# Pharmacotherapy of Diabetes Mellitus

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# Introduction

#### Definition

- Group of metabolic disorders characterized by **hyperglycemia** resulting from either or both of:
  - Insufficient insulin secretion
  - Resistance to the action of insulin
- Abnormalities in carbohydrate, fat, protein metabolism

# Introduction...

- Results in chronic complications
  - Microvascular
    - Retinopathy, neuropathy, diabetic nephropathy
  - Macrovascular
    - Coronary artery disease, peripheral artery disease, stroke

## **Effects of Insulin on Various Tissues**

#### **Adipose Tissue**

Increased glucose entry Increased fatty acid synthesis Increased glycerol phosphate synthesis Activation of lipoprotein lipase Inhibition of hormone-sensitive lipase Increased K<sup>+</sup> uptake

#### Muscle

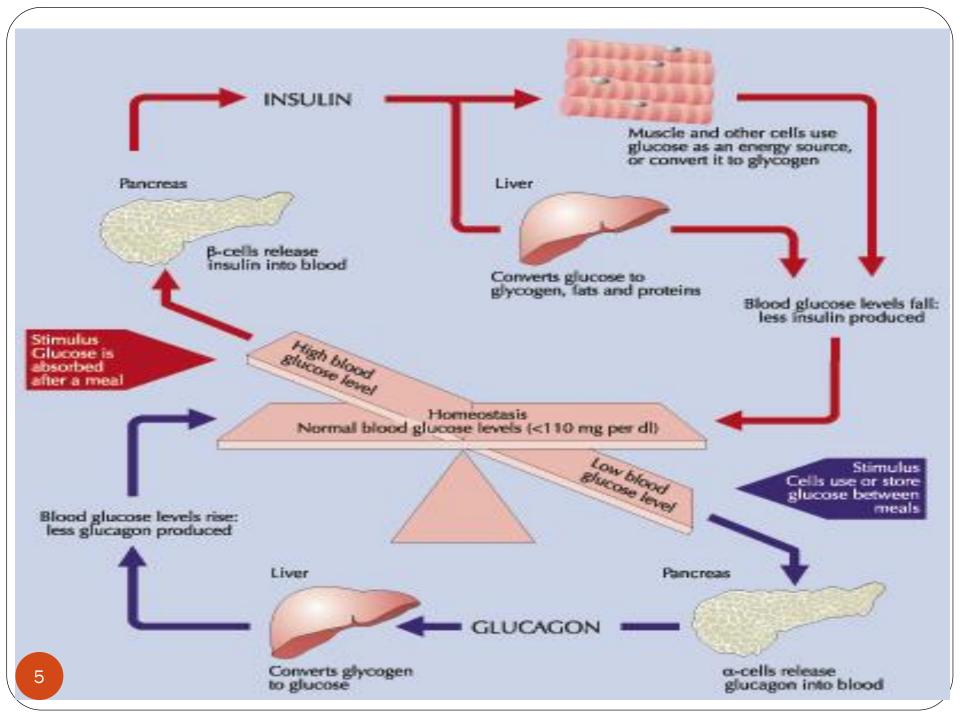
Increased glucose entry Increased glycogen synthesis Increased amino acid uptake Increased protein synthesis in ribosomes Decreased release of gluconeogenic amino acids Increased ketone uptake Increased K<sup>+</sup> uptake

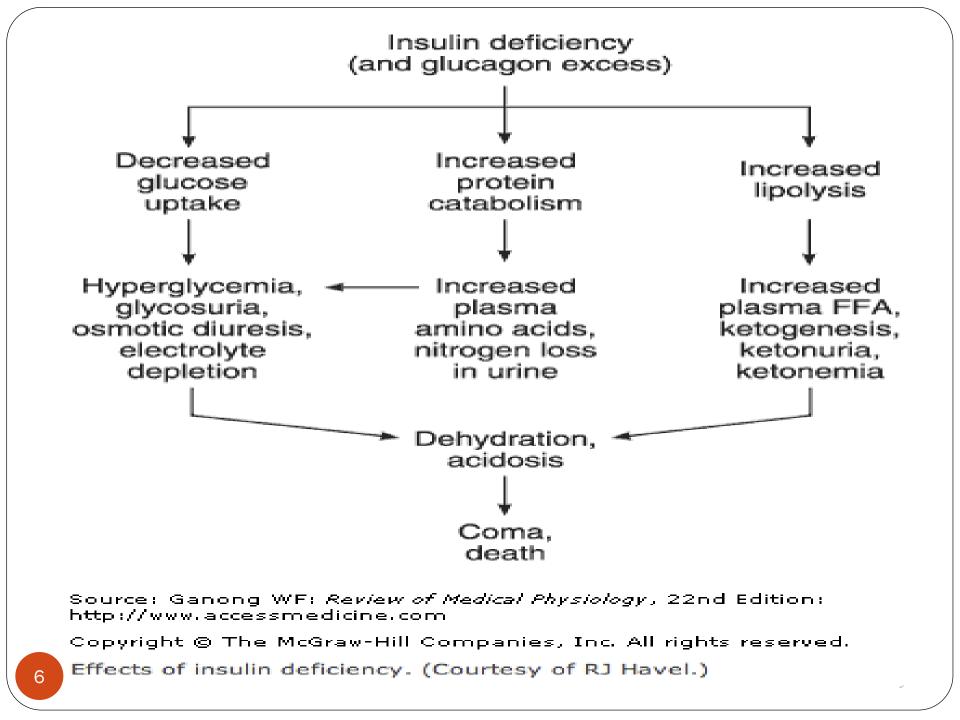
#### Liver

Decreased ketogenesis Increased protein synthesis Increased lipid synthesis Decreased glucose output due to decreased gluconeogenesis, increased glycogen synthesis, and increased glycolysis

#### General

Increased cell growth





# Epidemiology

- Type 1 DM: 5% to 10% of all cases of DM
  - Develops in childhood or early adulthood
  - But new cases can occur at any age
- Type 2 DM: 90% of all cases of DM
  - Prevalence increases with age

