



Joslin Diabetes Center's Clinical Guideline for Pharmacological Management of Adults with Type 2 Diabetes From the Adult Diabetes and Clinical Research Sections, Joslin Diabetes Center. Approved February 13th, 2020

The objectives of the *Joslin Diabetes Center Clinical Guideline for Pharmacological Management of Adults with Type 2 Diabetes* are to support and influence clinical practice to improve outcomes and to assure that the quality of care meets accepted standards. This guideline was established after careful review of current evidence, literature and clinical practice. It will be reviewed periodically and modified to reflect changes in clinical practice, evolving evidence-based data, and the impact of ongoing pharmacological treatment tool development.

This clinical guideline is not intended to serve as a mandatory standard, but rather to provide a set of recommendations for the treatment of people with type 2 diabetes. These recommendations are not a substitute for reasonable clinical judgment or patient-based decision-making and do not exclude other options. Clinical care must be individualized and tailored to the specific needs and self-care abilities of each person. This guideline has been created to address initial presentations and treatment strategies in the adult non-pregnant patient population. It is not a substitution for full sound good prescribing information. Refer to Joslin's *clinical guideline for adults with diabetes* as well as *Joslin's guideline for the care of older adults with diabetes* for additional, more comprehensive information on the care of people with diabetes.

Table 1a Diabetes Mellitus – Diagnostic Criteria (Non-Pregnant Adults)

- Random plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dl and symptoms or signs of diabetes (polyuria, polydipsia, ketoacidosis, or unexplained weight loss) **OR**
- Glycated hemoglobin (A1C) $\geq 6.5\%$ ^a **OR**
- Fasting plasma glucose (FPG) ≥ 126 mg/dl **OR**
- Results of a 2-hour 75-g Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT) ≥ 200 mg/dl at 2 hours

These tests should be confirmed by a repeat test, unless unequivocally high. The repeat test could be done on the same day and on the same sample for convenience, but in that case 2 different abnormal tests are required for diagnosis.

^aOnly an A1C test that has been referenced to an accepted laboratory method (standardized) should be utilized for diagnostic purposes. Consider evaluation for hemoglobin variant if A1C is discordant from PG values.

Table 1b: Goals of Glycemic Control for People with Diabetes		
Biochemical Index	Normal glucose	Goal
Fasting plasma glucose or preprandial glucose (mg/dl)	< 100	80 – 130
2 hours post-prandial (mg/dl)	< 140	< 180
Bedtime glucose (mg/dl)	< 120	90 – 150
A1C (%) sustained	< 6%	< 7% A1C target goal should be individualized for each patient. Suggested goals listed above including A1C < 7% have been chosen as practical targets for most patients to reduce the risk of complications. Achieving normal blood glucose and A1C is recommended only if it can be done practically and safely. Aiming for less stringent goals than are listed above may be considered for older adults or those with advanced comorbidities (see Joslin’s guideline for older adults with diabetes).

5.3.0 TREATMENT STRATEGY (FIGURE 1)

5.3.1 Start with metformin unless contraindicated or severe presentation (Figure 1) [1B]

Action: Decreases hepatic glucose production and increases GLP-1 secretion. Use as initial therapy unless contraindicated.

Adverse effects: Diarrhea, flatulence, lactic acidosis (rare); B-12 deficiency (long-term). Initiate at a low dose, increase dose slowly, and take with food to decrease gas, bloating and diarrhea. Extended release formulation may decrease these gastrointestinal symptoms.

Dosing:

- eGFR should be assessed at least annually in all patients taking metformin. In patients at increased risk for renal impairment, such as the elderly, assess renal function more frequently. Metformin is contraindicated in people with an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) below 30 mL/minute/1.73 m².
- Starting metformin in people with an eGFR <45 mL/minute/1.73 m² is not recommended.
- If eGFR later falls below 45 mL/minute/1.73 m² while patient is on metformin, assess benefits and risks of continuing treatment. Discontinue metformin if eGFR later falls below 30 mL/minute/1.73 m².
- If eGFR is over 45 mL/minute/1.73 m² and later falls between 30- 45 mL/minute/1.73 m² while on metformin, dose can be lowered to 50%.

- Discontinue metformin if eGFR later falls below 30 mL/minute/1.73 m².
- Discontinue metformin at time of or before an iodinated contrast imaging procedure if eGFR is 30-60 mL/minute/1.73 m²; in patients with a history of liver disease, alcoholism, or who will undergo intra-arterial iodinated contrast. Re-assess eGFR 48 hours after the imaging procedure; restart metformin if renal function is back to baseline level
- With long-term use, assess patients for signs and symptoms of vitamin B 12 deficiency such as: weakness, fatigue, shortness of breath or paresthesias; consider laboratory assessment, and supplementation, if necessary.

