



# INDIVIDUALIZING MANAGEMENT OF T2DM IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING TO REDUCE MACRO AND MICROVASCULAR COMPLICATIONS



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# Learning Objectives

- Summarize correlations between macro and microvascular complications of uncontrolled T2DM and hospitalization
- Evaluate the risk/benefit profiles of novel T2DM therapies in achieving glycemic control and reducing vascular complications
- Employ evidence-based strategies to individualize treatment for diverse patients with T2DM to achieve glycemic control and reduce hospitalizations from vascular complications

# INTRODUCTION

Diabetes and Its Complications

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# Burden of Diabetes in the US

- Estimated incidence in 2015
  - 30.3 million with diagnosed diabetes\*
  - 7.2 million undiagnosed
  - 84.1 million with prediabetes
- Increasing prevalence with rising overweight and obesity rates
- Significant risk for complications, including CHD, stroke, HT, depression, pain, polypharmacy, and functional disability
- Leading cause of new cases of blindness (among adults) and end-stage renal failure

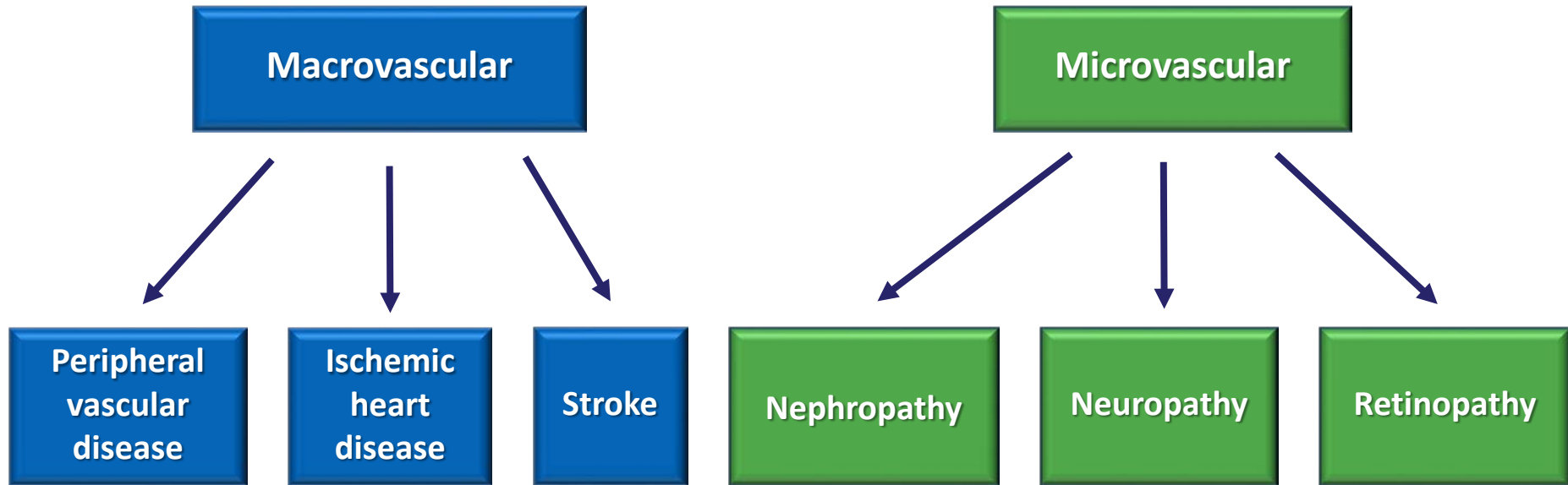
\*Approximately 1.25 million children and adults have type 1 diabetes.

CHD, congenital heart disease; HT, hypertension.

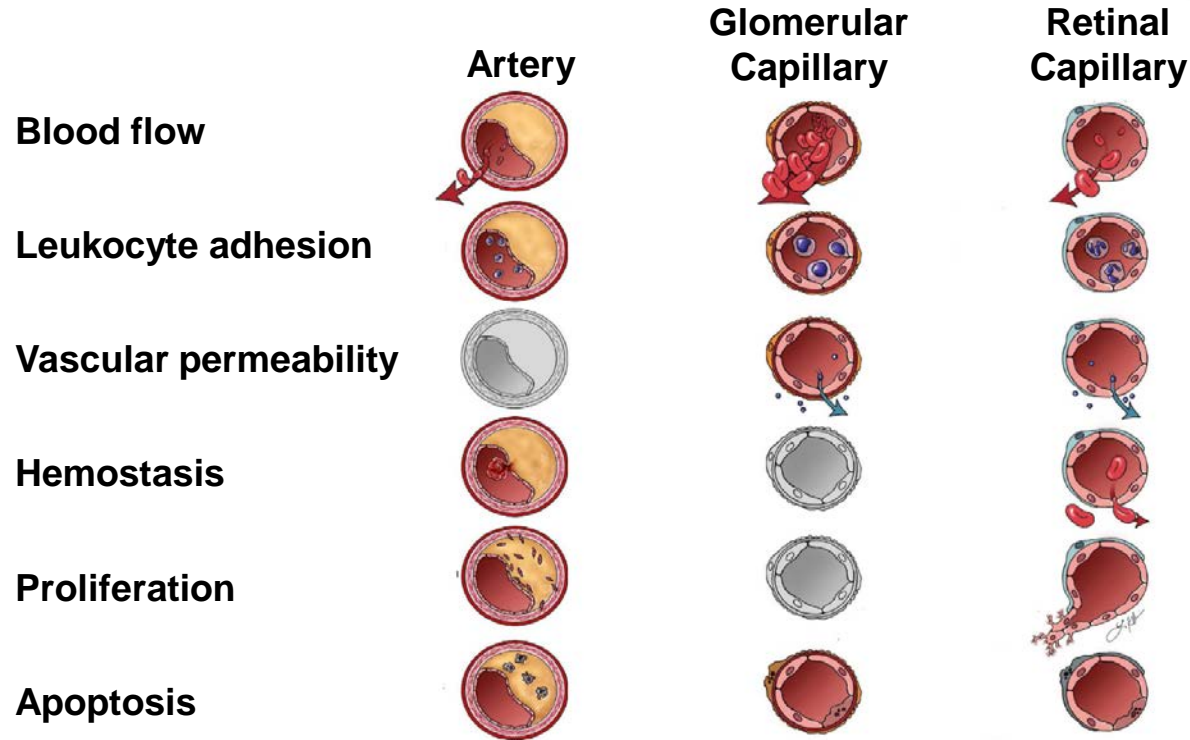
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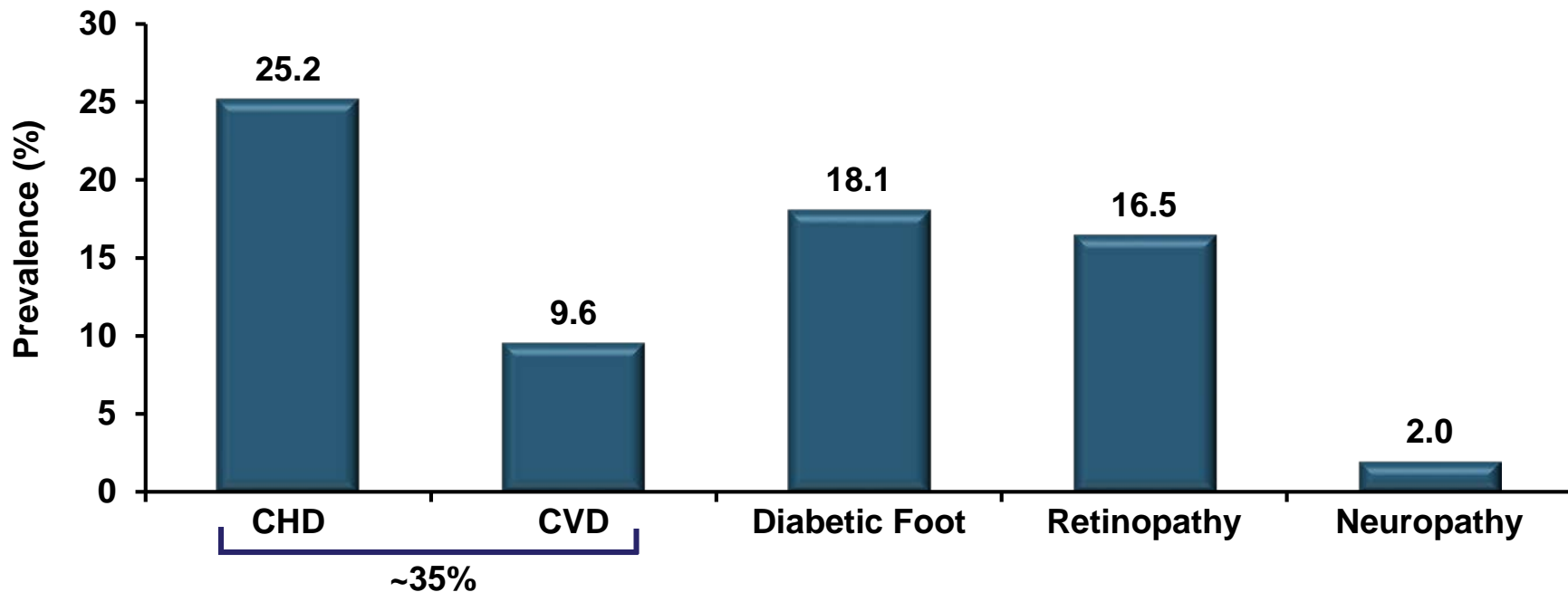
# Vascular Complications of Diabetes



