

# Primary Care Practitioners Symposium on Diabetes

AT THE CDA MEETING IN TORONTO Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
-- Saturday Oct 29 -- 9AM to noon -- Room 35 --

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There will be 4 talks of about 40 min each (30 min with 10 minutes for questions)

9:00-9:40	<b>Update on Pharmacotherapy</b>	Dr. Amir Hanna
9:40-10:20	<b>When basal insulin alone is not enough</b> (Intensification of Insulin)	Dr. Alice Cheng
10:20-10:40	<i>Break, exhibits</i>	
10:40-11:20	<b>Vascular Protection Beyond Glycemic Control:</b> Diabetes is not all Sweetness	Dr. Ron Goldenberg
11:20-12:00	<b>What the family Dr. needs to know about pregnancy in Diabetes</b>	Dr. Denice Feig

This program is accredited by the Canadian Society of Endocrinology & Metabolism

There will be handouts on each talk as a take home package on treatment of diabetes.

It is anticipated that these sessions will be recorded so that they can be presented on the CDA web site.

# Update on Pharmacotherapy 2011



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## **Objectives: To review the effect of glucose control on vascular complications and to explore the efficacy & safety of available antihyperglycemic agents.**

The benefits of intensive glycemic control on microvascular complications of diabetes such as retinopathy, nephropathy and neuropathy are well established. The benefits of intensive glycemic control on macrovascular complications of diabetes such as heart attack & stroke are not as clear although long term outcome studies such as EDIC have demonstrated that there is a value to glycemic control in reducing macrovascular disease as well as microvascular disease. In order to reduce risk we want to achieve fasting glucose values less than 7, post prandial values less than 10 mmol/L and A1c less than 7%.

Every person with Type 2 Diabetes needs lifestyle interventions and most will need medications. We aim to achieve glycemic control within 6 months. The foundation of diabetes pharmacotherapy is Metformin which has a long history of safe effective control of glycemia. Dose range is up to 2000 mg a day, usually 2 tablets in the morning and 2 at supper. If A1c <7% cannot be maintained on life style and Metformin alone then we have to consider other medications.

Other second line agents are Sulphonylureas, Meglitinides, Thiazolidenediones, Acarbose. New agents likely to come on the market are SGLT-2 inhibitors (flozins), Dopamine agonists and bile acid sequestrants.

New medications which have come on the market since the 2008 CDA-CPG are the Incretin Agents. Incretins are small polypeptide hormones secreted by cells in the gut in response to oral ingestion of food. These hormones, Glucagon Like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) and Glucose Insulinotrophic Peptide (GIP) have effects to increase insulin production in a glucose dependant manner, decrease glucagon secretion thereby decreasing hepatic glucose production, slow gastric emptying and increase satiety. GIP is less effective in persons with diabetes so we rely on increasing GLP-1 levels to improve glycemic control. GLP-1 is rapidly inactivated by the enzyme Dipeptyl Peptidase-4 (DPP-4) so in order to increase GLP-1 levels we can suppress the activity of DPP-4 with an oral DPP-4 inhibitor or gliptin. Examples of the DPP-4 inhibitors are sitagliptin (Januvia 100 mg), saxagliptin (Onglyza 5 mg) or linagliptin (Trajenta 5 mg); these are all given once daily, suppress DPP-4 activity by at least 90% for 24 hours. Side effects are minimal and they decrease A1c by about 0.7%. Saxagliptin & sitagliptin are primarily excreted by the kidney whereas linagliptin is primarily excreted in bile so no dosage adjustment is needed in moderate renal failure. The GLP-1 agonists liraglutide (Victoza) and exenatide (Byetta) are injectable synthetic GLP-1 analogues that are not inactivated by DPP-4. They lower A1c by about 0.8-1.5% and are associated with increased satiety and slowed gastric emptying so there is frequently weight loss and side effects of nausea.

Since no single class of oral hypoglycemic monotherapy targets all pathophysiologic factors, combination therapy is usually required and since over time beta cell function deteriorates, adjustment of therapy is needed. In choosing a second agent to Metformin we need to consider baseline glycemia & efficacy, hypoglycemia risk, cost, safety, weight gain, CV benefit/risk and renal function.

### Update on Pharmacotherapy in T2DM CDA/CSEM Annual Scientific meeting 2011

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- Received research support, speaking honoraria and consultation fees from all Canadian pharmaceutical companies with interest in diabetes
- Does not own stocks in any pharmaceutical companies, and not employed by any

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### Does Intensive glucose control reduce vascular complications

- In newly diagnosed patients with T2DM
- In patients with established diabetes and CV risk factors or events

### UKPDS Initial & F/U results: Legacy Effect of Earlier Glucose Control

	Randomized Trial Results* (RRR) 1998	P	Post-trial Follow-up Results** (RRR) 2008	P
Any diabetes-related endpoint	12%	0.029	9%	0.04
Microvascular disease	25%	0.0099	24%	0.001
Myocardial infarction	16%	0.052	15%	0.014
All-cause mortality	6%	0.44	13%	0.007

\*Intensive (Insulin/SU) vs. Conventional  
\*\*After median 8.5 yrs. post-trial follow-up; no glycemic differences after 1 year of follow-up

Holman P, et al. N Engl J Med 2008; 359

### Glucose control and diabetes complications in patients with established diabetes & CV events or risk factors

	ACCORD	ADVANCE	VADT
n	10,251	11,140	1,791
Mean age (years)	62	66	60
Duration of diabetes (years)	10	8	11.5
History of CVD (%)	35	32	40
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	32	28	31
Median baseline A1C (%)	8.1	7.2	9.4
A1C goals (%) (I vs. S)	<6.0 vs. 7.0 - 7.9	<6.5 vs. local guidelines	<6.0 (action # <6.5) vs. 8.1-9
Median follow-up (years)	3.5 (terminated early)	5	5.6
Achieved A1C (%) (I vs. S)	6.4 vs. 7.5	6.5 vs. 7.3	6.9 vs. 8.4

The Intensive Diabetes Collaborators. N Engl J Med 2008; 358:2531-41  
ADVANCE Collaborative Group. N Engl J Med 2008; 358:2540-52

### Does Intensive Glycemic Control Reduce Microvascular Complications in Type 2 Diabetes?

	Relative Risk Reduction		
	UKPDS (n=3,867)	ACCORD (10,215)	ADVANCE (n=11,140)
A1C (%)	7.0 vs. 7.9	6.4 vs. 7.5	6.5 vs. 7.3
Follow-up Duration (yrs.)	10	3.5	5
Combined Microvascular	25%*	NS	14%*
Nephropathy	34%*	NS	21%*
Microalbuminuria	33%*	+/-	9%*
Retinopathy	21%*	+/-	5%

\* Statistically significant

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ACCORD. Lancet 2010; 376: 419-30  
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	Relative Risk Change			
	UKPDS <sup>1</sup> (n=3,867)	ADVANCE <sup>2</sup> (n=11,140)	ACCORD <sup>3</sup> (n=10,251)	VADT <sup>4</sup> (n=1,791)
A1C (%)	7.0 vs. 7.9	6.5 vs. 7.3	6.4 vs. 7.5	6.9 vs. 8.4
Follow-up Duration (yrs.)	10	5	3.5	6
Cardiovascular composite	N/A	-6%	-10%	-13%
Total mortality	-4%	-7%	+22%*	+7%
CV mortality	N/A	-12%	+35%*	+28%
Non-fatal MI	-21%	-2%	-24%*	-15%

\* Statistically significant

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2. ADVANCE Collaborative Group. N Engl J Med 2008; 358:2540-52  
3. ACCORD Study Group. N Engl J Med 2010; 362:359-69  
4. VADT Collaborative Group. Diabetes Care 2009; 32:1077-84

**Glycemic Control: Overall Conclusions**

- Start aggressive glucose control right after diagnosis
- Attain the target A1C:  $\leq 7\%$  or  $\leq 6.5\%$  or as close to normal as possible
- Choice of medications to avoid hypoglycemia and weight gain

**Glycemic Control: Overall conclusions**

- The benefits of intensive glycemic control on microvascular complications are well established. (UKPDS & ADVANCE)

**Glycemic Control: Overall conclusions**

- The lack of significant reduction in CV events with intensive glycemic control in ACCORD, ADVANCE & VADT and the increased mortality in ACCORD should not lead clinicians to abandon the A1C target of  $<7\%$ , discounting the benefit of such target on microvascular complications

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ACCORD, ADVANCE, VADT:

- Subgroup analysis suggested that intensive glycemic control in patients with shorter duration of diabetes and less CV risk profile was associated with decreased CV outcomes.

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**Antihyperglycemic Agents: new additions since 2008 CDA guidelines**

- GLP-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1RA)
- DPP-4 inhibitors (DPP-4 I)
- Newer Agents, not yet approved

**GLP-1 Effects in Humans: Understanding Gluco-regulatory Role of Incretins**

GLP-1 secreted upon the ingestion of food

Beta-cell workload

Beta-cell response

Promotes satiety and reduces appetite

Alpha cells: Pancreatic glucagon secretion

Beta cells: Enhances glucose-dependent insulin secretion

Liver: Glucagon reduces hepatic glucose output

Brain: Glucagon reduces appetite

Human: Glucagon regulates gastric emptying

**GLP-1 secretion and inactivation**

Meal

Intestinal GLP-1 release

Active GLP-1

DPP-4

GLP-1  $t_{1/2} = 1-2 \text{ min}$

GLP-1 inactive (>80% of pool)

DPP-4=dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1=glucagon-like peptide-1  
Adapted from Rosenzweig B et al. Diabetes. 2009;58(suppl 1):239. Advance 100-cm.  
Adapted from Deacon GF et al. Diabetes. 1995;44:1120-1124.

**Incretin effect is glucose dependent**

Insulin (pmol/L)

C-peptide (pmol/L)

Glucose (mmol/L)

Time (min)

Placebo (PBO)

GLP-1

Mean (SE);  $n=10$ ; \* $p<0.05$

### Classification of Incretin Agents

- GLP-1 RA**
  - Exenatide
  - Liraglutide
- DPP-4 I**
  - Linagliptin
  - Saxagliptin
  - Sitagliptin

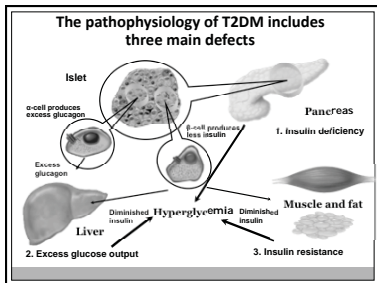
### Actions of incretin-based therapies for type 2 diabetes: GLP-1 receptor agonists and DPP-4 inhibitors

Action	GLP-1 receptor agonists	DPP-4 inhibitors
↑ Insulin production	+++	++
↑ First phase insulin response	+++	++
↓ Glucagon	+++	+
↓ Glucose output	+++	+
Gastric emptying	Delayed	No effect
Weight loss	Observed	Neutral
Food intake	Decreased	No effect

Exenatide, RA, et al. Clin Med Res Opin. 2008;2(12):2043-2052. Saxagliptin and Sitagliptin. Current Diabetes Reports. 2008;8(1):10-15. Liraglutide. et al. JAMA. 2009;301(22):2323-2332.

