

Insulin Therapy in Type 2 Diabetes:

When and How Do We Start?
When Do We Add?
How do The Guidelines Guide Us?

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What Are the Rationales for Different Glycemic Targets?

Target	Rationale
A1C \leq 6.5% ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AACE general glycemic goal "Threshold" for the development of microvascular complications
A1C < 7% ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADA general glycemic goal Epidemiological analysis of DCCT and UKPDS
A1C < 8% ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADA less-stringent glycemic target for selected patients Outcomes from ACCORD, ADVANCE, and VADT studies cited in support of less-stringent goal

1. AACE/ACE consensus statement; <https://www.aace.com/sites/default/files/GlycemicControlAlgorithm.pdf>;
 2. ADA/EASD consensus statement. *Diabetes Care*. 2009;32:193-203;
 3. American Diabetes Association. *Diabetes Care*. 2012;35(suppl 1):S11-S63.

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Intensive Glycemic Control and the Prevention of Cardiovascular Events: Implications of the ACCORD, ADVANCE, and VA Diabetes Trials

EXPERT CONSENSUS DOCUMENT

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AHA Scientific Statement

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A Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association and a Scientific Statement of the American College of Cardiology Foundation and the American Heart Association

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Hypoglycemia Frequency, Not Severity, Before Enrollment in ACCORD, Increased Risk of Mortality

Crude, Annualized Mortality Rates and Hazard Ratios Within Treatment Groups			
	Mortality rate (n = 451 deaths)		Hazard ratio for no previous events vs at least 1 event, stratified by glycemia arm ^a (HR [95% CI])
	No previous events	≥ 1 previous event	
Hypoglycemic events requiring any assistance, medical or nonmedical (% per year) ^b			
Intensive	1.2%	2.8%	Unadj: 1.79 (1.32 to 2.44) Adj: 1.41 (1.03 to 1.93)
Standard	1.0%	3.7%	Unadj: 2.93 (1.86 to 4.63) Adj: 2.30 (1.46 to 3.65)
Hypoglycemic events requiring medical assistance (% per year) ^c			
Intensive	1.3%	2.8%	Unadj: 1.72 (1.19 to 2.47) Adj: 1.28 (0.88 to 1.85)
Standard	1.0%	4.9%	Unadj: 3.88 (2.35 to 6.40) Adj: 2.87 (1.73 to 4.76)

^a Hazard ratios are adjusted for the following: age, gender, smoking status, history of CVD, history of HF, peripheral neuropathy, albumin to creatinine ratio, HR, QT score, visual acuity score, statin use, sulfonylurea use, glycemia intervention, enrolled in lipid vs BP trial, intensive BP control group, and fibrates group.

^b $P = .076$ for interaction between history of hyperglycemia requiring any assistance and glycemic intervention.

^c $P = .009$ for interaction between history of hyperglycemia requiring medical assistance and glycemic intervention.

Bonds DE, et al. *BMJ*. 2010;340:b4909.

Evidence-Based^a Recommendations for Individualization of Glycemic Targets in T2DM

Approximate A1C Targets Determined by Clinical Characteristics (In the Absence of Severe Hypoglycemia) ^b					
Age	Duration of Disease	Complications			Treatment Intensity (A1C Target) ^c
		Macrovascular		Microvascular	
< 45 y	Any	None	and	None or early	Most intensive (≤ 6.5%)
	Any	Established	and/or	Advanced	Less intensive (≈ 7.0%)
45-65 y	Short ^d	None	and	None or early	Intensive (6.5% - 7.0%)
	Long ^a	None	and	None or early	Less intensive (≈ 7.0%)
	Any	Established	and/or	Advanced	Not intensive (7.0% - 8.0%)
> 65 y	Short ^d	None	and	None or early	Less intensive (≈ 7.0%)
	Long ^a	None	and	None or early	Not intensive (7.0% - 8.0%)
	Any	Established	and/or	Advanced	Moderated (≈ 8.0%) ^f
> 75 y or infirm at any age	Any	Any	and/or	Any	Moderated (≈ 8.0%) ^f

^a Evidence base consists of 4 major RCTs: UKPDS, ACCORD, ADVANCE, and VADT.

^b Patient characteristics should be considered sequentially from left to right.

^c Target blood glucose level should be increased following a severe hypoglycemic episode.

^d Ismail-Beigi F, et al. *Ann Intern Med*. 2011;154:554-559.

What Glycemic Targets Should We Aim For? Recommendations Based on Landmark Clinical Trials in T2DM

Most Intensive 6.0% Less Intensive 7.0% Least Intensive 8.0%

Psychosocioeconomic considerations
Highly motivated, adherent, knowledgeable, excellent self-care capacities, and comprehensive support systems
Less motivated, nonadherent, limited insight, poor self-care capacities, and weak support systems

Hypoglycemia risk
Low Moderate High

Patient age, y
40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75

Disease duration, y
5 10 15 20

Other comorbid conditions
None Few or mild Multiple or severe

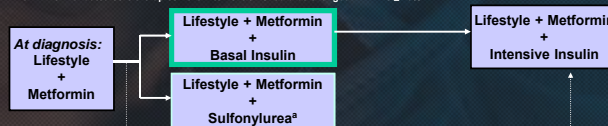
Established vascular complications
None Cardiovascular disease Early microvascular Advanced microvascular

Considerations based on UKPDS, ACCORD, ADVANCE, and VADT.

