

# *Medicines Individualisation in Diabetes*

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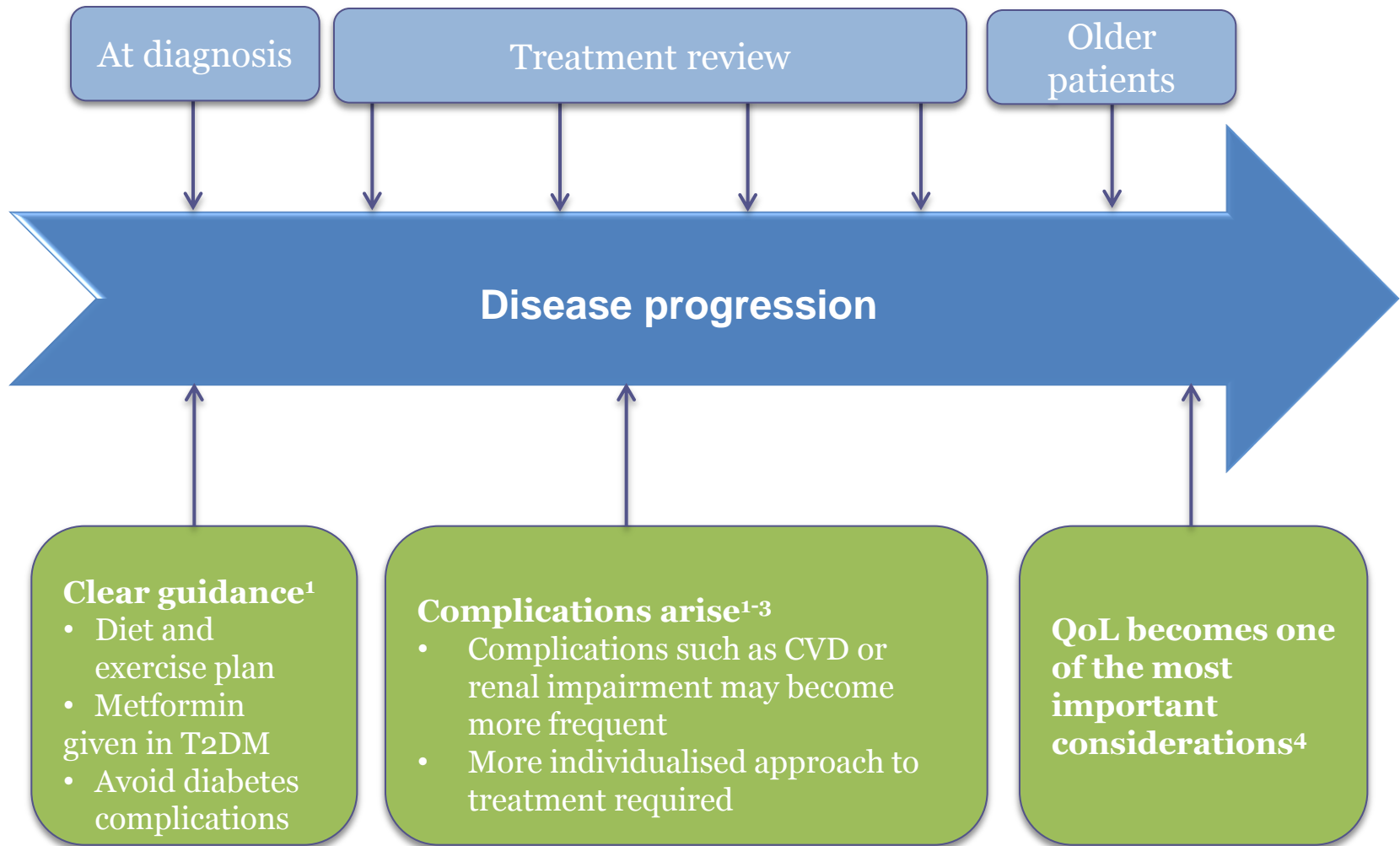
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# Objectives

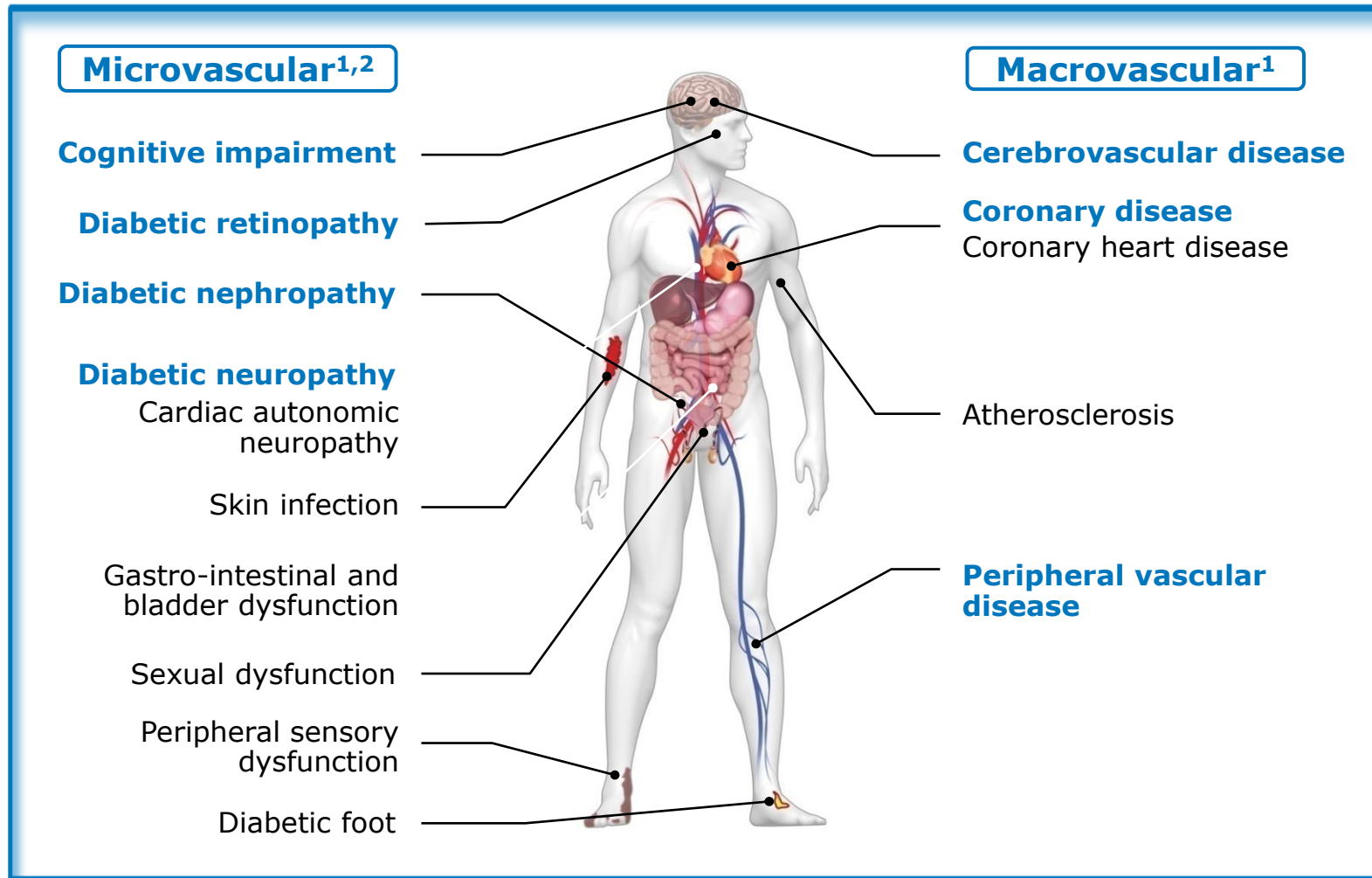
- List the current treatments available in type 2 diabetes
- Identify the patient factors that influence treatment decisions
- Use this information to identify the most suitable treatment for your patient

# Diabetes becomes more complex over time



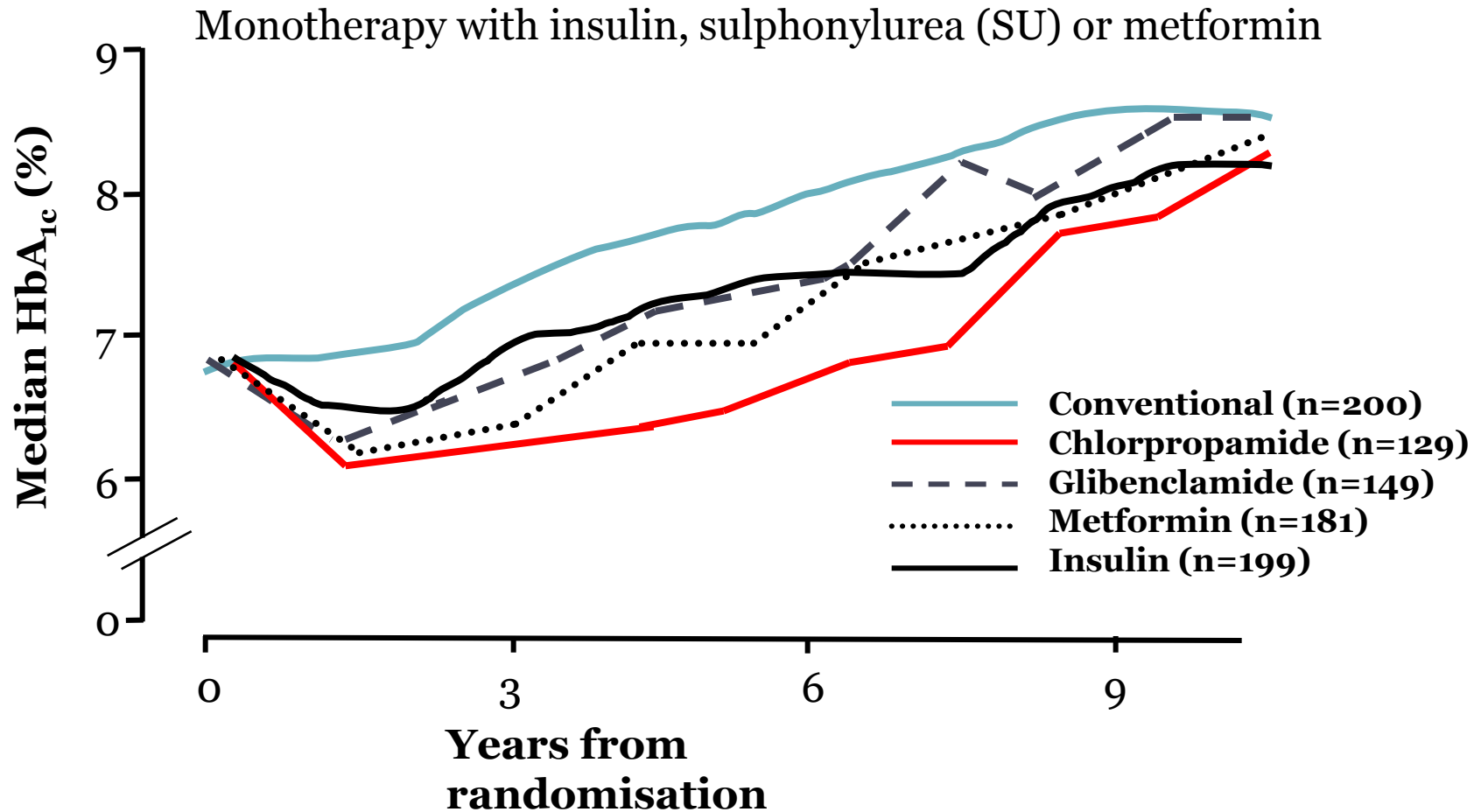
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# Complications of diabetes