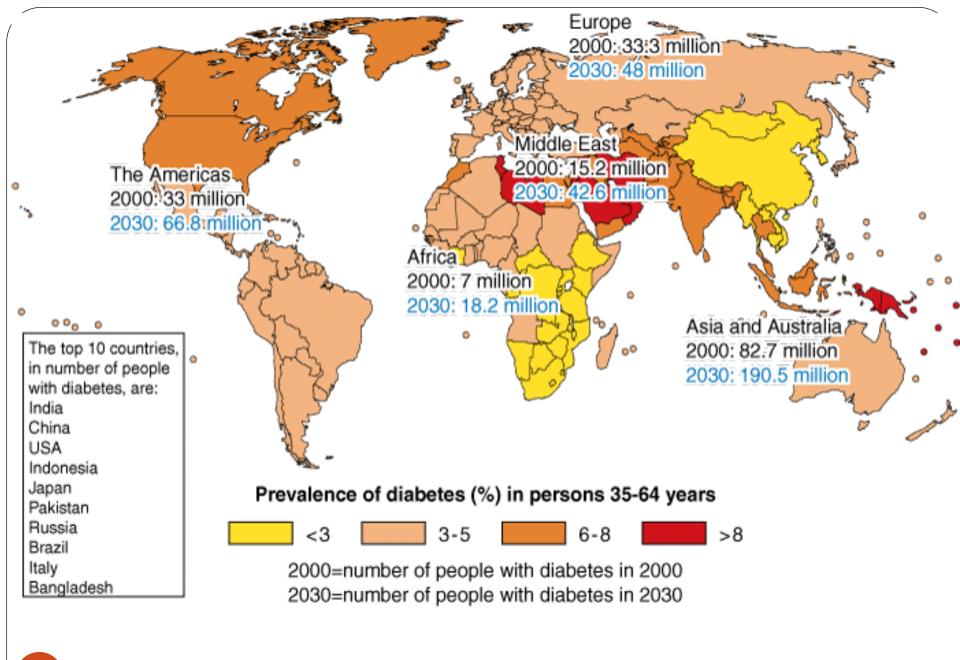
# Epidemiology...

- The development of diabetes is projected to reach pandemic proportions over the next10-20 years
- International Diabetes Federation (IDF)
  - By the year 2025: number of people affected 333 million
    - 90%: Type 2 diabetes
- The annual health costs caused by diabetes and its complications account for around 6-12% of all health-care expenditure

# Epidemiology...

#### DM

- Leading cause of blindness in adults ages 20 to 74 years
- Leading contributor to kidney failure
- Accounts for ~71,000 lower-limb amputations annually
- $\sim 2/3$  of deaths are caused by a CV event in DM patients



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# Classification

- Majority of diabetics classified in categories of:
  - Type 1 : absolute deficiency of insulin
  - **Type 2 :** presence of insulin **resistance** with reduced insulin secretion
  - Gestational diabetes
  - Other specific types:
    - LADA, MODY, Secondary Diabetes Mellitus
      - Infections, drugs, pancreatic destruction, genetic defects

# Type 1 DM

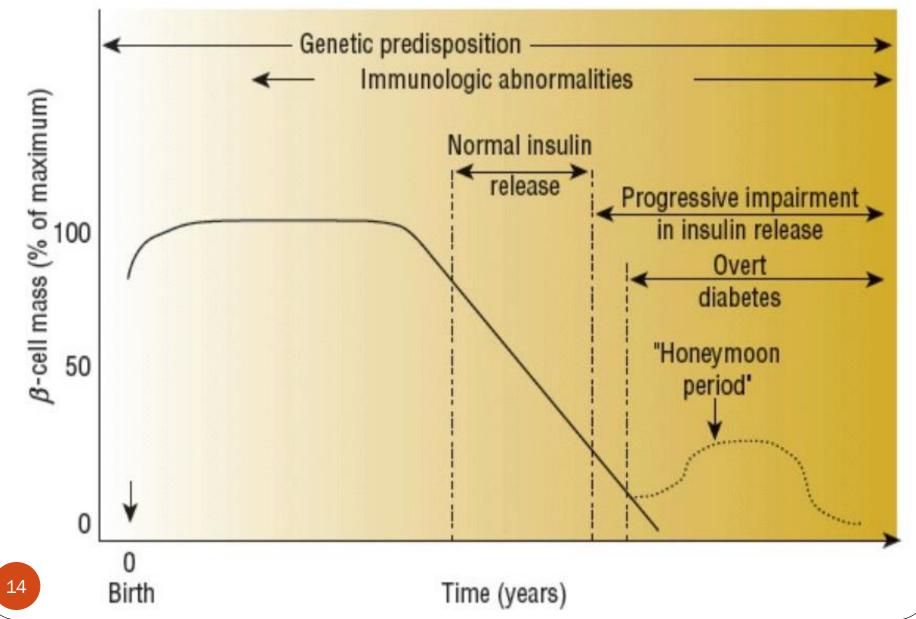
- Autoimmune destruction of pancreatic β-cells
  - Account for 5% to 10% of all diagnosed cases of diabetes.
  - $\bullet$  Children & adolescents often have rapid  $\beta\text{-cell}$  destruction & present with ketoacidosis
  - May occur at any age
- Risk factors: autoimmune, genetic, and environmental

factors

# Type 1 DM Pathogenesis

- 1. Preclinical period
  - Immune markers present
  - $\beta$ -cell destruction
- 2. Hyperglycemia
  - 80 to 90% of  $\beta$ -cells destroyed
- 3. Transient remission
  - honeymoon phase
- 4. Established disease

# Type 1 DM Pathogenesis...



# Type 2 DM

- Insulin **resistance**, with relative lack of insulin secretion
- account for about 90% to 95% of all diagnosed cases of diabetes
- Usually presents with cluster of abnormalities known as metabolic syndrome:
  - Abdominal obesity
  - Hypertension
  - Dyslipidemia
- Increased macrovascular complication risk

## Metabolic Syndrome (> 3 for diagnosis)

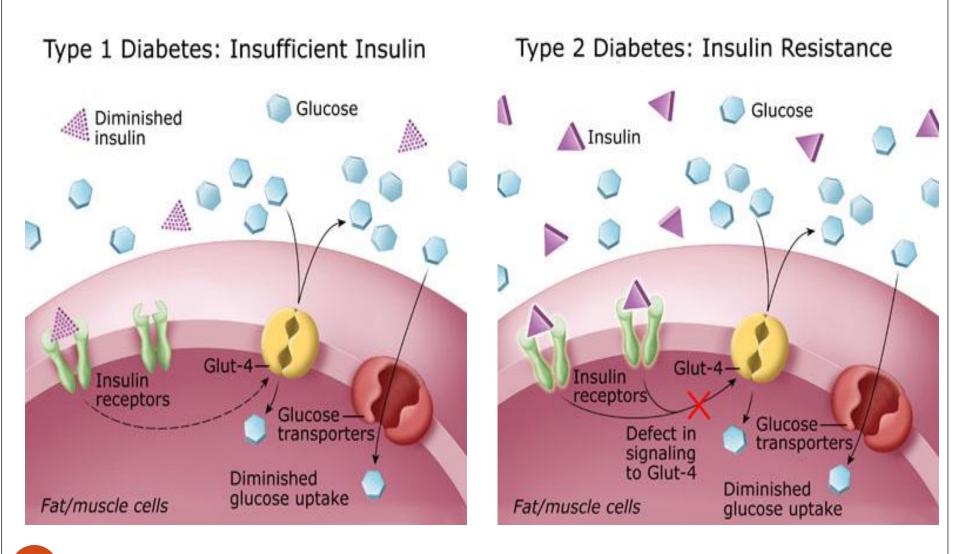
Risk Factor	Defining Level	
Abdominal obesity		
Men (waist circumference)	> 102 cm (> 40 in.)	
Women	> 88 cm (> 35 in.)	
Triglycerides	> 1.7 mmol/L (> 150 mg/dL)	
HDL cholesterol		
Men	< 1.0 mmol/L (< 40 mg/dL)	
Women	< 1.3 mmol/L (< 50 mg/dL)	
Blood Pressure	≥130/≥85 mmHg	
Fasting glucose	> 6.1 mmol/L ( > 110 mg/dL)	