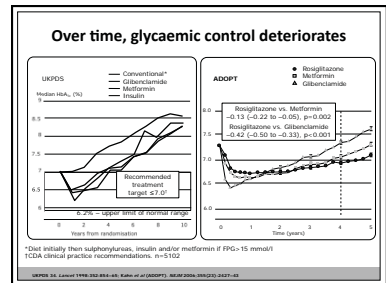
### Levels of GLP-1 With Incretin Therapy

\*GLP-1 levels for liraglutide calculated as 1.5% free liraglutide. Adapted from Dapkin et al. Diabetes 2004;53:1181. Also in et al. JAMA 2008;300:2630-2638.



### No Single Class of Oral Antihyperglycemic Monotherapy Targets All Key Pathophysiological Factors

Pathophysiology	Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors	Meglitinides	SU	TZDs	Metformin	DPP-4 I & GLP-1 RA
Insulin deficiency		✓	✓			✓
Insulin resistance				✓	✓	
Excess hepatic glucose output				✓	✓	✓



### 2008 CDA Pharmacotherapy Algorithm

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**TZD**

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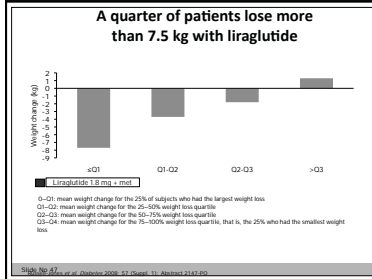
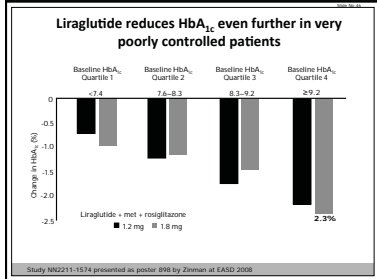
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### Metformin

- Recommended as first-line therapy in all clinical practice guidelines.
- WHY?**
  - As effective as SU & TZD in glucose lowering (ADOPT study)
  - More durable A1C reduction than SU (ADOPT study)
  - Old drug with "known" side-effect profile
  - Low cost
  - Associated with decreased vascular outcomes in a small group of patients in UKPDS (n=342)







### Meta-analysis: Effect of non-insulin antidiabetic agents added to metformin

- Meta-analysis: 11,198 patients in 27 RCT's
- Duration 32 weeks
- Drugs studied: SU, Glinides, DPP-4i, TZD's and 2 studies of GLP-1 RA.
- Results: All non-insulin agents were associated with similar HbA<sub>1c</sub> reductions but differed in their associations with weight gain and risk of hypoglycemia

(Phung, OJ et al. JAMA 2010;303:1410)

### Effects of Adding different antihyperglycemic agents to metformin + SU. A network meta-analysis

- Analysis of 18 trials (n=4535), adults ≥18 yr., T2DM, A1C >7% while receiving Metformin >1000 mg/d + SU
- Study duration ≥24 weeks

Options explored:

- Insulin
- Acarbose
- TZD's
- DPP-4 inhibitors
- GLP-1 agonists

Gross, R. et al. JAMA 2011; 306:1730-1739

### Effects of Adding different antihyperglycemic agents to metformin + SU. A network meta-analysis Results

- A1c ↓ 0.96% when third agent added to metformin + SU
- No clear statistically significant difference in A1C reduction between different classes
- Insulin studies were underpowered or lacked proper titration. Insulin caused twice the absolute number of severe hypoglycemia than noninsulin agents
- GLP-1 associated with weight loss, but GI side effects.
- Insulin, TZDs associated with weight gain

(Gross, R. et al. Annals Int Med 2011;154:872)

### Considerations in choosing a second agent to add to metformin

Issues to consider:

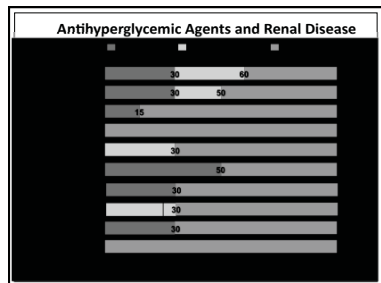
- Baseline glycemia & efficacy
- Hypoglycemic risk: drug & patient
- Cost (value)
- Safety
- Weight gain
- CV benefit/ risk
- Renal Function

### Compose of: No hypoglycemia + No weight gain + Glycemic Control

- GLP-1RA (Wt. loss)
- DPP-4 I
- Acarbose

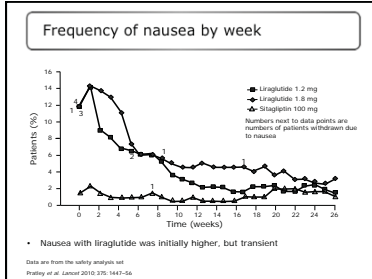
### Antihyperglycemics & kidney disease

- Metformin
- SU's: Glyburide & glizalide
- Repaglinide
- TZD's
- DPP- inhibitors
- GLP-1 RA
- Acarbose
- Insulin



### Incretin Agents: safety

- DPP-4 I are well tolerated
- GLP-1RA: GI side effects, usually transient
- FDA Database of reported adverse events
- Elashoff, M et al. *Gastroenterology* 2011; 141:150



**2.1-fold higher risk** for type 2 diabetes vs. general population.<sup>1</sup>

Incidence of pancreatitis (per 1000 patient years)	
Nondiabetic	Diabetic
1.9 <sup>1</sup>	5.6 <sup>1</sup>

Incidence of pancreatitis with incretin agents (per 1000 patient years)

Comparator	Incretin therapy
Exenatide <sup>1</sup>	not available
Liraglutide <sup>2</sup>	5.7
Sitagliptin <sup>1</sup>	0.6
Saxagliptin <sup>1</sup>	not available
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**Pancreatitis risk associated with incretin therapies and type 2 diabetes.**

1. Garg B et al. *Diabetes Care* 2010; 33:2359-64. 2. Liraglutide Canadian Product Monograph. Novo Nordisk Canada Inc., 2011.

### Is there a c-cell cancer risk with GLP-1 receptor agonists?

Dose- and treatment-duration-dependent c-cell tumours reported at clinically relevant doses of liraglutide

No c-cell stimulation, even at >60 times clinical dose of liraglutide

No c-cell stimulation after 2 years of liraglutide exposure

No c-cell cancer after 840,000 patient-years of exenatide exposure

**No evidence to support that GLP-1 agonists increase the risk of c-cell cancer development in humans.**

Bjorke Knudsen et al. *Endocrinology* 2010; DOI: 10.1210/en.2009-1272

### Looking Ahead

- **SGLT-2 Inhibitors: dapagliflozin, others**
  - Increased renal glucose excretion
- **Dopamine Agonists: Quick Release Bromocriptin**
  - Central decrease in SNS activity, reducing HGP and lipolysis
- **Colesevelam HCL: Bile acid sequestrant**
  - Reduced A1C 0.5 %, when added to Metformin, SU or insulin

### Conclusions

- Many antihyperglycemic agents are now available for patients with T2DM, and more will be introduced
- Each agent has pros and cons
- **Metformin (when tolerated) remains the drug of choice as an initial agent if life-style intervention fails to attain glycemic targets**
- **Initial combination therapy is recommended at diagnosis if A1C is >9% (CDA 2008 Guidelines), expected A1C reduction >2%**

### Conclusions

- **In monotherapy failure, adding a second agent should be individualized**
- **Factors to consider include:**
  - Baseline glycemia & efficacy
  - Hypoglycemic risk: drug & patient
  - Cost (value)
  - Safety
  - Weight gain
  - CV benefit/ risk
  - Renal Function

# When Basal Insulin is Not Enough ...



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## **When should insulin be considered in type 2 diabetes?**

As outlined in the Canadian Diabetes Association 2008 clinical practice guidelines, insulin use is appropriate in the following scenarios in type 2 diabetes:

- At any point that glycemic control is inadequate (A1C >7%)
- As initial therapy if presenting A1C >9% in newly diagnosed diabetes
- Metabolic decompensation (hyperglycemic symptoms, diabetic ketoacidosis)
- End-organ failure (renal failure, heart failure, liver failure)
- Pregnant or planning pregnancy
- Temporarily for acute illness, stress or medical procedure/surgery

## **What are the insulins available?**

- 1) Basal
- 2) Bolus
- 3) Premixed

Within each category, the insulins are further divided into "human" or "analogue". The human insulins are the traditional ones that have been available for decades. The analogue insulins are modified versions with improved time-action profiles (see Table 1).

## **What are the insulin regimens for type 2 diabetes and their pros and cons?**

There are **three** primary insulin regimens for type 2 diabetes:

- Basal insulin once daily
- Basal + Bolus insulin
- Premixed insulin twice daily

**Basal insulin once daily:** In this regimen, patients take one injection of basal insulin per day, usually in combination with metformin +/- sulfonylurea. The basal insulin is often given at bedtime and the result is improved fasting glucose levels. In the case of the basal analogue insulins, their longer action profile allows for the dose to be given at any time of day. The main advantage of this regimen is the convenience and ease of one injection. This is a good starting point for insulin therapy and has been shown to result in less weight gain and less hypoglycemia as the initial regimen compared to the others. However, this regimen can not maintain control indefinitely because of progressive failure of the beta cells and ability to provide postprandial control.

**Basal + Bolus insulin:** In this regimen, patients take bolus insulin with each meal and basal insulin (usually) at bedtime. Metformin is continued but the sulfonylurea is discontinued once bolus insulin is introduced. There is an option of only giving bolus insulin at the largest meal and continuing the bedtime basal. Over time though, postprandial control of the other meals will gradually deteriorate and bolus insulin will need to be added at the other meals too. The advantages of this regimen are the flexibility (timing and size of meals) and better mealtime control. The disadvantage is the higher number of injections.

**Premixed insulin twice daily:** In this regimen, patients take an injection of premixed insulin before breakfast and before supper. The advantage of this regimen is the convenience of 2 injections but the primary disadvantage is the lack of flexibility since the insulin is premixed. Therefore, this regimen is ideal for the patient who leads a consistent and predictable lifestyle with regular meals (timing and quantity) and regular activity. This is important to assess because skipped or delayed meals can result in hypoglycemia because of the intermediate-acting component of the premixed insulin that would have already been injected earlier in the day. Also, there is a need for a bedtime snack to avoid the nocturnal hypoglycemia that may result from the intermediate-acting portion of the premixed insulin injected at supper time.

**What should be done with the oral antihyperglycemic medications?**

- Metformin: Should be continued unless there is a contraindication to its use
- Secretagogues: If on basal insulin alone, options include continuing full dose, reducing the dose or stopping. The insulin dosage requirements would increase if the dose is reduced or stopped. Once bolus insulin or premixed insulin is used, the secretagogue should be discontinued.
- Thiazolidinediones (TZDs): Should be discontinued once insulin is added
- DPP-4 inhibitors: Not indicated for combination use with insulin in Canada. However, there are data showing improved postprandial glycemic control
- GLP-1 receptor agonists: Not indicated for combination use with insulin in Canada. However, there are data suggesting that combining GLP-1 receptor agonist and insulin results in lower A1C and weight loss.