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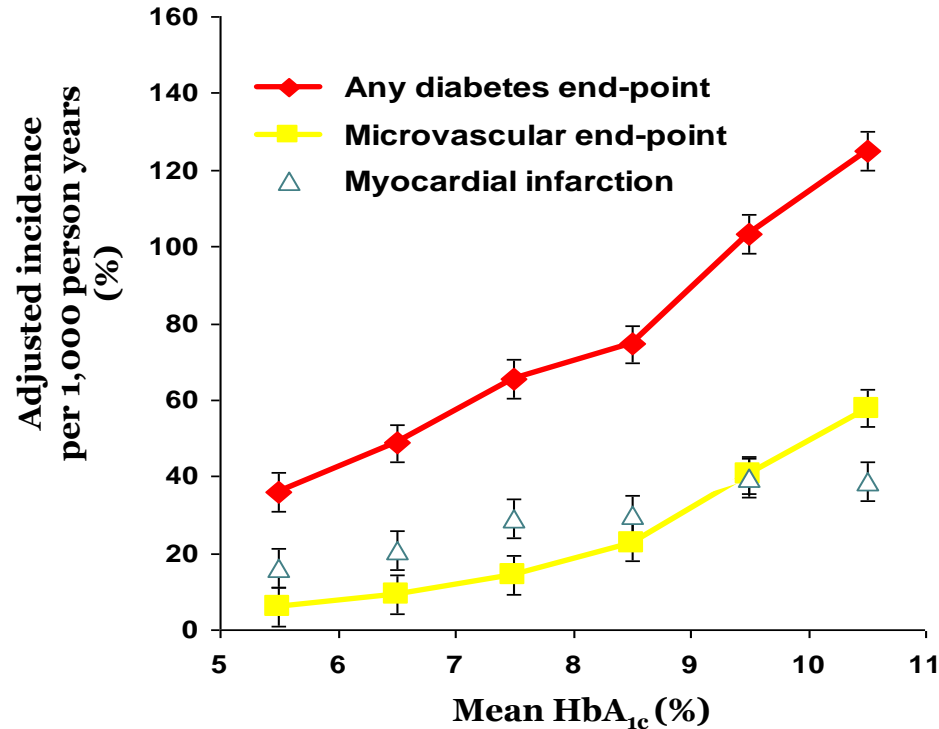
# UKPDS (T2DM): Glycaemic control worsens over time



# UKPDS: Improving HbA<sub>1c</sub> control reduces diabetes-related complications

## Incidence of complications

n=4,585

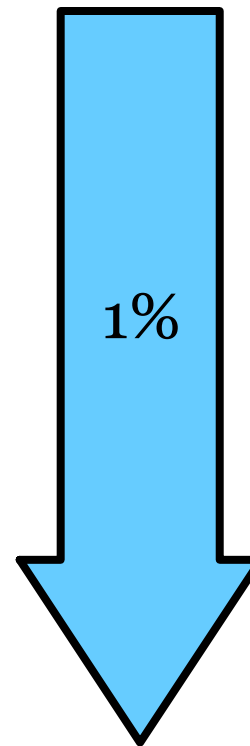


## Relative risk

n=3,642

Every 1%  
reduction in HbA<sub>1c</sub>

Reduced risk  
(p<0.0001)