5.3.2 Considerations for Selecting Noninsulin Glucose-Lowering Medications when advancing therapy

5.3.2.1 PREFERRED CONSIDERATIONS IN PERSONS WITH T2D AND ESTABLISHED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (Table 2)

TABLE 2: PREFERRED CONSIDERATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH T2D AND ESTABLISHED CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Clinical Setting	History (or high risk) of ASCVD	History (or high risk) of HF
Consider agents with CV safety and superiority (regardless of A1c)	A GLP-1 RA with evidence to reduce CVD events [1B], (e.g. liraglutide, dulaglutide ,injectable semaglutide)* If GLP-1 RA is not tolerated or contraindicated, use SGLT2 inhibitors [2A]	SGLT2 inhibitors with evidence to reduce HF and/or CV mortality [1B], (e.g. empagliflozin, canagliflozin, dapagliflozin) If SGLT2 inhibitors not tolerated or contraindicated, use GLP1 RA with proven CVD benefit [2B]
Other considerations and caveats	Avoid GLP-1 RA use with CKD stage 4 There is a slight increase in biliary disease and need for cholecystectomy with GLP-1 RA Increased risk of worsening retinopathy with semaglutide and pre-existing DR with poor glycemic control	Avoid use of drugs promoting HF; e.g. TZD Avoid using SU. If needed, use later generation SU Use metformin with caution, if eGFR < 45 mL/minute/1.73 m ² Can use DPP -4 inhibitors except saxagliptin Avoid use of SGLT2 inhibitor perioperatively and/or in the presence of risk factors for DKA (e.g., prolonged fasting, dehydration, infection, major trauma, ketogenic diet) Distal lower limb amputations with canagliflozin Fournier Gangrene (very rare)

ASCVD indicates atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DKA, diabetic ketoacidosis; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; T2D, type 2 diabetes; SGLT2, sodium glucose co-transporter 2.

Notes:

DDP-4 inhibitors: In several recent trials in patients with CVD, DPP-4 inhibitors were found to be safe (non inferior to) but also non-superior to other antihyperglycemic drugs from CV point of view; a secondary outcome, heart failure, was significantly increased with saxagliptin.

*GLP-1 RA: oral semaglutide (PIONEER-6), but not injectable semaglutide (SUSTAIN-6) showed a reduction in CV mortality [1B], only injectable semaglutide has received FDA indication for cardiovascular risk reduction in type 2 diabetes and CVD.

SGLT2-inhibitors: canagliflozin, empagliflozin and dapagliflozin showed reduction in heart failure. Empagliflozin has an indication to reduce cardiovascular mortality [1B], canagliflozin has indication to decrease cardiovascular risk in type 2 diabetes and CVD and dapagliflozin has an indication to reduce heart failure hospitalization [1B]

5.3.2.2 Preferred considerations in patients with diabetic kidney disease (Table 3).

TABLE 3. Preferred considerations in patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) or high risk of hypoglycemia

History of CKD	High risk of hypoglycemia
<p>SGLT-2 inhibitors with evidence for reduction of ASCVD (see Table 2) [1B] or of CKD progression (a) [1B]</p> <p>Glucose-lowering efficacy of SGLT-2 inhibitors is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-diminished for eGFR 45-60 mL/minute/1.73 m²-modest when eGFR <45 mL/minute/1.73 m² <p>Avoid use for GFR < 45 mL/minute/1.73 m², (< 30 mL/minute/1.73 m² for Canagliflozin)</p> <p>GLP-1RA with evidence for reduction of CVD (Table 2) and potential benefits on CKD outcomes (b) [2B]</p>	<p>DDP-4 inhibitors, GLP-1RA, SGLT2 –inhibitors are overall associated with low risk of hypoglycemia.</p> <p>Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-saxagliptin, sitagliptin require dose adjustment for GFR <50 mL/minute/1.73 m²;-aloglipitin requires dose adjustment for GFR <60 mL/minute/1.73 m²;-linagliptin is not renally cleared and does not require dose adjustment.-See Table 2 for GLP-1RA and SGLT2-ihibitors. <p>Pioglitazone carries a low risk hypoglycemia. Considerations: risk of heart failure, which is a common co-morbidity in patients with T2D and CKD.</p> <p>If cost is a major issue, may also consider a later-generation sulfonylurea (except glyburide or glibenclamide) or repaglinide, which is excreted primarily in the bile, despite their moderate risk of hypoglycemia.</p>

Notes:

- (a) In patients with T2D enrolled in the CREDENCE trial, canagliflozin demonstrated a statistically (and clinically relevant) decrease in the composite of kidney outcomes, including reduction in end-stage kidney disease (ESKD), and death from renal and CV disease. Approximately, 60% of participants in CREDENCE had GFR 30-60 mL/minute/1.73 m² at baseline. The FDA has recently approved a new indication for canagliflozin to reduce the risk of ESKD in patients with GFR >30 mL/minute/1.73 m² and macroalbuminuria, defined as albumin-to-creatinine ratio (ACR) >300 mg/g. Several ongoing trials are addressing the effects of other SGLT-2 inhibitors on kidney outcomes in patients with T2D.
- (b) LEADER (using liraglutide) and SUSTAIN-6 (using injectable semaglutide) trials showed a reduction in the pre-specified secondary analysis of renal end-points. In both studies, this effect was mainly driven by a decrease in new onset of macroalbuminuria.