**How to dose the insulin**

There are **three** important principles to remember when dosing insulin:

1. Whatever starting dose you select will be wrong
2. Titration is the key to success
3. There is no maximum dose of insulin

The following is a discussion of the dosing and titration for each of the three insulin regimens.

**1. Basal insulin once daily**

Start at a dose of 10 units at bedtime. Most patients will require 40-50 units before achieving the target fasting blood glucose levels. Therefore, the patient should self-titrate by increasing the dose by 1 unit every night until the fasting glucose level is achieved.

**2. Basal + Bolus insulin**

If the patient has already been on basal insulin and now bolus insulin is to be added to the basal regimen to achieve better mealtime control, one could add bolus insulin at a dose of 10% of the basal dose. For example, if the patient is taking 50 units of basal insulin at bedtime but now his/her postprandial glucose levels are high, add 5 units of bolus insulin with meals. As per one of the basic principles of insulin dosing, the starting bolus dose selected will likely be wrong. However, titration until target postprandial glucose levels are achieved will ensure that the appropriate dose is found.

If the patient is naïve to insulin, then one method of calculating the starting doses is:

- Total daily insulin = 0.5 units/kg
- 40% of total daily insulin = basal dose
- 60% of total daily insulin = total bolus doses (divided into the 3 meals)

Some people choose to divide the total daily insulin into 50% basal and 50% bolus. Either of these methods work because the

most important step is the titration – not the starting dose! The basal dose can then be titrated based on the fasting glucose level as discussed in the “Basal insulin once daily” section above. The bolus doses should also be titrated by the patient based on either the blood sugar level prior to the next meal or the level 2 hours after the meal.

**3. Premixed insulin twice daily**

The easiest way to initiate this regimen is to start at a dose between 5-10 units before breakfast and supper – then titrate (6). The more complicated way would be to calculate the total daily insulin (as above) and then divide the dose into 2/3 at breakfast and 1/3 at supper or half at breakfast and half at supper. Again, the key is titration.

**Is there an easy way to remember all of this?**

The Ontario College of Family Physicians developed an Insulin Educational Tool that serves the dual purpose of education and function (see Figure 1).

**Summary**

Insulin is a proven and effective, yet underutilized tool, to achieve glycemic control. Hopefully, this simple approach to insulin initiation, plus the Insulin Educational Tool from the OCFP can begin to make insulin use easier and practical. Remember the Rule of 3's:

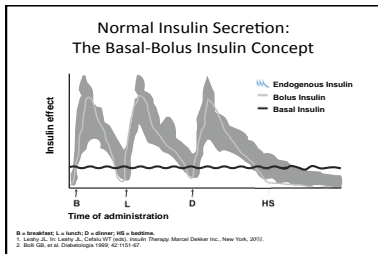
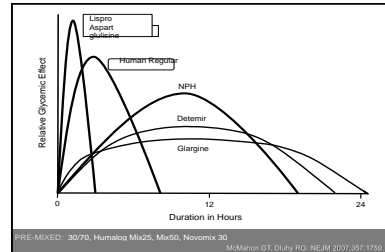
- 3 categories of insulin (bolus, basal, premixed)
- 3 principles of dosing insulin
  - Whatever starting dose you select will be wrong
  - Titration is the key to success
  - There is no maximum dose of insulin

Table 1. Currently available insulins in Canada

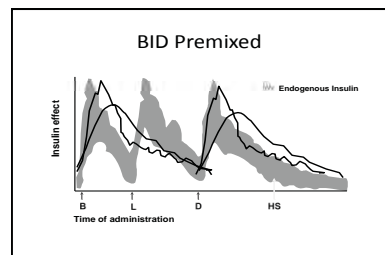
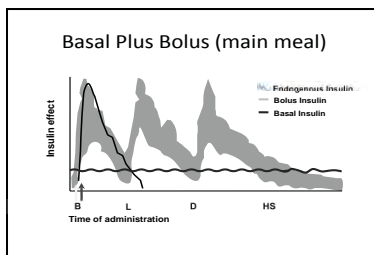
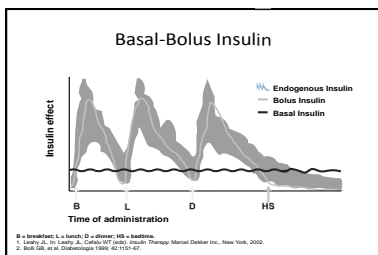
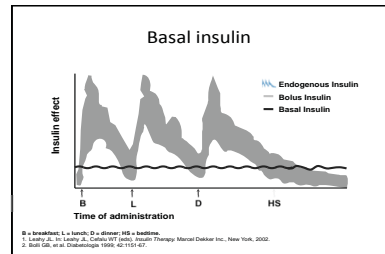
Category of insulin	Human insulin	Analogue insulin
BOLUS	Humulin Regular Novolin Toronto	Apidra (glulisine) Humalog (lispro) Novorapid (aspart)
BASAL	Humulin N Novolin NPH	Lantus (glargine) Levemir (detemir)
PREMIXED	Humulin 30/70 Novolin 30/70 Novolin 40/60 Novolin 50/50	Humalog Mix25 Humalog Mix50 Novomix 30

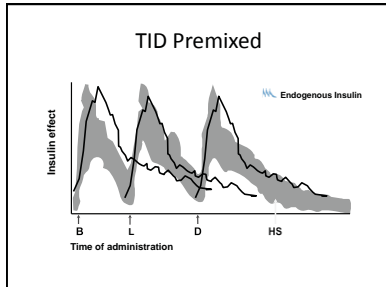
The Rules of 3's

- ### Types of insulins
- |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>BOLUS</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>BASAL</b>                                                                                                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular or Toronto</li> <li>Apidra (glulisine)</li> <li>Humalog (lispro)</li> <li>Novorapid (aspart)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPH</li> <li>Lantus (glargine)</li> <li>Levemir (detemir)</li> </ul> |
- PRE-MIXED**
- 30/70
  - Humalog Mix25, Mix50 (insulin lispro/lispro protamine)
  - Novomix 30 (biphasic insulin aspart)



3 Regimen Options





When is basal insulin alone not enough?  
 Fasting at target  
 BUT  
 A1C still >7%

What are the pros and cons?

**Basal Bolus**

<b>PROS</b>	<b>CONS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexibility in timing</li> <li>Flexibility in quantity</li> <li>Physiologic</li> <li>Do not need a pancreas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-4 injections</li> <li>2-4 SMBG</li> <li>Hypoglycemia</li> </ul>

**Premixed BID or TID**

<b>PROS</b>	<b>CONS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 injections</li> <li>1 insulin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No flexibility in dosing</li> <li>No flexibility in timing</li> </ul>



**Therefore ...**

- Diabetes is PROGRESSIVE
- The regimen must change over time
- All roads lead to Basal Bolus concept
- If you're not going to titrate – don't start

**How to dose?**

*"Whatever you pick will be WRONG ... and that's okay!"*

**Basal Plus Bolus (MDI)**

- 0.5 u/kg = TDI
- 50% bolus, 50% basal (or 60:40)
- Add 10% of basal dose as bolus insulin with each meal
- Add 5-10 units at each meal

### Premixed

- 0.5 units / kg = TDI
- 1/2 in the AM + 1/2 in the PM
- 5-10 units BID

### What about the orals?

- METFORMIN
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- Secretagogues only if basal alone
- TZD – stop
- DPP-4 – benefit but cost (off-label)
- GLP-1 receptor agonist – benefit (dose & weight) but cost (off-label)

The form includes sections for 'CHOOSE AN INSULIN TYPE', 'TITRATION', and 'DOSING'. It features a table with columns for 'Insulin Type', 'Starting Dose', 'Titration Step', and 'Starting Dose'. Below the table are sections for 'SELECT PEN DEVICE', 'CHECK OFF SUPPLIES', and 'QUANTITY & REPEATS'. At the bottom, there are fields for 'SIGN AND DATE'.

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(for type 2 diabetes)

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**Basal-Bolus Example**

Start with 0.1 units/kg/day of basal insulin and 0.1 units/kg/day of bolus insulin (e.g., rapid-acting analog) at each meal. Increase by 1 unit every 3-4 days until fasting glucose is reached (target 4.7 mmol/L).

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### How to titrate?

### How to approach titration?

1. Where are the lows / highs?
2. Why are there lows / highs?
3. Do I adjust / switch or add?
  - a) Titrate to avoid hypoglycemia first
  - b) Titrate to reduce hyperglycemia

### How much to titrate by?

2 units OR 10%

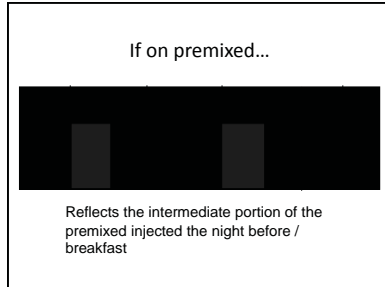
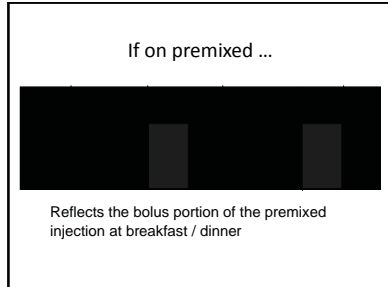
*"Not an exact science ... trial and error!"*

### Basal insulin affects ...

The chart shows a single, wide bar representing the effect of basal insulin, which is relatively constant throughout the 24-hour period.

### Basal-bolus will affect ...

The chart shows multiple, narrower bars representing the effect of basal-bolus insulin, with peaks at each meal and a lower, steady baseline throughout the day.



Patrick

- 54 year old man with type 2 diabetes diagnosed 6 years ago
- Saw the diabetes team 6 months ago and says that he is trying his best with lifestyle but finds it challenging because he is on the road so much as part of his job in sales
- Metformin 1g BID, gliclazide MR 120 mg OD, pioglitazone 30 mg OD, acarbose 50 mg TID, simvastatin 40 mg qhs, ramipril/HCTZ 10/25 mg OD, amlodipine 5 mg OD

- Labs: A1c 8.2%; TC 4.23, TG 1.99, HDL 1.00, LDL 2.0 mmol/L; Cr 125 umol/L; ACR 2.3
- Basal insulin was added and titrated
- Pioglitazone and acarbose were discontinued



**Patrick (3 years later)**

He has generally been feeling well but says that his sugars are no longer as well controlled as they have been in the past. He continues to try his best with respect to food and activity levels but continues to find it challenging because he is on the road so much.

For his diabetes management, you had started him on long-acting bedtime basal insulin 3 years ago and he responded well to the treatment with A1c maintained below 7% for the last 3 years, although it has risen slightly above 7% at the last visit 4 months ago.