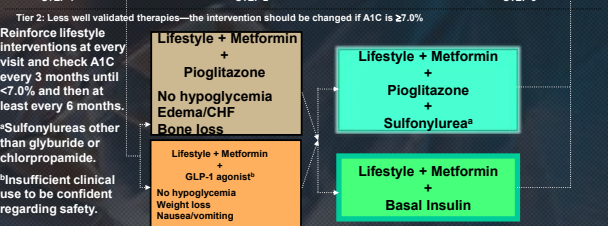
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Algorithm for the Metabolic Management of T2DM (ADA/EASD 2009)

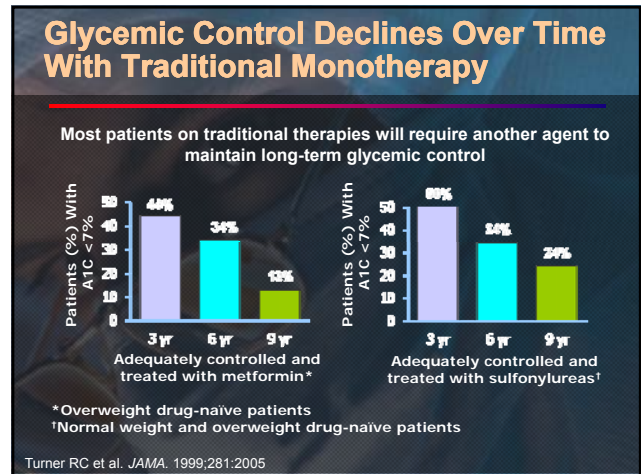
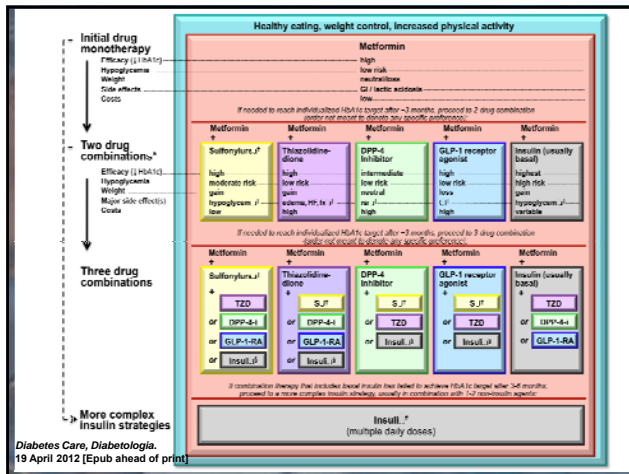
Tier 1: Well-validated core therapies—the intervention should be changed if A1C is ≥ 7.0%



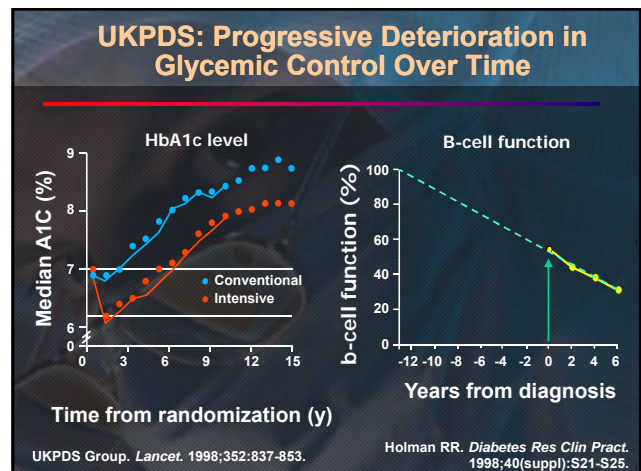
Tier 2: Less well validated therapies—the intervention should be changed if A1C is ≥ 7.0%



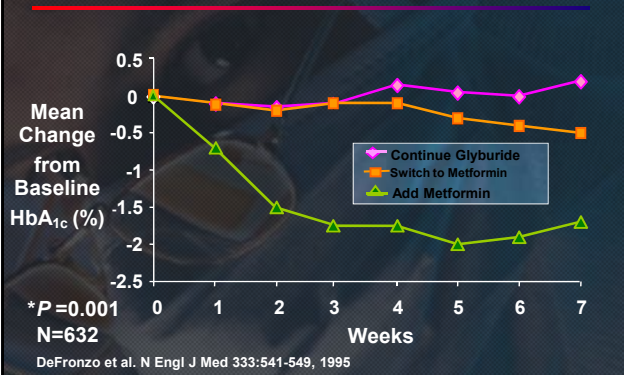
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Medication	Route	Year	Efficacy as monotherapy: % ↓ in HgbA1c
Metformin	Oral	1995	1.5
Sulfonylureas	Oral	1946	1.5
Glinides	Oral	1997	1.0-1.5
TZDs	Oral	1999	0.8-1.0
α -glucosidase inhibitors	Oral	1995	0.5-0.8
DPP-IV Inhibitors	Oral	2006	0.5-0.8
Colesevelam	Oral	2008	0.5
Bromocriptine mesylate	Oral	2009	0.2-0.4



Effects of Metformin on HbA_{1c} in Glyburide-Treated Patients



Treatment Paradigm

Diet & exercise → Monotherapy → Combination oral agents → Insulin

Secondary Failure of Oral Combination Therapy

Lab: FPG >150 mg/dL, HbA_{1c} >7%

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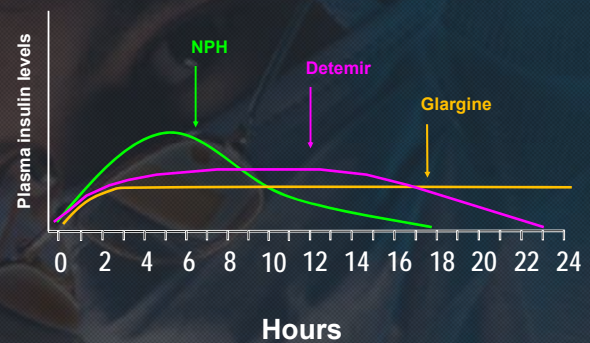
Causes

- Decreasing β -cell function
- Non-adherence to treatment
- Obesity
- Insufficient exercise
- Intercurrent illness

Insulin Therapy in Type 2 Diabetes

- Combination oral agents plus basal insulin
 - Bedtime NPH
 - Glargine
 - Detemir
- Insulin Therapy
 - Conventional approach (split-mixed NPH plus Regular insulin)
 - MDI- multi-dose insulin protocols
 - Basal/bolus insulin therapy

