

# Update on Incretin-Based Therapy

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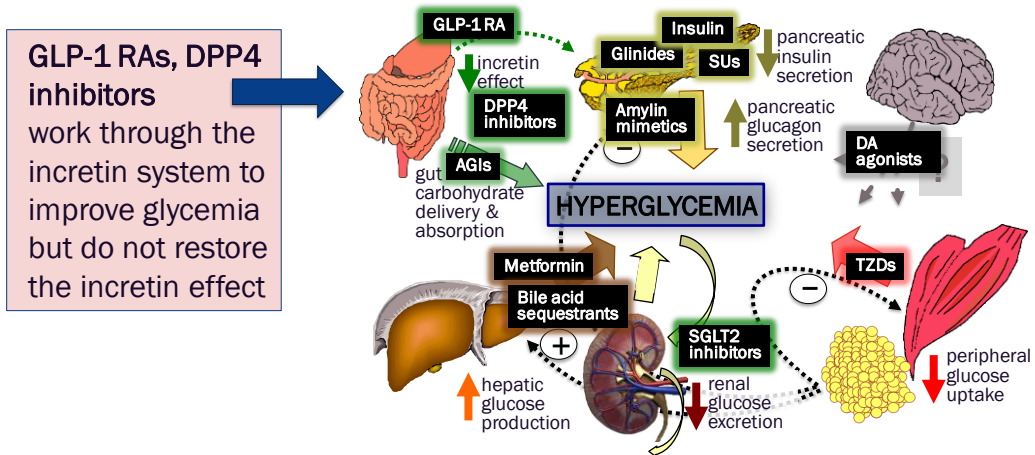
## Overview



- Incretin physiology
- Incretin-based therapy in type 2 diabetes
  - Metabolic control
  - Cardiorenal risk reduction
- GLP-1RA therapy in obesity
- Dual agonist therapy (tirzepatide)
- On the horizon

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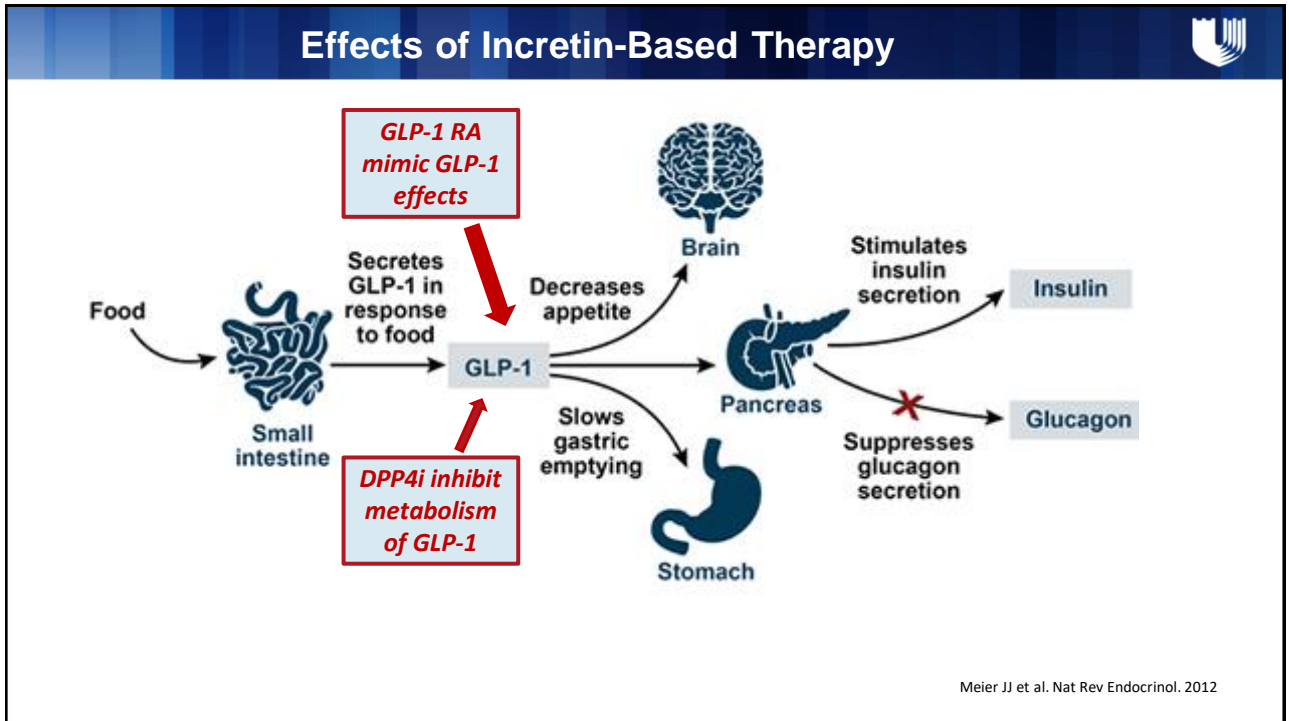
## Complex Pathophysiology of Hyperglycemia in T2DM



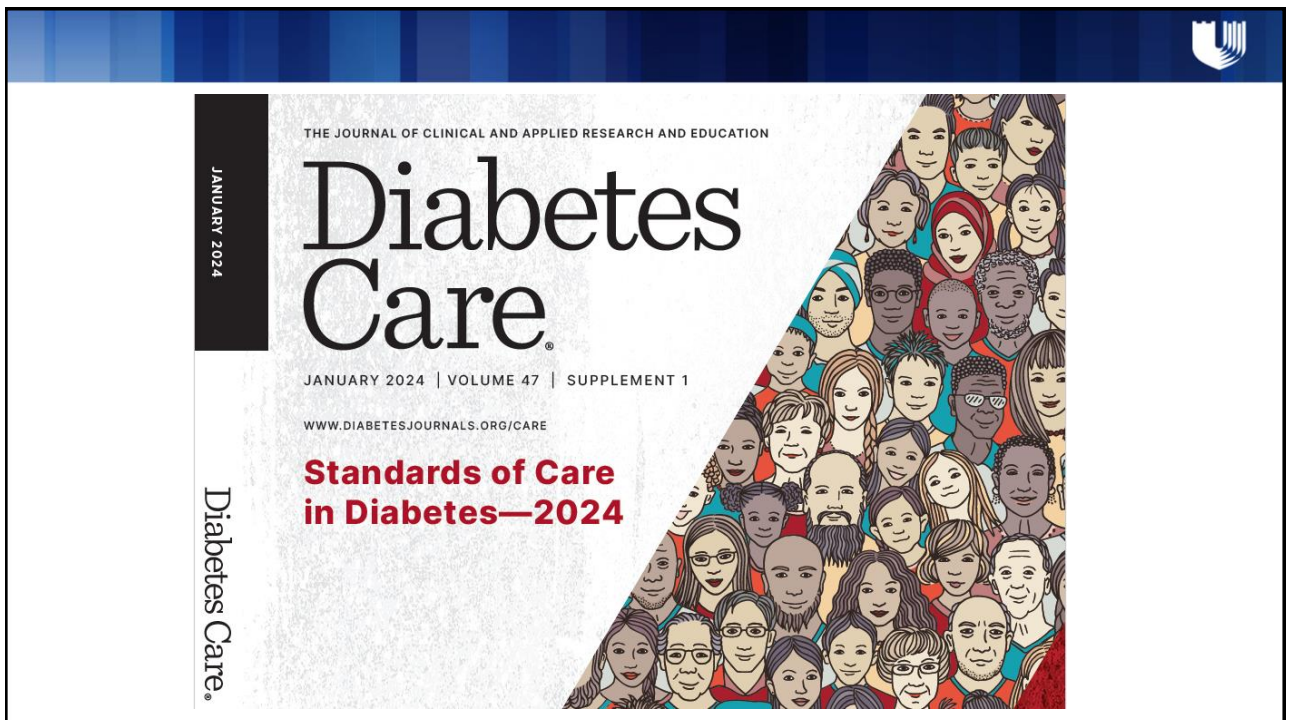
T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus; GLP-1 RA = glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; DPP2 = dipeptidyl-peptidase 4; AGI = alpha-glucosidase inhibitors; SU = sulfonylurea; DA = dopamine; TZD = thiazolidinediones; SGLT2 = sodium-glucose cotransporter-2

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HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIOURS; DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES); SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)



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Goal: Cardiovascular Risk Reduction in High-Risk Patients with Type 2 Diabetes (in addition to comprehensive CV risk management)\*

Goal: Achievement and Maintenance of Glycaemic and Weight Management Goals

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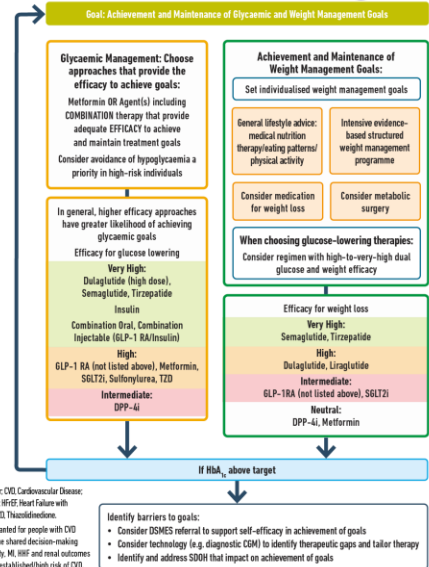
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# Metabolic Control