- Meds: Metformin 1g BID, gliclazide MR 120 mg OD, "basal" 55 units qhs, simvastatin 40 mg qhs, ramipril/HCTZ 10/25 mg od, amlodipine 10 mg od, ECASA 81 mg od
- On exam: Obese (wt 104kg, ht 175 cm, WC 108 cm), BP 120/80 mmHg, HR 72 regular. Acanthosis nigricans noted. Eyes – no abnormality. Rest normal.
- Labs: A1c 8.1%; Cr 130 umol/L

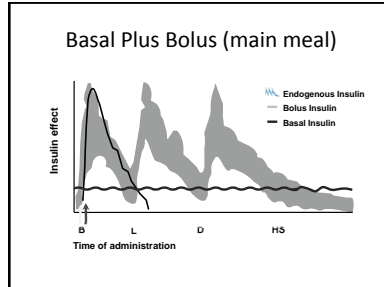
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Wednesday	5.5		8.7					55
Thursday	5.8	10.1			7.6		6.1	55
Friday	5.2		8.1				6.4	55
Saturday	6.4	11.5			6.9			55
Sunday	7.1		9.1		6.4		5.9	55

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Why are there lows and highs?  
Adjust / switch / add?

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**Add bolus insulin at breakfast**

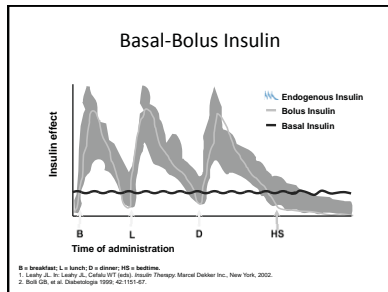
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Starting dose?

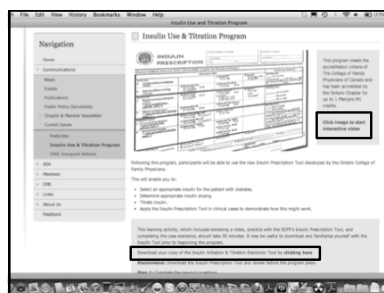
Will it work?

What will he ultimately need?



- ### Summary
- 3 types of insulin
  - 3 types of regimens
  - Pick a starting dose – it will be wrong – just be sure to titrate
  - Change over time as A1c > 7%

- ### Summary
- Approach to titration
    - Where are the lows and highs?
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- When fasting BG target is achieved, the patient should remain on that dose until reassessed by their diabetes team
- If fasting hypoglycemia occurs, the dose of bedtime basal should be reduced
- Metformin and the secretagogue are usually maintained when basal insulin is added
- If daytime hypoglycemia occurs, reduce the oral antihyperglycemic agents (especially secretagogues)
- Lantus® or Levemir® can be given at bedtime or in the morning

## Basal + Bolus Insulins

- When basal insulin is not enough to achieve glycemic control, bolus insulin should be added before meals. There is the option of only adding bolus insulin to the meal with the highest postprandial BG as a starting point for the patient who is not ready for more injections.
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- Consider stopping the secretagogue when bolus insulin is added

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Basal Insulin Example
Starting dose 10 units at bedtime
Increase dose by 1 unit every 1 night until fasting blood glucose has reached the target of 4-7 mmol/L

Basal + Bolus example (80kg person)
Total daily insulin = 0.5 units/kg = 0.5 x 80
TDI = 40 units
Basal insulin = 40% of TDI = 40% x 40 units
Basal bedtime = 16 units
Bolus insulin = 60% of TDI = 60% x 40 units
Bolus = 24 units
= 8 units with each meal

Premixed insulin example
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### Premixed insulin example

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Increase supper dose by **1** unit every **1** day until fasting blood glucose has reached the target of **4-7** mmol/L

# Vascular Protection Beyond Glycemic Control: *Diabetes is not all sweetness*



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## Learning Objectives:

- 1) **Determine which patients with diabetes are considered to be high risk according to the 2008 CDA-CPG**
- 2) **Know the appropriate vascular protective strategies to apply to the patient with diabetes in order to reduce the risk of diabetes complications**
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Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the primary complication of diabetes. Most patients with diabetes are at high-risk for CVD. A practical tool for recognizing high-risk patients will be reviewed in this session. The first priority in the prevention of diabetes complications should be the reduction of CVD risk by vascular protection through a comprehensive multifactorial approach. For high-risk patients, this includes ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy (independent of BP), lipid-lowering therapy, and antiplatelet therapy (as recommended). All patients with diabetes should be treated with lifestyle modification and should achieve optimal BP (BP < 130/80) and optimal glycemia (A1C  $\leq$  7.0%). Using a case-based approach, the evidence for all vascular protection recommendations beyond glycemic control will be discussed. Implementing multifactorial risk-factor control in patients with diabetes saves lives and prevents major morbidity.

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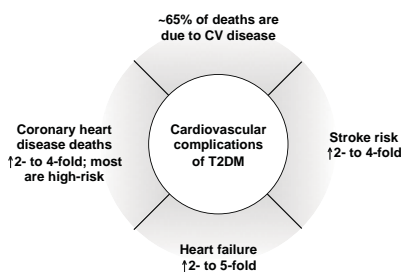
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## Cardiovascular disease and diabetes



T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus

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## Mrs. VP: 47-year-old Female

- Russian origin
- Born in Canada
- Family history:
  - mother: diabetes, amputation age 70 years
  - father: MI age 69 years
- Social history:
  - mother (2 children)
  - non-smoker
  - 30 minute walk 3 times /wk
- Medical history:
  - type 2 diabetes diagnosed 5 years ago
  - hypertension for 3 yrs

## Mrs. VP: 47-year-old Female

- Medication: metformin 1000 mg bid, ramipril 10 mg od
- Exam
  - weight 75 kg, height 1.6 m, BMI 29 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - waist circumference 95 cm
  - heart rate 76 bpm, BP 140/86 mmHg
  - no carotid bruit, pedal pulses palpable
  - optic fundi normal
- Laboratory
  - creatinine 95 um/l, urine ACR 1.7 (N < 2.8)
  - fasting blood sugars 5.8-7.2, A1C 6.8%
  - Cholesterol 6.4, HDL-C 1.1, LDL-C 4.4, TG 1.9, TC:HDL-C 5.8
  - ECG: normal



What is Mrs. VP's level of risk for CVD?  
High, Moderate, or Low?

## Diabetes and High Risk for Cardiovascular Events

The following individuals with diabetes should be considered at high risk for cardiovascular events:

- Men aged ≥ 45 years, women aged ≥ 50 years [Grade B, Level 2]
- Men < 45 years and women < 50 years with ≥ 1 of the following [Grade D, Consensus]:
  - macrovascular disease (e.g., MI, peripheral arterial disease, or cerebrovascular disease)
  - microvascular disease (nephropathy and retinopathy)
  - multiple additional risk factors
  - extreme level of single risk (e.g., LDL-C > 5.0 mmol/L, SBP > 180 mmHg)
  - duration of diabetes > 15 years with age > 30 years

CDA Guidelines 2008.

### Mrs. VP: Framingham Risk Score\*

Age:	47 Years
Gender:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male
Total cholesterol:	6.4 mmol/L
HDL cholesterol:	1.1 mmol/L
Smoker:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Diabetes:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Systolic blood pressure:	140 mm Hg
Is the patient being treated for high blood pressure?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<b>Your patient's Framingham Risk Score is 24.8%</b>	

Mrs. VP is High-Risk

\* Available at [www.cvdriskcheck.com](http://www.cvdriskcheck.com) (iphone & blackberry apps are available)

### Reduction of CVD Risk in Prevention of Diabetes Complications

- The first priority in the prevention of diabetes complications should be the reduction of cardiovascular disease risk by vascular protection through a comprehensive multifaceted approach

CDA Guidelines 2008.

### Vascular Protection in the Patient with Diabetes

- For patients at high risk of a CV event
  - ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy (independent of BP)
  - Lipid-lowering therapy (primarily statins)
  - Antiplatelet therapy (as recommended)
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    - achievement and maintaining healthy body weight
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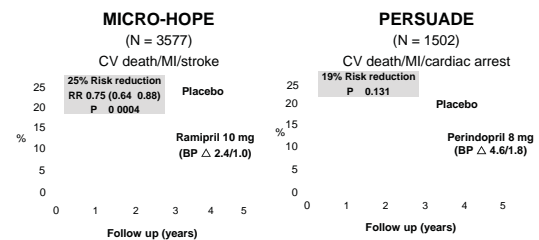
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### Renin Angiotensin Modulation

- Individuals with diabetes at high risk for CV events should receive an ACE inhibitor or ARB at doses that have demonstrated vascular protection
  - Grade A Level 1A for people with vascular disease
  - Grade B Level 1A for other high-risk groups

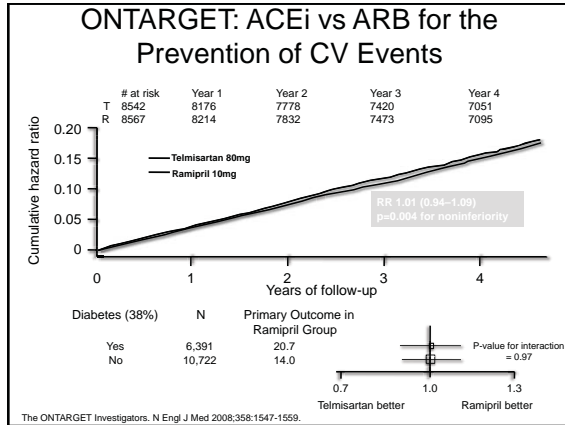
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### Vascular Protection in Patients With Diabetes: MICRO-HOPE, PERSUADE:



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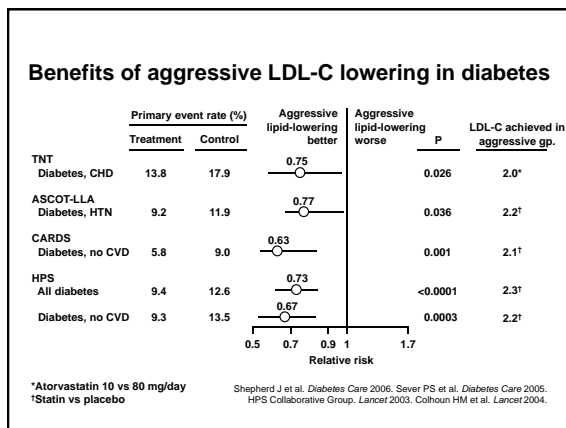
### Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines on Dyslipidemia 2009

Risk categories and treatment recommendations

Level of Risk (definition)	Initiate treatment if:	Primary target* LDL-C
<b>High</b> CAD, PVD, atherosclerosis Most with diabetes FRS ≥ 20% RRS ≥ 20%	Consider treatment in all patients	< 2.0 mmol/L or ≥ 50% ↓ LDL-C
<b>Moderate</b> FRS 10% - 19% Family history and hs-CRP modulates risk (RRS)	LDL-C > 3.5 mmol/L TC/HDL-C > 5.0 hs-CRP > 2 mg/L (men > 50y; women > 60y)	< 2.0 mmol/L or ≥ 50% ↓ LDL-C
<b>Low</b> FRS < 10%	LDL-C ≥ 5.0 mmol/L	≥ 50% ↓ LDL-C

\* An alternate target for High and Moderate Risk is apoB <0.80 g/L

Genest J et al. Can J Cardiol 2009; 25: 567-579.