# **Risk Factors For Type 2 DM**

- BMI  $\geq 25$
- Physical inactivity
- 1<sup>st</sup> degree relative with DM
- High risk ethnic group

- CV disease
- HDL < 40 mg/dL
- Triglycerides > 150 mg/dL
- Delivery of > 9 lb baby
- HTN: ≥ 140/90 mmHg or on
   History of GDM
   therapy for HTN
   Insulin resistance

# **DM Pathophysiology**



# **Gestational diabetes**

- A form of glucose intolerance diagnosed during pregnancy
- Common among obese women and women with a family history of diabetes
- Requires treatment
  - To normalize maternal blood glucose levels
  - To avoid complications in the infant
- After pregnancy, 5% to 10% of women with GDM develop type 2 DM

# **Other types of DM**

- Can result from
  - specific genetic conditions
    - LADA, MODY
  - Surgery
  - Drugs
  - Infections and other illnesses
- Account for 1% to 5% of all diagnosed cases of diabetes

# LADA

- A form of *autoimmune* (*type 1 diabetes*)
- Diagnosed in individuals who are older than the usual age of onset of type 1 diabetes
- Also called
  - Slow Onset Type 1 DM
- Often, patients with LADA are mistakenly thought to have
   <u>type 2 diabetes</u>, based on their age at the time of diagnosis

## LADA

- About 80% of adults diagnosed with LADA progress to insulin requirement within 6 years
- The potential value of identifying this group at high risk of progression to insulin dependence includes:
  - The avoidance of using metformin treatment
  - The early introduction of insulin therapy

# MODY

- MODY Maturity Onset Diabetes of the Young
- MODY is a monogenic form of diabetes with an autosomal dominant mode of inheritance:
  - Mutations in
    - Transcription factors or
      - Lead to insufficient insulin release from pancreatic ß-cells, causing MODY

# MODY

- Originally, diagnosis of MODY was based on
  - Presence of non-ketotic hyperglycemia
  - Family history of diabetes
    - In adolescents or young adults
- However, genetic testing has shown that MODY can occur at any age and that a family history of diabetes is not always obvious

Respond to sulfonylurea therapy

# **Secondary DM**

**Secondary** causes of Diabetes mellitus include:

Acromegaly

Cushing syndrome

Thyrotoxicosis

Pheochromocytoma

Chronic pancreatitis

#### Cancer

# **Secondary DM**

### Drug induced hyperglycemia:

- Atypical Antipsychotics: Alter receptor binding characteristics, leading to increased insulin resistance
- Beta-blockers: Inhibit insulin secretion
- Calcium Channel Blockers: Inhibits secretion of insulin
- **Corticosteroids:** Cause insulin resistance and gluconeogensis
- **Phenothiazines:** Inhibit insulin secretion
- **Protease Inhibitors:** Inhibit the conversion of proinsulin to insulin
- **Thiazide Diuretics:** Inhibit insulin secretion due to hypokalemia.
  - They also cause increased insulin resistance due to increased free fatty acid mobilization

# Screening

## **Type 1**

- Not recommended
- Low prevalence
- Acute symptoms

# Screening...

## □Туре 2

- For adults
- At any age in individuals who are overweight (BMI  $\geq$ 25 kg/m2) and have at least one of the following risk factor
  - Physical inactivity
  - First-degree relative with diabetes
  - Women who have delivered a baby >9 lb (>4 kg)
  - A history of GDM
  - Hypertension
  - High triglycerides and low HDL
  - A history of cardiovascular disease

# Screening...

- **Type 2...** 
  - Fasting plasma glucose (FPG) recommended
  - Alternative: oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT)
  - HbA1c

# Prediabetes

- Categories of **increased risk** for diabetes (prediabetes)
  - FPG 100 mg/dL (5.6 mmol/L) to 125 mg/dL (6.9 mmol/L) (IFG)

#### OR

2-h PG in the 75-g OGTT 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) to 199 mg/dL (11.0 mmol/L) (IGT)

#### OR

- A1C 5.7–6.4% (39–46 mmol/mol)
- **Metformin** therapy is important for prevention or delay of type 2 diabetes

# **Clinical Presentation of Diabetes**

Characteristic	Type 1 DM	Type 2 DM
Age	< 30 years	> 30 years
Onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Body habitus	Lean	Obese or history of obesity
Insulin resistance	Absent	Present
Autoantibodies	Often present	Rarely present
Symptoms	Symptomatic	Often asymptomatic
Ketones at diagnosis	Present	Absent
Need for insulin therapy	Immediate	Years after diagnosis
Acute complications	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Hyperosmolar hyperglycemic state

# **Clinical Presentation...**

- Clinical presentation can vary widely
- Type 1 can present acutely with symptoms of
  - Polyuria
  - Nocturia
  - Polydipisia
  - Polyphagia
  - Weight loss

# Diagnosis

# Criteria for the diagnosis of diabetes FPG ≥ 126 mg/dL (7.0 mmol/L) OR 2-h PG ≥ 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) during an OGTT OR A1C ≥ 6.5% (48 mmol/mol).

