

# Standards of Care in Diabetes – Highlights from the ADA Standards and AACE T2D Consensus Algorithm

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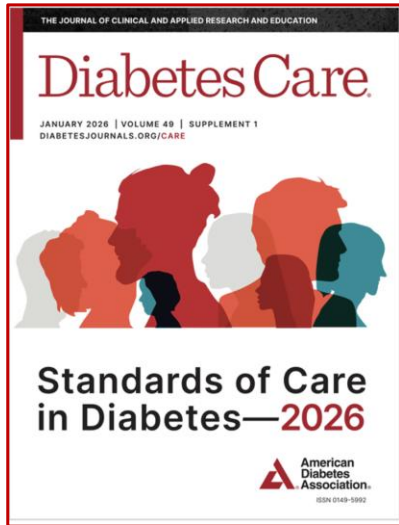
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**American Association of Clinical Endocrinology Consensus Statement: Algorithm for Management of Adults With Type 2 Diabetes – 2026 Update**

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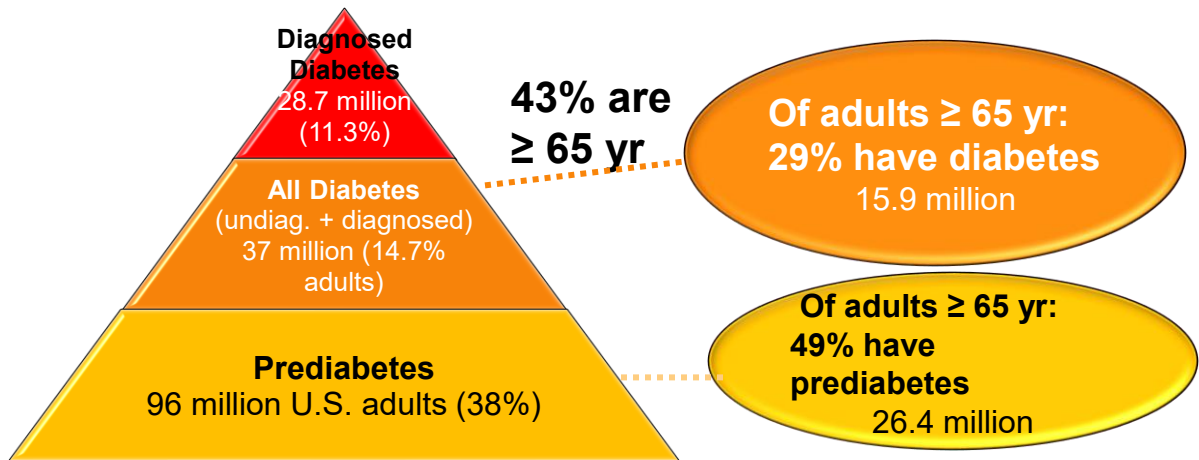
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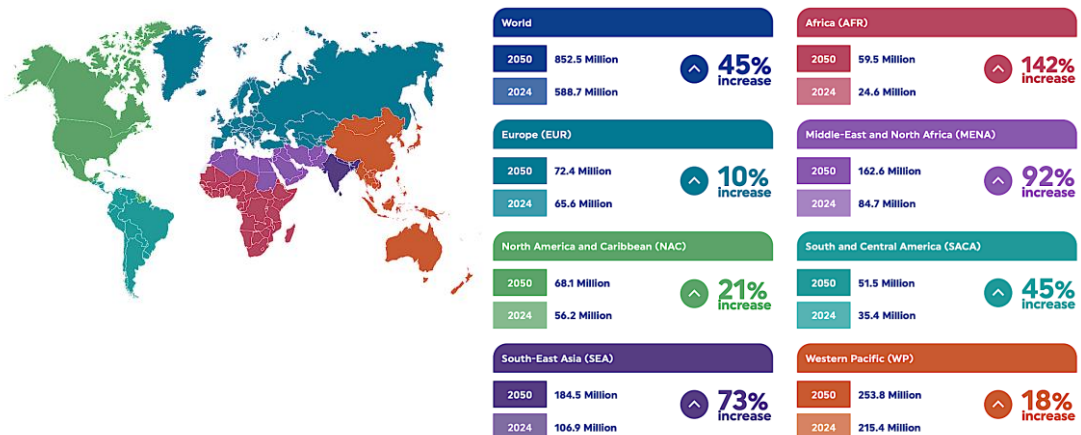
## The Prevalence of Diabetes in US Adults Is Very High



<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/data/statistics-report/diagnosed-undiagnosed-diabetes.html>

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## The Prevalence of Diabetes Is Predicted to Continue to Increase Worldwide



IDF Diabetes Atlas 11th Edition - 2025 | [diabetesatlas.org](http://diabetesatlas.org)

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## Paradigm Shifts for 2026

The Historical Standard	The 2026 Paradigm Shift	Monday Morning Clinical Impact
Glucocentric (A1C reduction as primary goal).	Cardiorenal-Metabolic & Weight-Centric.	<b>Treating obesity and protecting organs</b> are equally prioritized alongside glucose control.
Reactive (Fingersticks first, CGM for complex cases).	Proactive & Universal.	<b>Early initiation of Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) and Automated Insulin Delivery (AID) systems.</b>
Isolated physical metrics.	Whole-Person Care.	<b>Routine assessment of Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), behavioral health, and sleep chronotype.</b>

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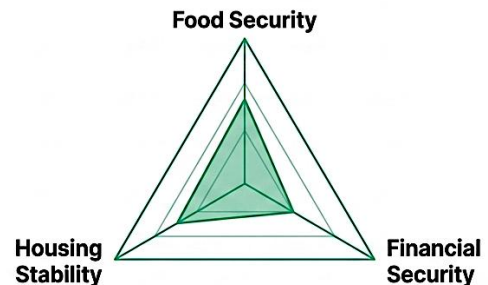
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## The Foundations: Person-Centered Care & SDOH

### Language Matters

Instead of Diabetic	→	Use <b>Person with diabetes</b> (Person-first)
Instead of Non-compliant	→	Use <b>Facing barriers</b> (Strengths-based)
Instead of Good/Bad blood sugars	→	Use <b>In target / Out of target</b> (Neutral, fact-based)

### The SDOH Radar



#### Actionable Data Point

Routinely assess for financial obstacles; consider lower-cost medications (metformin, sulfonyleureas, human insulin) if costs impede evidence-based care.

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## Classification of Prediabetes: Beyond Type 2 Diabetes

**The Assumption:  
Dysglycemia =  
Metabolic Syndrome /  
Progression to  
Type 2 Diabetes.**

**Up to 40% of  
adults with new  
Type 1 diabetes  
are misdiagnosed  
as having Type 2.**

**Dysglycemia is not always a nonautoimmune progressive loss of beta-cell function. It can be the silent progression of autoimmune beta-cell destruction.**

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### 3. Prevention or Delay of Diabetes and Associated Comorbidities: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2026

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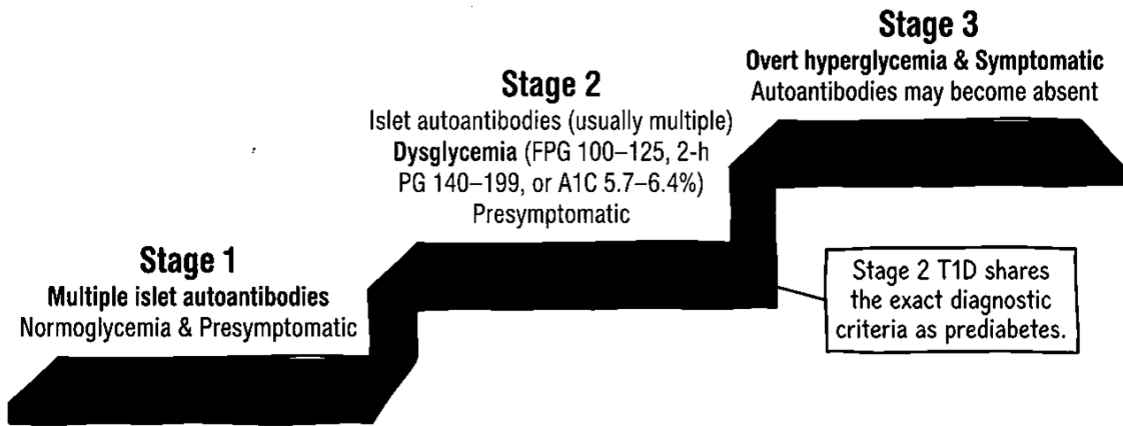
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**It Is Now Possible to Delay  
the Onset of Type 1 Diabetes  
in Individuals with  
Pre-Type 1 Diabetes/  
Stage 2 T1D  
Diagnosis of Pre-T1D  
Makes a Difference**

