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How to Start Insulin in Primary Care Part 1- Pre-Conference WorkshopThursday, 20 June 2013Start 8:30amDuration: 120minsSigma

How to Start Insulin in Primary Care Part 2 - Pre-Conference WorkshopThursday, 20 June 2013Start 11:00amDuration: 120minsSigma





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Breaking Down the Barriers to Insulin use

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Dear Dr

≻Thank you for seeing Mr Tough guy who is a 48 yrs old builder. Type 2 for 8 yrs, on > Metformin 850 mg bd \succ , *Glipizide 10 mg bd*, ➤Hba1c is :99mmol/mol(11.2%.) Says he take his pills everyday. >Does not monitor BS says he feels well. >Has Hypertention ,Hyperlipedemia, microalbuminuria, early retinopathy was found at last retinal screening. Smokes 20 cigs a day. > Very reluctant to go on Insulin. > Used to be rugby player. Stopped about 7 yrs ago. Says he can beat Diabetes!!!





How we see Usain Bolt How Usain Bolt sees us

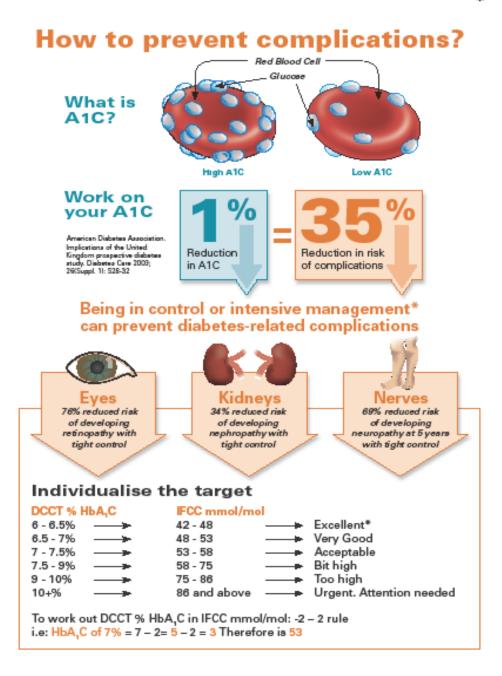




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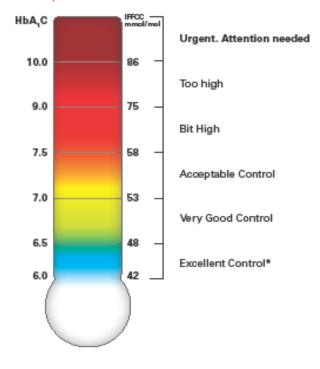


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Diabetic Control

HbA,C Thermometer



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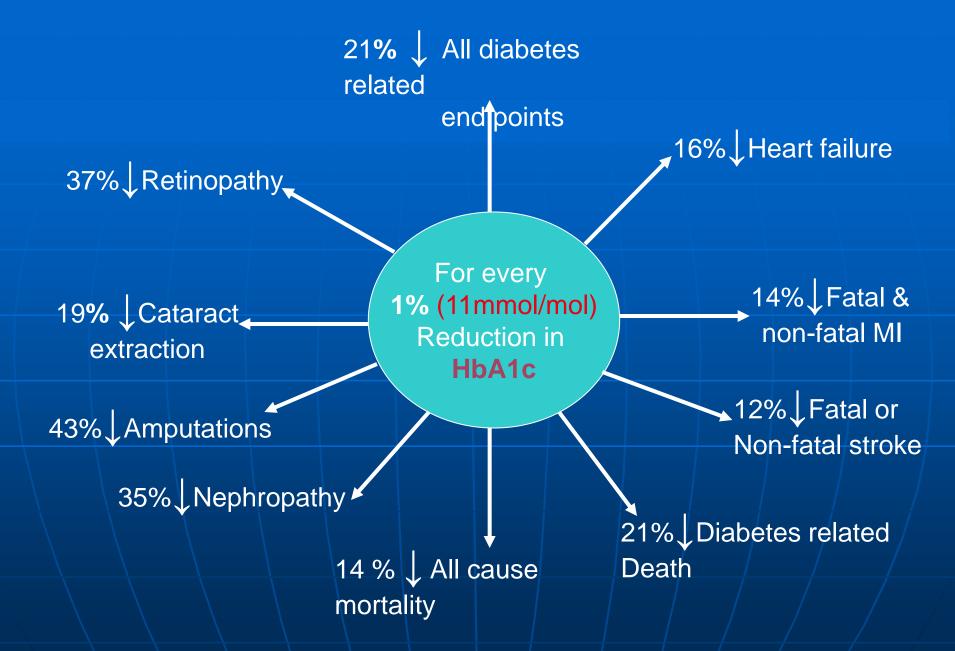
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Stratton M, Adler AI, Andrew H, et al. Association of Mycaemia with macrovascular and microvascular complications of type 2 diabetes (UKPDS35): prospective observational study. British Medical Journal 2000; 321: 405-1.1

A great deal of research has established that the HbA1c level is a crucial test for use in the assessment of a diabetic patient's degree of glycemic control. The table shows the reduction in risk of diabetic complications per 1% decrease in HbA1c observed in major studies, emphasizing the robustness of this association across many differing patient groups.

Reduction in Risk of complications for every 1 %

decrease in HbA1c

Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT)

Type 1 diabetes, (n = 1440) Retinopathy, Nephropathy, Neuropathy 30%-35% decrease

Kumamoto Study

Type 2 diabetes, (n = 110) Retinopathy, Nephropathy, Neuropathy 30%-38% decrease

United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS)

Type 2 diabetes, (n = 4209) Retinopathy 28% decrease

Wisconsin Epidemiologic Study of Diabetic Retinopathy (WESDR)

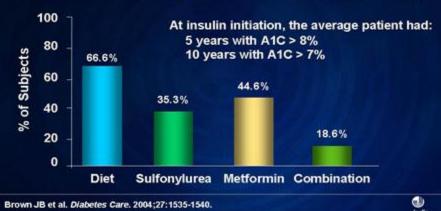
Type 2 diabetes Retinopathy, Nephropathy, Neuropathy, cardiovascular disease 20%-50% decrease

Progressive nature of Diabetes

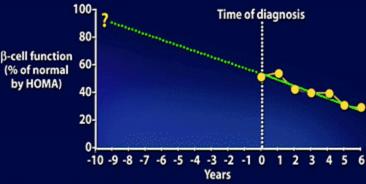
- Before insulin initiation, patients may have spent an average of about 5 years with an A1C >8% and nearly 10 years >7%
- At diagnosis, up to 50% of a patient's β-cell function may have been lost, and may continue to decline by about 4% annually
- Remind patients that diabetes is a progressive disease and that their treatment plans may be adjusted over time. An overall treatment plan to lower A1C consists of diet, exercise, and diabetes medication, which may include insulin.
- 50% of Type 2 needs to go on Insulin within 7 yrs (UKPDS)
- Let patients know fear of insulin is not uncommon. Help them understand the facts, about insulin therapy

Clinical Inertia: "Failure to advance therapy when required"