5.3.2.3 Preferred considerations in patients with excess weight.

Consider GLP-1 RA or SGLT-2 inhibitor. Reassess in 1-3 months. If A1C remains above target, use both agents in addition to metformin. If unable to use GLP-1 RA or SGLT-2 inhibitor or if A1C remains above target, use DPP-4 inhibitor (if not on GLP-1 RA) or consider alpha-glucose inhibitor, or add insulin, or SU with further management of weight.

5.3.2.4 Preferred considerations in patients with hypoglycemia (Table 3)

Consider DPP-4 inhibitors, GLP-1 RA, SGLT 2-inhibitors or TZD. Assess within 2-3 months, if A1C remains above goal and consider add-on agents as needed. Do not combine GLP-1 RA and DPP-4 inhibitor. If A1C remains above goal on four medications, consider adding a basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia or a new generation SU.

5.3.2.5 Preferred considerations in patients with low resources

Consider sulfonylureas or thiazolidinedione first. If A1C remains above goal, consider non analogue human insulin

5.4 Oral Glucose Lowering Agents (Table 4a)

5.4.1 Oral Glucose Lowering Agents: Fixed-dose medications (Table 4b)

5.5 Injectable anti-diabetes medications (incretin mimetics and noninsulin analogs): Table 5

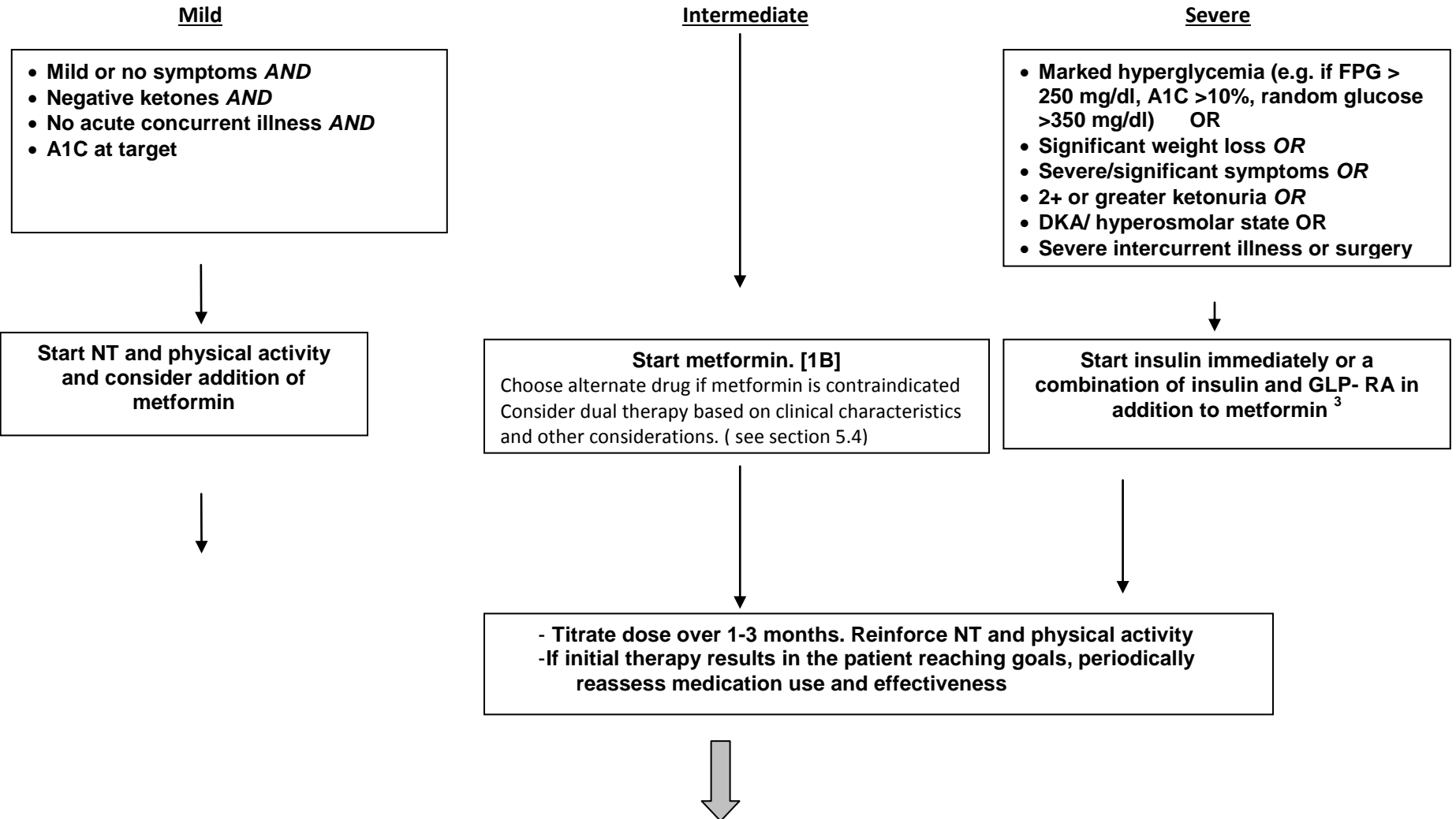
5.6 Insulin Products (Table 6)