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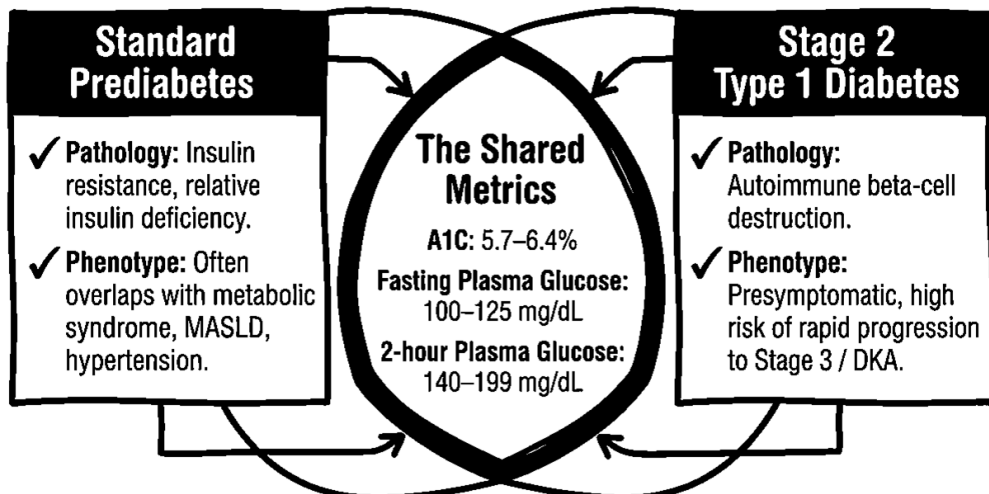
## Type 1 Diabetes Has Stages Too, Including Prediabetes



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## Diagnostic Overlap of Pre-T2-Diabetes and Pre-T1-Diabetes



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## Why Detection of Stage 2 T1D Matters

**Progression to Stage 3 (Overt T1D) is rapid.**

**~60%**  
progress within  
2 years.

**~75%**  
progress within  
5 years.

**1. Prompt Referral:** Send to a specialized center for metabolic staging. Do not wait for overt hyperglycemia.

**2. Prevent DKA:** Educate the patient immediately on symptoms of DKA, avoiding life-threatening emergency presentations (which occur in 25-50% of undiagnosed cases).

**3. Preserve Beta Cells:** Evaluate for approved preventative treatments (e.g., teplizumab) or clinical trial enrollment to delay clinical onset.

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## When to Suspect Stage 2 T1D in Prediabetes

**Age** — Younger age at diagnosis (specifically <35 years).

**Autoimmunity** — Personal or family history of autoimmune disease.

**Body Habitus** — Lower BMI (specifically <25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), lack of obesity, or unintentional weight loss.

**Background** — Family history of Type 1 Diabetes.

**Control** — Inability to achieve glycemic goals on noninsulin therapies.

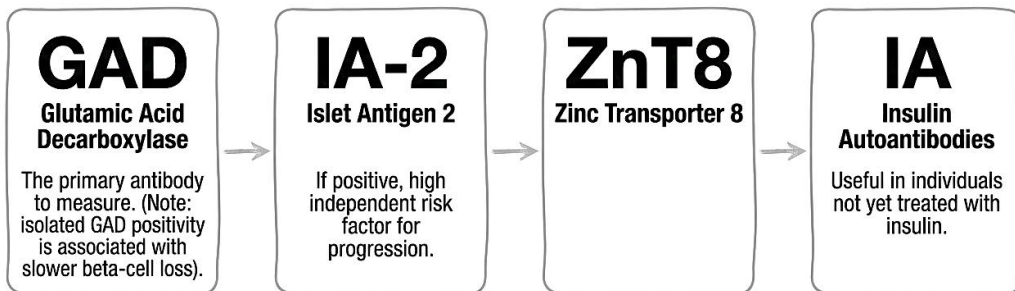
**Comorbidities** — Treatment with immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) for cancer.

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## Islet Autoantibodies – The Panel

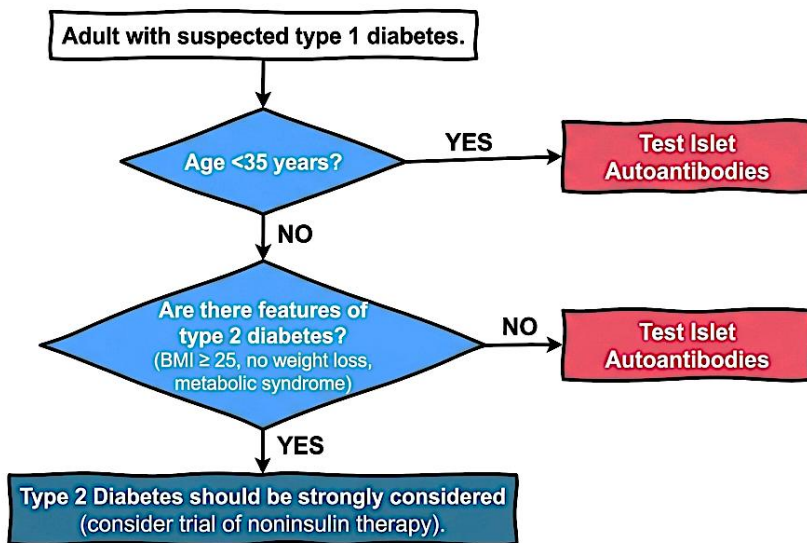


**The Persistence Rule. Multiple autoantibodies = Stage 1 or 2 T1D. A single confirmed autoantibody requires repeat testing every 6 months to 3 years to assess for persistence or seroconversion.**

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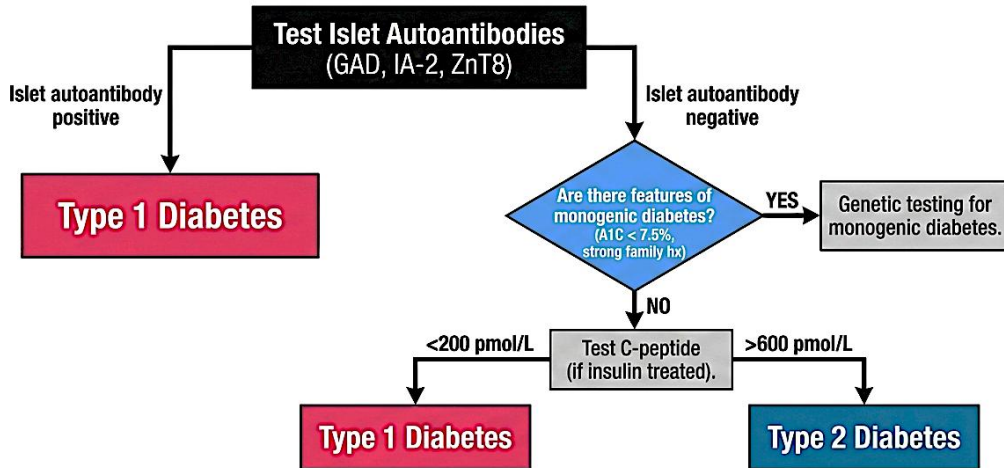
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## Investigating Suspected T1D in Adults - Triaging



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## Investigating Suspected T1D in Adults - Confirming