# Abnormalities of Vascular Function in Diabetes



# Prevalence of Vascular Complications Among Patients with Diabetes

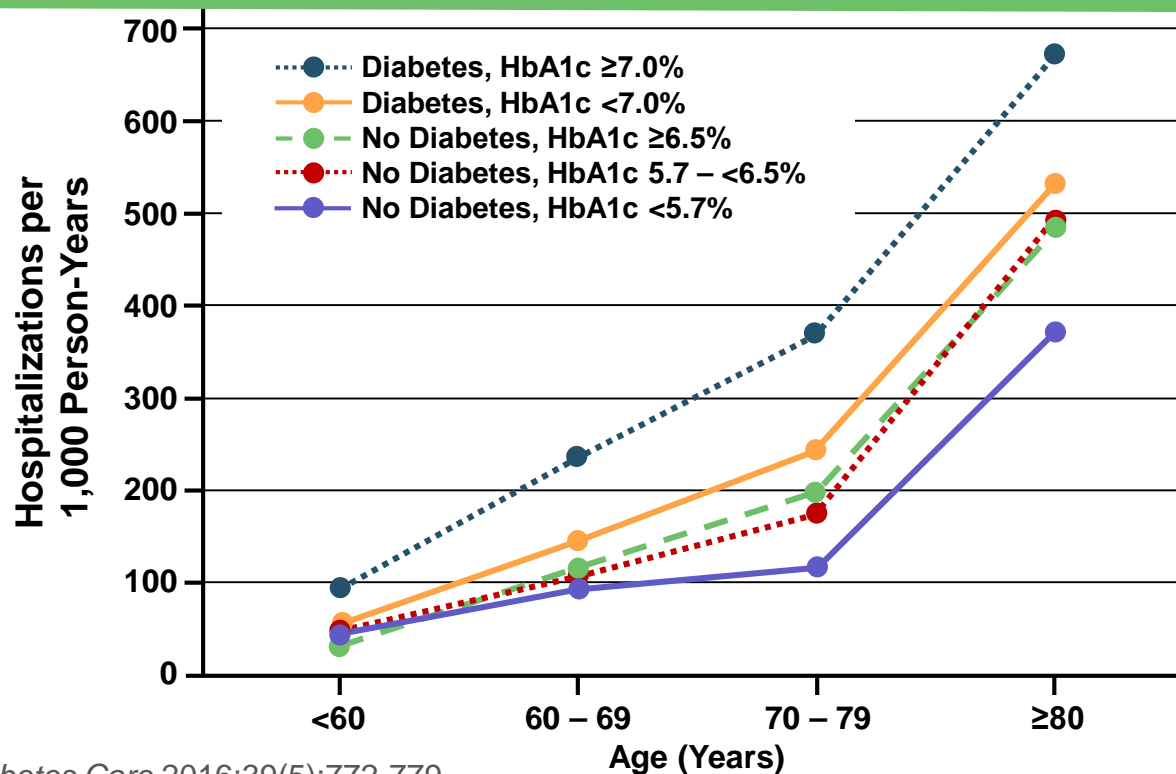


# DIABETES IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING

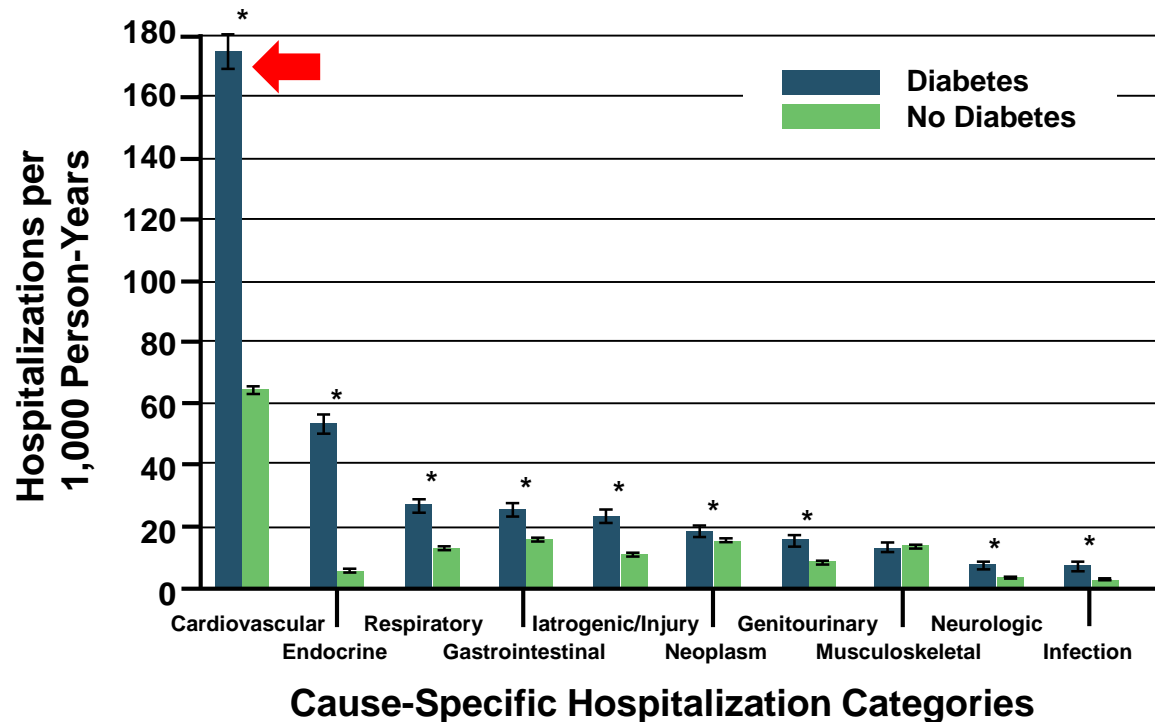
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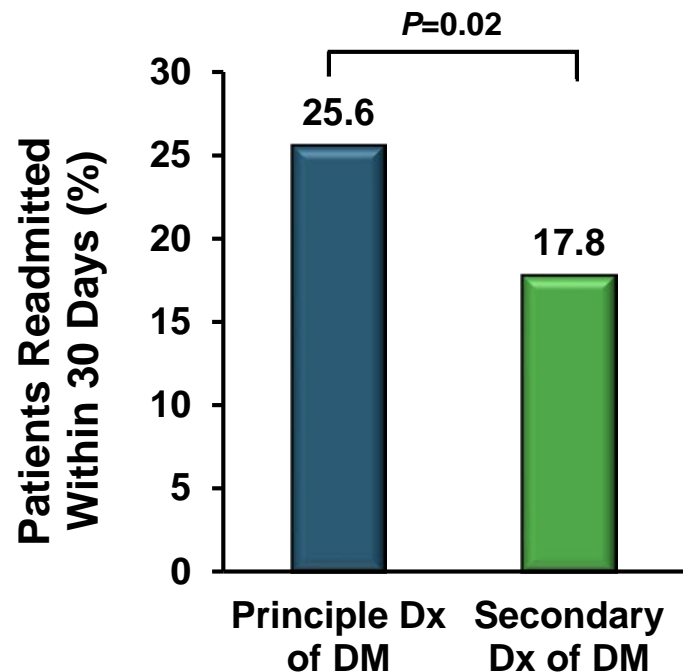
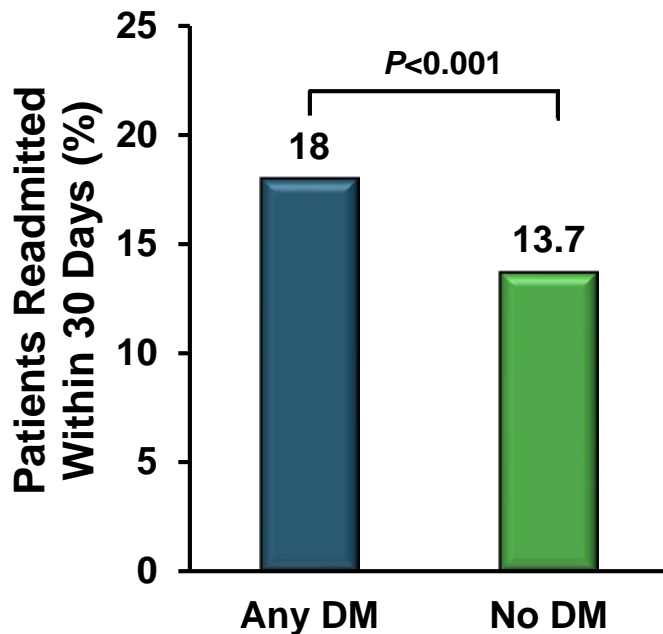
# All-cause Hospitalizations Among Patients with Diabetes