Percentage of subjects advancing when A1C > 8%

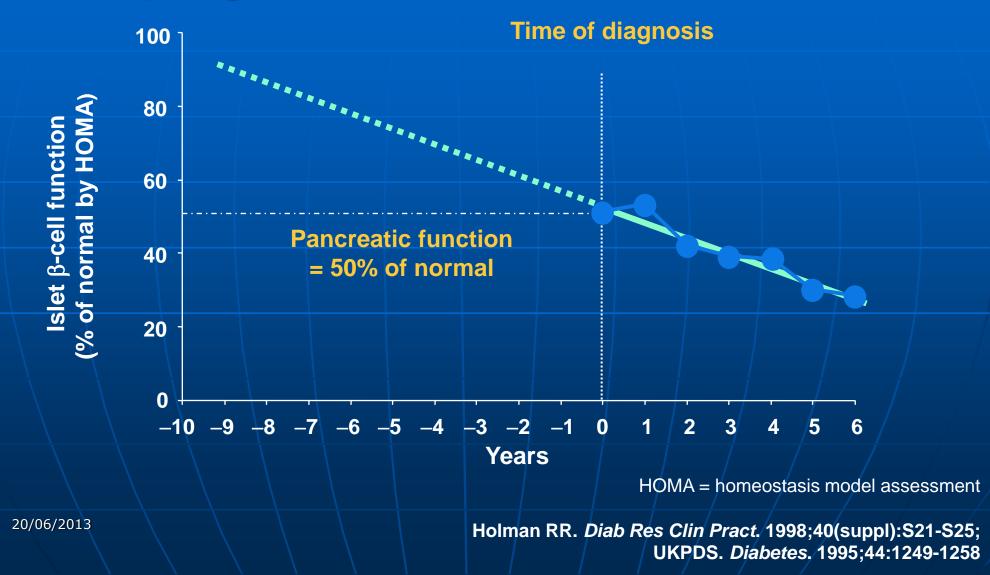


Decline of β-Cell Function in UKPDS Illustrates Progressive Nature of Diabetes



Adapted from Holman RR. Diab Res Clin Pract. 1998;40(suppl):S21-S25.

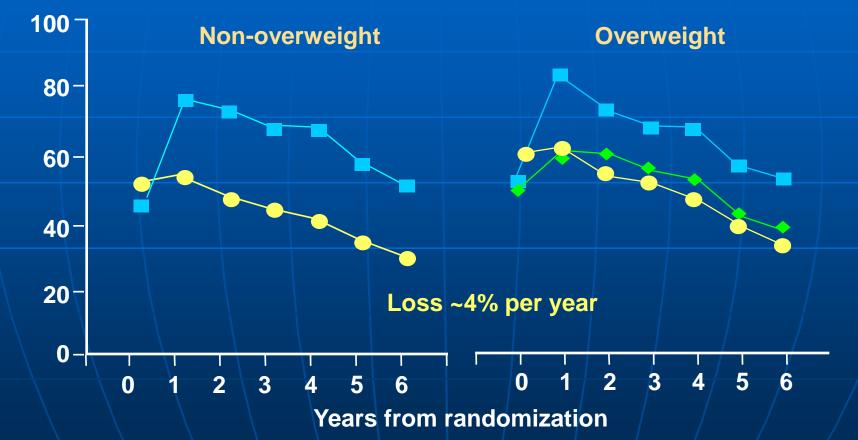
<u>UKPDS: Islet β-cell function and the</u> progressive nature of diabetes



Islet β-cell function (HOMA %B) in the UKPDS

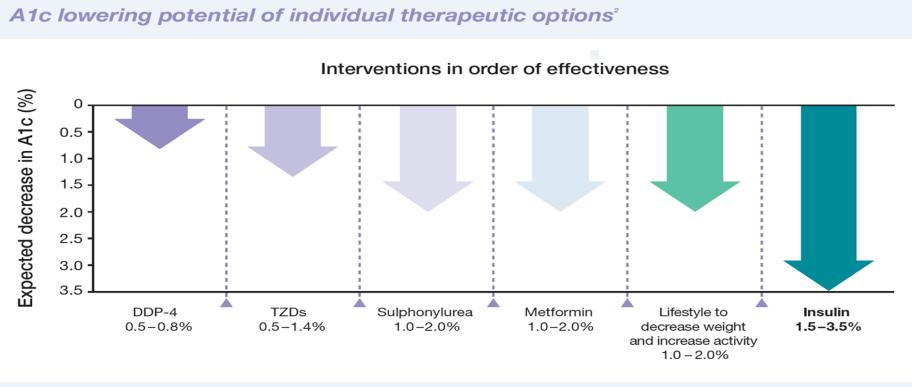
Islet β-cell function (%)

Conservative (primarily diet) Sulfonylurea
 Metformin



HOMA: meostasis model assessment; UKPDS=United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study UKPDS Group. *Diabetes*. 1995

Insulin-the most effective intervention³



Adapted from Nathan et al., 2009. DDP-4 = Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor. TZDs = Thiazolidinedione.

Advantages of insulin

It lowers mean blood glucose in a predictable dose-dependent manner Can be tailored to individual needs on a unit-to-unit basis It has²the⁴tongest experience than any other drug (90 years) No contraindications to its use



Miracle of Insulin !!!!!!!!

Glory enough for all!!!!!!





Elizabeth Hughes, daughter Charles Evans Hughes, US Sec of states , Age 11 diag T1 just 3 yrs before Insulin discovered. Dr Fred Allen put her on 400 cal per day starvation diet for 3 yrs. Wt loss 75 lbs to 45 lbs. Until Insulin became available

Died with pneumonia in 1981 age 73 yrs .She had 47000 injections over 58 yrs .Successful career in law .



Every few months some miracle drug or other is rolled out with bells and confetti, but only once or twice in a generation does the real thing come along!!!!

These are the blockbuster medications that can virtually raise the dead...., Insulin was one of them.... Insulin actually put flesh on living skeletons. With insulin, dying children laughed and played again, as parents wept and doctors spoke of biblical

resurrections...... mothers all over the globe were writing him heart-wrenching letters: "My dear Dr. Banting: I am very anxious to know more of your discovery," wrote one, going on to describe her daughter's case: "She is pitifully depleted and reduced......

The **DAWN** (Diabetes, Attitudes, Wishes and Needs)

- The DAWN study 2001 is to date the largest global psychosocial diabetes study of its kind, addressing the perceptions and attitudes of more than 5,000 people with diabetes and 3,000 healthcare diabetes professionals in a total of thirteen countries.
- The 13 countries involved were: Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Spain, UK and USA.

The study involved:

- 5,426 adults with diabetes
- 2,194 primary care physicians
- 556 specialists (endocrinologists, diabetologists)
- 1,122 nurses (specialist and general)
- The people with diabetes interviewed were self-classified as 50% Type 1 and 50% Type 2.
- RESULTS:
- More than half of people with Type 2 diabetes are worried about starting insulin
- 50% report insulin means they "failed to manage their disease"
- Only 20% believe insulin would "help them better manage their DM"
- 1/3 of Physicians postpone until "absolutely essential"

Reference

- Geelhoed-Duijvestijn, P. et al "Physician Resistance to Prescribing Insulin: An International Study." Diabetologia, 2003.
- Peyrot, M. et al "An International Study of Psychological Resistance to Insulin Use among Persons with Diabetes." Diabetologia, 2003.

