

Diabetes Medications for Type 2 Diabetes with Focus on HIV: Part 2

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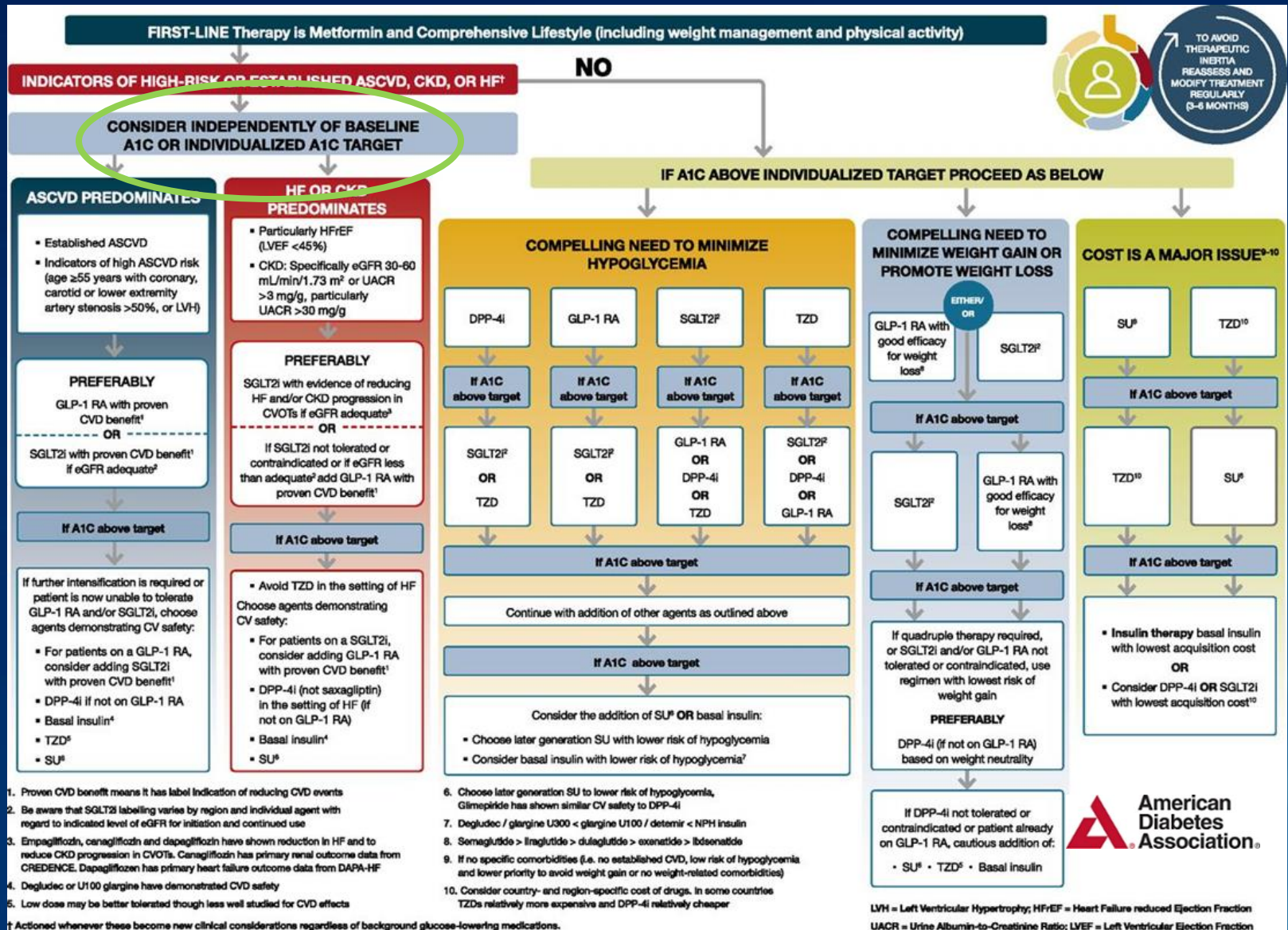
Objectives

- Understand how to safely prescribe and use “newer” diabetes medications
- Understand physiology and mechanism of action, efficacy, safety, tolerability, managing side effects, dosing and administration of individual drugs
- Understand how to use these medications in liver disease and CKD
- Assess the cardiac and renal benefits in these newer medications