#### OR

In a patient with classic symptoms of hyperglycemia or hyperglycemic crisis, a RPG  $\geq 200 \text{ mg/dL} (11.1 \text{ mmol/L})$ 



- FPG: Fasting is defined as no caloric intake for at least 8 h
- **OGTT:** using a glucose load containing the equivalent of 75 g anhydrous glucose dissolved in water

## **Categorizations of Abnormal Glucose Status**

Fasting plasma glucose (FPG) Impaired fasting glucose (IFG)

- 100–125 mg/dL (5.6–6.9 mmol/L)
   Diabetes mellitus<sup>a</sup>
- FPG ≥126 mg/dL (7 mmol/L)

2-hour postload plasma glucose (oral glucose tolerance test) Impaired glucose tolerance (IGT)

 2-hour postload glucose 140–199 mg/dL (7.8–11 mmol/L) Diabetes mellitus<sup>a</sup>

 2-hour postload glucose ≥200 mg/dL (≥11.1 mmol/L) HbA<sub>1c</sub>

Increased risk of diabetes mellitus

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> 5.7–6.4% (0.057–0.064; 39–46 mmol/mol Hb)
   Diabetes mellitus<sup>a</sup>
- HbA<sub>1c</sub> ≥6.5% (≥0.065; ≥48 mmol/mol Hb)

# **Treatment Goals**

• Reduce risk for microvascular & macrovascular complications

- Ameliorate symptoms
- Reduce mortality
- Improve quality of life

#### **Treatment Goals...**

#### **Glycemic Goals**

Biochemical Index	ADA		ACE and AACE				
Hemoglobin A <sub>1c</sub>	<7% (<0.07; <53 mm	nol/mol/Hb)º	≤6.5% (≤0.065; ≤48 mmol/mol Hb)				
Preprandial plasma glucose	70-130 mg/dL (3.9-	7.2 mmol/L)	<110 mg/dL (<6.1 mmol/L)				
Postprandial plasma glucose	<180 mg/dL <sup>b</sup> (<10 m	imol/L)	<140 mg/dL (<7.8 mmol/L)				
ADA plasma glucose and HbA <sub>1c</sub> goals for type 1 DM by age group <sup>c</sup>							
Values by age (years)		a glucose goal s bedtime/overnight	A <sub>ic</sub>				
Toddlers and preschoolers (0-6)	100-180 (5.6-10 mmol/L)	110-200 (6.1-11.1 mmol/L)	7.5% to 8.5% (<0.085; <69 mmol/mol Hb)				
School age (6–12)	90-180 (5-10 mmol/L)	100-180 (5.6-10 mmol/L)	<8% (<0.080; <64 mmol/mol Hb)				
Adolescents and young adults (13–19)	90-130 (5-7.2 mmol/L)	90-150 (5-8.3 mmol/L)	<7.5% (<0.075; <58 mmol/mol Hb)				

#### Non-pharmacologic Therapy

Dietary guidelines for people with diabetes:

- **Dietary fat :** 25-35% of total intake of calories
  - but saturated fat intake < 7% of total energy</p>
  - Cholesterol< 300 mg or less daily</li>
- Protein intake: 10-15% total energy
  - Increase for children and during pregnancy
  - Protein should be derived from both animal and vegetable sources
- Carbohydrates: 50-60%
  - Complex and high in fibre
- Salt intake: <2.3 g/day</p>

# Non-pharmacologic Therapy...

#### • Exercise

- improves insulin resistance, glycemic control
- reduces CV risk
- helps with weight loss or maintenance
- improves well-being
- Patients without contraindications
  - $\geq$  150 min/week moderate-intensity aerobic exercise

# Pharmacotherapy

#### Insulin

- Insulin secretagogues
  - o Sulfonylureas
  - o Meglitinides
- Insulin sensitizers
  - o Biguanides
  - o Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)
- α–glucosidase inhibitors
- DPP-IV inhibitors
- Dopamine agonists
- Bile acid sequestrants
- Sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors

#### Insulin

- Anabolic & anticatabolic hormone
- Necessary for carbohydrate, protein & fat metabolism
- Required for all type 1 DM patients
- Recommended for type 2 DM patients that do not achieve glycemic control with PO antidiabetic agents

#### Insulin...

- Originally derived from **bovine** & **procine** pancreas
- All human insulin now are made exclusively by recombinant DNA (rDNA) technology
  - Synthesized to overcome problems of human insulin
    - Onset of action
    - Duration of action
    - Absorption

#### Insulin...

#### • Basal Insulin

- mimics **normal** pancreatic insulin secretion with constant levels
- suppresses glucose production in the **fasting** & postabsorptive period

#### Bolus Insulin

• mimics spikes of physiologic secretion insulin **after eating** 

#### **Insulin Pharmacokinetics**

Type of	Onset	Peak	Duration	Maximum Duration	Appearance		
Insulin	(hr.)	(hr.)	(hr.)	(hr.)			
Rapid-acting	5						
Aspart	15–30 min	1-2	3—5	5—6	Clear		
Lispro	15–30 min	1-2	3-4	46	Clear		
Glulisine	15—30 min	1—2	3-4	5—6	Clear		
Short-acting							
Regular	0.5–1.0	2—3	3–6	6–8	Clear		
Intermediate	e-acting						
NPH	24	46	8-12	14—18	Cloudy		
Long-acting							
Detemir	2 hours	6–9	14—24	24	Clear		
Glargine	4—5		22–24	24	Clear		

# **Rapid-Acting Insulin**

- **Lispro, Aspart and Glulisine** 
  - Recombinant insulin analogs
  - Bolus insulin
  - Faster absorption & shorter duration of action than regular insulin
  - Administer 5 to 15 minutes before meal
  - Superior postprandial glucose lowering compared to regular insulin

# **Short-Acting Insulin**

#### Regular insulin

- **Bolus** insulin to control post-prandial spikes
- Inject 30 to 60 min prior to meals due to onset of action
  - May cause postprandial hyperglycemia due to rapid increase in blood glucose after meals & delayed onset of action
  - Late hypoglycemia due to prolonged duration of action

#### **Intermediate-Acting Insulin**

- **NPH insulin** (Neutral Protamine Hagedorn)
  - Mimics **basal** insulin secretion
  - Administered **twice** daily

# **Long-Acting Insulin**

- Insulin glargine, insulin detemir
  - Mimic basal insulin secretion
  - Slow action over 24 hours
  - Lower risk of hypoglycemia
  - Daily or BID dosing

# Long-Acting Insulin...

#### Insulin glargine

• low solubility at neutral body pH, form microprecipitates at injection site & slowly released

#### Insulin detemir

• forms a fatty acid chain that binds interstitial albumin at injection site; causes prolong absorption

• dissociated detemir molecules enter circulation & again bind

albumin causing further delay in distribution

#### **Pre-mixed Insulin Products**

Trade/Generic Name	Preparations	Room Temperature Expiration	
Premixed insulin analogs		·	
Humalog Mix 75/25 (75% neutral protamine lispro, 25% lispro)	Vial, prefilled pen	Vial: 28 days; pen: 10 days	
NovoLog Mix 70/30 (70% aspart protamine suspension, 30% aspart)	Vial, prefilled pen, 3-mL pen cartridge	Vial: 28 days; others: 14 days	
Humalog Mix 50/50 (50% neutral protamine lispro/ 50% lispro)	3-mL pen	10 days	
NPH-regular combinations		1	
Humulin 70/30	Vial, prefilled pen	Vial: 28 days; pen: 10 days	
Novolin 70/30	Vial, pen cartridge, InnoLet <sup>c</sup>	Vial: 30 days; others: 10 days	
Humulin 50/50	Vial	28 days	

