

# Updates in Diabetes Management: A Focus on SGLT-2 Inhibitors and GLP-1 Agonists

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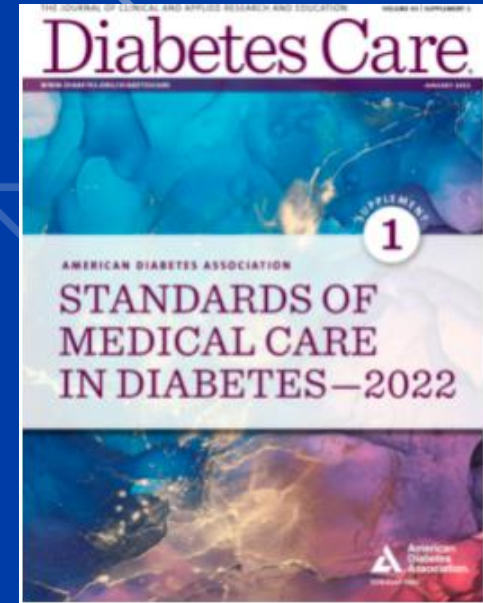
# Abbreviations

- T2DM: type 2 diabetes
- SGLT-2: sodium glucose cotransporter-2
- GLP-1: glucagon-like peptide
- MI: myocardial infarction
- CV: cardiovascular
- AACE: American Association of Clinical Endocrinology
- RCT: randomized controlled trial
- MACE: major adverse cardiovascular event
- SU: sulfonylurea
- RAAS: renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
- NSAID: non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
- UACR: urine albumin: creatinine ratio
- UTI: urinary tract infection
- CVD: cardiovascular disease
- BG: blood glucose
- eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate
- HF: heart failure
- HFrEF: heart failure with reduced ejection fraction
- HFpEF: heart failure with preserved ejection fraction
- HR: hazard ratio
- CrCl: creatinine clearance
- BMI: body mass index

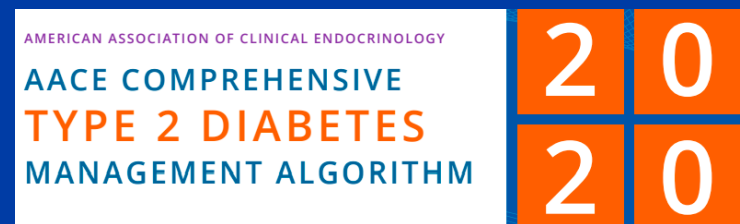
# Learning Objectives

1. Explain the role of SGLT-2 inhibitors and GLP-1 agonists in relation to diabetes management
2. Describe expanded indications beyond diabetes and updates for SGLT-2 inhibitors and GLP-1 agonists
3. Apply appropriate medication management to patient cases with comorbid diabetes

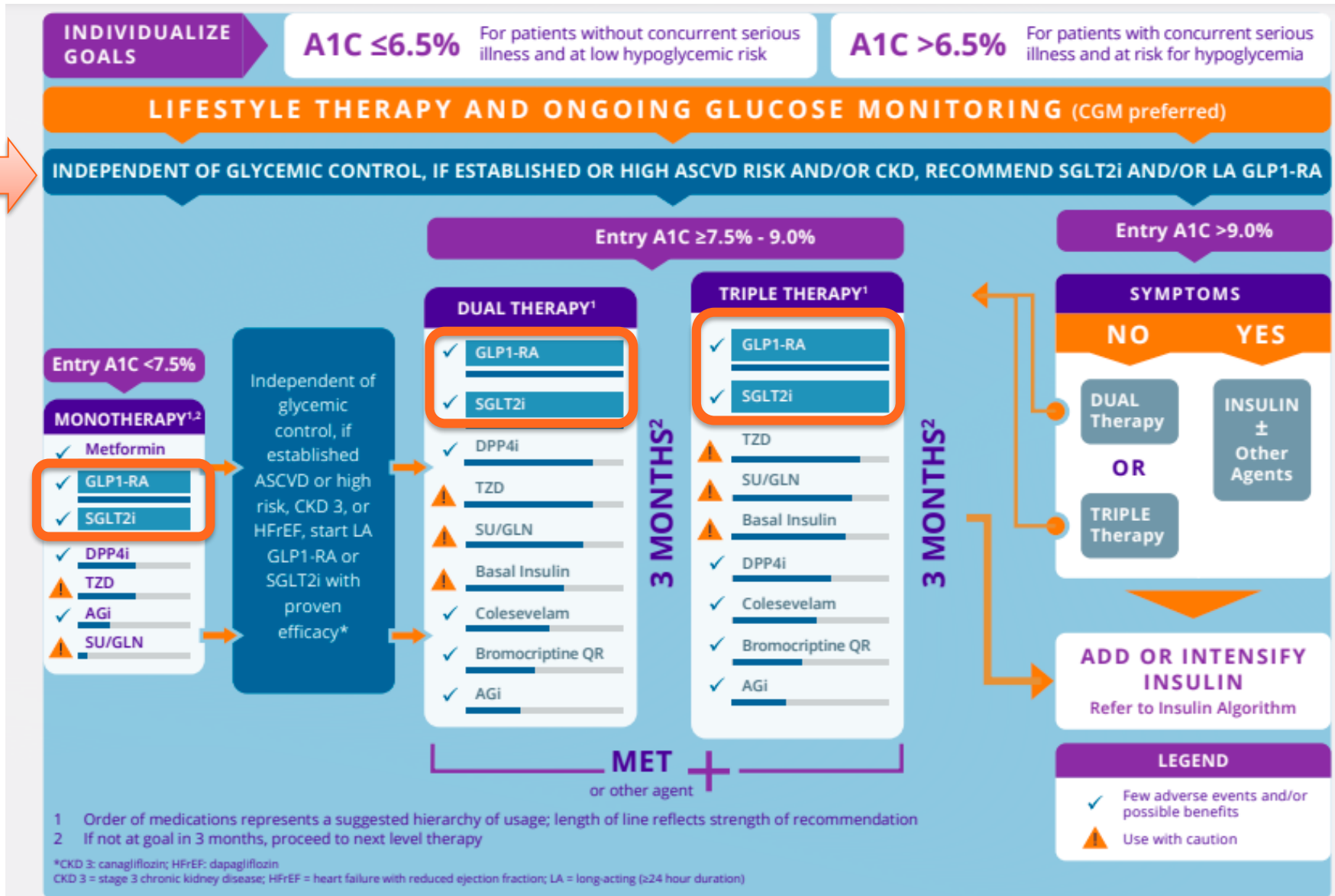
# American Diabetes Association – Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes 2022



# AACE Comprehensive T2DM Management Algorithm



# AACE 2020



## PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENT OF HYPERGLYCEMIA IN ADULTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES

**FIRST-LINE THERAPY** depends on comorbidities, patient-centered treatment factors, including cost and access considerations, and management needs and generally includes metformin and comprehensive lifestyle modification<sup>1</sup>



**ASCVD/INDICATORS OF HIGH RISK, HF, CKD†**

**RECOMMEND INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C, INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET, OR METFORMIN USE‡**

**+ASCVD/INDICATORS OF HIGH RISK\***

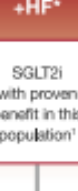


**IF A1C ABOVE TARGET**

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider incorporating SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit and vice versa<sup>1</sup>
- TZD<sup>2</sup>

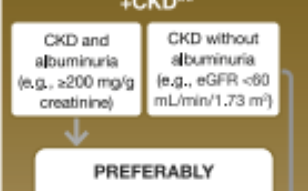
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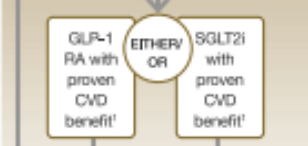
**+CKD\*\***



**PREFERABLY**

- SGLT2i with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression
- OR**
- SGLT2i with evidence of reducing CKD progression in CVOTs
- OR**
- GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated

For patients with CKD (e.g., eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) without albuminuria, recommend the following to decrease cardiovascular risk



If A1C above target, for patients on SGLT2i, consider incorporating a GLP-1 RA and vice versa

**NONE**

**Incorporate agents that provide adequate EFFICACY to achieve and maintain glycemic goals**  
**Higher glycemic efficacy therapy: GLP-1 RA; insulin; combination approaches (Table 9.2)**  
 • Consider additional comorbidities, patient-centered treatment factors, and management needs in choice of therapy, as below:

**MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA**

No/low inherent risk of hypoglycemia: DPP-4i, GLP-1 RA, SGLT2i, TZD

For SU or basal insulin, consider agents with lower risk of hypoglycemia<sup>3,4</sup>

**IF A1C ABOVE TARGET**

Incorporate additional agents based on comorbidities, patient-centered treatment factors, and management needs



- Proven benefit refers to label indication (see Table 9.2)
- Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
- Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Risk of hypoglycemia: degludec / glargine U-300 < glargine U-100 / detemir < NPH insulin
- Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs

**MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN/PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS**

**PREFERABLY**

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss

**OR**

SGLT2i

**IF A1C ABOVE TARGET**

For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider incorporating SGLT2i and vice versa

- If GLP-1 RA not tolerated or indicated, consider DPP-4i (weight neutral)

Incorporate additional agents based on comorbidities, patient-centered treatment factors, and management needs



<sup>4</sup>For adults with overweight or obesity, lifestyle modification to achieve and maintain ≥5% weight loss and a 150 min/week of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity is recommended (See Section 5: Facilitating Behavior Change and Well-being to Improve Health Outcomes).  
<sup>†</sup>Actioned whenever these become new clinical considerations regardless of background glucose-lowering medications.  
<sup>‡</sup>Most patients enrolled in the relevant trials were on metformin at baseline as glucose-lowering therapy.  
<sup>§</sup>Refer to Section 10: Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management.  
<sup>||</sup>Refer to Section 11: Chronic Kidney Disease and Risk Management and specific medication labels.

**CONSIDER COST AND ACCESS**

Available in generic form at lower cost:

- Certain insulins: consider insulin available at the lowest acquisition cost
- SU
- TZD

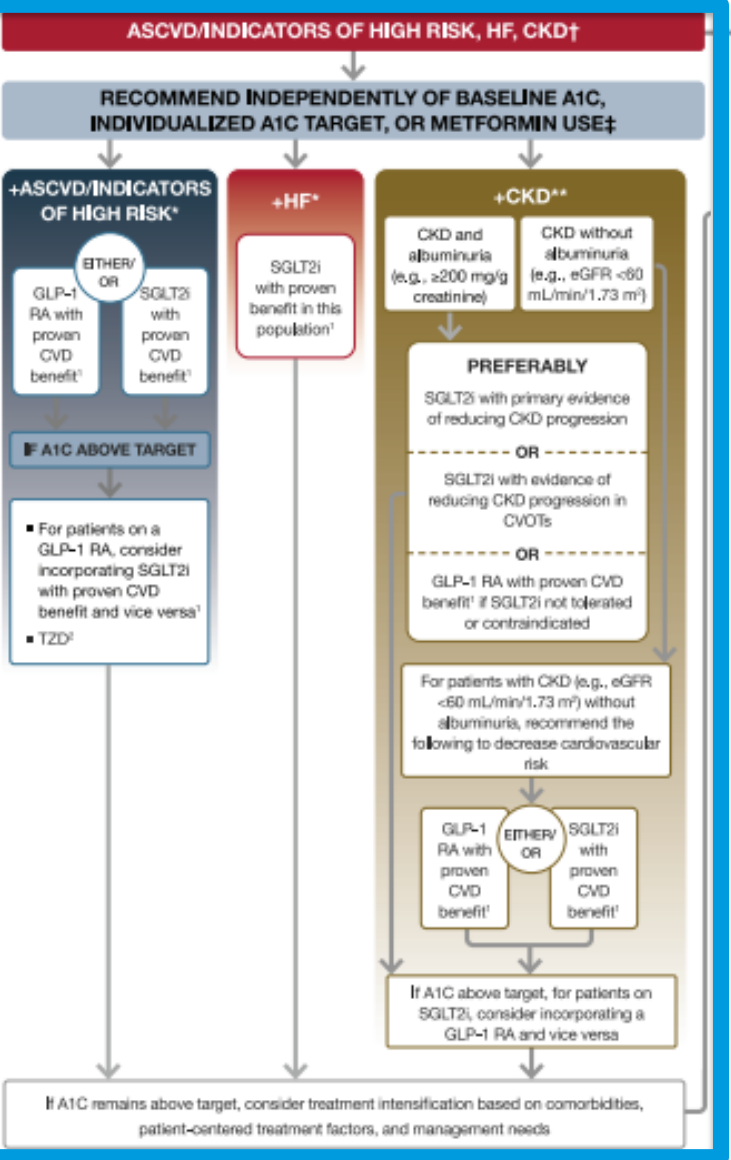
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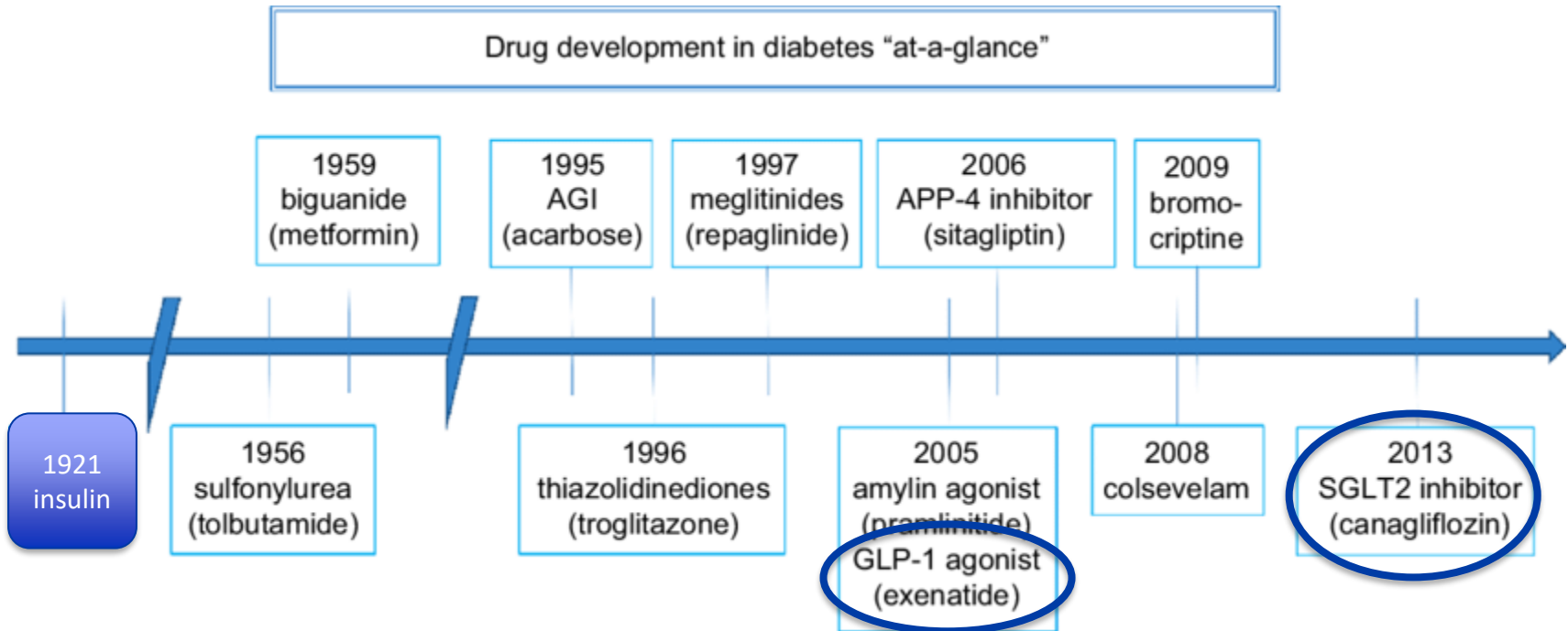
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- While ADA & AACE recommend SGLT2i's and GLP-1 agonists independent of metformin use, most insurance companies require a trial of metformin first
- Of note, ~75-80% of patients in SGLT2i/GLP-1 trials were on metformin