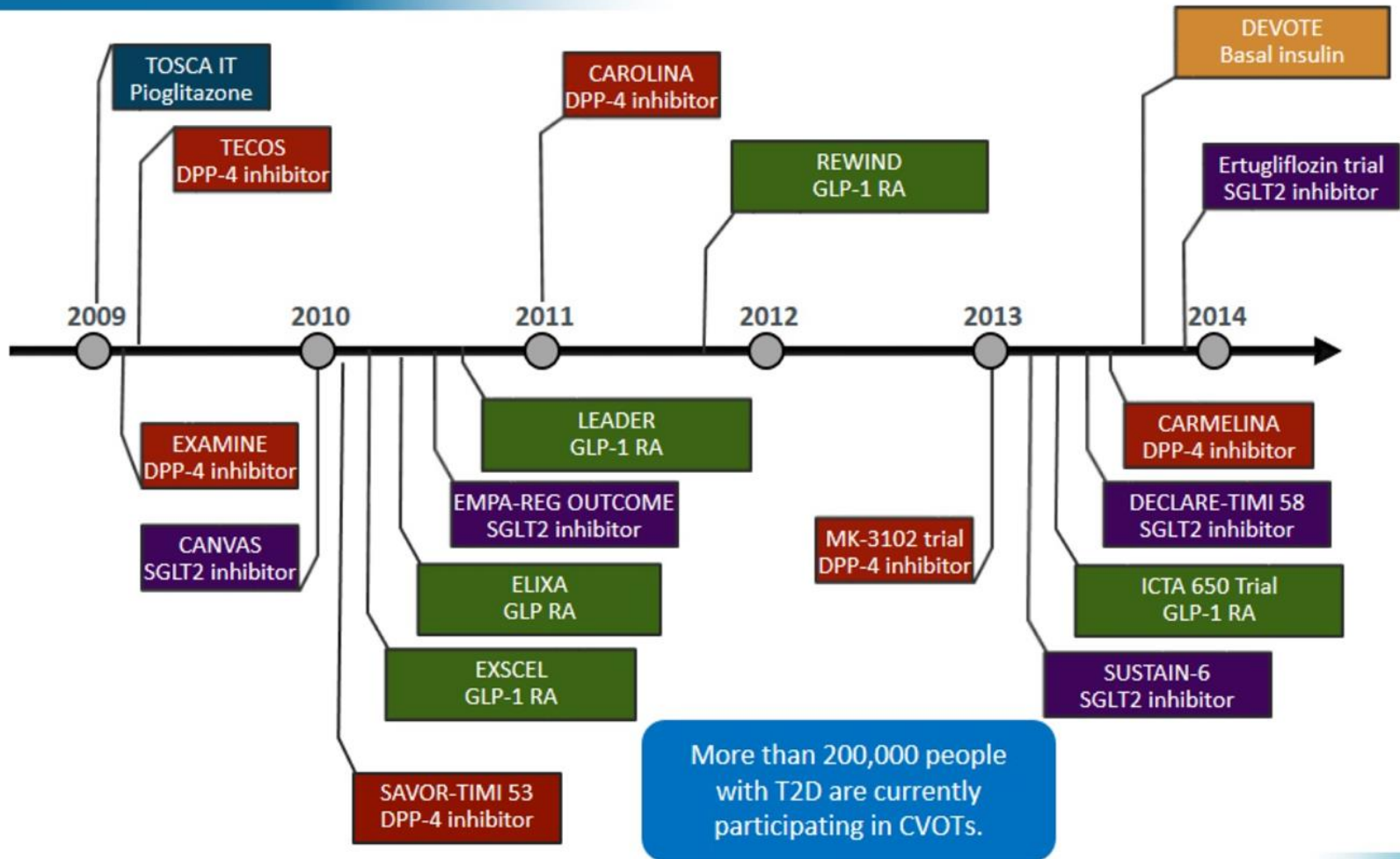
Diabetes Medications

- Mechanism of action
- Efficacy (on average how much does it lower blood sugar)
- Does it cause hypoglycemia yes/no
- Common side-effects
- Serious side-effects
- Weight gain/Weight loss/Weight neutral
- Cardiovascular effects
- Use in Liver Disease
- Use in CKD and renal protective effect

Glucose-lowering medication in type 2 diabetes: overall approach.



Timing of CV safety trials with Drugs for Type 2 Diabetes



Standl E, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2017;5:391-402.

THIAZOLIDINEDIONES: “TZDS”

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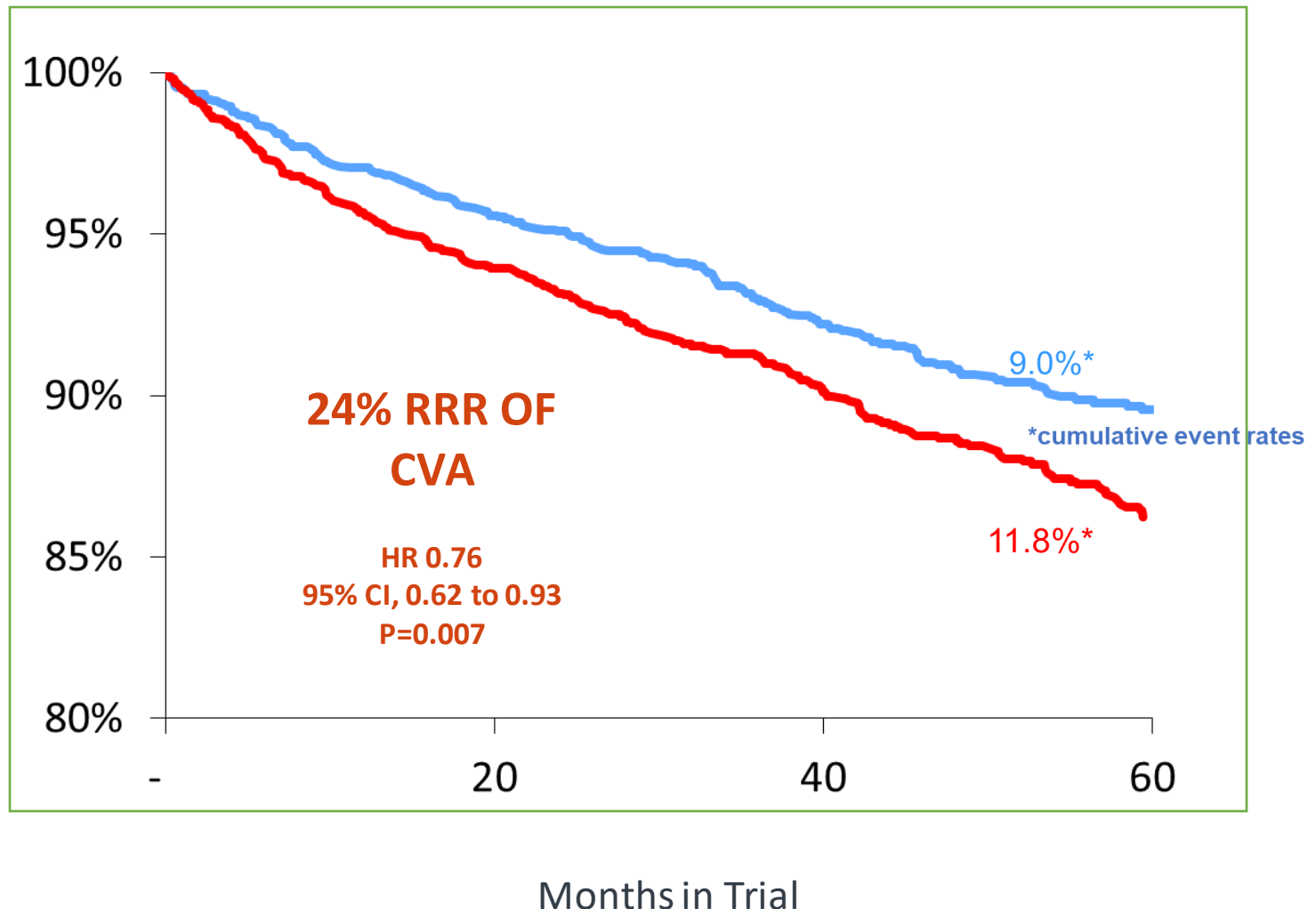
Class/Main Action	Name(s)	Daily Dose Range	Considerations
Thiazolidinediones “TZDs” <ul style="list-style-type: none">Increases insulin sensitivity	pioglitazone (Actos) rosiglitazone (Avandia)	15 – 45 mg daily 4 – 8 mg daily	Black Box Warning: TZDs may cause or worsen CHF. Monitor for edema and weight gain. Increased peripheral fracture risk. Actos may increase risk of bladder cancer. Lowers A1c 0.5% – 1.0%

TZD Adverse Effects

- Weight gain
- Increased risk of edema
- Contraindicated in Class III HF or higher and possible increase risk of HF
- Increased risk of long-bone fractures
- possible increased risk macular edema
- Pioglitazone ?? Bladder cancer risk