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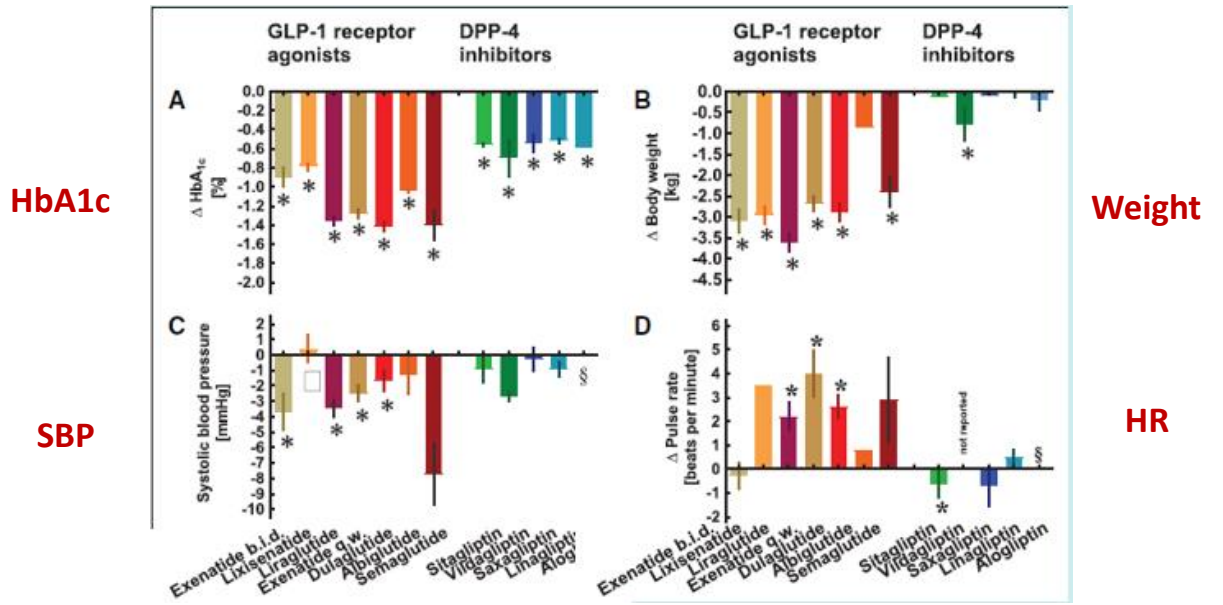
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## Effects of Treatment with GLP-1 RA and DPP-4 Inhibitors



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Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Treatment – ADA SOC



**Pharmacologic Therapy for Adults With Type 2 Diabetes**

- In adults with type 2 diabetes, a **GLP-1RA, including a dual GIP and GLP-1RA, is preferred to insulin. A**
- **If insulin is used, combination therapy with a GLP-1RA or dual GIP and GLP-1RA is recommended** for greater glycemic effectiveness, and weight and hypoglycemia benefit. **A**

[https://diabetesjournals.org/care/issue/47/Supplement\\_1](https://diabetesjournals.org/care/issue/47/Supplement_1)

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**Available Long-acting GLP-1 and Dual Receptor Agonists for T2DM**

|                                 | Once daily   |  | Once weekly  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                                 | Liraglutide (Victoza)  | Semaglutide (Rybelsus)   | Exenatide ER (Bydureon and Bydureon BCise)   | Dulaglutide (Trulicity)  | Semaglutide (Ozempic)                                    | Tirzepatide (Mounjaro)<br>Dual agonist         |
| <b>Admin.</b>                   | Injectable   | Oral   | Injectable   | Injectable   | Injectable   | Injectable                                     |
| <b>Receptor Agonist</b>         | GLP-1  | GLP-1  | GLP-1  | GLP-1  | GLP-1  | GLP-1/GIP                                      |
| <b>Common Adverse Reactions</b> | Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, decreased appetite, constipation | Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, decreased appetite, constipation | Bydureon: nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, headache, constipation, injection-site pruritus or nodule, dyspepsia<br>Bydureon BCise: injection site nodules, nausea | Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, decreased appetite | Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, constipation | Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite |

GIP, gastric inhibitory peptide.

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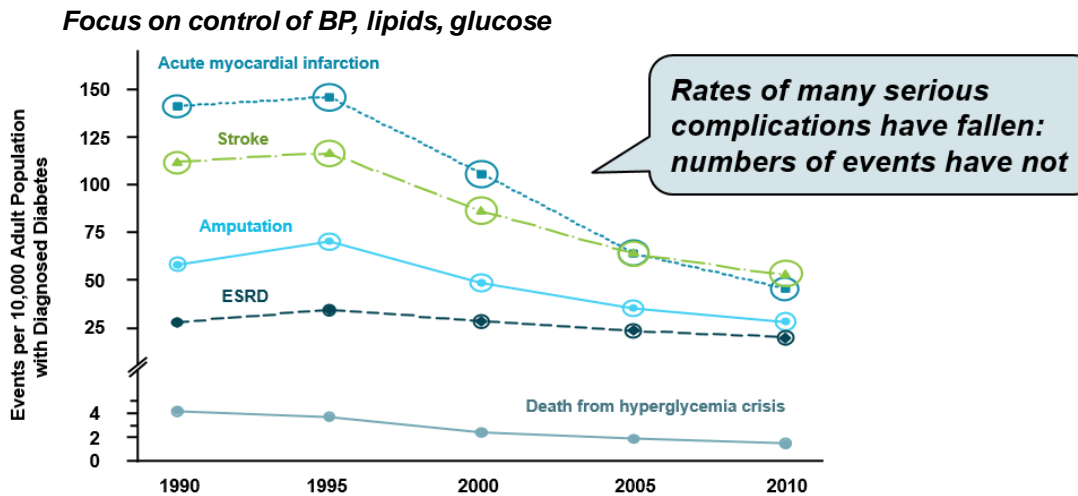




## Incretin-Based Therapy and Cardiorenal Risk Reduction in Type 2 Diabetes

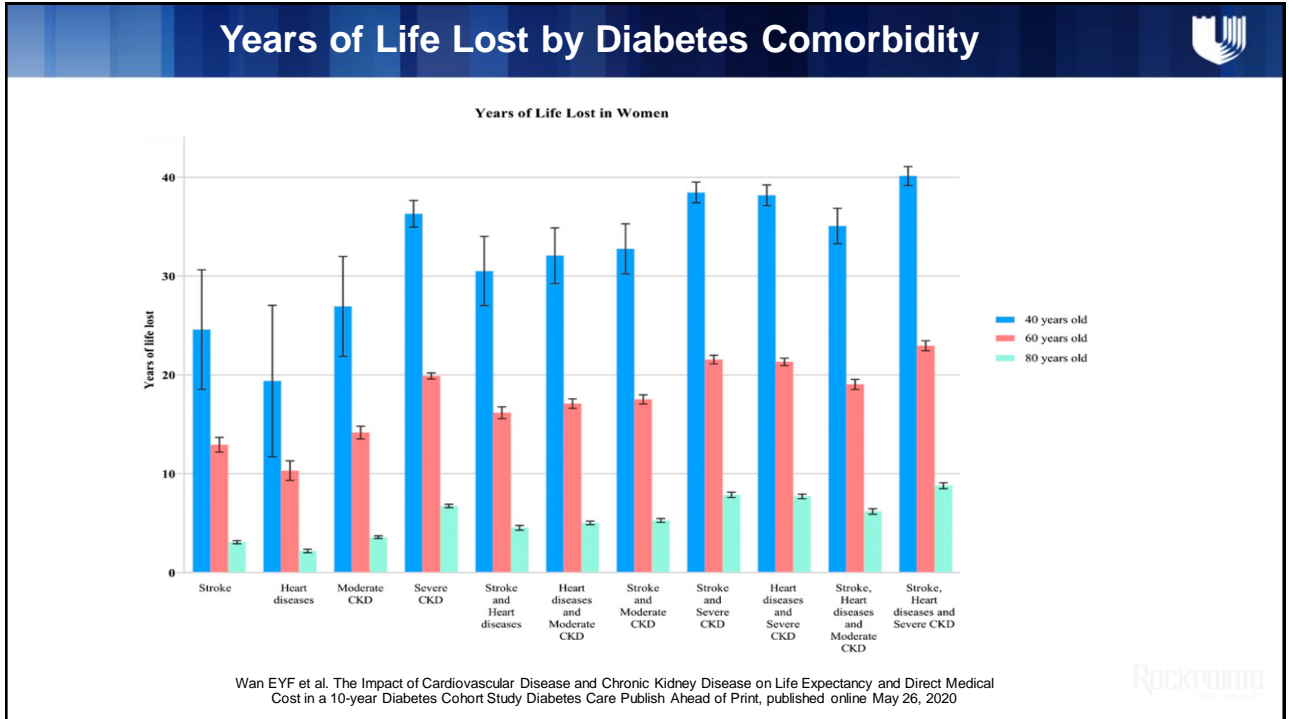
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### Impact of Traditional Risk Reduction Strategies in Diabetes