Global Attitudes of Patients and Physicians in Insulin Therapy (GAPP) 2010

<u>Surveyed >2700 pts and MDs in 8</u> countries

- 1 in 3 fail to take insulin as prescribed
- Change in normal routine, busy schedule,
- Forgetfulness and fear of hypoglycemia

		PTs	Drs
•	Struggle to control BG	40%	88%
•	Concern re: future hypoglycemia	67%	74%
	Hard to comply with regimen	over 50	%
•	Find it hard to fit insulin into sche	edule	33%
-	Desired less frequent doses /injec	ctions	90%

Most patients chose one reason, with substantial breadth of reasons (each reason reported by fewer than 20% of respondents). Over half of the reported reasons reflect a lack of flexibility in the patient's insulin regimen, which was a statistically significant predictor of frequency of insulin omission/ non-adherence. Frequency of hypoglycaemia was a statistically significant predictor of frequency of insulin omission/non-adherence. Pain was not frequently cited as a reason and was not a statistically significant predictor of frequency of insulin omission/non-adherence. Table 4Patient-reported reasons for insulin omission/non-adherence (n=530 whoreported ≥ 1 day per month of insulin omission/non-adherence).

Reason for insulin omission/non-adherence	Response [†]
Too busy	19.1%
Traveling	17.0%
Skipped meal	15.8%
Stress or emotional problems	11.5%
Embarrassing to inject in public	10.6%
Challenging to take it at the same time everyday	10.4%
Forgot	7.4%
Too many injections	5.8%
Avoid weight gain	4.3%
Regimen is too complicated	4.0%
Injections are painful	2.8%
Asleep	1.7%
Hypoglycemia	0.4%

*Respondents were asked to select top three reasons (order of reasons randomized, 'Forgot' responses volunteered as 'Other'); data are % of respondents choosing a reason as one of the three.

Combination Therapies With Insulin in Type 2 Diabetes <u>Hannele Yki-Järvinen</u>, MD, FRCP<u>1</u> 10.2337/diacare.24.4.758 Diabetes Care April 2001 vol. 24 no. 4 758-767

<u>The higher the Hba1c is when Insulin is started the more weight is gained</u> which makes sense .The more the the Glycosuria is the more calories they will keep when Insulin is started .

Hba1c when Insulin started	Weight Gain
12% (108 mmol/mol)	5-10 kg
10% (86 mmol/mol)	3-6 kg
7.5% (58 mmol/mol)	0.5-1kg

Weight Gain....Why?

Decreased glycosuria

- Due to improved BG control
- Aggressive or over-tx of hypoglycemia
- Defensive eating to prevent hypoglycemia

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Many factors contributes to fears of insuliry

Insulin causes complications!!Aunty

Nelly was well into her

80s until she went on

Insulin she was dead

after 3 months on

Insulin

Cost? the pen looks nice and expensive! !can I afford that??

Disease getting worst!! Some people have morphine injections when they are about to die!

Hypoglycaemia!!. Seen friend or neighbour call ambulance!! Fitting!! Was scary!!

Pain!!does it go into a vein??Seen it on **TV Huge needle** and drug addicts have to find a vein!!Too complicated!!

Lifestyle change!!

Travel/work/beer?? Will I still be able to go out and have sweets puddings etc??

Its forever!! Addiction?? Once you on it you stay on it ?? **Cultural beliefs** :is it from igs/Cow

Personal failure!! am a loser !!why I cant beat this ??!!Why have I failed???

Barriers to insulin therapy often come from common fears and misperceptions. Some ways to help address these issues are outlined below.

Disease getting worse???

- Inform patients that blood glucose may rise over time
- Reassure patients that it may not be entirely their fault. The increasing inability of the pancreas to produce enough insulin may be the main reason for disease progression

Hypoglycemia????

- Some people are concerned about side effects, such as hypoglycemia.
- Acknowledge that hypoglycemia is the most common side effect of insulin
- Advise patients taking insulin to regularly check their blood glucose
- Teach patients how to recognize and treat hypoglycemia, should an episode occur
- Inform patients of the common things that can affect their blood glucose levels, such as medications, changes in food intake, illness, physical activity and stress

It's forever????

- Many patients have concerns about chronic use of insulin.
- Assure patients that insulin is not physically addictive or habit-forming
- Inform patients that you may adjust their insulin doses upwards or downwards over the course of their treatment to assure they are on the proper dose
- Whyzonot try it for a month???



Failure??

- *Reframe the perception of failure and self-blame.*
- Educate patients that insulin helps to replace what the body isn't adequately making to lower blood glucose
- Remind your patients that insulin may be an appropriate choice for them since it is effective at lowering A1C when added to an overall treatment plan
- Educate patients about what they can do by making healthy food choices and increasing their physical activity .Address problem of SNACKS or eating in between meals ??????
- <u>Lifestyle change</u> Many patients believe that taking insulin will greatly disrupt their lives.
- Inform patients that insulin may help control blood glucose and lower A1C1
- Present insulin as another effective option to add to their daily diabetes management routine
- Patients may find that insulin can become a normal part of their routine
- Pain

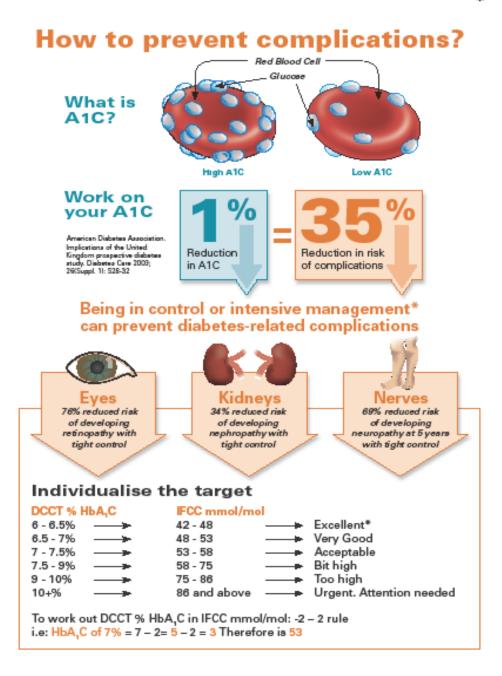
If fear of pain is deterring your patient from taking insulin, consider the following:

- Insulin is injected in the fatty layer just under the skin where there are fewer nerve endings and injections generally cause little discomfort
- Tell patients that many people on insulin are surprised by how soon they get used to the injections
- Get Partner or Friend ,parent or Children to try needle first!
- Provide information about insulin benefits, Would sleep better, have more energy, not feel constantly tired, mood, thirsty, thrush in women!!!, improve erectile dysfunction in men!!!!! 20/06/2013