# Cause-specific Hospitalizations Among Patients with Diabetes



# 30-day Readmissions Among Patients with Diabetes



# INPATIENT MANAGEMENT

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# Goals of Inpatient Diabetes Management

**Prevent  
hypoglycemia  
and  
hyperglycemia**

**Restore  
glycemic  
stability**

**Initiate long-  
term  
antidiabetic  
treatment/  
optimize  
existing  
treatment**

**Minimize the  
hospital stay**

**Provide  
effective  
transitional  
care to prevent  
complications  
and  
readmission**

# ADA/AACE Recommended Glycemic Targets for ICU and Non-ICU Settings

ICU	Non-ICU
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Initiate insulin therapy for persistent hyperglycemia (glucose &gt;180 mg/dl)</b></li><li>• <b>Treatment goal: For most patients, target a glucose level 140-180 mg/dl</b></li><li>• <b>More stringent goals (110-140 mg/dl) may be appropriate for selected patients, if achievable without significant risk for hypoglycemia</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>No specific guidelines for insulin initiation</b></li><li>• <b>If treated with insulin:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Pre-meal glucose &lt;140 mg/dl</b></li><li>– <b>Random glucose &lt;180 mg/dl</b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>More stringent targets may be appropriate for patients with previously tight glycemic control</b></li><li>• <b>Less stringent targets may be appropriate in patients with severe comorbidities</b></li></ul>

# ADA Recommendations for In-hospital Diabetes Management

- A1C for all patients with diabetes or hyperglycemia\*
- Insulin infusions using validated written/computerized protocols that allow for predefined adjustments based on glycemic fluctuations and insulin dose
- Basal or basal plus bolus insulin correction for noncritically ill patients with poor oral intake or NPO
- Insulin with basal, nutritional, and correction components for noncritically ill patients and good nutritional intake

\*If not obtained within last 3 months.

NPO, nothing by mouth.

ADA. Diabetes Care 2017; 40(S1):S120-S127.



# ADA Recommendations for In-hospital Diabetes Management (cont'd)

- Sole use of sliding scale insulin is strongly discouraged
- Established hypoglycemia management protocol
- An individualized plan for hypoglycemia prevention and treatment
- Medical record of hypoglycemic episodes
- Review of treatment regimen (change as needed to prevent further hypoglycemia)
- A structured, individualized discharge plan



# Factors Complicating Glucose Management in Hospitalized Patients

- Severity of illness
- Medications (eg, glucocorticoids)
- Inconsistent dietary intake
- Patient nutritional status
- Prevailing blood glucose concentration
- History and type of diabetes
- Pre-hospital diabetes treatment regimen

# PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENT OF HYPERGLYCEMIA

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# Non-insulin Antihyperglycemic Agents (AHA)




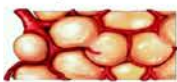



Medication	Average A1C Reduction	Potential Adverse Effects and Impact on Weight
<b>Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors</b>	0.5% – 0.8%	Flatulence, diarrhea, abdominal bloating
<b>Biguanides (metformin)</b>	1.0% – 1.3%	Nausea, diarrhea, abdominal bloating; extended-release preparations have fewer GI adverse effects
<b>DPP4 inhibitors</b>	0.5% – 0.9%	Headache, pancreatitis (rare)
<b>GLP-1 receptor agonists</b>	0.8% – 2.0%	Nausea, vomiting, sense of fullness; weight loss of 2.2 - 8.8 lbs likely; pancreatitis (rare)
<b>Meglitinides</b>	0.5% – 1.0%	Hypoglycemia
<b>SGLT2 inhibitors</b>	0.5% – 0.9%	Increased urinary tract and genital infections, increased LDL; weight loss of 1.5 - 7.7 lbs is typical
<b>Sulfonylureas</b>	0.4% – 1.2%	Hypoglycemia, weight gain
<b>Thiazolidinediones</b>	0.5% – 1.4%	Weight gain, edema

DPP4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2.

George CM et al. *Am Fam Physician*. 2015;92(1):27-34.



# Mechanisms of Action of Non-insulin AHAs

Pancreas	Liver	Muscle	Adipose Tissue	Gut	Kidney	Brain
						
<b>Impaired Insulin Secretion</b>	<b>Increased Glucose Production</b>	<b>Decreased Glucose Uptake</b>	<b>Increased Lipolysis</b>	<b>Decreased Incretin Effect</b>	<b>Increased Glucose Reabsorption</b>	<b>Neuro-transmitter Dysfunction</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sulfonylureas</b></li> <li>• <b>Glinides</b></li> <li>• <b>DPP4-1</b></li> <li>• <b>GLP-1 agonists</b></li> <li>• <i>GK agonists</i></li> <li>• <i>GPRs, IL-receptor antagonists</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Metformin</b></li> <li>• <i>GK agonists</i></li> <li>• <i>Glucagon receptor antagonists</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TZDs</b></li> <li>• <b>Metformin</b></li> <li>• <i>Dual/Pan PPARs</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TZDs</b></li> <li>• <b>Metformin</b></li> <li>• <i>Dual/Pan PPARs</i></li> <li>• <i>11<math>\beta</math>HSD-I</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DPP4-I</b></li> <li>• <b>GLP-1 agonists</b></li> <li>• <b>Bile acid sequestrants</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SGLT2-I</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bromocriptin</i></li> </ul>
<b>Increased Glucagon Secretion</b>						
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# Approach to AHA Selection for Patients with T2DM

- **Metformin** remains recommended first-line therapy
  - Use is often limited by development of diabetic nephropathy and GFR decline
- **Dual or triple therapy** is typically required to achieve glycemic goals as disease progression occurs
  - Combining complementary MOAs can help achieve additional reduction in A1c
  - Newer classes that positively impact body weight, BP, and albuminuria may benefit patients with specific comorbidities or complications

GFR, glomerular filtration rate; MOAs, mechanism of actions; BP, blood pressure.

