

# Management of Diabetes in Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease & Hemodialysis

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## Executive summary of the 2020 KDIGO Diabetes Management in CKD Guideline: evidence-based advances in monitoring and treatment



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## Glycemic Monitoring and Management in Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease

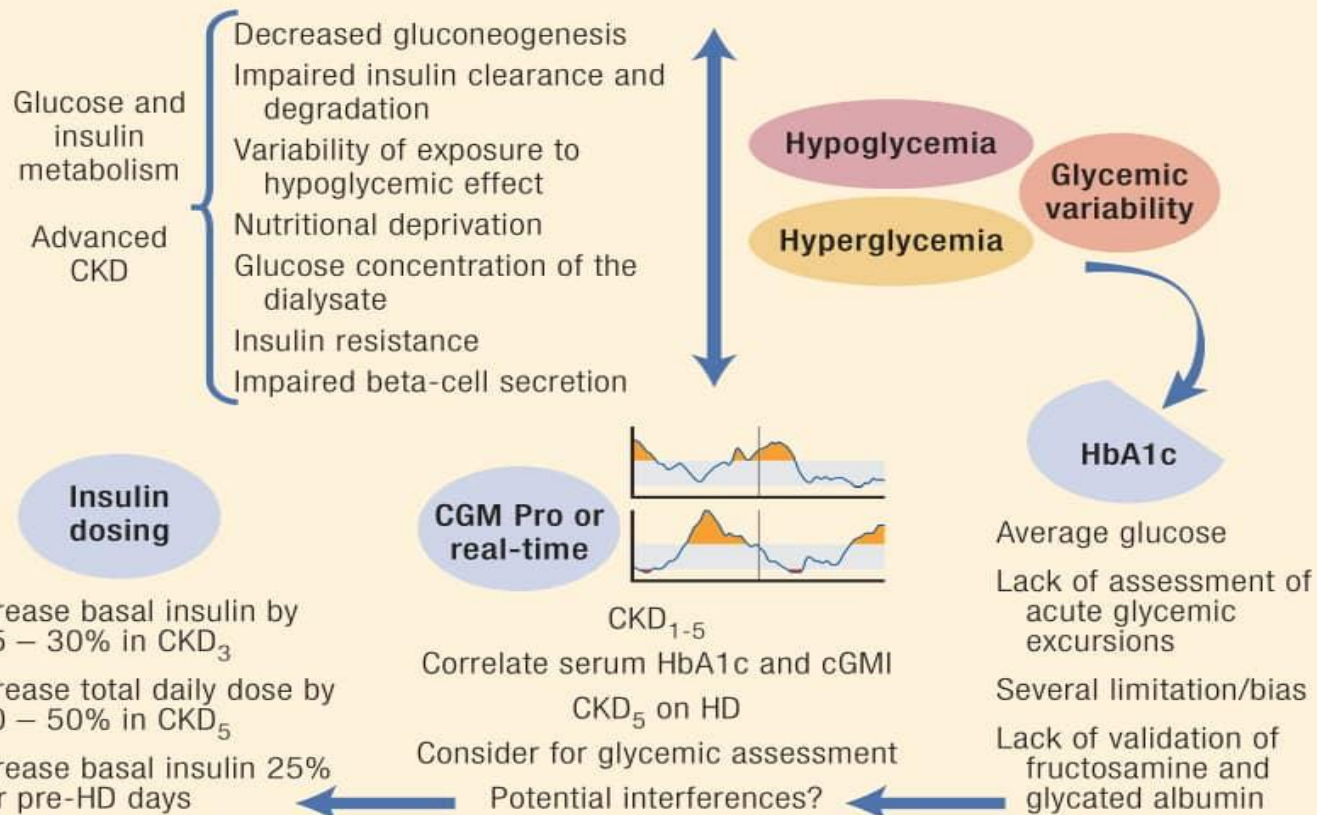
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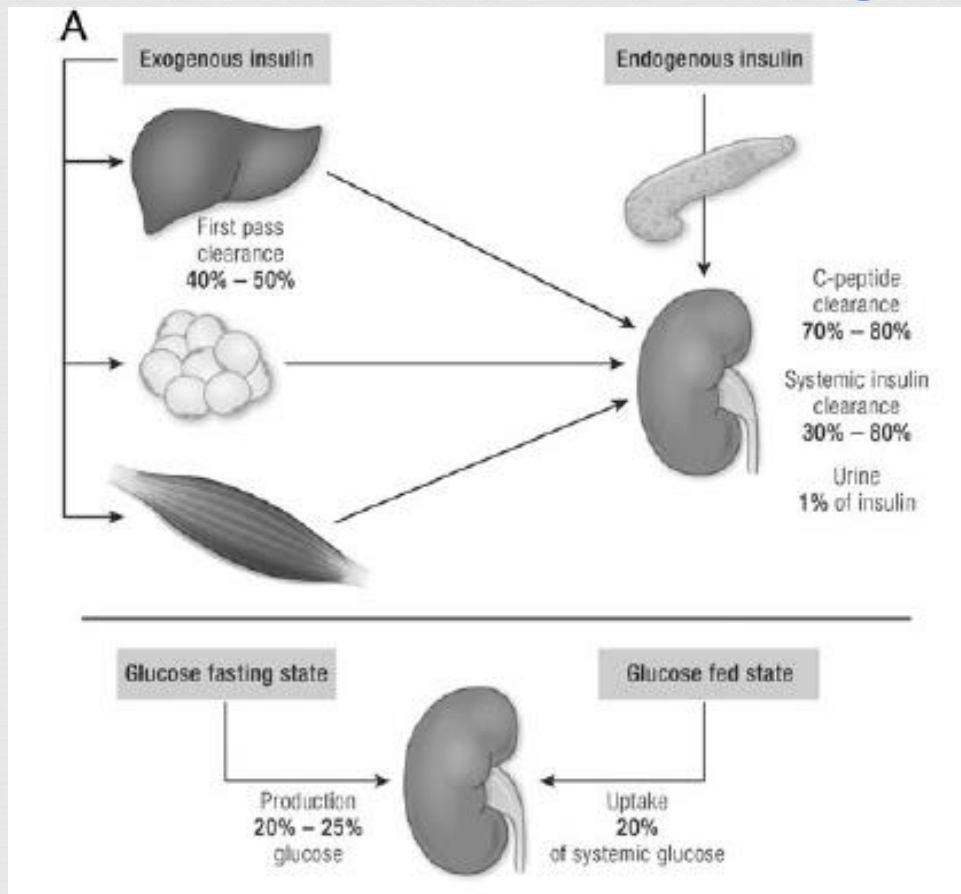