Diabetes-related deaths

21%

Myocardial infarction

14%

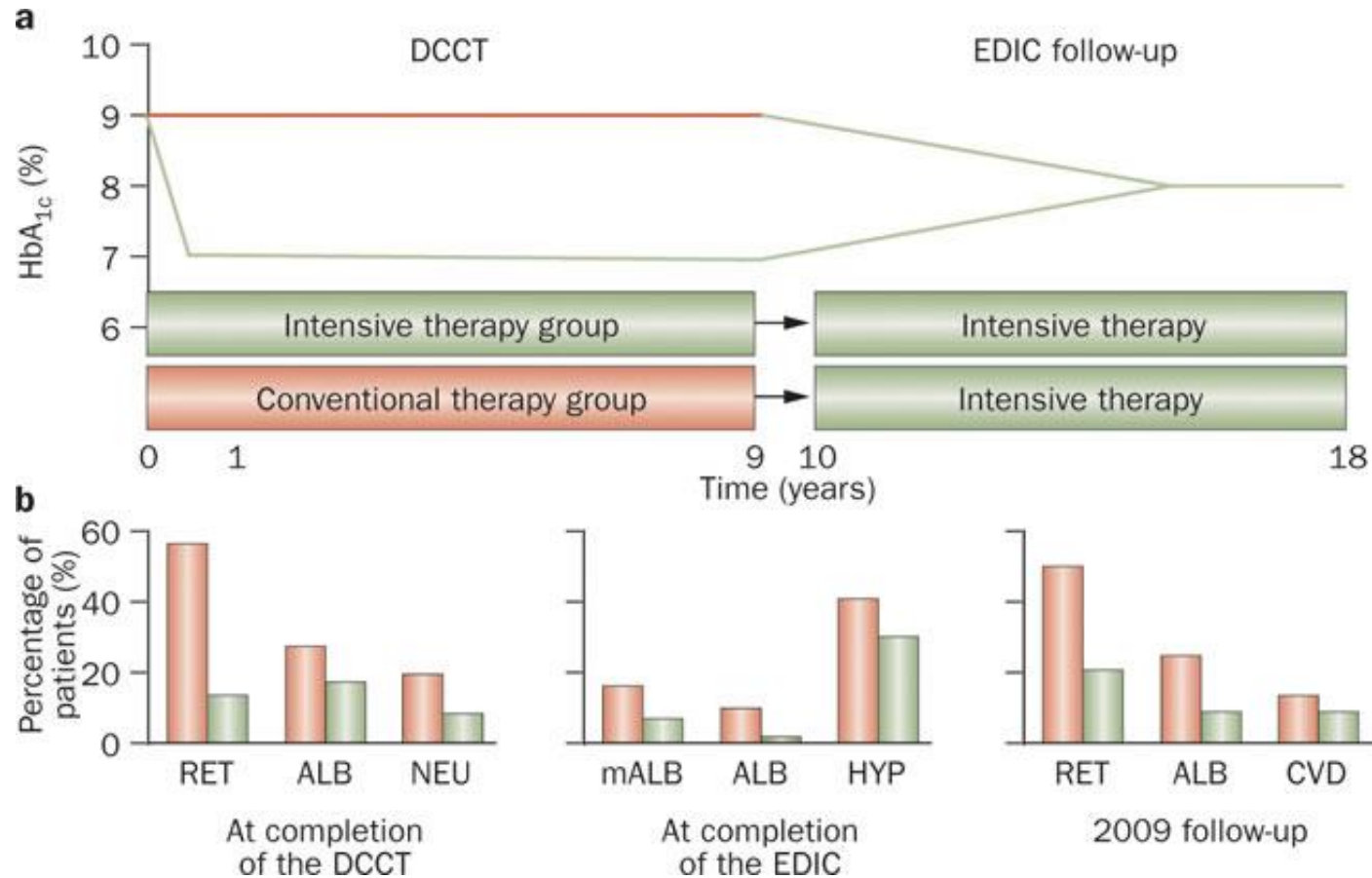
Microvascular complications

37%

Amputations or deaths from peripheral vascular disease

43%

# DCCT-EDIC (T1DM): Complications continue to rise even if glucose control is improved

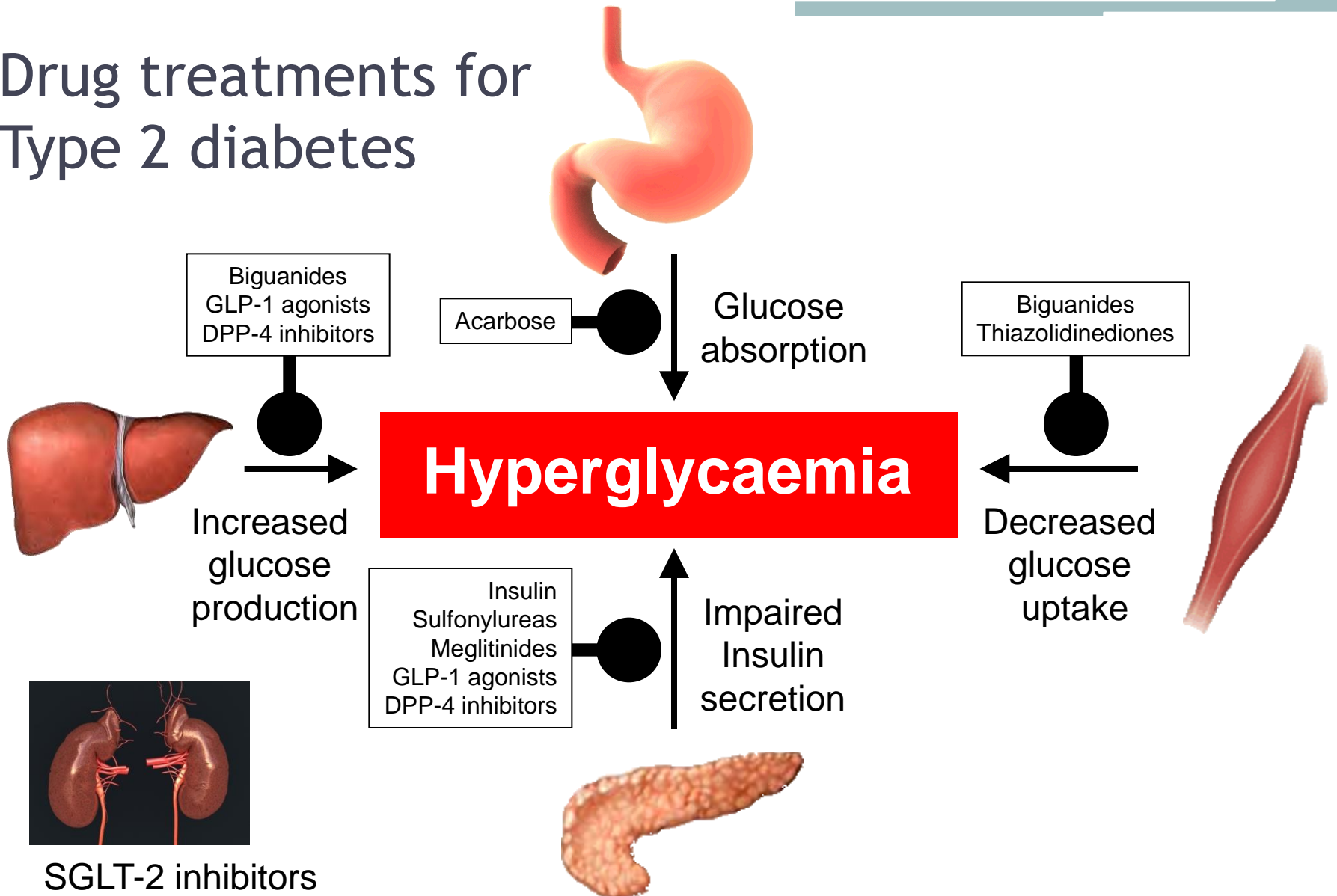


# How do we choose a treatment?

- Follow a guideline?
- Pick a favourite?
- Read all of the evidence?
- Think about cost?
- Listen to the patient?

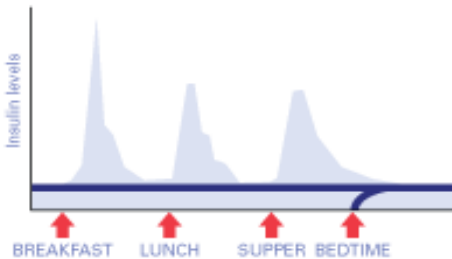


# Drug treatments for Type 2 diabetes



# Drug treatment for Type 1 Diabetes: Insulin

## BASAL (Lantus®) LONG-ACTING INSULIN



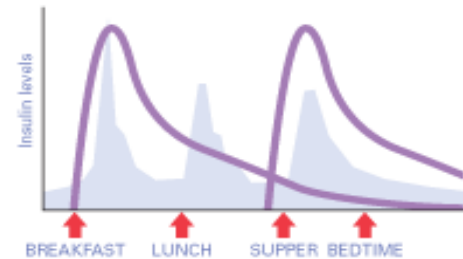
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Duration  
24 hours

## PRANDIAL RAPID-ACTING INSULIN



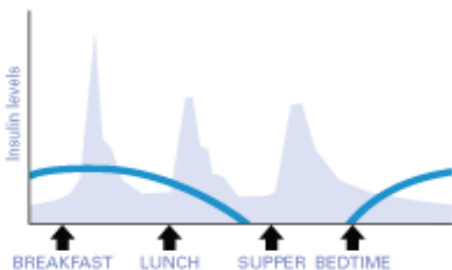
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Duration  
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## PREMIX PREMIXED INSULIN (ANALOG)



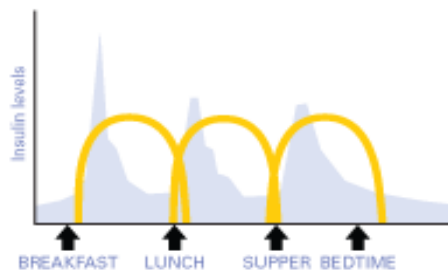
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Duration  
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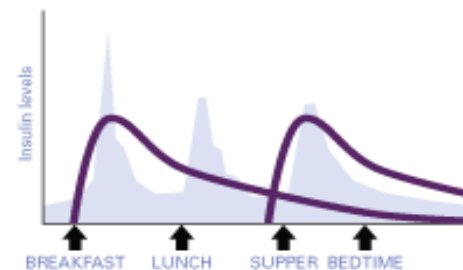
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Duration  
10-16 hours

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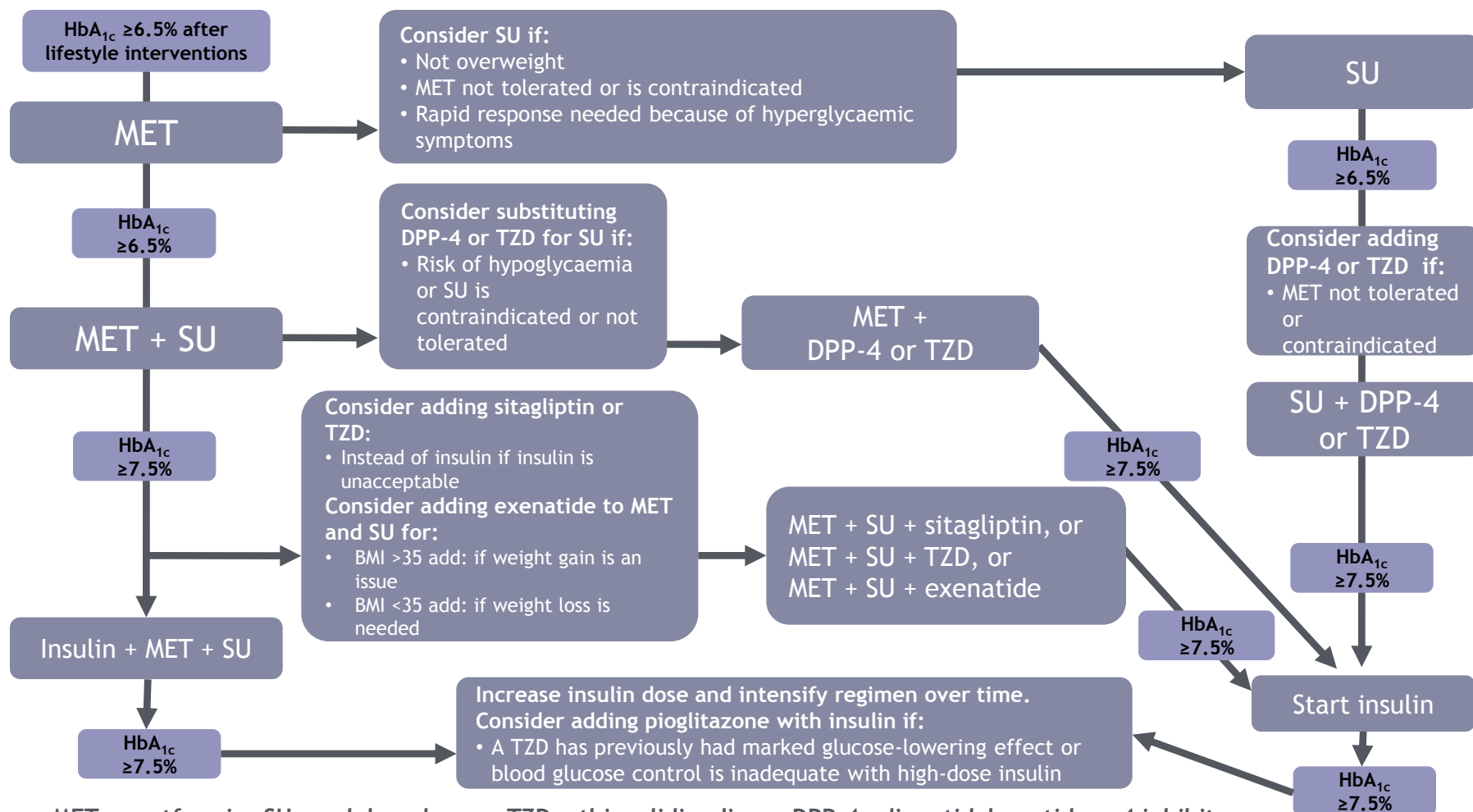
Onset  
30 minutes  
Duration  
Up to 6 hours

## PREMIXED INSULIN (HUMAN)



Onset  
5-15 minutes  
Duration  
10-16 hours

# National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE): T2D treatment algorithm



MET = metformin, SU = sulphonylureas, TZD = thiazolidinedione, DPP-4= dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor

Adapted from: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. Clinical Guideline 87. Type 2 diabetes - newer agents (a partial update of CG66): quick reference guide. Available at: <http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/pdf/CG87ShortGuideline.pdf> (last accessed January 2013).