#### Medications that may Affect Glycemic Control

Drug	Effect on Glucose	Mechanism/Comment
Angiotensin- converting enzyme inhibitors	Slight reduction	Improves insulin sensitivity
Alcohol	Reduction	Reduces hepatic glucose production
α-Interferon	Increase	Decreases insulin sensitivity/ induces counterregulatory hormones
Atypical antipsychotics	Increase	Decrease insulin sensitivity; weight gain
Calcineurin inhibitors	Increase	Decrease insulin secretion
Diazoxide	Increase	Decreases insulin secretion, decreases peripheral glucose use
Diuretics (thiazides)	Increase	May increase insulin resistance and/or decrease insulin secretion, K <sup>+</sup> change may be in part responsible
Glucocorticoids	Increase	Impairs insulin action
Eluoroquinolones 51	Increase/ decrease	Unclear, potential drug interaction with sulfonylureas or change in insulin secretion

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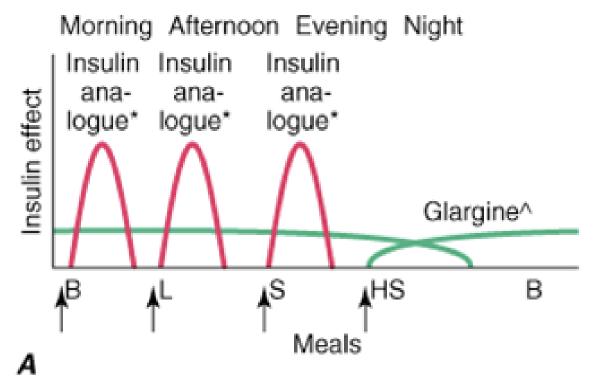
Drug	Effect on Glucose	Mechanism/Comment
Nicotinic acid	Increase	Impairs insulin action, increases insulin resistance
Oral contraceptives	Increase	Unclear
Pentamidine	Decrease, and then increase	Toxic to $\beta$ cells; initial release of stored insulin, and then depletion
Phenytoin	Increase	Decreases insulin secretion
Protease inhibitors (PI)	Increase	Worsen insulin resistance/ decrease first-phase insulin release or increase lipotoxicity. Dependent on PI
$\beta$ -Blockers	May increase	Decreases insulin secretion
Ranolazine	Decrease	Improves oxidative glucose disposal
Salicylates	Decrease	Inhibition of I <i>k</i> B kinase- $\beta$ (IKK- $\beta$ ) (only high doses, e.g., 4–6 g/day)
52 mpathomimetics	Slight increase	Increased glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis

# Insulin dosing

- Individualized dosing
- Type 1 DM: average daily requirement 0.5-0.6 units/kg
  - basal insulin 50%
  - mealtime insulin 50%
- Honeymoon phase: may fall to 0.1 to 0.4 unit/kg
- Type 2 DM: doses vary depending on degree of insulin resistance
  - 0.7 to 2.5 units/kg or more

# **Insulin Regimens**

Multiple component insulin regimen: long acting insulin for basal insulin coverage & 3 injections of a short-acting insulin analogue to provide glycemic coverage for each meal.



y-axis shows amount of insulin effect; the x-axis shows time of day.

B, breakfast; L, Lunch; S, supper; HS, bedtime.

\*Lispro, glulisine or insulin aspart can be used.

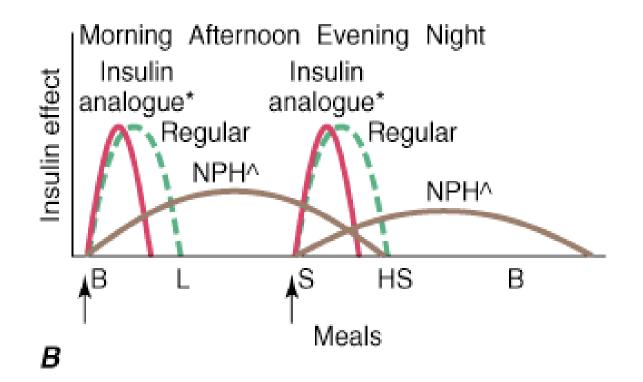
Time of insulin injection shown with a vertical arrow.

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# Insulin Regimens...

**2** injections of long-acting insulin (NPH or detemir) & short acting insulin (solid red line) or regular insulin (green dashed line).



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### **Complications of insulin therapy**

#### 🗆 Hypoglycemia

- Symptoms of hypoglycemia
  - Confusion, agitation, loss of consciousness or coma
  - Tachycardia, tremor, sweating

#### • Treatment

- Glucose (15–20g)PO the preferred treatment for the conscious individual
  - Any form of carbohydrate that contains glucose may be used
  - Repeat after fifteen minutes if the patient is in hypoglycemia
- Glucagon: 0.5 to 1.0 mg SC/IM

# **Complications of insulin therapy...**

#### **Lipodystrophy**

- Lipohypertrophy: a raised fat mass
  - Caused by many injections into the same injection site
- Lipoatrophy: destruction of fat at the site of injection
  - Due to insulin antibodies or allergic-type reactions
- Solution: Inject away from the site
  - Rotation of injection sites

### **Insulin Storage**

- Refrigerate unopened injectable insulin
  - 2°C to 8°C, but do not freeze
- Use unopened insulin by manufacturer's expiration date
- Opened insulin expire based on type & delivery device
  - May be kept at room temperature (15-30°C or 59-86°F)
- Inspect before use for clumping, precipitates, discoloration, etc.

#### **Management of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus**

#### Principles of management

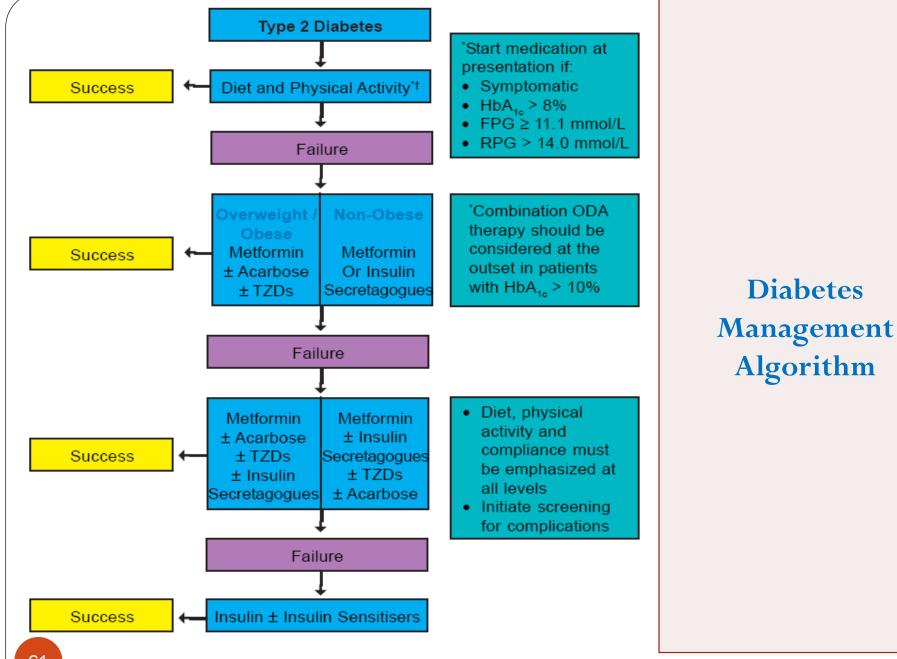
- Symptomatic patients: insulin or combination oral therapy
- HbA1c ≈7% (≈0.07; ≈53 mmol/mol Hb) : single agent
- HbA1c >7% but <8.5%; (>53 but <69 mmol/mol Hb): single