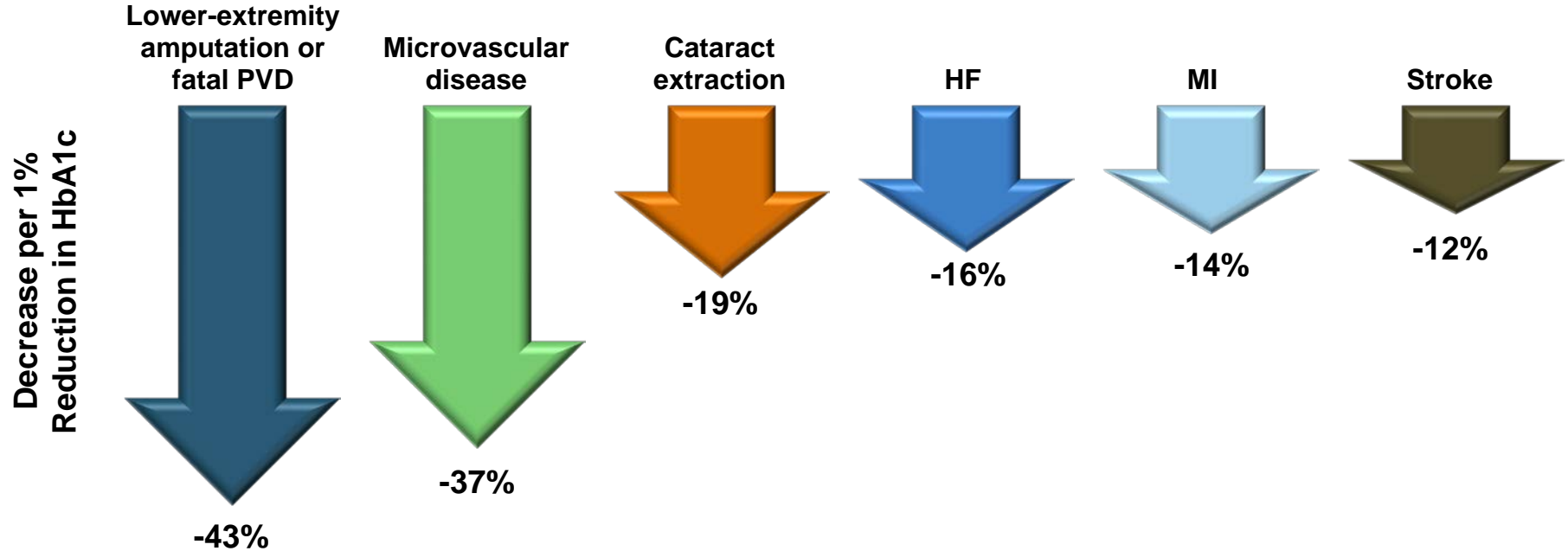
Schernthaner-Reiter MH et al. *Exp Rev Endocrinol Met.* 2016;11(3):281-296.



# TARGETING VASCULAR OUTCOMES IN T2DM

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# Long-term Glycemic Control Improves Vascular Outcomes: UKPDS

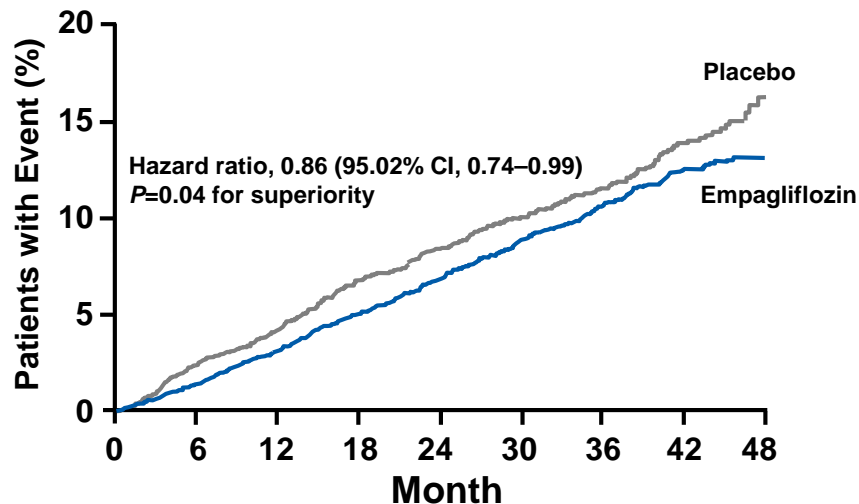


UKPDS, United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study.  
Stratton IM et al. *BMJ*. 2000;321:405-12.

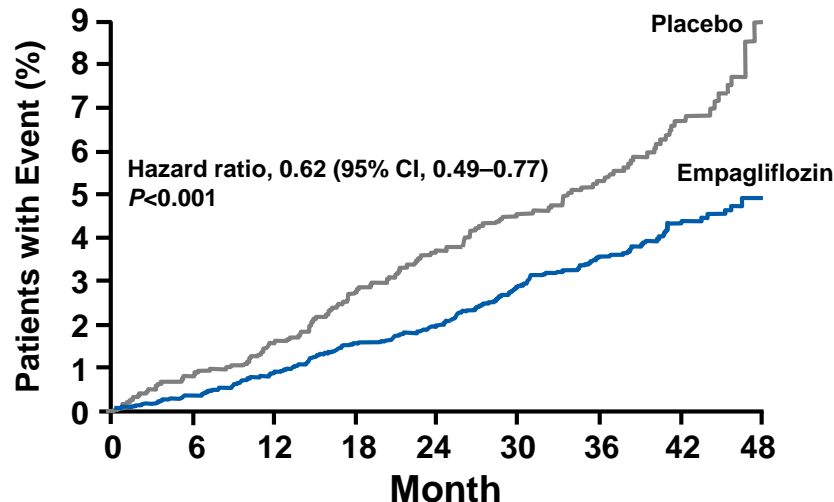
# Addition of EMPA to Standard Care Improves CV Outcomes and Mortality

## EMPA-REG Study

A Primary Outcome



B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



EMPA, empagliflozin.

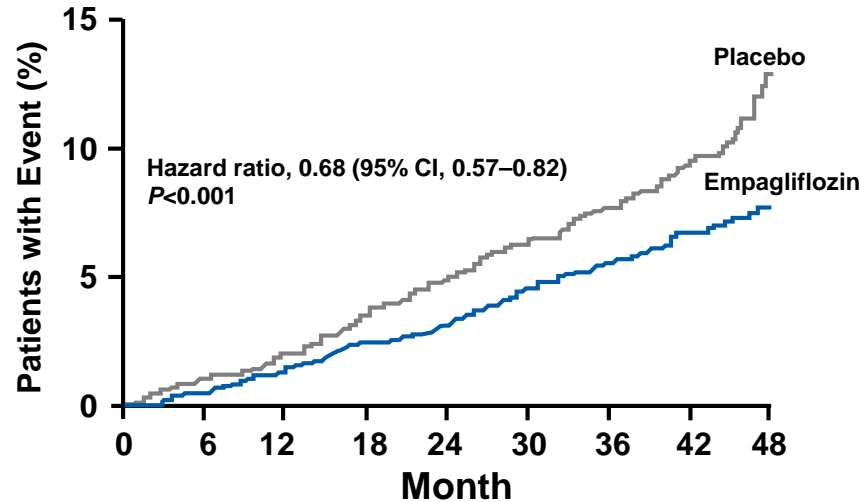
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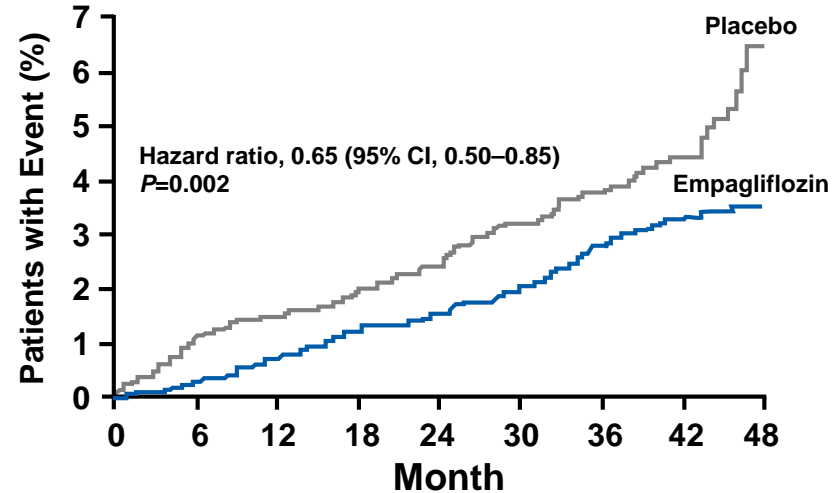
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## EMPA-REG Study

C Death from Any Cause



D Hospitalization for Heart Failure



EMPA, empagliflozin.