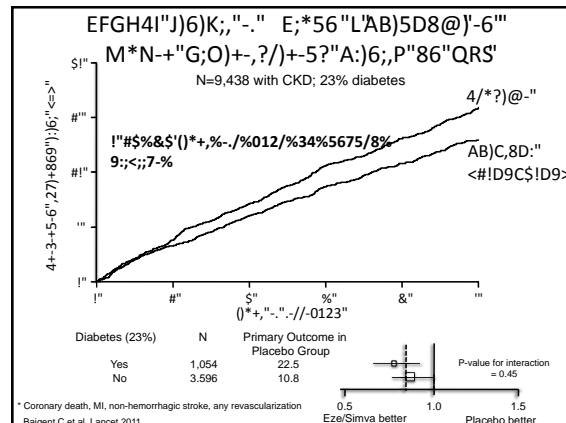
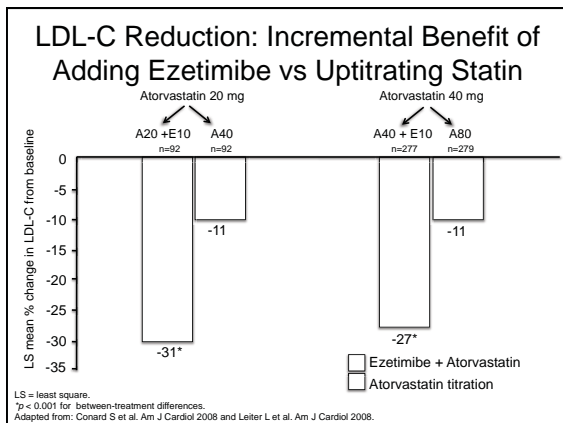


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What would you do to reach the primary lipid target?

Is doubling statin dose or changing the statin useful? Would you add ezetimibe?



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- 3 months later
  - TC 3.8, HDL-C 1.2, LDL-C 1.9, TG 1.5, TC:HDL-C 3.2

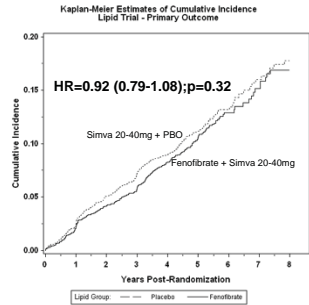
## Optional Secondary Targets for High-Risk Patients Only After LDL-C at Target

Test	Target	Intervention
TC/HDL-C	<4.0	Niacin Fibrate
Triglycerides	<1.7 mmol/L	Fibrate Niacin
Non HDL-C	<3.5 mmol/L	Niacin Fibrate
Apo B/A1	<0.8	Niacin Ezetimibe
hsCRP	<2.0 mg/L	Statin Ezetimibe

Clinical advantages of secondary targets, with respect to patient outcomes, remain to be proven

Genest et al. Can J Cardiol 2009;25:567-79

## ACCORD-Lipid: Effect of Fibrate + Statin vs Statin Alone on CVD Events in High-Risk Type 2 Diabetes



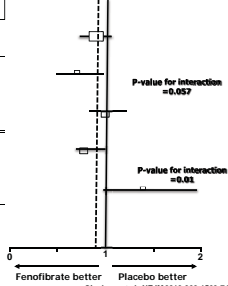
Lipid eligibility criteria for ACCORD Lipids:  
LDL 1.6 to 4.7; HDL <1.4 women & blacks; <1.3 others  
TG <8.5 if not on drug; <4.5 on drug

The Accord Study Group. N Engl J Med 2010;362:1563-1574.

## ACCORD Lipid Study Prespecified Analysis of Primary Outcome in Subgroups by Dyslipidemia and Gender

Subgroup	Fenofibrate % of events (no. in group)	Placebo % of events (no. in group)
Overall	10.52 (2765)	11.26 (2753)
TG ≥2.3 mmol/L and HDL-C ≤0.88 mmol/L (17% of patients)	12.37 (485)	17.32 (456)
All others	10.11 (2264)	10.11 (2284)
Males	11.2 (1914)	13.3 (1910)
Females	9.0 (851)	6.6 (843)

Hazard ratio (95% CI)

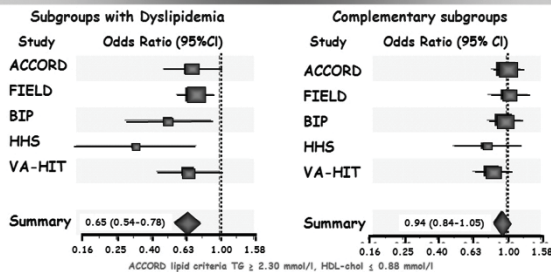


### Other ACCORD Findings:

- No sign. Interaction in dyslipidemic subgroup by gender
- Combination therapy reduced progression of diabetic retinopathy by 40%
- Combination therapy reduced microalbuminuria and macroalbuminuria
- Combination therapy did not increase risk of myopathy /rhabdomyolysis

Ginsberg et al. NEJM 2010;362:1563-74  
Chew et al. NEJM 2010;363:233-244  
FDA Advisory Committee Briefing Document, www.fda.gov. Accessed May 18, 2011.

## Meta-analysis of fibrate trials in subjects with (n=2428) and without (n=2298) dyslipidemia



Fibrate treatment may reduce CVD among patients with dyslipidemia

Sacks FM et al. NEJM 2010;363:692-694

## AIM-HIGH: Effect of ER Niacin + Statin vs Statin Alone on CVD Events in Patients with CVD & Atherogenic Dyslipidemia

- N=3,414 with CVD & atherogenic dyslipidemia
- Randomized to simvastatin (or simva + ezetimibe) vs simva + ER Niacin
- Trial stopped after 32 months follow-up because of lack of efficacy (primary composite outcome HR=1.05, p=0.56)
- Increase in stroke in simva + ER Niacin arm: 28(1.6%) vs 12(0.7%)
- 9 of 28 strokes in Niacin arm occurred 2 months to 4 yrs after stopping drug

www.nhbi.nih.gov. Accessed May 27, 2011.

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## Niacin for prevention of CV events : meta-analysis of 10 trials (N=6545)

Outcome	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Major coronary events	0.75 (0.65 to 0.86)	p<0.0001
Stroke	0.74 (0.59 to 0.92)	p=0.007
CV events	0.73 (0.63 to 0.85)	p<0.0001

One further ongoing trial (HPS2-THRIVE) will help to establish if niacin has beneficial effects on residual risk in statin-treated patients

Bruckert E et al. Atherosclerosis 2010;210:353-361

## Mrs. VP: 47-year-old Female



Should Mrs. VP be treated with ASA?

## Aspirin for primary prevention of CV events in people with diabetes: meta-analysis of 6 randomized trials (N=10,117)

Major cardiovascular events	OR = 0.90 (0.81-1.00)
Myocardial infarction	OR = 0.86 (0.61-1.21)
Stroke	OR = 0.83 (0.60-1.14)
CV Death	OR = 0.94 (0.72-1.23)
All cause Mortality	OR = 0.93 (0.82-1.05)

De Berardis, G. et al. BMJ 2009;339:b4531

## Antiplatelet Medication Recommendations

- Low-dose ASA therapy (81-325 mg) may be considered in people with stable cardiovascular disease [Grade D, Consensus]
- Clopidogrel (75 mg) may be considered in people unable to tolerate ASA [Grade D, Consensus]
- The decision to prescribe antiplatelet therapy for primary prevention of CV events, however, should be based on individual clinical judgement [Grade D, Consensus]

CDA Guidelines 2008.  
Physicians' Health Study. N Engl J Med 1989; 321:129-35.  
Hypertension Optimal Treatment (HOT) trial. Lancet 1998; 351:1755-62.  
Primary Prevention Project (PPP) trial. Diabetes Care 2003; 26:264-72.  
ETDRS Investigators. JAMA 1992; 268:1292-300.

## Vascular Protection in the Patient with Diabetes

- For patients at high risk of a CV event
  1. ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy (independent of BP)
  2. Lipid-lowering therapy (primarily statins)
  3. Antiplatelet therapy (as recommended)
- For all patients with diabetes:
  1. Lifestyle modification
    - achievement and maintaining healthy body weight
    - healthy diet
    - regular physical activity
    - smoking cessation
  2. Optimize blood pressure control
  3. Optimize glycemic control

CDA Guidelines 2008.

## Major Clinical Trials of Blood Pressure Lowering in Patients with Diabetes

Trial	N	Mean BP, less intense	Mean BP, more intense	CVD Risk Reduction
ABCD-Norm	480	137/81	128/75	Stroke:68% MI: NS
Syst-Eur	492	162/82	153/78	62-69%
HOT	1,501	148/85	144/81	30-67%
UKPDS	1,148	154/87	144/82	32-44%
ABCD-HTN	470	139/86	133/78	No CVD Reduction
ADVANCE	11,140	140/77	135/75	MACE: NS CV death: 18%
ACCORD	4,733	134/71	119/64	MACE: NS Stroke: 41%

Adapted from Cushman W et al. Am J Cardiol 2007;99:456-55. Estacio R et al. Nat Clin Prac Neph 2007;4:28. Zanchetti A et al. J Hypertens 2003;21:797-804.  
ADVANCE Collaborative Group. Lancet 2007; 370:829-840. The Accord Study Group. N Engl J Med 2010;362:1576-1585.

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## Meta-Analysis of Intensive BP Control (SBP $\leq$ 135) vs Standard Control (SBP $\leq$ 140) in Diabetes/Prediabetes

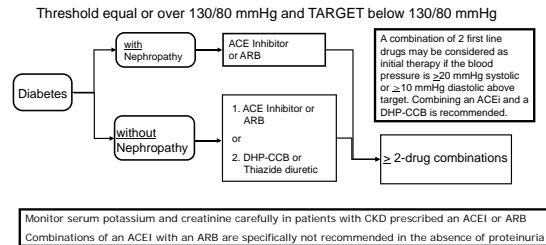
Meta-analysis of 13 trials with 37,736 patients

Outcome	Intensive Group (%)	Standard Group (%)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
All-cause mortality	6.1	6.6	0.90 (0.83-0.98)
CV mortality	2.9	3.1	0.93 (0.82-1.06)
MI	3.3	3.6	0.92 (0.80-1.06)
Heart failure	2.4	2.4	0.90 (0.75-1.06)
Stroke*†	2.5	2.9	0.83 (0.73-0.95)
Nephropathy††	4.6	6.2	0.73 (0.64-0.84)

\* Meta-regression analysis showed continued risk reduction for stroke to a SBP of  $<$  120 mmHg, but at levels  $<$  130 mmHg there was a 40% increase in SAEs with no benefit for other outcomes.  
 † More intensive BP control (SBP  $\leq$  130) associated with 47% RR in stroke.  
 †† More intensive BP control (SBP  $\leq$  130) associated with 36% RR in nephropathy.

Bangalore S et al. Circulation 2011;123.