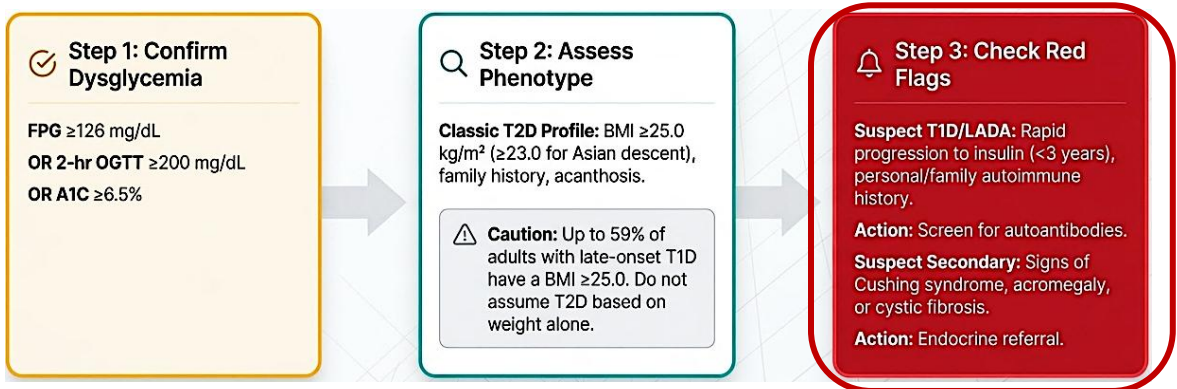


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## Can You Be Sure It's Type 2 Diabetes?

*AACE Also Has a New Algorithm for Classification This Year*



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## A New Paradigm for Prediabetes and Diabetes Classification in Primary Care

- ✓ Verify prediabetes/diabetes precisely using 2026 ADA criteria (confirmatory tests required).
- ✓ Do not assume all adult-onset dysglycemia is Type 2 Diabetes.
- ✓ Actively look for the AABCC clinical flags (Age, Autoimmunity, BMI <25, Background, Control, Comorbidities).
- ✓ Screen with the Autoantibody Toolkit (GAD, IA-2, ZnT8, IA) to catch Stage 2 Type 1 Diabetes early.

**Refer and intervene to preserve beta-cell function and prevent DKA before Stage 3 overt diabetes occurs, and to detect T1D**

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## 2026: Diabetes Technology for All Patients with Diabetes

### ADA Standards of Care for Diabetes:

- **7.1** Diabetes devices should be offered to people with diabetes. **A**



### Principles of the AACE Algorithm for Management of Adults with Type 2 Diabetes:

- **9.** CGM is highly recommended to reach glycemic goals in adults with diabetes.

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## Available Evidence Demonstrates that C-Peptide Level Does Not Predict Efficacy of CGM

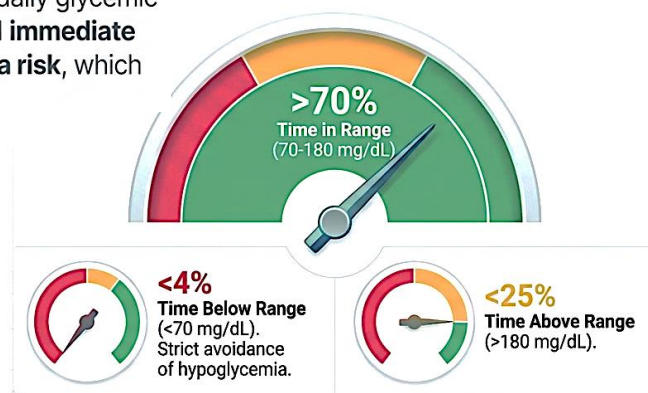
- **7.8a** There should be no requirement of C-peptide level, **B** the presence of islet autoantibodies, **B** or duration of insulin treatment **C** before initiation of CSII or AID.

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## Modern Glycemic Targets and the CGM Dashboard

TIR captures daily glycemic variability and **immediate hypoglycemia risk**, which A1C masks.



Every 10% increase in TIR equals an approximate 0.8% reduction in A1C.

### The A1C Context

Optimal A1C is  $\leq 6.5\%$  only if safely achievable.

Relax to 7-8% for:

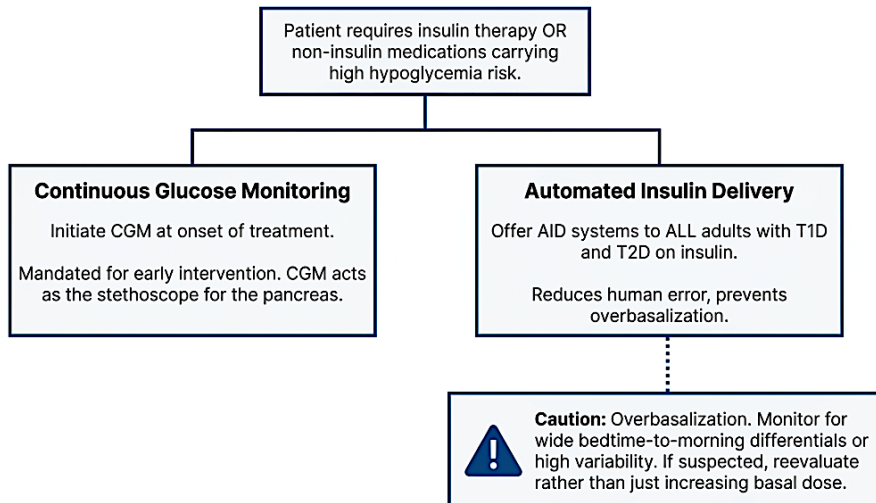
- Limited life expectancy
- Severe comorbidities
- High hypoglycemia risk
- Cognitive impairment

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## Diabetes Technology – Early Initiation



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## There Is Now an Automated Insulin Delivery System (AID) FDA Approved for T2D

- **7.25a AID systems are the preferred insulin delivery method** over multiple daily injections (MDI), CSII, and sensor-augmented pump in people with type 1 diabetes, **A adults with type 2 diabetes**, **A** children and adolescents with type 2 diabetes, **E** and other forms of insulin-deficient diabetes. **B–E** Choice of an AID system should be made based on the individual's circumstances, preferences, and needs. **E**
- **7.25b Consider AID systems for select people with type 2 diabetes** treated with basal insulin not achieving individualized glycemic goals. **B** Choice of an AID system should be made based on the individual's circumstances, preferences, and needs. **E**

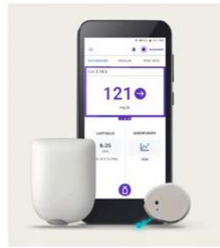
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## AID Systems



iLet  
(Beta Bionics)



Omnipod 5  
(Insulet)



MiniMed 780G  
(Medtronic)



T:slim X2 (Tandem)  
Control IQ+



Mobi (Tandem)  
Control IQ+



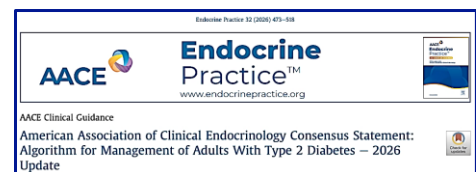
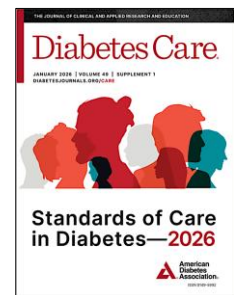
Twist (Sequel)  
Tidepool Loop

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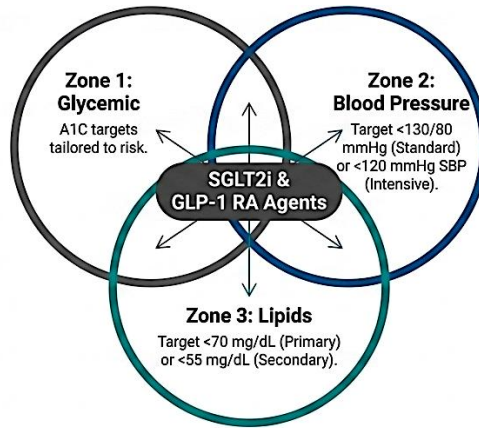
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# Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Needs to Include Blood Pressure, Lipids, and Meds for DM