oral agents, or combination therapy

Patients with higher initial HbA1c : two oral agents, or insulin

#### **Treatment algorithm of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus**

	Healthy eating, weight control, increased physical activity							
Initial drug monotherapy Efficacy (↓ HbA <sub>1c</sub> ) Hypoglycemia Weight Side effects ↓ Costs	lf individualized Ht	oA <sub>1c</sub> target not reached	Metformin High Low risk Neutral / loss Gl/lactic acidosis Low	g combination				
Two-drug combinations	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +			
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More complex insulin strategies				not achieve HbA <sub>1c</sub> targ ually in combination w				
		Insu	lin (multiple daily o	doses)				



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# Biguanide

- Enhance hepatic & muscle tissue insulin sensitivity
  - increases uptake of glucose in tissues
- No direct effect on  $\beta$  cells
- Decrease hepatic glucose production

Generic Name	Dose (mg)	Recommend Dosage (r	•	Maximum Dose (mg (day)	Duration of Action	Therapeutic Notes
		Nonelderly	Elderly	(mg/day)		
Metformin	500, 850, 1,000	500 mg twice a day	Assess renal function	2,550	Up to 24 hours	No metabolism; renally secreted and excreted
Metformin ER	500, 750, 1,000	500–1,000 mg with evening meal	Assess renal function	2,550	Up to 24 hours	Take with evening meal or may split dose; can consider trial if intolerant to immediate-release

## Biguanide...

- Most common adverse effects are: **GI** 
  - abdominal discomfort, stomach upset, diarrhea
  - minimize with slow dose titration
  - administer with food to lessen adverse effects
  - switch to extended-release may improve tolerability
- Weight loss can occur
  - anorexia
  - stomach fullness

# Biguanide...

#### <u>Biguanide contra-indication</u>

- High risk patients for lactic acidosis
- Renal insufficiency
  - SCr  $\geq$  1.4 mg/dL in women
  - SCr  $\geq$  1.5 mg/dL in men
- Intravenous dye procedures
  - risk of acute renal failure
  - withhold the day of procedure
  - may restart 2 to 3 days post-procedure

# Biguanide...

- Average HbA1c reduction: 1.5 to 2.0%
- FBG reduction: 60 to 80 mg/dL
- Decrease plasma triglycerides & LDL by  $\sim 8\%$
- Increases HDL: 2%
- Weight loss: 2 to 3 kg
- Use in all type 2 DM patients, if tolerated & not contraindicated
  - The only oral antidiabetic agent proven to reduce mortality risk
    - RCTs shows metformin is **best** suited for obese type 2 DM patients; reduces mortality

# Sulfonylureas

#### Enhance insulin secretion

- bind SUR on pancreatic  $\beta$  cells
- results in suppressed hepatic glucose production
- Classification: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> generation
  - differences in potency, adverse effects, serum protein binding
- Glipizide preferred over glyburide
  - glyburide requires adjustment for renal dysfunction; higher risk of hypoglycemia

Generic Name	Dose (mg)	Recommended Starting Dosage (mg/day)		Maximum Dose (mg/day)	Duration of Action	Metabolism or Therapeutic Notes
		Nonelderl Y	Elderly			
			1st Ge	eneration		
Acetohexamide	250, 500	250	125–250	1,500	Up to 16 hours	Metabolized in liver; metabolite potency equal to parent compound; renally eliminated
Chlorpropamide	100, 250	250	100	500	Up to 72 hours	Metabolized in liver; also excreted unchanged renally
Tolazamide	100, 250, 500	100–250	100	1,000	Up to 24 hours	Metabolized in liver; metabolite less active than parent compound; renally eliminated
Tolbutamide	250, 500	1,000– 2,000	500–1,000	3,000	Up to 12 hours	Metabolized in liver to inactive metabolites that are renally excreted

Generic Name	Dose (mg)	Recommended Starting Dosage (mg/day)		Maximum Dose (mg/day)	Duration of Action	Metabolism or Therapeutic Notes
		Nonelderly	Elderly			
2nd Generatio	on					
Glipizide	5, 10	5	2.5–5	40	Up to 20 hours	Metabolized in liver to inactive metabolites
Glipizide CR	2.5, 5, 10, 20	5	2.5–5	20	24 hours	Slow-release form; do not cut tablet
Glyburide	1.25, 2.5, 5	5	1.25–2.5	20	Up to 24 hours	Metabolized in liver; elimination ½ renal, ½ feces
Glyburide, micronized	1.5, 3, 6	3	1.5–3	12	Up to 24 hours	Equal control, but better absorption from micronized preparation
Glimepiride	1, 2, 4	1–2	0.5–1	8	24 hours	Metabolized in liver to inactive metabolites

- The most common side effect is : <u>hypoglycemia</u>
  - higher with chlorpropamide & glyburide; long  $t^{1/2}$
  - high risk patients require lower doses
    - elderly
    - renal/hepatic disease
    - patients that skip meals
    - vigorous exercise
- Weight gain also common
- Less common adverse effects: rash, hemolytic anemia, GI upset,

- Tolbutamide & chlorpropamide may cause:
  - Hyponatremia may result from increased antidiuretic hormone
  - Disulfram-type reactions can result when alcohol is consumed
- Titrate sulfonylureas doses every 1 to 2 weeks
- At equipotent doses, all sulfonylureas equally effective at lowering blood glucose
  - All sulfonylureas are metabolized in the liver, with CYP2C9

# **Short-Acting** Insulin Secretagogues

- Stimulate insulin secretion from pancreatic  $\beta$  cells
  - require presence of glucose
- Similar mechanism to sulfonylureas
  - faster onset, shorter duration