Pioglitazone after CVA or TIA

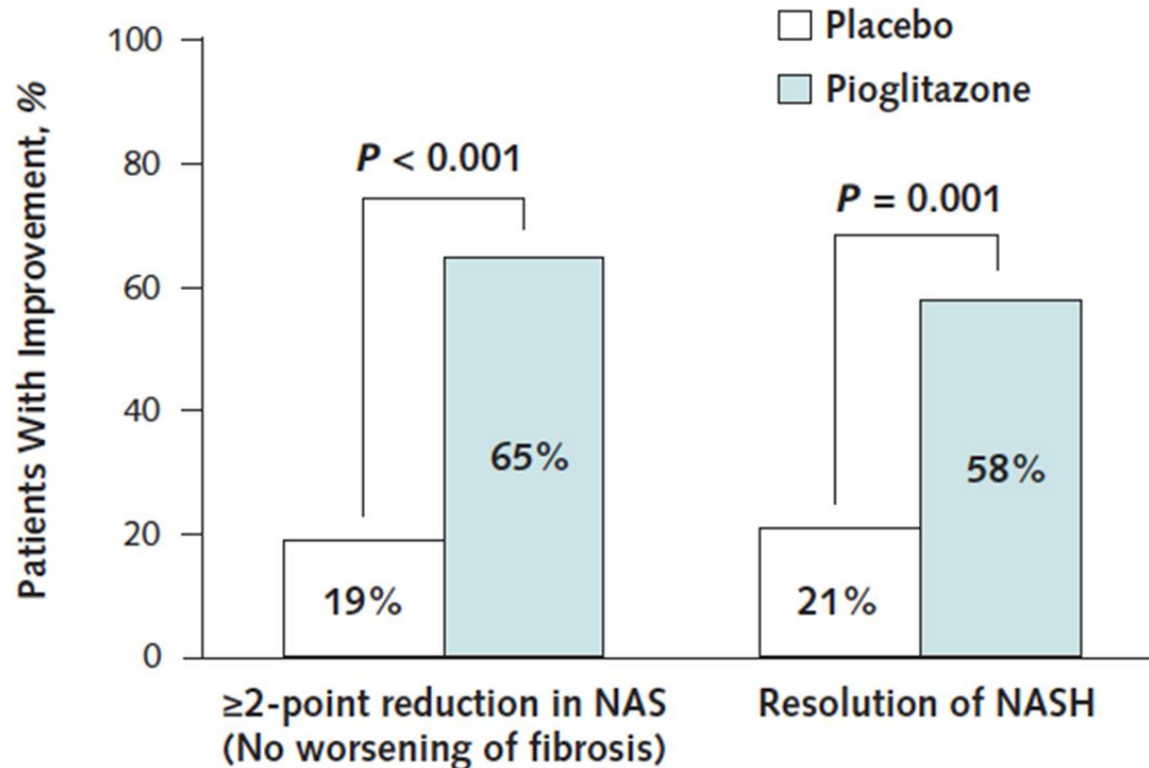
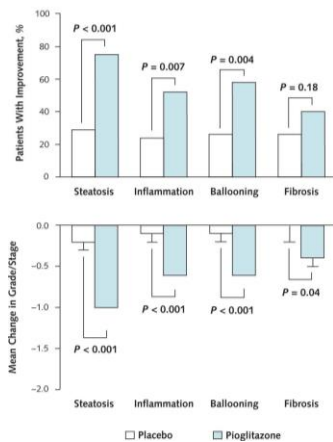
Insulin Resistance Intervention After Stroke Trial (IRIS) :



*Inclusion Criteria:
Insulin resistance (did not need a diagnosis of DM)

Effect of 18 Months of Pioglitazone Treatment on Primary and Secondary Liver Histologic Outcomes

Fibrosis score:
treatment
difference, -0.5
[CI, -0.9 to 0.0];
P = 0.039



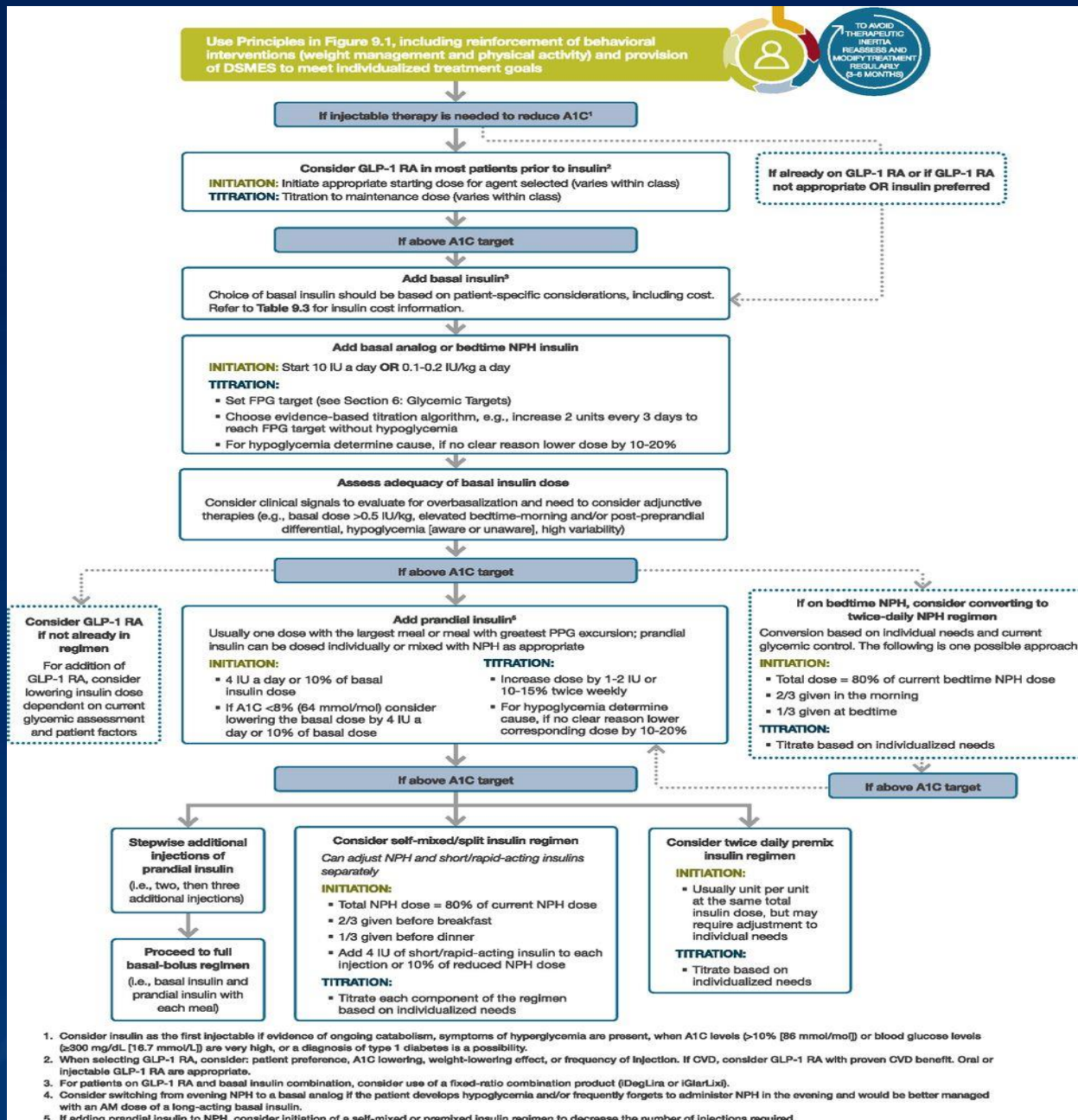
Resolution of NASH defined as absence of NASH after 18 mo of therapy with definite NASH at baseline

Summary: Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)

- Helps to target insulin resistance
- May improve dyslipidemia
- NASH (Non-Alcoholic liver disease)
- Established CVA may have some CV benefit
- Weight gain, edema, and fractures
- Risk for worsening HF - *do not use in CHF*
- Use in select population
- The available evidence does not support the use of thiazolidinediones lipoatrophy

GLUCAGON-LIKE PEPTIDE-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS (GLP-1 RA)