<u>Safer Journey – Recent Convert</u>

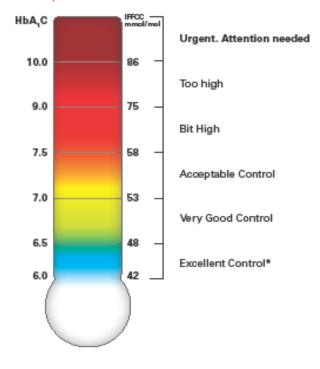
- A----- here I am fifty six years of age of Maori heritage stemming from the tail of the fish fifty kilometres north of Kaitaia in the cosy settlement of Te Kao.
- How do I begin? I've never been one for truly expressing written thanks.
- Moemiti (praying) in my faith for whanau, others and myself, however, on this occasion to Rab Burtun Clinical Diabetes Specialist Nurse is first to none. Rab has guided me through a journey I thought was insurmountable.
- Being a double figured blood sugar level diabetic(in denial) for quite some time with unsafe readings and reminded by whanau, our family doctor especially that making the right decision to speat to Rab would save my life. All the diabetes literature wasn't enough for me until the cold hard facts are brought to light by Rab Burtun. My husband and children are a life source that I want to nurture for as lor as is possible. Yes, I'm now on insulin with careful monitoring and (as my mum is still with us to reassure me of the care needed) I am not afraid, in fact I feel so much more uplifted with a clearer sense of well being.
- My sleeping patterns have improved, no more drowsiness. Planning for the day is decisive having medicated accordingly. Feeling like a sharper pencil yet not superwoman as I used to think I was before being diagnosed diabetic, I feel 2nd to none in our household. Maintaining a healthy diet of fruit a vegetables from my husbands garden plays a major part in my constitution. If it isn with in walking distance I go the supermarket to acquire goodies for the family or the weekly market at the Avondale Market Day. My husband Trevor is my backbone of support, which created a little bit of concern for him with Rab in the picture. Trevor thinks I'm having an affair with Rab. Alls well, had Rab not been able talk me into my new space, Trevor or our daughters' and Rab would have had a ch to; help me.
- Rab Burtuns' approach is open and honest demonstrating the ins and outs of self administerin diabetic medication and the explanation of bodily organs subjected to ill treatment if not taken care of as I thought I was, prior to my diagnosis, compared to now. Having written all this with all good things in mind, my life expectancy is reassured. Still a workingwoman of deep faith and self mending had it not been for Rab Burtun his wife and children, the support needed to nurture a Kauri tree of which I liken Rab too; I would wonder how long I could weather the future.
- Thank you Rab.
- Piki te Ora/ Good Health
- Arohanui
- Apa/06/2013

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Feedback!!!

- Hello. I am emailing you from work to let you know that I did the tests on the day after the appointment.
- Thank you for kicking my ass, and I have been much better at testing and taking my shot. I will send you an excel sheet of my levels over the weekend from my home email address. Also, thank you for the new needles. They are much nicer to use
- I have also got my leave approved for the appointments that were nade
- Thanks again

I am a type 2 Diabetic and I am currently an out patient at your clinic in Henderson, I have seen your Doctor (specialist) there and found her to be both interested in me and genuinely caring, she referred me to N..... on my first visit to introduce me to some new meds for my condition, she was also very helpful and kind. Since then I have seen or spoken to Rab Burtun numerous times, through Rab I have learned more about my condition and treatment in 2 week than I have in a decade prior. This is a result of his genuine interest in the area but more importantly I believe he cares about us (his clients) as well.

 What a fantastic facility you have all created for us, with people such as Rab on your staff it must be in my opinion world class and again thank you all for your help

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Normal Insulin Profiles

the body needs a constant level of sugar in the blood

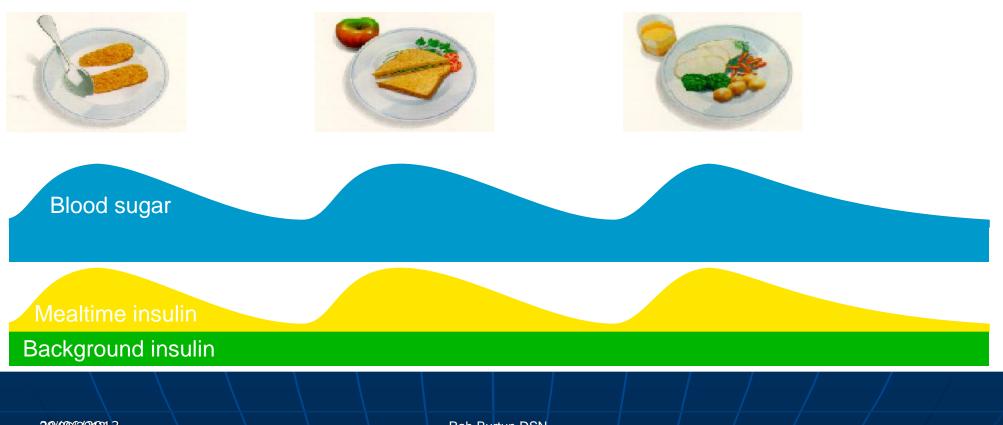
the blood sugar rises

and a background level of insulin

and extra insulin is needed

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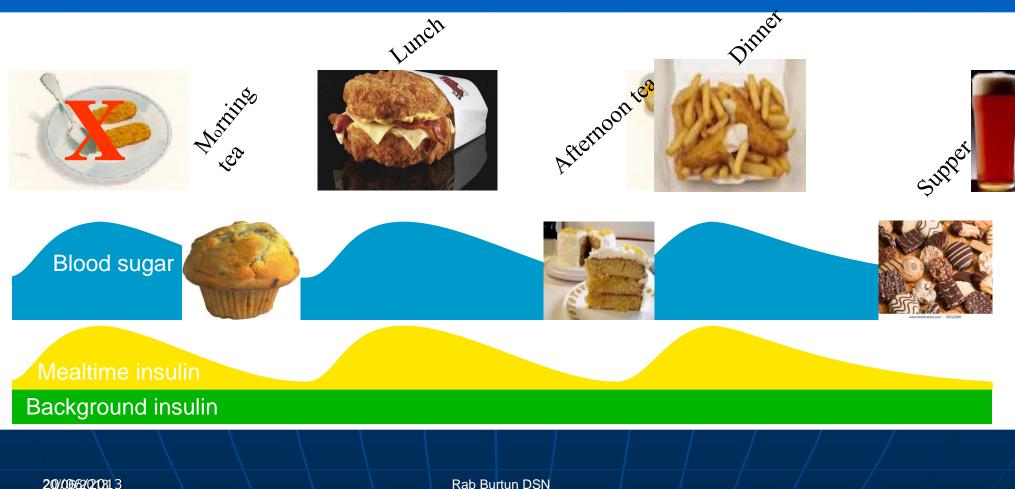
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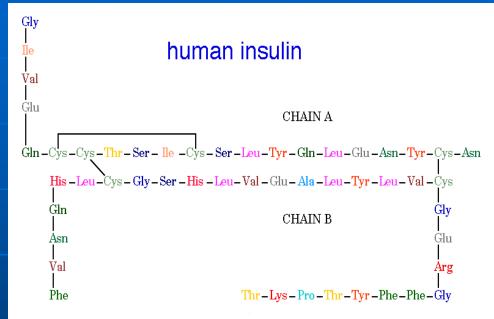
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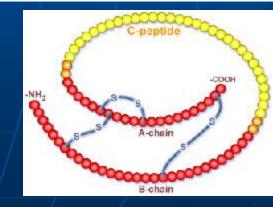