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# Glucose and Insulin Metabolism

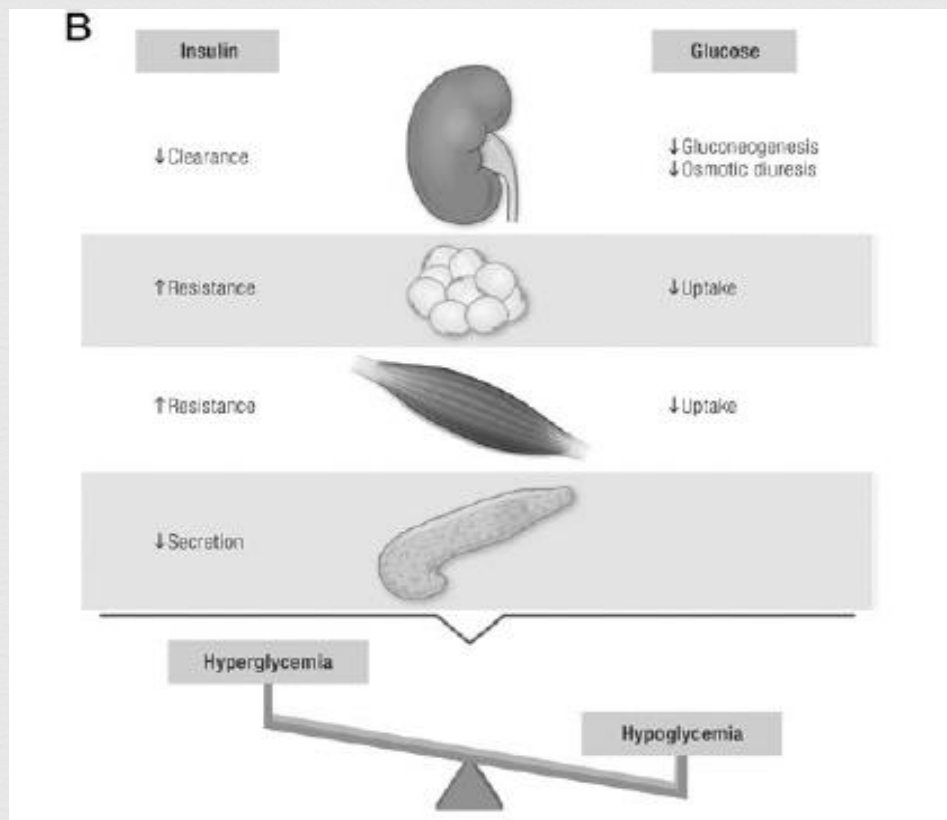


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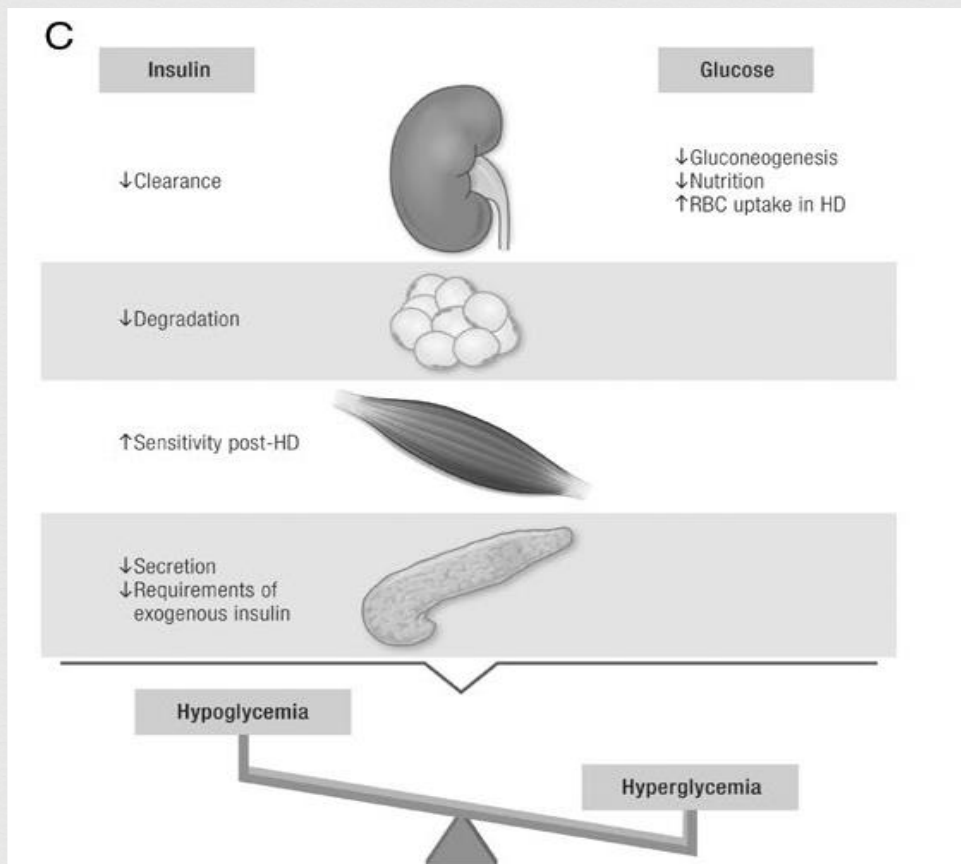