Generic Name	Dose (mg)	Recommended Starting Dosage (mg/day)		Maximum Dose (mg/day)	Duration of Action	Metabolism or Therapeutic Notes
		Nonelderly	Elderly			
Nateglinide	60, 120	120 with meals	120 with meals	120 mg three times a day	Up to 4 hours	Metabolized by cytochrome P450 (CYP450), CYP2C9, and CYP3A4 to weakly active metabolites; renally eliminated
Repaglinide	0.5, 1, 2	0.5–1 with meals	0.5–1 with meals	16	Up to 4 hours	Metabolized by CYP3A4 to inactive metabolites; excreted in bile

### Short-Acting Insulin Secretagogues...

- Most common adverse effect: <u>hypoglycemia;</u> (less than SU )
  - Weight gain may occur
  - May be used in patients with renal insufficiency and with caution in severe hepatic impairment
  - May be used as monotherapy or in combination with metformin or TZDs in type 2 DM
  - Dose up to 30 min prior to each meal

## **Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)**

- Used in type 2 DM therapy
- Enhance insulin <u>sensitivity</u> at muscle, liver & fat tissues
- Decrease hepatic glucose production
  - Requires presence of insulin

Generic Name	Dose (mg)	Recommended Starting Dosage (mg/day)		Dose	Duration of Action	Metabolism or Therapeutic Notes	
		Nonelderly	Elderly	(mg/day)			
Pioglitazone	15, 30, 45	15	15	45	24 hours	Metabolized by CYP2C8 and CYP3A4; two metabolites have longer half-lives than parent compound	
Rosiglitazone	2, 4, 8	2–4		8 mg/day or 4 mg twice a day		Metabolized by CYP2C8 and CYP2C9 to inactive metabolites that are renally excreted	

## **TZD Adverse Effects**

- May increase ALT
  - **CI**, if ALT > 2.5 times upper limit of normal
  - Discontinue if ALT > 3 times ULN
- Fluid retention
  - Edema, dilutional anemia, pulmonary edema, HF
  - **CI** in NYHA Class III & IV

## **TZD Adverse Effects...**

- Weight Gain: 1.5 to 4 kg
  - fluid retention & fat accumulation
- Increased fracture risk
  - upper & lower limbs of postmenopausal women
- Ovulation
  - anovulatory patients can resume ovulation
    - pregnancy & contraception precautions required

## **α-Glucosidase Inhibitors**

- Competitively inhibit enzymes in the small intestine
  - delay sucrose & complex carbohydrate breakdown
- Reduce postprandial hyperglycemia
  - Used in both type 1 & type 2 DM

Generic Name	Dose (mg)	Recommended Starting Dosage (mg/day)		Maximum Dose (mg/day)	Duration of Action	Metabolism or Therapeutic
		Nonelderly	Elderly			Notes
Acarbose	25, 50, 100	25 mg one to three times a day	25 mg one to three times a day	25–100 mg three times a day	1–3 hours	Eliminated in bile
Miglitol	25, 50, 100	25 mg one to three times a day	25 mg one to three times a day	25–100 mg three times a day	1–3 hours	Eliminated renally

## **α-Glucosidase Inhibitors...**

### • <u>Adverse effect</u>:

- GI side effects most common
  - flatulence, bloating, abdominal discomfort, diarrhea

#### • <u>Contraindications</u>:

• IBD

- colonic ulceration
- intestinal obstruction
- cirrhosis

## **α-Glucosidase Inhibitors...**

- May be monotherapy or used with metformin, sulfonylureas, insulin
- Initiate with very low dose
  - 25 mg with one meal a day & increase gradually to maximum dose
  - 50 mg TID patients  $\leq$  60 kg
  - 100 mg TID patients > 60 kg
- Take with 1<sup>st</sup> bite of a meal
  - must be **present** to inhibit enzyme activity

## **DPP-IV** Inhibitors

- Inhibit DPP-IV which degrades GLP-1
  - prolongs GLP-1 t<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>
  - GLP-1 deficient in type 2 DM
- Partially reduces elevated postprandial glucagon
- Stimulates glucose-dependent insulin secretion

Generic Name	Dose (mg)	Recommended Starting Dosage (mg/day)		Maximum Dose	Duration of Action	Metabolism or Therapeutic Notes	
		Nonelderly	Elderly	(mg/day)			
Sitagliptin	25, 50, 100	100 mg daily	25 to 100 mg daily based on renal function	100 mg daily	24 hours	50 mg daily if: creatinine clearance > 30 to < 50 mL/minute 25 mg if: creatinine clearance < 30 mL/min	

## **DPP-IV** Inhibitors...

- May be used as monotherapy or in combination
- Average HbA1c reduction 0.7 to 1.0%
- Mild hypoglycemia may occur
- Post marketing reports of serious hypersensitivity reactions:
  - Anaphylaxis
  - Angioedema
  - Exfoliative skin conditions (Stevens-Johnson syndrome)

# Exenatide

- Synthetic analog of amino acid peptide exendin-4
- Mechanism similar to human GLP-1
  - enhances insulin secretion
  - suppresses postprandial glucagon when blood glucose is elevated;
  - Reduces hepatic glucose production
- Slows gastric emptying, reduces food intake, promotes weight loss
- Unlike GLP-1, exenatide does not increase gastric secretions

### Exenatide...

- Indication: adjunctive therapy for type 2 DM
- Not recommended in end-stage renal disease or dialysis patients
  - prolonged  $t^{1/2}$  leads to increases incidence of GI side effects

#### • <u>Adverse effects</u>:

- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
  - may improve over time
  - dose-related, slowly titrate dose

### Exenatide...

- Postmarketing cases of acute pancreatitis
- May delay absorption of other medications: slow gastric emptying
- Dose:
  - start with 5 mcg BID
  - may titrate to 10 mcg BID when tolerated
  - inject subcutaneously within 60 min of morning & evening meals

### Pramlintide

- Adjunctive therapy for patients using insulin
- Synthetic analog of amylin
  - Neurohormone co-secreted from  $\beta$ -cells with insulin
- Suppresses postprandial glucagon secretion
- Reduces food intake
- Slows gastric emptying

### Pramlintide...

- Subcutaneous injection in abdomen or thigh
- <u>Adverse effects</u>:
  - GI most common
  - nausea, vomiting, anorexia; may decrease over time
  - dose-related, slowly titrate dose upwards
- May delay absorption of other medications; slow gastric emptying

### Pramlintide...

- Reduce preprandial insulin dose 30 to 50% at pramlintide initiation
- Basal insulin dose may be reduced if FBG close to goal
- Dosing:
  - <u>Type 2</u>: 60 to 120 mcg prior to meals
  - <u>Type 1</u>: 15 to 60 mcg prior to meals

## **Children & Adolescents**

- Increasing incidence of type 2 DM in adolescents
- Obesity, physical inactivity are causes
- 1°treatment: lifestyle modifications
- If lifestyle modifications fail:
  - metformin: labeled for use in children 10 to 16 yrs
  - sulfonylureas commonly used
  - TZDs not studied in children