Profiles of Long-Acting Human Insulins

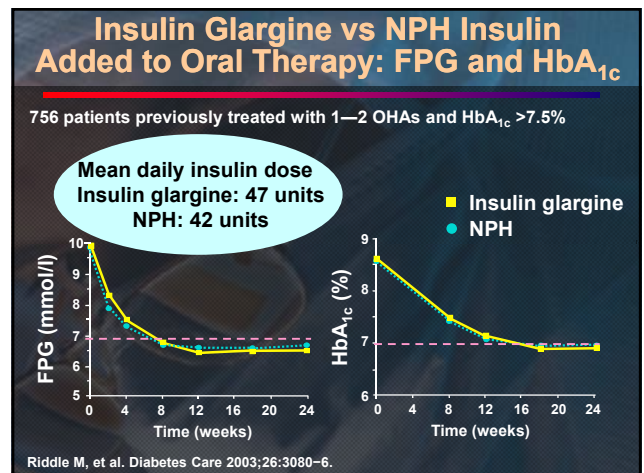
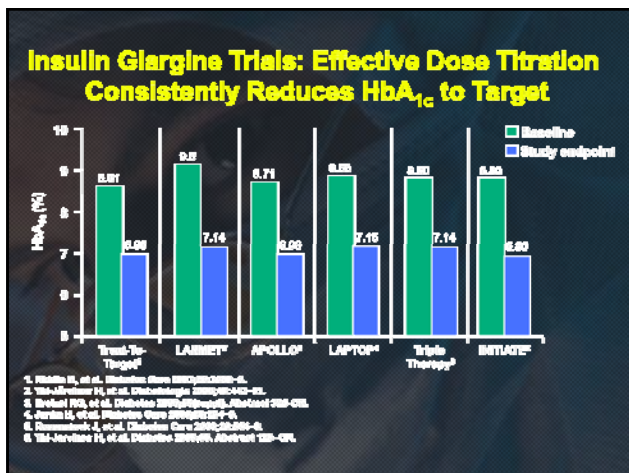
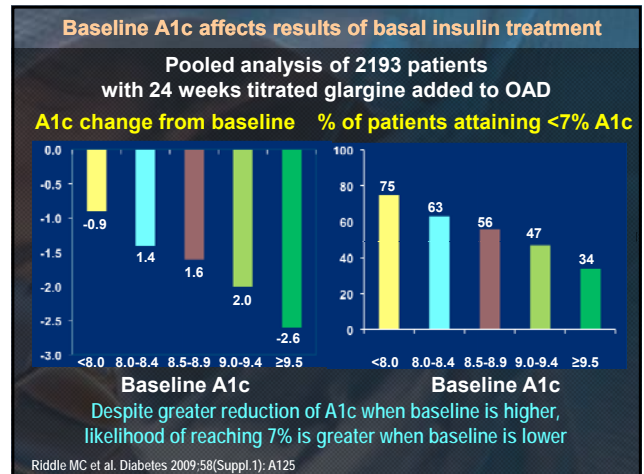
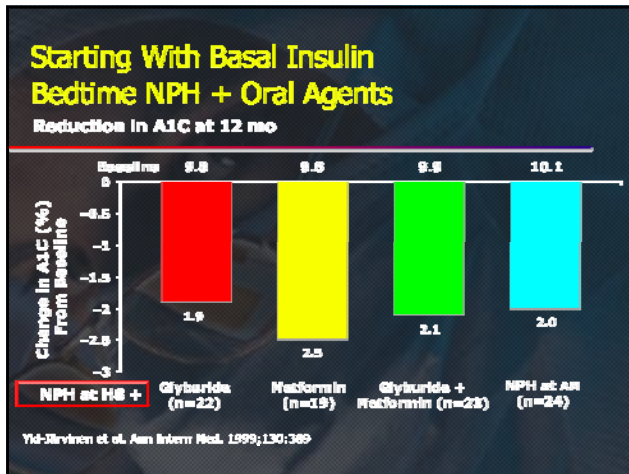


Basal Insulin Therapy – Concept and Physiology

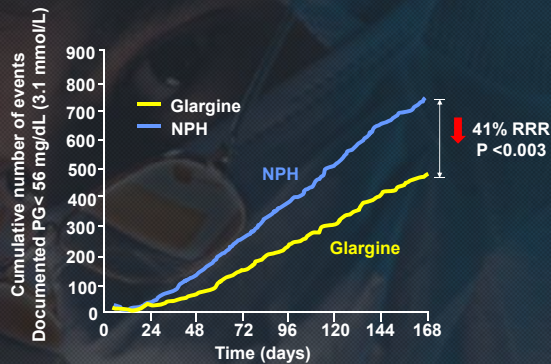
Oral agents plus NPH or Basal Insulin

- Continue oral agent(s) at same dosage
- Add single, evening dose of NPH or basal insulin analog starting at 10 U or 0.2/kg
- Adjust dose by SMBG
 - goal FBS < 130 mg/dl





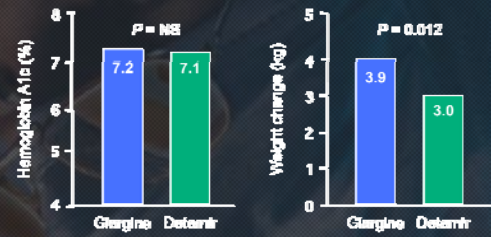
Treat to Target Trial: Frequency of Hypoglycemia



Riddle MC, et al. Diabetes Care. 2003;26:3080-3086

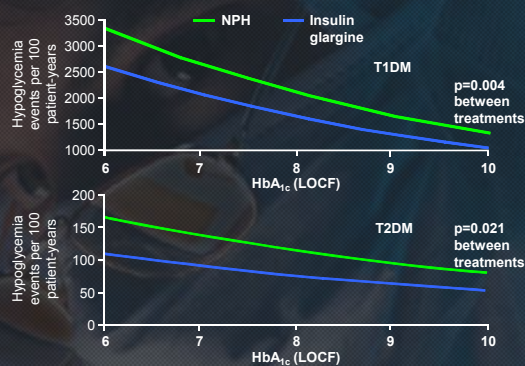
Head to Head Comparison of Glargine Versus Detemir in Type 2 Diabetes

52-weeks. Once daily Glargine or Detemir - could be titrated to BID Detemir (55%). Baseline A1c 8.6% n = 582