5.6.1 Insulin Products: Premixed insulin combinations: Table 7

Figure 1: INITIAL TREATMENT STRATEGY (also see preferred considerations, Table 2,3)

Nutrition therapy (NT), physical activity, blood glucose monitoring, continued follow up and patient education are the cornerstones of diabetes management for all patients. Pharmacological management should be used in combination with nutrition therapy and physical activity. Current weight status and lifestyle should be considered when choosing initial pharmacological therapy. A1C goals should be individualized.

Initial Presentation (Based on characteristics listed within each box)



If A1C >7% or not at individualized goals within 1-3 months:

Add a medication from a different class, oral or injectable based on clinical characteristics and other considerations (GLP-RA preferred) (see section 5.3.2)

- **Hyperglycemia AND/OR**
- **A1C > not at goal ² AND/OR**

INITIATE OR ADD INSULIN ^{4,5,6} (see Tables 2, 3 for preferred considerations)

- **Consider initiating:**
 - Long-acting insulin detemir, insulin glargine U-100, Basaglar U-100 once or twice daily **or** once daily degludec or insulin glargine U-300 for basal therapy
 - Intermediate-acting insulin (NPH) once or twice daily, as part of a conventional insulin program
 - Premixed insulin: 75/25 NPH/lispro, 50/50 NPH/lispro, 70/30 NPH/aspart, 70/30 NPH/regular insulin or 70/30 degludec/aspart once or twice daily
- **Suggested starting dose** for insulin: 0.1-0.2 units/kg body weight/day
- **Titrate/adjust** insulin dosage to achieve glucose goals

If A1C > 7% or not at individualized goals within 2 - 3 months, or not at goal on 3 medications consider: ^{4,5,6}

- Combining GLP-1 with basal insulin (separate injections or combination formulations: degludec/liraglutide, or glargine/lixisenatide).
- Adding pre-meal rapid or short-acting insulin (e.g. aspart, glulisine, lispro, regular insulin, or human insulin inhalation) at one, two or all three meals to the pre-existing intermediate or long-acting insulin
- Adding or switching to a premixed rapid acting and long acting insulin.
- Adding oral anti-hyperglycemic medication to improve glycemic control if already on insulin (metformin, sulfonylureas, meglitinide, D-phenylalanine, DPP-4 inhibitors, GLP-1 agonist, α -glucosidase inhibitors, SGLT-2 inhibitors, TZDs⁶ and colesevelam are approved for use in combination with insulin)
- If post-prandial excursions predominate, refer to endocrinologist for reassessment of therapy or for consideration of pramlintide use.

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Table 4a NON-INSULIN GLUCOSE LOWERING MEDICATIONS