## Lifestyle Changes Are Foundational



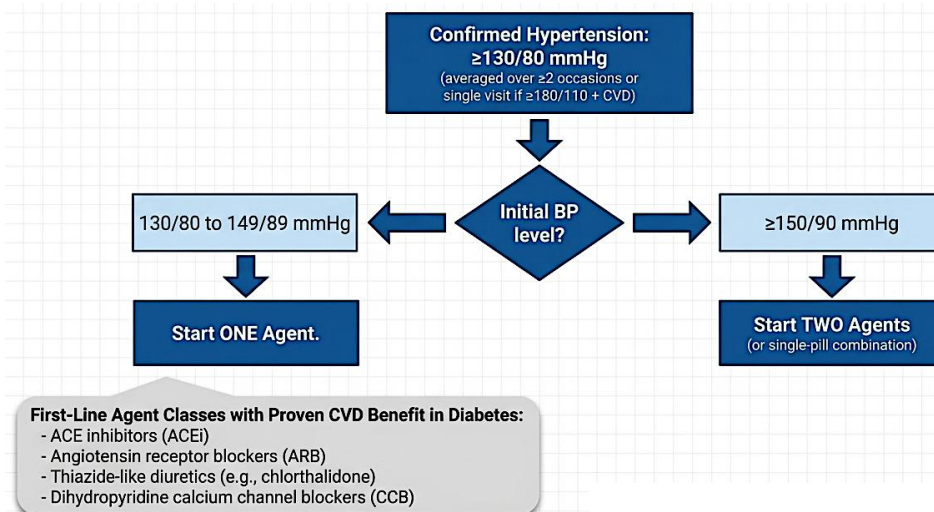
**Foundation: Lifestyle Modification & Diabetes Education.**

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# Starting Antihypertensive Therapies



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## Standard vs Intensive BP Goals

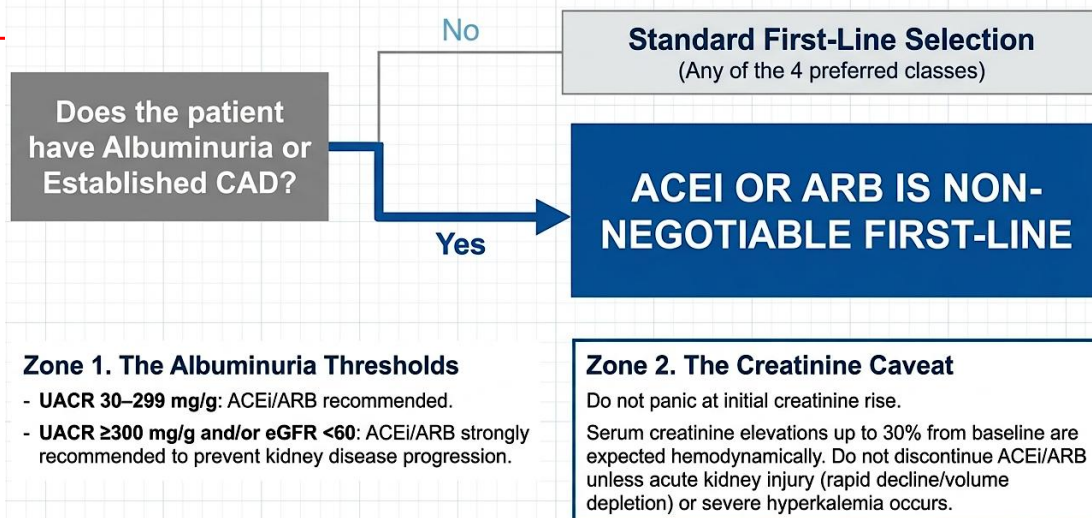
<h1 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">&lt;130/80</h1> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">mmHg</p> <hr/> <p><b>Patient Profile:</b> Standard risk, older adults with polypharmacy, individuals prone to orthostatic hypotension.</p> <p><b>Clinical Rationale:</b> Reduces cardiovascular events and microvascular complications safely for the majority.</p>	<h1 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">&lt;120</h1> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">mmHg SBP</p> <hr/> <p><b>Patient Profile:</b> High cardiovascular or kidney risk (e.g., established CVD, two or more risk factors, CKD).</p> <p><b>Clinical Rationale:</b> BPROAD and ESPRIT trials demonstrated a 12-21% additional reduction in major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE).</p> <p><b>Monitoring Alert:</b> Requires close monitoring for symptomatic hypotension, syncope, acute kidney injury (AKI), and hyperkalemia.</p>
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## Albuminuria Drives 1<sup>st</sup> Line Therapy: ACEi/ARB



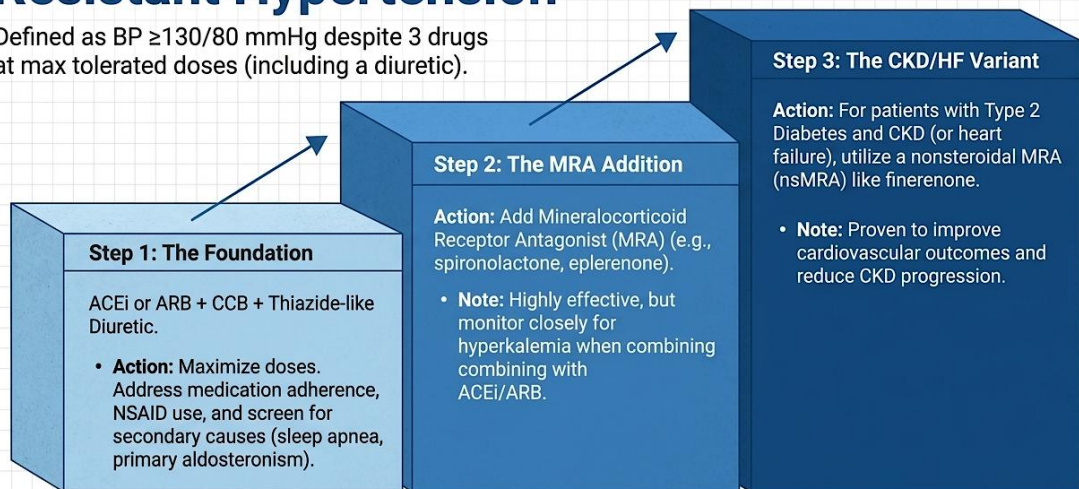
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## Resistant Hypertension

Defined as BP  $\geq$ 130/80 mmHg despite 3 drugs at max tolerated doses (including a diuretic).



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## Individualized BP Goals, But More Intensive in High CV or Kidney Risk; nsMRA If Resistant HTN

- **10.3** For people with diabetes and hypertension, blood pressure goals should be **individualized** through a shared decision-making process that addresses cardiovascular risk, potential adverse effects of antihypertensive medications, and individual preferences. **B**
- **10.4** If it can be safely attained, the on-treatment blood pressure goal is **<130/80 mmHg**; a systolic blood pressure goal **<120 mmHg** should be encouraged in individuals with high cardiovascular or kidney risk. **A**
- **10.13** Individuals with hypertension who are not meeting blood pressure goals on three classes of antihypertensive medications (including a diuretic) should be considered for **MRA therapy**. **A**

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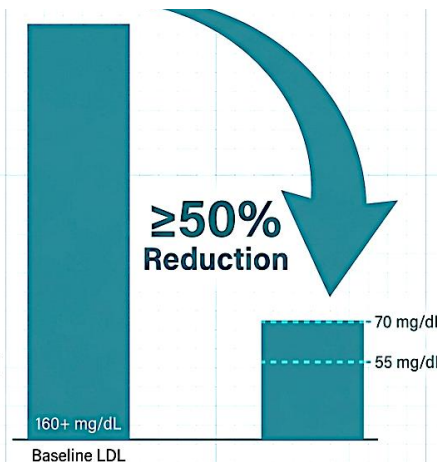
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## LDL-c Reduction Consists of Two Targets: Relative Reduction AND Absolute Level

modern lipid management requires achieving BOTH a specific absolute threshold AND a massive relative drop from baseline. High-intensity statins are the bridge across this chasm.