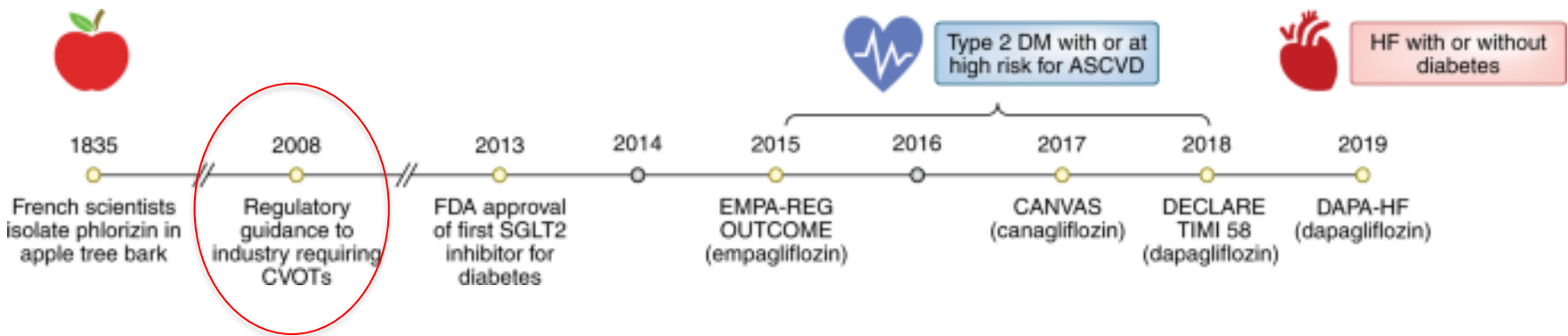


# Diabetes Medication Development Timeline



# Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials (CVOT)

- In 2007, rosiglitazone was associated with a significantly increased risk of MI
- 2008 FDA guidance mandates assessment of CV safety of all antihyperglycemic agents in RCTs
- Designed as non-inferiority studies to demonstrate study drug was not associated with more MACE than placebo
- If non-inferiority criteria was met, some study designs tested for superiority (**do the study drugs lower the risk of MACE?**)
- Primary endpoint (3P MACE): composite of cardiovascular death, nonfatal MI, and nonfatal stroke



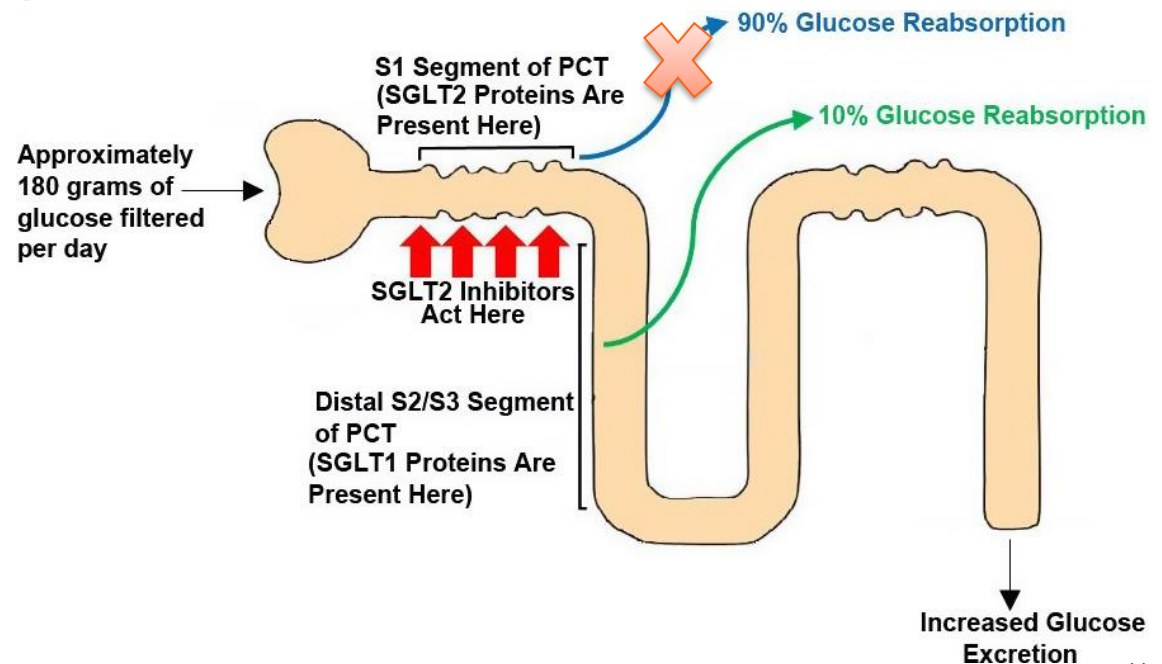
# Sodium-Glucose Co-Transporter 2 (SGLT-2) Inhibitors

Canagliflozin (Invokana<sup>®</sup>)

Dapagliflozin (Farxiga<sup>®</sup>)

Empagliflozin (Jardiance<sup>®</sup>)

Ertugliflozin (Steglatro<sup>®</sup>)



# SGLT-2 Inhibitor Overview

MOA	Advantages	Adverse effects	Special considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inhibits sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) in the proximal tubules</li> <li>↑ urinary excretion of glucose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Efficacy:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A1C ↓ 0.5-1%</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Weight loss (2.2-3.3 kg)</li> <li>✓ Low risk of hypoglycemia</li> <li>✓ Long-term CVD &amp; CKD benefits (dependent on individual drug)</li> <li>✓ All reduce HF hospitalizations in pts w/HFrEF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fungal/ bacterial infection of the genitourinary tract</li> <li>Renal insufficiency</li> <li>Hypotension/volume depletion</li> <li>Increased risk of euglycemic ketoacidosis (euDKA)</li> <li>Necrotizing fasciitis of the perineum</li> <li>Canagliflozin               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lower limb amputation</b></li> <li>• Bone fractures</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dapagliflozin               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly diagnosed bladder cancer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renal dose adjustments dependent on indication – most <b><u>not effective for BG control</u></b> at lower eGFRs</li> <li>High cost (without insurance)</li> </ul>

# Genitourinary Infections

<b>Prevalence</b>	~8% (genital mycotic infections); most commonly, vulvovaginal candidiasis, Candida balanitis
<b>Risk factors</b>	female, history of genital infection, uncircumcised male, poor hygiene
<b>Mechanism</b>	altered immune function, glucosuria, altered microflora of genital region

- Mixed evidence regarding risk of UTI or severe UTIs
- Rarely, Fournier's gangrene

# Concomitant Diuretics and Hypotension



- SGLT2i's can lower systolic BP ~3-5 mmHg

## Hypotensive/Hypovolemic

- Do **not** initiate SGLT2i
- Assess underlying cause
- Adjust/stop diuretics or blood pressure (BP) medications as necessary

## Normotensive/Euvolemic/ Age >65 yrs

- Start SGLT2i
- Consider reducing diuretic dose by 50%
- If BP drops significantly or patient becomes hypovolemic, lower dose or stop diuretics (or other antihypertensives) as needed

## Hypertensive/ Hypervolemic/Age <65yrs

- Start SGLT2
- Adjust BP regimen as needed

# Concomitant Insulin Secretagogues

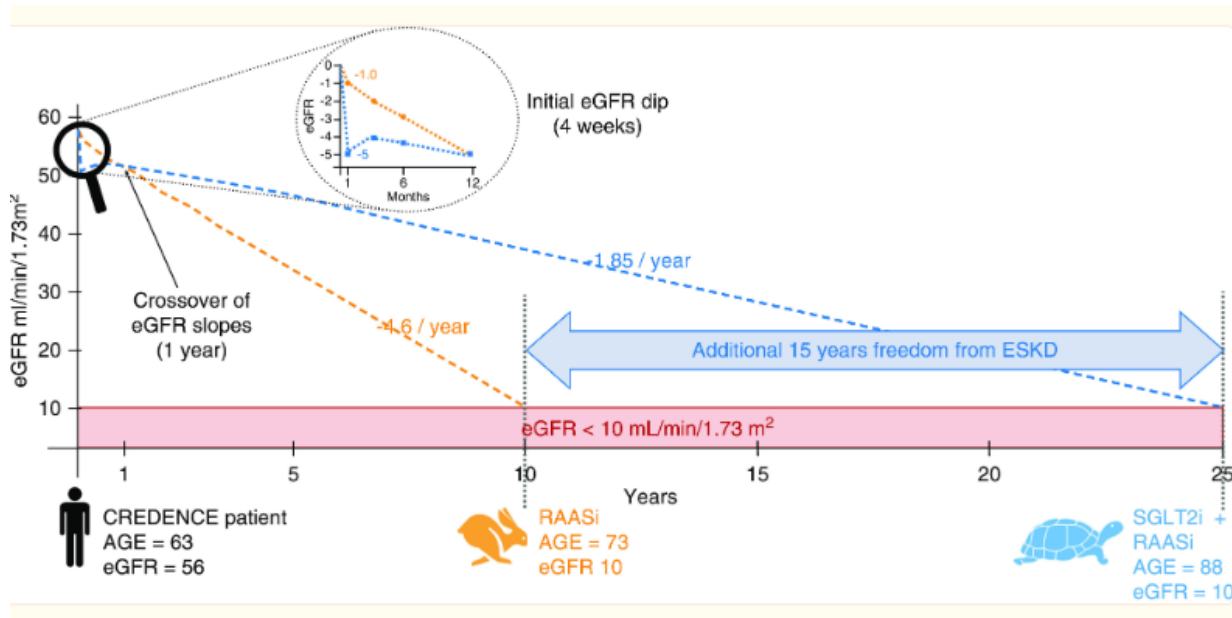
## HbA1c < 8.5%

- Decrease SU or meglitinide by ~50% or stop
- Decrease rapid-acting insulin ~10-20%
- If patient is on basal insulin only, decrease ~10-20%
- Do not stop insulin abruptly (risk of euDKA)

## HbA1c ≥ 8.5%

- Maintain concomitant medications
- Adjust as needed if hypoglycemia occurs

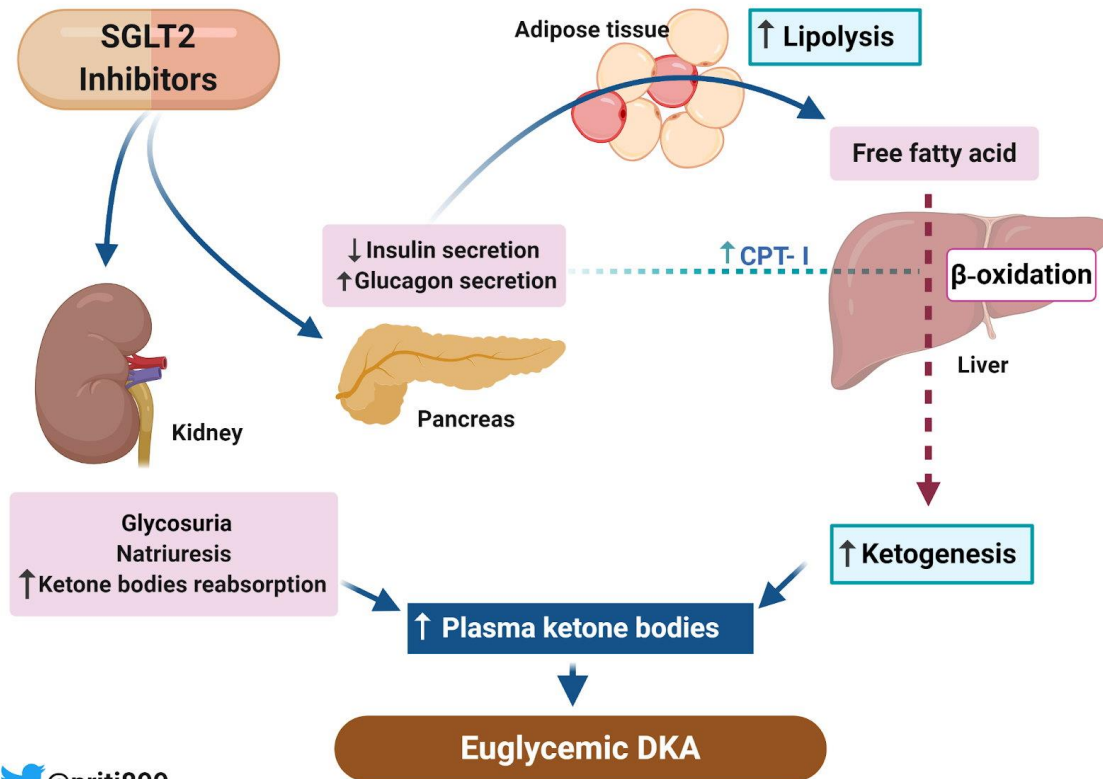
# Initial eGFR decline



- Early drop in eGFR  $\sim 3-6$  mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> around weeks 2-4 with recovery around week 12
- Risk factors: hypovolemia, diuretics, RAAS, NSAIDs, heart failure
- Attenuation of eGFR slope at week 52



# Euglycemic DKA



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- Mechanism: increased ketone body production & reabsorption
- May be precipitated by surgery, extensive exercise, myocardial infarction, stroke, severe infection, prolonged fasting, pancreatic insulin deficiency, dose decreases in insulin, alcohol abuse
- **SGLT2i should be discontinued if this occurs**

# Summary of Advantages

Medications	T2DM	ASCVD	Diabetic kidney disease (DKD)	HFrEF	HFpEF
Canagliflozin (Invokana®)	eGFR ≥30	✓*	✓*	✓	n/a
Dapagliflozin (Farxiga®)	eGFR ≥45	^	✓* (± DM)	✓* (± DM)	n/a
Empagliflozin (Jardiance®)	eGFR ≥30	✓*	✓	✓* (± DM)	✓* (± DM)
Ertugliflozin (Steglatro®)	eGFR ≥45	X		?	n/a

