

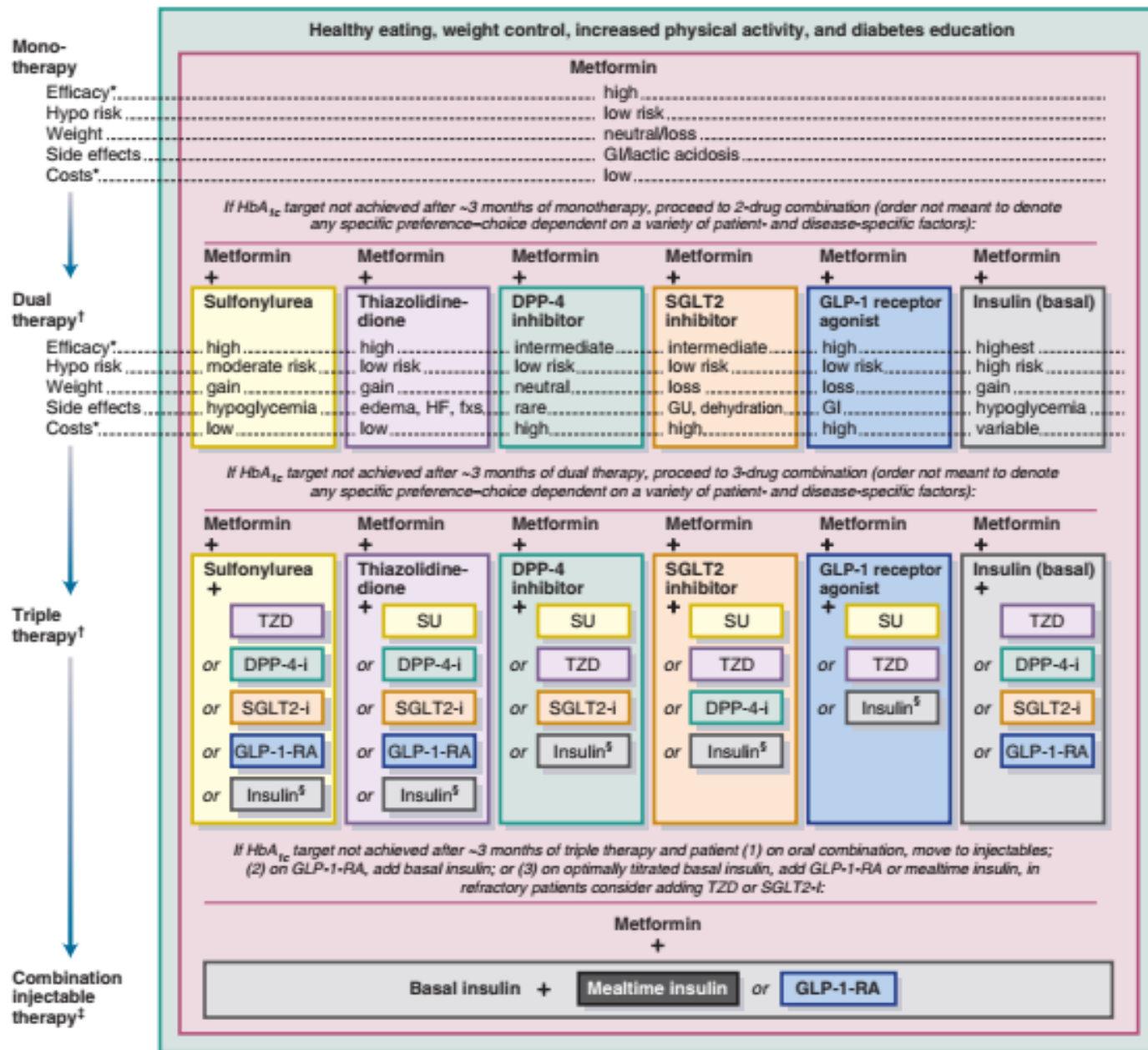


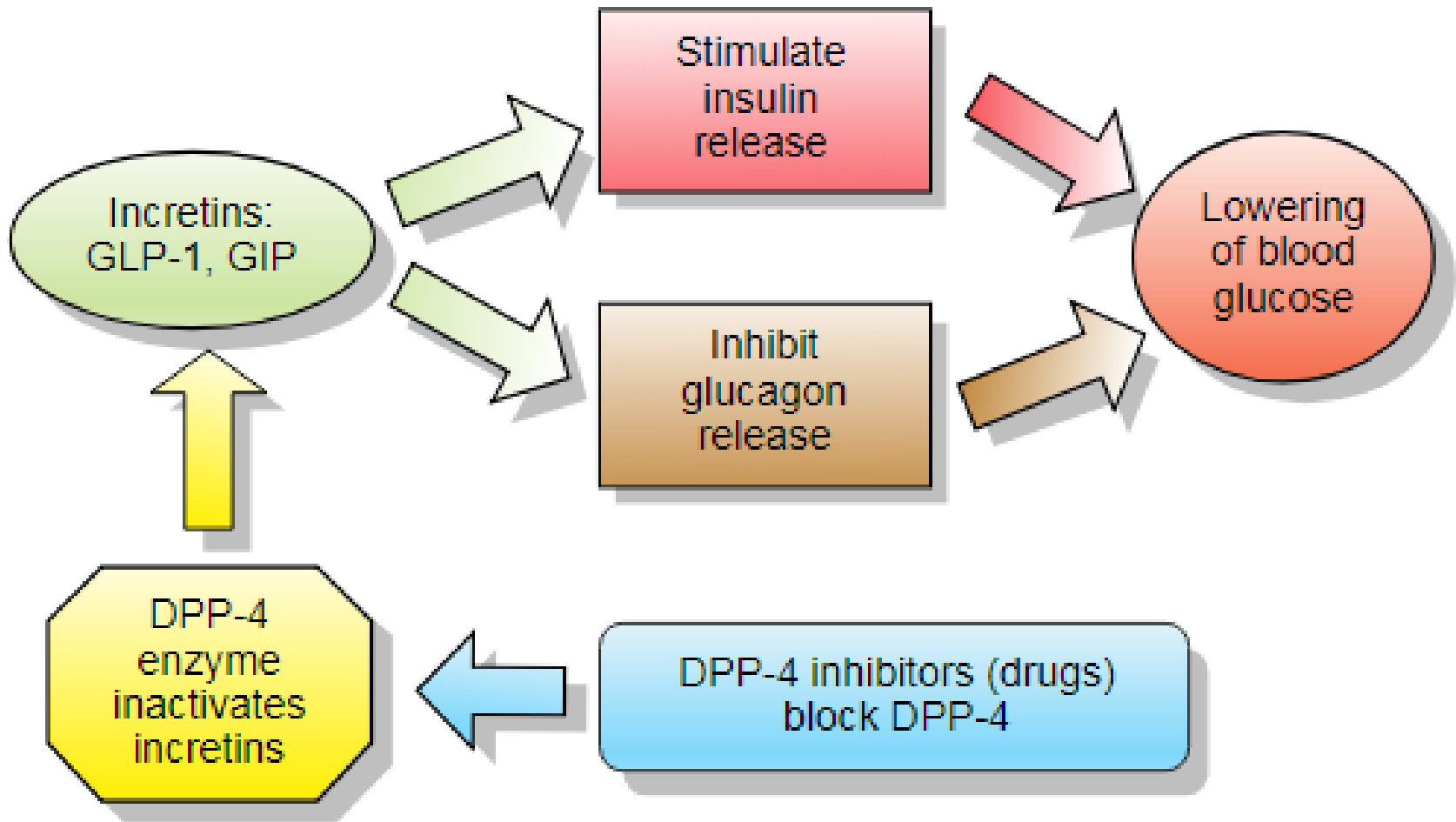


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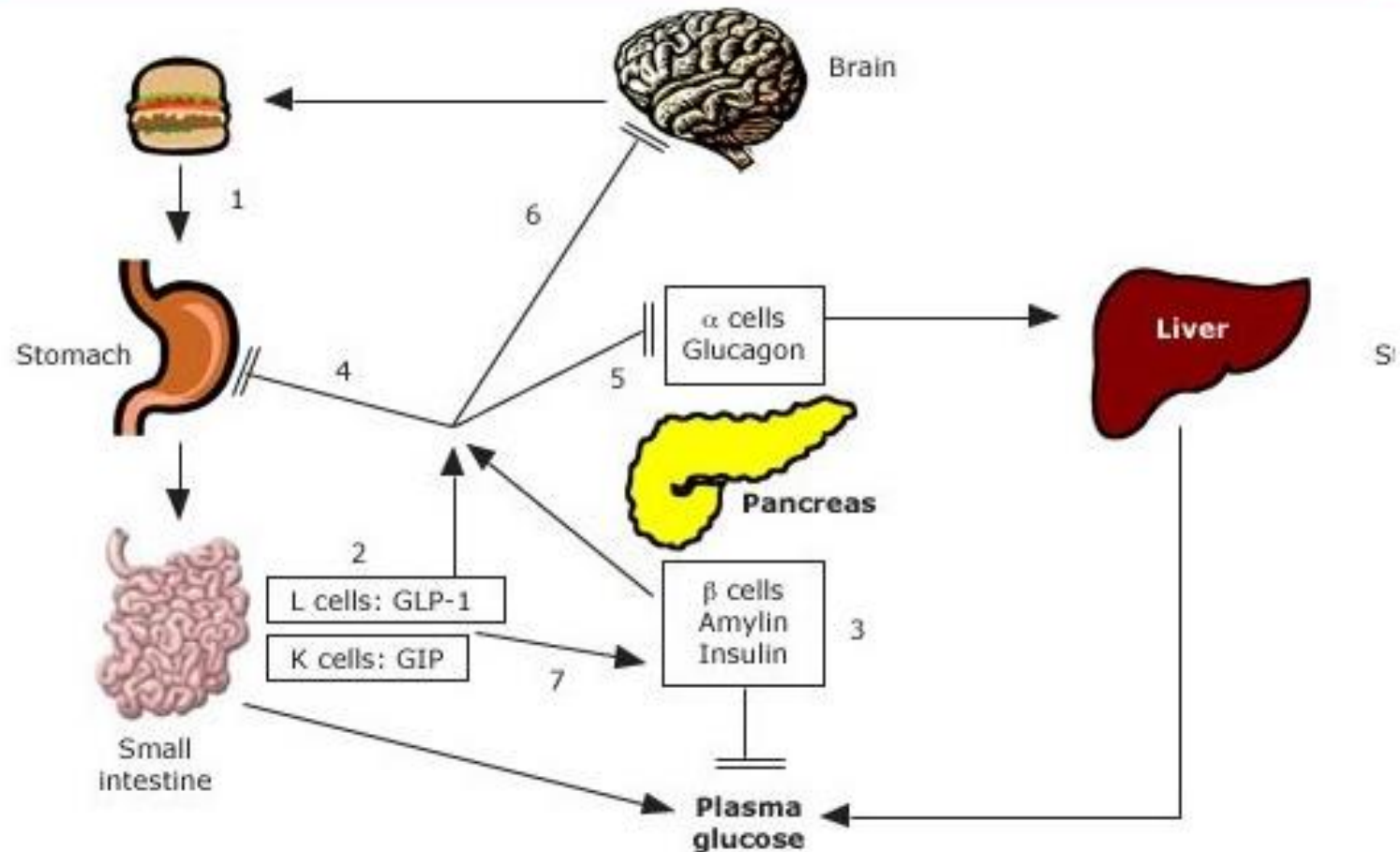
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Multihormonal regulation of glucose



In healthy individuals, (1) ingestion of food results in (2) release of gastrointestinal peptides (GLP-1 and GIP) as well as (3) pancreatic beta cell hormones (insulin and amylin). GLP-1 and amylin, in particular, have inhibitory effects on (4) gastric emptying, (5) glucagon release, and (6) appetite. (7) Following the absorption of food, GLP-1 and GIP promote insulin secretion, otherwise known as the incretin effect. In diabetes, these steps are disrupted.

- **Main effect of GLP-1 is :**
- Stimulating glucose dependent insulin release from the pancreatic islets.