Intensifying to injectable therapies

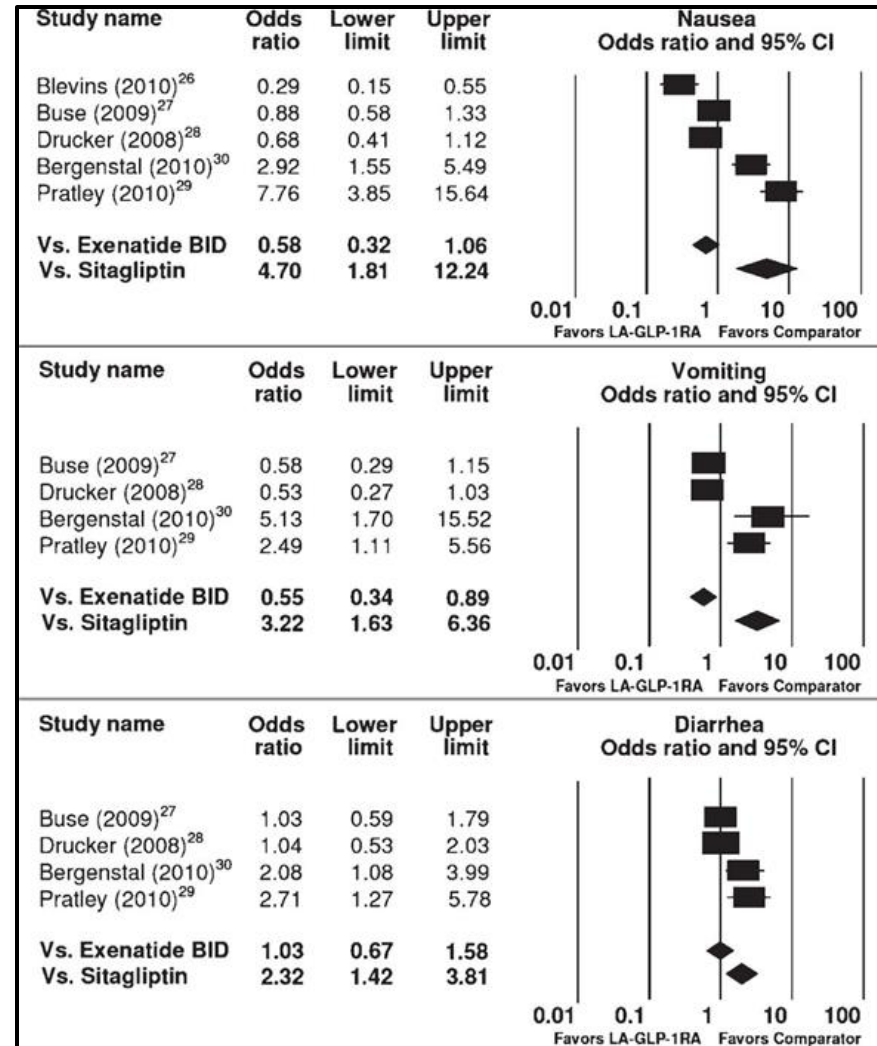


Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists (GLP-1 RA)

Class/Main Action	Name	Dose Range	Considerations
GLP-1 Receptor Agonist (GLP-1 RA) "Incretin Mimetic" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases insulin release with food Slows gastric emptying Promotes satiety Suppresses glucagon 	exenatide (Byetta)	5 and 10 mcg BID	Side effects for all: Nausea, vomiting, weight loss, injection site reaction. Report signs of acute pancreatitis (severe abdominal pain, vomiting), stop med. Renally excreted. Black box warning: Thyroid C-cell tumor warning for exenatide XR, liraglutide, dulaglutide, and semaglutide (avoid if family history of medullary thyroid tumor). *Significantly reduces risk of CV death, heart attack, and stroke. Lowers A1c 0.5 – 1.6% Weight loss of 1.6 to 6.0kg†
	exenatide XR (Bydureon)	2 mg 1x a week Pen injector - Bydureon BCise	
	liraglutide (Victoza)*	0.6, 1.2 and 1.8 mg daily Approved for pediatrics 10 yrs +	
	dulaglutide (Trulicity)*	0.75, 1.5, 3.0 and 4.5 mg 1x a week pen injector	
	lixisenatide (Adlyxin)	10 mcg 1x a day for 14 days 20 mcg 1x day starting day 15	
	semaglutide (Ozempic)*† (Rybelsus) Oral tablet	0.5 and 1.0 mg 1x a week pen injector 3, 7, and 14 mg daily in a.m. Take on empty stomach w/H2O sip	
Amylin Mimetic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slows gastric emptying Supress glucagon 	pramlintide (Symlin)	Type 1: 15 - 60 mcg; Type 2: 60 - 120 mcg immediately before major meals	For Type 1 or 2 on insulin. Severe hypoglycemic risk, decrease insulin dose when starting. Side effects: nausea, weight loss. Lowers A1c 0.5 – 1%

GLP-1 RA: Side-Effects /Potential Patient Perceived Barriers

- Nausea/diarrhea/constipation
- Possible risk for Pancreatitis??
- Theoretical risk for medullary thyroid cancer??
 - Induces rodent thyroid C-cell tumors
- Injection



GLP-1 receptor agonists

GLP-1 receptor agonist/ basal insulin fixed-dose combinations

Pen devices
for injection



Drug name:
Generic
Commercial

Exenatide b.i.d.
Byetta®

Lixisenatide
Lyxumia®

Liraglutide
Victoza®

Exenatide once weekly
Bydureon®
(original)

Exenatide once weekly
Bydureon®
BCise
(improved)

Dulaglutide
Trulicity®

Albiglutide
Eperzan®,
Tanzeum®

Semaglutide
Ozempic®

IdegLira
Xultophy®

iGlarLixi
Soliqua®

Pen for single
or multiple use?

multiple

multiple

multiple

single

single

single

single

multiple

multiple

multiple

Pen for pre-deter-
mined single dose/
variable dosing

single

single

variable
(0.6, 1.2,
or 1.8 mg)

single

single

single

single

single

variable,
for
titration

variable,
for
titration

Pen devices
available
(maximum dose)

5 or
10 µg

10 or
20 µg

1.8 mg

2 mg

2 mg

0.75 or
1.5 mg

30 or
50 mg

0.25,
0.5 or
1.0 mg

Up to 1.8 mg
(plus insulin
degludec
up to 50 IU)

Up to 20 µg
(plus insulin
glargine
up to 60 IU)

Resuspension
before injection
necessary?

no

no

no

yes

No, but
thorough
mixing

no

yes

no

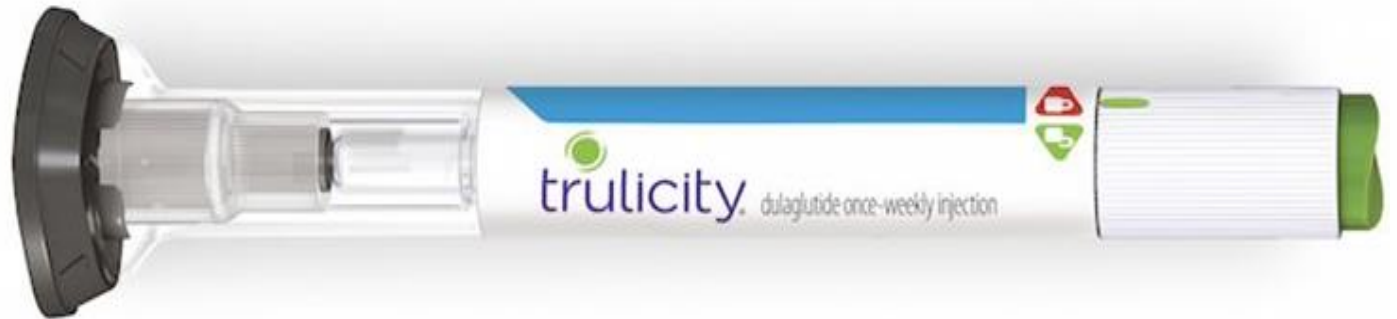
no

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0.6, 1.2 and
1.8 daily
dosing



0.75 and
1.5mg weekly
dosing



Recent
approval of 3.0
and 4.5mg
dosing

0.25, 0.5mg, and
1mg weekly dosing



How to use Exenatide (Bydureon)

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72w756RKawY>

Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqn1iKBiQkk>

PREBROKEN -20° TO 180°

NDC 0310-6530-04
B, Only

Once-weekly
Bydureon® Pen
exenatide extended-release
for injectable suspension

2 mg/pen

Subcutaneous use only.
Dispense the enclosed Medication Guide to each patient.