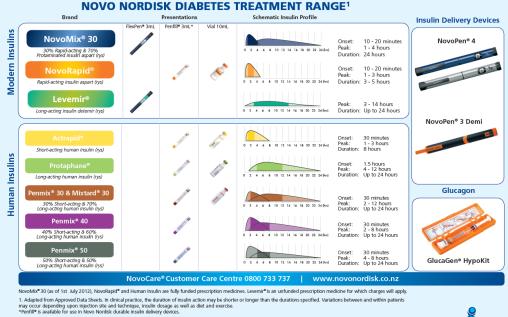
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Types of Insulin

- Short acting
 Intermediate acting
 Long acting
 Biphasic
 Analogue Mixtures
- Short Acting Analogues
 Long acting Analogues







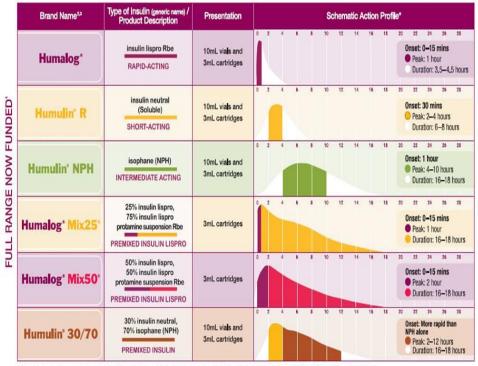
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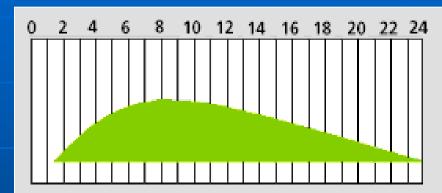
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100 units/mt (U-100) Rx ONLY



<u>Time Action Profiles</u>

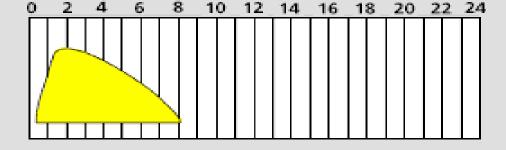
- Insulin/glucose levels in the blood
 Stylized format showing
 - Onset
 - Peak
 - Duration
- Intended as a guide ONLY



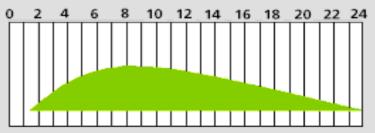
<u>Short Acting Insulin Actrapid or</u> <u>Humilin R</u>

Soluble
Clear
Onset 30 minutes
Peak 1 - 3 hours
Duration up to 8 hours





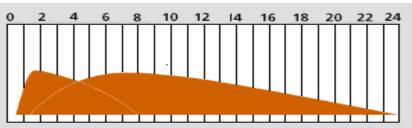
Intermediate Acting Insulin Protaphane or Humulin NPH



Crystals in suspension (need re-suspending) Cloudy NPH (Humilin N)or Protophane (NPH = Neutral Protamine Hagedorn) • Onset $1^{1}/_{2}$ hours Peak 4 - 10 hours Duration 16 to 18 hours

Premixed Insulins/ Biphasic Insulins Humilin 30/70(lilly) or Penmix 30/70(Novo Nordisk)

 Pre-mixed combinations of short and intermediate acting insulins (biphasic)

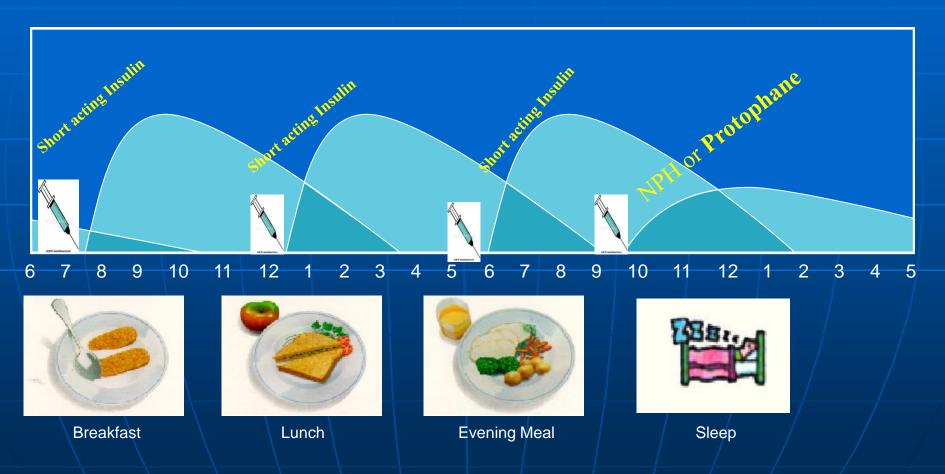


- Cloudy (needs re-suspending)
- 5 different combinations (30, 40, 50)
 - e.g. 30/70 Mixture = 30% fast acting

+ 70% intermediate acting

- Onset 30 minutes
- Peak 2 8 hours
- Duration up to 24 hours

4 Injections Per Day 3 Short + 1 Intermediate Acting (Basal Bolus) using Actrapid and Protaphane or Humulin R and NPH



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Need for Analog Insulins

<u>Current insulin time action profiles</u> <u>not ideal</u>

Disadvantages of existing insulins:

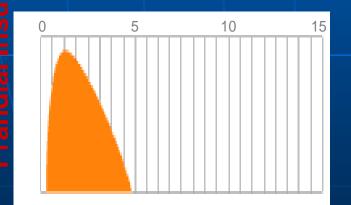
Short acting

- must be injected up to 30 mins before meal
- duration of action up to 8 hours/overlap
- Intermediate acting
- insulin peaks too early in night
- increases risk of nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- after peak, action wanes too rapidly

Rapid-acting insulins Novorapid (Insulin Aspart) NovoNordisk <u>Humalog(Lispro)Lilly,</u> Apidra (insulin glulisine) Aventis

<u>Clinical benefits</u>

- improved metabolic control compared with human soluble insulin
- fewer hypoglycaemic episodes
- no post-prandial hyperglycaemia