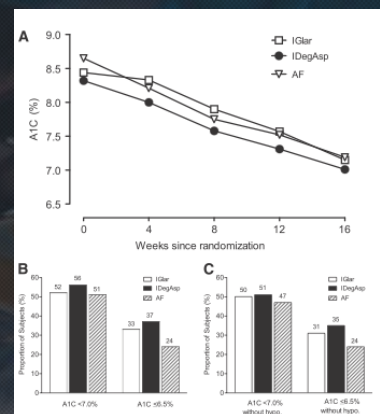
Rosenstock J et al. Diabetologia 51: 408-416, 2008

Less Hypoglycemia with Insulin Glargine vs NPH



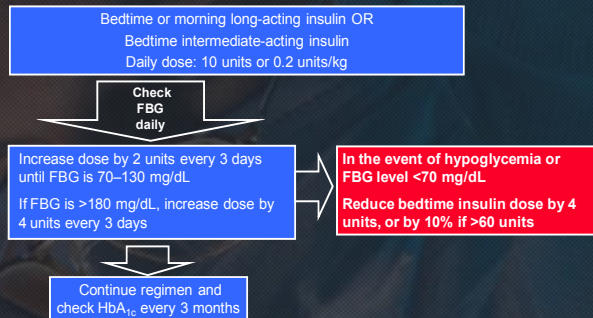
Mullins P, et al. Clin Ther 2007;29:1607-19.

Basal Insulin Therapy with Glargine versus Degludec In T2DM



Heise et al. Diabetes Care 34:669-674, 2011

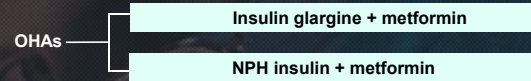
Simple Way to Start Basal Insulin



Nathan D, et al. Diabetologia 2006;49:1711–21.

Treat-to-target simply: LANMET study

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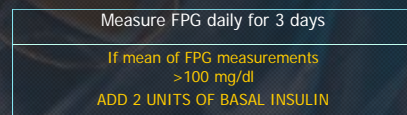
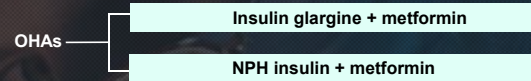
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Keys to Success with Basal Insulin Therapy

- Use patient-driven algorithms

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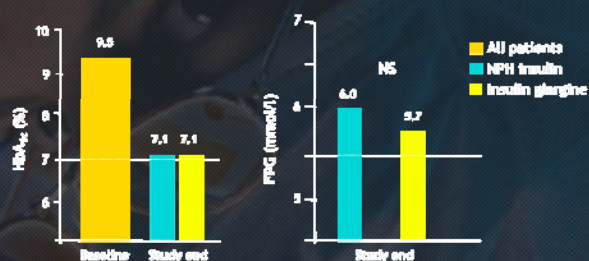
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LANMET study: HbA_{1c} reduction between treatment groups

Bedtime NPH vs insulin glargine, plus metformin 2 g



Yki-Järvinen H, et al. *Diabetologia* 49:432-442, 2006

What if Basal Insulin is Not Enough?

Combined Effects of Metformin with Insulin Therapy in Type 2 Diabetes

Table 1. Studies showing the benefits of using metformin with insulin in type 2 diabetes*

	Yki-Järvinen et al. [26]		Avilés-Santa et al. [29]		Strowig et al. [30]		Wulfelt et al. [31]	
	Insulin	Insulin + metformin	Insulin	Insulin + metformin	Insulin	Insulin + metformin	Insulin	Insulin + metformin
Subject, n	24	19	22	21	31	27	182	171
Duration, mo	12	12	6	6	4	4	4	4
Insulin dose at end, U	53	36	120	92	135	82	71	64
HbA _{1c} at end, %	7.9	7.2	7.6	6.5	7.0	7.1	7.6	6.9
Weight gain, kg	4.6	0.9	3.2	0.5	4.4	0.5	1.2	-0.4

*All of the studies compared subjects on insulin versus metformin and insulin. All found less weight gain, a lower insulin dosage, and mostly a lower HbA_{1c}. HbA_{1c}=hemoglobin A_{1c}.

Sasali A and Leahy JL. *Curr Diab Rep* 3:378-385, 2003

Insufficiency of oral + basal insulin treatment

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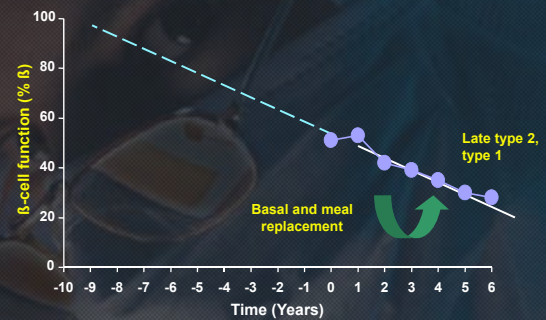
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- Natural history of pancreatic disease in type 2 diabetes, with expected further degradation of glycemic control
- Hypoglycemic risk during titration of basal insulin, making difficult to reach FBG target
- Very high dose of basal insulin without significant effect on FBG
- Weight gain

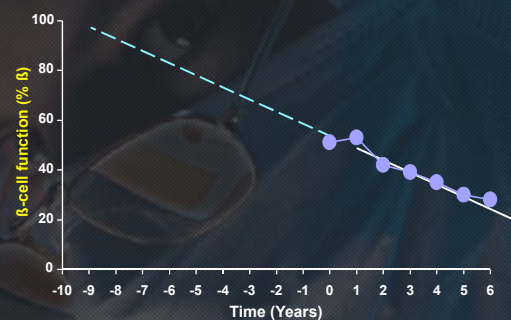
Monnier et al. *Diab Metab* 2006.

Progressive Loss of β -Cell Function in Type 2 Diabetes



DeFronzo RA. *Diabetes Rev.* 1997;5:178-269.