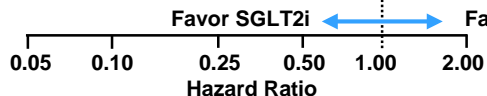
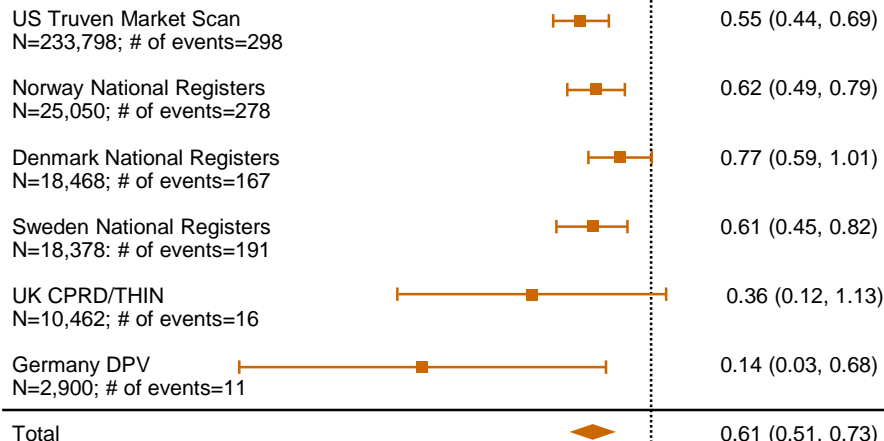
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# SGLT2 Inhibition Lowers the Risk of HF and Death

## CVD-REAL Study

P-value for SGLT-2i vs. oGLD comparison: <0.001

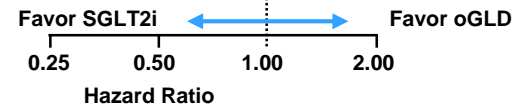
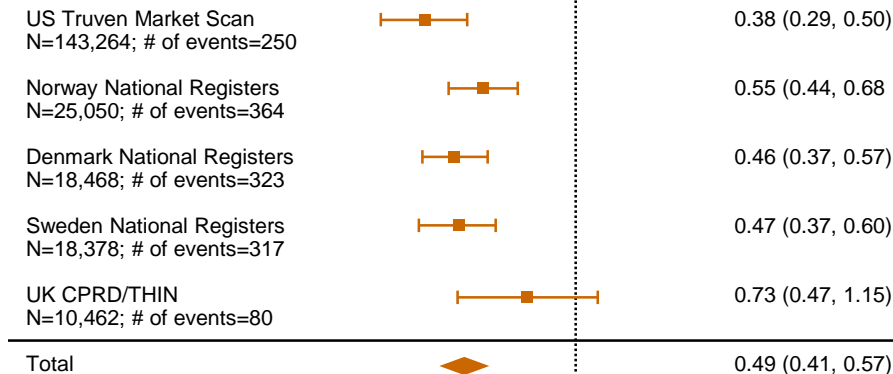
P-value for Heterogeneity: 0.169



**Hospitalization for HF**

P-value for SGLT-2i vs. oGLD comparison: <0.001

P-value for Heterogeneity: 0.089



**All-cause death**

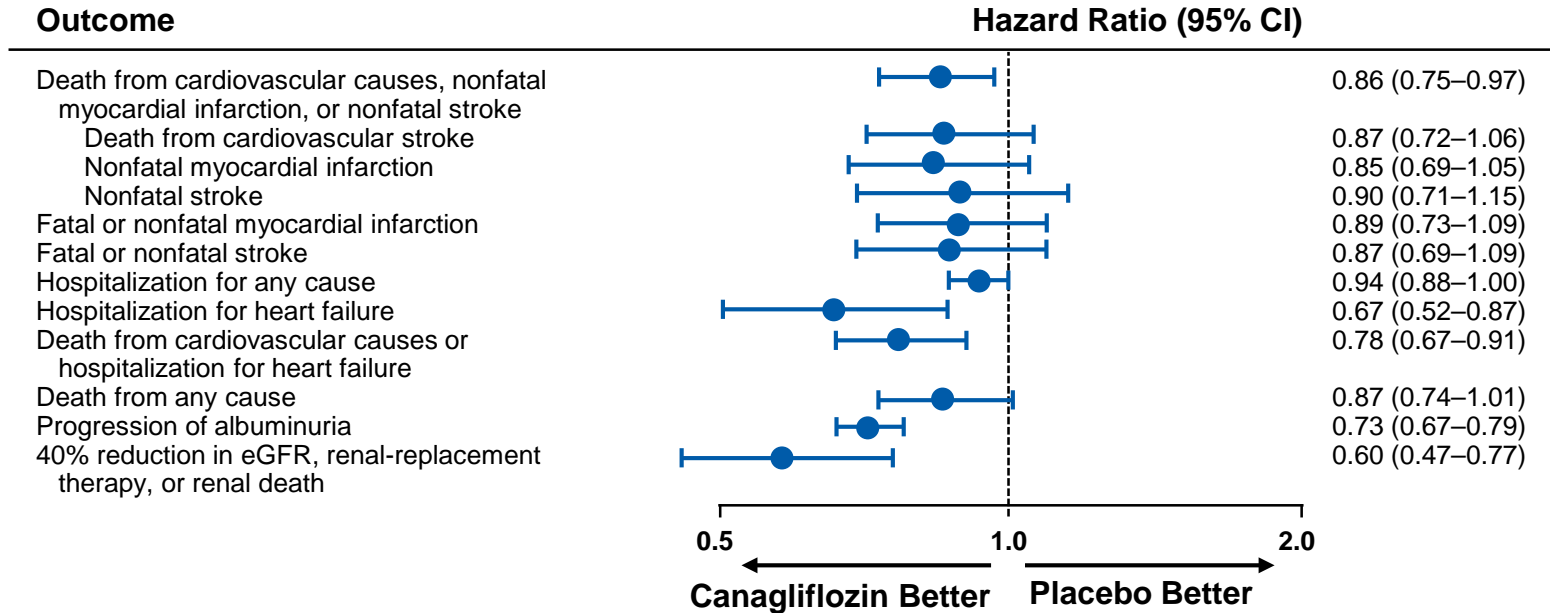


CVD, cardiovascular disease.

Kosiborod M et al. *Circulation*. 2017;136(3):249-259.

# Treatment with CANA Improves CV, Renal, and Mortality Outcomes

## CANVAS Program

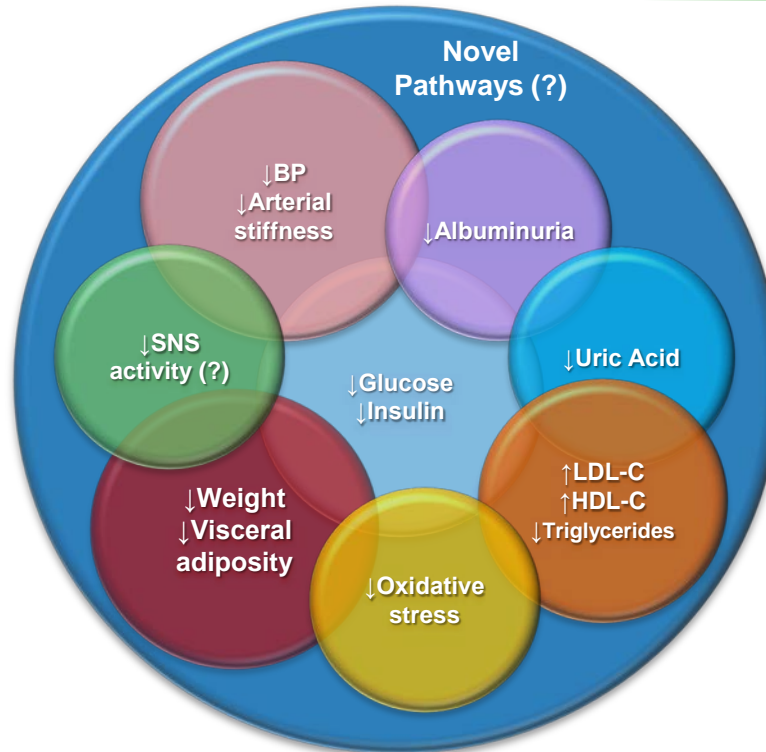


CANA, canagliflozin.

Neal B et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2017;377:644-57.