### Rule 1: The Relative Drop

A  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in LDL cholesterol is mandated for all patients at higher cardiovascular risk or with established ASCVD.



### Rule 2: The Absolute Floor

Primary Prevention (High Risk):  $< 70$  mg/dL  
Secondary Prevention (ASCVD):  $< 55$  mg/dL

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## Type 2 Diabetes Lipid Management for Primary Prevention

<b>Age 20–39</b>	<b>Condition:</b> + Additional ASCVD risk factors.	<b>Action:</b> Consider Moderate-Intensity Statin.
<b>Age 40–75 (The Core Cohort)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Standard Risk:</b> Moderate-Intensity Statin.</li> <li>- <b>High Risk (<math>\geq 1</math> ASCVD Risk Factor):</b> High-Intensity Statin. Target: <math>&lt; 70</math> mg/dL and <math>\geq 50\%</math> reduction.</li> <li>- <b>Very High Risk (Multiple factors + LDL <math>\geq 70</math>):</b> Add Ezetimibe or PCSK9i.</li> </ul>	
<b>Age <math>&gt; 75</math></b>	<b>Condition:</b> Already on statin -> Continue.	<b>Not on statin -&gt;</b> Initiate moderate-intensity after risk/benefit discussion.

**ASCVD risk factors: age, HTN, dyslipidemia, smoking, CKD, obesity**

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## Type 2 Diabetes Lipid Management for Secondary Prevention: LDL-c Goal <55 mg/dL

For people of all ages with diabetes and established ASCVD, intensive therapy is non-negotiable.

# <55 mg/dL

### The Mandate

High-intensity statin therapy must be added to lifestyle therapy.

Target: <55 mg/dL (<1.4 mmol/L)  
AND ≥50% reduction from baseline.

### The Adjuncts

If target is not achieved on max tolerated statin, addition of Ezetimibe or a PCSK9 inhibitor is recommended.

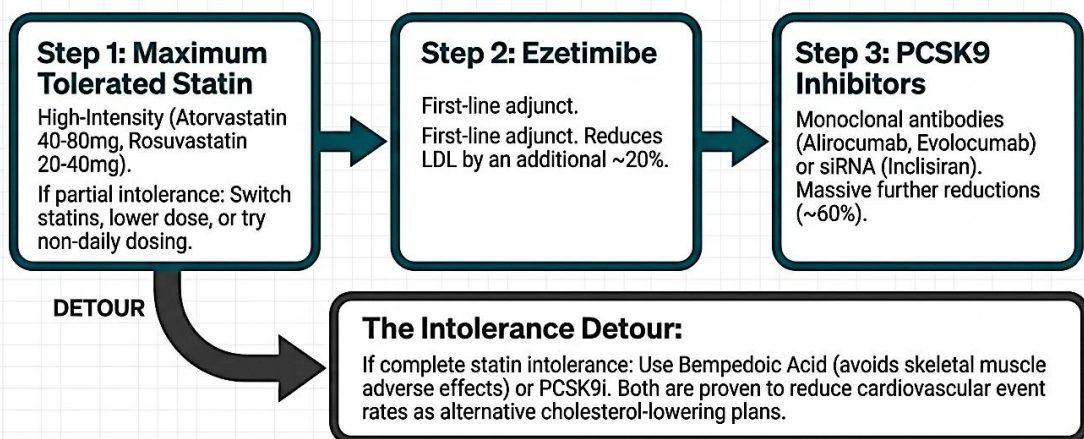
### The Extremes

For ASCVD in multiple vascular beds (or 1 bed + age >65), consider adding low-dose Rivaroxaban (2.5 mg twice daily) + Aspirin (81 mg) if low bleeding risk.

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## Triglyceride-Lowering

### Level 1: >150 mg/dL (Fasting)

**Intervention:** Intensive lifestyle therapy, weight loss, glycemic optimization. Address secondary factors (hypothyroidism, CKD, medications).

### Level 2: 150 – 499 mg/dL + ASCVD Risk

**Intervention:** Add Icosapent Ethyl to statin therapy.

**Rationale:** REDUCE-IT trial showed 25% relative risk reduction in MACE. (Note: Benefit is specific to icosapent ethyl, do not extrapolate to generic n-3 fatty acid supplements).

### Level 3: ≥500 mg/dL (Severe)

**Intervention:** Pharmacologic therapy (fibric acid derivatives / fish oil) + severe fat restriction.

**Rationale:** Primary goal shifts to mitigating the acute risk of pancreatitis. Evaluate for secondary causes.

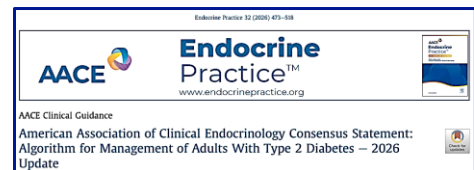
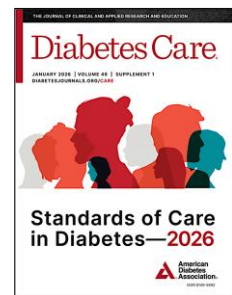
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## The Newer Diabetes Drugs

	Generic	Trade		Generic	Trade
GLP1RA	Liraglutide	Victoza (DM) Saxenda (O)	SGLT2i	Canagliflozin	Invokana
	Dulaglutide	Trulicity		Empagliflozin	Jardiance
	Semaglutide SQ	Ozempic (DM) Wegovy (O)		Dapagliflozin	Farxiga
	Semaglutide PO	Rybelsus (DM) Wegovy (O)		Ertugliflozin	Steglatro
	Exenatide Qwk	Exenatide B-cise		Bexagliflozin	Brenzavvy
Basal/ GLP1RA	Glargine/ lixisenatide	Soliqua	DPP4i	Linagliptin	Tradjenta
	Degludec/ liraglutide	Xultophy		Sitagliptin	Januvia
GIP/GLP1 dual agonist	Tirzepatide	Mounjaro (DM) Zepbound (O)		Saxagliptin	Onglyza

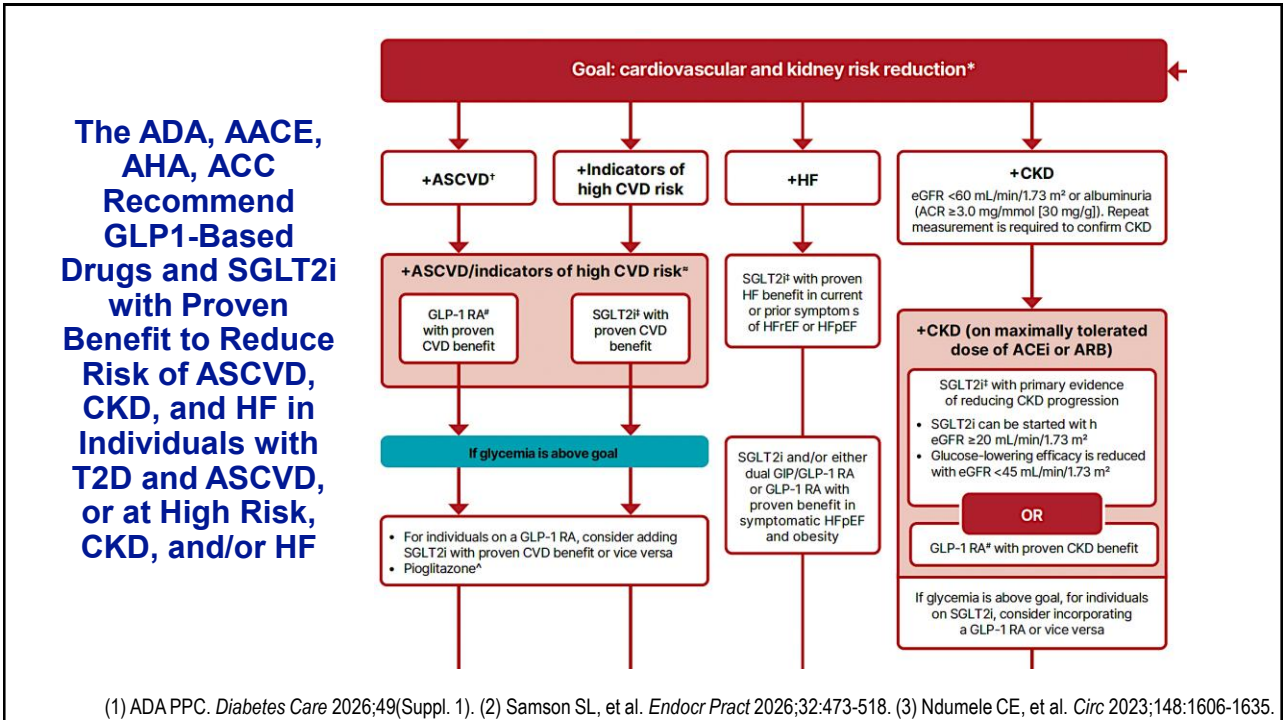
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## Glucose-Lowering Agents Demonstrated to Lower Cardiovascular (CV) Risk