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Review article

Treatment regimens with insulin analogues and haemoglobin A1c target of <7% in type 2 diabetes: A systematic review

29 trials, with 17,588 patients

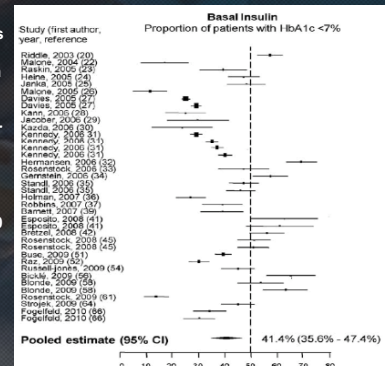
HbA_{1c} < 7% was achieved in 41.4% (95% CI, 35.6–47.4%).

First insulin treatment, lower insulin and use of 2 oral drugs were predictors of response.

Hypoglycemia ranged from 0 to 4.71 events/patient/30 days

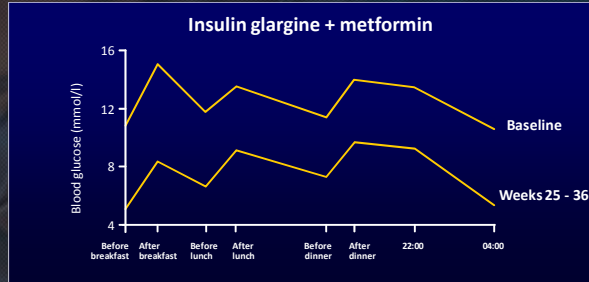
Weight gain ~1.75 kg

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Postprandial hyperglycemia persists despite treatment of FBG using basal insulin

- Basal insulin therapy reduces the entire 24-hour blood glucose profile, but postprandial hyperglycemia persists



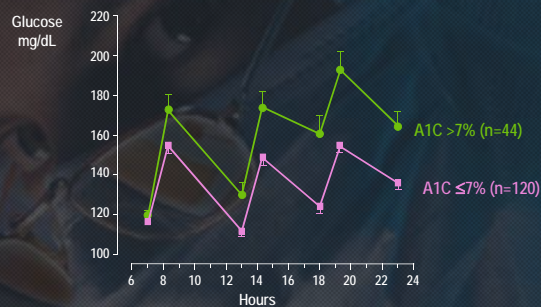
Wälärinen H, et al. LAMMET study data. *Diabetologia* 2006;49:442-51.

When basal insulin is not enough: What strategy?

- In clinical practice:
 - Premix insulins
 - Basal plus (stepwise basal-bolus)
 - Basal-bolus
 - Insulin in combination with other hormones

Postprandial hyperglycemia persists after basal therapy

164 patients with baseline A1c $\geq 7.5\%$ on diet, oral agents, or insulin
Mealtime hyperglycemia persists after 3 months of intensive treatment

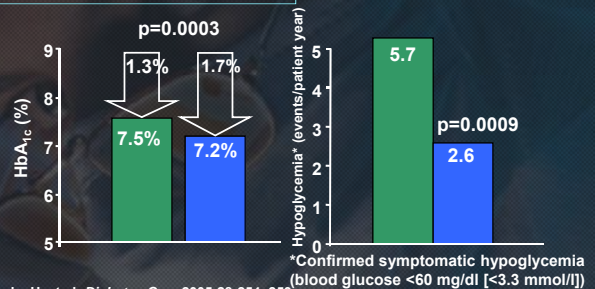


Woerle HJ et al. *Diabetes Res Clin Pract* 2007;78:280-85

Insulin Glargine vs 70/30 Premixed Insulin in OHA Failures

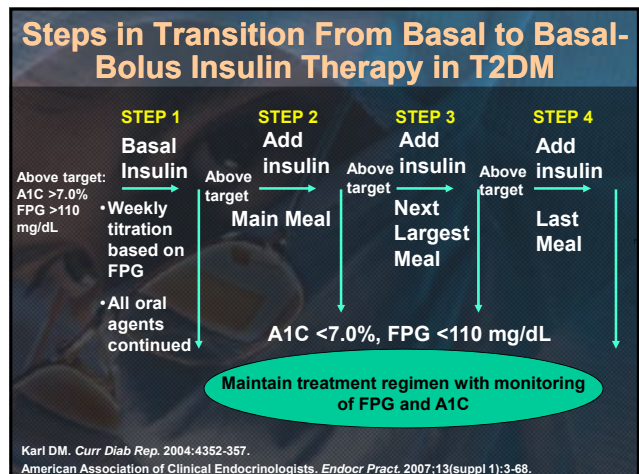
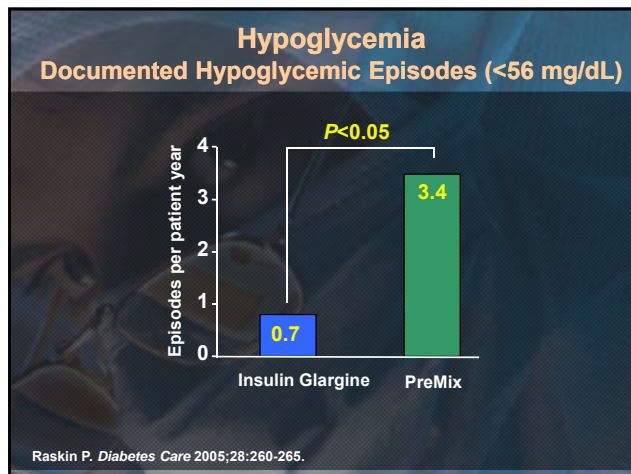
N=371 insulin-naïve patients
Insulin Glargine + OADs vs twice-daily human NPH insulin (70/30)
Follow-up: 24 weeks

- Twice-daily premixed insulin
- Insulin Glargine + OADs



*Confirmed symptomatic hypoglycemia (blood glucose <60 mg/dl [<3.3 mmol/l])