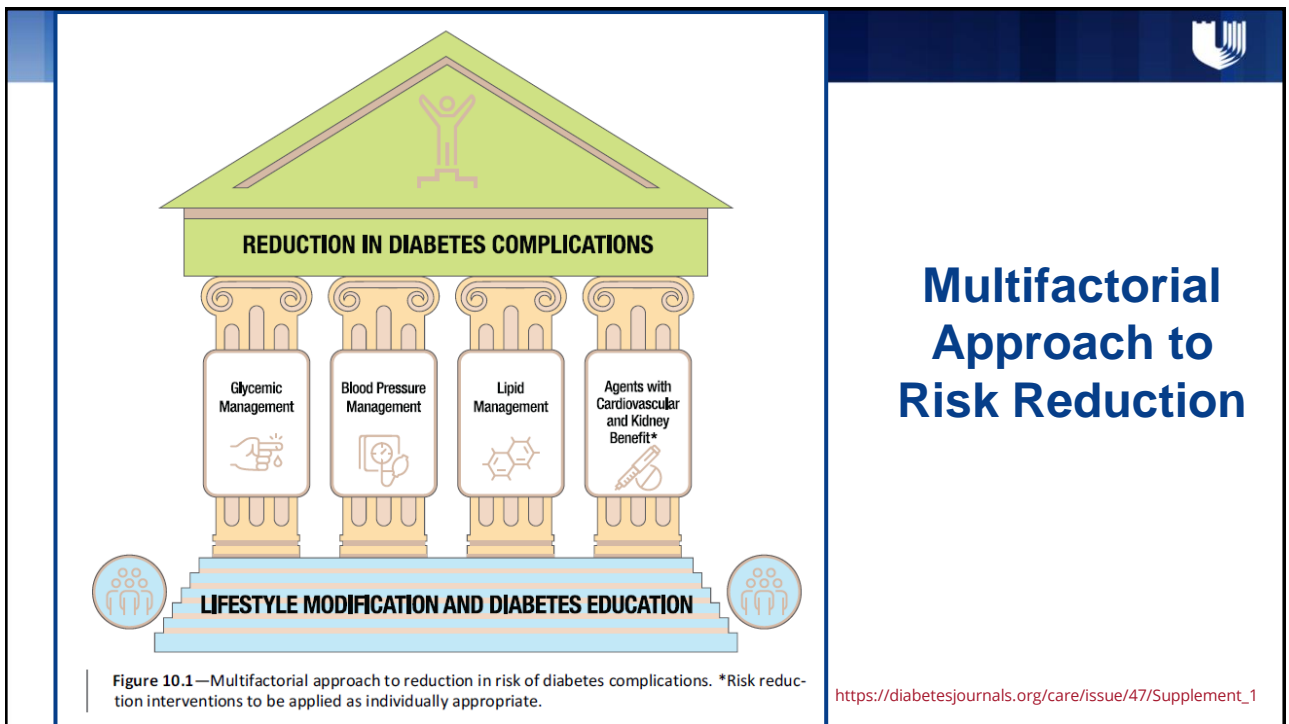


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## Known Effects of Incretin Therapies on MACE

|                        |                           |                    |                                 |                              |                    |                            |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>DPP-4 inhibitor</b> | SAVOR TIMI-53 saxagliptin | EXAMINE alogliptin | TECOS sitagliptin               | CARMELINA linagliptin        |                    |                            |
|                        | Neutral                   | Neutral            | Neutral                         | Neutral                      |                    |                            |
| <b>GLP-1 agonist</b>   | LEADER liraglutide        | ELIXA lixisenatide | SUSTAIN-6 semaglutide injection | EXSCEL exenatide once weekly | REWIND dulaglutide | AMPLITUDE-2 Efpeglenatide* |
|                        | Beneficial                | Neutral            | Beneficial                      | Neutral                      | Beneficial         | Beneficial                 |

**DPP4i:** no significant effects on major adverse CV events (MACE)

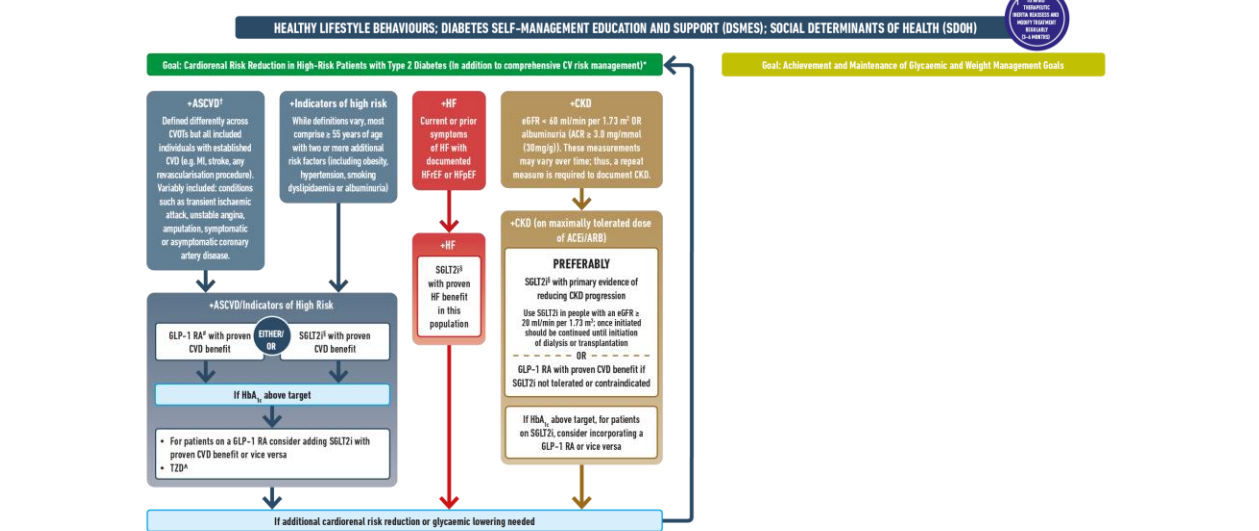
**GLP-1RA:** several available agents significantly reduce risk of MACE

\*Efpeglenatide not presently available for clinical use

All trials listed enrolled patients with T2DM and established atherosclerotic CV disease, or multiple risk factors for the same. REWIND enrolled many patients with multiple risk factors rather than established ASCVD. Harmony trial of the GLP-1 RA albiglutide also showed benefit, but not shown because no longer marketed.

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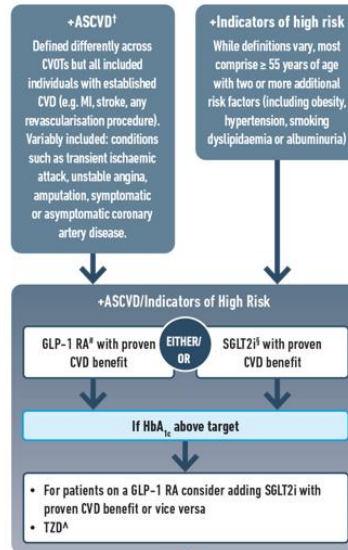
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## Choosing Glucose-lowering Medication in People with High ASCVD Risk



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## Choosing Glucose-lowering Medication in People with Heart Failure



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## STEP-HFpEF Trial

### Effects of GLP-1RA therapy on symptoms and physical function in HFpEF

- Semaglutide treatment of HFpEF patients
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- Results**
  - Semaglutide increased KCCQ-CSS by 16.6 points (ETD 7.8 pts vs. PBO)
  - Semaglutide decreased body weight by 13.3% (ETD -10.7% vs. PBO)
  - No increase in SAEs vs. PBO

Kosiborod et al. NEJM online first August 25, 2023. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2306963

#### STEP-HFpEF trial #ESCCongress

Once-weekly semaglutide in people with HFpEF and obesity

**Conclusion**  
Semaglutide improves heart failure-related symptoms and physical function and results in greater weight loss compared with placebo in patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF) and obesity.

**Impact on clinical practice**  
The results indicate that obesity is not simply a comorbidity in patients with HFpEF but a root cause and a target for therapeutic intervention.

**Study objectives**  
The STEP-HFpEF trial tested the hypothesis that treatment with semaglutide can significantly improve symptoms, physical limitations and exercise function, in addition to weight loss, in patients with HFpEF and obesity.

**Study population**

**HFpEF patients**

- left ventricular ejection fraction  $\geq 45\%$
- body mass index  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- HF symptoms
- functional limitations (New York Heart Association functional class II-IV and Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire Clinical Summary Score [KCCQ-CSS]  $< 90$  points)

**Where?**

13 countries in Asia, Europe, North America and South America  
96 sites

**Who and what?**

529 patients randomised 1:1  
once-weekly for 52 weeks  
semaglutide 2.4 mg | placebo

**Primary endpoints**

change from baseline to week 52 in KCCQ-CSS

mean change: 16.6 points (semaglutide) vs 8.7 points (placebo)  
estimated treatment difference 7.8 points  
95% CI 4.8 to 10.9  
p<0.001

change from baseline to week 52 in body weight

mean change: -13.3% (semaglutide) vs -2.6% (placebo)  
estimated treatment difference -10.7%  
95% CI -11.9% to -9.4%  
p<0.001

**Serious adverse events**

Rate%: 13.3% (semaglutide) vs 26.7% (placebo)  
p<0.001

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  - Semaglutide decreased body weight by 9.8% (ETD -6.4% vs. PBO)
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**A Change in KCCQ-CSS**

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of Participants | 310 | 289 | 274 | 281 | 310 |
| Semaglutide         | 310 | 289 | 274 | 281 | 310 |
| Placebo             | 306 | 284 | 270 | 272 | 306 |

Estimated difference, 7.3 points (95% CI, 4.1 to 10.4) P<0.001

**B Change in Body Weight**

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of Participants | 310 | 307 | 297 | 299 | 290 | 292 | 283 | 286 | 282 | 286 | 310 |
| Semaglutide         | 310 | 307 | 297 | 299 | 290 | 292 | 283 | 286 | 282 | 286 | 310 |
| Placebo             | 306 | 300 | 298 | 287 | 292 | 289 | 282 | 278 | 273 | 278 | 306 |

Estimated difference, -6.4 percentage points (95% CI, -7.6 to -5.2) P<0.001

Figure 1. Change from Baseline to Week 52 in the Dual Primary End Points.