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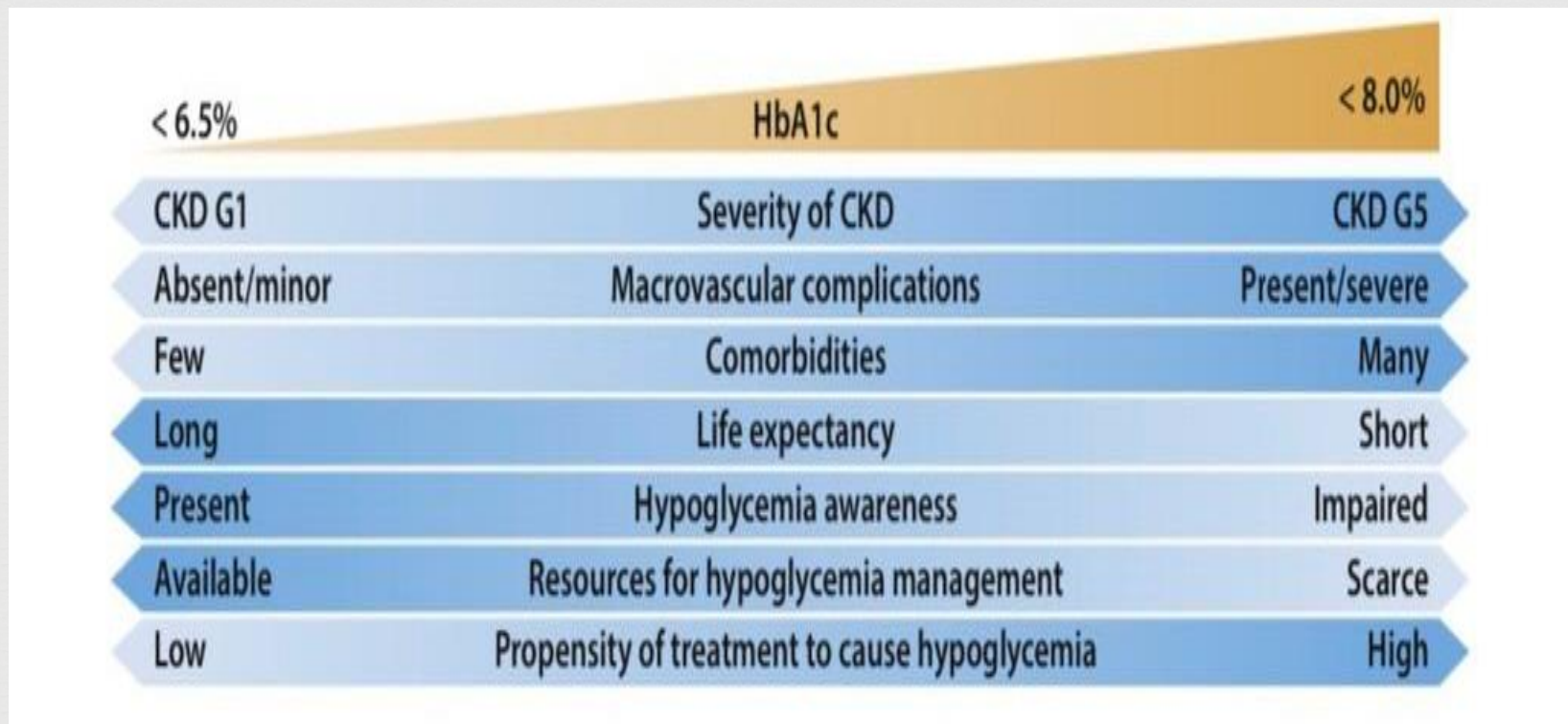
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# Glucose and Insulin Metabolism