# National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE): T1D treatment algorithm

- Prescribe the type of insulin that allows optimal well-being
- Use multiple insulin injection regimens in an integrated package with education, food, skills training and appropriate self-monitoring.
- Other options include twice-daily insulin regimens (although newer evidence no longer recommends this)
- Avoid the general use of oral glucose-lowering drugs in people with type 1 diabetes.
- Provide the device that allows optimal well-being

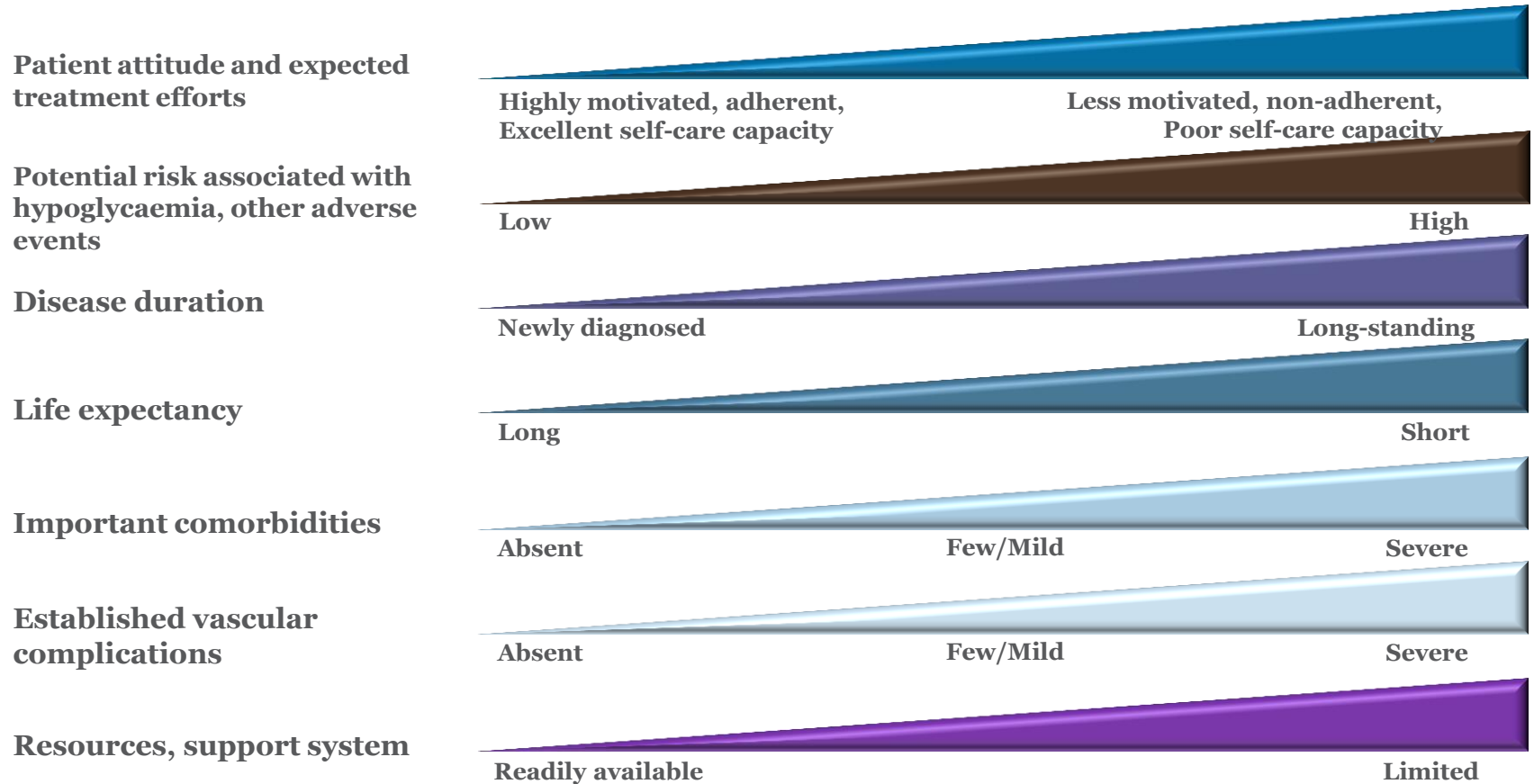
# Follow the guideline - find the treatment?

- Guidelines are published based on ‘averaged’ population data
- Treatments with the best evidence form the backbone of all recommendations
- No consideration given to special populations unless identified during guideline protocol

# The EASD and ADA recommend an individualised approach to manage hyperglycaemia (T2DM)

**More stringent**

**Less stringent**



Adapted from Inzucchi SE, et al. Diabetes Care 2012;35:1364–1379 and Ismail-Beigi F, et al. Ann Intern Med 2011;154:554–9.

Figure depicts elements to consider when making decisions about HbA1c targets for specific patients. The scale is not designed to be applied rigidly but to serve as a broad framework to assist in determining glycaemic targets.

# The ADA / EASD 2012 supports the individualised treatment approach

All treatment decisions should be made in conjunction with the patient

Unless contraindicated, metformin is the optimal 1st-line drug (T2DM)

Glycaemic targets and glucose-lowering therapies must be individualised

After metformin, combination therapy is reasonable, aiming to minimise side effects where possible

Comprehensive cardiovascular (CV) risk reduction must be a major focus of therapy

Consider: age, weight, sex / racial / ethnic / genetic differences and co-morbidities

Diet, exercise and education remain key

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What patient factors  
affect diabetes control?



# Factors affecting Diabetes Control

- Food
- Alcohol
- Exercise
- Travel
- Medication
- Illness
- Complications and co-morbidities
- Menstruation and menopause
- Stress

Some personal stories....

# Travel



**THE DISCREET DIABETIC TRAVELER**

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## Preparation is KEY!

Consider:

- Food (and alcohol)
- Activity
- Temperature
- Medication
- Current control
- Ability to adjust treatment?



# Food

Carb counting

Portion size

Fat content

Reference points

Blood glucose monitoring

Lactose / gluten intolerance

Individual reaction

# Alcohol

Effect on blood glucose

Effect on liver

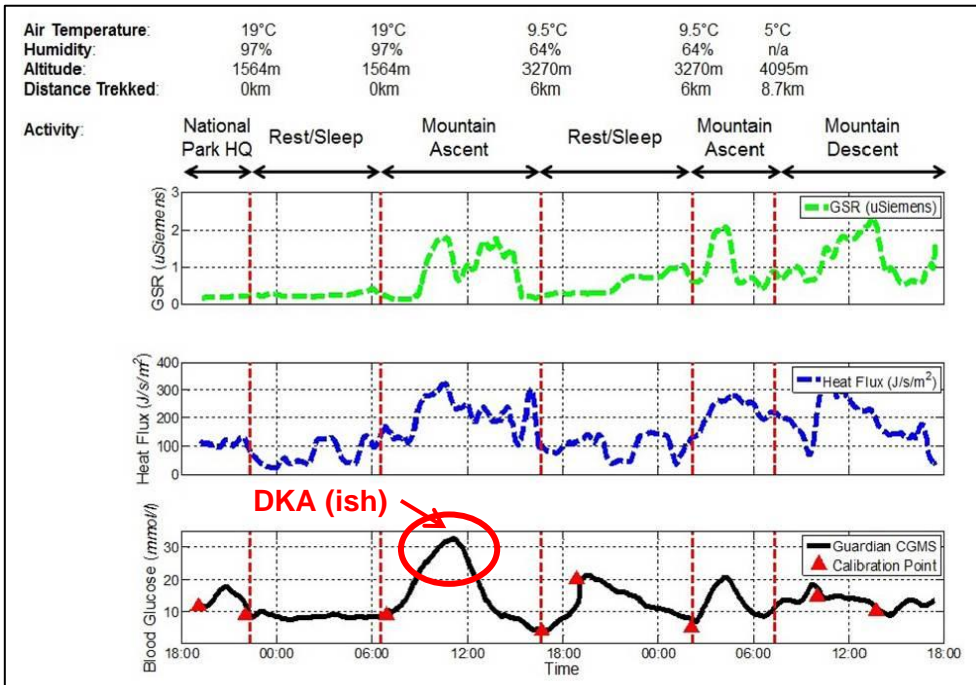
Calories

Delayed hypoglycaemia

# Exercise

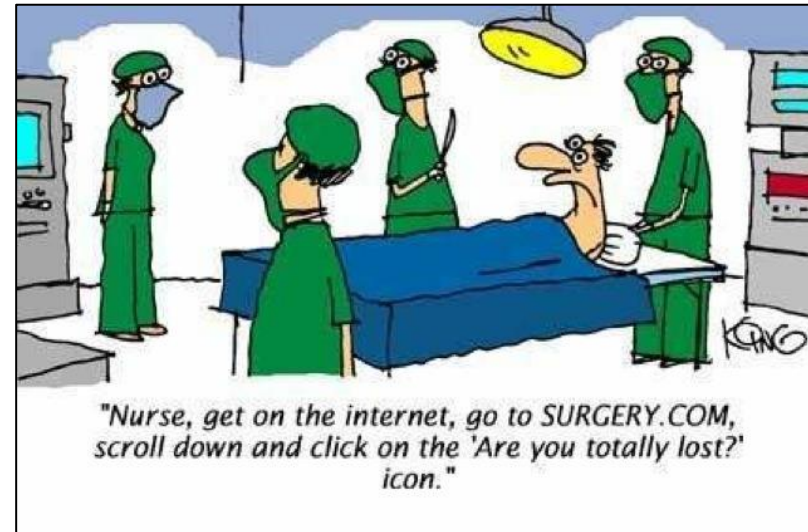
Type of exercise  
Timing of exercise  
Food  
Delayed effects

# Illness



## Sick Day Rules:

- Continue to give insulin
- Maintain high fluid levels
- Monitor blood glucose
- Test for ketones
- Stop metformin, continue other meds



## Admission for surgery:

- Lack of understanding
- Starvation Period
- 'Forced' to eat

# Hypoglycaemia

Symptoms of hypos  
Timing of hypos  
Hypo awareness  
Fear of hypos  
Driving



Rule of thirds:

- $>3.0$  mmol/l – 1/3 bottle of 380ml Lucozade
- $2.0-2.0$  mmol/l – 2/3 bottle of 380ml Lucozade
- $<2.0$  mmol/l – whole bottle of 380ml Lucozade