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## Choosing Glucose-lowering Medication in People with Chronic Kidney Disease

+CKD (on maximally tolerated dose of ACEi/ARB)

**PREFERABLY**

SGLT2i<sup>§</sup> with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression

Use SGLT2i in people with an eGFR  $\geq$  20 mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; once initiated should be continued until initiation of dialysis or transplantation

OR

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

If HbA<sub>1c</sub> above target, for patients on SGLT2i, consider incorporating a GLP-1 RA or vice versa



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## FLOW Study of Semaglutide in T2D with CKD



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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## FLOW Study of Semaglutide in T2D with CKD

**Methods**

**Participants:**

- Adults with T2D
- eGFR  $\geq 50$  to  $\leq 75$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and UACR  $>300$  to  $<5000$  mg/g OR
- eGFR  $\geq 25$  to  $<50$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and UACR  $>100$  to  $<5000$  mg/g

**Composite primary endpoint:**

Time to first occurrence of:

- Kidney failure (persistent eGFR  $<15$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> or initiation of CKRT);
- Persistent  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in eGFR; or
- Death from kidney or CV causes

Event-driven trial with expected duration of approximately 5 years

**Baseline characteristics**

68.2% at very high risk for CKD progression according to KDIGO categorisation, eGFR of 47.0 (15) ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; median UACR of 568 (range: 2–11 852) mg/g

**Advanced type 2 diabetes:**  
 Mean age 66.6 years  
 Mean diabetes duration 17.4 years  
 Mean HbA<sub>1c</sub> 7.8%

15.5% receiving SGLT-2is

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CKRT, chronic kidney replacement therapy; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; EOT, end of treatment; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated haemoglobin; KDIGO, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; OW, once weekly; s.c., subcutaneous; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UACR, urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio; W, week.

Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2023 Aug 31;38(9):2041-2051. doi: 10.1093/ndt/gfad009. PMID: 36651820; PMCID: PMC10469096.

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## FLOW Study of Semaglutide in T2D with CKD

| Outcome   | Semaglutide (N=1767) | Placebo (N=1766) | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | Estimated Difference (95% CI) | P Value |
|---|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Primary outcome: major kidney disease events — no. (%)†         | 331 (18.7)           | 410 (23.2)       | 0.76 (0.66 to 0.88)   | —                             | 0.0003  |
| Components of primary outcome — no. (%)                         |                      |                  |                       |                               |         |
| Persistent $\geq 50\%$ reduction from baseline in eGFR          | 165 (9.3)            | 213 (12.1)       | 0.73 (0.59 to 0.89)   | —                             | —       |
| Persistent eGFR $<15$ ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>                | 92 (5.2)             | 110 (6.2)        | 0.80 (0.61 to 1.06)   | —                             | —       |
| Initiation of kidney-replacement therapy                        | 87 (4.9)             | 100 (5.7)        | 0.84 (0.63 to 1.12)   | —                             | —       |
| Death from kidney-related causes                                | 5 (0.3)              | 5 (0.3)          | 0.97 (0.27 to 3.49)   | —                             | —       |
| Death from cardiovascular causes                                | 123 (7.0)            | 169 (9.6)        | 0.71 (0.56 to 0.89)   | —                             | —       |
| Composite of kidney-specific components of the primary outcome  | 218 (12.3)           | 260 (14.7)       | 0.79 (0.66 to 0.94)   | —                             | —       |
| Confirmatory secondary outcomes                                 |                      |                  |                       |                               |         |
| Mean annual rate of change in eGFR — ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> | -2.19                | -3.36            | —                     | 1.16 (0.86 to 1.47)           | <0.001  |
| Major cardiovascular events — no. (%)                           | 212 (12.0)           | 254 (14.4)       | 0.82 (0.68 to 0.98)   | —                             | 0.029   |
| Death from cardiovascular causes                                | 123 (7.0)            | 169 (9.6)        | 0.71 (0.56 to 0.89)   | —                             | —       |
| Nonfatal myocardial infarction                                  | 52 (2.9)             | 64 (3.6)         | 0.80 (0.55 to 1.15)   | —                             | —       |
| Nonfatal stroke   | 63 (3.6)             | 51 (2.9)         | 1.22 (0.84 to 1.77)   | —                             | —       |
| Death from any cause — no. (%)                                  | 227 (12.8)           | 279 (15.8)       | 0.80 (0.67 to 0.95)   | —                             | 0.01    |

**median participant follow-up was 3.4 years**

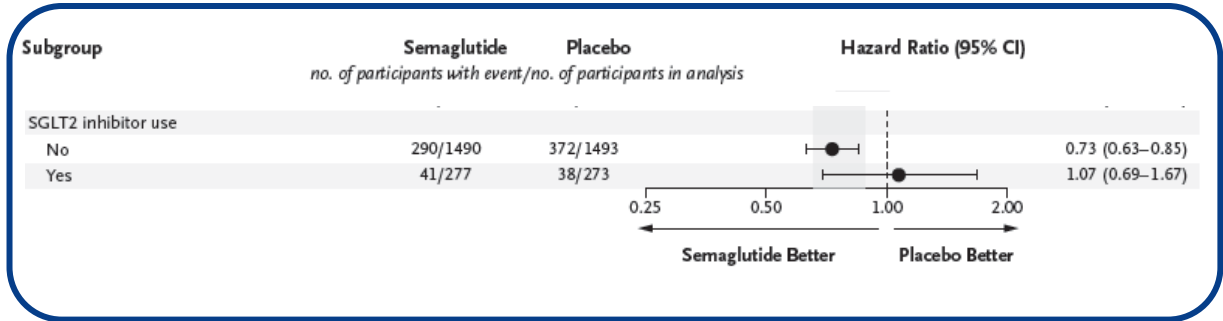
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## FLOW Study of Semaglutide in T2D with CKD



What about the effects of combination therapy (semaglutide +/- SGLT2i)?  
550 (15.6%) of participants were on an SGLT2i at baseline



Additional analyses are pending

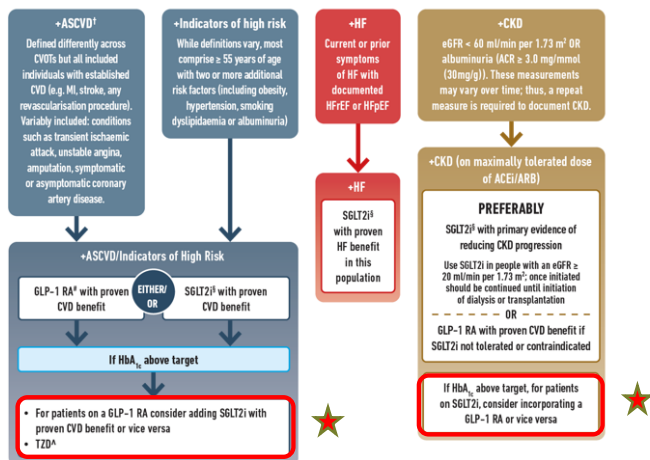
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### FIGURE 3: USE OF GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIOURS; DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES); SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)

Goal: Cardiorenal Risk Reduction in High-Risk Patients with Type 2 Diabetes (In addition to comprehensive CV risk management)\*



ADA Standards of Care 2023 and  
ADA/EASD Consensus Statement 2022

**Combination  
Therapy with SGLT2i  
+ GLP-1RA**

1. Davies MJ, Aroda VR, Collins BS, Gabbay RA, Green J, Maruthur NM, Rosas SE, Del Prato S, Mathieu C, Mingrone G, Rossing P, Tankova T, Tsapas A, Buse JB. Diabetes Care 2022. 2. Diabetes Care December 2022, Vol.46, S1-S4. doi:https://doi.org/10.2337/dic23-59t

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## GLP-1RA Therapy and Weight Management

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### Which One of the Following Patients Has an Indication for Use of an Anti-obesity Medication?