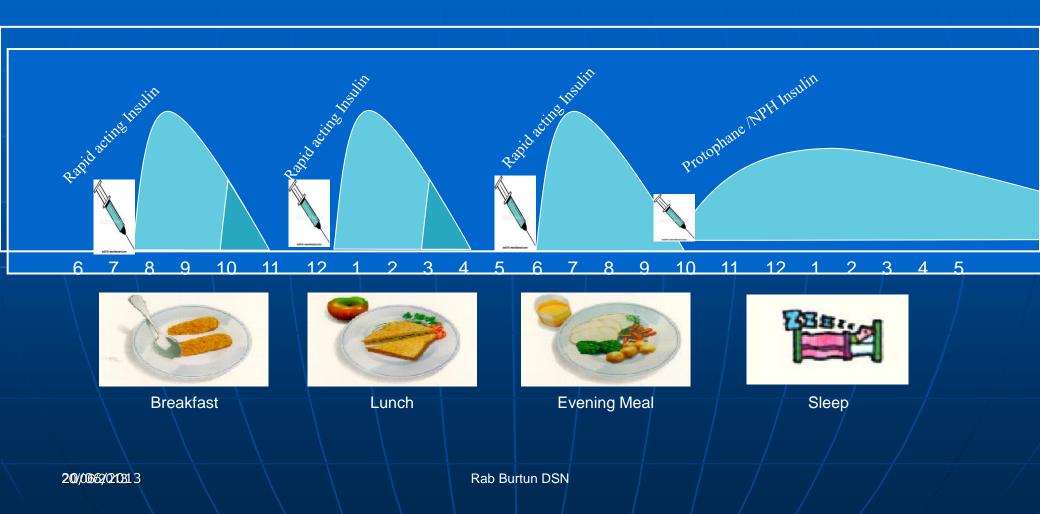
- rapid onset of action
- short duration of action
- better quality of life and improved convenience

Onset Action : 10-20 min

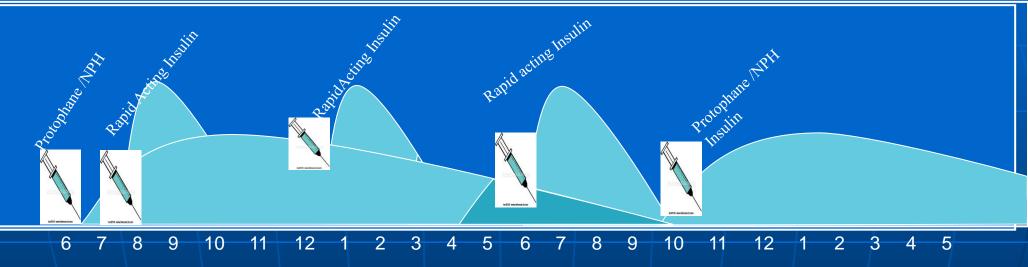
Peak: 1 – 3 hrs

Duration : 3 – 5 hrs

4 Injections Per Day 3 rapid acting + 1 intermediate Acting (Basal Bolus) Rapid Acting and Protopahne /NPH



4 Injections Per Day 3 rapid acting + 1 long Acting (Basal Bolus) Rapid Acting and Protophane or NPH BD





Breakfast



Lunch



Evening Meal



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4 Injections Per Day 3 rapid acting + 1 long Acting (Basal Bolus) using Novorapid or Apidra or Humalog and Lantus



Rapid



Breakfast



Pagingo Cingo

Lunch



Lantus

Evening Meal



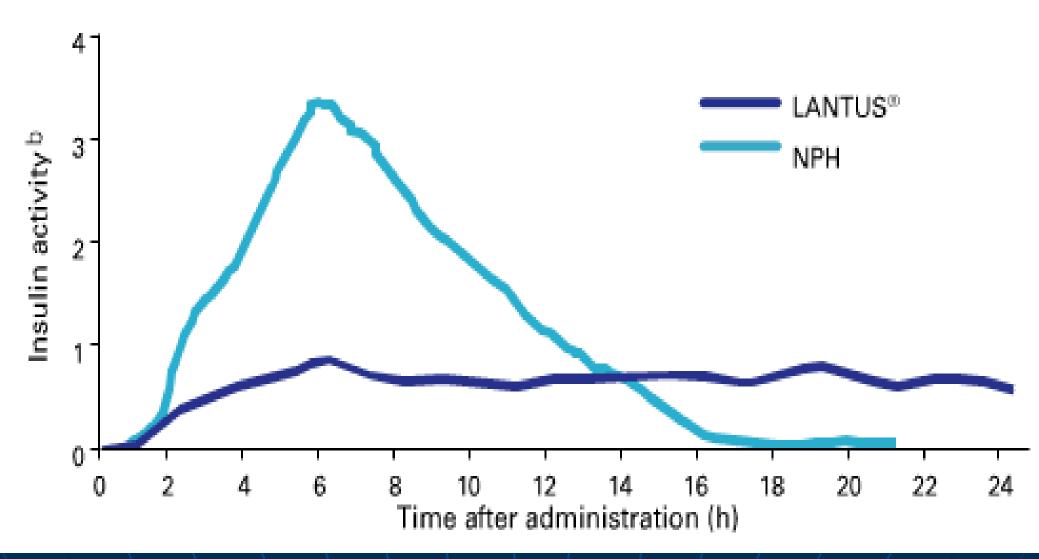
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Rapid acting

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Profile of LANTUS® vs NPH in Patients with Type 1 Diabetes ^{a 3, 19}