\*FDA label

^To reduce the risk of hospitalization for HF in adults with T2DM and established CVD or multiple risk factors

# Renal Dose Adjustments

	T2DM	ASCVD	Diabetic kidney disease (DKD)	HFrEF
Canagliflozin (Invokana®)	eGFR ≥ 60: 100, 300 mg eGFR ≥ 30: 100 mg	eGFR ≥ 30: 100 mg	eGFR < 30: may continue 100 mg (don't start)	(off-label) eGFR ≥ 30: 100 mg

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# ASCVD Studies in SGLT-2i's

% are relative  
risk reductions

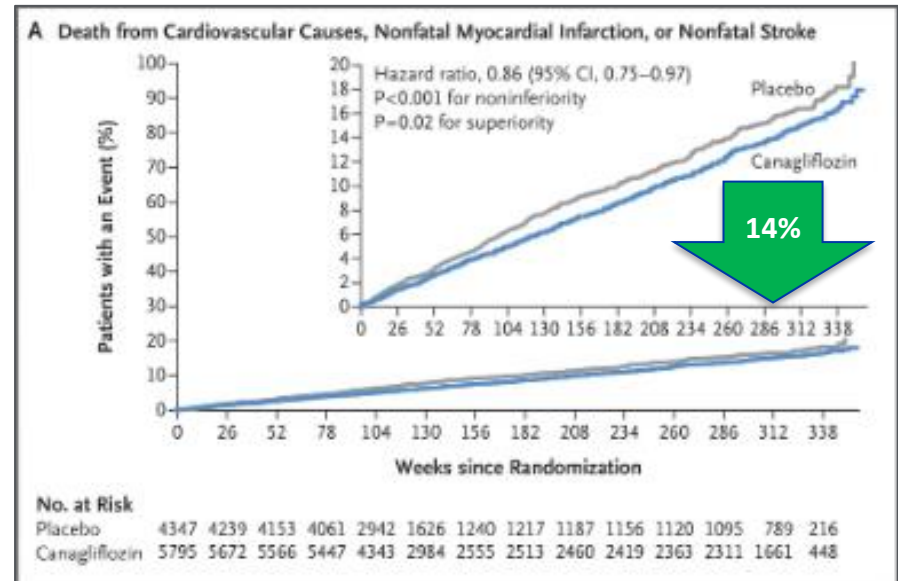
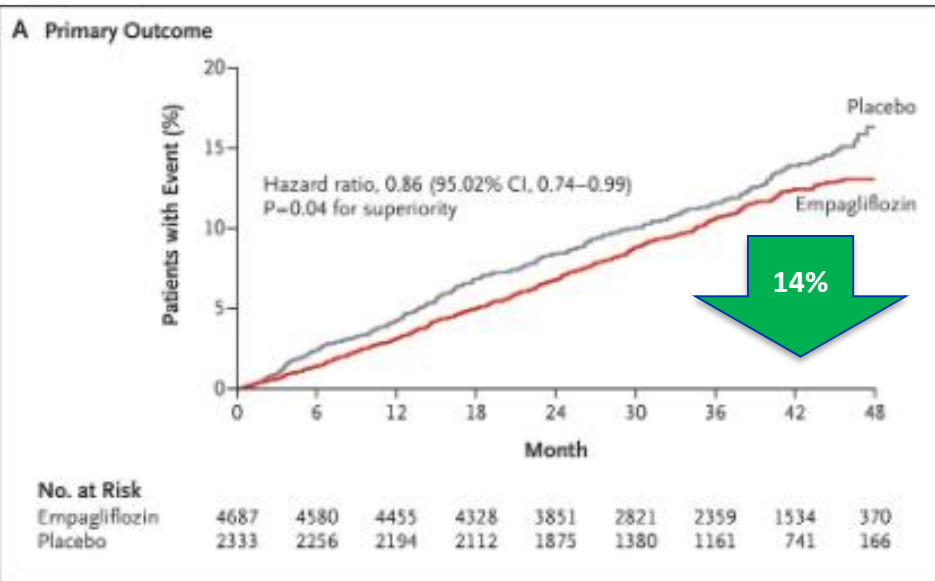
	EMPA-REG (2015) Jardiance® (empagliflozin)	CANVAS (2017) Invokana® (canagliflozin)
Inclusion	DM2 with established CVD	DM2 + hx of prior CV event OR age ≥50 years with ≥2 CV risk factors
Sample Size	N = 7,020 10 or 25 mG (3.1 yrs)	N=10,142 100 or 300 mG (3.6 yrs)
Primary endpoint	3P MACE: ↓14%	3P MACE: ↓14%
Notable Secondary endpoints	38% ↓ in CV death 35% ↓ HF hospitalization	↓33% HF hospitalization (exploratory: ↓40% in composite renal outcomes)

# ASCVD Outcomes

## 3P MACE: CV death, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke

EMPA-REG (2015): Empagliflozin

CANVAS (2017): Canagliflozin



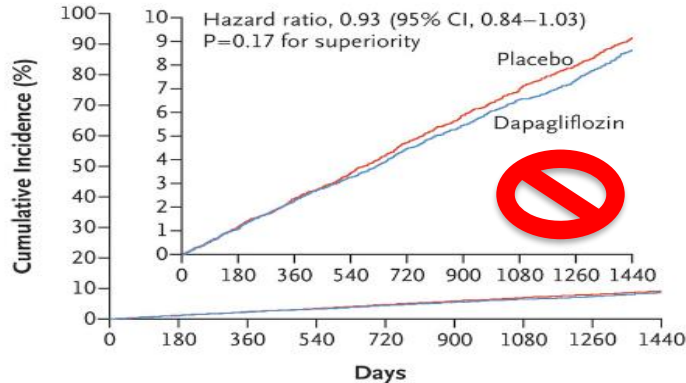
# ASCVD Outcomes

## 3P MACE: CV death, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke

### DECLARE TIMI (2019): Dapagliflozin

### VERTIS CV (2020): Ertugliflozin

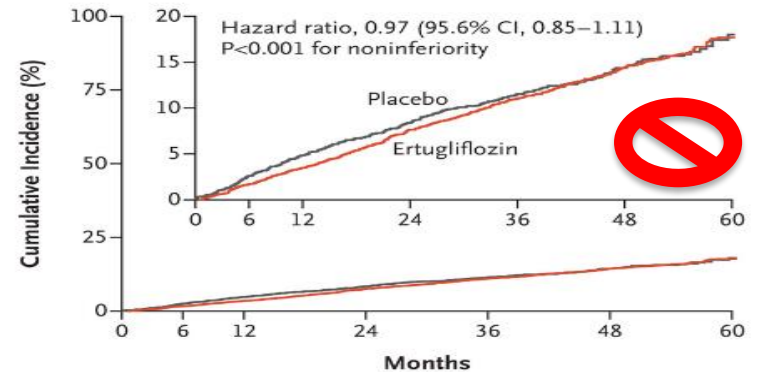
**B MACE**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	8578	8433	8281	8129	7969	7805	7649	7137	5158
Dapagliflozin	8582	8466	8303	8166	8017	7873	7708	7237	5225

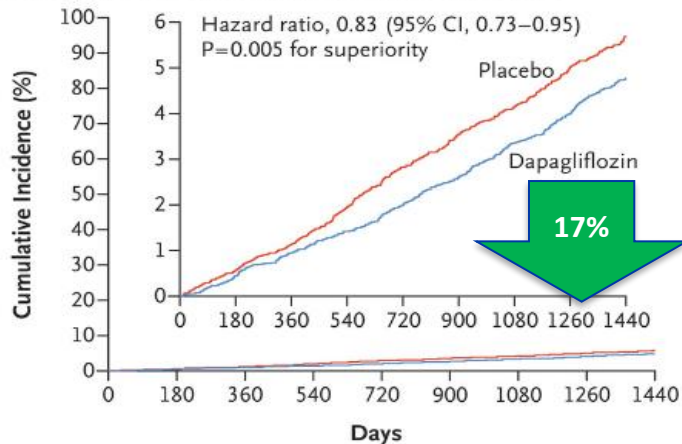
**A Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event (Primary Outcome)**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	2745	2663	2580	2180	1027	769	134
Ertugliflozin	5493	5346	5203	4448	2216	1690	272

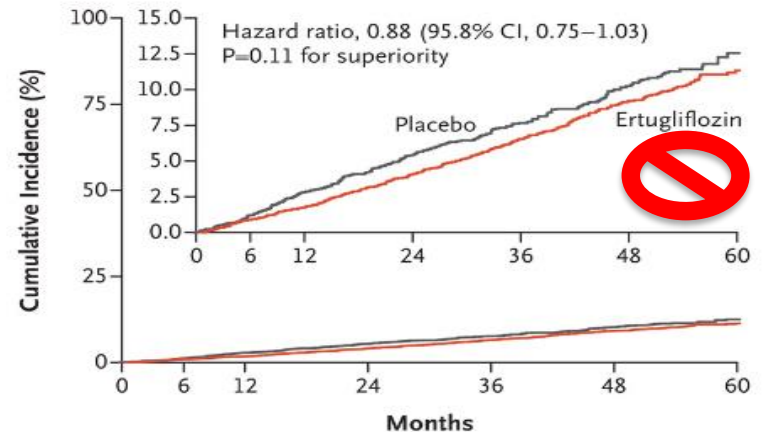
**A Cardiovascular Death or Hospitalization for Heart Failure**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	8578	8485	8387	8259	8127	8003	7880	7367	5362
Dapagliflozin	8582	8517	8415	8322	8224	8110	7970	7497	5445

**B Death from Cardiovascular Causes or Hospitalization for Heart Failure**



**No. at Risk**

Placebo	2747	2702	2637	2536	1362	1120	219
Ertugliflozin	5499	5399	5302	5126	2769	2289	402

# HF Studies in SGLT-2i's

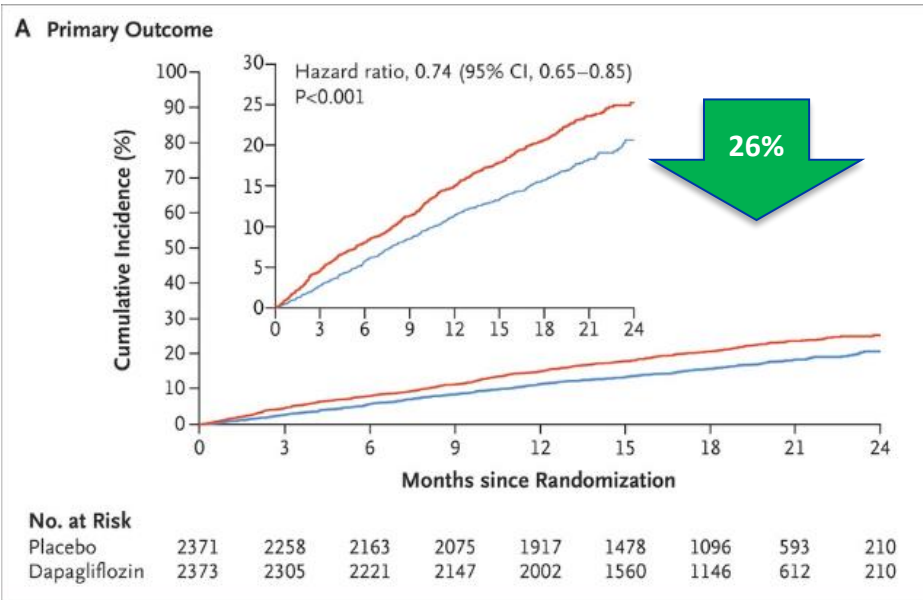
% are relative risk reductions

	<b>DAPA-HF (2019) Farxiga® (Dapagliflozin)</b>	<b>EMPEROR-Reduced (2020) Jardiance® (empagliflozin)</b>
<b>Inclusion</b>	Age ≥ 18 yo NYHA class II-IV HFrEF of 40% or less <u>with or without DM2</u>	Age ≥ 18 yo NYHA class II-IV HFrEF of 40% or less <u>with or without DM2</u>
<b>Sample Size</b>	N = 4744 (18.2 mo) 10 mG ~42% had DM2	N = 3730 (16 mo) 10 mG ~50% had DM2
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	Composite of worsening HF (hospitalization or an urgent visit resulting in IV therapy) or CV death: <b>↓26%</b>	Composite of CV death or hospitalization for worsening HF: <b>↓25%</b>
<b>Notable Secondary endpoints</b>		<b>Slower rate of eGFR decline</b> (-0.55 ± 0.23 vs. -2.28 ± 0.23, p<0.001)

# HF Outcomes

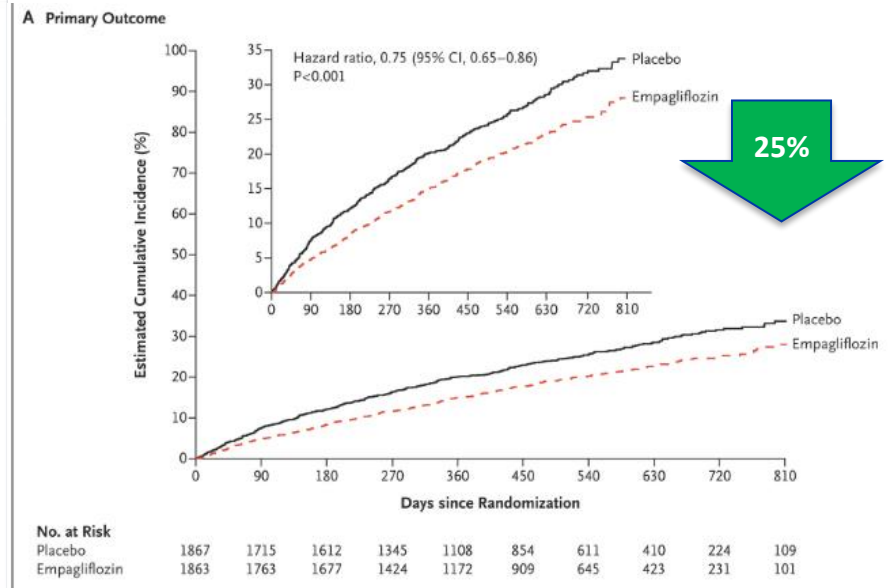
## DAPA HF (2019): Dapagliflozin

Composite of death from CV causes, hospitalization for HF, or an urgent visit resulting in IV therapy for HF