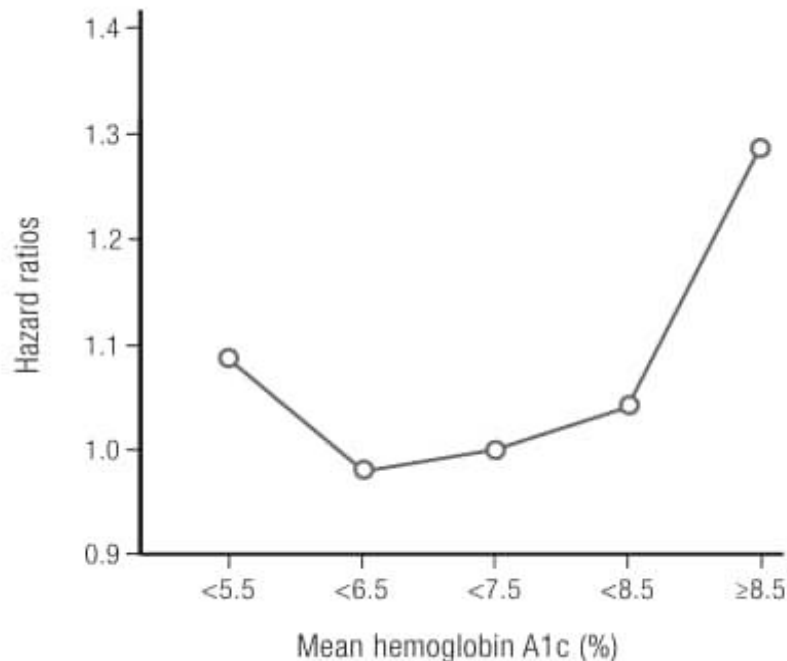
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# Glycemic monitoring and targets in CKD



Factors guiding decisions on individual glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) targets

# Glycemic monitoring and targets in hemodialysis



Association of mean hemoglobin A1c and adjusted **all-cause mortality** risk in patients with diabetes on hemodialysis: results of a meta-analysis of 10 studies (n = 83 684 patients).