Insulin Secretagogues (sulfonylurea, meglitinide or D-phenylalanine derivative)	Dipeptidyl Peptidase IV Inhibitors (DPP-4 Inhibitors)	Glucagon-like peptide- 1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 receptor agonists)	Sodium-glucose co- transporter 2 (SGLT-2 Inhibitors)¹¹	α-Glucosidase Inhibitors (AGIs)	Thiazolidinediones^{7,8,9} (TZDs)
<p>Action: Stimulates beta cell insulin secretion.</p> <p>Side effects: Hypoglycemia</p> <p>Contraindications: Hypersensitivity and DKA</p> <p>Precautions: Severe liver or renal disease for 2nd generation SUs, meglitinides, or d-phenylalanine derivatives</p> <p>Notes: Metabolites of glipizide are less active than other sulfonylureas. Consider the use of short acting sulfonylureas, such as glipizide or glimepiride, in setting of renal disease. Glyburide is not preferred due to the increased risk of hypoglycemia.</p> <p>Repaglinide or nateglinide may be useful for those with postprandial hyperglycemia or with hypoglycemia on a sulfonylurea</p>	<p>Action: In a glucose dependent manner, slow inactivation of incretin hormones, resulting in increased insulin secretion and decreased glucagon levels.</p> <p>Side effects: URI- like symptoms. Angioedema (reported with vildagliptin) and bullous pemphigoid reported with DDP-4's</p> <p>Notes: Reduce dose in renal disease with all members of the class except linagliptin. -Post marketing reports of hepatic failure with alogliptin -Clinical trials reported no adverse CV outcomes, except increased secondary outcome of heart failure with saxagliptin -It is unknown if DPP-4 inhibitors increase the risk for pancreatitis¹⁰ The risk of acute pancreatitis or pancreatic cancer has not been confirmed in clinical trials. The FDA is currently monitoring the clinical reports via AERS</p>	<p>Action: In a glucose dependent manner increase insulin secretion, decrease glucagon secretion, slow gastric emptying, and increase satiety.</p> <p>Side effects: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, AKI that occurs when associated with dehydration</p> <p>Contraindications: Personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer or patients with MEN2.</p> <p>Notes: Use may be associated with weight loss. To avoid hypoglycemia when using a GLP-1 RA with a sulfonylurea or insulin, consider initially decreasing sulfonylurea or insulin dose. - Increased risk of biliary disease and gallstones -Liraglutide, injectable semaglutide, and dulaglutide reduced the major CV outcomes in 3 large clinical trial in patients with CVD or high risk of CVD. -It is unknown if GLP-1 agonists increase the risk for pancreatitis. The risk of acute pancreatitis or pancreatic cancer has not been confirmed in clinical trials. The FDA is currently monitoring the clinical reports via AERS</p>	<p>Action: Block reabsorption of glucose by the kidney thereby increasing excretion of glucose in the urine.</p> <p>Side effects: Hypotension, genital mycotic infections, UTI, dehydration, hyperkalemia, increased LDL cholesterol, ketoacidosis in the absence of severe hyperglycemia¹¹</p> <p>Contraindications: Do not use in: -eGFR < 30 mL/minute /1.73 m² with canagliflozin and -eGFR < 45 mL/minute /1.73 m² for other SGLT-2 inhibitors</p> <p>Notes: - Use may be associated with modest decrease in BP and in weight. - Adjust dose in moderate renal disease. -Associated with a</p>	<p>Action: Delay absorption and breakdown of carbohydrates</p> <p>Side effects: Gas, diarrhea. modest weight loss</p> <p>Contraindications: Chronic intestinal disorders or obstructions, DKA acarbose in cirrhosis</p> <p>Notes: Use if postprandial hyperglycemia predominates. Acarbose and miglitol not indicated in renal impairment -Use pure glucose to treat hypoglycemia when used in combination therapy as the drug decreases absorption of other forms of carbohydrate. -Initiate at low dose and increase slowly to decrease flatulence</p>	<p>Action: Improves glucose transport and decreases hepatic glucose production.</p> <p>Side effects: Weight gain, fluid retention</p> <p>Contraindications: Liver disease, NYHA III or IV heart failure.</p> <p>Notes: Full effect of initiation or titration of therapy may take 2-4 weeks. -May increase risk for macular edema. -Increases bone loss and risk for bone fracture. -Can be used in renal impairment but may increase fluid retention. -Do not use pioglitazone in setting of bladder cancer, see footnote</p>

		<p>-Oral semaglutide requires strict adherence to administration instructions for absorption and avoidance of drug interactions.</p> <p>-Use with caution in setting of gastroparesis, especially if requiring treatment with metoclopramide.</p>	<p>transient worsening of renal function.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - May slow progression of renal function decline & nephropathy - Empagliflozin and Canagliflozin reduced major CV events and heart failure in clinical trials, in those with pre-existing CVD as well as risk of renal disease progression (see table #2,3) - Dapagliflozin reduced heart failure hospitalization in those at high risk for CVD <p>Precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use dapagliflozin with caution in setting of personal history of bladder cancer -Cases of acute kidney injury have been reported with canagliflozin and dapagliflozin. Promptly discontinue these drugs if this occurs and treat the renal impairment. 		
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-A small increase in fracture rate & lower limb amputations have been reported with canagliflozin

-Risk of euglycemic diabetic ketoacidosis: DKA with SGLT-2 inhibitors: Rare but sometimes serious cases have been reported. Check for DKA if symptoms develop even if glucose levels are not elevated

- Rare cases of Fournier gangrene

OTHER THERAPY

Bile Acid Sequestrant (colesevelam)

- Mechanism of action re glucose lowering is unclear
- Modest effect on A1C. Also lowers LDL-C

Note: *Reduces gastric absorption of some drugs. If known interaction or unknown interaction with narrow therapeutic index drug, administer 1 hour prior or 4 hours after colesevelam*

Contraindications:

- Bowel obstruction
- Serum triglyceride > 500mg/dl
- History of hypertriglyceridemia-induced pancreatitis

Centrally Acting Agent (bromocriptine mesylate)

- Mechanism of action for glucose lowering is unclear
- Most effective when used in combination with other antidiabetes medications
- Modest effect on A1C

Contraindications:

- Should not be taken by nursing mothers, or by patients who take ergot medicines or have syncopal migraines