## EMPEROR-Reduced (2020): Empagliflozin

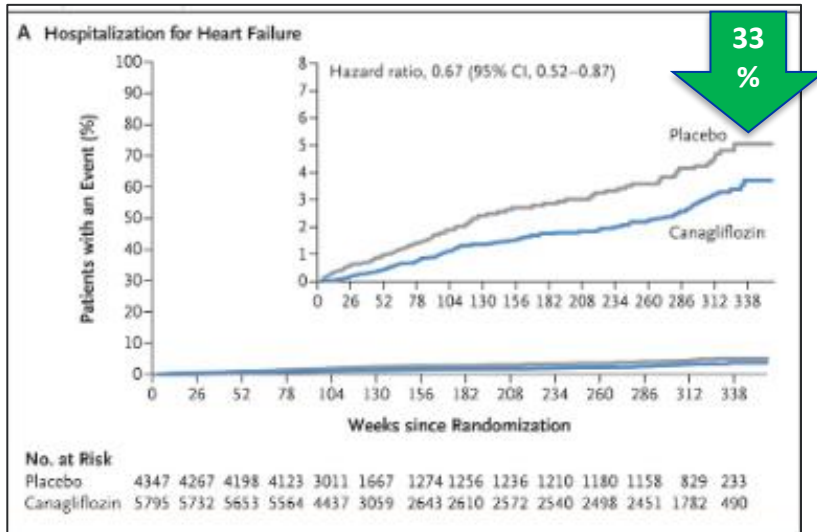
composite outcome of CV death or hospitalization for HF





# HF Outcomes (Secondary)

## CANVAS (2017): Canagliflozin



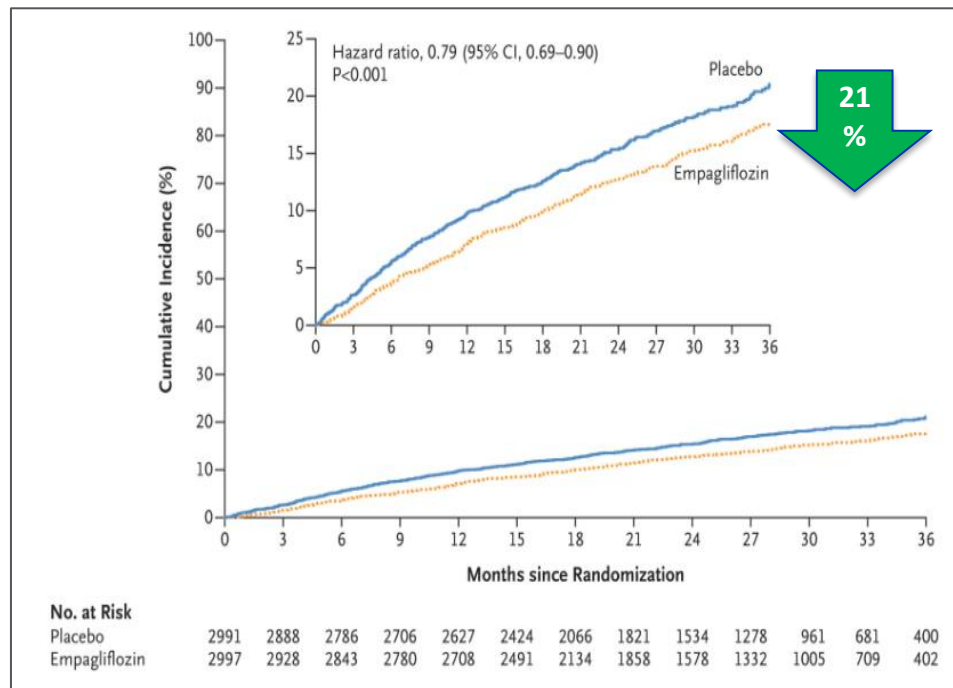
VERTIS CV (2020): Ertugliflozin  
 Hospitalization for HF  
 HR 0.7 (0.54 – 0.90)  
 \*Not tested for statistical significance because first key secondary outcome (death from CV causes or hHF) not significant\*

## CREDESCENCE (2019): Canagliflozin

HF Hospitalization:  
 HR 0.61 (0.47 – 0.80),  $p < 0.001$

# EMPEROR Preserved (2021) – Empagliflozin (Jardiance®)

<b>Inclusion</b>	Class II–IV heart failure and an ejection fraction > 40% with or without DM2
<b>Sample Size</b>	N=5988 (26.2 months), 10 mG daily
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	↓21% composite of cardiovascular death or hospitalization for heart failure (mainly drive by ↓ HF hospitalization)
<b>Notable secondary endpoints</b>	Change in mean eGFR slope/year: -1.25 vs. -2.62 (p < 0.001) Composite renal outcome 3.6% vs. 3.7% (p > 0.05)



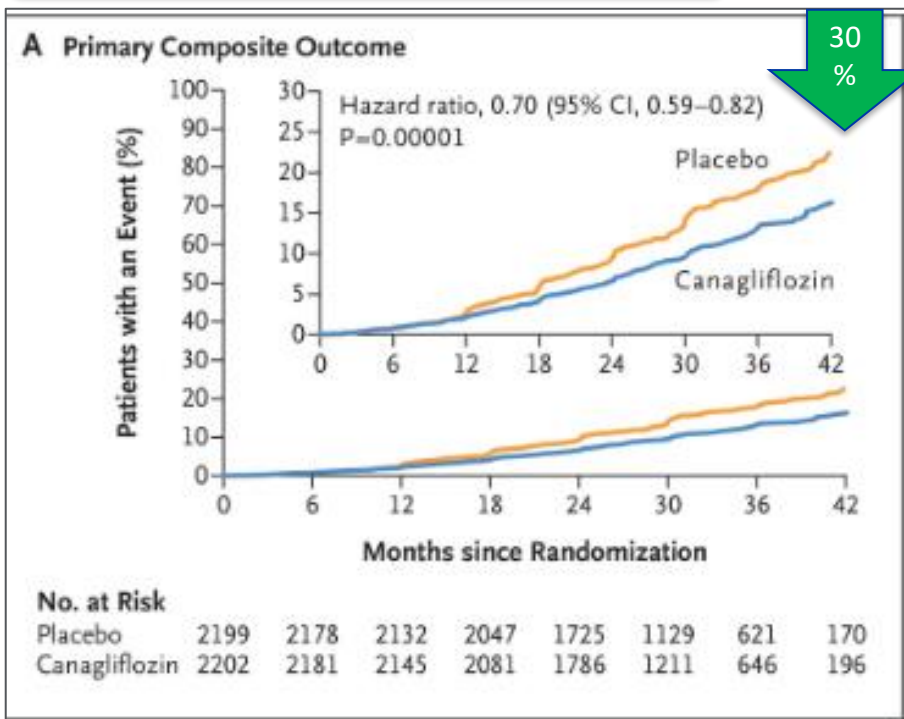
% are relative risk reductions

# DKD/CKD trials in SGLT-2i's

	<b>CREDESCENCE (2019)</b> <b>Invokana®</b> <b>(canagliflozin)</b>	<b>DAPA-CKD (2019)</b> <b>Farxiga (Dapagliflozin)</b>
<b>Inclusion</b>	DM2 +eGFR 30-90 + UACR 300 to 5000 mg/g	eGFR 25-75 + UACR 200 to 5000 mg/g <u>with or without DM2</u>
<b>Sample Size</b>	N= 4401 <i>(2.6yr) – stopped early for efficacy!</i>	N = 4304 (2.4yrs)
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	ESKD, Doubling of Serum Creatinine, or Renal or CV Death: ↓30%	Composite of a sustained decline in eGFR of at least 50%, ESKD, or renal or CV death: ↓39%
<b>Notable Secondary endpoints</b>	CV death or HF hospitalization: ↓31% HF hosp: ↓39%	

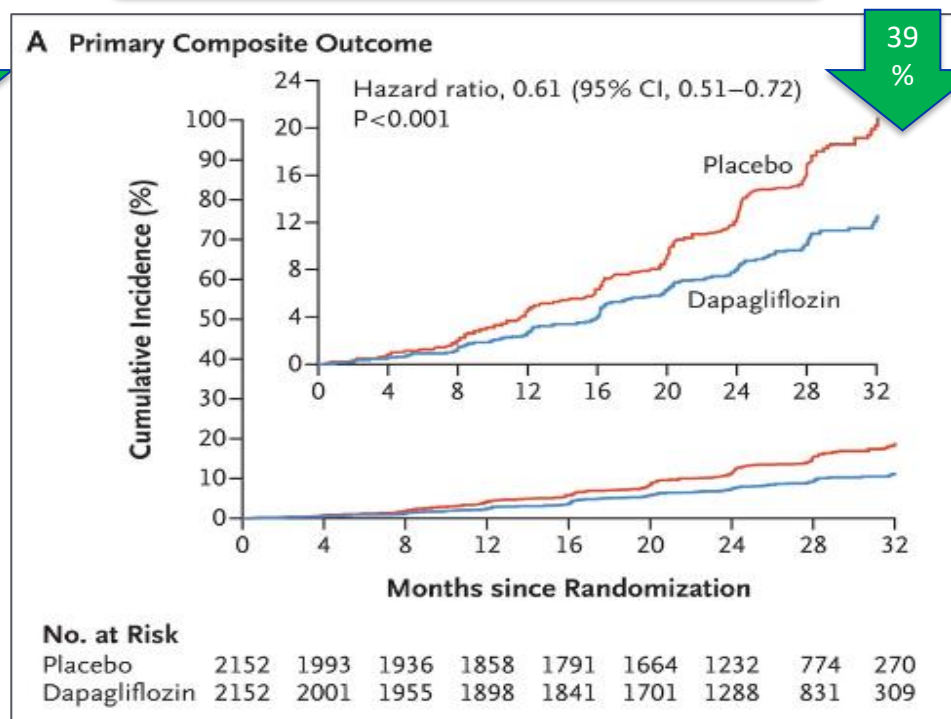
# DKD/CKD Primary Outcomes

## CREDESCENCE (2019): Canagliflozin



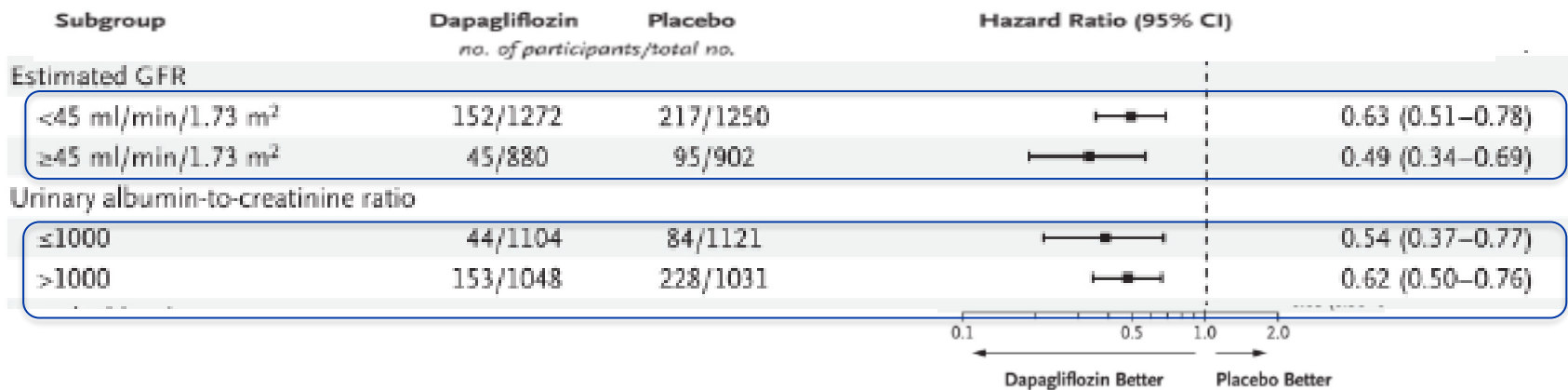
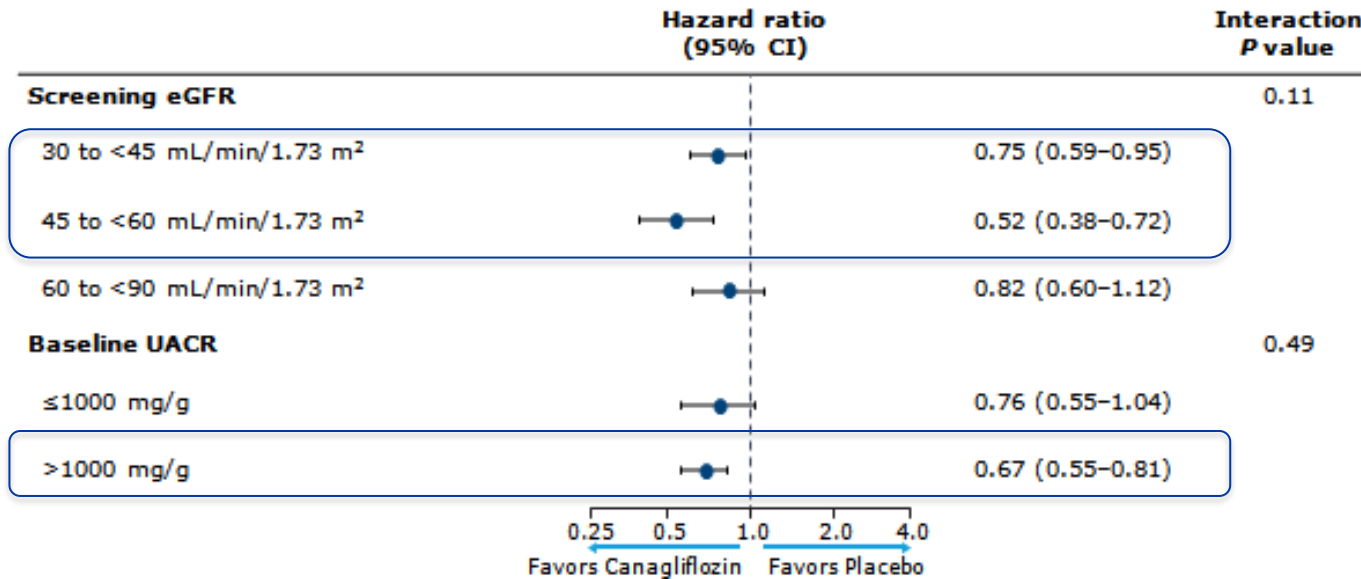
Composite of ESKD (dialysis, transplantation, or a sustained eGFR of  $<15$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), a doubling of the SCr, or death from renal or CV causes

