



Our Alliance

Diabetes Alliance Integration Program

Diabetes Master class

Micro and Macrovascular complications Diabetes and Pregnancy

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Learning Objectives

- Micro and Macrovascular complications and implications for newer agents
- Diabetes and foot disease
- Diabetes and Pregnancy

Diabetes complications

- **Acute**

- Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) [beware euDKA with SGLT2i]
- Hyperosmolar hyperglycaemia state (HHS)
- Hypoglycaemia from treatment
- Immune paresis

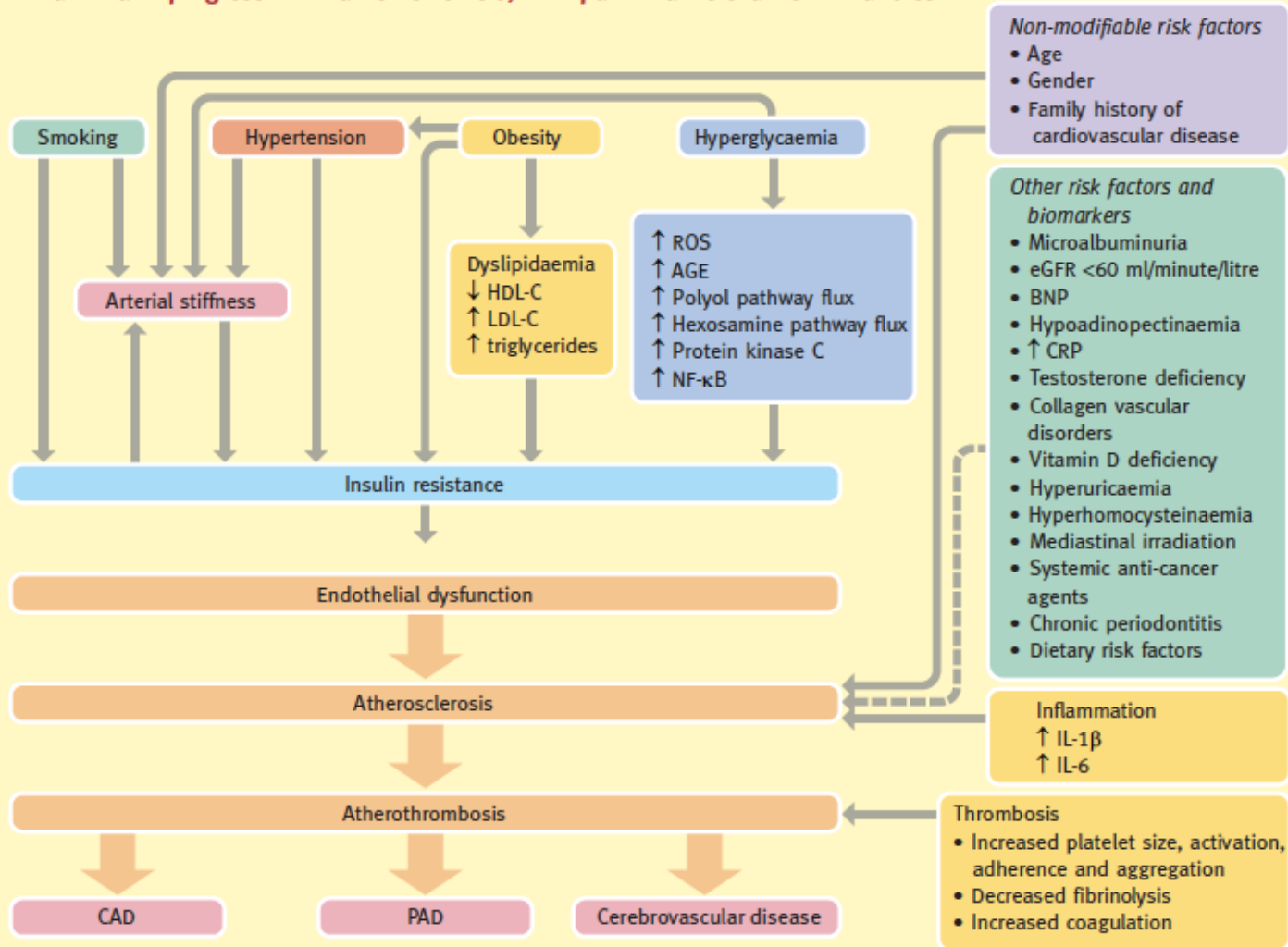
- **Chronic**

- Microvascular: nephropathy, neuropathy, retinopathy
- Macrovascular: IHD, PVD and CVD
- Neuropathy: peripheral, autonomic