TABLE 4B. ORAL GLUCOSE LOWERING MEDICATIONS

Biguanides	Insulin Secretagogues	DPP-4 Inhibitors	SGLT-2 inhibitors	AGI	TZDs ⁹
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liquid metformin* (<i>Riomet</i>) • metformin (<i>Glucophage</i>) • metformin extended release (<i>Glucophage XR, Fortamet, Glumetza</i>) <p><i>Glucophage, Glucophage XR and Fortamet</i> are available as generic medications</p> <p>* Liquid metformin formulation can be used for patients unable to swallow large tablets and who are post gastric bypass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sulfonylureas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • glimepiride (<i>Amaryl</i>) • glipizide (<i>Glucotrol</i>) • glipizide extended release (<i>Glucotrol XL</i>) • glyburide(<i>Micronase, Diabeta</i>) • micronized glyburide (<i>Glynase</i>) <p>(glimepiride, glipizide and glyburide are available as generic medications)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meglitinides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • repaglinide (<i>Prandin</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">D-phenylalanine Derivatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nateglinide (<i>Starlix</i>) <p>(repaglinide and nateglinide are available as generic medications)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sitagliptin (<i>Januvia</i>) • saxagliptin (<i>Onglyza</i>) • linagliptin (<i>Tradjenta</i>) • alogliptin (<i>Nesina</i>) • vildagliptin (<i>Galvus</i>) – (not available in the United States) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • canagliflozin (<i>Invokana</i>) • dapagliflozin (<i>Farxiga</i>) • empagliflozin (<i>Jardiance</i>) • ertugliflozin (<i>Steglatro</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acarbose (<i>Precose</i>) • miglitol (<i>Glyset</i>) <p>(acarbose is available as a generic medication)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pioglitazone (<i>Actos</i>) • rosiglitazone (<i>Avandia</i>) <p>(pioglitazone and rosiglitazone are available as generic medications)</p>

Examples of FIXED DOSE COMBINATION MEDICATIONS in USA. See appendix for additional drug combinations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • metformin and glipizide (<i>Metaglip</i>) • metformin and glyburide (<i>Glucovance</i>) • sitagliptin and metformin (<i>Janumet</i>) • sitagliptin and metformin ER (<i>Janumet XR</i>) • saxagliptin and metformin ER (<i>Kombiglyze XR</i>) • alogliptin and metformin (<i>Kozano</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • linagliptin and metformin (<i>Jentadueto</i>) • linagliptin and metformin ER (<i>Jentadueto XR</i>) • alogliptin and pioglitazone (<i>Oseni</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dapagliflozin and metformin (<i>Xigduo</i>) • empagliflozin and metformin (<i>Synjardy</i>) • empagliflozin and linagliptin (<i>Glyxambi</i>) • dapagliflozin and saxagliptin (<i>Qtern</i>) • canagliflozin and metformin (<i>Invokamet</i>) • ertugliflozin and metformin (<i>Stegluromet</i>) • ertugliflozin and sitagliptin (<i>Steglujan</i>) • dapagliflozin, saxagliptin and metformin HCl extended-release (<i>QternMet XR</i>)
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Others

Bile Acid Sequestrant

- colesevelam (*Welchol*) ; cholestyramine

Centrally Acting

- bromocriptine (*Cycloset*)

AGI indicates a-glucosidase Inhibitor; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; ER, extended release; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2; TZDs, thiazolidinediones.

Table 5. INJECTABLE DIABETES MEDICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE USA

INCRETIN MIMETICS AND NON-INSULIN SYNTHETIC ANALOGS

Product	Mechanism of Action	Diabetes Type	Administration Frequency
exenatide (<i>Byetta</i>)	Incretin mimetic that enhances glucose-dependent insulin secretion and several other antihyperglycemic actions of incretins.	2	2 injections/day
extended release exenatide (<i>Bydureon</i>)		2	1 injection/week
dulaglutide (<i>Trulicity</i>)		2	1 injection/week
liraglutide (<i>Victoza</i>)		2	1 injection/day
lixisenatide (<i>Adlyxin</i>)		2	1 injection/day
semaglutide (<i>Ozempic</i>)	Incretin mimetic that enhances glucose-dependent insulin secretion and several other antihyperglycemic actions of incretins. Has not been studied in use with basal insulins	2	1 injection/week
semaglutide (<i>Rybelsus</i>)		2	1 tablet/day
pramlintide (<i>Symlin</i>)	Synthetic analog of human amylin, a naturally occurring hormone made in the beta cells, which slows gastric emptying, suppresses glucagon secretion, and regulates food intake. A significant reduction in insulin dose may be required when insulin is used in conjunction with pramlintide.	1 and 2	1-4 injections/day (with meals)

Table 6. INSULINS (U-100 except where noted)