## DAPA CKD (2019): Dapagliflozin



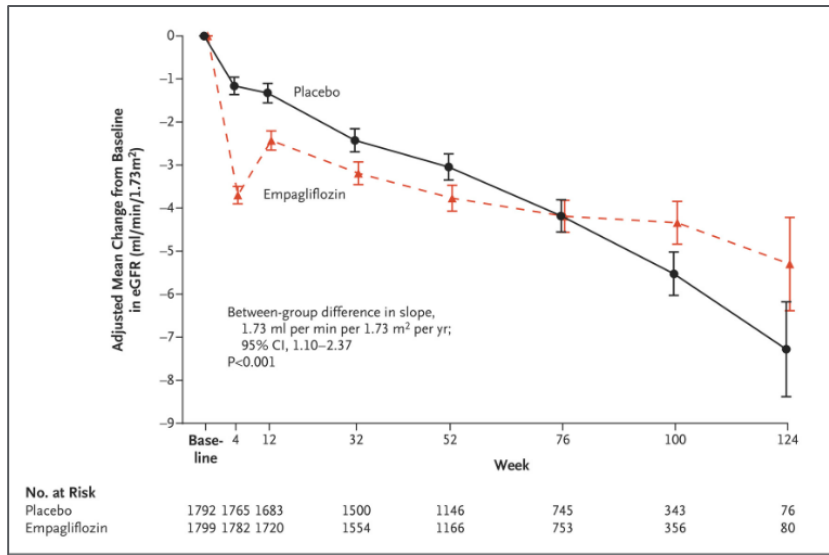
Composite of a sustained decline in the estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) of at least 50%, ESKD, or death from renal or CV causes

# Primary Outcome by Screening eGFR and Albuminuria

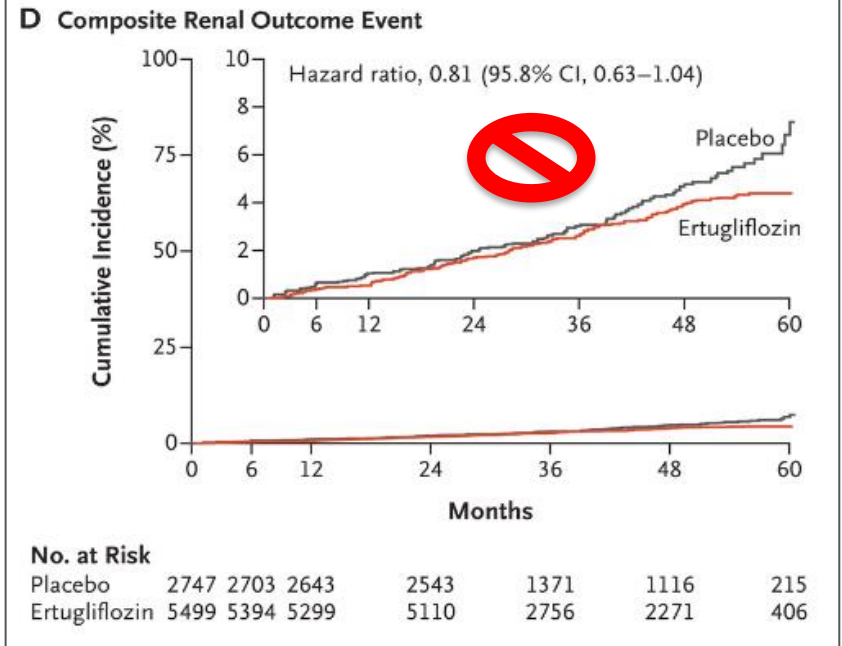


# DKD/CKD Secondary Outcomes

## EMPEROR-Reduced (2020): Empagliflozin



## VERTIS CV (2020): Ertugliflozin



# Updates to ACC/AHA/HFSA Management of Heart Failure (2022)

Stage A: Primary Prevention (Risk of HF)	Stage C (HFrEF, LVEF ≤ 40%)	HFmrEF (Symptomatic, LVEF 41 – 49%)	HFpEF (LVEF ≥ 50%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T2DM and either CVD or high CV risk → SGLT2i to prevent HF hospitalization (1A)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGLT2i first line simultaneously or in sequence (1A)</li> <li>Reduce HF hospitalization and CV mortality, irrespective of T2DM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGLT2i (2a)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGLT2i can be beneficial in decreasing HF hospitalizations and CV mortality (2a B-R)</li> </ul>

# Question 1

65 yo male with PMH of CKD (eGFR 50, UACR 342 mg/G), HFrEF (EF 30%), T2DM (A1c 8.4%), and history of CAD s/p 1 stent presents to the office for wellness exam. Medications include metformin 500 mg BID, aspirin 81 mg daily, metoprolol succ 50 mg daily, atorvastatin 40 mg, furosemide 20 mg BID, and lisinopril 10 mg daily. Which additional medication would you add-on?

- A. Rybelsus 3 mg daily
- B. Ertugliflozin (Steglatro®) 15 mg daily
- C. Dapagliflozin (Farxiga®) 10 mg daily
- D. Increase metformin to 1000 mg BID

✓ HFrEF, DKD, T2DM

Consider dose adjusting furosemide to prevent over-diuresis



## Question 2

True/False

Same patient 8 years later now has eGFR 40. Dapagliflozin (Farxiga®) should be stopped because it is no longer effective for preventing DKD or heart failure hospitalizations.

- A. True
- B. False

No longer effective for BG control! eGFR < 45  
For DKD and HF, can continue until eGFR ~25

# Glucagon-like Peptide (GLP-1) Agonists



# GLP-1 Agonists

Dulaglutide  
(Trulicity<sup>®</sup>)

Exenatide  
(Byetta<sup>®</sup>)

Exenatide ER  
(Bydureon<sup>®</sup>)

Liraglutide  
(Victoza<sup>®</sup>)

Lixisenatide  
(Adlyxin<sup>®</sup>)

Semaglutide  
(Ozempic<sup>®</sup>)

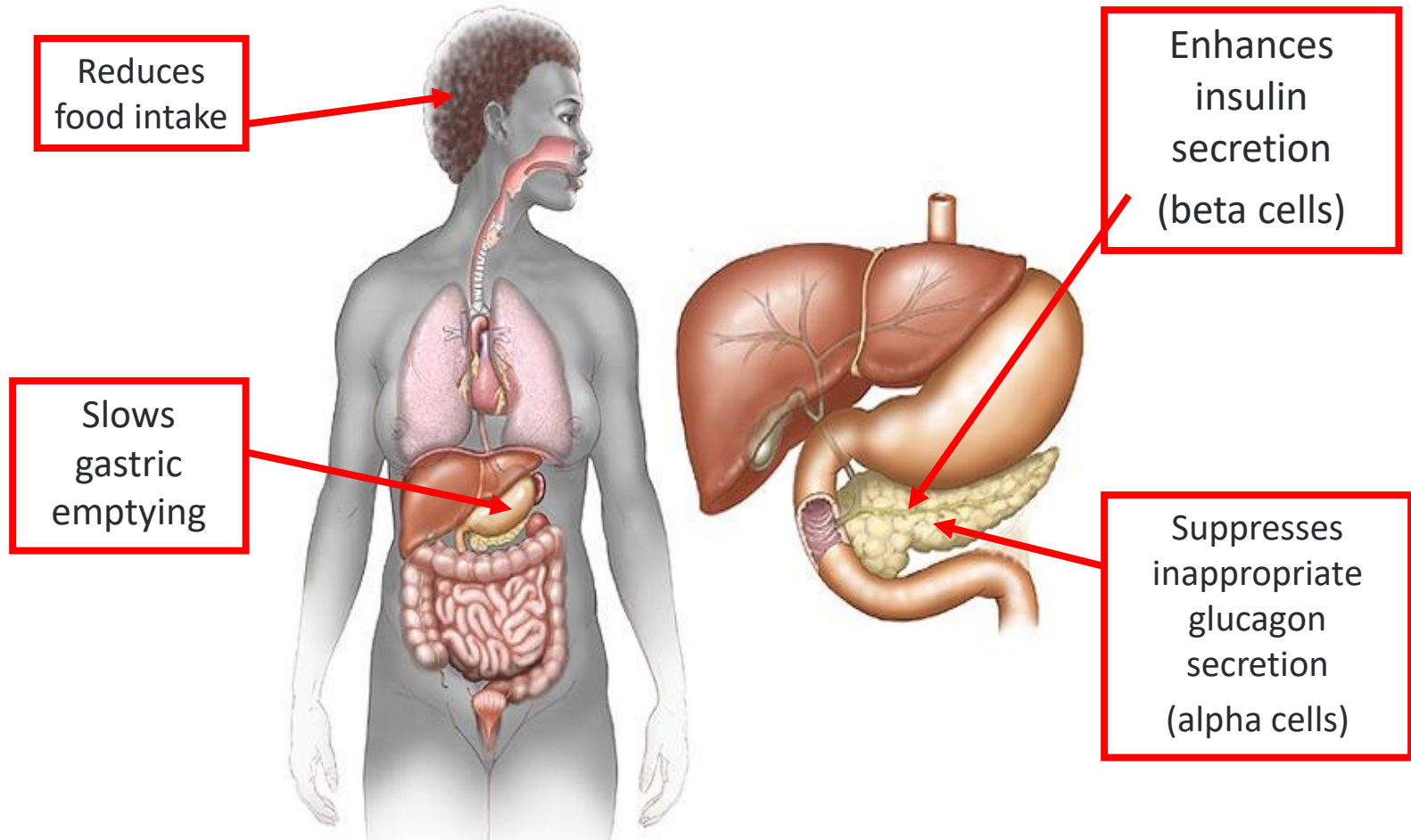
Semaglutide  
(Rybelsus<sup>®</sup>)

Tirzepatide\*  
(Mounjaro<sup>®</sup>)

\*New GLP-1/GIP agonist

# GLP-1 Agonist

## Mechanism of Action



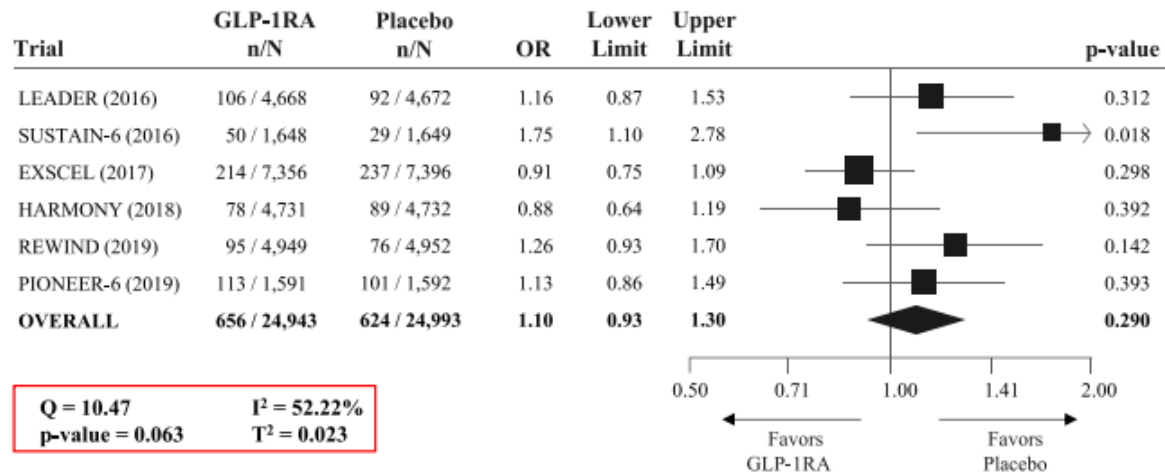
# GLP-1 Agonist Overview

MOA	Advantages	Adverse effects	Special considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases <u>glucose-dependent</u> insulin secretion</li> <li>Suppresses post-prandial glucagon secretion</li> <li>Delays gastric emptying time</li> <li>Restores beta cell function</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ A1C 0.5-1.8%</li> <li>↓ weight (1-4 kg)</li> <li>↓ SBP 1 to 7 mmHg</li> <li>↓ TG 12 to 40 mg/dL</li> <li>Improved markers of beta cell function</li> <li>ASCVD benefit for some in class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Contraindicated in history of medullary thyroid carcinoma or multiple endocrine neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2) (BBW)</b></li> <li>GI effects (↑lipase, abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea)</li> <li>Mild/Moderate hypoglycemia</li> <li>?Acute pancreatitis</li> <li>Slows gastric emptying → avoid in patients with gastroparesis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not recommended CrCl &lt; 30 mL/min (exenatide) or eGFR &lt;45 (exenatide ER)</li> <li>Nausea and vomiting are typically transient               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Worse with daily injections</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Retinopathy Risk



- For dulaglutide (Trulicity®), exenatide (Bydureon®), and semaglutide (Ozempic®), warnings were added to the package insert as rates of retinopathy were **worse** compared to placebo
- Meta-analysis (2021) showed no significant association between GLP-1 and retinopathy risk (OR 1.10; 95% CI 0.93, 1.30), however a meta-regression showed a significant association between **HbA1c reduction and retinopathy**
  - Time frame: 3 months to > 3 years to worsening after treatment intensification



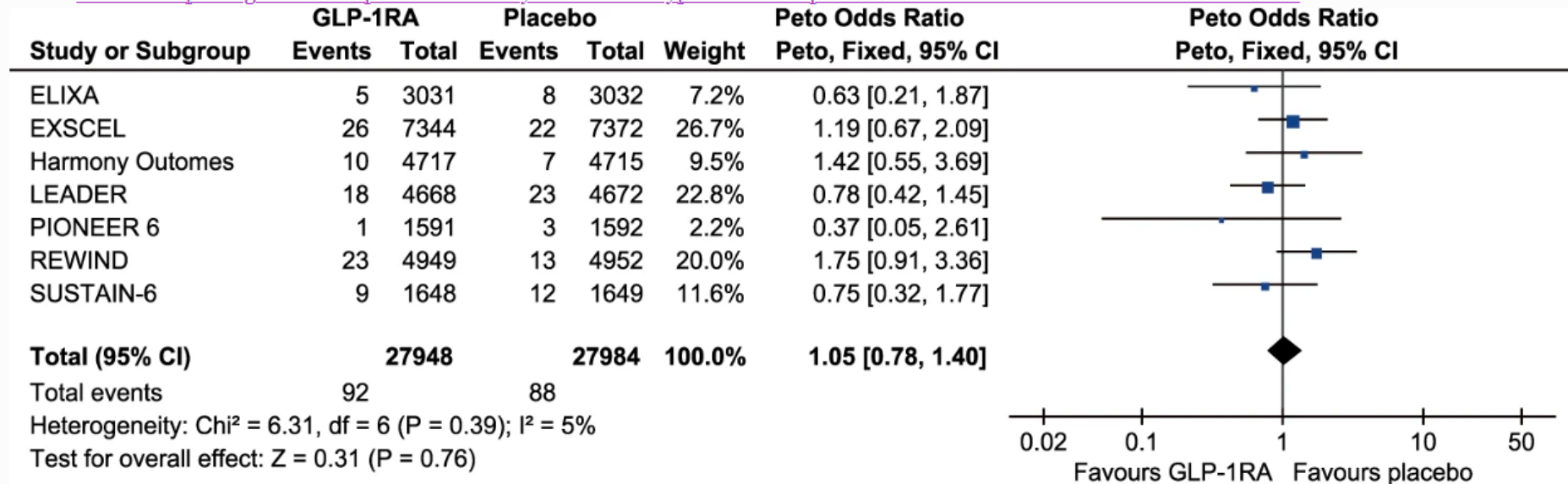
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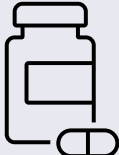
# Pancreatitis Risk