- Slow gastric emptying
- Inhibit inappropriate post meal glucagon release
- Reduce food intake and due to side effects of nausea and vomiting is associated with weight loss.

GLP-1 Receptor agonists:

Short-acting: Exenatide , lixisenatide

Long-acting: Liraglutide , Exenatide OW

GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

- Exenatide is the first GLP-1-based therapeutic agent to be approved for human use.
- When injected subcutaneously, it produces the effects listed earlier and has a peak of action and half-life of approximately 2 hours.
- With twice-daily injection within 1 hour before a meal, it produces a reduction of approximately 1% in HbA1c, driven largely by a reduction in postprandial glucose along with modest weight loss (average= 5 to 10 lb/year).

- With prolonged use, weight loss has been associated with expected improvements in blood pressure and lipids.
- The most common adverse effect is nausea, which occurs in 40% to 50% of patients, usually early in the course of therapy

- longer-acting agents are associated with **greater HbA1c-lowering** efficacy owing to more predominant effects on FPG than exenatide in the twice daily formulation.
- They are also associated with **fewer gastrointestinal** adverse effects, probably because they seem to produce little or no gastric emptying effects.

- Hypoglycemia **is not a direct effect** of GLP-1 receptor agonists, but they can amplify the hypoglycemic effects of other agents.
- Therefore, for coadministration with secretagogues or insulin, it is recommended that the **minimum dose** of secretagogue be used when initiating GLP-1 receptor agonist therapy, uptitrating the secretagogue later if necessary.