## CHEP 2011: Treatment of Hypertension in association with Diabetes Mellitus



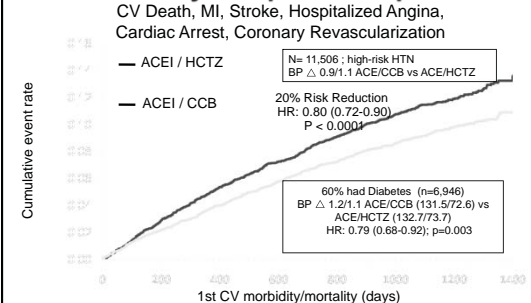
More than 3 drugs may be needed to reach target values for diabetic patients  
 If Creatinine over 150  $\mu$ mol/L or creatinine clearance below 30 ml/min (0.5 ml/sec), a loop diuretic should be substituted for a thiazide diuretic if control of volume is desired

## Mrs. NS: 47-year-old Female

- BP 140/86 mmHg on ramipril 10 mg od
- Target BP is  $<$  130/80

? What would you do next?

## ACCOMPLISH: Kaplan Meier for Time to First Primary Composite Endpoint



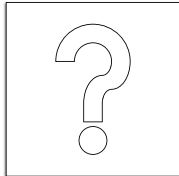
## 2011 CHEP Recommendations regarding drug combinations *Diabetes and Hypertension*

For persons in whom combination therapy with an ACE inhibitor is being considered, a dihydropyridine CCB is preferable to a thiazide or thiazide-like diuretic (Grade A)

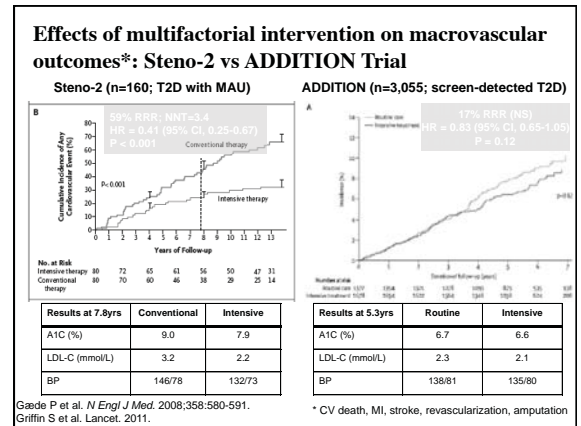
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- Added amlodipine 5 mg od
- 6 weeks later: BP 132/80



Why are you giving me so many drugs, doctor? Is it really worth it?



### Mrs. NS: 47-year-old Female

Medications:

- Metformin 1000 mg bid
- Atorvastatin 40 mg
- Ezetimibe 10 mg
- ASA 81 mg
- Ramipril 10 mg od
- Amlodipine 5 mg od

- BMI 29 kg/m<sup>2</sup> → 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Waist 95 cm → 93 cm
- BP 140/86 mmHg → 132/80 mmHg
- Biochemistry
  - A1C 6.8%
  - TC 3.8, HDL-C 1.2, LDL-C 1.9, TG 1.5, TC:HDL-C 3.2

Multifactorial risk reduction reduces complications of diabetes and saves lives

### Conclusions

- Multifactorial risk-factor control in patients with diabetes saves lives and prevents major morbidity
- Applying lifestyle & pharmacotherapeutic strategies to achieve treatment goals will improve outcomes

# What the Family Doctor Needs to Know About Type 2 Diabetes in Pregnancy



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Dr. Feig is currently the principal investigator of 2 multi-center randomized trials in women with diabetes in pregnancy and has numerous peer-reviewed publications in the area of diabetes in pregnancy.

In this session you will learn about

- a) **Glycemic control and anomalies in women with type 2 diabetes**
- b) **Safety of drug use in the first trimester including oral hypoglycemic agents, antihypertensives, antilipidemics.**
- c) **Perinatal complications in infants of women with type 2 diabetes**
- d) **Safety of drug use during breast feeding**
- e) **Prevention of Type 2 diabetes in women with previous GDM**
- f) **Importance of breastfeeding for infants of women with diabetes**

**What the Family MD Needs to Know  
About Diabetes in Pregnancy**

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  - GDM
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**Type 2 diabetes in pregnancy: a growing concern**

Denice Feig, Andrea L. Rosen

Over the past 40 years, great strides have been made in managing the treatment of women with type 1 diabetes who become pregnant. However, during the past decade, type 2 diabetes in pregnancy has emerged, and it continues to become a prominent concern. Recent publications suggest that the rate of gestational diabetes, the first pregnancy of type 2 diabetes in pregnancy, and the subsequent increase in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in pregnancy are all on the rise. This is particularly true for women who are overweight and obese at the time of pregnancy.

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Participation in research with gestational diabetes and type 2 diabetes in pregnancy is encouraged.

Year	Total Deliveries In Ontario	Deliveries in women with PGD (%)
1996	133,316	1,122 (0.8)
1997	131,685	1,191 (0.9)
1998	129,470	1,296 (1.0)
1999	128,743	1,559 (1.2)
2000	124,609	1,742 (1.4)
2001	128,743	1,823 (1.4)
2002	126,000	1,658 (1.3)
2005	129,743	1,851 (1.4)
2004	130,184	1,982 (1.5)
2005	131,289	1,928 (1.5)

↑ **72%**

Feig - Diabetes Care 2006

**Case**

- 32 yr old woman
- Dx'd with Type 2 diabetes, 3 yrs before
- Told to watch what she ate

**Case**

- Her glucose control worsened
- She was started by family physician on metformin, glyburide, rosiglitazone
- ramipril for hypertension
- atorvastatin for hypercholesterolemia

**She is NOT planning pregnancy**

(She is not planning AGAINST pregnancy)

**Case**

- Presents to the office at 8 weeks gestation
- "Was this pregnancy planned?"
- She answers, "No, it wasn't planned, but if it happened that would be fine"
- HbA1c - 13%

### Case

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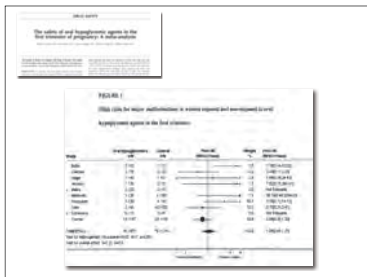
*Do oral hypoglycemic agents increase the rate of congenital anomalies?*



*Let's examine each class of OHA's ...*

### Glyburide and Metformin

- DLIC SAFETY**
- The safety of oral hypoglycemic agents in the fetus**
- ◆ 10 studies:
  - ◆ 471 exposed, 1344 not exposed
  - ◆ No differences:
  - ◆ major malformations
  - ◆ neonatal deaths



### Drug Ratings in Pregnancy

Category	Integration
1	There is no evidence of risk in humans.
2	There is evidence of risk in humans, but the benefits from use in pregnant women may outweigh the risks.
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### DPP-IV Inhibitors: Sitagliptin (Januvia)

- ◆ No teratogenicity noted in animal studies
- ◆ No studies in pregnant women
- ◆ Pregnancy Risk 'B'

### ACE Inhibitors & Statins

The Risk of Anomalies?



### ACE inhibitors in pregnancy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester
  - ◆ Animals: no increase malformations
  - ◆ Humans: limited data

### Cooper et al - NEJM 2006

- 29,507 infants from Tennessee Medicaid files born 1985-2000
- 5 cohorts:
  - ◆ 209 exposed to ACE in 1st trimester
    - RR 2.71 (1.72 - 4.27)
  - ◆ 202 exposed other antihypertensives
    - RR 0.66 (0.25-1.75)
  - ◆ 29,096 unexposed

### Cooper et al - Criticisms

- Attempted to exclude mothers with diabetes....? Successful
- Could not exclude diet-controlled diabetes or control for obesity

### ACE inhibitors in pregnancy

- "ACE Inhibitor Fetopathy"
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester
- Oligohydramnios:
  - fetal limb contractures, craniofacial deformities, pulmonary hypoplasia with RDS
- IUGR, prematurity, neonatal hypotension, anuria, death

### ACE in Pregnancy

- For hypertension: use other antihypertensives in women of child-bearing age
  - methyldopa, labetalol
- For those with significant nephropathy: discuss with patient

### Statins in Pregnancy

- Cholesterol is essential for fetal development
- Animal data: toxic doses: skeletal malformations
- FDA voluntary reporting: 22 cases of malformations after 1st trimester exposure (CNS, limb defects)
  - No control group

### Statins in Pregnancy

- 2 studies:
- Case-control (Taguchi 2008)
  - No difference in congenital anomalies
  - 64 exposed, 64 matched, not exposed
- Population-based registry (Ofori 2007)
  - 153 exposed, 110,000 not exposed

### Statins in Pregnancy

- Data encouraging
- Avoid in women of child-bearing age

### GLP-1 Agonists: Exenatide

- Some adverse events in animal studies

Category	Subpopulations
1. <b>Embryofetotoxicity</b>	Exenatide caused an increase in the number of fetuses that were resorbed or died in utero in a dose-dependent manner. The number of fetuses that were resorbed or died in utero was significantly higher in the exenatide-treated groups compared to the control groups.
2. <b>Maternal mortality</b>	Exenatide caused a decrease in the number of dams that survived to term in a dose-dependent manner. The number of dams that survived to term was significantly lower in the exenatide-treated groups compared to the control groups.
3. <b>Maternal morbidity</b>	Exenatide caused a decrease in the number of dams that were clinically healthy at term in a dose-dependent manner. The number of dams that were clinically healthy at term was significantly lower in the exenatide-treated groups compared to the control groups.
4. <b>Fetal mortality</b>	Exenatide caused an increase in the number of fetuses that were resorbed or died in utero in a dose-dependent manner. The number of fetuses that were resorbed or died in utero was significantly higher in the exenatide-treated groups compared to the control groups.
5. <b>Fetal morbidity</b>	Exenatide caused an increase in the number of fetuses that were clinically unhealthy at term in a dose-dependent manner. The number of fetuses that were clinically unhealthy at term was significantly higher in the exenatide-treated groups compared to the control groups.

### Thiazolidenediones

- Very little data
- Crosses the placenta
- Not teratogenic in animals but fetal growth retardation in mid-gestation
- Human data (rosiglitazone) - no anomalies
- Pregnancy Risk 'C'

### G.J. (continued)


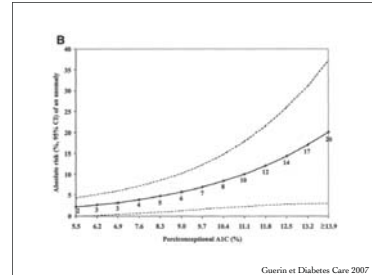
- OHA's D/C'd, Humalog with meals, NPH at bedtime
- 18 wk anatomy scan: small VSD with aortic coarctation, prognosis guarded depending on size of LV
- Patient decided to continue with pregnancy

**G.J. (continued)**

- spontaneous labor at 32 wks - boy 1550 g
- VSD, aortic valve stenosis, normal aortic valve
- Repair of VSD and reconstruction of aortic arch at 8 days
- In and out of hospital in 1<sup>st</sup> year with CHF

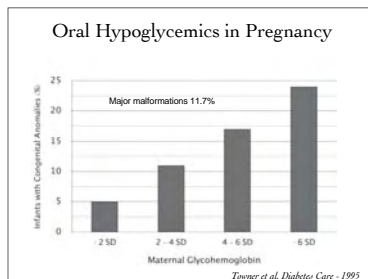
**WHERE DID WE FAIL HER?**

What is the cause of congenital anomalies in pregnant women with Type 2 Diabetes?