Or a glass of juice, 6 jelly beans or 3-5 dextrose tablets

T2DM on tablets: Treat the same **HOWEVER** high risk of prolonged hypos



# Hypoglycaemia risk with T2D treatments

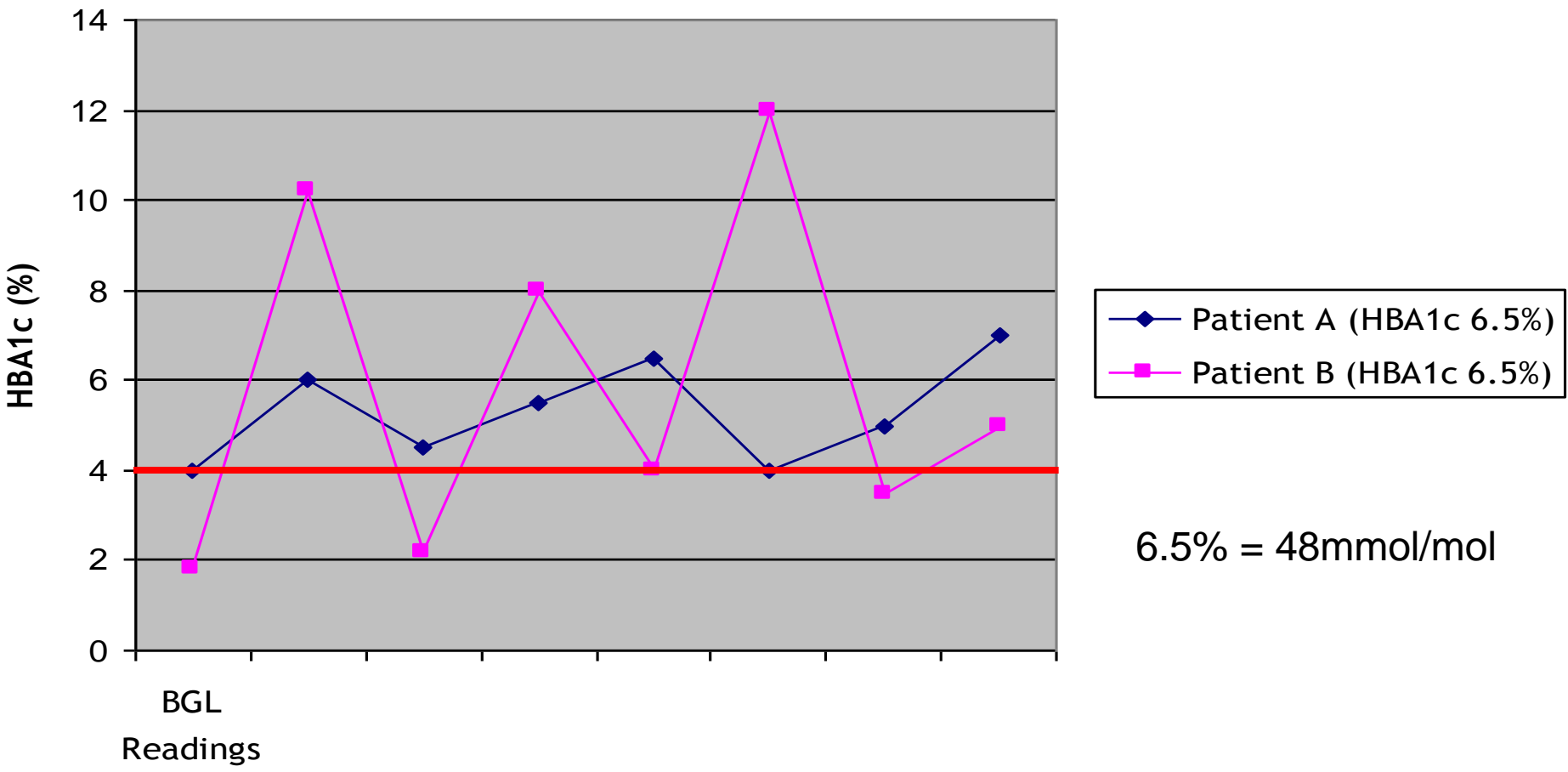
Drug/class	Main effects	Hypoglycaemia risk
Metformin	Decreases hepatic glucose output	Low
$\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitor	Reduces rate of polysaccharide digestion in the proximal small intestine	Low
Meglitinides	Stimulates insulin secretion	Moderate
Sulphonylurea	Enhances insulin secretion	High
Thiazolidinedione	Increases sensitivity of muscles, fat, and liver to endogenous and exogenous insulin	Low
GLP-1 agonist	Potentiates glucose-stimulated insulin secretion	Low
DPP-4 inhibitor	Enhances effects of GLP-1 and GIP; increases glucose-mediated insulin secretion and suppressed glucagon secretion	Low
SGLT-2 antagonist	Reduces renal glucose reabsorption	Low
Insulin	Insulin replacement	High

\*May be less frequent with nateglinide; GIP, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide.

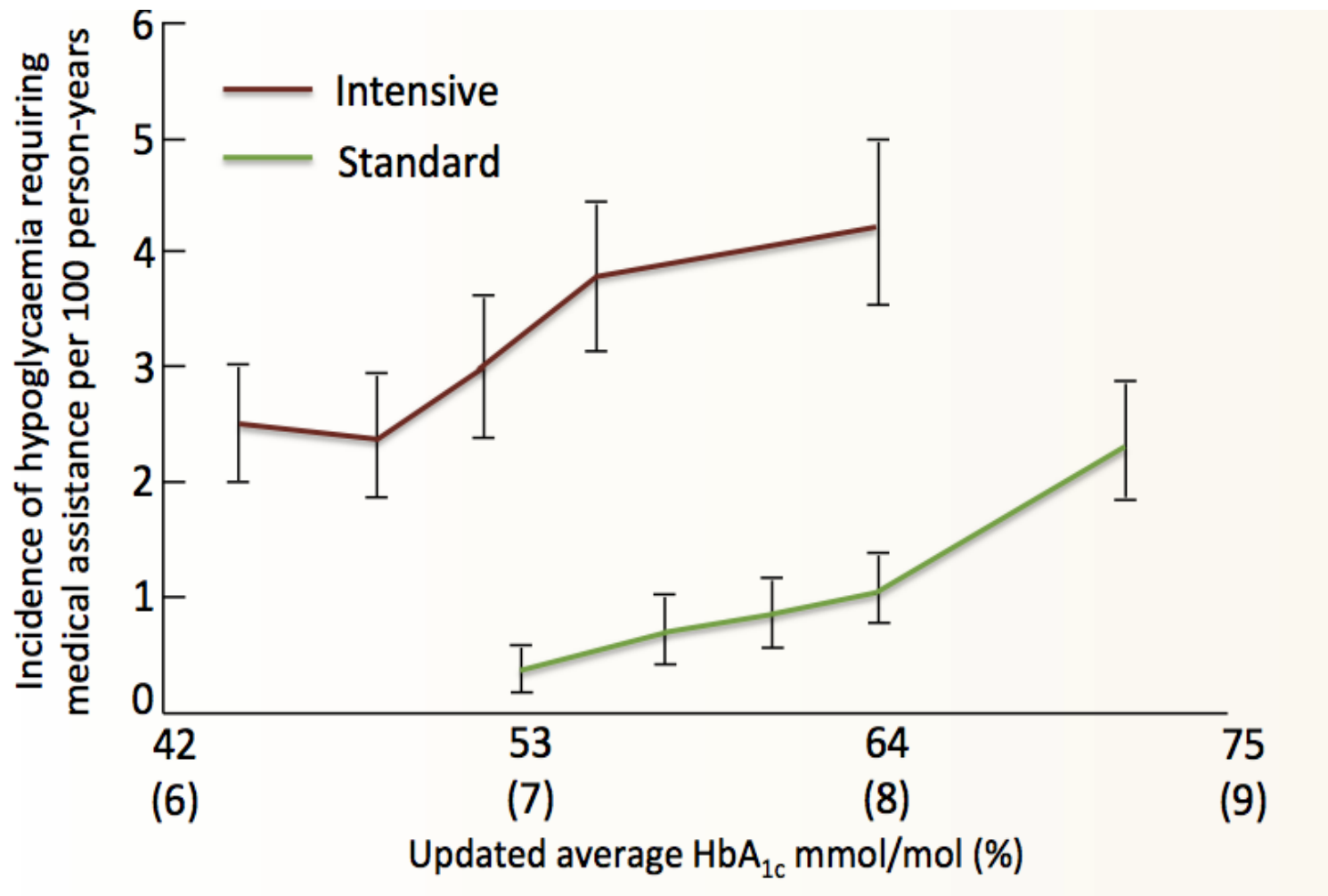
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# A Graph to show HBA1c in relation to Blood glucose level readings

BGL readings vs HBA1c example



# Lower HbA<sub>1c</sub> does NOT predict hypoglycaemia risk in T2DM

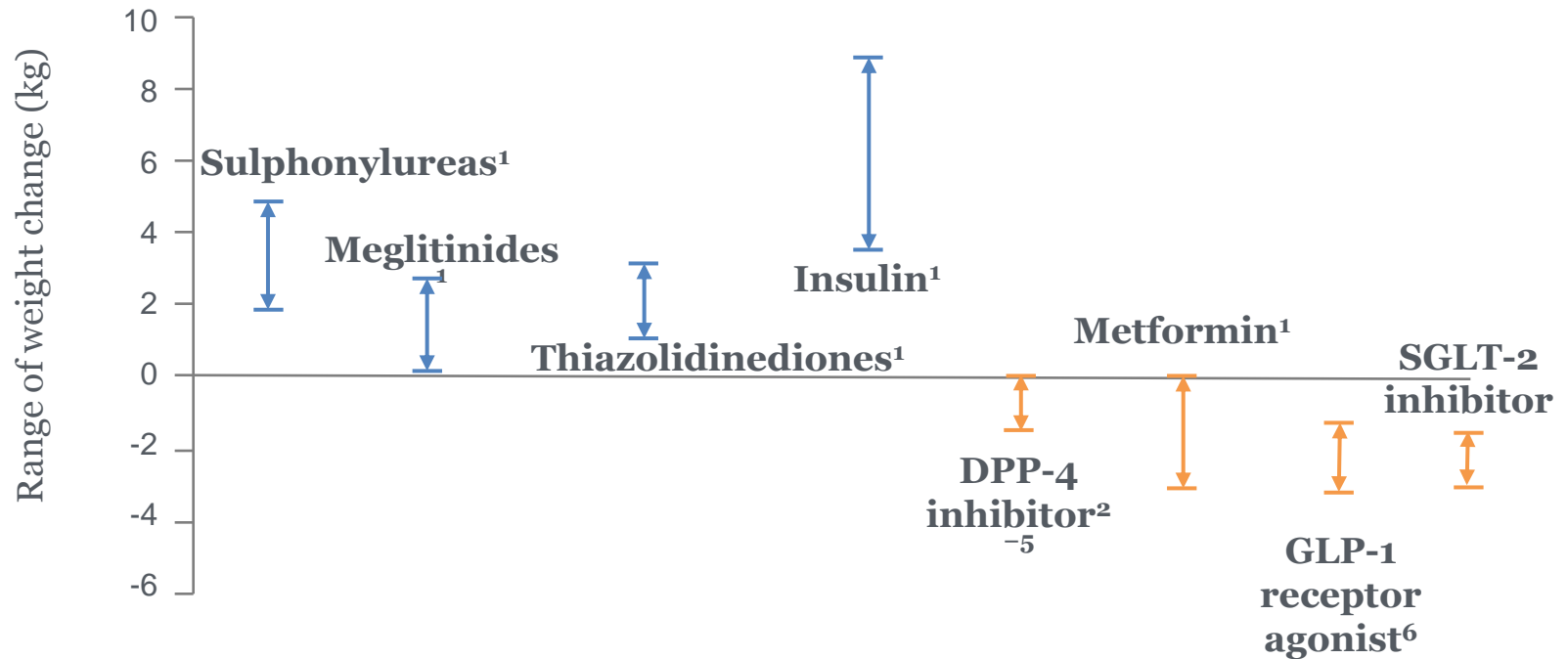


# Co-morbidities and Concurrent Disease

- CV risk (weight, BP, lipids)
- Nephropathy
- Retinopathy
- Neuropathy
  
- Infection
- Steroids

# Glucose-lowering medications and weight profile

Range of weight change (in kg) in response to diabetes medications



Weight change (Kg): -1.39 (linagliptin vs glimepiride)<sup>2</sup>, -0.6 (sitagliptin vs glipizide)<sup>3</sup>, -1.5 (sitagliptin vs glipizide)<sup>3</sup>, -0.3 (vildagliptin vs rosiglitazone)<sup>4</sup>, -0.2 (vildagliptin vs glimepiride), +0.1 (vildagliptin vs gliclazide)<sup>4</sup>, -1.1 (saxagliptin vs glipizide)<sup>5</sup>, -1.0 to -2.8 (liraglutide in combination with metformin, metformin + glimepiride and metformin + rosiglitazone).<sup>6</sup>