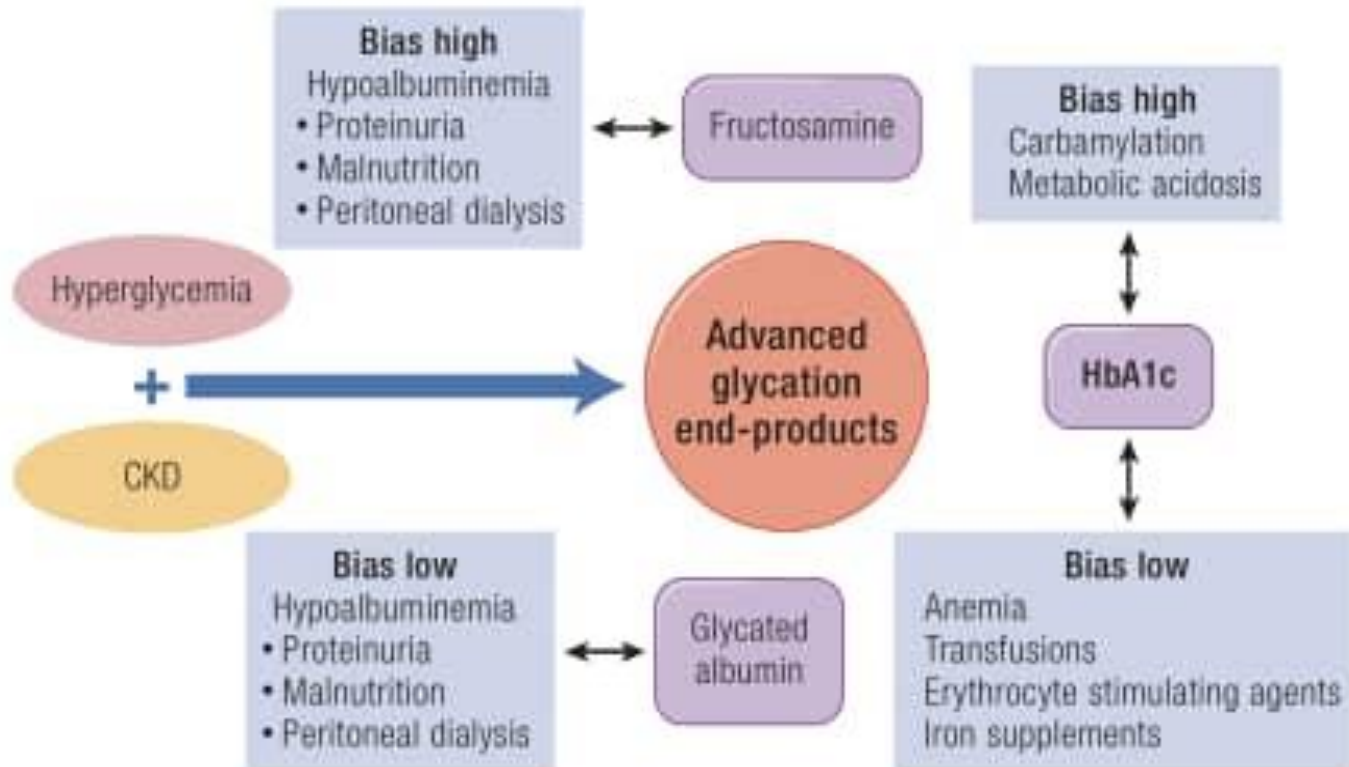


# Glycemic monitoring and targets in hemodialysis



- ✎ The target for HbA1c should be individualized but if the patient is on a hypoglycemia inducing treatment should be aimed (7.5–8.5%)
- ✎ It is likely that HbA1c (9.5%) represents poor glycemic control unless there is severe iron deficiency
- ✎ Reduction in treatment should be considered for patients with HbA1c < (7.5%) on treatments associated with increased risk of hypoglycemia

# Limitations of glycemc biomarkers



# Limitations of glycemc biomarkers on hemodialysis



- ☞ Potential for overestimation of HbA1c in ESRD
  - ☞ An increased level of blood urea nitrogen
  - ☞ Uremia
  - ☞ Iron deficiency
  - ☞ Metabolic acidosis

# Limitations of glycemc biomarkers on hemodialysis



- ❧ Potential for underestimation of HbA1c in ESRD
- ❧ Shortened erythrocyte lifespan
- ❧ Blood transfusions
- ❧ The widespread use of erythropoietin
- ❧ Despite the above, HbA1c is still recommended in current guidelines as the main biomarker for assessing glycaemic control in people with CKD

# Limitations of glycemc biomarkers on hemodialysis



- Alternative markers of glycemc control
  - fructosamine and glycated albumin (GA) have been proposed as potentially better surrogate markers of glycemc control in patients with renal anemia and in receipt of erythropoietin
  - The concentration of **fructosamine** is influenced strongly by serum protein concentrations and by low molecular weight substances such as **urea or uric acid**

# Limitations of glycemc biomarkers on hemodialysis



- ☞ Glycated albumin may offer the opportunity to assess glycaemic control over a shorter time period (15–20 days) and with greater accuracy in patients with diabetes on maintenance haemodialysis

# Self-monitoring of blood glucose



- ☞ SMBG is especially important in subjects receiving treatments that may cause hypoglycemia, those who suffer from regular hypoglycemia and those with hypoglycemia unawareness
- ☞ In patients on MHDx SMBG results can also be affected by **hemolysis, anticoagulation, hyperlipidemia** and **metabolic acidosis**

# Self-monitoring of blood glucose



## Methods for glucose measurement

- 1) glucose oxidase-based (GO)
- 2) hexokinase-based (HK)
- 3) glucose dehydrogenase-based (GDH)



# Self-monitoring of blood glucose



- ⌘ high levels of acetaminophen, ascorbic acid, icodextrin, maltose, triglycerides, uric acid, or abatacept react with the sensor's electrode or have cross-reactivity with the enzyme
- ⌘ low hematocrit (< 35%) may result in falsely high glucoses in the glucose meter using the GO technique
- ⌘ high acetaminophen plasma levels (> 8 mg/dl) may result in falsely high blood glucose readings

# Self-monitoring of blood glucose



- ⌘ Hypoxia (partial pressure of oxygen  $< 45$  mmHg) or oxygen therapy (partial pressure of oxygen  $> 150$  mmHg) may cause falsely high and low glucose in GO-based meters, respectively
- ⌘ High levels of triglycerides, uric acid ( $> 20$  mg/dL), or bilirubin may cause pseudo hypoglycemia

# CGM in CKD & Hemodialysis



- CGM provides to recognize glucose patterns, including responses to meals, medications, acute illness, or other stressors
- CGM use has the advantage of providing better assessment of glycemic patterns and insulin needs
- CGM has the potential to become a new standard of care for assessment of glycemic control in diabetic patients treated by maintenance hemodialysis

# Glycemic monitoring



Population	HbA1c	Frequency	Glycemic indexing by CGMI	Insulin requirements
CKD stages 1 to 5	Yes	Twice per year Up to 4 times per year if not achieving target or change	Correlate interstitial glucose with HbA1c for individual patients	Lower 25% to 30% basal insulin dose for patients with T1D and CKD3
CKD stage 5 on dialysis	No	Not applicable	consider	-Lower <b>50%</b> TDD for T2Dpatients with CKD5 -Lower total daily insulin dose by <b>35%to 40%</b> for patientT1Dwith CKD 5 - Lower (25%) basal insulin dose for pre HD