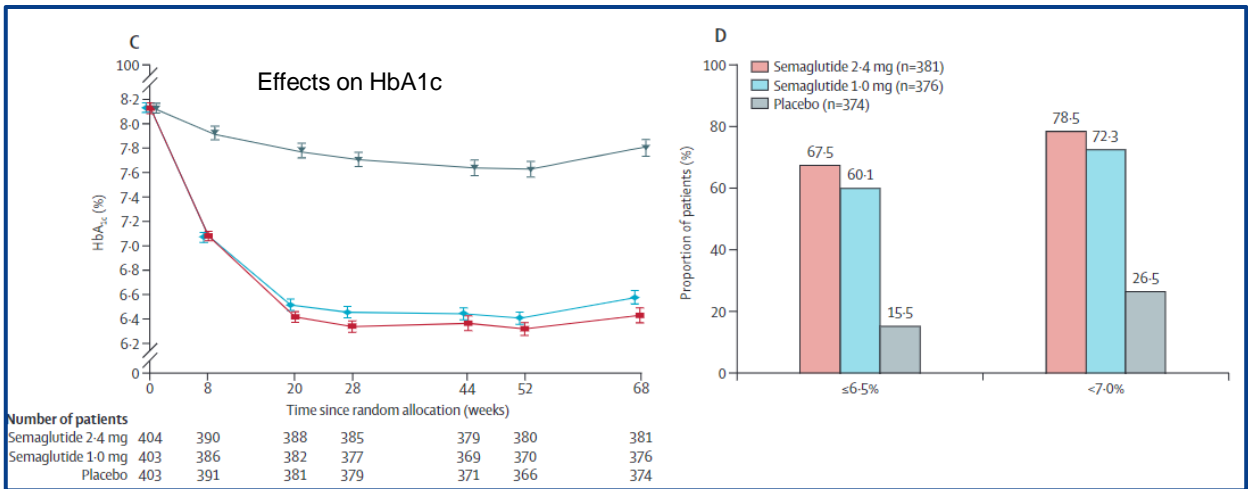
- A. Patient with a BMI of 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and hyperlipidemia
- B. Patient with a BMI of 26 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and sleep apnea
- C. Patient with a BMI of 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and hypertension
- D. Patient with a BMI of 28 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and no weight-related comorbidities

Apovian CM, Aronne LJ, Bessesen DH et al. Pharmacological Management of Obesity: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2015;100(2):342-362. <https://academic.oup.com/jcem/article/100/2/342/2813109>

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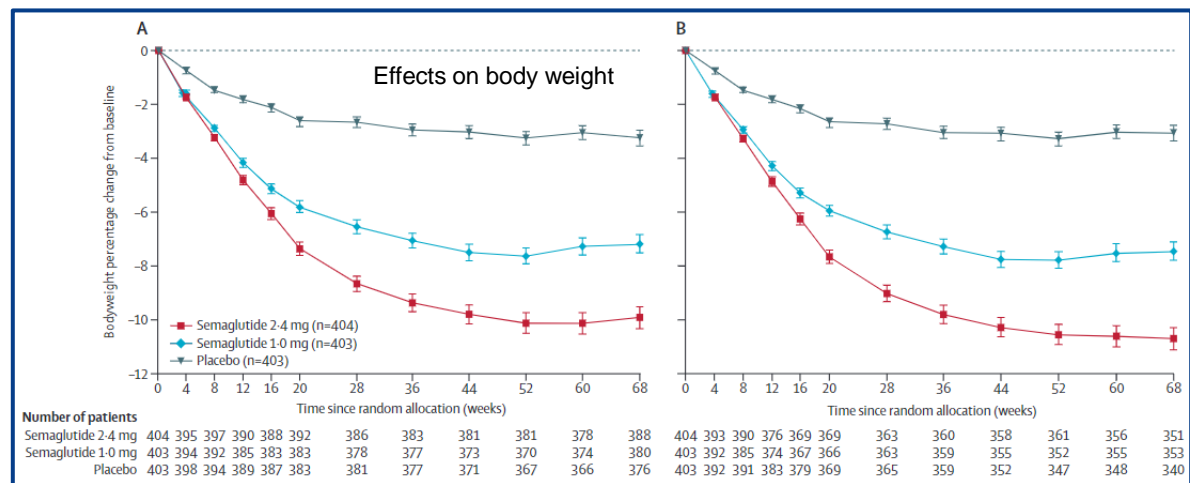
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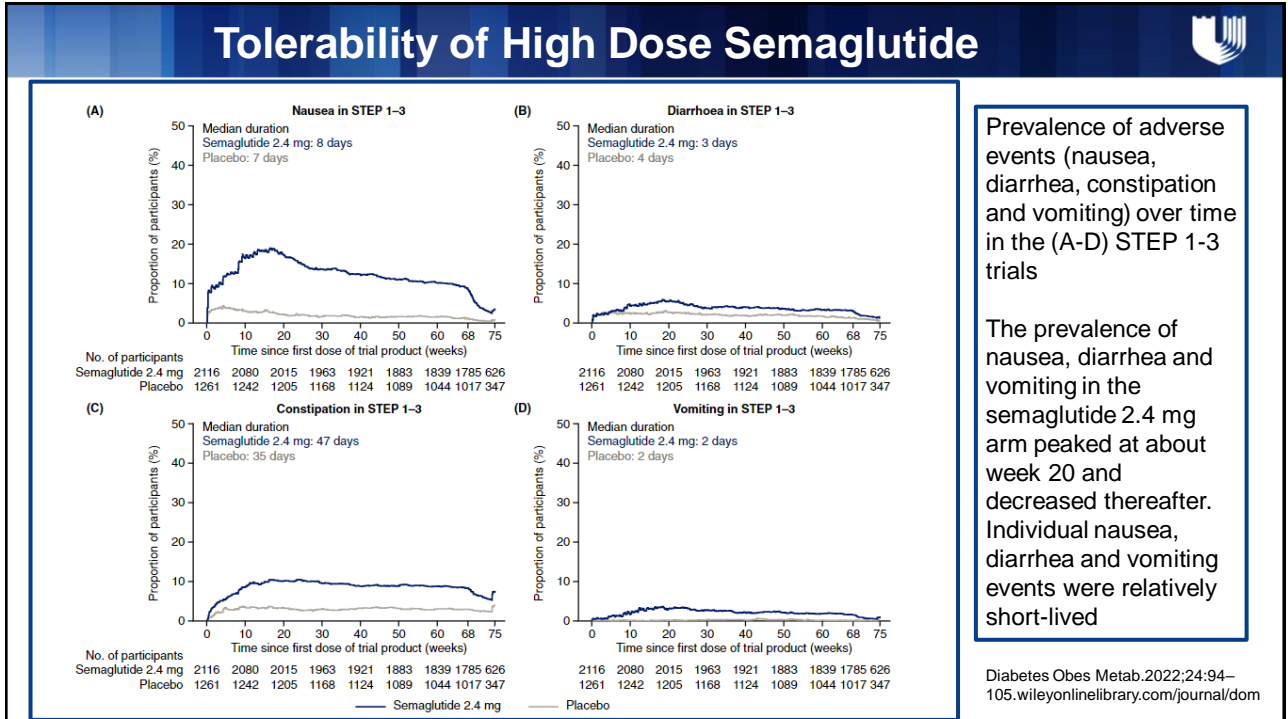
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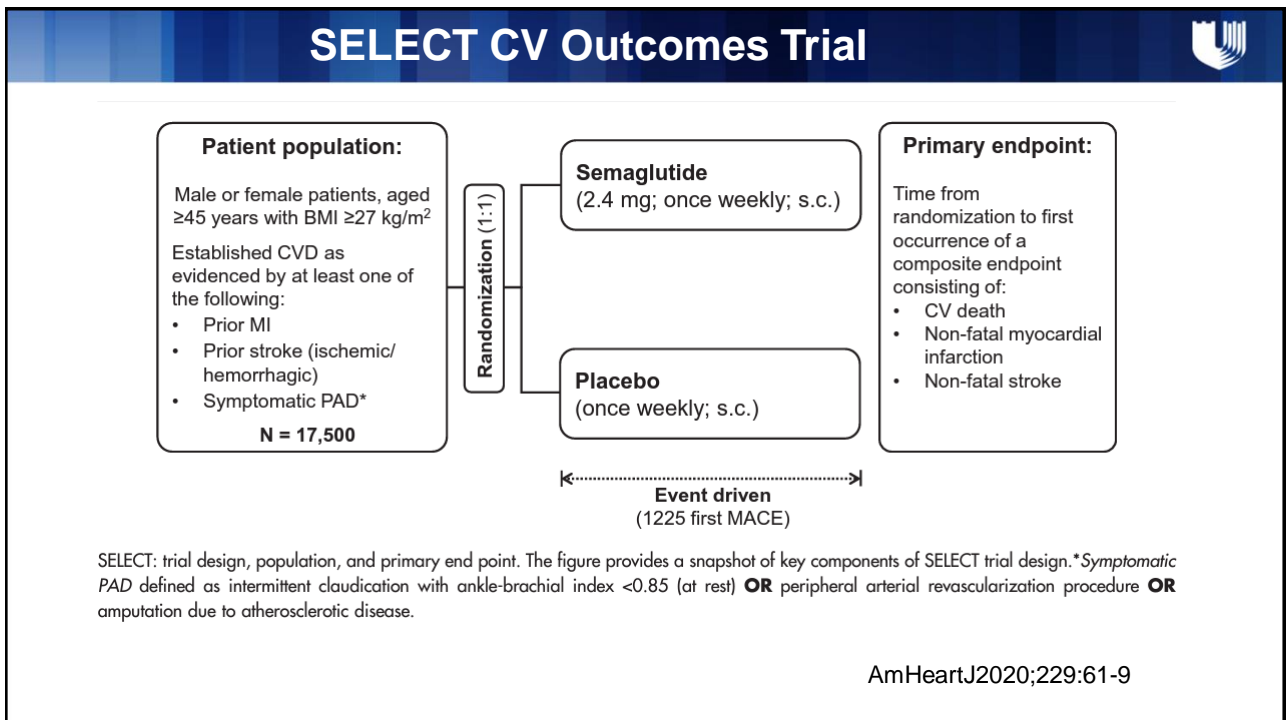
A = full analysis set; B = on-treatment analysis set

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**SELECT CV Outcomes Trial**

**Patient population:**  
 Male or female patients, aged ≥45 years with BMI ≥27 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Established CVD as evidenced by at least one of the following:

**Randomization (1:1)**

**Semaglutide**  
 (2.4 mg; once weekly; s.c.)

**Primary endpoint:**  
 Time from randomization to first occurrence of a composite endpoint consisting of:

**Semaglutide 2.4 mg was associated with a statistically significant 20% reduction in major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) compared with placebo**

Event driven  
 (1225 first MACE)

SELECT: trial design, population, and primary end point. The figure provides a snapshot of key components of SELECT trial design.\**Symptomatic PAD* defined as intermittent claudication with ankle-brachial index <0.85 (at rest) **OR** peripheral arterial revascularization procedure **OR** amputation due to atherosclerotic disease.