# Potential Pathways Associated with CV Effects of SGLT-2 Inhibitors



# Impact of Incretin-based Therapies on CV Risk Factors

Risk factor	GLP1RA	DPP-4I
<b>A1c</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced</li></ul>
<b>Body weight</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential minor reduction (&lt;1 kg)</li></ul>
<b>BP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SBP lower (2-3 mmHg) in patients with HT</li><li>• DBP less consistently affected</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No uniform lowering effect</li></ul>
<b>HR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2–3 bpm rise</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No major effects reported</li></ul>
<b>Lipids</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lower triglycerides</li><li>• Increased HDL cholesterol</li><li>• Small reduction in LDL cholesterol</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No major effects on fasting lipoprotein patterns</li></ul>

LDL, low-density lipoprotein; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; SBP, spontaneous bacterial peritonitis; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; bmp, beats per minute.

Nauck M. *Circulation*. 2017;136:849–870.

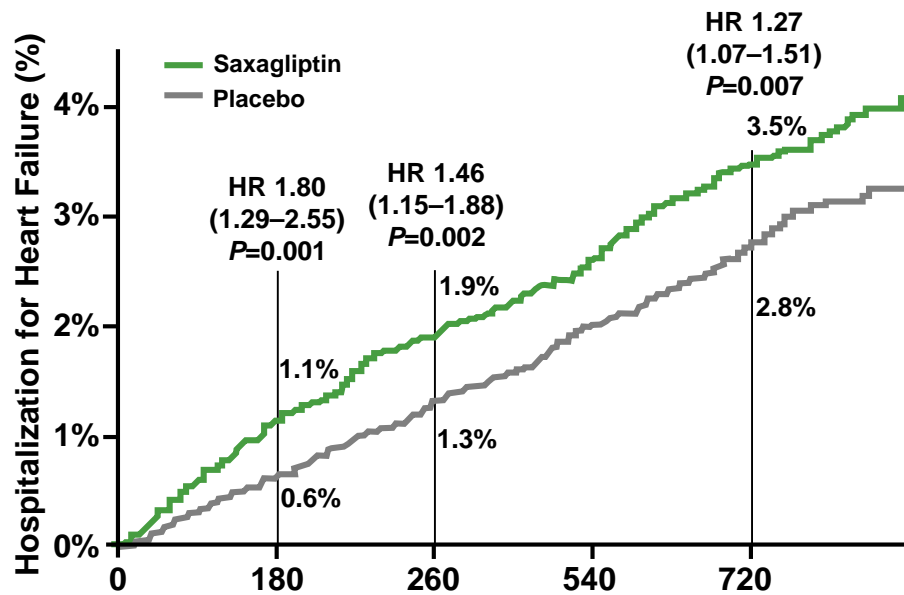
# DPP-4 Inhibitors and CV Risk

Clinical Trial Findings	AHA Investigated
Neutral for CV risk factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saxagliptin</li><li>• Alogliptin</li><li>• Sitagliptin</li></ul>
Increased risk for HF-related hospitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saxagliptin (significant)</li><li>• Alogliptin (nonsignificant trend)</li></ul>

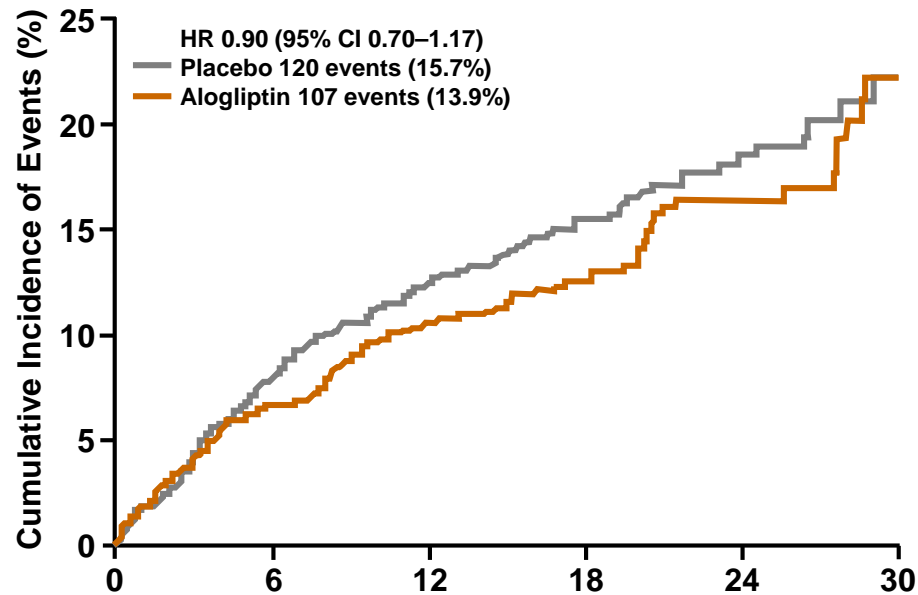
**In the absence of clear benefits regarding overall CV risk, further mechanistic clarification and caution is recommended for individuals at risk for CHF**

# DPP-4 Inhibitors and HF Outcomes

## EXAMINE



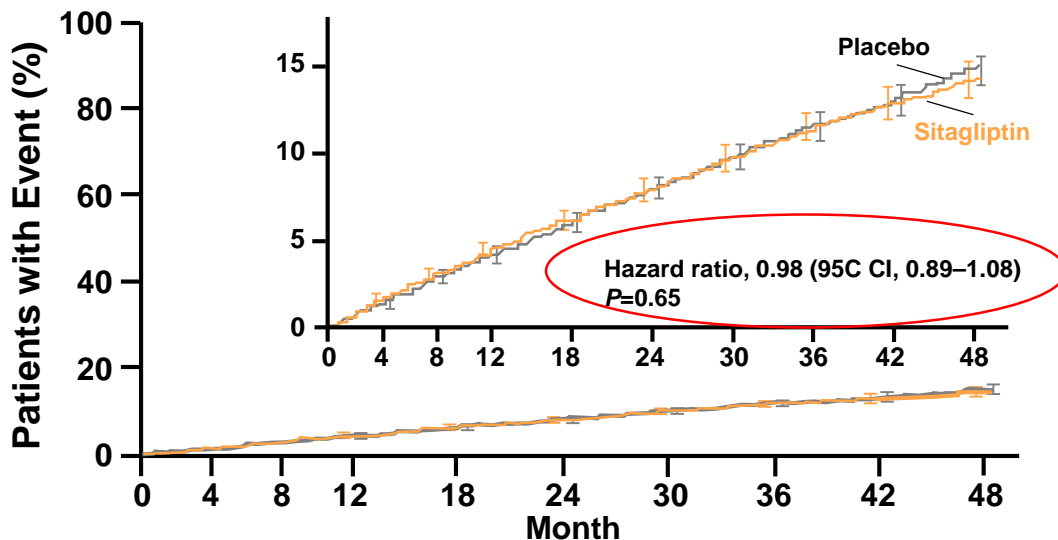
## SAVOR-TIMI 53



# Impact of Sitagliptin Therapy on CV Outcomes

## TECOS Study

### Primary Cardiovascular Outcome



Sitagliptin added on to usual care was **NOT** associated with increased risk for:

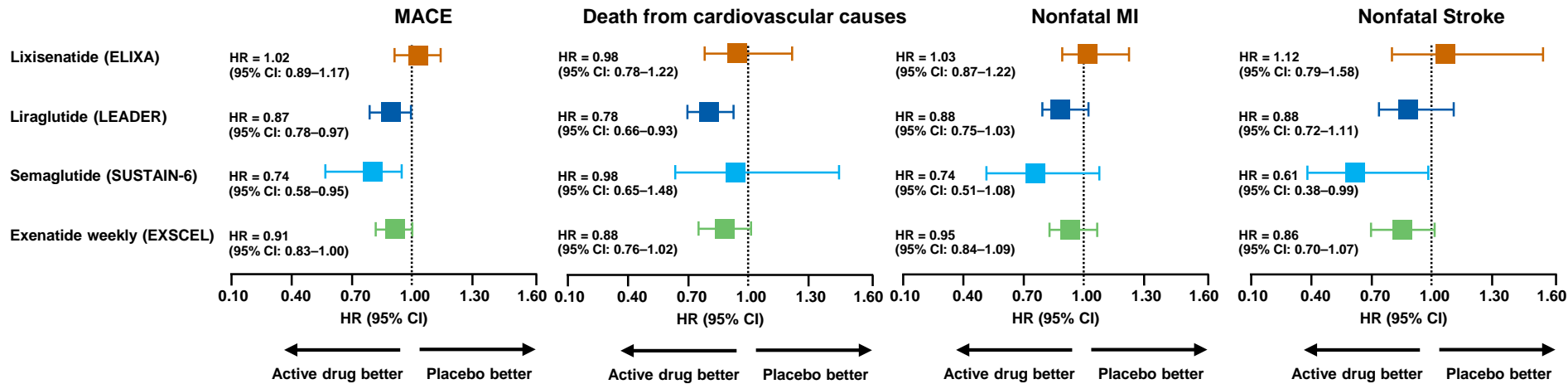
- MACE
- HF-related hospitalization
- Other AEs

MACE, major adverse cardiac events; AEs, adverse events.