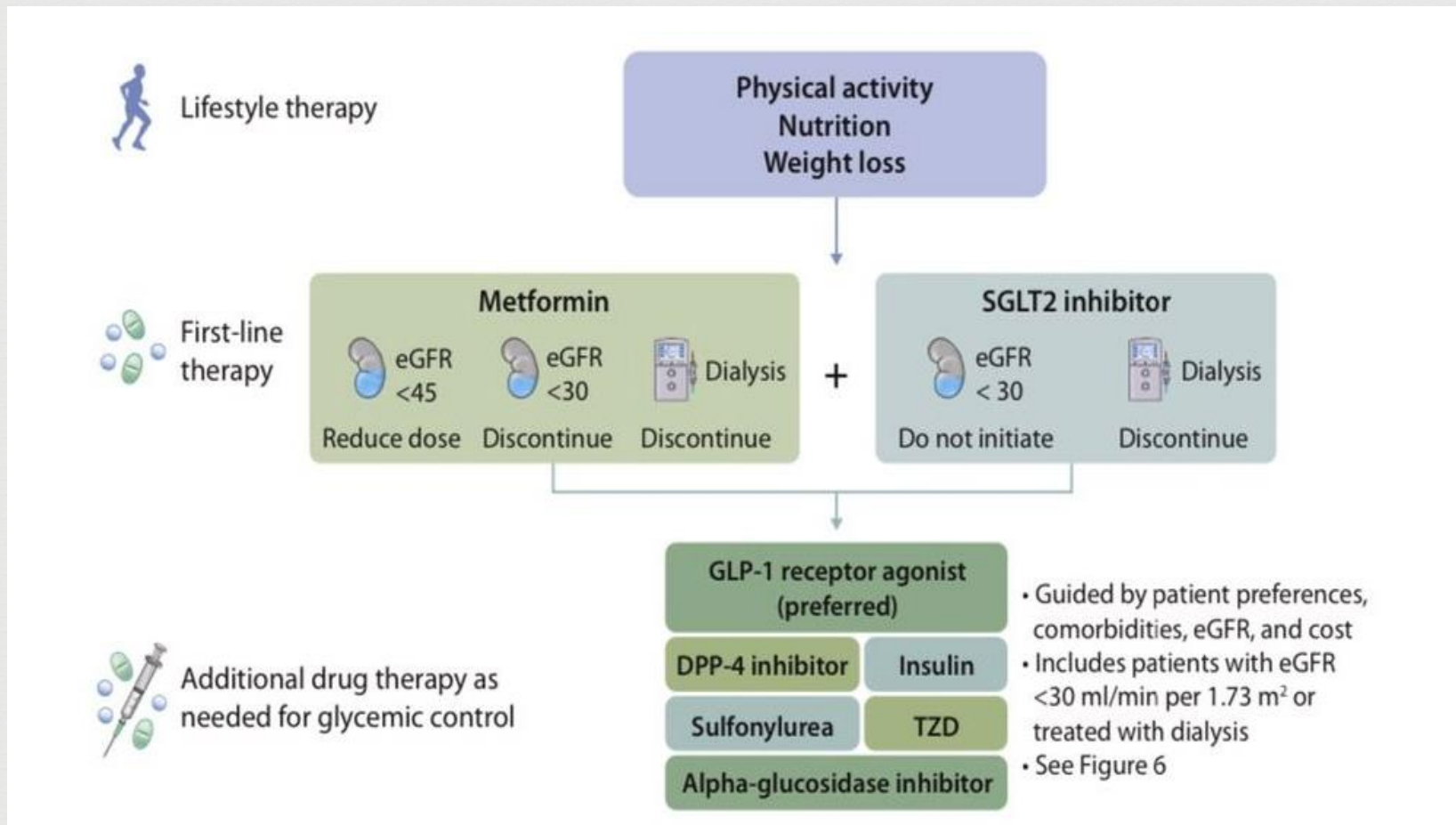
# Antihyperglycemic therapies

Drug	Trial	Kidney-related eligibility criteria	Primary outcome	Effect on albuminuria	Effect on GFR loss	Adverse effects
<b>Empagliflozin</b>	EMPA-REG OUTCOME	GFR $\geq$ 30 ml/min	MACE $\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow$	$\downarrow\downarrow$	Genital mycotic infections, DKA
<b>Liraglutide</b>	LEADER	GFR $\geq$ 15 ml/min	MACE $\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	GI
<b>Exenatide</b>	EXSCEL	GFR $\geq$ 30 ml/min	MACE $\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	None notable
<b>Sitagliptin</b>	SAVOR-TIMI 53	GFR $\geq$ 30 ml/min	MACE $\leftrightarrow$	NA	NA	None notable
<b>Linagliptin</b>	CARMELINA	GFR $\geq$ 15 ml/min	Progression of $\leftrightarrow$ CKD	$\downarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	None notable

placebo-controlled clinical outcome trials assessing the benefits and harms of (SGLT2) inhibitors, (GLP-1) receptor agonists, and (DPP-4) inhibitors