Insulin Type	Product	Onset	Peak	Duration
Rapid-Acting *				
Insulin aspart analog	Fiasp	10 – 20 minutes	30 minutes – 2 hours	3 – 7 hours
Insulin human inhalation	Afrezza	12 – 15 minutes	30 – 90 minutes	3 hours
Insulin aspart analog Insulin glulisine analog Insulin lispro analog	Novolog Apidra Humalog U-100 and U-200, Admelog	10 – 30 minutes	30 minutes – 3 hours	3 – 7 hours
Short-Acting				
Human Regular	Humulin R Novolin R	30 – 60 minutes	2 – 5 hours	up to 12 hours**
Intermediate-Acting				
Human NPH insulin	Humulin N Novolin N	90 minutes – 4 hours	4 – 12 hours	up to 24 hours***
Long-Acting				
Insulin detemir	Levemir	45 minutes – 4 hours	Minimal peak	up to 24 hours ****
Insulin glargine	Lantus	45 minutes – 4 hours	Minimal peak	up to 24 hours ****
Insulin glargine concentrated	Toujeo U-300	6 hours	Minimal peak	up to 36 hours
Insulin degludec	Tresiba	1 hour	Minimal peak	up to 42 hours
Insulin degludec concentrated	Tresiba U-200	1 hour	Minimal peak	up to 42 hours
U-500 insulin				
Human regular insulin concentrated	Humulin R U-500	<15 minutes	4 -8 hours	13 - 24 hours

Table 7. Premixed Insulin Combinations

Insulin Type	Product
70% NPH; 30% Regular	Humulin 70/30
70% NPH; 30% Regular	Novolin 70/30
50% lispro protamine suspension, 50% lispro	Humalog Mix 50/50
75% lispro protamine suspension, 25% lispro	Humalog Mix 75/25
70% aspart protamine suspension, 30% aspart	Novolog Mix 70/30
70% degludec, 30% insulin aspart	Ryzodeg 70/30

***The onset of activity for Fiasp and insulin inhalation are faster than the other rapid acting insulin formulations. These differences may allow for changes in timing of administration in reference to a meal and may cause different glucose responses to a meal depending on the macronutrient composition of the meal.**

****Usual clinical relevance can be less than 12 hours**

***** Usual clinical relevance can be less than 24 hours. Often requires twice daily dosing**

****** Individual response may require twice daily dosing**

SEE APPENDIX FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STORAGE FOR INSULIN AND OTHER INJECTABLES

Footnotes:

¹ Goals should be individualized based on the following, including: co-morbidity, age, duration of diabetes, hypoglycemic awareness.

² If diet history reveals markedly excessive carbohydrate intake, may consider initial trial of nutrition therapy and physical activity before initiating oral antidiabetes medications even though glucose levels are above the thresholds listed.

³ Some patients with type 2 diabetes initially stabilized on insulin may be considered for transition to non-insulin antidiabetes medications as blood glucose control permits.

⁴ May need to taper and discontinue some or all oral antidiabetes medications as insulin is initiated and adjusted, particularly if using short or rapid-acting and basal insulins.

⁵ Pre- and postprandial blood glucose should be checked. Frequency of checking may vary between 1-4 times/day depending on individual patient and status of glycemic control.

⁶ There is an increased risk for edema when insulin and a thiazolidinedione are used together. Rosiglitazone should not be used in combination with insulin.

⁷ FDA Requirements for LFT monitoring for thiazolidinediones (TZDs):

If initial ALT is > 2.5 times normal, do not start this medication

Once TZD is started, monitor ALT periodically thereafter according to clinical judgement.

If ALT is > 2.5 times normal during treatment, check weekly. If rise persists or becomes 3 times > normal, discontinue TZD.

⁸ Thiazolidinediones cause or exacerbate congestive heart failure in some patients. After initiation of TZDs and after dose increases, observe patients carefully for signs and symptoms of heart failure (including excessive, rapid weight gain, dyspnea, and/or edema). If these signs and symptoms develop, the heart failure should be managed according to current standards of care. Discontinuation or dose reduction of the TZD must be considered. TZDs are not contraindicated in patients with symptomatic heart failure or in patients with established NYHA Class III or IV heart failure.

^{9 i} On September 23, 2010, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced regulatory actions with respect to products containing rosiglitazone: Avandia® (rosiglitazone maleate) Tablets, Avandamet® (rosiglitazone maleate and metformin hydrochloride) Tablets and Avandaryl® (rosiglitazone maleate and glimepiride) Tablets. These FDA actions required GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) to implement restrictions on the use of these products through a REMS program (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy) to assure their safe use and through additional safety labeling changes in response to the agency's review of data that suggested an elevated risk of cardiovascular events. However, based on additional data review, the REMS program was removed as of Dec 16, 2015. Rosiglitazone now has the same indications for prescribing as pioglitazone.

^{9 ii} According to FDA advisory issued on June 15, 2011 re: potential increased risk of bladder cancer with pioglitazone use: a. Do not use pioglitazone in patients with active bladder cancer. b. Use pioglitazone with caution in patients with a prior history of bladder cancer. The benefits of glycemic control versus unknown risks for cancer recurrence with pioglitazone should be considered in patients with a prior history of bladder cancer.