Mechanism of development of chronic complications

- glycosylation of proteins
 - Transient
 - Permanent
 - Protein dysfunction
- Inflammatory activation
- Tissue hypoxia
- Excess energy storage (hyperinsulinemia)

Schematic representation summarizing the current understanding of the interaction between risk factors and the initiation and progression of atherosclerosis, with particular relevance to diabetes



Causality and directionality of relationships are not firmly established for all pathways and intermediate mechanisms shown.
 AGE, advanced glycation end-products; BNP, B-type natriuretic peptide; CAD, coronary artery disease; CRP, C-reactive protein; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; IL-1β, interleukin-1β; IL-6, interleukin-6; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; NF-κB, nuclear factor-κB; PAD, peripheral artery disease; ROS, reactive oxygen species.

Pre-existing Diabetes and Pregnancy

gestation	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	week 6
	Zygote spends 3 days in fallopian tube another 3 days in	Implantation in the uterus and establishment of contact	Neural tube formation and closure	Single chamber heart	Cardiac septation	Great vessels Primordial kidney

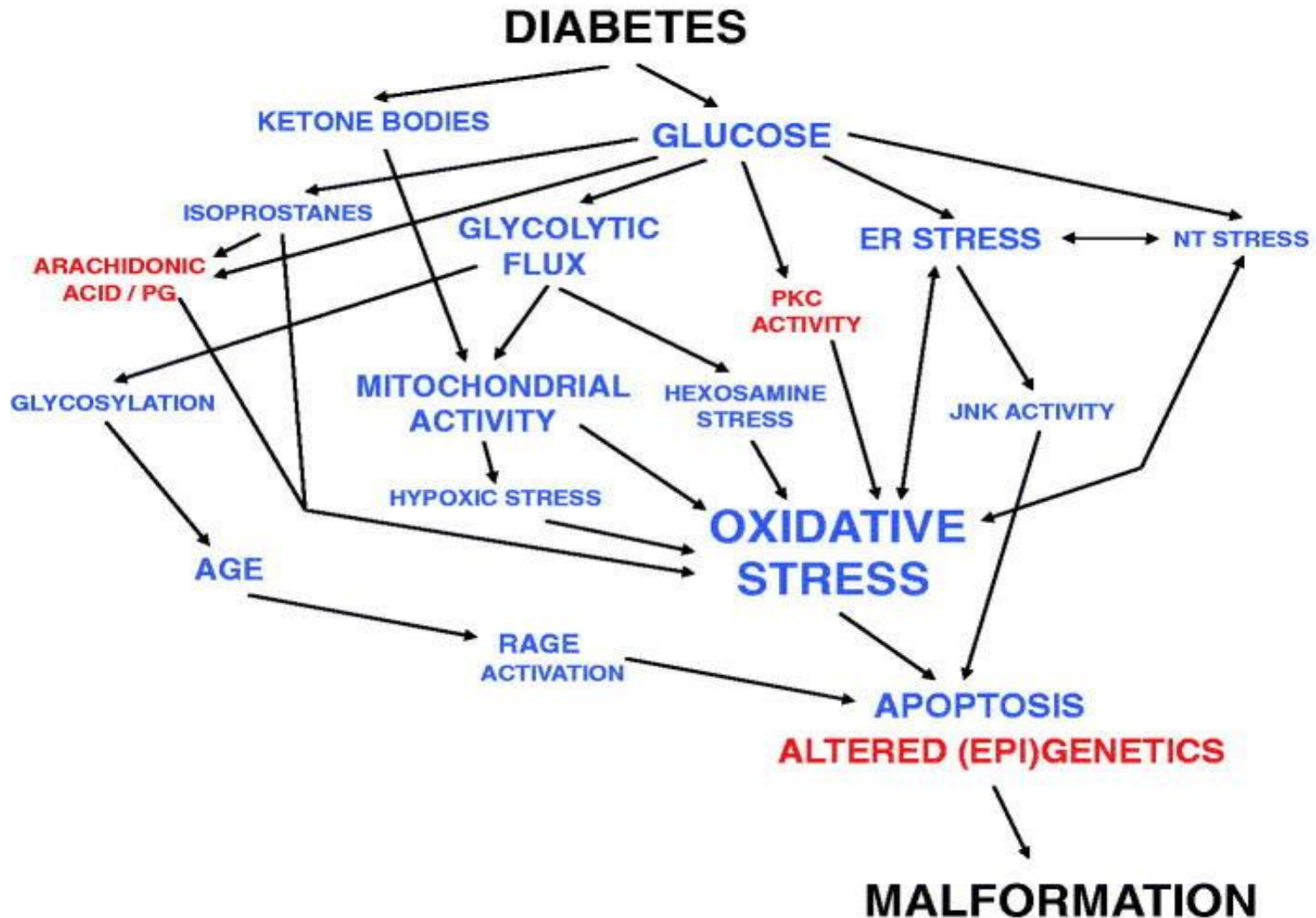
By the time woman comes with positive pregnancy test – it is too late to avoid major malformation