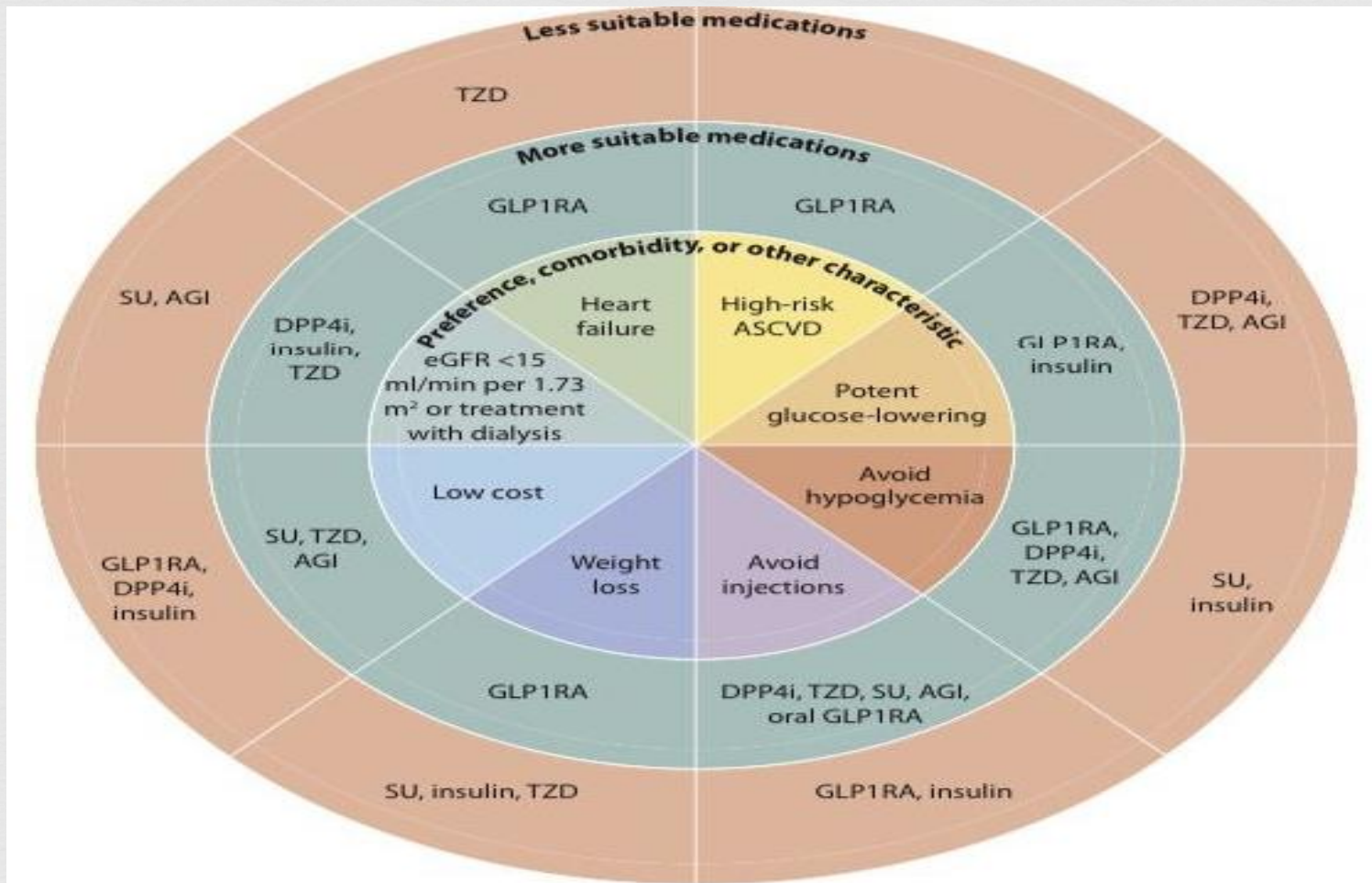
**MACE**, major adverse cardiovascular events including myocardial infarction, stroke, and cardiovascular death

# Antihyperglycemic therapies



**Treatment algorithm for selecting antihyperglycemic drugs for patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease**