- A **20% insulin dose reduction** is prudent when initiating GLP-1 receptor agonists in insulin-treated patients with T2DM and HbA1c less than 8%.
- A concern that emerged from postmarketing reports is **pancreatitis**.
- A causal link has not been proved, nor has a mechanism been established.
- Nevertheless, it is recommended that incretin-based therapy be avoided in those with a history of pancreatitis.
- Exenatide is renally cleared and is contraindicated in the setting of advanced kidney disease (**eGFR <30 mL/minute per 1.73 m²**).

- The other GLP-1 receptor agonists do not share this feature with exenatide.
- cases of **acute renal failure** have been reported in association with GLP-1 receptor agonist therapy, usually in patients with chronic renal insufficiency who develop superimposed **prerenal azotemia** in the context of prolonged nausea, anorexia, and vomiting.
- To mitigate the risk of pancreatitis and renal failure, it is prudent to instruct patients treated with GLP-1 receptor agonists to hold their medication if they develop nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain of more than a few hours' duration and to seek medical attention if they are unable to keep down fluids after 4 hours.

- A new safety concern that arose in preclinical testing with these long-acting agents is **medullary thyroid cancer**.
- No signal exists for this problem with GLP-1–based therapy in humans, but there is a clear increase in the incidence of these tumors **in rodents**, although not in other animal models.
- GLP-1 plays a role in regulation of C cells in the rodent but apparently not in the human.
- Nevertheless, it is suggested that these agents be avoided in those with a **personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer**.

- Long-acting GLP-1 agents :
- [Liraglutide](#) is a once daily injectable GLP-1 analog available for use in the United States, Europe, and in Japan.
- [Liraglutide](#) is a GLP-1 analog that has been modified to non-covalently bind to **serum albumin** through a lipid side chain, resulting in slower degradation and allowing for once-daily subcutaneous dosing.

- [Liraglutide](#) is available in prefilled pens. The initial dose is 0.6 mg once daily for one week to reduce gastrointestinal side effects.
- After one week, the dose should be increased to 1.2 mg once daily for one week.
- If blood glucoses remain above the goal range, the dose can be increased to 1.8 mg once daily.
- Adverse effects — The most common adverse events are **nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea**, occurring in the above trials at rates of **10 to 40 percent**.

Adverse Reactions Significant

- >10%: Gastrointestinal: Nausea (28%), diarrhea (17%), vomiting (11%)

1% to 10%:

- Central nervous system: Headache (9%)
- Gastrointestinal: Constipation (10%)
- Local: Injection site reactions

- Protein binding: >98%
- Metabolism: Endogenously metabolized by dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV) and endogenous endopeptidases ; metabolism occurs slower than that seen with native GLP-1
- Bioavailability: ~55%
- Half-life, elimination: ~13 hours
- Time to peak, plasma: 8-12 hours
- Excretion: Urine (6%, as metabolites); feces (5%, as metabolites)

- Liraglutide is metabolised in a similar manner to **large proteins**, and **no specific organ** is responsible for its elimination. Intact liraglutide is recovered neither in the urine nor in the feces.
- Unlike exenatide, liraglutide shows **no increase** in half-life and hence **no reduced clearance** in patients with **mild, moderate, or even severe renal impairment**.
- Therefore, the kidney **is not a major site** of liraglutide elimination or breakdown.
- Patients with **mild renal impairment require no dose adjustment**.
- Experience with liraglutide is however very limited in patients with moderate renal impairment and nonexistent in those with **severe renal impairment**. Therefore, this treatment **is contraindicated in these settings**.

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Effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of the GLP-1 analogue liraglutide

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Renal dysfunction was not found to increase exposure of liraglutide and patients with type 2 DM and renal impairment **should use** standard treatment regimens of liraglutide

Liraglutide and Renal Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes

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- **Renal outcom**: new –onset persistent macroalbuminuria ;persistent doubling of serum creatinine ;renal replacement therapy ;death due to renal disease

conclusions:liraglutide resulted in lower rates of the development and progression of diabetic kidney disease than placebo.

Dosing: Renal Impairment

- *U.S. labeling:*
- Mild-to-severe impairment: **No dosage adjustment** provided in manufacturer's labeling; however, use with caution, due to limited experience and reports of acute renal failure and exacerbation of chronic renal failure

- *Canadian labeling:*
- Mild impairment: No dosage adjustment necessary.
- Moderate-to-severe impairment: Use is **not recommended.**

- For patients in whom ASCVD, HF, or CKD predominates, the **best choice** for a second agent is a **GLP-1 receptor agonist** or **SGLT2 inhibitor** with demonstrated cardiovascular risk reduction, after consideration of drug-specific and patient factors.