Reproduced from 1. Mitri J, Hamdy O. *Expert Opin Drug Saf* 2009; 8:573–8; 2. Boehringer Ingelheim and Eli Lilly and Company Limited. Trajenta (linagliptin) Summary of Product Characteristics. <http://www.medicines.org.uk/EMC/medicine/25000/SPC/> Oct 2012 (accessed January 2013); 3. MSD Januvia (sitagliptin) Summary of Product Characteristics <http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/19609/SPC/> Mar 2012 (accessed January 2013); 4. Novartis Galvus (vildagliptin) Summary of Product Characteristics <http://www.medicines.org.uk/EMC/medicine/20734/SPC/Galvus+50+mg+Tablets/> Oct 2012 (accessed January 2013); 5. AstraZeneca Onglyza (saxagliptin) Summary of Product Characteristics. <http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/22315/SPC/> Jan 2012 (accessed January 2013); 6. Novo Nordisk Limited. Victoza (liraglutide) Summary of Product Characteristics. <http://www.medicines.org.uk/EMC/medicine/21986/SPC/Victoza+6+mg+ml+solution+for+injection+in+pre-filled+pen/> July 2012 (accessed January 2013).

# Weighing the balance: Treatment options in T2D\*

Drug/Class	Effect on			Adverse effects <sup>4*</sup>
	Weight <sup>1,2</sup>	Lipids <sup>1,2</sup>	Blood pressure <sup>1-3</sup>	
<b>Metformin</b>	Neutral or slightly decreased	Improved	Neutral	Anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, taste disturbance
<b>Acarbose</b>	Suggested decrease	Poorly quantified	Poorly quantified	Flatulence, soft stools, diarrhoea, abdominal distention, pain
<b>Meglitinides</b>	Neutral (poorly quantified)	Poorly quantified	Poorly quantified	Hypoglycaemia, hypersensitivity reactions, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, constipation, nausea, vomiting
<b>Sulphonylureas</b>	Increased	Small improvements, mainly in TG	Poorly quantified	Increased hypoglycaemia risk; gastrointestinal disturbances; hyponatraemia (glimepiride and glipizide)
<b>Pioglitazone</b>	Increased	Improved HDL and TG	Small improvements	Gastrointestinal disturbances, oedema, anaemia, headache, visual disturbances, dizziness, arthralgia, hypoaesthesia, haematuria, impotence
<b>GLP-1 receptor agonists</b>	Decreased	Improved	Lowers systolic pressure	Gastrointestinal disturbances; GORD, weight loss, headache, dizziness, agitation, asthenia, hypoglycaemia, increased sweating, injection-site reactions
<b>DPP-4 inhibitors</b>	Neutral	Poorly quantified	Small improvements in non-diabetics	Vomiting, dyspepsia, gastritis; peripheral oedema; headache, tremor, dizziness, fatigue; upper respiratory tract infection, UTI; hypoglycaemia, myalgia (saxagliptin)
<b>SGLT-2 inhibitors</b>	Decreased	Improved	Small improvements	Constipation, thirst, nausea, dyslipidaemia, UTI, genital infection, polyuria, raised haematocrit; postural hypotension, dizziness, dehydration, hypovolaemia, rash
<b>Insulin</b>	Increased	Improved	Neutral	Transient oedema; local reactions and fat hypertrophy at injection site

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# Overview of cautions and contraindications related to renal function for commonly prescribed<sup>a</sup> oral antidiabetic therapies

	Metformin	SU	Meglitinides	Acarbose	Pioglitazone	DPP4-inhibitors	GLP-1 agonists	SGLT-2 antagonists
<b>Mild renal impairment</b>	●	Gliclazide ●	Nateglinide ●	●	●	Sitagliptin ●	Exenatide ●	Dapagliflozin ●
		Glimepiride ●				Vildagliptin ●	Liraglutide ●	
		Glipizide ●	Repaglinide ●			Saxagliptin ●	Lixisenatide ●	Canagliflozin ●
		Tolbutamide ●				Linagliptin ●		
<b>Moderate renal impairment</b>	●	Gliclazide ●	Nateglinide ●	●	●	Sitagliptin ●	Exenatide ●	Dapagliflozin ●
		Glimepiride ●				Vildagliptin ●	Liraglutide ●	
		Glipizide ●	Repaglinide ●			Saxagliptin ●	Lixisenatide ●	Canagliflozin ●
		Tolbutamide ●				Linagliptin ●		
<b>Severe renal impairment</b>	●	Gliclazide ●	Nateglinide ●	●	●	Sitagliptin ●	Exenatide ●	Dapagliflozin ●
		Glimepiride ●				Vildagliptin ●	Liraglutide ●	
		Glipizide ●	Repaglinide ●			Saxagliptin ●	Lixisenatide ●	Canagliflozin ●
		Tolbutamide ●				Linagliptin ●		
<b>End-stage renal impairment</b>	●	Gliclazide ●	Nateglinide ●	●	●	Sitagliptin ●	Exenatide ●	Dapagliflozin ●
		Glimepiride ●				Vildagliptin ●	Liraglutide ●	
		Glipizide ●	Repaglinide ●			Saxagliptin ●	Lixisenatide ●	Canagliflozin ●
		Tolbutamide ●				Linagliptin ●		



Contraindicated/not recommended



Dose adjustment/caution required



No dose adjustment required

<sup>a</sup>As described in the British National Formulary.

SPCS all available at: [www.medicines.org.uk](http://www.medicines.org.uk) (last accessed

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No SPC available for glibenclamide

# What is cost effective?

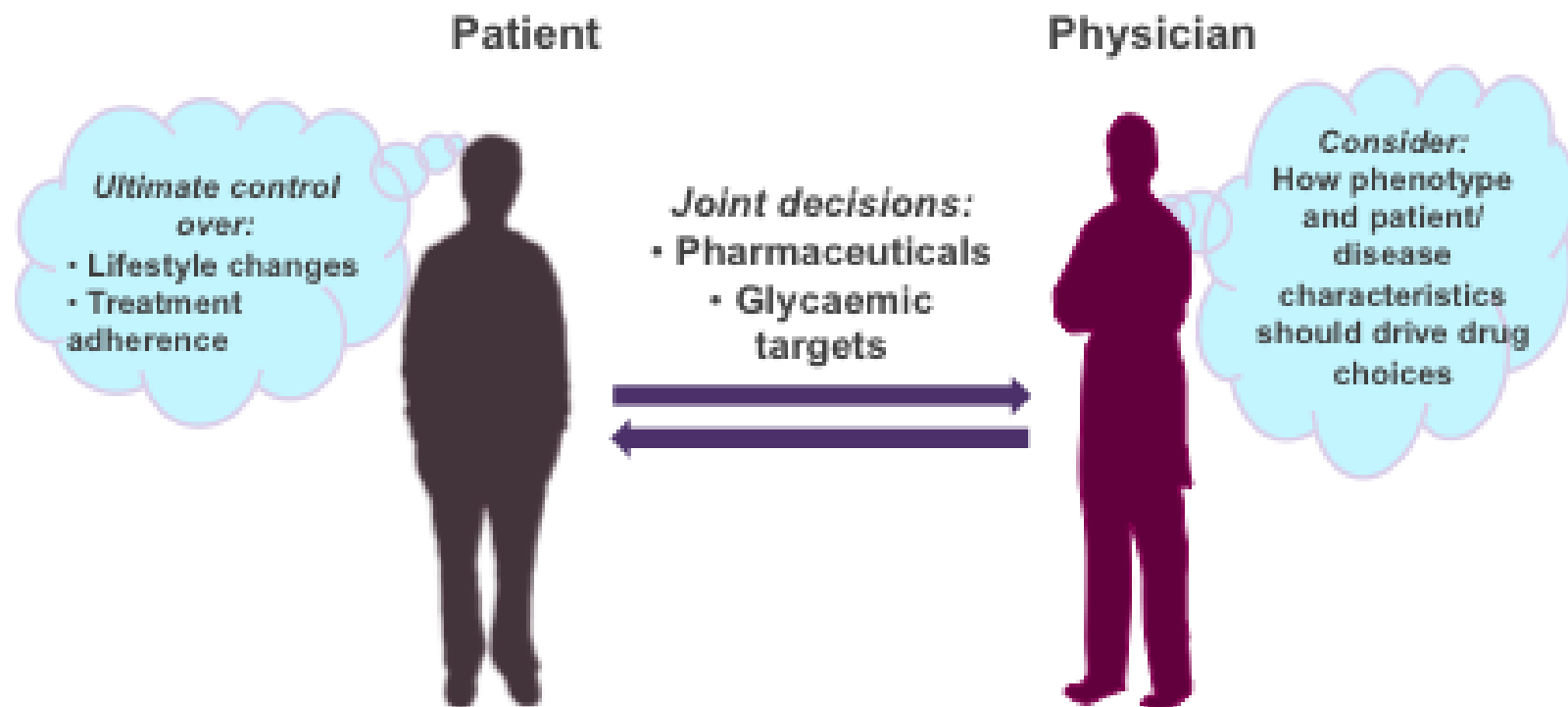
- If treatment is not having a benefit to HbA1c or weight loss – combination or monotherapy is expensive
- There needs to be adequate mechanisms by which prescribers take the responsibility of stopping oral medication with no benefit
- This will mean more money to enable early treatment of more patients to prevent weight gain / keep HbA1c lower.