- In 2013, population-based matched case-control study found that exenatide and sitagliptin was associated with increased odds of hospitalization for acute pancreatitis
- Since then, several large meta-analyses have shown no associated risk in pancreatitis from GLP-1 agonists (but increased risk with DPP-4i's)

From: [GLP-1 receptor agonists and pancreatic safety concerns in type 2 diabetic patients: data from cardiovascular outcome trials](#)



# Summary of Advantages

	ASCVD	Weight Loss	Lower Blood Pressure
Dulaglutide (Trulicity®)	✓	✓	✓
Exenatide (Byetta®)		✓	✓
Exenatide ER (Bydureon®)	X	✓	✓
Liraglutide (Victoza®)	✓	✓	✓
Semaglutide (Ozempic®)	✓	✓	✓
Semaglutide (Rybelsus®) Oral option 	X	✓	✓



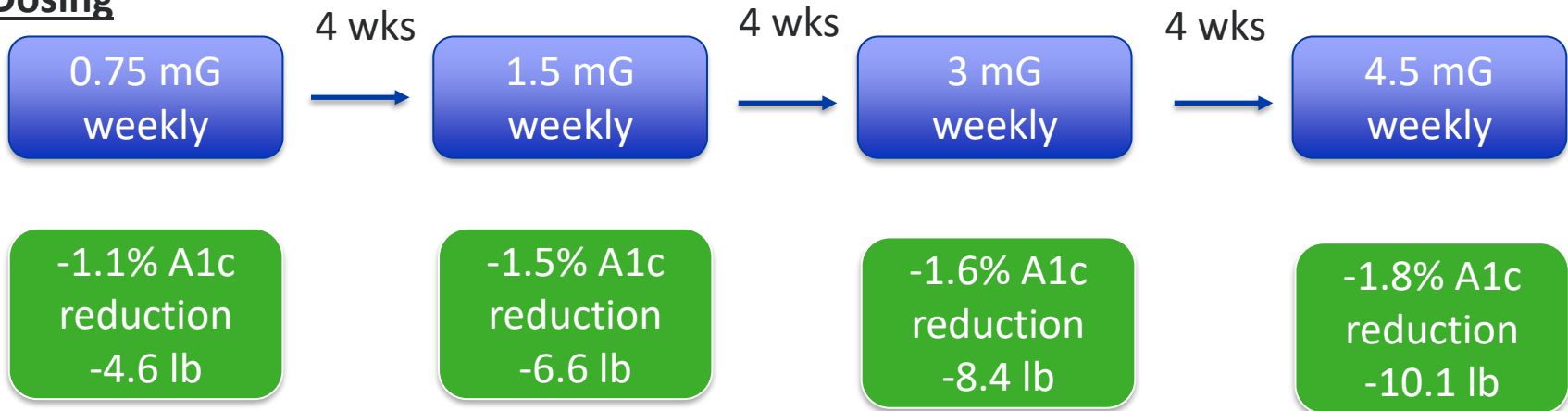
# Dulaglutide (Trulicity®)

Needle part  
of pen



- To reduce the risk of MACE in adults with T2DM who have established ASCVD or multiple cardiovascular risk factors (primary and secondary prevention)

## Dosing



## Prescribing

- Each strength needs a new prescription (Each box contains 2 mL or 4 pens)
- After training, patient willingness to use injectable was 94%

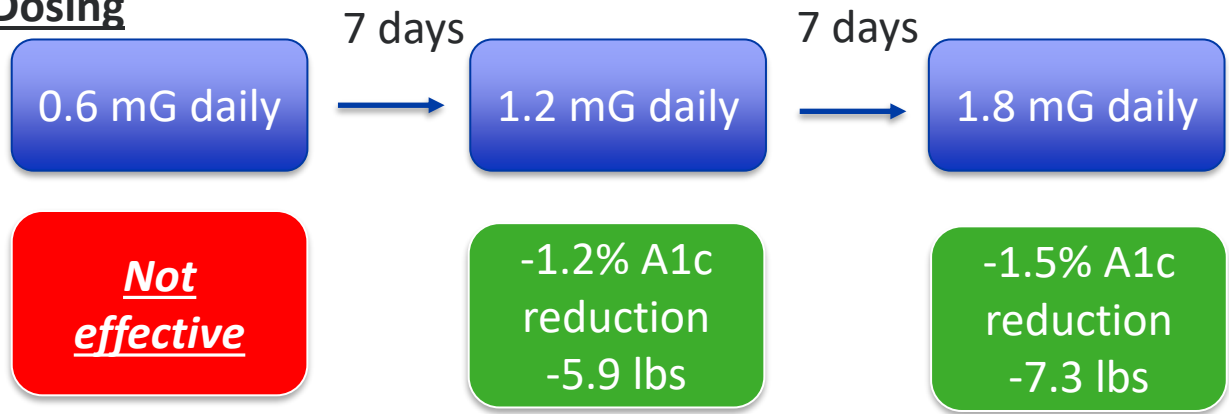
# Liraglutide (Victoza®)

Needs pen needles



- To reduce the risk of MACE in adults with T2DM and established ASCVD
- T2DM age  $\geq 10$  yrs

## Dosing



## Prescribing

- All strengths are on the same pen (One pen: 18 mG/3mL)
- 1.2 mG daily  $\rightarrow$  order the 2 pen box (6 mL)
- 1.8 mG daily  $\rightarrow$  order the 3-pen box (9 mL)
- Prescribe pen needles!

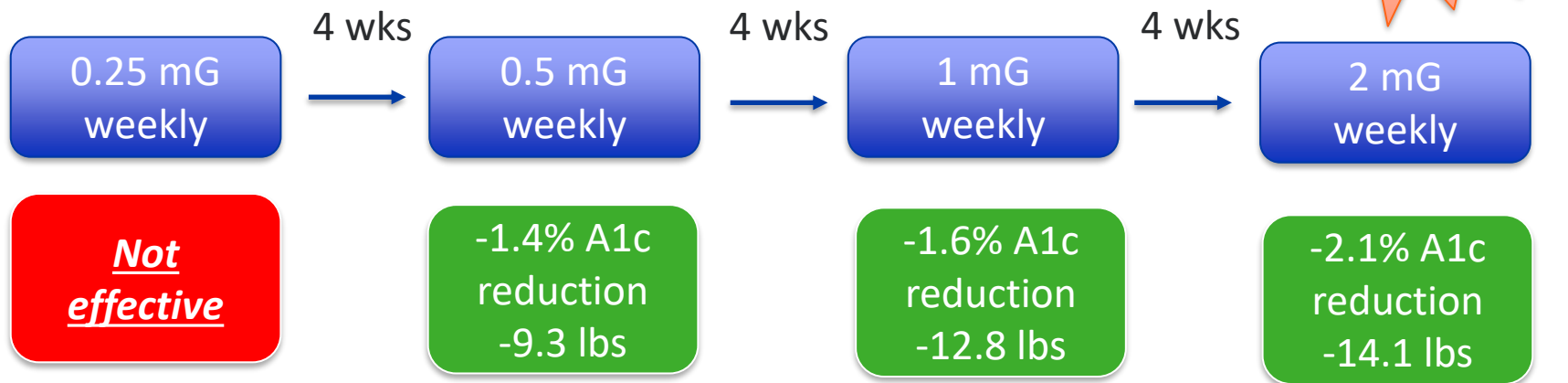
# Semaglutide (Ozempic®)

Pen needles included



- To reduce the risk of MACE in adults with T2DM and established ASCVD

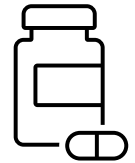
## Dosing



## Prescribing

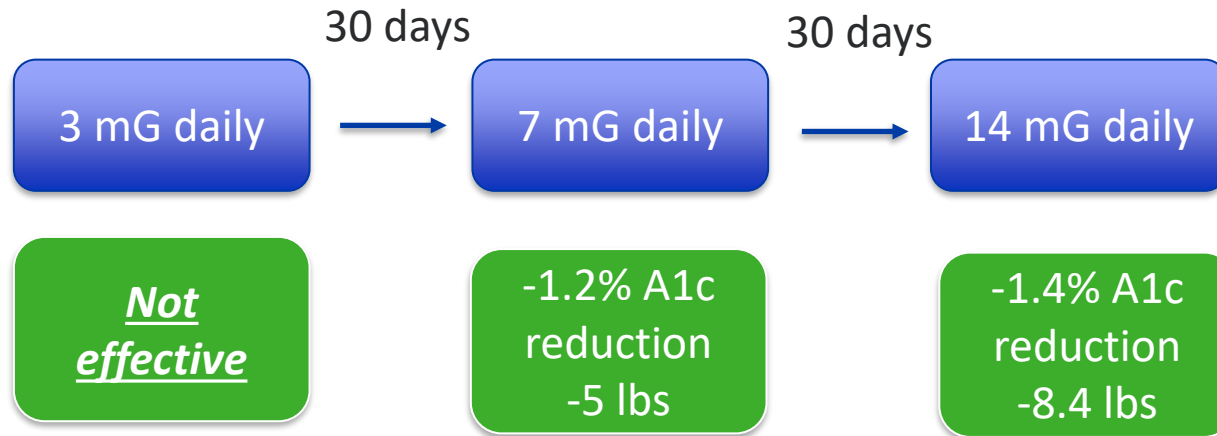
- 0.25 mG and 0.5 mG (2 mG/1.5 mL) is the same pen (directions should state to increase to 0.5 mG on week 5)
- Ozempic 1 mG (4 mG/3 mL) and Ozempic 2 mG (8 mG/3 mL)
- Pen needles included

# Semaglutide (Rybelsus®) \*Oral\*



## Dosing

- Administer  $\geq 30$  minutes before the first food, beverage, or other medications (bioavailability  $< 1\%$ )



- PIONEER 6 (CVOT trial): non-inferior to placebo in MACE outcomes

# ASCVD trials for GLP-1's

3P MACE: composite endpoint of non-fatal myocardial infarction, non-fatal stroke, or death from cardiovascular causes

	<b>LEADER (2016)</b> <b>Victoza® (liraglutide)</b>	<b>SUSTAIN-6 (2016)</b> <b>Semaglutide (Ozempic®)</b>	<b>REWIND (2019)</b> <b>Trulicity® (dulaglutide)</b>
<b>Inclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DM2, ≥ 50 yo ASCVD, CKD 3 or greater, or CHF NYHA II-III</li> <li>Or ≥ 60 years + ≥ 2 CV risk factors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DM2, ≥50yo + ASCVD, chronic heart failure (NYHA class II-III), or CKD stage 3 or higher</li> <li>Age ≥60 years with ≥ 1 risk factor</li> </ul>	DM2, Age ≥ 50 yo w/ASCVD or ≥ 55 yo + subclinical vascular disease or ≥ 60 yo + ≥2 more CV risk factors
<b>Sample Size</b>	N = 9340 (3.8 yrs), 81% ASCVD Victoza 1.8 mG	N = 3297 (2.1 yrs), 83% ASCVD Ozempic 0.5 and 1 mG	N = 9901 (5.4 yrs), 31% ASCVD Trulicity 1.5 mG dose
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	<b>3P MACE: ↓13%</b>	<b>3P MACE: ↓26%</b>	<b>3P MACE: ↓12%</b>
<b>Notable Secondary endpoints</b>	There is no significant difference in HF hospitalization <b>↓16% composite renal (&amp; retinal) outcomes</b>	There is no significant difference in HF hospitalization <b>↓36% new or worsening nephropathy</b> <b>↑Retinopathy complications</b> (hazard ratio, 1.76; 95% CI, 1.11 to 2.78; P=0.02)	There is no significant difference in HF hospitalization <b>↓15% composite renal outcomes</b>

Gerstein et al, The Lancet, Volume 394, Issue 10193, 121 – 130

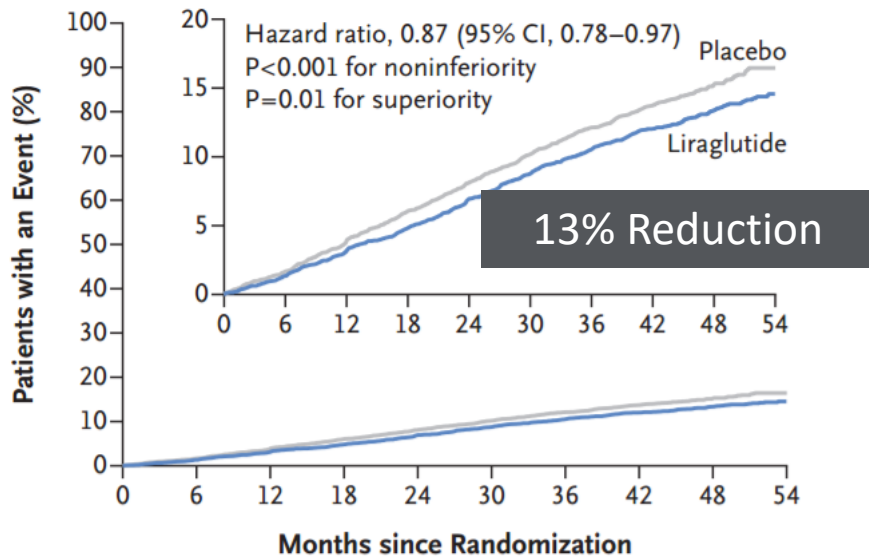
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# LEADER (2016): liraglutide (Victoza®)

Primary outcome: 3P MACE (First occurrence of CV mortality, nonfatal MI, or non-fatal stroke)

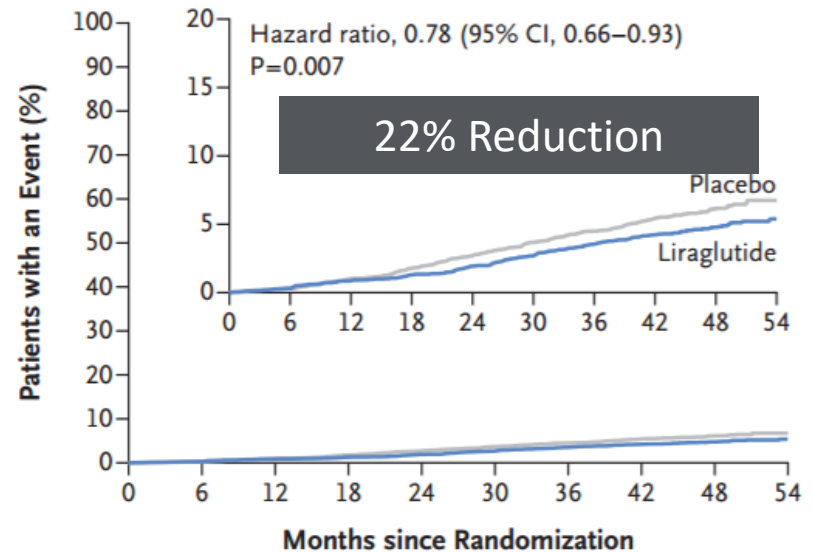
**A Primary Outcome**



**No. at Risk**

Liraglutide	4668	4593	4496	4400	4280	4172	4072	3982	1562	424
Placebo	4672	4588	4473	4352	4237	4123	4010	3914	1543	407