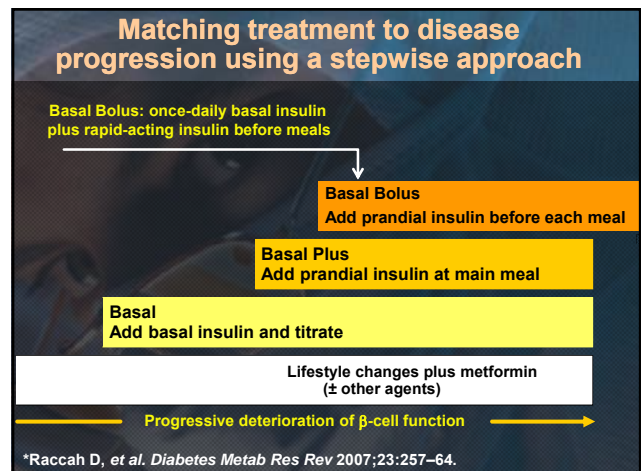
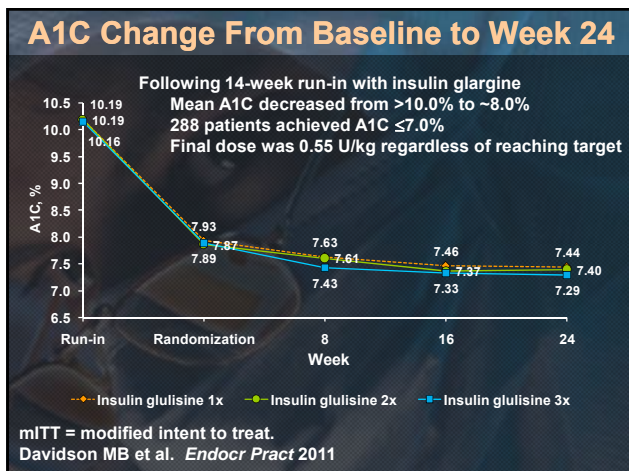
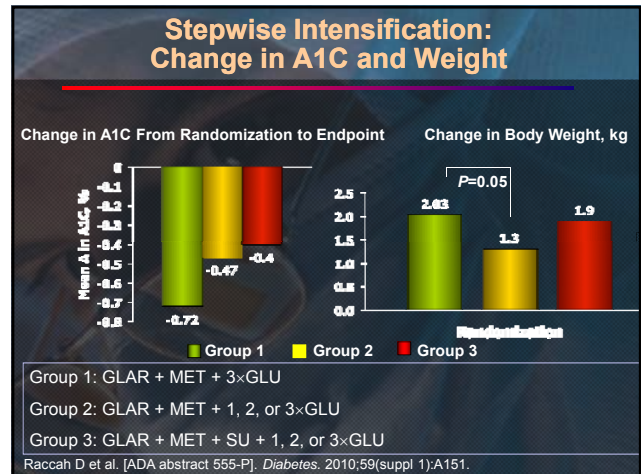
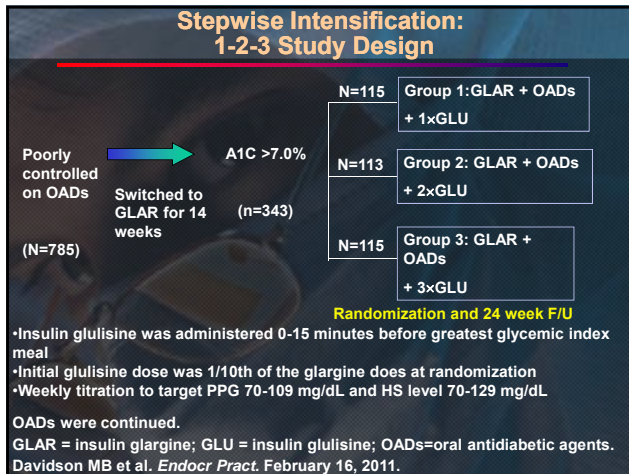
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- ### Premix insulins
- Efficient on HbA_{1c}, but very few clinical studies available
 - Mainly to simplify the protocols ++
 - Many disadvantages with:
 - Lack of flexibility
 - Risk of hypos
 - Poor reproducibility

Studies to Support the Basal Plus Strategy

Study	Purpose	Design	Primary endpoint	Lead country
ELEONOR	Evaluation of Basal Plus strategy in T2DM on OADs using Telecare system	Lantus® + Met + 1x Apidra® measured by SMBG vs Lantus® + Met + 1 Apidra® using Telecare assistance	Change in HbA _{1c}	ITA
1,2,3 (Lantus® + Apidra®)	Efficacy of Basal Plus strategy in persons with T2DM on TZDs	Lantus® + TZD + 1x Apidra® vs Lantus® + TZD + 2x Apidra® vs Lantus® + TZD + 3x Apidra®	Change in HbA _{1c}	USA
OSIRIS	Non-inferiority of Basal Plus strategy compared with basal-bolus regimen	Lantus® + 1,2,3x Apidra® + Met +/- SU vs Lantus® + 3x Apidra®	Change in HbA _{1c}	17 countries
All-to-Target	Basal/Basal Plus strategy more effective than premixed insulin	Lantus® + 1,2,3 Apidra® vs 2 premix	% subjects HbA _{1c} < 7%	USA



Basal Bolus Insulin: Percent of patients with HbA1c < 7%

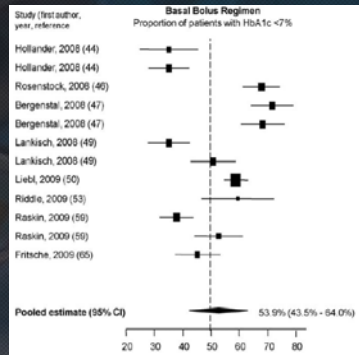
12 trials, with 2114 patients

HbA1c < 7% was achieved in 53.9% (95% CI, 43.5–64)

Hypoglycemic events (mean/patient/30 days): 0.88 (0.35-1.3)

Weight gain ~2.75 kg (1.8-3.7)

Final insulin dose: 0.89 U/kg (0.78-1.3)



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Insulin in Combination With Other Hormones

- Insulin + DPP-4 inhibitors
- Insulin + GLP-1 receptor agonists

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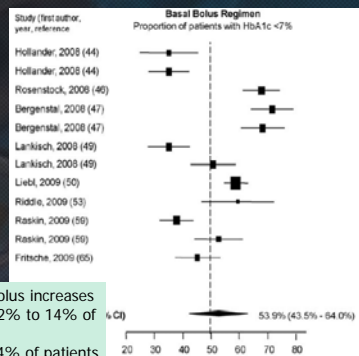
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Escalation from basal to basal-bolus increases success rate in an additional ~12% to 14% of patients