FIRST-LINE therapy is metformin and comprehensive lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)
 If HbA_{1c} above target proceed as below



NO

ESTABLISHED ASCVD OR CKD

WITHOUT ESTABLISHED ASCVD OR CKD

ASCVD PREDOMINATES

HF OR CKD PREDOMINATES

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS

COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE⁹⁻¹⁰

EITHER/OR

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GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹, if eGFR adequate²

If HbA_{1c} above target

If further intensification is required or patient is now unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- Consider adding the other class (GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i) with proven CVD benefit
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin⁴
- TZD⁵
- SU⁶

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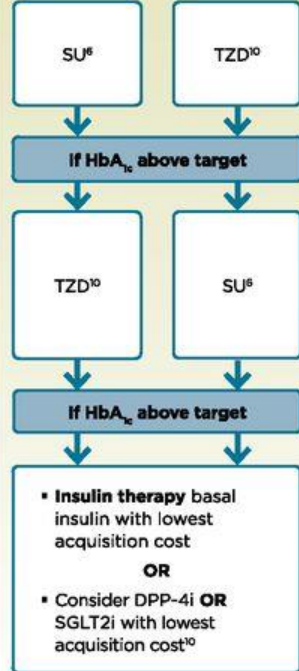
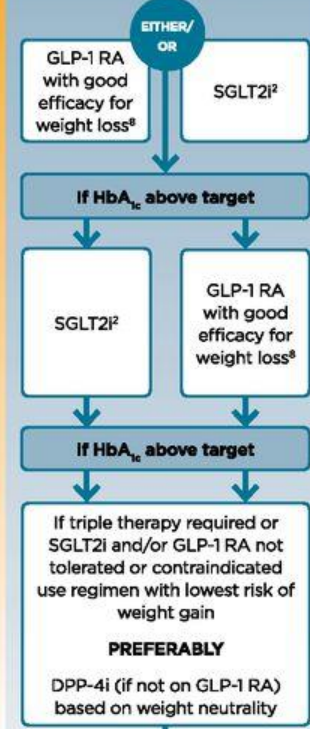
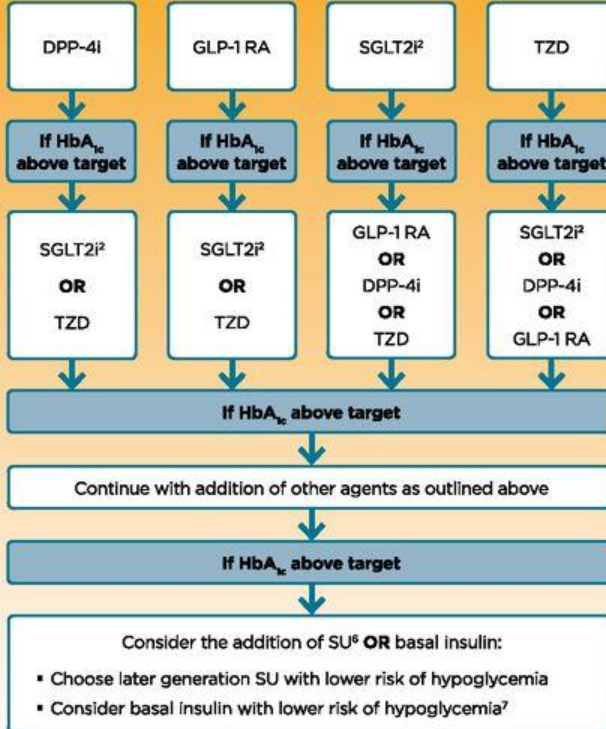
SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOTs if eGFR adequate³

OR

If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate² add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Avoid TZD in the setting of HF
- Choose agents demonstrating CV safety:
- Consider adding the other class with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i (not saxagliptin) in the setting of HF (if not on GLP-1 RA)
- Basal insulin⁴
- SU⁶



1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events. For GLP-1 RA strongest evidence for liraglutide > semaglutide > exenatide extended release. For SGLT2i evidence modestly stronger for empagliflozin > canagliflozin.
 2. Be aware that SGLT2i vary by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
 3. Both empagliflozin and canagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and reduction in CKD progression in CVOTs
 4. Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety
 5. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects

6. Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
 7. Degludec / glargine U300 < glargine U100 / detemir < NPH insulin
 8. Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide
 9. If no specific comorbidities (i.e., no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycemia), and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)
 10. Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs relatively more expensive and DPP-4i relatively cheaper