**B Death from Cardiovascular Causes**



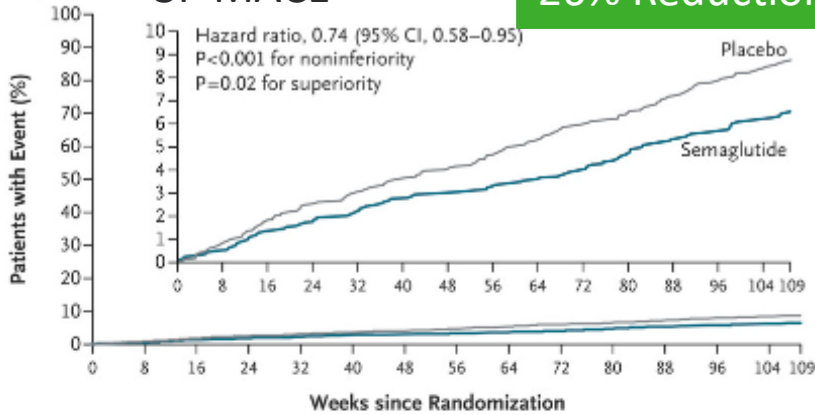
**No. at Risk**

Liraglutide	4668	4641	4599	4558	4505	4445	4382	4322	1723	484
Placebo	4672	4648	4601	4546	4479	4407	4338	4267	1709	465

# SUSTAIN 6 (2016): Semaglutide (Ozempic®)

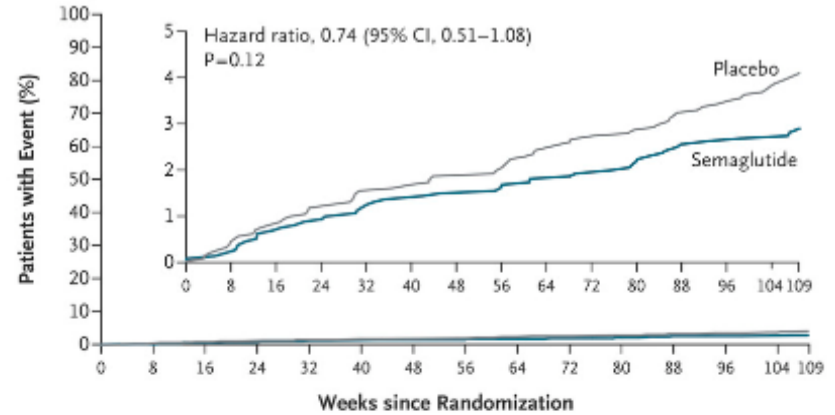
## A Primary Outcome 3P MACE

26% Reduction



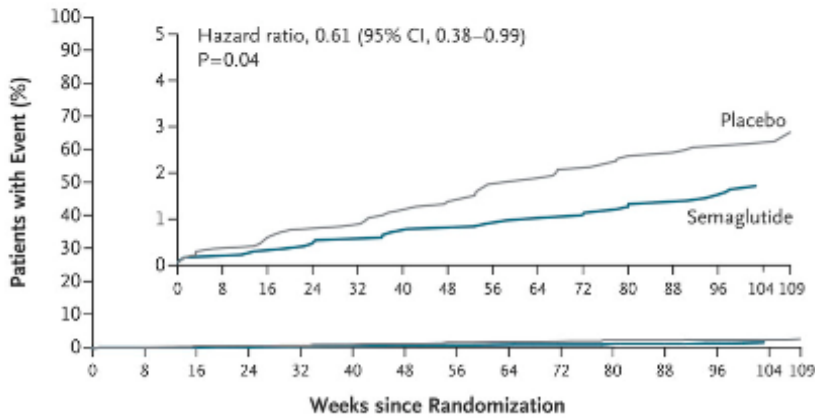
No. at Risk	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	109
Placebo	1649	1616	1586	1567	1534	1508	1479								
Semaglutide	1648	1619	1601	1584	1568	1543	1524								

## B Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction



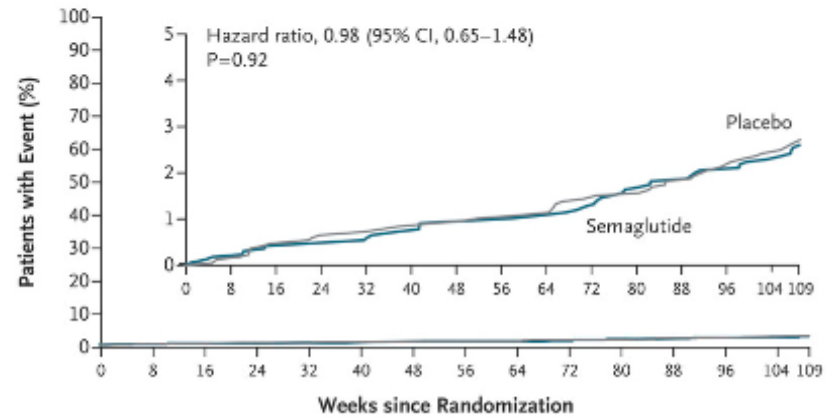
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Placebo	1649	1624	1598	1587	1562	1542	1516								
Semaglutide	1648	1623	1609	1595	1582	1560	1543								

## C Nonfatal Stroke



No. at Risk	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	109
Placebo	1649	1629	1611	1597	1571	1548	1528								
Semaglutide	1648	1630	1619	1606	1593	1572	1558								

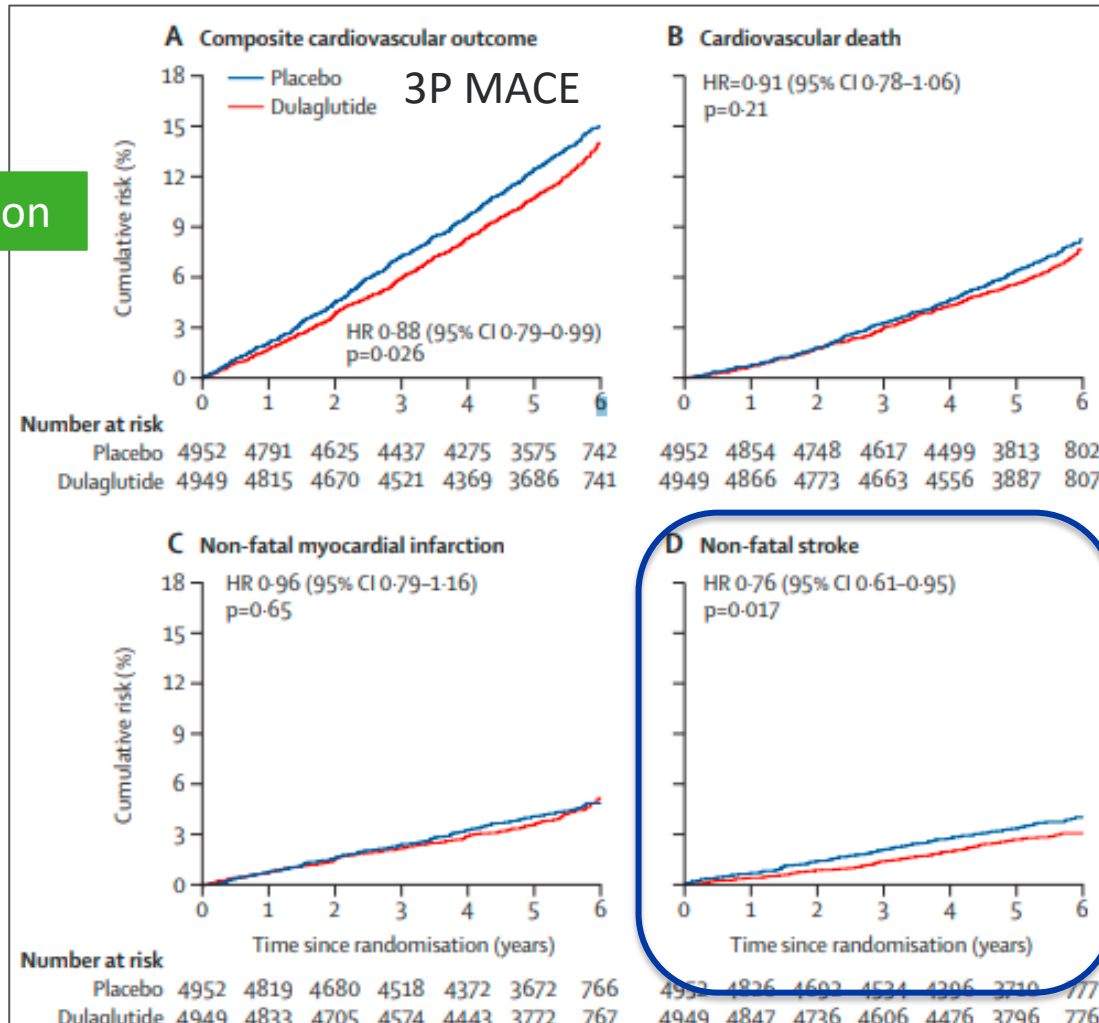
## D Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk	0	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96	104	109
Placebo	1649	1637	1623	1617	1600	1584	1566								
Semaglutide	1648	1634	1627	1617	1607	1589	1579								

# REWIND (2019): Dulaglutide (Trulicity®)

12% Reduction





# Secondary: Renal and Eye Outcomes

## LEADER: Liraglutide (Victoza®)

Outcome	Liraglutide (N=4668)	Incidence Rate	Placebo (N=4672)	Incidence Rate	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	no. of patients (%)	no. of events/ 100 patient-yr	no. of patients (%)	no. of events/ 100 patient-yr		
Microvascular event	355 (7.6)	2.0	416 (8.9)	2.3	0.84 (0.73–0.97)	0.02
Retinopathy	106 (2.3)	0.6	92 (2.0)	0.5	1.15 (0.87–1.52)	0.33
Nephropathy	268 (5.7)	1.5	337 (7.2)	1.9	0.78 (0.67–0.92)	0.003

## REWIND: Dulaglutide (Trulicity®)

Composite microvascular outcome (eye or renal outcome)	910 (18.4%)	3.76	1019 (20.6%)	4.31	0.87 (0.79–0.95)	0.0020
Eye outcome‡	95 (1.9%)	0.37	76 (1.5%)	0.30	1.24 (0.92–1.68)	0.16
Renal outcome§	848 (17.1%)	3.47	970 (19.6%)	4.07	0.85 (0.77–0.93)	0.0004

## SUSTAIN-6: Semaglutide (Ozempic®)

Retinopathy complications§	50 (3.0)	1.49	29 (1.8)	0.86	1.76 (1.11–2.78)	0.02
New or worsening nephropathy¶	62 (3.8)	1.86	100 (6.1)	3.06	0.64 (0.46–0.88)	0.005

# Combination GIP/GLP-1 Agonist

Glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP): increases glucagon while fasting or hypoglycemia and promotes insulin release when hyperglycemic

## Comparison of Proposed Actions of GIP And GLP-1<sup>5</sup>



Brain

- GIP Activity**
  - ↓ Reduced food intake
- GLP-1 Activity**
  - ↓ Reduced food intake
  - ↑ Increased satiety



Whole-Body

- GIP Activity**
  - ↑ Increased insulin sensitivity



Pancreas

- GIP Activity**
  - ↑ Increased insulin
  - ↑ Increased glucagon
- GLP-1 Activity**
  - ↑ Increased insulin
  - ↓ Reduced glucagon

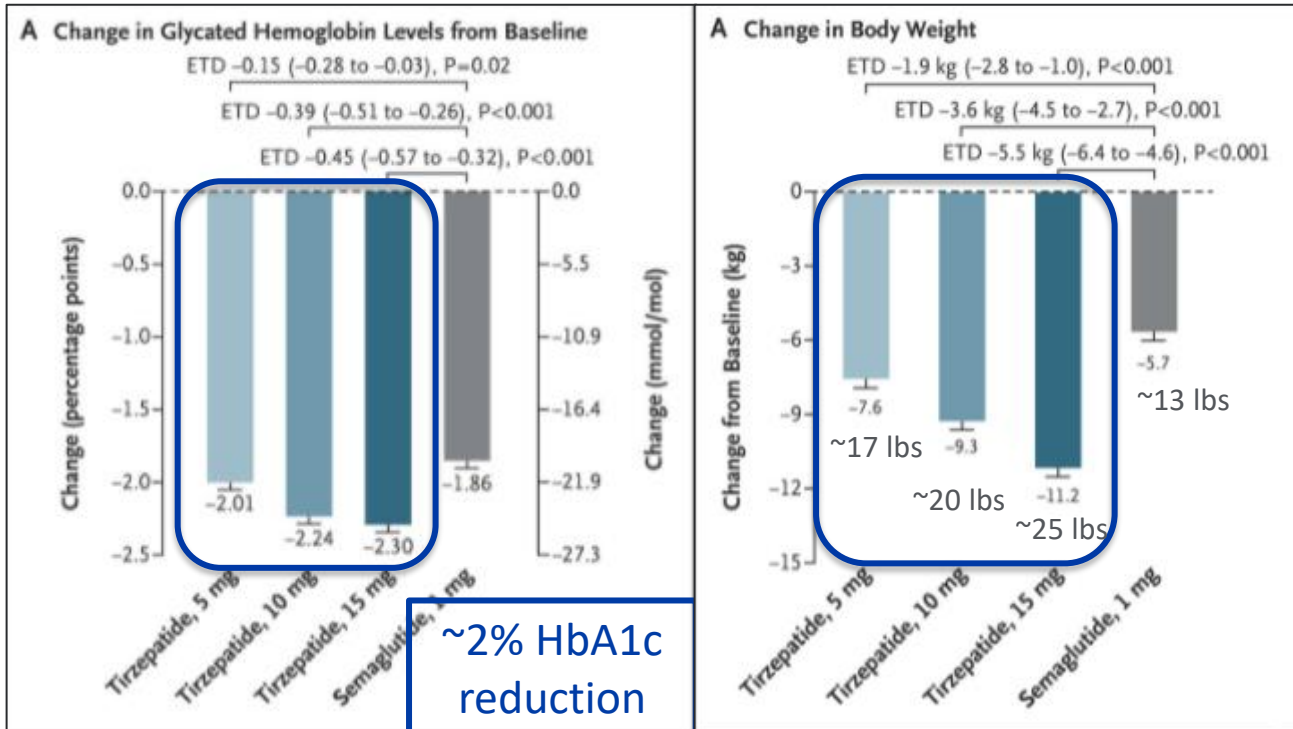


Stomach

- GLP-1 Activity**
  - ↓ Reduced gastric emptying

# Mounjaro® (Tirzepatide): Combination GLP-1/GIP Agonist

- **SURPASS-2 trial (2021)**: tirzepatide had greater A1c reduction and weight loss compared to Ozempic® 1 mG weekly