- HbA1c < 7% is achieved in ~54% of patients

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US FDA-Approval Status: Incretin-Based Therapies Combined With Insulin

Class	Agents With FDA Approval for Use in Combination With Insulin
DPP-4 inhibitors ¹	Sitagliptin Saxagliptin
GLP-1 RAs ¹	Exenatide BID • Trial in combination with insulin glargine • Not studied in combination with prandial insulin Liraglutide • Trial in combination with insulin detemir • Not studied in combination with prandial insulin

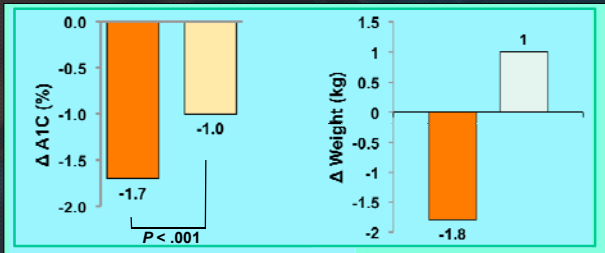
Clinical trials are in progress for the DPP-4 inhibitor, linagliptin, and the GLP-1 RA, exenatide ER.²

1. US FDA. Drugs@FDA Web site. <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/DrugsatFDA/>.
2. US National Institutes of Health. <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/home>.

Exenatide BID Added to Insulin Glargine

EXN BID or PBO Added to GLAR 30-week trial

GLAR + EXN BID (n = 137) GLAR + PBO (n = 122)



Similar rates of minor hypoglycemia in EXN BID (25%) and PBO (29%) groups

More discontinued due to AEs in EXN BID (9%) vs PBO (1%) group ($P < .01$).

Buse JB, et al. *Ann Intern Med.* 2011;154:103-112.

US FDA-Approval Status for Insulin-GLP-1 RA Combinations

Agent	Approval Status for Combination with Insulin
Exenatide	Approved in combination with insulin glargine ¹
Liraglutide	NDA filed in 2011; awaiting response from the US FDA ²
Lixisenatide*	Not FDA approved; studied in combination with insulin glargine ³

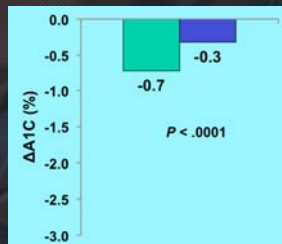
*Not FDA approved.

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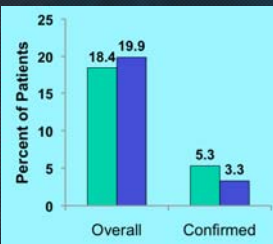
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SAXA + INS (n = 304) PBO + INS (n = 151)

Efficacy



Hypoglycemia



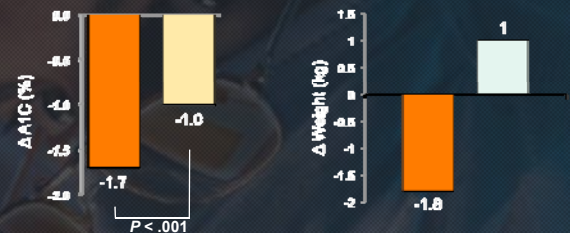
Hypoglycemia threshold not defined.

Charbonnel B, et al. *Diabetes.* 2011;60(suppl 1):A304 [abstr 1108-P].

Exenatide BID Added to Insulin Glargine

EXN BID or PBO Added to GLAR 30-week trial

GLAR + EXN BID (n = 137) GLAR + PBO (n = 122)

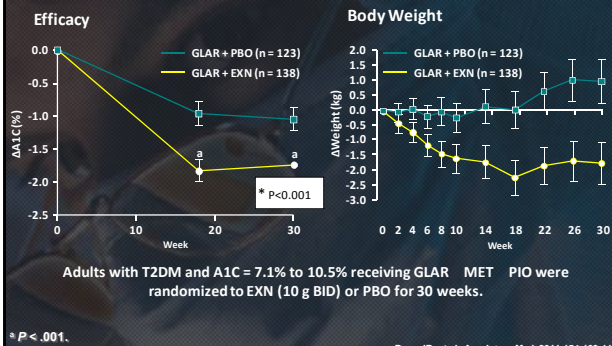


Similar rates of minor hypoglycemia in EXN BID (25%) and PBO (29%) groups

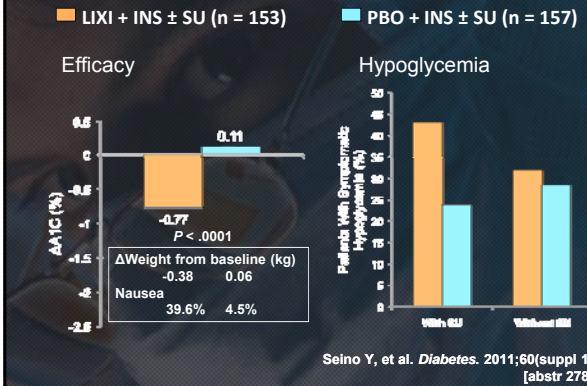
More discontinued due to AEs in EXN BID (9%) vs PBO (1%) group ($P < .01$).