# Antihyperglycemic therapies



**Patient factors influencing the selection of glucose-lowering drugs**

Medication	Metabolism	Labeling dosing by GFR	Dose in ESKD and/or dialysis
<b>Metformin</b>	Kidney	-No dose adjustment if <b>eGFR &gt; 45</b> mL/min -Do not start and reduce dose if already on therapy and <b>eGFR 30 to 45</b> mL/min -Discontinue if <b>eGFR &lt; 30</b> mL/min/	Contraindicated because of risk of lactic acidosis
<b>Glipizide</b>	Liver Excretion of < 10% of unchanged drug in urine	No dose adjustment if <b>eGFR &gt; 50</b> mL/min	No adjustment, but conservative initial dose (2.5 mg daily) recommended Use with caution
<b>Glimepiride</b>	Liver Excretion in urine 60% of drug	Consider alternative if <b>eGFR &lt; 15</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Start lower dose of glimepiride (eg, 1 mg daily), caution recommended because of risk of hypoglycemia
<b>Glyburide</b>	Kidney Excretion of 50% of drug in urine	Avoid use	Contraindicated
<b>Repaglinide</b>	Liver Minimal excretion of parent drug in urine	No dose adjustment if <b>eGFR &gt; 30</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Initiate conservatively at 0.5 mg with meals if eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Sitagliptin</b>	Kidney Excretion of 87% of unchanged drug in urine	100 mg daily if <b>eGFR &gt; 50</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> 50 mg daily if <b>eGFR 30 to 50</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> 25 mg daily if <b>eGFR &lt; 30</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Maximum dose of 25 mg daily
<b>Linagliptin</b>	Liver Excretion of < 5% to 7% of drug in urine	No dose adjustment	No dose adjustment



Medication	Metabolism	Labeling dosing by GFR	Dose in ESKD and/or dialysis
<b>Exenatide</b>	Proteolytic degradation following glomerular filtration Excretion of majority of dose in the urine	No dose adjustment if <b>eGFR &gt; 50</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> Caution when initiating or escalating doses if <b>eGFR 30 to 50</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> Not recommended with <b>eGFR &lt; 30</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Contraindicated
<b>Liraglutide</b>	Proteolytic degradation (not specific organ as a major route of elimination) Intact drug not detected in urine	No dose adjustment Post-marketing studies showed increased risk of gastrointestinal effects with higher doses Monitor for gastrointestinal reactions in patients with CKD	No dose adjustment Postmarketing studies showed increased risk of gastrointestinal effects with higher doses
<b>Empagliflozin</b>	Liver Excretion of 25% to 50% of unchanged drug in urine	No dose adjustment required if <b>eGFR ≥ 45</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Avoid use and discontinue in patients with eGFR <b>persistently &lt; 45</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Acarbose</b>	Intestinal	Avoid if <b>eGFR &lt; 30</b> mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Contraindicated
<b>Pioglitazone</b>	Liver Excretion of negligible amount of unchanged drug in urine	No dose adjustment	No dose adjustment recommended Caution with use given fluid retention and adverse effects on bone metabolism

# Management Of Hyperglycemia In Hospital/ Dialysis Unit

## On rapid acting insulin:

Patients should **reduce their usual breakfast (if morning dialysis), lunchtime (if afternoon dialysis) or evening insulin (if evening dialysis) by 10–15%** at the start of each shift

## On premixed/biphasic insulin:

Patients should **reduce dose by 10–15%** with breakfast (morning and afternoon dialysis) and with their evening meal (if starting evening dialysis)

## On long acting insulin:

Patients should **reduce dose by 25%** in the morning or in the evening of dialysis

## BLOOD GLUCOSE

### Pre-dialysis BGM <7mmol/L:

- Give 20–30g carbohydrate prior to dialysis
- Recheck BG
- BGM just before finishing dialysis
- May need a carbohydrate snack before end of dialysis

### Pre-dialysis BGM 7–15 mmol/L:

No action required

### BGM 7–15 mmol/L just before finishing dialysis

No action required

### BGM >15mmol/L just before finishing dialysis:

Ask patient to monitor BGs and seek advice from GP or Diabetes Specialist Nurse if persistently high

# Management Of Hypoglycemia In Hospital/ Dialysis Unit

Hypoglycaemia is blood glucose <4 mmol/L and may be asymptomatic

(If pre-dialysis blood glucose < 7 mmol/L, give 20–30g carbohydrate prior to dialysis)

## Mild hypoglycaemia

Sweaty  
Shaky  
Pale/hungry

## Moderate hypoglycaemia

Tingling lips/fingers  
Visual disturbance  
Anxious/restless (confusion)

## Severe hypoglycaemia

Decreased consciousness  
Fitting  
Coma

## HYPOGLYCAEMIA

### If conscious, give:

- 3–4 Dextrose tablets (5 g/tablet) or
- 1½ Glucogel (10 g/tube) or
- 1 cup Lucozade (90–120 mL) or 4 Jelly Babies/  
8 Jelly Beans (20g)

If symptoms improve after 15 minutes and BGM >4 mmol/L, give 10–20g complex carbohydrate (biscuit, milk, toast or sandwich) and recheck blood glucose to ensure response

If symptoms do not improve after 15 minutes, repeat above treatment. If BGM still <4 mmol/L, call the Medical Team immediately

### If unconscious, call the Medical Team:

#### Simultaneously also give:

- 20% Dextrose 100 mL over 15 minutes
- 1 mg glucagon injection  
(i.m. or s.c. if no i.v. access)

Once conscious, give 10–20 complex carbohydrate (biscuit, milk, toast or sandwich) and recheck blood glucose in 15 minutes

Ask the Medical Team to review medications/insulin before discharge