# Setting the scene for a consultation

- What is their agenda?
- How well is their diabetes currently controlled?
- Are they taking their medicines?
- What will their diabetes “journey” look like?

# Patient-HCP interactions are key to individualising care

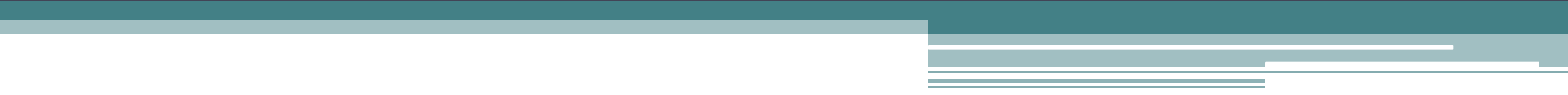


**There is good evidence that sharing decision-making between HCPs and patients is effective and may enhance adherence to therapy**

# Summary

- Therapy targeting must be individualised for those with co-morbidity / complications
- Consultation and agreed goals are key to effective individualised targets
- Structured consideration of patient agenda can assist in the process
- Treatment type as well as target must be individualised and regularly reviewed

Thank you  
Any Questions??

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# Biguanides



- Metformin (Glucophage)
- Decreases gluconeogenesis and increases peripheral utilisation of glucose
- Acts only in the presence of insulin
- Does not cause hypoglycaemia or weight gain
- Side-effects: most commonly GI effects such as diarrhoea & abdominal pain
  - incidence minimised by starting with a low dose (500mg od), taking with food and titrating slowly
  - modified-release preparation may help

# Lactic acidosis with metformin

- A rare, but potentially fatal, side-effect of metformin
- Occurs because metformin reduces hepatic uptake of lactate
- Risk reduced by avoiding metformin use in patients with:
  - renal impairment ( $\text{Cr} > 150\mu\text{mol/L}$  or  $\text{eGFR} < 60\text{mL/min/1.72m}^2$ )
  - a risk of tissue hypoxia (sepsis, severe heart failure or significant hepatic impairment)
  - patients receiving iodinated contrast (as this can reduce renal function)

# Sulfonylureas



- Tolbutamide, gliclazide (Diamicron), glipizide, glimepiride (Amaryl)
- Stimulate insulin release by the beta cells of the pancreas
  - require functioning beta cells to work
  - “insulin secretagogues”
- Need to be taken with meals to prevent hypoglycaemia
- Risk of accumulation and hypo’s in renal impairment

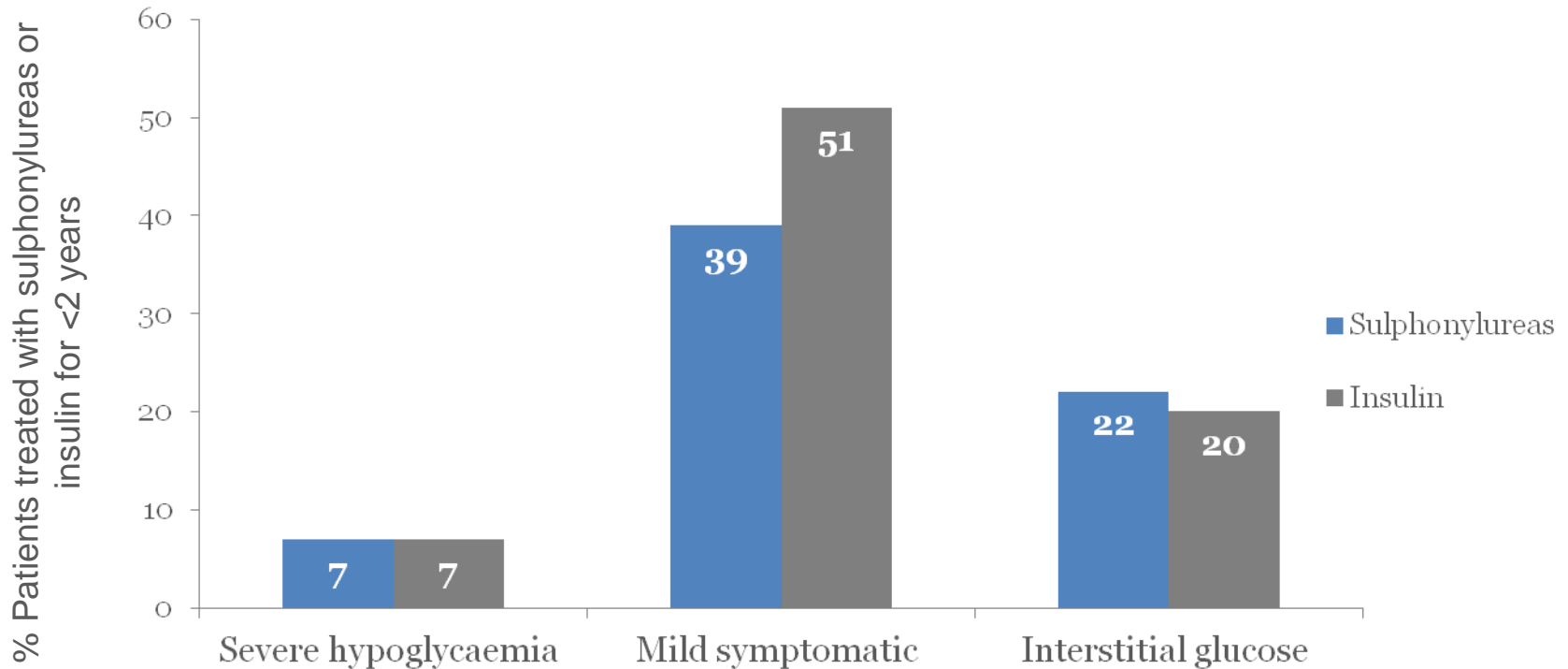
# Meglitinides



- Repaglinide & nateglinide
- Stimulate insulin secretion but only in the presence of food
- Rapid onset and short duration of action
  - more physiological insulin release than SUs
- Lower risk of hypoglycaemia compared to sulfonylureas

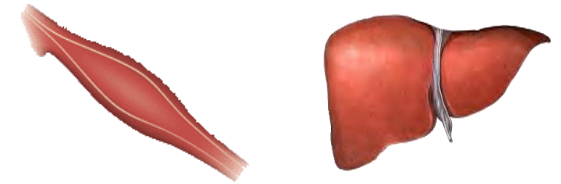


# Hypoglycaemia in T2D: Sulphonylureas vs Insulin



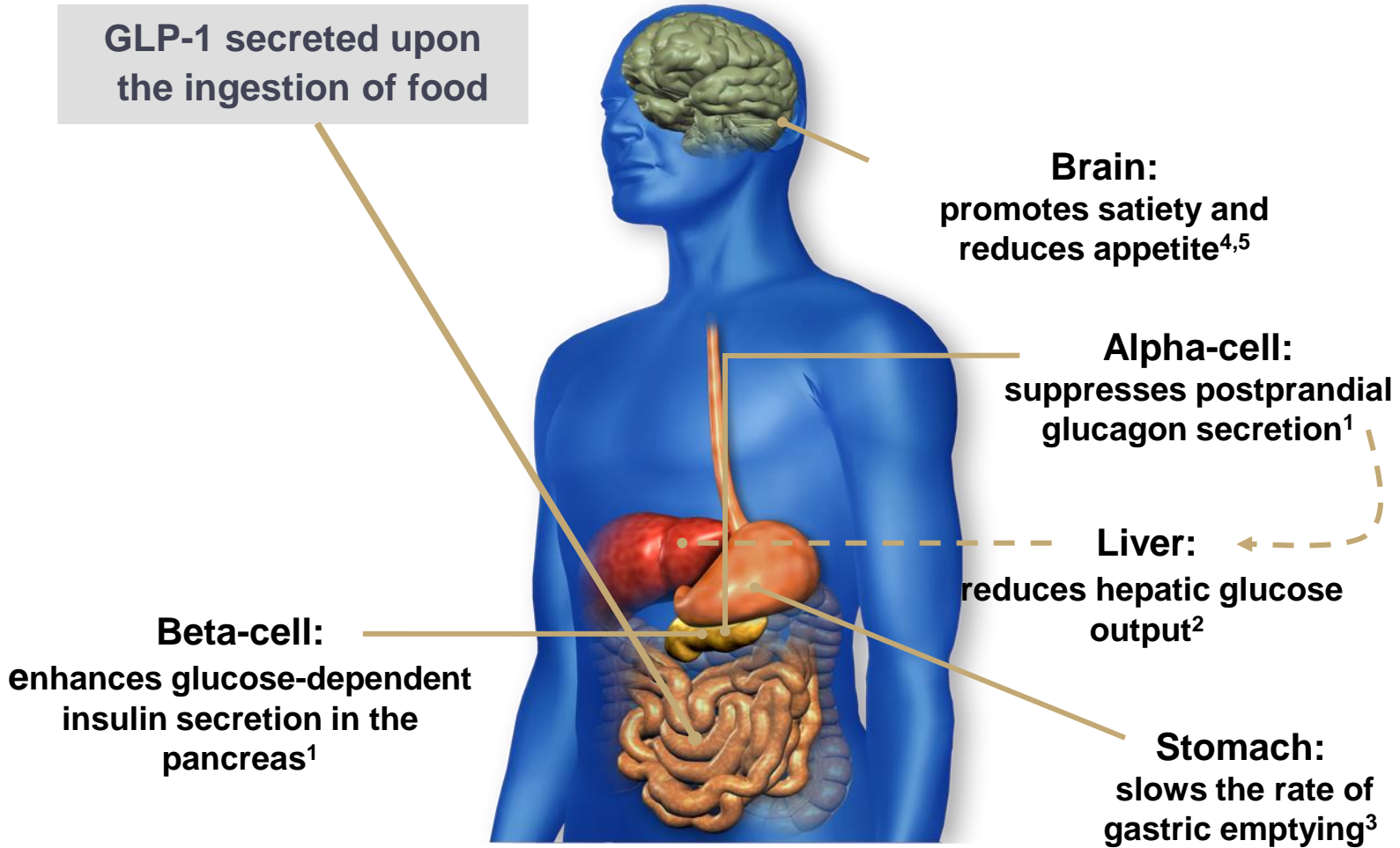
**No annual differences were observed between the two groups**