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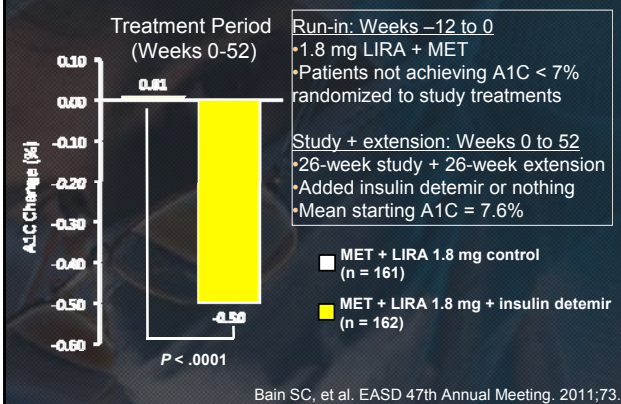
Use of Twice-Daily Exenatide in Basal Insulin-Treated Patients With T2DM



Lixisenatide Combined With Basal Insulin Improves Glycemic Control With Less Weight Gain in T2DM Over 24 Weeks



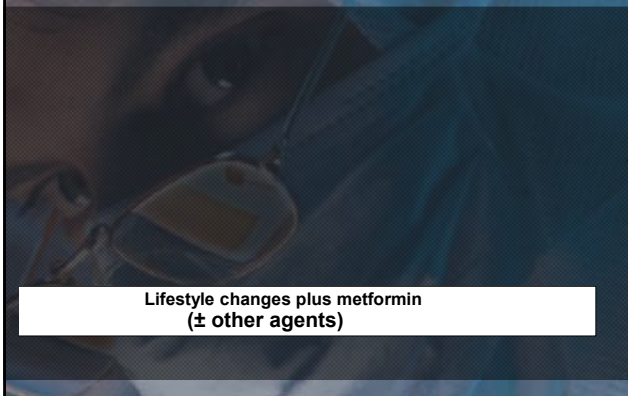
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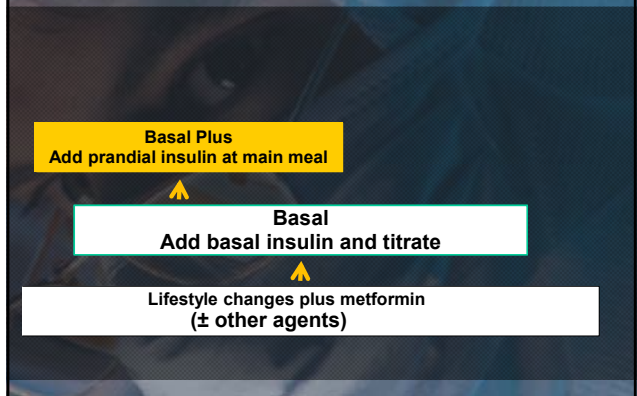
Summary

- Insulin + DPP-4 inhibitor combination therapy in T2DM improves glycemic control, reduces hypoglycemia, and is typically considered weight-neutral
- Insulin + GLP-1 RA combination therapy in T2DM improves glycemic control, reduces hypoglycemia, and can induce weight loss
- Insulin + GLP-1 RA combination therapy is being very actively investigated in T1DM and T2DM

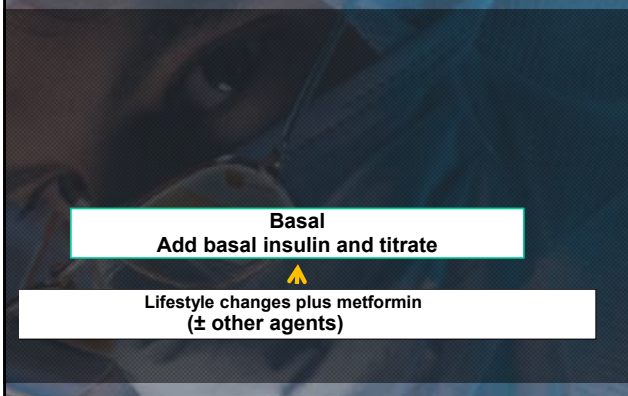
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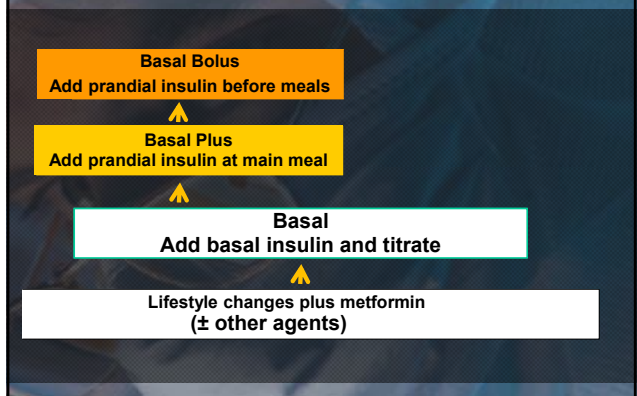
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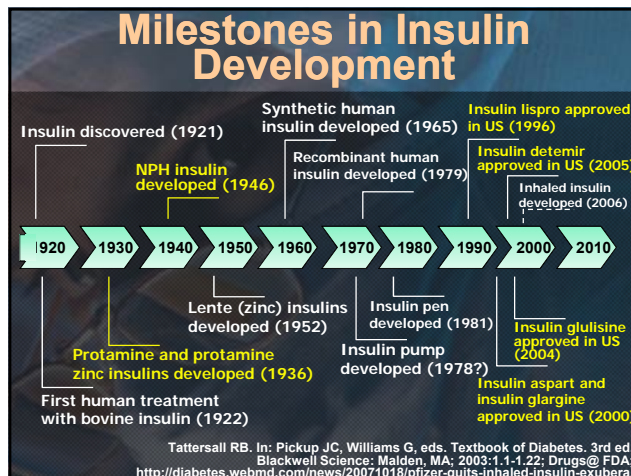
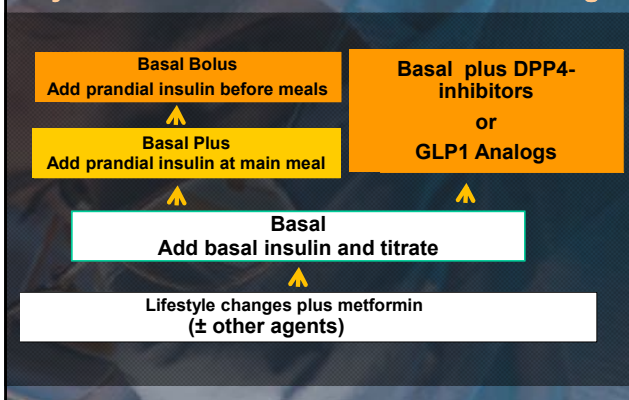
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