Green JB et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373:232-42.



# Overview of the Impact of GLP-1R Agonists on CV Outcomes

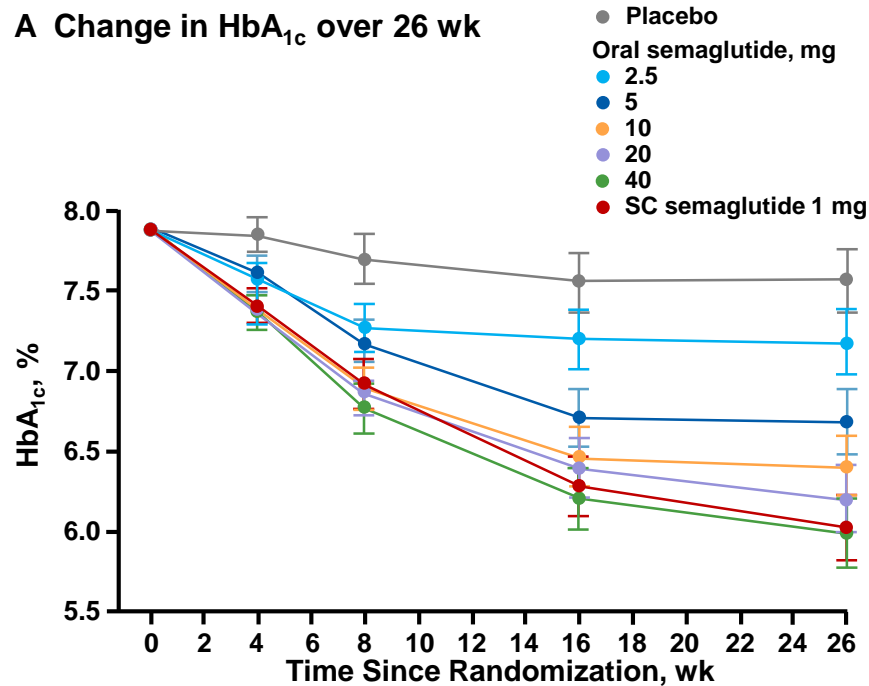


# Recently Approved Incretin-based Therapies and SGLT2 Inhibitors

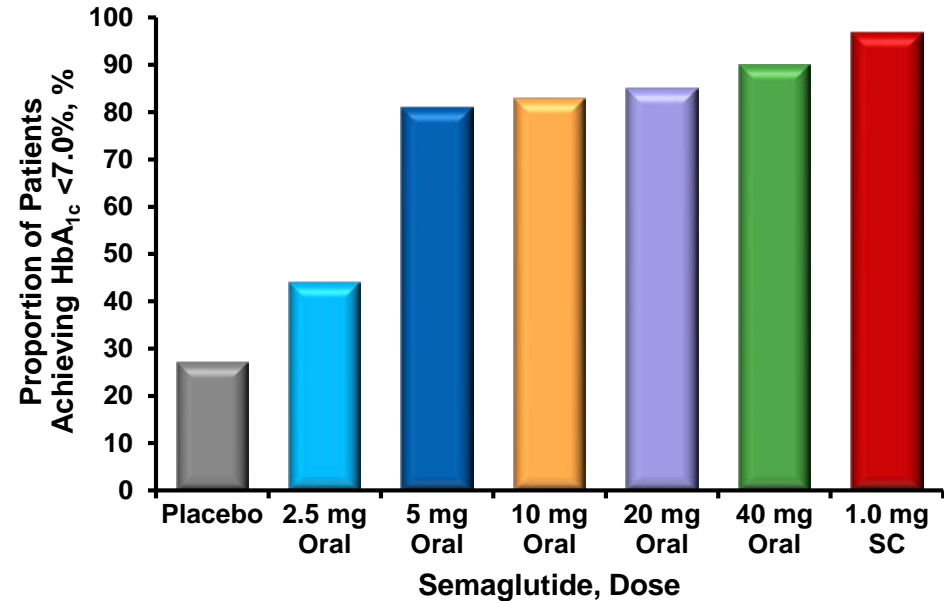
Therapy		Approval Date
Single agent	Ertugliflozin	December 2017
	Semaglutide	December 2017
Fixed-dose combination	Ertugliflozin and sitagliptin	December 2017
	Dapagliflozin and saxagliptin	February 2017
	Empagliflozin and linagliptin	January 2015

# Efficacy of Oral Semaglutide in Patients with T2DM

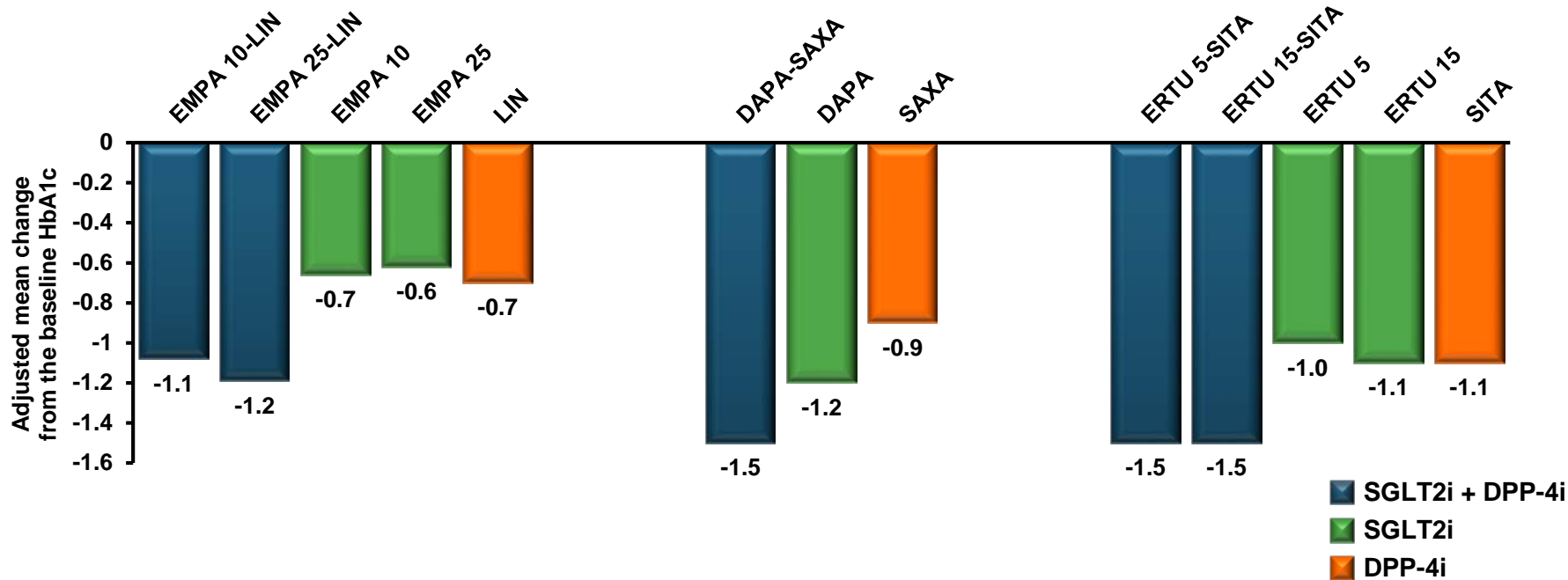
**A** Change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over 26 wk