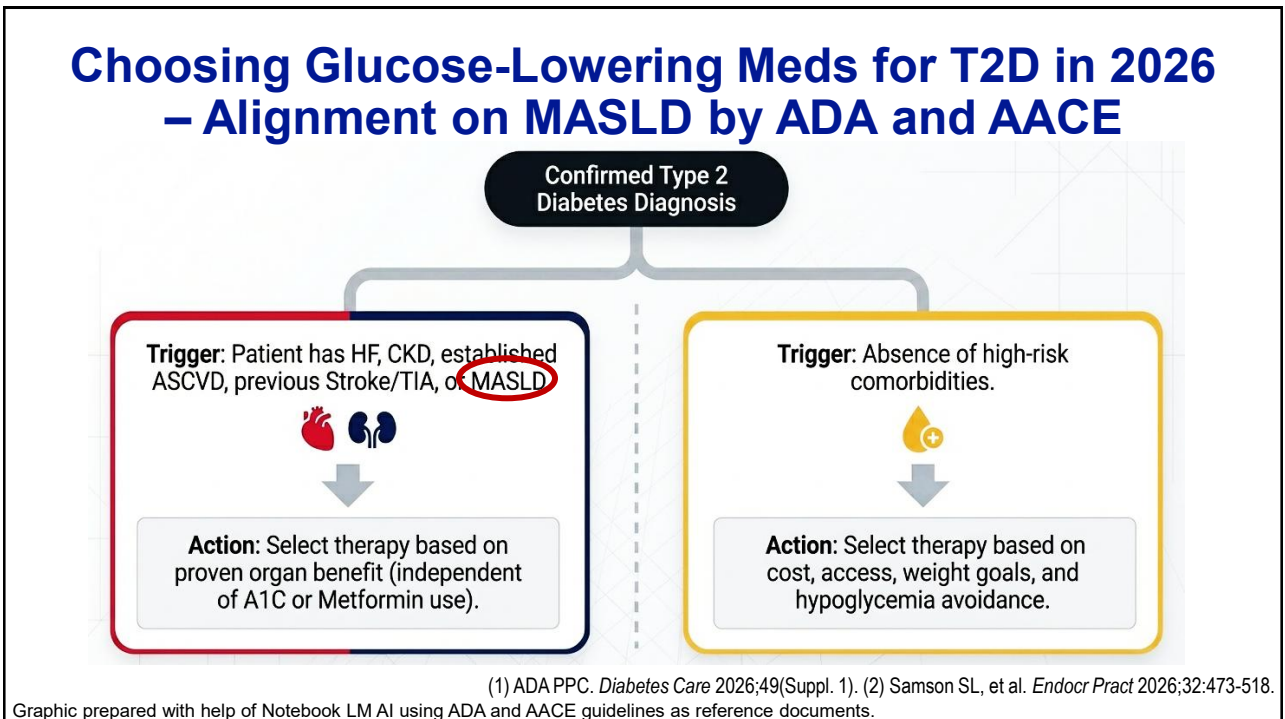
CVOT	% with est. CVD	Median f/u (y)	MACE** (%RRR)	CV death (%RRR)	HHF (%RRR)	FDA indication for CVD?	
						2° prevention	1° prevention
Empagliflozin	99	2.6	14	38	35	✓	-
Canagliflozin	66	2.4	14	NS	33	✓	-
Dapagliflozin	40	4.2	NS	Coprimary: CV death or HHF 17%, driven by HHF		✓	✓
→ Liraglutide SQ	~81	3.8	13	22	NS	✓	-
→ Semaglutide SQ	83	2.1	26	NS	NS	✓	-
→ Semaglutide PO	~84	4	14	NS	(NS)	-	-
→ Dulaglutide SQ	31	5.4	12	NS	NS	✓	✓
→ Tirzepatide SQ vs dulaglutide SQ	100	4	NS vs active control	NS vs active control	-	-	-

CVOT: cardiovascular outcome trial. MACE: major adverse cardiovascular event (nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, CV death)

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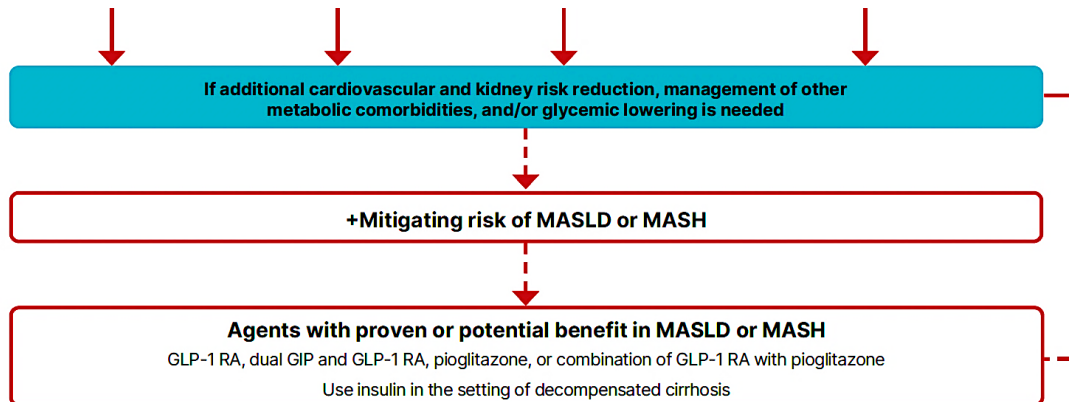


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## The ADA and AACE Agree That If Additional CV and Kidney Risk Reduction and/or Glucose-Lowering Is Needed, and to Mitigate Risk of MASLD or MASH, to Use GLP1-Based Drugs, Pioglitazone or Both



Samson SL, et al. AACE Consensus Statement: Algorithm for Management of Adults With Type 2 Diabetes — 2026 Update. *Endocr Pract* 2026;32:473-518.  
ADA PPC. 9. Pharmacology Approaches to Glycemic Treatment: Standards of Care in Diabetes – 2026. *Diabetes Care* 2026;49(Suppl. 1).