AmHeartJ2020;229:61-9

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**Dual Agonist Therapy (Tirzepatide)**

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## Tirzepatide



### Novel dual GLP-1/GIP receptor agonist

- Approved for glycemic control in adults with T2DM as an adjunct to diet and exercise, and for treatment of excess weight
- Not approved for type 1 diabetes mellitus
- 39 amino acid linear and multifunctional peptide based on the native GIP peptide sequence<sup>1</sup>
  - Modified to bind to both GIP and GLP-1 receptors<sup>1</sup> but has higher affinity for GIP receptors than GLP-1 receptors
  - Mean half-life: ~5 days, enabling once-weekly dosing<sup>1</sup>

No difference in plasma concentrations between people with renal and hepatic impairment and healthy people<sup>2</sup>

1. Coskun T et al. *Mol Metab.* 2018;18:3-14. 2. Urva S et al. *Diabetes.* 2020;69(suppl 1):Abstract 971-P.

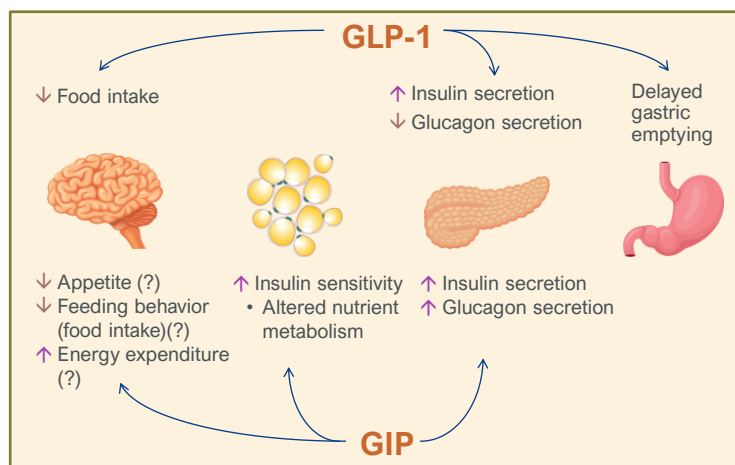
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## GLP-1 & GIP Dual Agonism



### Potential synergistic effect

- GLP-1 has suggested direct actions in CNS, islets, and stomach<sup>1,2</sup>
- GIP has shown potential actions in CNS, adipose, and islets<sup>2,3,4</sup>
- A single molecule GIP/GLP-1 receptor dual agonist may enable improved physiology over the sum of its individual agonist components<sup>5,6</sup>



CNS = central nervous system

1. Müller TD et al. *Mol Metab.* 2019;30:72-130. 2. Seino Y et al. *J Diabetes Investig.* 2010;1(1-2):8-23. 3. Fukuda M. *Diabetes.* 2021;70(8):dbi210001. 4. Nauck MA et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab.* 2021 (ahead of print). doi:10.1111/dom.14496. 5. Samms RJ et al. *Trends Endocrinol Metab.* 2020;31(6):410-421. 6. Bastin M et al. *Diabetes Metab Syndro Obes.* 2019;12:1973-1985.

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# Tirzepatide (TZP): SURPASS Trials in T2DM



|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Monotherapy              | <b>SURPASS-1:</b> TZP vs placebo <sup>1</sup><br>Drug-naïve or washout from any OAM  |
| 2-drug combination       | <b>SURPASS-2:</b> TZP vs semaglutide <sup>2</sup><br>Add-on to metformin   |
| 2-3-drug combination     | <b>SURPASS-3:</b> TZP vs insulin degludec <sup>3</sup><br>Add-on to metformin with or without SGLT2 inhibitor                |
| 2-4-drug combination     | <b>SURPASS-4:</b> TZP vs insulin glargine <sup>4</sup><br>Add-on to ≥1 and ≤3 OAMs (metformin, SGLT2 inhibitor, or SU)       |
| Combination with insulin | <b>SURPASS-5:</b> TZP vs placebo <sup>5</sup><br>Both with insulin glargine with or without metformin                        |
|                          | <b>SURPASS-6:</b> TZP vs insulin lispro <sup>6</sup> (TID)<br>Both with insulin glargine with or without metformin (ongoing) |

## SURPASS-CVOT<sup>7</sup>

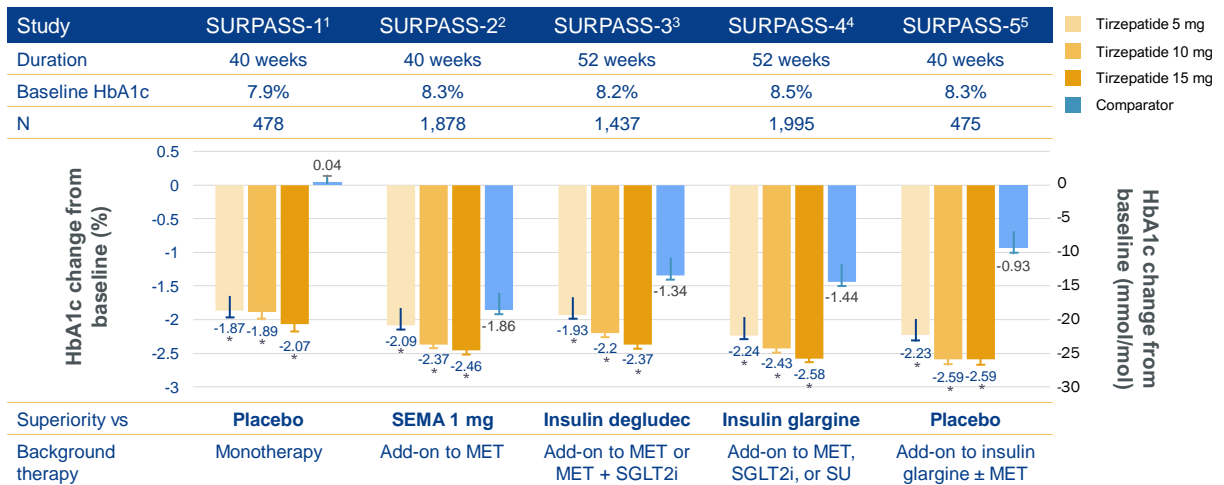
Head-to-head trial comparing tirzepatide vs dulaglutide  
**>12,000 participants (ongoing)**

OAM, oral antihyperglycemic medication; sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor, SGLT2 inhibitor; SU, sulfonylurea; TID, 3 times daily

1. Rosenstock J et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398(10295):143-155. 2. Frias JP et al. *N Eng J Med*. 2021;385(6):503-515. 3. Ludvik B et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398(10300):583-598. 4. Del Prato et al. *Lancet*. 2021;(Accepted). 5. Dahl D et al. Poster presented at ADA 2021. Poster LB-20. 6. NIH. Accessed 8/17/21. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04537923> (accessed Aug 17, 2021). 7. NIH. Accessed 8/17/21. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT04255433>