GHSB	Corresponding HbA <sub>1c</sub> (%)*	Absolute risk of a congenital anomaly (%; 95% confidence interval)
0	5.5	2.2 (0.0-4.4)
1	6.2	2.7 (0.2-5.2)
2	6.9	3.2 (0.4-6.1)
3	7.6	3.9 (0.7-7.2)
4	8.3	4.8 (1.0-8.6)
5	9.0	5.8 (1.2-10.2)
6	9.7	7.0 (1.7-12.3)
7	10.4	8.4 (2.0-14.8)
8	11.1	10.1 (2.3-17.8)
9	11.8	12.1 (2.6-21.5)
10	12.5	14.4 (2.8-25.9)
11	13.2	17.0 (2.9-31.1)
≥ 12**	≥ 13.9	20.1 (3.0-37.1)

Guérin et Diabetes Care 2007



**Type 2 Diabetes Types of Congenital Anomalies**

- Major anomalies in 4180 infants
- 2.9% in GDM
- 8.9% Type 2
- Types:
  - Cardiac 37.6%
  - Musculoskeletal 14.7%
  - CNS 9.8%
  - Multiple organ systems 16%

Schaefer-Gruf. Am J Obstet Gynecol 2000

**Diabetes and Pregnancy**


Anomaly	Gestational Age (wks)
Caudal regression	5
Spina bifida	6
Hydrocephalus, Anencephalus	
Cardiac anomalies	7 - 8
Renal anomalies	7
Anal/rectal atresia	8

Risk of chromosomal abnormalities NOT increased

Mills et al. Diabetes 1979

- In order to avoid congenital anomalies need to PLAN pregnancies
- Patients remain on birth control until HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 7%
- Then birth control stopped
- Patient proceeds to pregnancy

**Prepregnancy Counseling and Birth Control**



• Go Hand in Hand

### Prepregnancy Counseling

- Retrospective chart review UK
- Women attending general diabetes clinic
  - Preconception care discussed in only 25% of cases!

Varughese et al 2006

### Prepregnancy Counselling

- France
- 138 women Type 1 DM
- 85% received info about preconception care
- 48% unaware of the risk of congenital anomalies

Diabetes Metab 2005

### Prepregnancy Counselling

- Possible difficulties in women with Type II DM:
- More cultural variability
  - Language
  - Financial
  - Attitude

- *ANY MEDICAL ENCOUNTER WITH A WOMAN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE WITH DIABETES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A PRECONCEPTION VISIT!!*

### Folic acid

### Case

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  - ◆ Stop all meds, start on insulin

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  - ◆ Start on insulin, then stop OHA's

### Women with PCOS

- Very high risk of type 2 DM
- Screen them BEFORE pregnancy for type 2 DM
- Screen frequently in pregnancy for GDM

### Women with Previous GDM

- Screen for type 2 diabetes with OGTT
- Once pregnant: Screen early and often
- Encourage weight loss prior to pregnancy if obese
  - ◆ Increased perinatal complications including congenital anomalies

### Change in Body Mass Index Between Pregnancies and the Risk of Gestational Diabetes in a Second Pregnancy

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**OBJECTIVE:** To evaluate the association between intra-pregnancy change in body mass index (BMI) and the risk of gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) in a second pregnancy.

**DESIGN:** A retrospective cohort analysis of 22,300 women, logistic regression models provided adjusted estimates of the risk of GDM in women gaining 1.0 or more 1.0-2.9 and 3.0-5.9 BMI units, or losing 1.0-2.9 and more than 3.0 units between pregnancies (see BMI unit corresponds to 3.7 pounds for the average height of 5 feet 6 inches of the study population). Women with

less than 1.0 BMI units, or overweight and obese women, those with GDM in the first pregnancy that did not decline the weight gain gained lower BMI units than those experiencing recurrent GDM (mean change BMI: 0.91, CI: 0.75-1.07 compared with 2.09 95% CI: 1.58-2.61 BMI units, respectively).

**CONCLUSION:** Intra-pregnancy increases in BMI between the first and second pregnancy increase a woman's risk of GDM pregnancy.

Diabetes Care 2011;34(11):2322-2326  
DOI: 10.2333/diabetescare.2011.01.001

Ehrlich et al Obstet Gynecol 2011

### Change in Body Mass Index Between Pregnancies and the Risk of Gestational Diabetes in a Second Pregnancy

**Women who had GDM in first pregnancy,**

- if they gained weight: risk of GDM increased
- if they were overweight/obese and lost weight: risk of GDM decreased

Ehrlich et al Obstet Gynecol 2011

### Type 2 DM in Pregnancy:

How do their perinatal outcomes compare to those in women with type 1 diabetes?

### Maternal and Fetal Outcome in Women with Type 2 Versus Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus: A Systematic Review and Metaanalysis

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**Context:** Glycemic disturbance is usually less severe in pregnant women with type 2 than in those with type 1 diabetes mellitus (DM). Nevertheless, a worse perinatal outcome in women with type 2 DM has been reported in some studies.

**Objective:** Our objective was to review maternal and fetal outcomes in pregnant women with type 2 vs. type 1 DM.

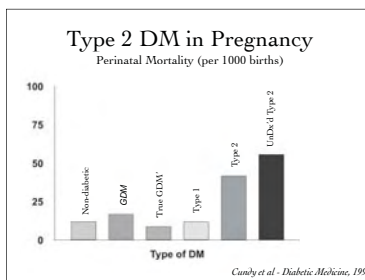
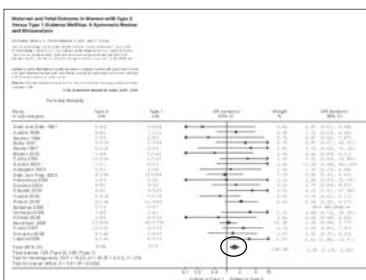
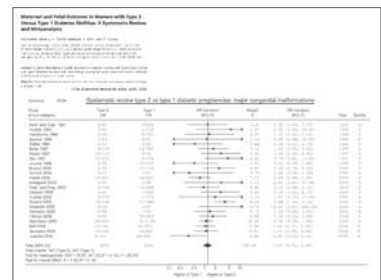
J Clin Endocrinol Metab 94: 4284-4291, 2009

### Maternal and Fetal Outcomes in Women with Type 2 Versus Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus: A Systematic Review and Metaanalysis

**TABLE 2. Systematic review of type 2 vs type 1 diabetic pregnancies: maternal characteristics**

Characteristic	n	Type 2 DM	Type 1 DM
Age (yr)	241	31.7	28.9
Parity	100	1.7	1.9
Prepregnancy BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	100	24.9	24.9
Prepregnancy HbA1c (%)	100	5.2	5.3
Prepregnancy fasting glucose (mg/dL)	100	7.0	6.6
Prepregnancy daily insulin (units)	100	16.7	15.9
<b>RESULTS</b>			
At booking	9	7.20	8.08
Second trimester	4	5.70	6.22
Third trimester	7	5.68	6.27

n, Number of papers contributing to each characteristic.



### Reasons for high perinatal mortality rate

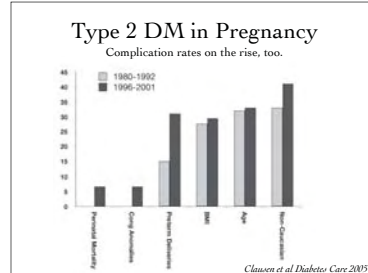
- High BMI
- Greater maternal age
- Increased incidence of essential hypertension
- Low socioeconomic status
- First generation immigrants / language / access

Candy et al - Diabetic Medicine, 1997

### Type 2 DM in Pregnancy

Complication Rates - Literature Review

Study	No.	Prevalence diabetes	Prevalence in 1st half	ESD	Hyperlipidemia	SGGT admissions
Smith 1991	113	3.2%			26.9%	
Landy 2000	97	31.8%			23.8%	
Reynolds 2000	97	8.1%				
Shaw 2002	182	2.5%				
Shaw 2003	24				37.5%	
Wilson 2003	144	4.1%	26.7%		45.8%	
EMPO (France) 2003	144					
Hadfield 2003	16	12.5%				
Hadfield 2005	89	3.1%				
Hadfield 2005	89	2.6%				
Hadfield 2005	89	3.2%				
Shaw 2007	41	6.7%	31.0%	26.0%		
Shaw 2008		7.0%				
Hillman 2008		1.3%				
Reynolds 2006	214	2.3%	22.9%	13.9%	22.4%	44.3%
Landy 2007	240	2.9%				
Landy 2008	242	3.8%			19.9%	
Shaw 2008	147	2.8%	18.4%	9.3%	19.9%	13.2%
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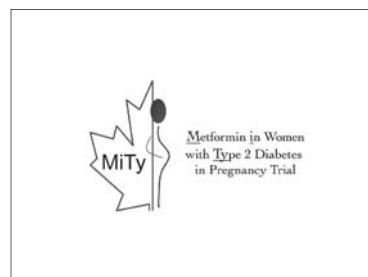


### Management

- Seen by high risk pregnancy team:
  - endocrinology team: physician, nurse educator, dietician
  - obstetrician, maternal-fetal medicine, neonatologist

### Management

- Rx: Insulin
- OHA's are discontinued
- Trial: MiTy



### Overview

- Pre-pregnancy
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  - GDM
- Postpartum
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  - GDM

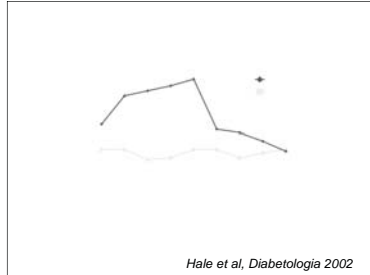
### Case

- Patient delivered
- She is breastfeeding and wants to go back on her oral agents
- (A) You put her on glyburide
- (B) You put her on metformin
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### Can Women Breastfeed While Taking Oral Antihyperglycemic Agents?