### **Gestational DM**

- Initiate insulin if FBG > 95 mg/dL, 1 hour postprandial > 155 mg/dL, 2 hour postprandial > 130 mg/dL
- Use of basal insulin over NPH still debated
- Glyburide has been used for GDM, not a labeled use
  - further studies needed to establish safety
- GDM patients at long-term risk for type 2 DM;
  - So,assess periodically

# **Sick Days**

- Acute self-limited illness:
  - insulin sensitivity decreases; greater amount of insulin needed to control blood glucose
  - frequent SMBG, check urine ketones, use short-acting insulin to avoid diabetic ketoacidosis
  - must have glucose intake to cover insulin therapy & prevent hypoglycemia

# **Diabetic** <u>Ketoacidosis</u>

- Diabetic <u>emergency</u>
- Precipitating Factors
  - insulin omission
  - illness, infection
  - initial DM presentation
- Diagnostic laboratory values
  - hyperglycemia
  - anion gap acidosis, ketonemia and ketonuria
  - fluid deficits
  - Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup> deficits

# Pathophysiology

- Absolute or relative insulin deficiency that is accompanied by increase in counter regulatory hormones (glucagon, cortisol, catecholamine).
- Enhances hepatic gluconeogenesis, glycogenolysis, and lipolysis.
- Hepatic metabolism of free fatty acid as alternative source of energy results in accumulation of acidic end products (acetone, β- hydroxybutyrate & acetoacetate).

# Pathophysiology...

- Respiratory compensation for this acidotic condition results in rapid deep breathing(respiratory alkalosis), called kussmaul respiration
  - $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate induce nausea, and vomiting that consequently aggravate fluid and electrolyte loss
  - Acetone produces the fruity breath odor
  - Glucosuria leads to osmotic diuresis, dehydration and hyperosmolality results in electrolyte disturbance.

### Treatment

• restore intravascular volume 1<sup>st</sup>

- normal saline given acutely
- $\bullet$  2–3L of 0.9% NS in 1–3 hrs.; then reduce to 250–500 mL/h
  - Switch fluids to D5W when glucose  $\sim$ 250 mg/dL
- K<sup>+</sup> supplementation
  - potassium phosphate often used; no evidence of benefits
- constant insulin infusion

### Treatment...

- Frequent glucose & K<sup>+</sup> monitoring essential
  - K<sup>+</sup> must be WNL before insulin is administered
- Metabolic improvement: increased serum bicarbonate & pH
- Glucose will fall before the anion gap closes

# Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemia

- Diabetic emergency
- Typically older type 2 DM patients
- Fluid deficits & blood glucose concentrations generally greater than DKA
- Precipitating Factors
  - infection/illness
  - prolonged hyperglycemia
  - dehydration
  - renal insufficiency

# Hyperosmolar Hyperglycemia...

#### o Treatment

- Fluid replacement
  - hypotonic fluids (0.45% saline) should be used if serum sodium > 150 meq/L
- Low-dose insulin infusions (1 to 2 units/hour)
- Avoid rapid correction of glucose levels
  - no greater than 75 to 100 mg/dL
  - may result in cerebral edema

## **Hospitalized DM Patients**

- Patients on oral agents often receive insulin therapy for adequate glycemic control during hospitalization
- Insulin dosing
  - scheduled doses of long-acting insulin
  - additional short-acting insulin doses

### Retinopathy

• dilated eye examination annually

- can reverse early retinopathy with improved glycemic control
- advanced retinopathy will not improve with glycemic control;
   retinopathy can worsen with short-term glycemic
   improvements

### Diabetic peripheral neuropathy

- paresthesias, numbness, pain
- feet more often than hands
- improved glycemic control can alleviate symptoms
- symptomatic therapy
  - topical capsaicin
  - NSAIDs, tramadol, opioids
  - low-dose tricyclic antidepressants
  - anticonvulsants: gabapentin, pregabalin

#### Autonomic neuropathy

- resting tachycardia
- exercise intolerance
- orthostatic hypotension
- constipation
- gastroparesis
- impaired neurovascular function

- erectile dysfunction
- sudomotor dysfunction
  - lack of sweating in extremities
  - increased sweating in the trunk
- hypoglycemic autonomic failure

- Microalbuminuria & <u>nephropathy</u>
  - <u>type 2 DM</u>: urinary screening for albumin at diagnosis
  - <u>type 1 DM</u>: screen patients at puberty & 5 yrs after diagnosis
  - glucose & BP control
    - prevents nephropathy
    - slows nephropathy progression
  - 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy: <u>ACE inhibitors</u> or <u>ARBs</u>
    - prevent renal disease progression in type 2 DM patients

- Peripheral vascular disease (PVD)
- Treatment
  - smoking cessation
  - correction of dyslipidemia
  - antiplatelet therapy
  - revascularization in selected patients

- <u>Nonhealing</u> foot ulcers
- Early treatment of foot lesions
  - local debridement
  - appropriate footwear
  - foot care
- DM accounts for  $\sim$ 71,000 lower extremity amputations

### annually

# Hyperlipidemia in DM Patients

Parameter	Goal		<b>Treatment</b> (in order of preference)
LDL cholesterol	< 100 mg/dL < 70 mg/dL <sup>a</sup>		Lifestyle; HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors; cholesterol absorption inhibitor; or fenofibrate
HDL cholesterol	Men > 40 mg/dL	Women > 50 mg/dL	Lifestyle; nicotinic acid; fibric acid derivatives
Triglycerides	< 150 mg/dL		Lifestyle; glycemic control; fibric acid derivatives; high-dose statins (in those with high LDL)

- Coronary Heart Disease (CHD)
  - CHD risk 2 to 4 times greater in diabetic Vs non-diabetic individuals
  - multiple-risk factor intervention reduces macrovascular events
    - lipid management
    - HTN control
    - Smoking cessation
    - Antiplatelet therapy

# **Hypertension & DM**

- ADA & the National Kidney Foundation recommend target BP < 140/90 mmHg for DM patients</li>
- ACE inhibitors & ARBs: generally recommended as initial therapy
- Many patients may require multiple agents to obtain goals
  - diuretics, CCBs,  $\beta$ -blockers: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> line agents
- BP goals: more difficult to achieve than glycemic or lipid goals in most patients

# **Antiplatelet Agents**

- Consider **aspirin** therapy (75–162 mg/day) as a primary prevention strategy
  - Patients with diabetes
    - o Age $\geq$  50 years and one additional risk factor
      - family history of premature atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
      - Hypertension
      - Smoking
      - dyslipidemia, or
      - Albuminuria

## Antiplatelet Agents...

- Use aspirin therapy (75–162 mg/day) as a secondary prevention strategy in those with diabetes and a history of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
- Documented aspirin allergy: clopidogrel (75 mg/day)