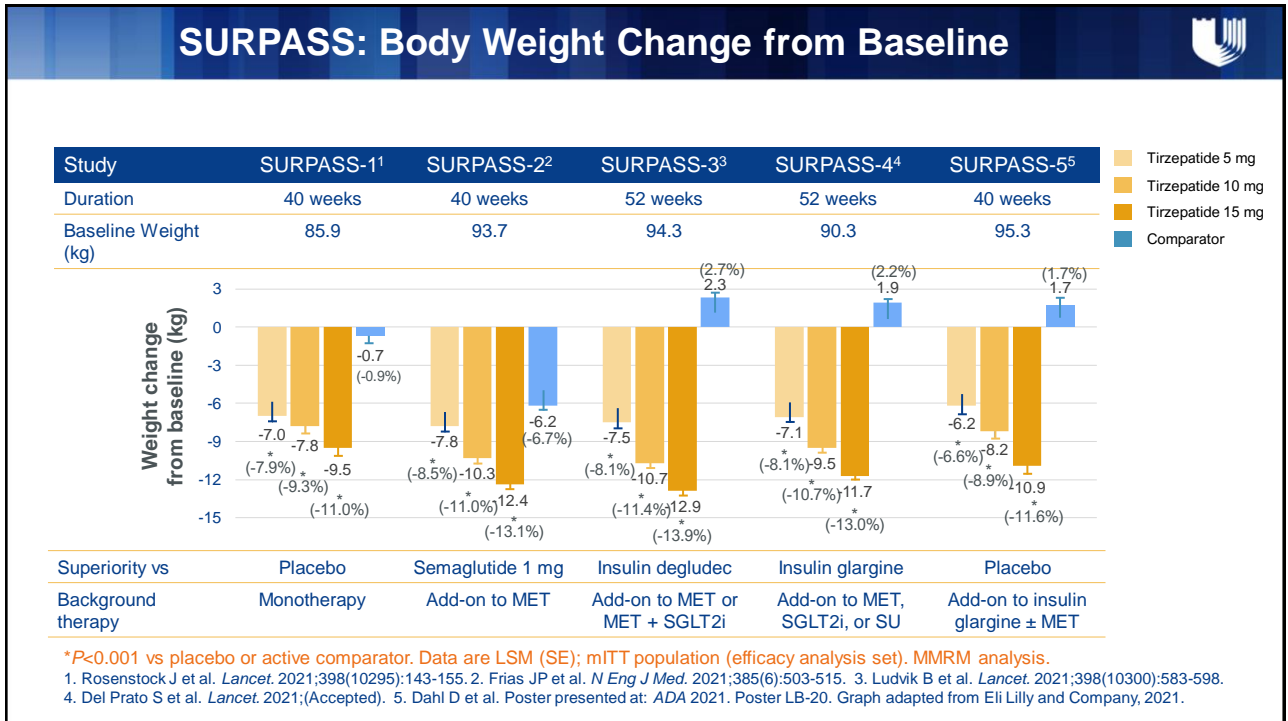
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# SURPASS: HbA1c Change from Baseline



\*P<0.001 vs placebo or active comparator. Data are LSM (SE), mITT population (efficacy analysis set), MMRM analysis. Data labels are % HbA1c. LSM, least squares mean; mITT, modified intent-to-treat; MMRM, mixed model repeated measures; SEMA, semaglutide  
1. Rosenstock J et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398(10295):143-155. 2. Frias JP et al. *N Eng J Med*. 2021;385(6):503-515. 3. Ludvik B et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398(10300):583-598. 4. Del Prato S et al. *Lancet*. 2021;(Accepted). 5. Dahl D et al. Poster presented at: ADA 2021. Poster LB-20. Graph adapted Eli Lilly and Company, 2021.

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## Tirzepatide Safety and Tolerability

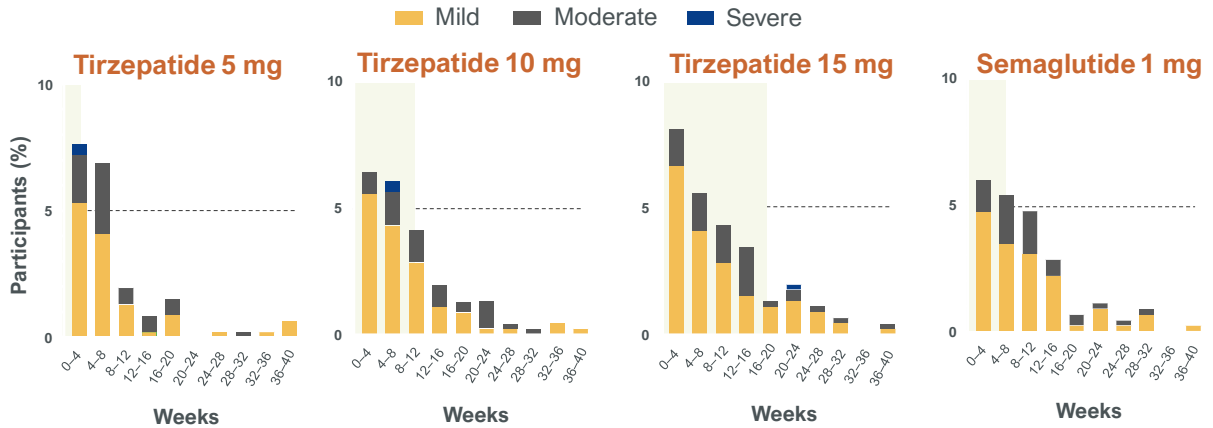
| Parameters                  | SURPASS-1 <sup>1</sup> | SURPASS-2 <sup>2</sup>  | SURPASS-3 <sup>3</sup>                         | SURPASS-4 <sup>4</sup>   | SURPASS-5 <sup>5</sup> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------|
| Pancreatitis <sup>a</sup>   | 0                      | 2 (TZP 10 mg)<br>2 (TZP 15 mg)<br>3 (SEMA 1 mg)                 | 0  | 3 (TZP 5 mg)<br>2 (TZP 10 mg)<br>1 (TZP 15 mg)<br>1 (insulin glargine) | 0                      |
| Cholelithiasis              | 1 (TZP 5 mg)           | 4 (TZP 5 mg)<br>4 (TZP 10 mg)<br>4 (TZP 15 mg)<br>2 (SEMA 1 mg) | 2 (TZP 5 mg)<br>1 (TZP 10 mg)<br>1 (TZP 15 mg) | 3 (TZP 5 mg)<br>1 (TZP 10 mg)<br>1 (TZP 15 mg)<br>4 (insulin glargine) | 1 (TZP 5 mg)           |
| Medullary thyroid carcinoma | 0                      | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0                      |
| Diabetic retinopathy        | 0                      | 2 (TZP 10 mg)   | 2 (TZP 5 mg)<br>1 (TZP 10 mg)                  | 2 (TZP 5 mg)<br>1 (TZP 10 mg)<br>1 (TZP 15 mg)<br>1 (insulin glargine) | 0                      |

<sup>a</sup>Adjudication-Confirmed.

1. Rosenstock J et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398(10295):143-155. 2. Frias JP et al. *N Eng J Med*. 2021;385(6):503-515. 3. Ludvik B et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398(10300):583-598. 4. Del Prato S et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398(10313):1811-1824. 5. Dahl D et al. *JAMA*. 2022;327(6):534-545.

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# SURPASS-2: Time Course of Nausea During Trial

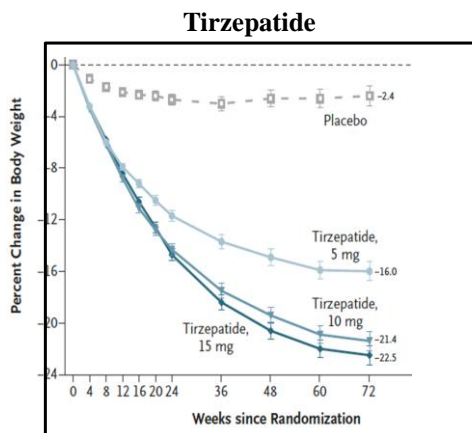


Most cases of nausea were mild to moderate, transient, and occurred during the dose-escalation period in all groups

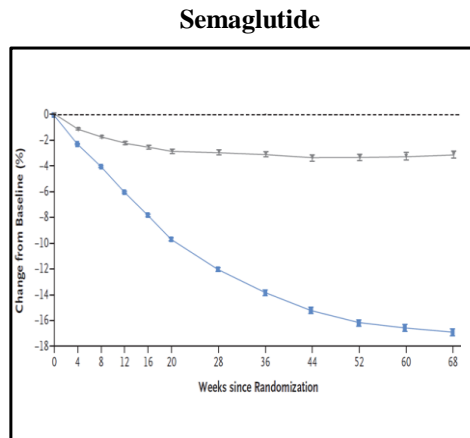
mITT population (safety analysis set); shaded areas show the time before reaching the maintenance dose of the study treatments.  
 Frias JP et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;385:503-515 and supplement.

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# Dual Incretin Therapy in Obesity



*A Jastreboff, NEJM 2022*



*J Wilding, NEJM 2021*

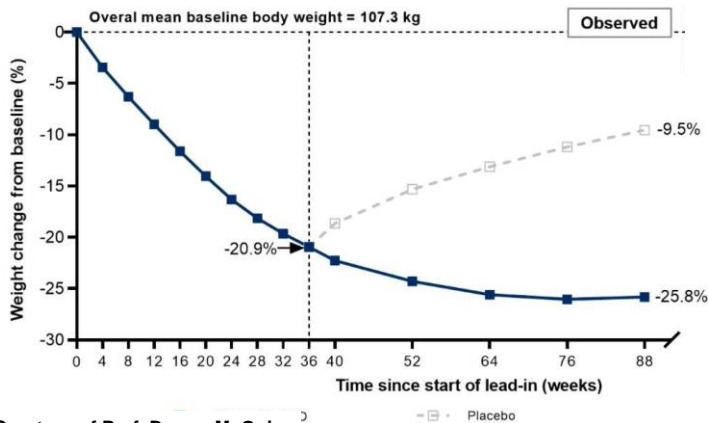
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## SURMOUNT-4 Topline Results: Randomized Withdrawal of Tirzepatide

### Weight Percent Change Over 88 Weeks

N=783  
 BMI >30kg/m<sup>2</sup>; or  
 >27kg/m<sup>2</sup> + ≥comorbidity  
 Without Diabetes