### Metformin and Breastfeeding

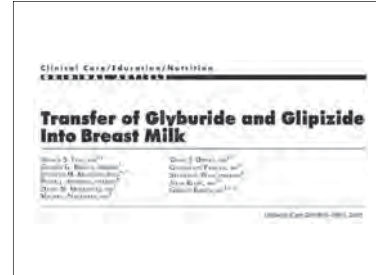
- Hale et al Diabetologia 2002
- Gardiner et al Clin Pharmacol Ther 2003
- Briggs et al Obstet Gynecol 2005



### Metformin and Breastfeeding

- Compared 61 nursing infants vs 50 formula-fed of mothers taking metformin during lactation
- Compared at 5 and 6 months
- No significant difference in weight, height, motor-social development

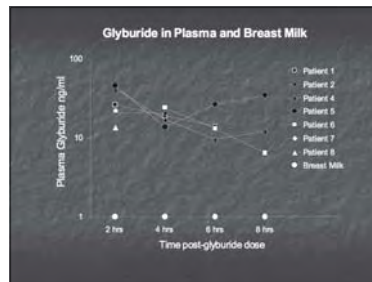
Glueck et al



### Glyburide and Breastfeeding

- Single dose study Toronto
  - 5 mg or 10 mg glyburide
- Continuous dose study Long Beach
  - 5 mg glyburide or glipizide

Feig et al, Diabetes Care 2005



### Glyburide and Breastfeeding

Continuous dosing study Long Beach

- No glyburide or glipizide was detected in milk samples
- 2 exclusively breast-fed infants (glipizide) had normal blood glucose levels
- Max Theoretical Infant Dose as %WAMD
  - <1.5%

Feig et al, Diabetes Care 2005

Thiazolidenediones  
DPP IV Inhibitors  
GLP-1 Agonists

No Information Regarding Transfer Into Breast Milk or Safety During Lactation in Humans Not Recommended



### Summary

- Metformin, glyburide and glipizide appear compatible with breastfeeding
  - Caution is advised using metformin while nursing premature infants and those with renal impairment

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**RESEARCH**

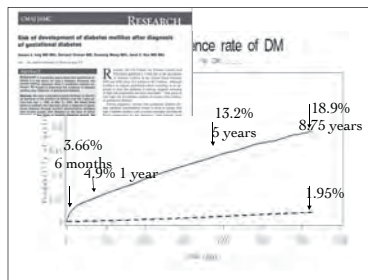
**Risk of development of diabetes mellitus after diagnosis of gestational diabetes**

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**ABSTRACT**

**R**ecently, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicted a 3-fold rise in the prevalence of diabetes mellitus in the United States between 2007 and 2016, from 13.2 million to 49.2 million. Although evidence to suggest population-based screening in all people at high risk for diabetes is lacking, targeted screening of high-risk populations has been advocated. One group at very high risk for diabetes consists of women with a history of gestational diabetes.

During pregnancy, women with gestational diabetes develop metabolic abnormalities similar to those of people with type 2 diabetes mellitus, such as insulin resistance and advanced glycation end products. The degree of insulin resistance is



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**REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE OF TYPE 2 DIABETES WITH LIFESTYLE INTERVENTION OR METFORMIN**

Diabetes Prevention Program Research Group\*

**ABSTRACT**

**B**ackground: Type 2 diabetes affects approximately 17 million of adults in the United States. There are interventions—lifestyle and metformin—that have been shown to reduce the incidence of type 2 diabetes in people with impaired glucose tolerance. We hypothesized that combining these factors with a lifestyle intervention program in the intermediate-risk population would prevent or delay the diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and complications in

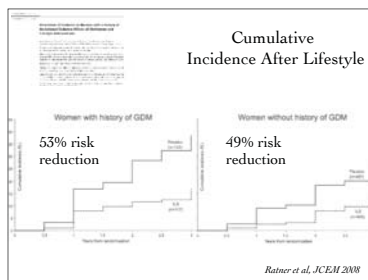
**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

**Prevention of Diabetes in Women with a History of Gestational Diabetes: Effects of Metformin and Lifestyle Interventions**

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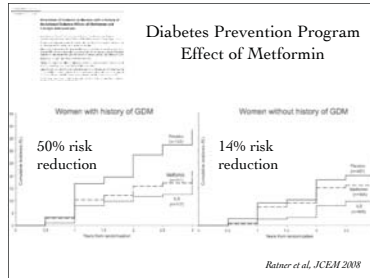
**ABSTRACT**

**B**ackground: The Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) sought to identify individuals with impaired glucose tolerance (prediabetes) or other persons at high risk for progression to diabetes. The major objective of the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) was to evaluate the effects of lifestyle and metformin interventions on the prevention of type 2 diabetes in people with impaired glucose tolerance.



**GDM Subset: Study Results**

- Number needed to treat to prevent 1 case DM
  - Intensive Life Style
  - No hx GDM: 9
  - Hx GDM: 5-6



### Diabetes Prevention Program Number Needed to Treat ...

... to prevent 1 case of DM:

	Metformin	Intensive Lifestyle
History of GDM	5 - 6	5 - 6
No History of GDM	24	9



### Duration of Lactation and Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes

#### Study Design

- Examined association between lactation and type 2 DM in women from Nurses Health Study (240,000 women)

Steube et al. JAMA 2005

### Duration of Lactation and Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes

#### Study Results

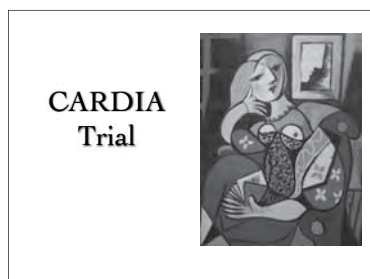
- ↑ duration of lactation associated with a ↓ risk of type 2 diabetes
  - 0-5 months HR 0.72
  - >23 months HR 0.47
- For each year of lactation → 15% ↓ in risk

### Duration of Lactation and Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes

#### Study Results

- Women with prior GDM had a markedly increased risk of developing DM
- Lactation had no effect on DM risk in the GDM group
  - hazard ratio 0.96 NS

Steube et al JAMA 2005



### Duration of Lactation and Incidence of the Metabolic Syndrome in Women of Reproductive Age According to Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Status: A 20-Year Prospective Study in CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults)

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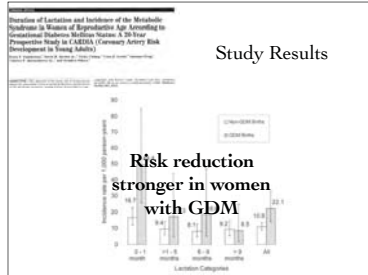
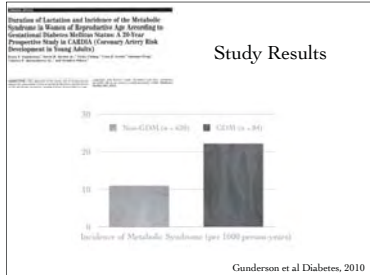
**OBJECTIVE**—The objective of the study was to investigate the association between lactation and metabolic syndrome (MS) in women with and without a history of gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) during pregnancy.

### Duration of Lactation and Incidence of the Metabolic Syndrome in Women of Reproductive Age According to Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Status: A 20-Year Prospective Study in CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults)

#### Study Design

- CARDIA ongoing multicenter, population-based observational cohort study of 1,599 women who were nulliparous and free of metabolic syndrome at baseline 1985-86
- Re-examined at 7, 10, 15 & 20 years

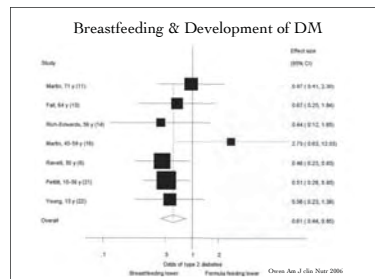
Gunderson et al Diabetes. 2010



**Why breastfeeding may prevent diabetes:**

- Lactation imposes large metabolic burden:
  - ↑ energy requirements by 480 kcal / day
- Evidence for improved insulin sensitivity and glucose tolerance during lactation
- ↑ weight loss: evidence conflicting

Can breastfeeding reduce the risk of child obesity and DM in offspring of Women with Diabetes?



What about Offspring of Diabetic Mothers?



**Breast-Feeding and Risk for Childhood Obesity**

Does maternal diabetes or obesity status matter?

**OBJECTIVE** To investigate whether children born to women with gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) or obesity are at increased risk for childhood obesity.

**DESIGN** Cohort study.

**SETTING** The Nurses' Health Study II, a prospective cohort study of women aged 30-55 years.

**MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS** We examined the association between maternal GDM or obesity and offspring obesity at ages 9-14 years. The risk of offspring obesity was significantly higher among children of women with GDM (OR 1.5, 95% CI 1.1-2.0) and obesity (OR 1.5, 95% CI 1.1-2.0) compared with children of women without GDM or obesity. The association between maternal GDM or obesity and offspring obesity was significantly stronger among children of women who were not breastfed (OR 2.0, 95% CI 1.3-3.1) compared with children of women who were breastfed (OR 1.0, 95% CI 0.7-1.4).

Mayer-Davis et al. Diabetes Care, 2006

**Breast-Feeding and Risk for Childhood Obesity**

**Study Design**

- 15,253 offspring of women in the Nurses Health study who were aged 9-14 yrs in 1996 were included
- 56 pregestational diabetes, 417 GDM

Mayer-Davis et al. Diabetes Care, 2006

**Breast-feeding and Risk for Childhood Obesity**

Study Results

- Breastfeeding was associated with reduced overweight in childhood in women with and without diabetes

Mayer-Davis et al, Diabetes Care, 2006

**Early-Life Predictors of Higher Body Mass Index in Healthy Children**

Original Paper

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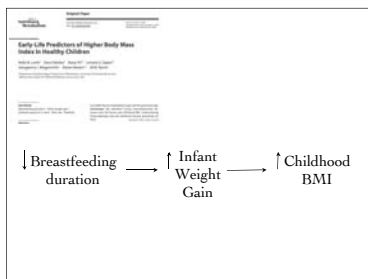
**Key Words:** Breastfeeding, adiposity, infant weight gain, childhood overweight, BMI, fat, diabetes

**Abstract:** Breast milk may be beneficial for larger size for gestational age. **Conclusion:** We identified strong associations for lower early life adiposity and childhood BMI, independent of breastfeeding, among children of mothers with type 2 diabetes.

**Early Life Predictors of Higher Body Mass Index in Healthy Children**

Study Results

- 1,178 children at high risk of Type 1 DM
- Found: Shorter duration of breastfeeding associated with childhood obesity
- 69% of this association explained by rapid weight gain in 1st year of life



**Possible Reasons for Advantages of Breastfeeding**

- 1) Nutritional content of formula vs breast milk contributes to early adiposity leading to childhood obesity
- 2) Lower plasma insulin in response to breast milk vs formula, which promotes fat storage

**Possible Reasons for Advantages of Breastfeeding**

- 3) Breastfeeding infants better recognize satiety signals, resulting in enhanced self-regulation of energy intake growing up

**Challenges to Breastfeeding in Women with GDM/DM?**



**Challenges: Obesity**

Nested Case-Control Study

- 141 obese mothers matched to 111 normal-weight mothers
- Obese less likely to initiate breastfeeding (48% vs 64%)
  - less likely to maintain full breastfeeding at 1 and 3 months
  - fewer perceived that milk supply sufficient
  - more often uncomfortable breastfeeding in public
- Despite greater breastfeeding difficulties, less likely to seek support for breastfeeding

*Mok. Pediatrics 2008;122:1519-1524*

**We need to find ways to overcome such barriers to breastfeeding in our highest risk populations**

**Summary**

- Pregnancies in women with type 2 diabetes are high risk pregnancies
- We need to work harder at counselling women with type 2 diabetes regarding the increased risk of congenital anomalies and how to avoid these preventable anomalies ie excellent glycemic control prior to conception, birth control

**Summary**

- Oral hypoglycemic agents are NOT teratogenic
- Avoid statins and ACE inhibitors in those planning pregnancy
- Test women with PCOS and previous GDM for type 2 before conception and early in pregnancy

**Summary**

- Metformin, glyburide and glipizide appear compatible with breastfeeding
- Weight loss, metformin and breastfeeding can reduce the risk of diabetes in women with previous GDM
- Breastfeeding can reduce the risk of childhood obesity in infants of women with diabetes and previous GDM