- Total quantity: 4 single-dose pens
 - Each pen includes supplies to deliver a 2 mg dose.
 - Each pen contains a needle.
 - Use 1 pen per week.
- There is one extra needle in the carton.

Follow the enclosed Instructions for Use to prepare and inject your dose.

For more information about BYDUREON, call 1-877-700-7365
or visit www.BYDUREON.com.

Store refrigerated: 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C). Do not freeze.
Package Not Child-Resistant. Keep out of reach of children.



<https://www.molinahealthcare.com/-/media/Files/formulary.pdf>

TRADJENTA TAB 5MG

INCRETIN MIMETIC AGENTS (GLP-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS)

BYDUREON PEN INJ 2MG	QL (4 pens / 25 days)
BYETTA INJ 5MCG	QL (1 pen / 25 days)
BYETTA INJ 10MCG	QL (1 pen / 25 days)
VICTOZA INJ 18MG/3ML	QL (9 mL / 30 days)

Oral Semaglutide

Take on an empty stomach

Take with a small amount of water (no more than 4oz)

Wait 30 minutes after taking it and then eat food



3, 7, and 14 mg dosing

GLP-1 RA in CKD

- In CKD stages 2 and 3: no dose adjustment is required for liraglutide and dulaglutide, semaglutide, extended release exenatide
 - Exenatide: reduce dose to 5mcg bid if 30–50 mL/min
- In CKD stages 4 and 5: GLP-1 RA limited data
- What about Stage 3 CKD GFR < 45??

GLP-1 use in CKD: LIRA-RENAL Study

	Liraglutide 1.8 mg	Placebo
	(<i>n</i> = 140)	(<i>n</i> = 137)
Sex, <i>n</i> (%)		
Female	65 (46.4)	72 (52.6)
Male	75 (53.6)	65 (47.4)
Age, mean (SD), years	68.0 (8.3)	66.3 (8.0)

****Can
use/initiate in
GFR 30-45**

GFR

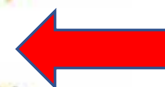
30 to < 45	61 (43.6)	59 (43.1)
45–59	78 (55.7)	78 (56.9)
> 59	1 (0.7)	0 (0.0)

GLP-1 RAs and CV Risk Baseline Characteristics

	ELIXA	LEADER	SUSTAIN 6	REWIND
Drug tested	Lisixenatide	Liraglutide	Semaglutide	Dulaglutide
Dose	20 µg/d	1.8 mg/d	0.5 or 1 mg/wk	1.5 mg/wk
N	6068	9340	3297	9901
Mean age, years	60	64	65	66
Percent women	31	36	39	46
Percent prior CVD	100	81	59	31
Mean BMI, kg/m ²	30	33	31	32
Mean HbA1c, %	7.7	8.7	8.7	7.3
Primary outcome	MACE ^a or unstable angina	MACE ^a	MACE ^a	MACE ^a

CV and Renal Benefits of GLP-1 RAs

Administration:	subcutaneous						oral
Compound:	Exenatide	Lixisenatide	Liraglutide	Exenatide	Dulaglutide	Semaglutide	Semaglutide
Frequency:	b.i.d.	q.w.	q.d.	q.w.	q.w.	q.w.	q.d.
Effects:							
HbA _{1c} reduction:	+	+	++	+	++	+++	++(+)
Post-prandial glucose	++ ^a	++ ^a	+	+	+	+	+
Body weight reduction:	+(+)	+	++	+	+(+)	+++	++(+)
Injection device:	+	+	++	(+)	+++	++	n.a.
Convenience/adherence:	(+)	+	++	+	+++	+++	+++? ^b
CV benefit („MACE“):	not known	±	++	(+)	++	++	(+)
Mortality benefit:	not known	±	++	(+)	±	±	±
Renal benefit:	±	(+)	+	±	+	+	+
Nausea/vomiting:	--	-	-(-)	-	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
Immunogenicity ^c :	++	++	(+)	++	(+)	(+)	? (not known)



YES

YES

YES

GLP-1 RA and Liver Disease

GLP-1 receptor agonists

- Induces weight loss
 - Low risk of hypoglycemia
 - Restores peripheral and hepatic insulin sensitivity
 - Improves aminotransferases, hepatic steatosis/fibrosis in NAFLD/NASH
 - May inhibit alcohol consumption in experimental models
 - Eliminated by proteolytic degradation
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- Limited therapeutic experience in advanced cirrhosis

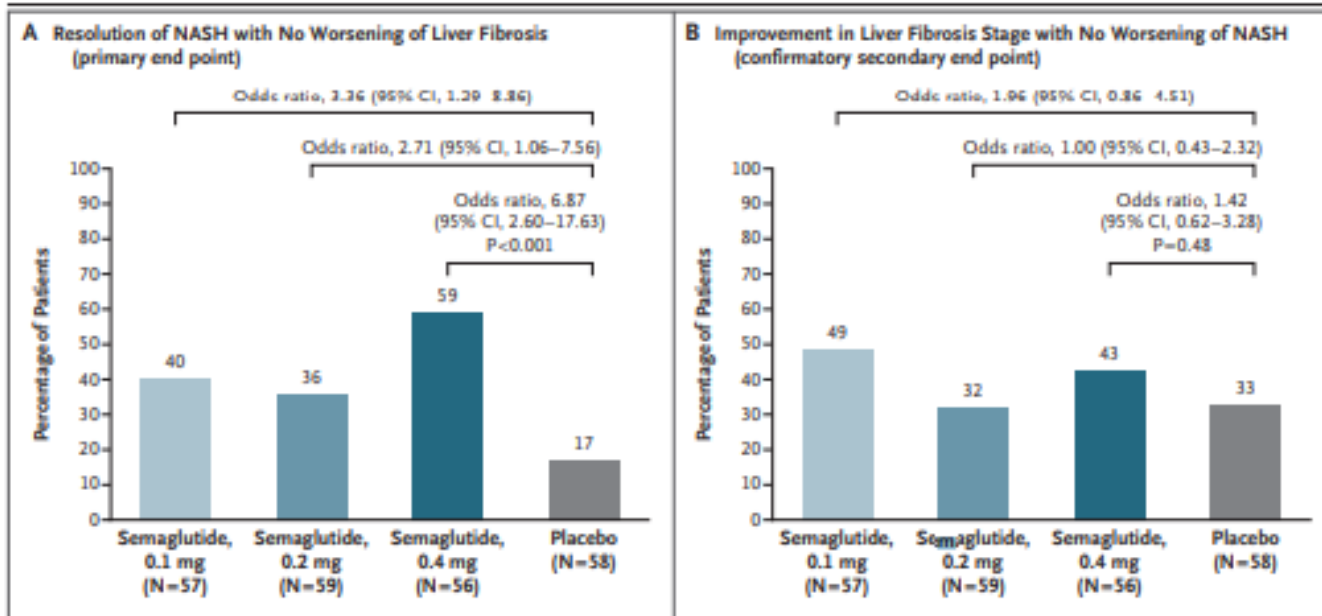
Initial data on NASH and GLP-1 RA encouraging

Fasting serum GLP-1 levels were decreased in patients with chronic HCV, but not those with HBV

Yan J et al *Hepatology* 2019; 69: 2414-2426
Armstrong MJ, et al. . *Lancet* 2016; 387: 679-690
Chung et al. *World J Hepatol* 2020 September 27; 12(9): 533-692
Oriot P et al. *Ann Endocrinol (Paris)* 2011;72:244-246
Diabetes Care. 2012 May; 35(5): e34.