Glossary and Common Abbreviations

A1C: glycohemoglobin A1C (hemoglobin A1C)

AERS: Adverse Event Reporting System of the FDA

AGI: alpha glucosidase inhibitors

ALT: alanine aminotransferase

CHF: congestive heart failure

CV: cardiovascular

DKA: diabetic ketoacidosis

DPP-4: dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitors

eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

FPG: fasting plasma glucose

G: gram

GI: gastrointestinal

GLP-1: glucagon-like peptide-1 is secreted by the intestinal L cell in response to food intake, impacting glucose regulation.

HS: bedtime

Incretin: hormone produced by the gastrointestinal tract in response to food intake and necessary for glucose homeostasis

Incretin mimetics: a class of agents used for managing type 2 diabetes that mimics the enhancement of glucose-dependent insulin secretion and other glucoregulatory actions of naturally occurring incretins

IV: intravenous

kg: kilogram

LDL-C: low density lipoprotein, cholesterol

LFT: liver function tests

LV: left ventricular

MEN2: multiple endocrine neoplasia type 2

Mg: milligram

Mg/dl: milligram per deciliter

mL/minute/1.73 m²: milliliter per minute per 1.73m²

NPH: Neutral Protamine Hagedorn

NT (Nutrition Therapy): Begins with assessment of overall nutrition status, followed by individualized prescription for treatment. Registered dietitian considers food intake, physical activity, course of any medical therapy, individual preferences and other factors.

OGTT: oral glucose tolerance test

Rx: treatment

SGLT-2: sodium-glucose co-transporter 2

TZDs: thiazolidinediones

URI: upper respiratory infection

UTI: urinary tract infection

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APPENDIX

Storage Chart for Insulin and Other Diabetes Injectable Medications

Insulin Available in Vials	How to store this insulin
Sanofi insulin in vials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lantus •Apidra Lilly insulin in vials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Humalog •Humalog Mix 75/25 •Humalog mix 50/50 •Humulin N •Humulin R Humulin 70/30 •Humulin R U-500 Novo Nordisk insulin in vials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fiasp •Novolog •Novolog Mix 70/30 •Levemir •Novolin R •Novolin N •Novolin 70/30 	<p>Unopened vials of insulin: (Lilly, Novo Nordisk, Sanofi) Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.</p> <hr/> <p>Opened vials of insulin: (Lilly, Novo Nordisk, Sanofi) Keep open vials at room temperature or in the refrigerator for 28-30 days, and then throw away, except for Levemir by Novo Nordisk. Levemir can be kept for 45 days. Keep all away from heat and sunlight.</p>
Insulin available in pens and cartridges	How to store this insulin
Novo Nordisk PenFill cartridge not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
Novo Nordisk PenFill cartridges in use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Novolog 3.0 ml •Novolog Mix 3.0 	Keep at room temperature for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •28 days then throw away •14 days then throw away
Novo Nordisk FlexPen/FlexTouch not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
Novo Nordisk FlexPen or FlexTouch in use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NovoLog Mix 70/30 •NovoLog •Fiasp •Ryzodeg 70/30 •Levemir •Tresiba U-100 or U-200 	Keep at room temperature for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •14 days then throw away •28 days then throw away •28 days then throw away •28 days then throw away •42 days then throw away •56 days then throw away
Lilly cartridges not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
Lilly cartridges in use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Humalog 	Keep at room temperature for 28 days then throw away
Lilly Kwik Pen not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.

Lilly Kwik Pen in use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Humulin N ●Humalog or Humalog U-200 ●Humalog Mix 75/25 ●Humulin R U-500 	Keep at room temperature for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●14 days then throw away ●28 days then throw away ●10 days then throw away ●28 days then throw away
Sanofi Disposable SoloStar pen not in use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Lantus ●Apidra ●Toujeo 	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
Sanofi Disposable SoloStar pen in use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Lantus ●Apidra ●Toujeo 	Keep at room temperature for 28 days then throw away.

Inhaled insulin	How to store this insulin
Afrezza sealed (unopened) foil packages not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE
Afrezza sealed (unopened) foil package, blister cards and strips in use	Keep at room temperature for 10 days then throw away
Afrezza (opened) strips in use	Keep at room temperature for 3 days then throw away
Byetta, Bydureon, Ozempic, Symlin, Trulicity, Victoza Storage Information	
Byetta pen not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
Byetta pen in use	Store in refrigerator or room temperature (less than 77 degrees) for 30 days then throw away.
Bydureon kit or pen	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE. May be stored at room temperature (less than 77 degrees) for up to 30 days.
Ozempic pen not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
Ozempic pen in use	Keep in the refrigerator or at room temperature (59 – 86 degrees) for 56 days then throw away.
SymlinPen not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
SymlinPen in use	Keep in the refrigerator or at room temp for 30 days then throw away.
Trulicity pen	Store in its original packaging in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE. May be stored at room temperature for up to 14 days , as long as it is protected from light.
Victoza pen not in use	Store in the refrigerator until the expiration date. DO NOT FREEZE.
Victoza pen in use	Keep in the refrigerator or at room temperature (59 – 86 degrees) for 30 days then throw away.