**B** Proportion of patients achieving HbA<sub>1c</sub> <7.0% after 26 wk of treatment



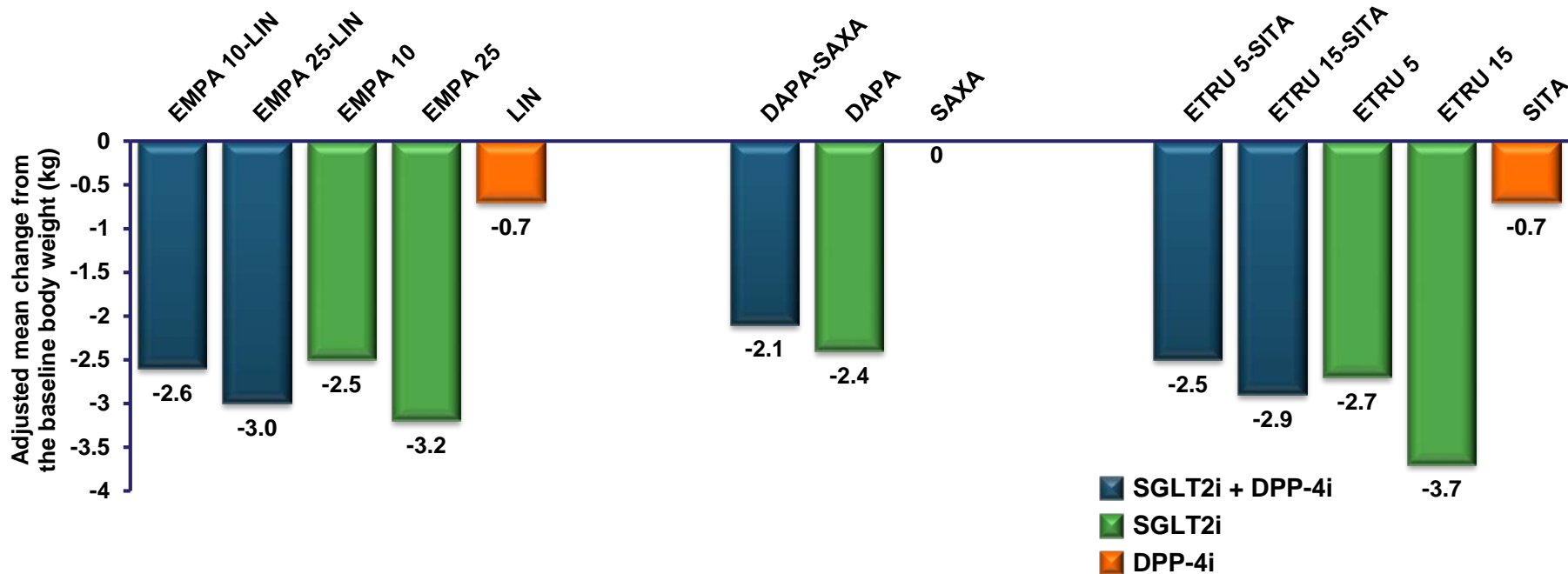
# Changes from Baseline A1C with Combined SGLT2 and DPP-4 Inhibition



LIN, linagliptin; DAPA, dapagliflozin; SAXA, saxagliptin; ERTU, ertugliflozin; SITA, sitagliptin.

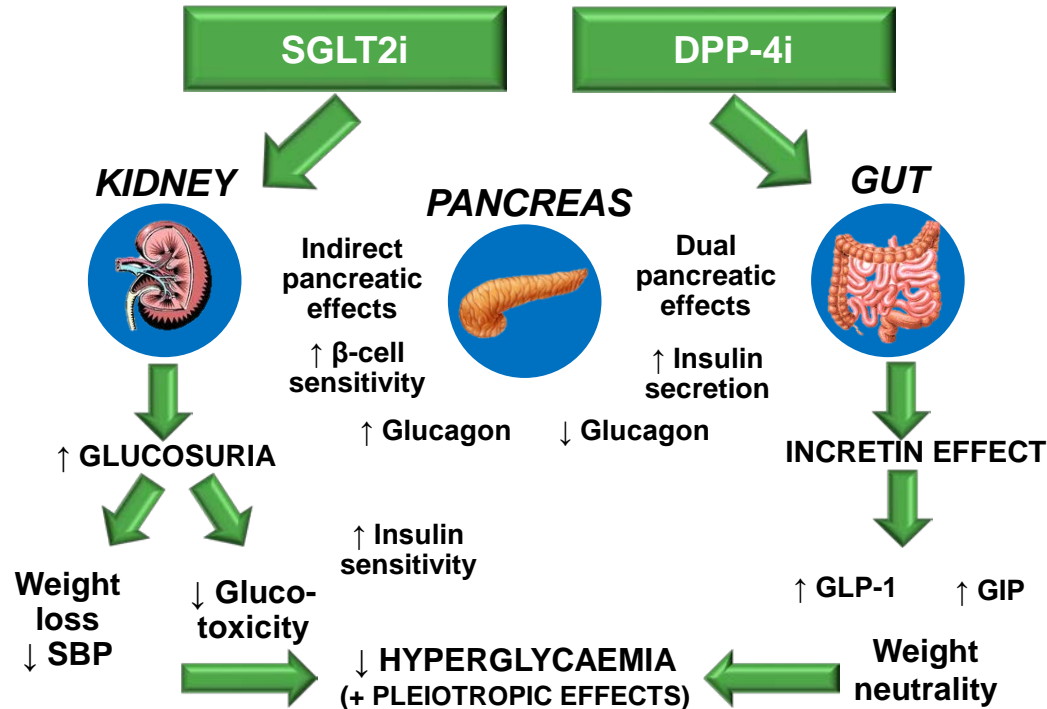
DeFronzo RA et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2015;38:384-393; Rosenstock et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2015;38:376-383; *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2018;1-10.

# Changes from Baseline Weight with Combined SGLT2 and DPP-4 Inhibition



DeFronzo RA et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2015;38:384-393; Rosenstock et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2015;38:376-383; *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2018;1-10.

# Complementary Glucose-lowering Actions of DPP-4 Inhibitors and SGLT2 Inhibitors



# Potential Advantages of Fixed-dose SGLT2 and DPP-4 Inhibitor Combination Therapies

- Simplify treatment
- Reduce tablet burden
- Increase medication adherence
- May be particularly beneficial for patients for whom reduction of body weight, BP, and CV risk are important

# TRANSITIONAL CARE

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# Discharge Planning

- Ensure stable blood glucose levels
- Measure A1C before discharge (if not measured during the previous months)
- Simplify treatment regimen for hyperglycemia (if possible)
- Schedule follow-up care within several weeks
- Communicate with outpatient providers regarding follow-up care

# Patient Education, Instruction, and Referral

- **Educate patients/caregivers**
  - Self-monitoring of blood glucose and follow-up to address post-discharge changes (diet, exercise, and physiological stress)
  - Diabetes and self-care
  - Blood glucose targets
  - Signs and symptoms that require HCP consultation
- **Provide specific instruction**
  - Proper medication use
  - Self-monitoring of blood glucose
  - Hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia prevention
- **Refer to a diabetes educator**

# Summary

- T2DM is a chronic, progressive disease closely associated with a range of macro and microvascular complications, which frequently lead to hospitalization.
- Hospital-based clinicians play a crucial role in ensuring optimal glycemic management during the hospital stay as well as providing guidance on antihyperglycemic therapy following discharge.
- Optimal glycemic management requires treatment that takes into account a wide range of patient characteristics, including a high risk for vascular complications and the presence of comorbidities.
- Many antihyperglycemic therapies with good efficacy and safety profiles have been developed, including incretin-based therapies and SGLT2 inhibitors, which have shown beneficial effects on both cv risk factors and vascular outcomes.



# Clinical Pearls

- Patients with diabetes are at increased risk of vascular complications and hospitalizations for CV related events compared to patients without diabetes
- Diabetes and hypertension are among the 9 modifiable risk factors that account for >90% of the risk of initial acute MI
- For most hospitalized patients with diabetes, target a glucose level of 140-180 mg/dl
- Newer treatments for diabetes, including SGLT2 and GLP-1 indicators, have been shown to reduce micro and macrovascular events
- More intensive glucose control has been associated with a 20% reduction in kidney disease
- Prior to discharge of a patient with diabetes, ADA guidelines recommend measurement of hbA1c level

**THANK YOU!**

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