NASH and GLP-1 RA

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NASH resolution/no worsening of fibrosis : 59% vs. 17% (P<0.001)

Improvement in fibrosis stage occurred in 43% and in 33% vs. (P=0.48).

Summary: GLP-1 RAs

- Expensive
- May cause weight loss (8-12 pounds)
- CV benefit and renal benefit
- > 1% HbA1c reduction
- Weekly dosing likely improves compliance
- Low risk for hypoglycemia
- Oral version now available
- Nausea main side-effect
- I would consider in compensated cirrhosis especially NASH

SODIUM-GLUCOSE CO-TRANSPORTER INHIBITORS (SGLT2I)

Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter Inhibitors (SGLT2I)

Class/Main Action	Name(s)	Daily Dose Range	Considerations
SGLT2 Inhibitors "Glucoretic" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decreases glucose reabsorption in kidneys 	Canagliflozin* (Invokana) Dapagliflozin* (Farxiga) Empagliflozin* (Jardiance) Ertugliflozin (Steglatro)	100 - 300 mg 1x daily Don't start if GFR <45. 5 - 10 mg 1x daily Don't start if GFR <45. 10 - 25 mg 1x daily Don't start if GFR <45. 5 - 15 mg 1x daily Don't start if GFR <60.	Side effects: hypotension, UTIs, increased urination, genital infections, ketoacidosis. Monitor GFR and other considerations: See package insert for dosing based on GFR. *Empagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, & Canagliflozin: - Reduce risk of CV death, heart failure and preserve long-term kidney function. Benefits: no hypo or weight gain. Lowers A1c 0.6%-1.5%. Lowers wt 1-3 lbs.

Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter Inhibitors (SGLT2I)

TABLE. A1C REDUCTION VERSUS PLACEBO

Medication	Mean A1C Reduction (95% CI)
Canagliflozin 300 mg	-0.86% (-0.96 to -0.76)
Canagliflozin 100 mg	-0.76% (-0.86 to -0.66)
Dapagliflozin 10 mg	-0.66% (-0.74 to -0.58)
Dapagliflozin 5 mg	-0.56% (-0.67 to -0.44)
Empagliflozin 25 mg	-0.66% (-0.76 to -0.56)
Empagliflozin 10 mg	-0.60% (-0.70 to -0.50)

A1C = glycated hemoglobin.

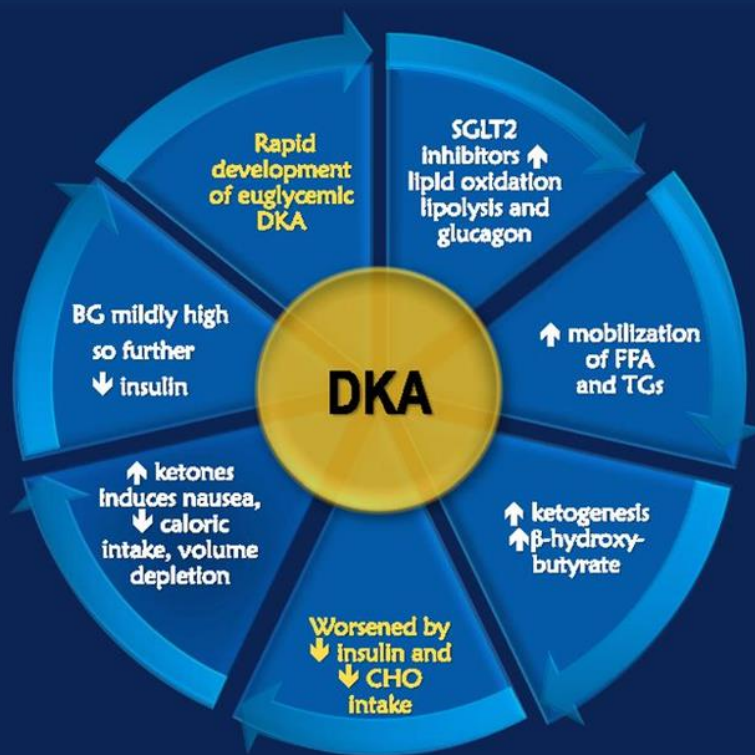
SGLT2 Inhibitors:

Warnings and Precautions - Canagliflozin/Dapagliflozin/Empagliflozin

- Hypoglycemia: risk with secretagogues, insulin
- Genital mycotic infections
- UTI, urosepsis
- Volume depletion/orthostatic changes
- DKA
- Bladder cancer (**Dapagliflozin only**)
 - **removed recently**
- Increased fracture risk
- Increased risk for amputation

Demonstration of the cascade of clinical events and metabolic changes that contribute sequentially to progressive clinical deterioration and development of full-blown episodes of euDKA.

Sliding Toward Euglycemic DKA



Risk for DKA , Genital Infections, Amputation and Fractures

- DECLARE and EMPA-REG: less than 0.1% risk for DKA
- CANVAS: The estimated DKA incidence rates—0.5, 0.8, and 0.2 per 1,000 patient-years
- EMPA-REG OUTCOME: 22 vs 75 had genital infections
- Rare case reports of ARI and risk for orthostatic hypotension
- Fournier's gangrene
- CANVAS increased fracture risk (4% vs. 2.6%) but neutral in pooled non-CANVAS studies
- CANVAS Amputation (6.3% vs 3.4%) but neutral in recent large retrospective study

EMPA- REG N Engl J Med 2015; 373:2117-2128

Yu O et al.. Diabetes Care. 2020 Oct;43(10):2444-2452

CANVAS. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2018 Sep;6(9):691-704