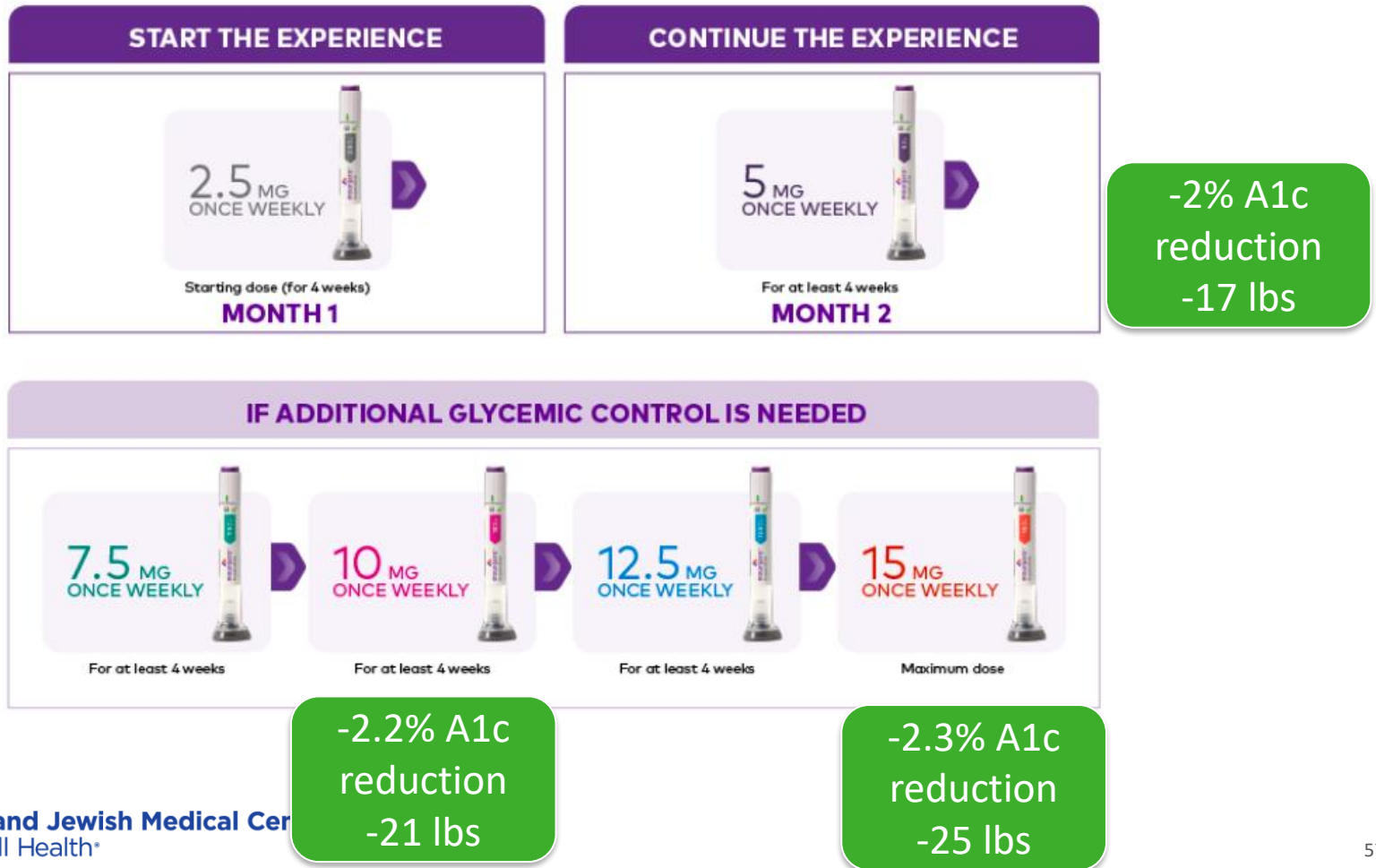
~2% HbA1c reduction

Tirzepatide ~17 – 25 lbs vs. semaglutide ~13 lbs

Also being tested for HFpEF (2023), obesity (2024), cardiovascular outcomes (2024)

# Tirzepatide (Mounjaro®)

- Tirzepatide may decrease the serum concentration of Hormonal Contraceptives
  - Especially for 4 weeks after initiation and 4 weeks after dose increase

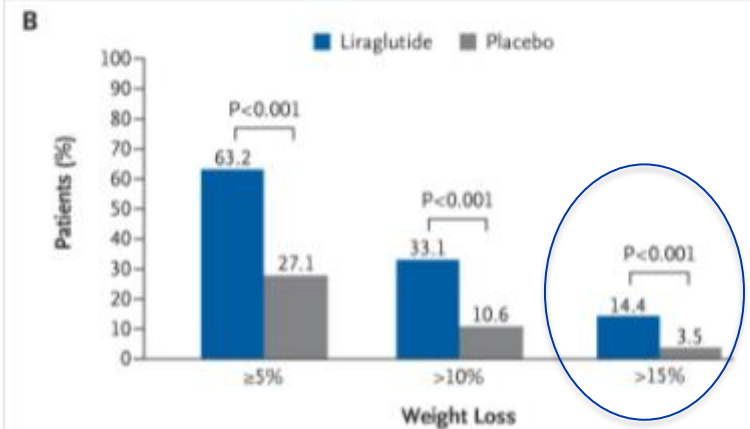
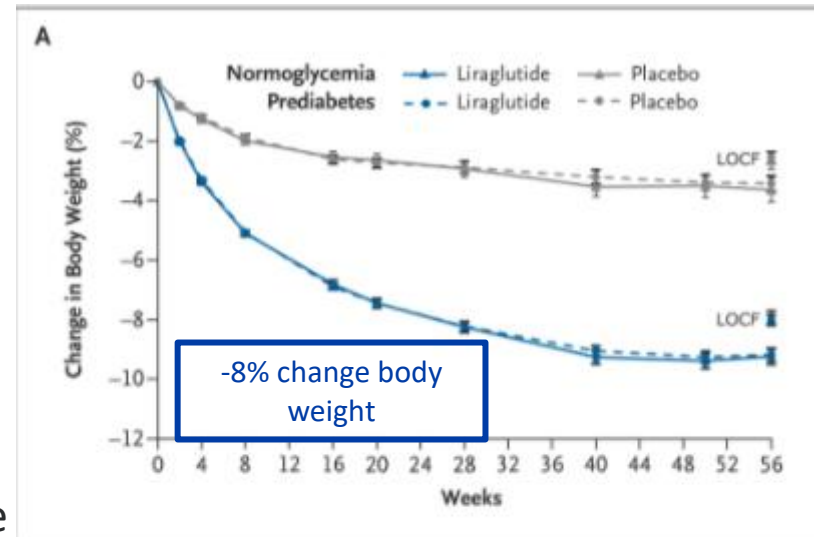


# GLP-1 Agonist for Weight Loss



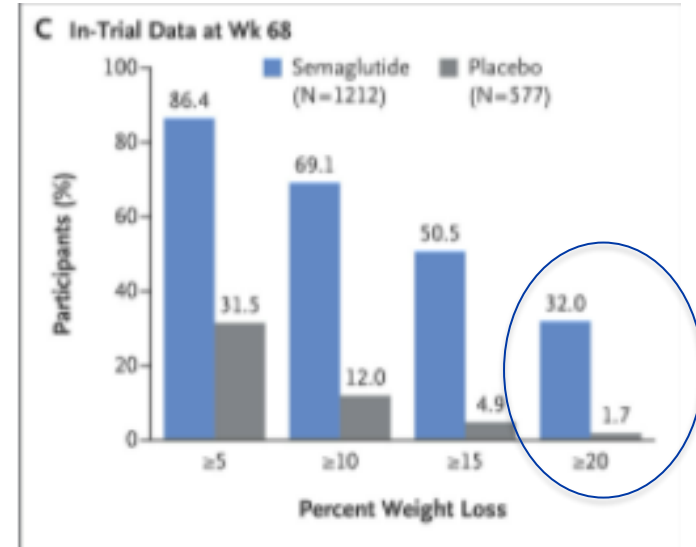
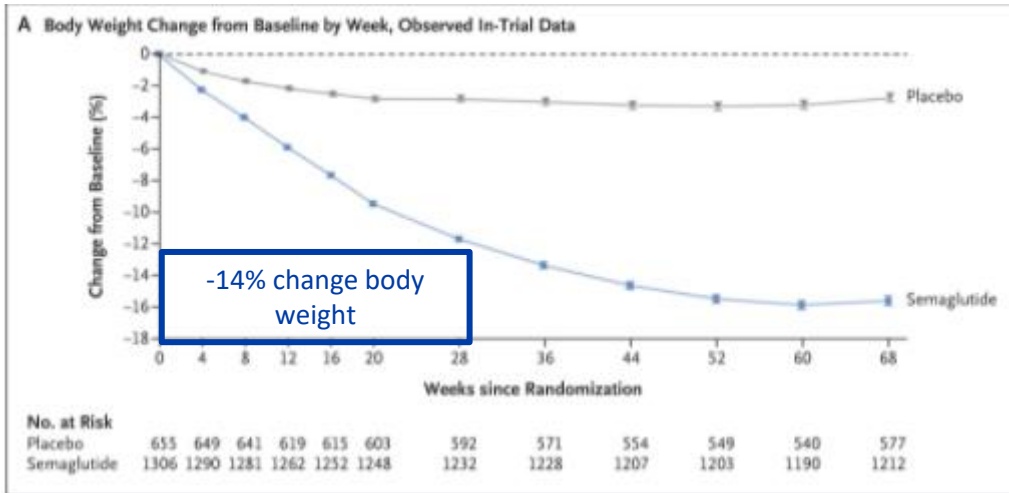
# Saxenda® (liraglutide): A Word on Weight-Loss Indication

- Adjunct to diet/exercise w/BMI  $\geq 30$  kG/m<sup>2</sup> or BMI  $\geq 27$  kG/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\geq 1$  weight-associated comorbidity (i.e., HTN, dyslipidemia)
- Age  $\geq 12$  yrs: weight  $>60$  kG and BMI  $\geq 30$  kG/m<sup>2</sup>
- 0.6 mG once daily x1 week; increase by 0.6 mG daily at weekly intervals to a target dose of 3 mg once daily



# Wegovy® (semaglutide): A Word on Weight-Loss Indication

- Adjunct to a reduced calorie diet and increased physical activity for chronic weight management in adults with a BMI of  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> (obesity), or  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> (overweight) in the presence of a weight-related comorbidity
- Dosing: every 4 weeks as follows: 0.25 mG weekly  $\rightarrow$  0.5 mG  $\rightarrow$  1 mG  $\rightarrow$  1.7 mG  $\rightarrow$  2.4 mG (week 17 and onward)
- Each strength needs a **new prescription** and each pen comes with an integrated needle already
- Each Wegovy pen is one-time use only



# Deciding between SGLT-2i and GLP-1 agonist?

Greater Benefit	GLP-1 or SGLT-2?
Weight Loss	GLP-1 agonist > SGLT2i
A1c reduction	GLP-1 agonist > SGLT2i
Prevent hospitalization for heart failure w/reduced ejection fraction	SGLT-2i
Slow progression of Chronic Kidney Disease	SGLT-2i > GLP-1
Lower Blood Pressure	SGLT-2i > GLP-1
ASCVD	Depends on drug – Trulicity® (dulaglutide), Victoza® (liraglutide), Ozempic® (semaglutide), Jardiance® (empagliflozin), Invokana® (canagliflozin)



# Deciding between SGLT-2i and GLP-1 agonist?

Past medical history	GLP-1 or SGLT-2?
Gastroparesis, pancreatitis	SGLT-2i
Uncontrolled diabetic retinopathy	SGLT-2i
Extreme Needle Phobia	SGLT-2i (or Rybelsus®)
Recurrent genital mycotic infections or UTI's	GLP-1 agonist
Low baseline blood pressure/Hypotension	GLP-1 agonist

# Case 1/Question 3

48 year old female with T2DM x 10 years

- Walks a mile every day and tries to do exercise class at senior center. **Is very interested in losing weight**
- Limited food choices as she gets her food from the shelter
- PMH: HTN (presently at goal) and hyperlipidemia (on statin)
- BMI 38
- HbA1c 9.2%
- Meds: Metformin ER 1000mg twice daily, Atorvastatin 40mg daily, Losartan 50mg daily, Aspirin 81mg

In choosing an additional diabetes medication, what additional effects would you want from the medication?

- a) Secondary ASCVD prevention
- b) Weight loss
- c) A1c reduction
- d) Both B and C

# Case 1/Question 4 (continued case from previous slide)

Which diabetes medication would provide the greatest benefit for our patient?

- a) Ozempic® (semaglutide) starting at 0.25 mG weekly and titrating up
- b) Pioglitazone 15 mG daily
- c) Glimepiride 4 mG daily
- d) Invokana® (canagliflozin) 100 mG daily

	A1c	Weight
Invokana® 100 mG	-0.77%	-3.5 lbs
Invokana® 300 mG	-1.03%	
Ozempic 0.5 mG	-1.4%	-9 lbs
Ozempic 1 mG	-1.6%	-13 lbs

## Case 2/Question 5

65 year old male with T2DM x 8 years

- Patient recently had a heart attack with 2 stents placed
- His echo showed his ejection fraction is 25% (HFrEF)
- BP is uncontrolled (160/95 mmHg)
- eGFR 45 with positive UACR (protein in the urine >300 mG/g)
- BMI is 22
- A1c is 7%

Choose all that apply. In choosing a diabetes medication, what additional effects would you want from the medication?

- Greater A1c reduction
- Weight Loss
- Blood pressure control
- Slow progression of nephropathy
- Prevent heart failure hospitalization
- Prevent future MACE events

## Case 2/Question 6

Which diabetes medication would provide the greatest benefit for our patient?

- a) Rybelsus (semaglutide) 3 mg daily
- b) Jardiance (empagliflozin) 10 mG daily
- c) Pioglitazone 15 mG daily
- d) Lantus (insulin glargine) 15 units at bedtime

- ✓ ASCVD protection
- ✓ Prevent HFrEF hospitalization
- ✓ Improve BP
- ✓ Helps slow kidney decline – (larger study pending)

## Case 3/Question 7

48 yo female with T2DM, HTN, HLD, and obesity (BMI 32) presents to the office for diabetes management. Her HbA1c is 8.9% on metformin 1G BID and Januvia 100 mG. The decision is made with the patient to start Trulicity 0.75 mg weekly. What should be verified prior to starting?

- A. Januvia should be discontinued
- B. Yearly ophthalmology exam
- C. Insurance coverage
- D. History of pancreatitis
- E. All of the Above

Additionally verify that the patient doesn't have Hx or FH of medullary thyroid CA or gastroparesis

# Any Questions?



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