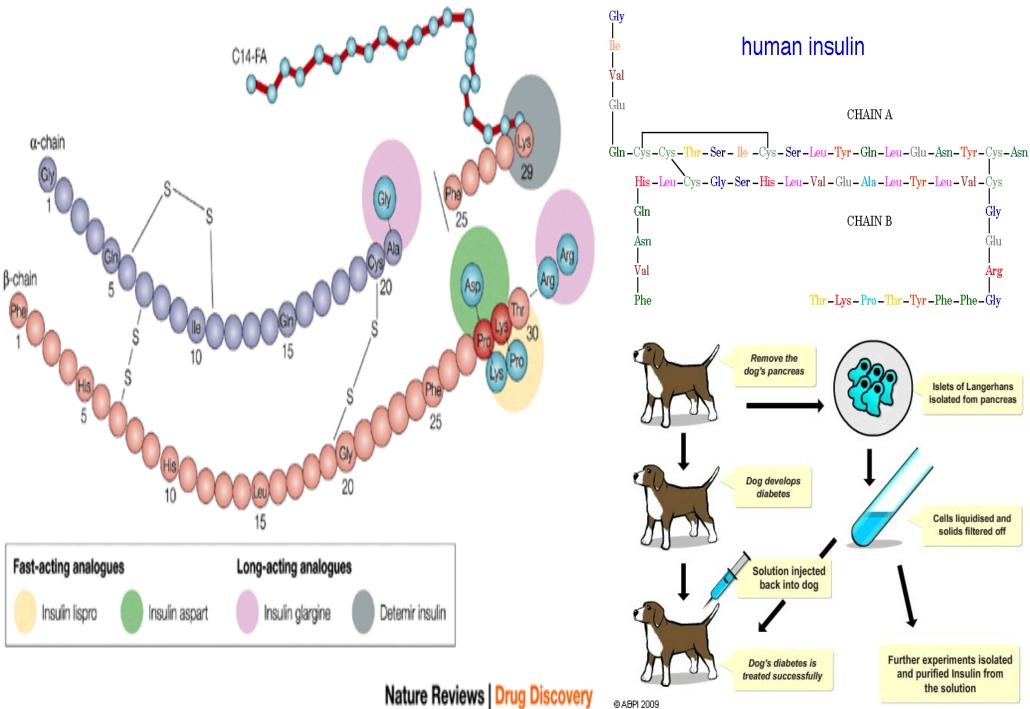


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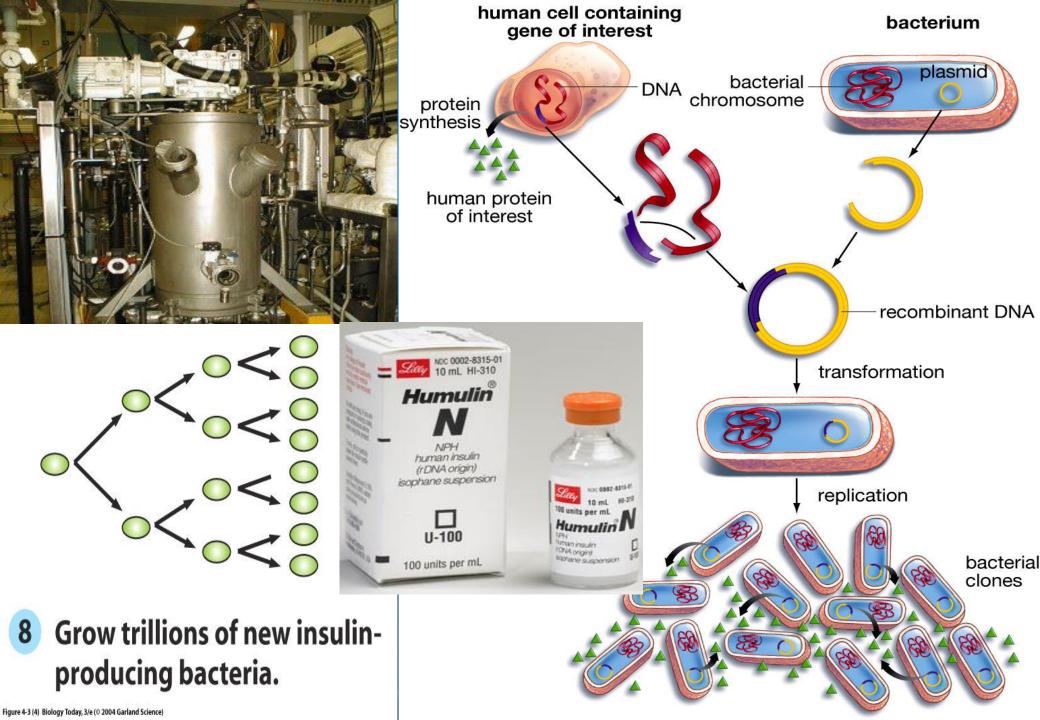


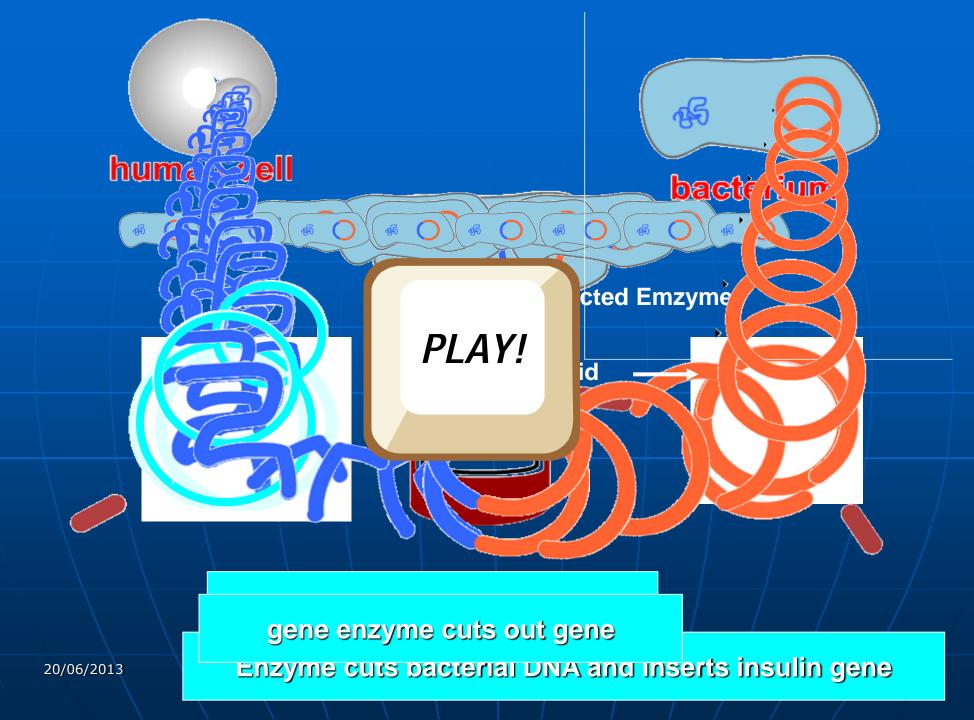
Lantus

- Delayed and prolonged absorption from injection site
- Flatter profile (peak removed): Less hypos
- Longer duration of action