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## GLP1RA and Eye Health

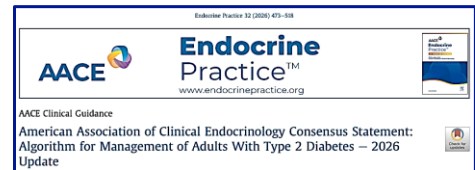
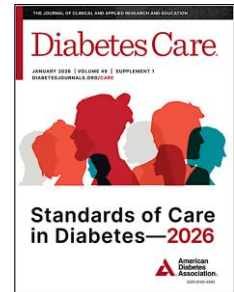
- Conflicting data on impact of GLP-1 RA on various facets of eye health, including development of nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy, glaucoma, neovascular age-related macular degeneration (AMD), and diabetic retinopathy progression.
- GLP-1 RAs including liraglutide, semaglutide, and dulaglutide have been shown to be associated with a risk of mildly worsening diabetic retinopathy in randomized trials. Further data are needed.
- Retinopathy status should be assessed when glucose-lowering therapies are intensified, such as those using GLP-1 RAs, since rapid reductions in A1C have been shown to be associated with a risk of initial worsening of retinopathy.
- Some matched cohort studies link GLP-1 RAs with various ocular complications such as nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy and AMD in people with diabetes, but data are limited and further studies are needed.
- GLP-1 RAs may have ocular benefits. Several studies have shown an association with GLP-1 RAs and lower intraocular pressure as well as a reduced risk of glaucoma

ADA PPC. 12. Retinopathy, Neuropathy and Foot Care: Standards of Care in Diabetes – 2026. *Diabetes Care* 2026;49(Suppl. 1):S261-S276.

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## Diabetes and Bone Health

### The T2D Bone Paradox

- People with T2D have 5–10% higher Bone Mineral Density (BMD) but significantly lower bone strength and higher fracture risk.
- The standard FRAX calculator systematically underestimates fracture risk in T2D. Apply a T-score adjustment of -0.5 SD.

### Screening Protocol

Order DXA scans every 2–3 years for adults  $\geq 65$  years, or  $\geq 50$  years with specific diabetes risk factors.

### Treatment Cautions



Avoid Thiazolidinediones (TZDs) and Sulfonylureas in high-risk patients to prevent falls and bone loss.

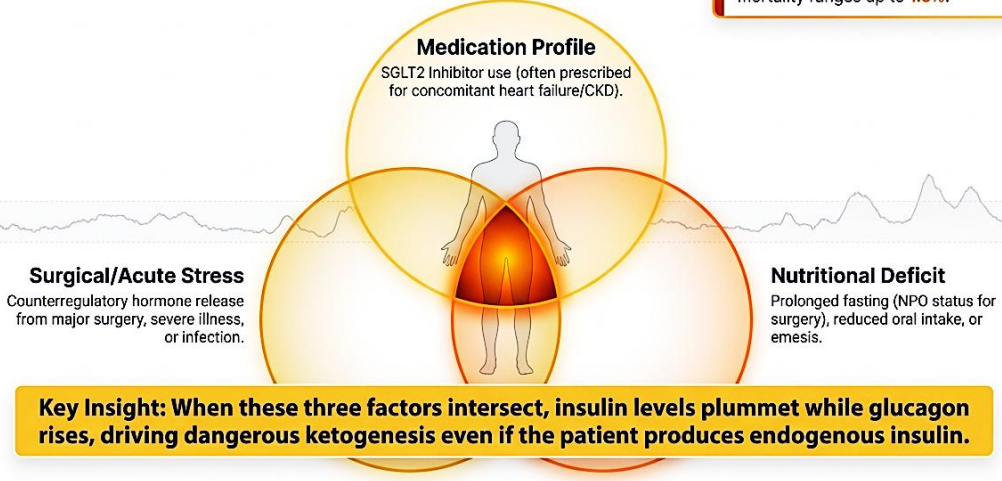
Ensure Calcium (1,000–1,200 mg/day) and Vitamin D intake.

ADA PPC. 4. Comprehensive Medical Evaluation and Assessment of Comorbidities - Standards of Care in Diabetes - 2026. *Diabetes Care* 2026;49(Suppl. 1):S61.

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# DKA in Type 2 Diabetes

**The Clinical Reality:** Hyperglycemic crisis rates are rising, now reaching up to **3.2** per 1,000 person-years among patients with Type 2 Diabetes. Inpatient mortality ranges up to **1.0%**.

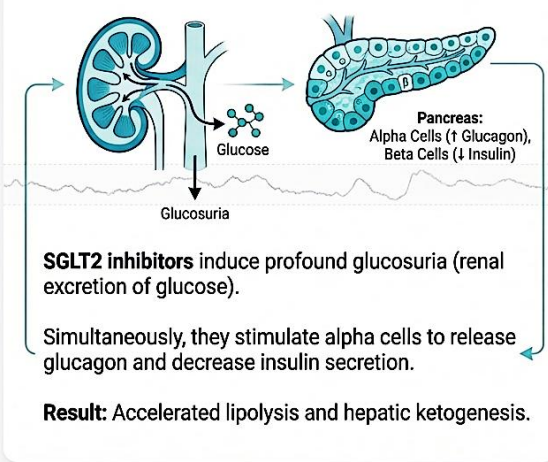


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# Presence of Euglycemic DKA Can Lead to a Missed Diagnosis of DKA

## The Mechanism



## The Clinical Danger

**Plasma Glucose:** Looks falsely reassuring (<200 mg/dL / <11.1 mmol/L).



**The Trap:** Because hyperglycemia is absent, the diagnosis of DKA is frequently delayed.



**Clinical Rule:** Approximately 10% of DKA presentations are euglycemic. If unexplained metabolic acidosis occurs in a patient on SGLT2i, check ketones immediately regardless of blood glucose levels.

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## Diagnosing a Hyperglycemic Crisis in 2026 (Must Meet All Criteria)

Dimension	DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis)	HHS (Hyperglycemic Hyperosmolar State)
Dimension 1: Glycemic Level	Glucose $\geq 200$ mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) or history of diabetes	Plasma glucose $\geq 600$ mg/dL (33.3 mmol/L).
Dimension 2: Ketosis	$\beta$ -Hydroxybutyrate $\geq 3.0$ mmol/L or urine ketone strip 2+ or greater.	Absence of significant ketonemia ( $\beta$ -Hydroxybutyrate $< 3.0$ mmol/L or urine ketone $< 2+$ ).
Dimension 3: Acidosis	Venous pH $< 7.3$ and/or bicarbonate $< 18$ mmol/L.	Absence of acidosis (pH $\geq 7.3$ and bicarbonate $\geq 15$ mmol/L).
Dimension 4: Osmolarity	Variable.	Calculated effective serum osmolality $> 300$ mOsm/kg.

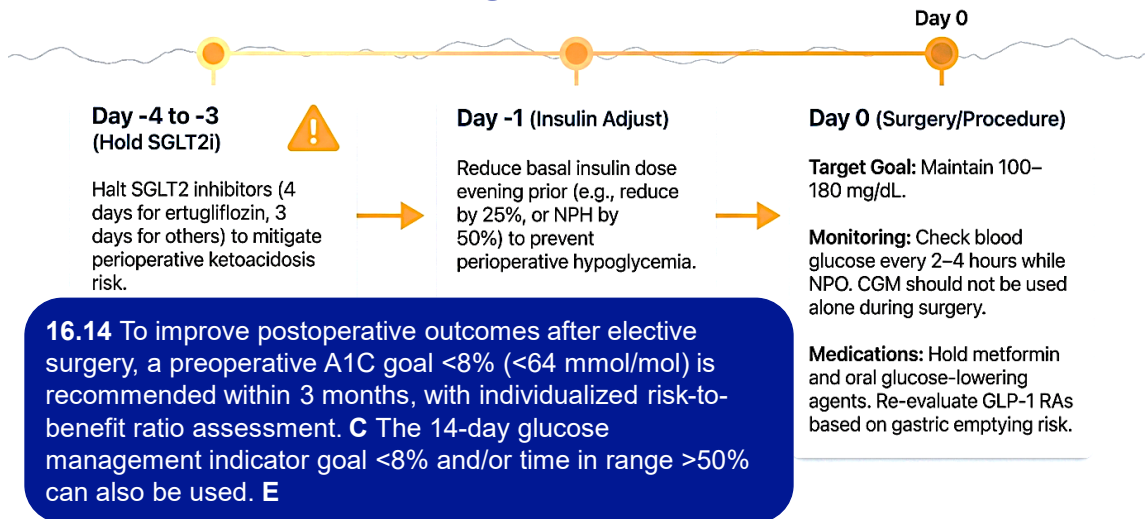
Approximately one-third of hyperglycemic emergencies have a hybrid DKA-HHS presentation.