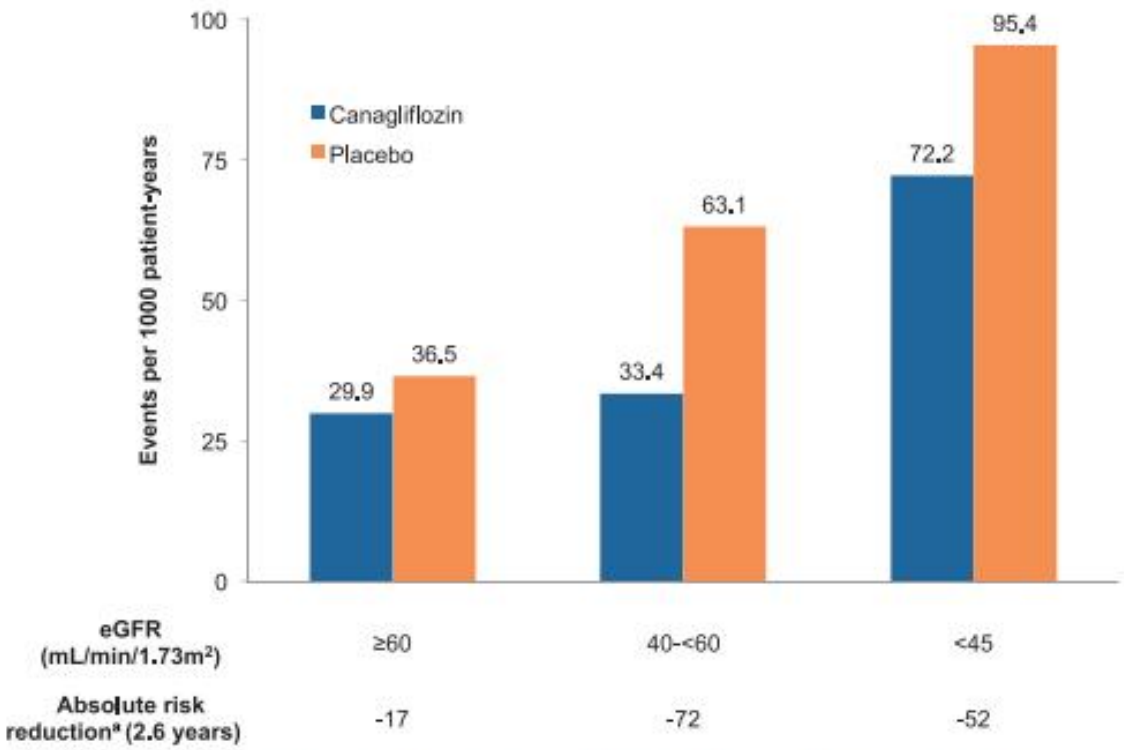
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SGLT2 inhibitor use in CKD - For Glycemic Management

- Invokana (canagliflozin) < 45mL/min- Do Not use
- Jardiance (empagliflozin) < 45ml/min Do Not use
- Farxiga (dapagliflozin) < 60ml/min- Do Not Use
- Example: patient on empagliflozin GFR < 60 mL/min decrease to 10 mg daily when < GFR 45 mL/min stop
- At stage 3b CKD or greater, all SGLT-2 inhibitors are contraindicated, mainly because efficacy may be worst at GFR < 60mL/min

Canagliflozin and Renal Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes and Nephropathy (CREDESCENCE)



ADA guidelines: SGLT2 inhibitors for the prevention of kidney failure, cardiovascular events or both in patients with an eGFR >30 mL/min/1.73 m²

**Especially with severely increased albuminuria

FIGURE 1: Estimated number of primary events (doubling of serum creatinine, ESKD or cardiovascular or kidney-related death) prevented per 1000 patients treated over 2.6 years in the CREDESCENCE trial by baseline eGFR. *Absolute risk reductions estimated as the number of events prevented per 1000 patients treated over 2.6 years.

Neuen BL et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant.* 2020;35(Suppl 1) i48–i55.

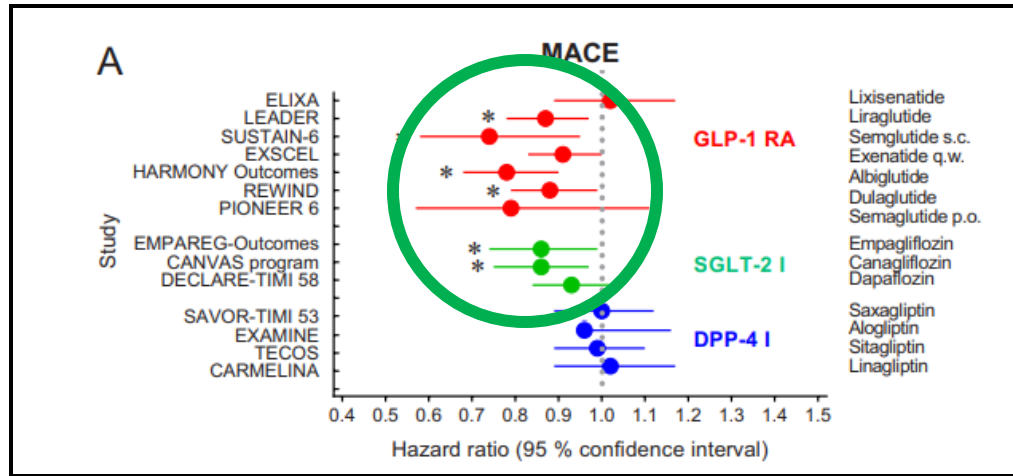
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Canagliflozin: SGLT2I : For Renal and CV Benefit

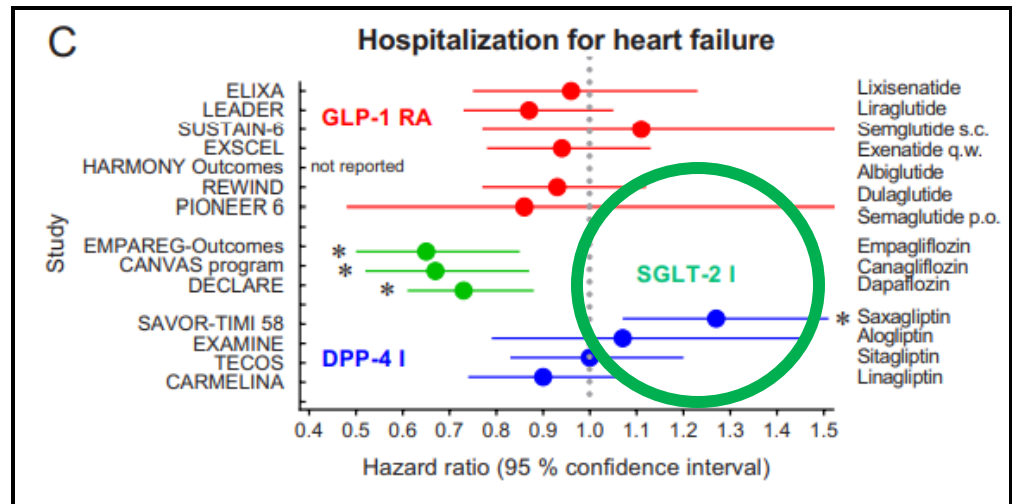
- GFR ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73 m²: No dosage adjustment necessary.
- eGFR 30 to < 60 mL/min/1.73 m²: 100 mg qDay.
- eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73 m² with albuminuria > 300 mg/day: 100 mg qDay to reduce risk of end-stage kidney disease, doubling of serum creatinine, CV death, and hospitalization for heart failure.