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 Medical Center



Courtesy of Prof. Darren McGuire

Holst JJ et al. 59<sup>th</sup> EASD Scientific Sessions 2023; NCT04660643

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## GLP-1 RA vs Dual Incretin Therapy in T2DM



### GLP-1 receptor agonists

- Dosing daily or weekly options
- Subcutaneous injection or oral options
- Some can significantly reduce risk of CV death, heart attack, and stroke
- Some approved for ages 10 years and older
- Liraglutide and semaglutide also approved for overweight and obesity
- Common side effects: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, injection site reactions

### Dual GLP-1/GIP receptor agonist

- Dosing once weekly
- Subcutaneous injection
- Cardiovascular outcomes trial ongoing
- Approved for adults
- Tirzepatide now approved for overweight and obesity
- Common side effects: nausea, diarrhea, injection site reactions

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## Key Considerations in Use Of GLP-1RA or Combination Rx

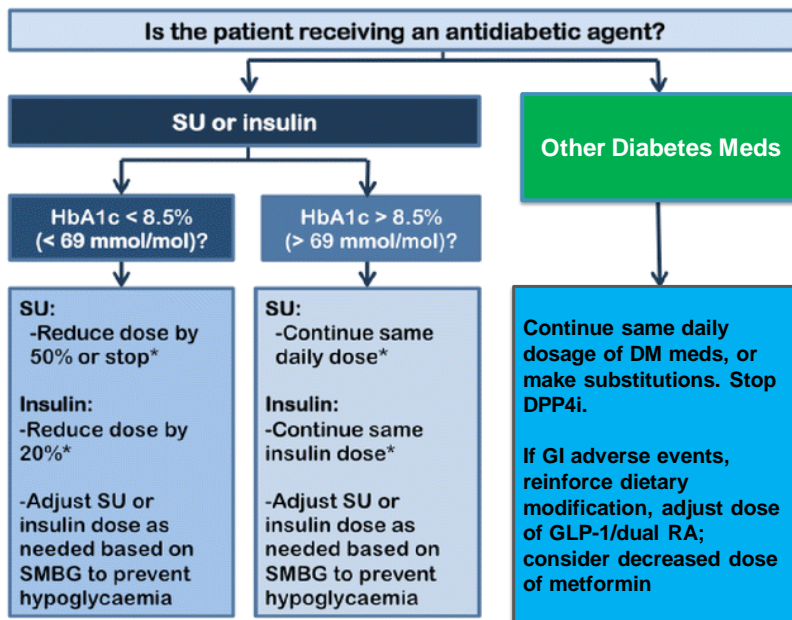


- Should not be used in those with MEN2, MTC, or family history of MTC
- Should not be combined with other GLP-1 RAs, insulin/GLP-1 combinations, or DPP4 inhibitors
- Higher risk of hypoglycemia when used concomitantly with insulin or sulfonylureas

MEN2, multiple endocrine neoplasia syndrome type 2; MTC, medullary thyroid carcinoma

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## Adding GLP-1/Dual RA to Other Diabetes Medications



**Do not use DPP4i, GLP-1RA, dual incretin agents together**

Gomez-Peralta F et al. Diabetes Ther 2017

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## Question #2

A patient with type 2 diabetes and obesity has recently started the GLP-1 receptor agonist semaglutide in addition to her existing metformin therapy. The patient reports that she has been experiencing some nausea since she has up-titrated the dose to 1 mg weekly. However, the nausea is mild with no associated vomiting or diarrhea.

Wharton S, Davies M, Dicker D et al. Managing the Gastrointestinal Side Effects of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in Obesity: Recommendations for Clinical Practice. *Postgrad Med.* 2022;134(1):14-19. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00325481.2021.2002616>



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## What Do You Recommend?

- A. Change from semaglutide to tirzepatide
- B. Eat something at all mealtimes even if not hungry
- C. Use ondansetron as needed for the next two weeks
- D. Avoid meals with a high fat content

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## Managing GI Side Effects from Incretin Agonists



- Most common are nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea or constipation
- Typically occur during initiation and up-titration
- Counsel patients on potential for these side effects when prescribing
- Follow gradual dose escalation per prescribing instructions
  - (ok to go more slowly!)
- If symptoms are persistent or severe, pause dose escalation and rule out any other underlying GI disorders
- If lower dose not tolerated, consider switching to alternative agent
- Stop treatment if none of the above have worked to ease side effects

Wharton S et al. *Postgrad Med.* 2022;134(1):14-19.

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## Managing GI Side Effects from Incretin Agonists



### **Dietary modifications for all GI side effects:**

- Reduce meal size, stop eating once full
- Avoid eating when not hungry
- Avoid high fat or spicy food
- Moderate alcohol intake

**Constipation:** increase fiber and water intake, consider stool softeners

**Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD):** consider proton pump inhibitor (PPI) or H2 blockers

**Nausea:** an antiemetic could be considered for short-term use

Wharton S et al. *Postgrad Med.* 2022;134(1):14-19.

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## Managing GI Side Effects from Incretin Agonists



Some anesthesiology societies have recommended that GLP-1RA/dual incretin agonists be held prior to surgery.

However, subsequent analyses of large claims databases have found no association between GLP-1RA use and adverse respiratory events in patients undergoing emergency surgery.

One such example analyzed outcomes in 23 679 patients, 3502 (14.8%) of whom had a GLP-1 RA fill in the Merative MarketScan Commercial Database. Overall incidence of postoperative respiratory complications was 3.5% for those with a GLP-1 RA fill and 4.0% for those without, with no significant difference in outcomes (both overall and following adjustment).

[JAMA. 2024 May 21;331\(19\):1672-1673. doi: 10.1001/jama.202](#)

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A photograph of a sunset over a mountain range. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon, with silhouettes of mountains in the foreground.

## On the Horizon

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# More Incretin and Other Combination Drugs



## Other combination treatments are in development

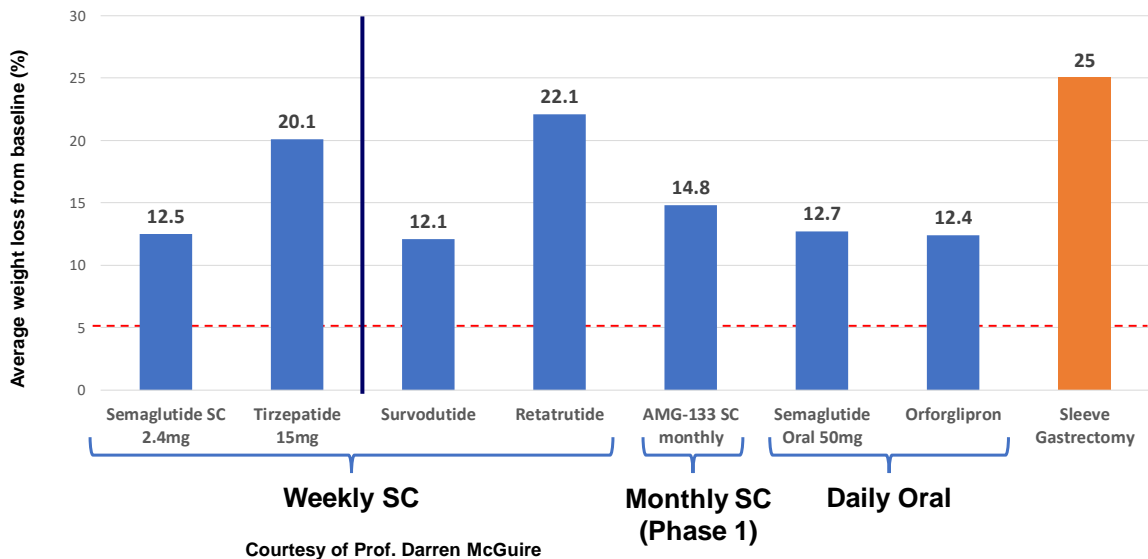
- GLP-1/glucagon dual agonist
- GLP-1 and amylin analogue combination
- GLP-1/GIP/glucagon tri-agonist (*data on retatrutide presented at ADA*)
- GLP-1 RA, oxyntomodulin and peptide YY combination

GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide 1; GIP, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide; RA, receptor agonist

Kakouri A et al. *Pharmaceuticals (Basel)*. 2021;14(9):869.

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## Average Weight Loss Achieved with Obesity Pharmacotherapies and Sleeve Gastrectomy



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## Upcoming Trials



- **SURPASS-CVOT<sup>1</sup>**: Head-to-head trial comparing tirzepatide (dual GLP-1+ GIP RA) vs dulaglutide >12,000 participants
- **SOUL<sup>2</sup>**: CV outcomes trial of oral semaglutide
- **PRECIDENT D<sup>3</sup>**: Outcomes trial comparing impact of SGLT2i, GLP-1RA, or both in patients with T2DM and ASCVD

(1)<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT04255433> (2) <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03914326> (3) <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT05254002>

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## Conclusions



- Incretin-based therapies are important tools in the management of T2D
- GLP-1RA have significant efficacy in both weight loss and glucose-lowering
- Certain GLP-1RA provide cardiorenal outcomes benefit to:
  - T2D patients with or at high risk for ASCVD, or with CKD
  - People with overweight/obesity and established ASCVD
- Dual incretin therapy with a GLP/GIP RA provides very high potency in glucose, weight lowering. The CVOT of tirzepatide is ongoing, but CV and kidney outcomes data available to date are reassuring.

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