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## Improving Post-Operative Outcomes CGM Glucose Management Indicator (GMI) Goal



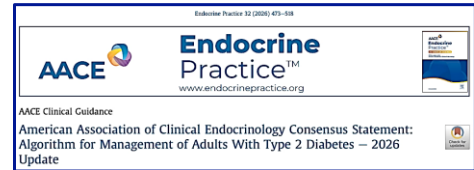
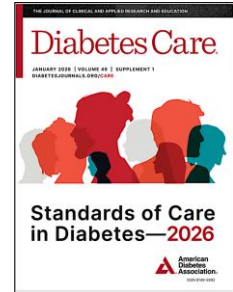
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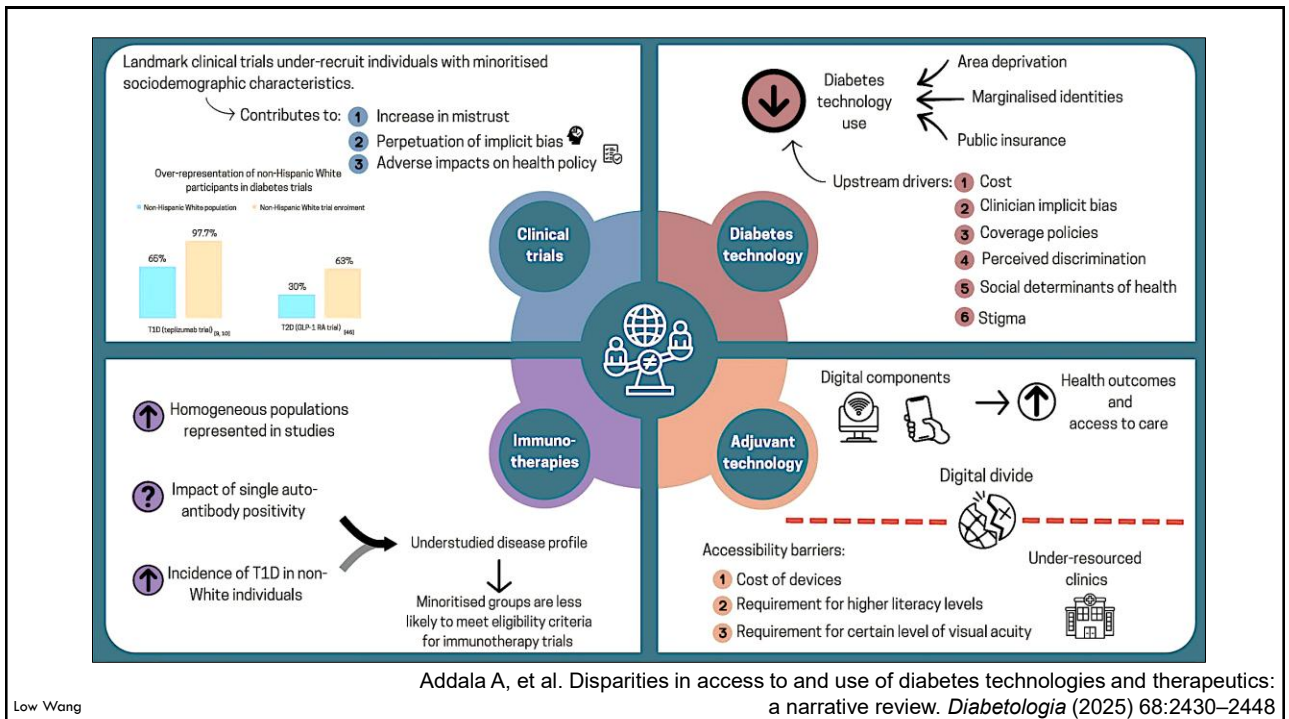
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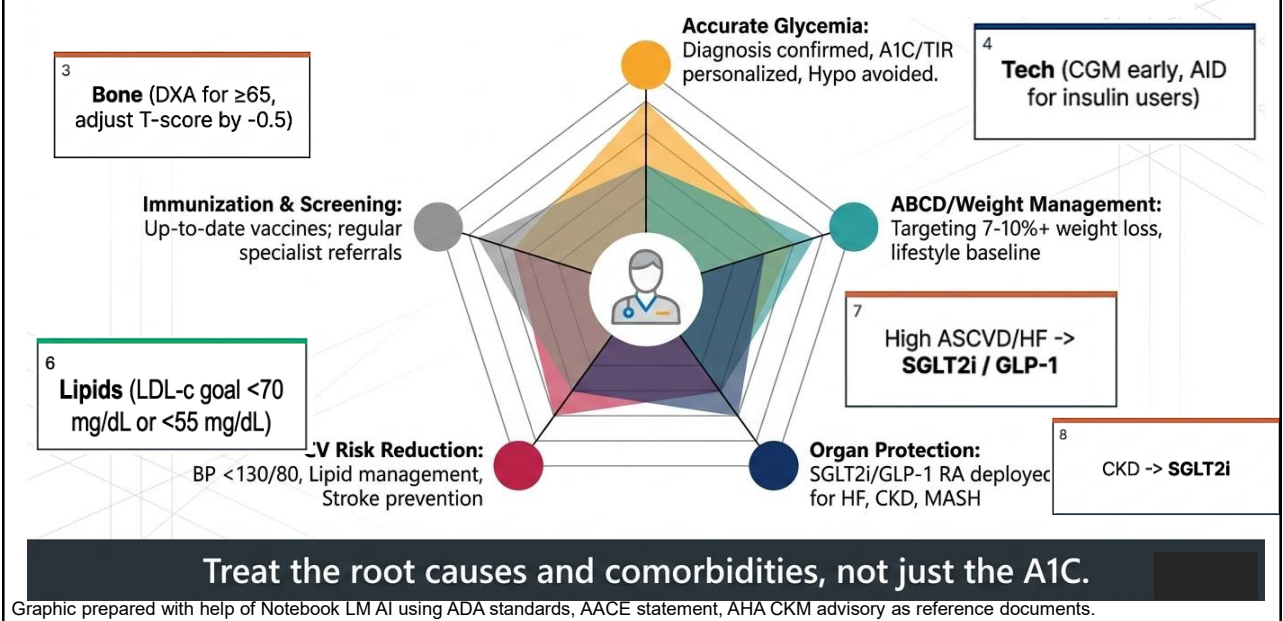
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# Type 2 Diabetes in 2026: The Whole Patient



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#### ARS Question #1

Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) Is a New Standard of Care for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes as well as Those with Type 1 Diabetes.

**What Does a 10% Increase in “Time-in-Range” (Glucose 70-180 mg/dL) Equate to in Terms of an A1c Decrease?**

- A. 0.1%
- B. 0.3%
- C. 0.5%
- D. 0.8%
- E. 1.0%

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## Take-Home Points for T2D in 2026

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- Maintain a high index of suspicion for type 1 or other diabetes – type 2 diabetes and pre-type 2-diabetes is a diagnosis of exclusion.
- Low threshold for early initiation of CGM – it works, and it's standard of care. Time-in-range (TIR) goal  $\geq 70\%$  in most.
- Blood pressure goals are aggressive, and ACEi/ARB remain 1<sup>st</sup> line if albuminuria or established ASCVD
- LDL-c lowering: 50% reduction and absolute level of  $<70$  mg/dL if multiple RF,  $<55$  mg/dL if established ASCVD. Add ezetimibe to a statin if needed.
- Glucose-lowering: Multiple CVOTs demonstrating benefits of GLP1RA and SGLT2i, and MASLD is a new focus
- Diagnosis of DKA in diabetes: any glucose. Non-diabetes:  $\geq 200$  mg/dL
- Pre-operative glycemic goals: A1c  $<8\%$  and/or CGM TIR  $>50\%$

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