# Thiazolidinediones



- Pioglitazone (Actos)
- Enhance tissue sensitivity to insulin
- Contraindications/ adverse effects:
  - heart failure
  - hepatic impairment
  - bladder cancer
  - osteoporosis

# GLP-1 effects



# Incretin-based therapies

## DPP-4 inhibitors

Protect native GLP-1 from inactivation by DPP-4

Sitagliptin  
Vildagliptin  
Saxagliptin  
Linagliptin

## GLP-1 receptor agonists

Mimic native GLP-1

Exenatide  
(Exendin-based therapy)  
BD – 'Byetta'  
OW – 'Bydureon'

Lixisenatide

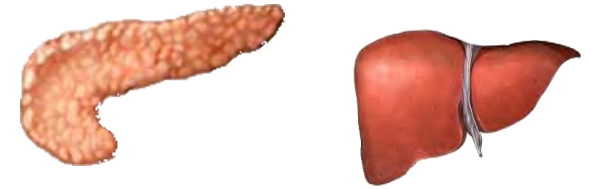
Liraglutide  
(Human GLP-1 analogue)

# GLP-1 analogues



- Exenatide (Byetta) & liraglutide (Victoza) & lixisenatide (Lyxumia)
- These are given by subcutaneous injection but are NOT insulins
- Resistant to DPP-4 inactivation
- Most common side-effect is nausea
  - tolerability improved by starting at low doses and gradually titrating
- Rare reports of pancreatitis, excludes further use
  - persistent, severe abdominal pain
- Low risk of hypoglycaemia except in combination with sulfonylureas
- Benefit of weight loss

# DPP-4 inhibitors



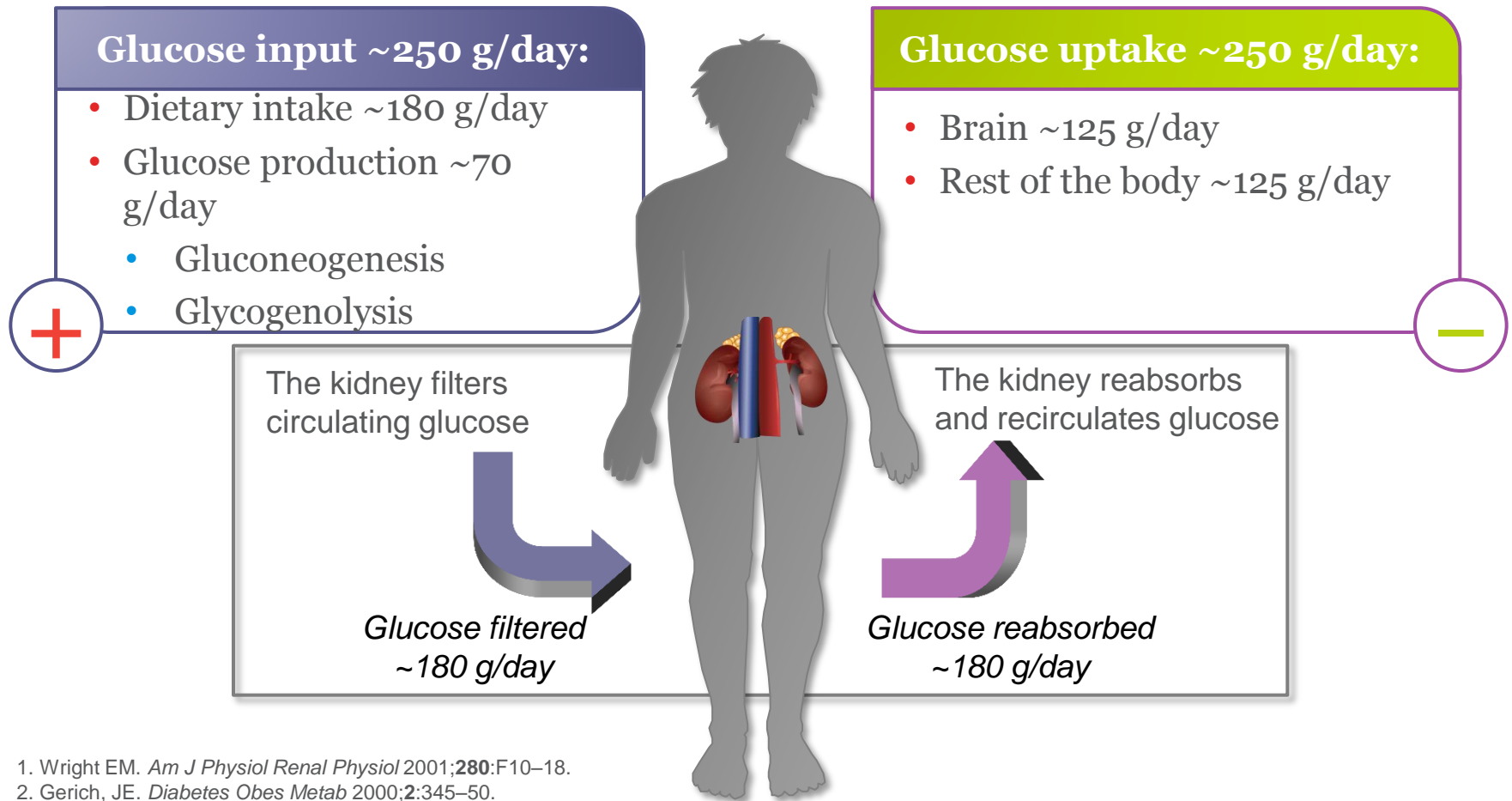
- Sitagliptin, vildagliptin, saxagliptin, linagliptin
- Prevent the breakdown of endogenous GLP-1
- Weight neutral
- Low risk for causing hypoglycaemia

# Dangerous??

- Dispatches / BMJ
- Recent meta-analysis showed DPP-4's  
48% reduction in CV events (Patil Am J Cardiol 2012 )
- Think about the patient and concomitant conditions.

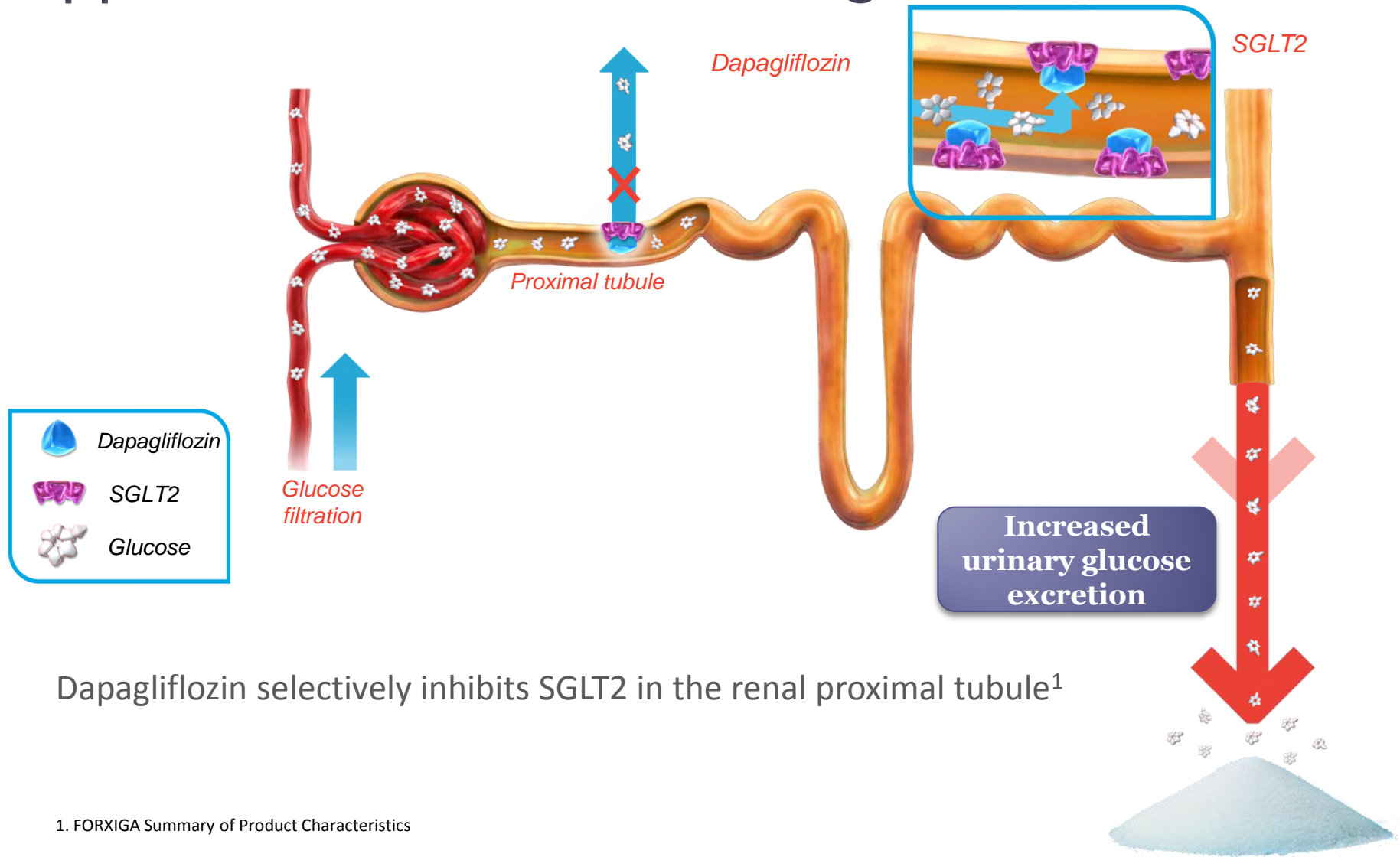
# SGLT2 inhibitors - Dapagliflozin/Canagliflozin

Glucose Homeostasis: Net balance ~0 g/day





# Dapagliflozin: A novel insulin-independent approach to remove excess glucose



Dapagliflozin selectively inhibits SGLT2 in the renal proximal tubule<sup>1</sup>

# Insulin

- Removes glucose from circulation
- Helps tissue (muscles) to uptake glucose
- Promotes glucose to be stored as glycogen
- Helps body to make fat and protein