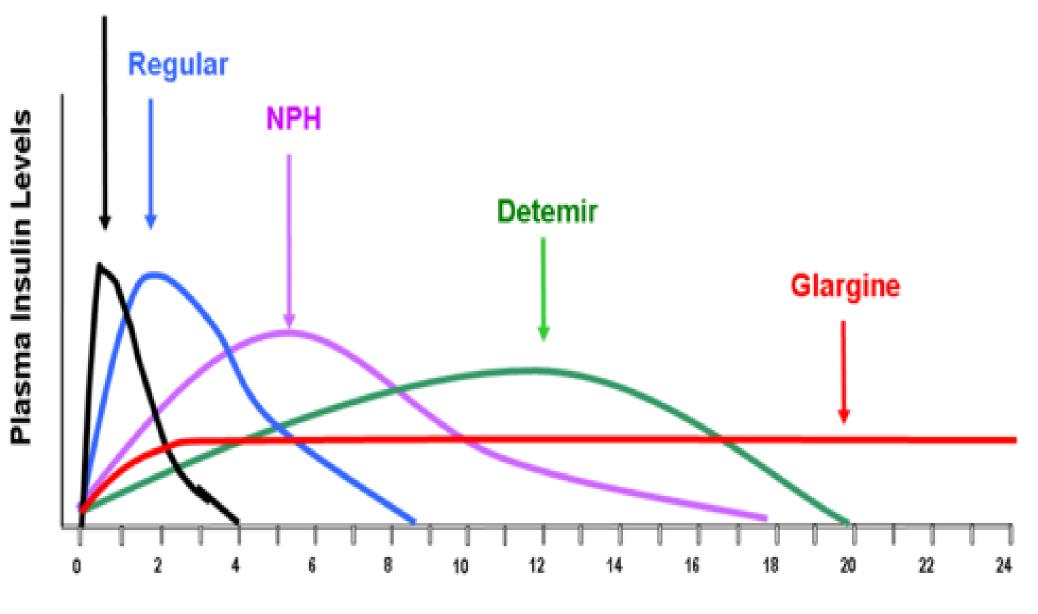


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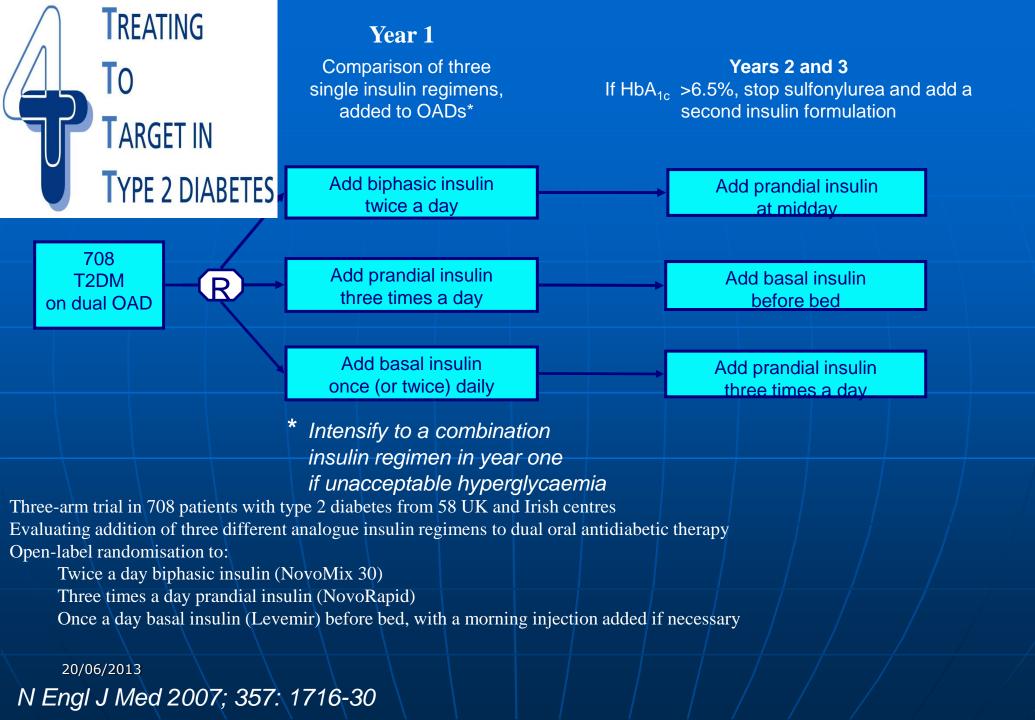
Aspart, lispro, glulisine



Hours

Type 2 Diabetes Insulin Options

- Basal
- NPH / Protophane at bedtime and/or a.m.
- Glargine(Lantus) once daily at any time of the day
- .(Now Funded for all Type 2)
- Detemir once or twice daily (not funded in NZ)
- Premixed
- Premixed once or twice a day
- Pre Mixed Analogues :Humalog Mix 25 ,Humalog Mix 50/50(Injected before breakfast and before dinner)GOOD FOR POST PRANDIALS Novomix 30/70 : Now Funded in New Zealand
- Meal-time insulin or Basal + one or Basal Plus 2
 Multiple daily injections (meal-time + basal)





Primary

To compare HbA_{1c} levels achieved by the three regimens

Secondary outcomes include:

- Proportion with HbA_{1c} ≤6.5%
- Proportion with unacceptable hyperglycemia *i.e.* HbA_{1c} >10% or two successive values >8.5% at or after 24 weeks
- Hypoglycaemia rates
- Impact on body weight
- Quality of Life (EQ-5D)
- Eight-point self-measured capillary glucose profiles
- Proportion requiring a morning basal insulin injection

<u>Results Comparisons</u>

<u>Results – Harms:</u>

- <u>Basal Insulin</u>: gained less weight than those in the biphasic or prandial insulin groups
- Weight gain in Kg
- Basal +1.9 kg
 - $Bi Phasic + 4.7 \ kg \ and$
- Prandial

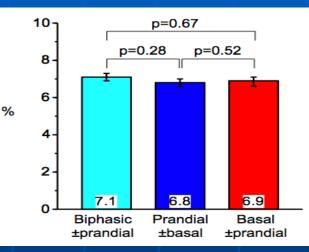
- + 5.7 kg<u>, P<0.001</u>).
- The weight gain was significantly higher in the prandial group than the biphasic group (P=0.005).

 <u>Basal group</u>: significantly less likely to experience more severe hypoglycaemia than those in the biphasic or prandial groups (median: 0, 3.9 and 8.0 events per patient per year). • The reduction in HbA1c from baseline:

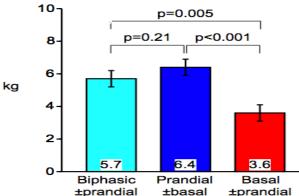
-1.3% in the biphasic group,

Results – benefits:

- -1.4% in the prandial group
- 0.8% in the basal group. Hba1c after 3 yrs



Bodvweight after 3



Basal Insulin Summary

- One injection a day, with two capillary glucose tests for dose titration
- One third of patients require a morning insulin injection in addition
- More patients require a second insulin formulation than with Biphasic or Prandial insulin
- Basal slightly less HbA_{1c} lowering than with Biphasic or Prandial insulin
- Basal Insulin causes less weight gain and less hypoglycaemia than with Biphasic or Prandial insulin
 - No change in QoL as assessed by EQ-5D

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What about their oral Medications ??

-Hang on!!!!!!

Don't throw away the Metformin???????

Metformin and Insulin: the benefits Arch Intern Med. 2009;169(6):616-625

390 patients RCT with Metformin 850 tds or placebo added to insulin with mean 4.3 year follow-up

Metformin patients on average:

- > Hba1c 0.4% better, Weight3.07kg lighter
- Needed ~20 units less insulin
- Lower macrovascular event rate (NNT 16)
- Metformin reduces risks cancers

Glory enough for all !!!!!



FOOD(Money) FOR THOUGHT!!!!!!!



Thought for food!!!!!!!!

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SEVEN DECADES OF DIABETES SUCCESS RECOGNISED

Waitakere Hospital diabetes nurse Rab Burtun always thought 78-year-old (now 84yrs) Winsome Johnston deserved a medal – so he set about ensuring his inspirational patient receive just that.

On 12 September Mrs Johnston will be the first New Zealander to be awarded the Diabetes UK Macleod Medal for living successfully with insulin-dependent Type 1 diabetes for more than 70 years (**78 yrs**) She will also receive Diabetes New Zealand's Sir Charles Burns Memorial Award.

"I tell my patients about Win's story every day. She's living proof that it's possible to live long and well with diabetes. She's an inspiration to everybody – me included," Rab says.

A Type 1 diabetic himself, Rab was diagnosed 30 years ago and wrote to Diabetes UK last month to share Winsome's story because of the motivation and encouragement it offers others.

"She hasn't got a single complication of diabetes, she's had three successful pregnancies – one with twins -and now has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

"Pregnancy itself is an achievement for people with diabetes because their blood₂sugar₁₃.....





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