitioning from GLP-1RA monotherapy to combination
 - Different concentrations of GLP-1 RA in combination formulations compared to single agent formula

Brand name	Monotherapy Dose (per mL)	Combination Dose (per mL)
Soliquaé	Lixisenatide: 50- 100 mcg	Lixisenatide: 33 mcg Insulin glargine: 100 units
Xultophyé	Liraglutide: 6 mg	Liraglutide: 3.6 mg Insulin degludec: 100 units

GLP-1 RA Transitions of Care

Cost & Coverage

- Brand only products
- Formulary coverage
- Patient assistance programs
 - Different criteria for insured patients, Medicare/ Medicaid, and uninsured patients

Compound(s)	Dosage strength/product	Median 30 day AWP	Median 30 day NADAC	Maximum daily dose
Exenatide (extended release)	2 mg powder for suspension or pen	\$882	\$706	2 mg
Exenatide	10 µg pen	\$752	\$720	20 µg
Dulaglutide	4.5/0.5 mL pen	\$957	\$766	4.5 mg
Semaglutide	1 mg pen	\$973	\$779	1 mg
	14 mg tablet	\$927	\$738	14 mg
Liraglutide	18 mg/3 mL pen	\$1,161	\$930	1.8 mg
Lixisenatide	300 µg/3 mL pen	\$774	N/A	20 µg

AWP: average wholesale price
NADAC: National Average Drug Acquisition Cost

Comparing SGLT2i & GLP1 RA

	SGLT2i	GLP-1 RA
Route	Oral	Oral & subcutaneous
Adherence	+	++
HF benefit	✓ (except ertugliflozin)	X
ASCVD benefit	✓	✓
DKD benefit	✓	✓ (only liraglutide & SQ semaglutide)
Cost	\$\$	\$\$\$
Hospital availability	~✓	X
Insurance coverage	++	+
Storage	Room temp	Refrigerated or room temp

Insulin Icodec

Insulin icodec Literature Review

Phase 2 Study					
Population	N = 247 patients Type 2 diabetes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosed in last 180 days • A1c = 7.0 – 9.0% • Receiving stable daily doses of metformin ± DPP-4 inhibitor • Not previously on long-term insulin 				
Intervention	Once-weekly insulin icodec (196 hours (8.1 days)) 70 units SC + once-daily placebo vs. once-daily insulin glargine SC 10 units + once-weekly placebo for 26 weeks 1:1 randomization Stratified based on dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP-4) inhibitor use (~46% in each group) Insulin doses were adjusted weekly to achieve fasting blood glucose of 70-108 mg/dL				
Outcomes	Primary		Icodec	Glargine	Difference or ratio (95% CI)
		Change in A1c (mean)	-1.33	-1.15	-0.18 [-0.38 - 0.02]
	Secondary	Mean weekly insulin dose	229.06 (~33 units/day)	284.05 (~41 units/day)	0.81 [0.69 – 0.94]
	Safety	Hypoglycemia alert (%)	67 (53.6)	46 (37.7)	OR: 1.84 [1.10 – 3.07]
Clinically significant or severe hypoglycemia (%)		20 (16.0)	12 (9.8)	OR: 1.70 [0.79 – 3.66]	

Insulin Icodec: Study Considerations

Population

- Diabetes diagnosis in last 6 months with A1c below 10%
- Excluded if taking GLP-1 RA

Real world application

- All glucose levels were measured using continuous glucose monitoring device (Freestyle Libre Pro)
- Rapid dose adjustments
- Weekly follow up

Statistical Analysis

- Study not powered
- Patients included in statistical analysis for efficacy endpoints were limited to those who
 - Did not receive ancillary therapy (other than metformin or DPP-4 inhibitors)
 - Had at least 70% flash glucose monitoring in last 2 weeks

Insulin Icodec: Transitions of Care Considerations



Potential Benefits

Reduce number of injections and increase compliance

Similar A1c and fasting blood glucose reduction compared to daily administration

Potential Pitfalls

Study showed increased risk for hypoglycemia

First product of its kind = \$\$

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