CV Outcomes Comparison



CV Benefits and All Cause Mortality Benefit for GLP-1 RA & SGLT-2 I

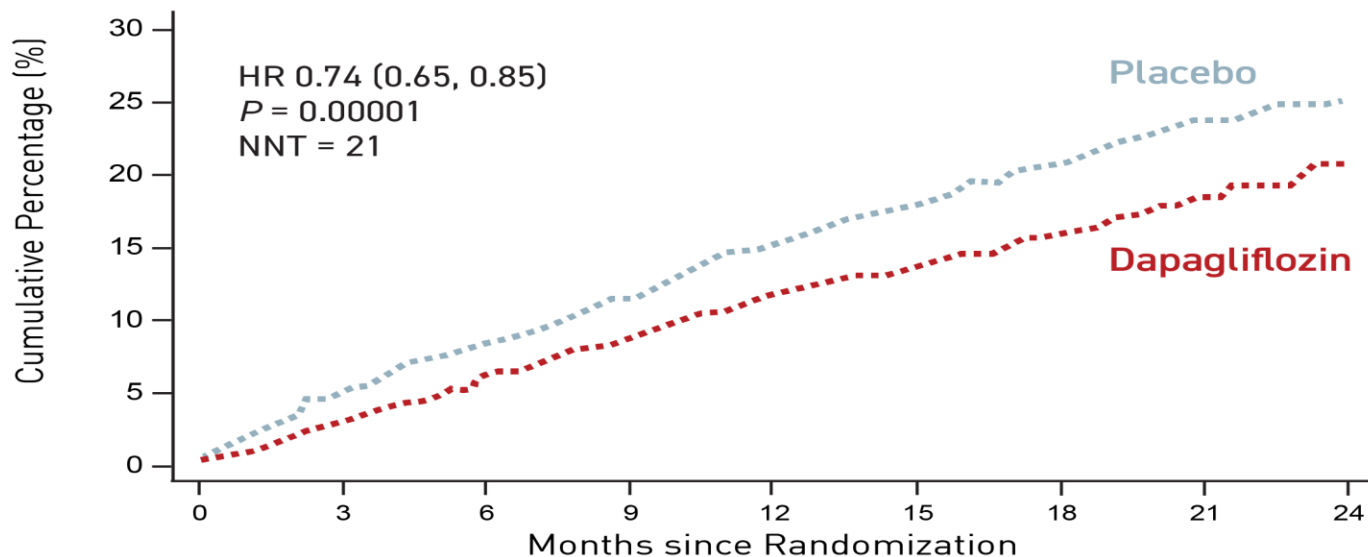
**Heart Failure Benefit only in SGLT-2I



Dapagliflozin in Patients with Heart Failure and Reduced Ejection Fraction With and Without DM

Primary Composite Outcome

CV Death/HF hospitalization/Urgent HF visit



Number at Risk

Dapagliflozin	2373	2305	2221	2147	2002	1560	1146	612	210
Placebo	2371	2258	2163	2075	1917	1478	1096	593	210

Adapted from McMurray JJV et al. As presented during ESC Congress 2019, Hot Line Session 1.

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SGLT-2 Inhibitors and Liver Disease

SGLT-2 inhibitors

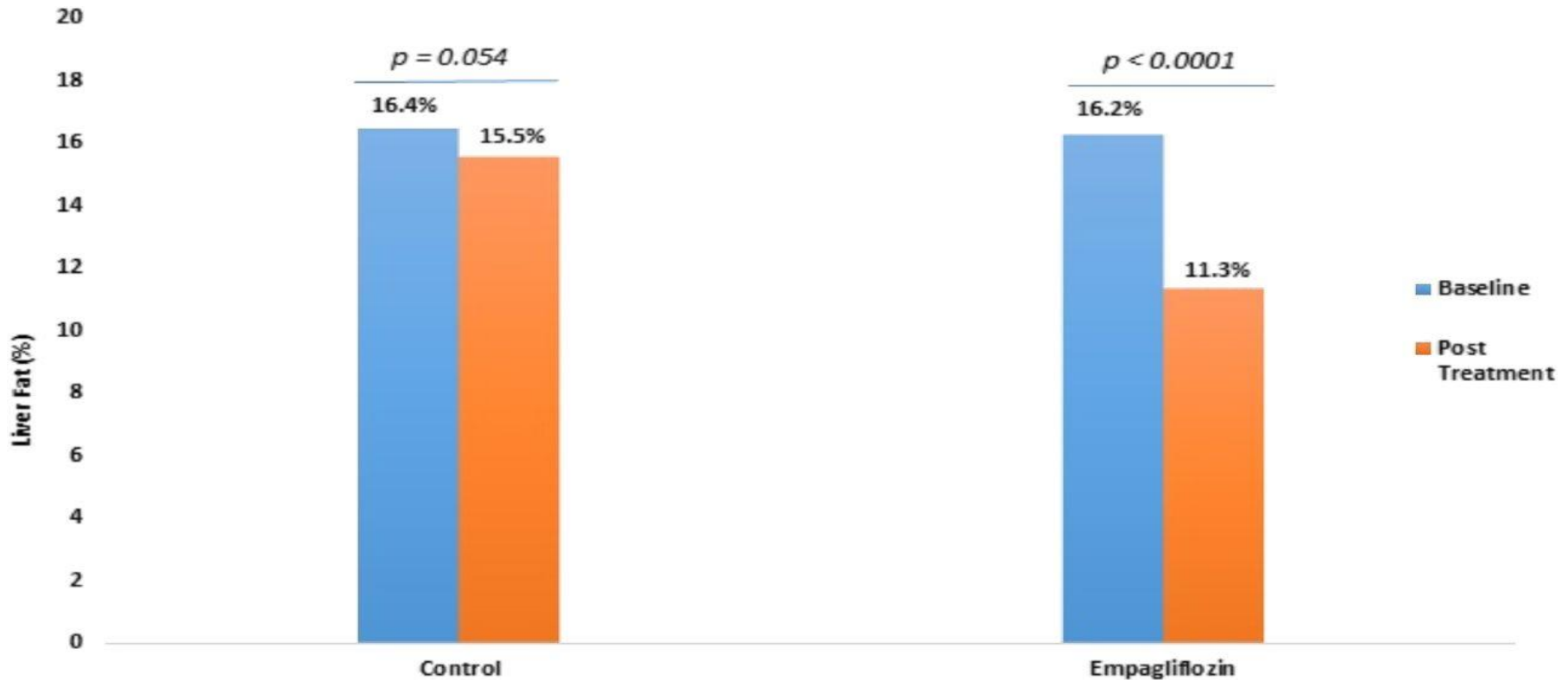
- Induces weight loss
- Low risk of hypoglycemia
- Improves hepatic steatosis on imaging and hepatic fibrosis markers in NAFLD/NASH

- Increased risk of urinary and genital tract infections
- Limited therapeutic experience in advanced cirrhosis

? Attenuate HCC development

Benefit in NASH

Baseline and posttreatment changes in liver fat in the empagliflozin and control groups as assessed by MRI-PDFF.



Summary: SGLT2 inhibitors

- CV and renal benefit for patients with DM
- HF benefit for patients with and without DM
- Risk for DKA, UTI, genital infections, amputation, bone loss
- Some weight loss
- Overall can be well tolerated
- NASH benefit and promising potential in liver disease but not well studied
- HbA1c drop is usually $< 1.0\%$
- More expensive: Consider using 150 canagliflozin or 12.5mg empagliflozin (cut tablet in $\frac{1}{2}$)

Conclusions

- Some medications for the treatment of T2D have cardiovascular and reno-protective effects in the those with CVD or are high-risk for CVD
- As well certain medications help initiate weight loss and are less likely to cause hypoglycemia than other agents
- Cost must be a factor in use of these medications
- Evolving data on diabetes medications for NASH and in Hep C and other chronic liver disease and limited data in HIV



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