gestation	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
			Caudal regression	Anencephaly myelocoele	hydrocephalus	Spina bifida
				dextrocardia	Conus arteriosus defects	VSD Renal agenesis hypoplasia

OVER SUPPLY OF GLUCOSE AND ABNORMAL METABOLISM

hyperglycaemia

BEFORE BIRTH: High glucose is teratogenic



Diabetic embryopathy (before 7/40)

Vertebral anomalies

Anorectal malformation

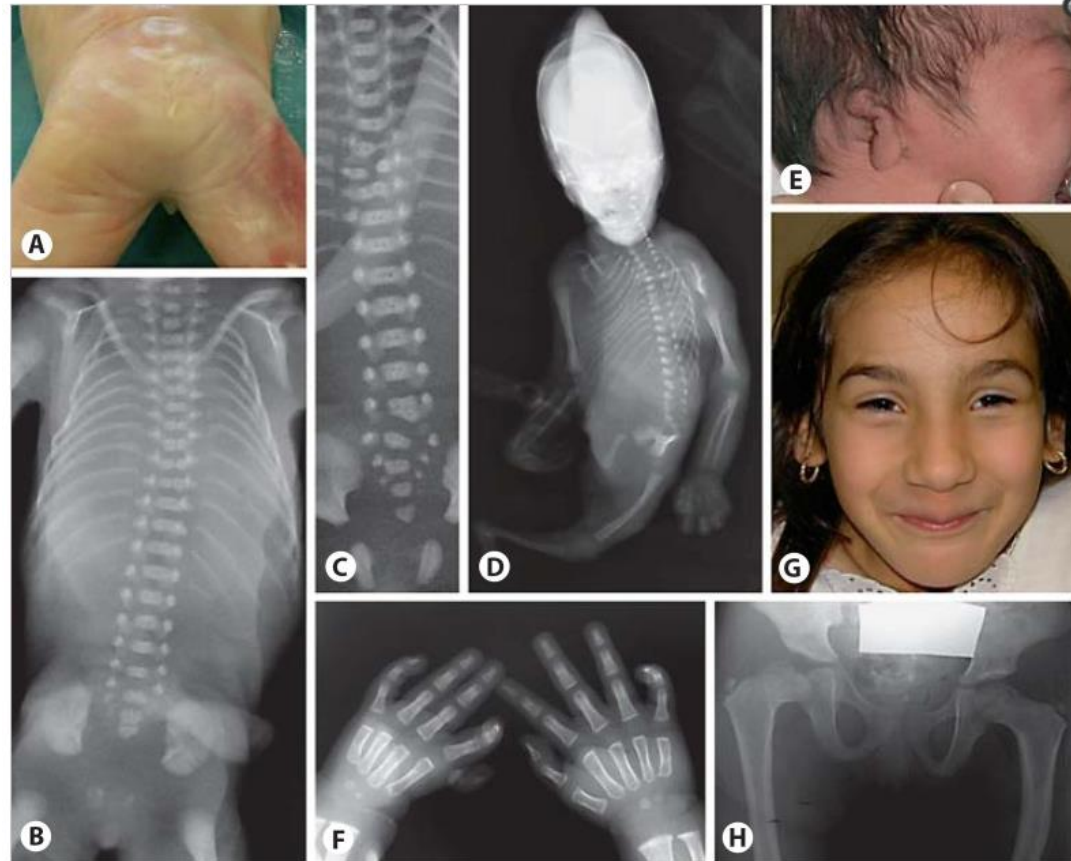
Cardiovascular anomalies

Tracheo-oesophageal fistula

Esophageal atresia

Renal anomalies

Limb defects

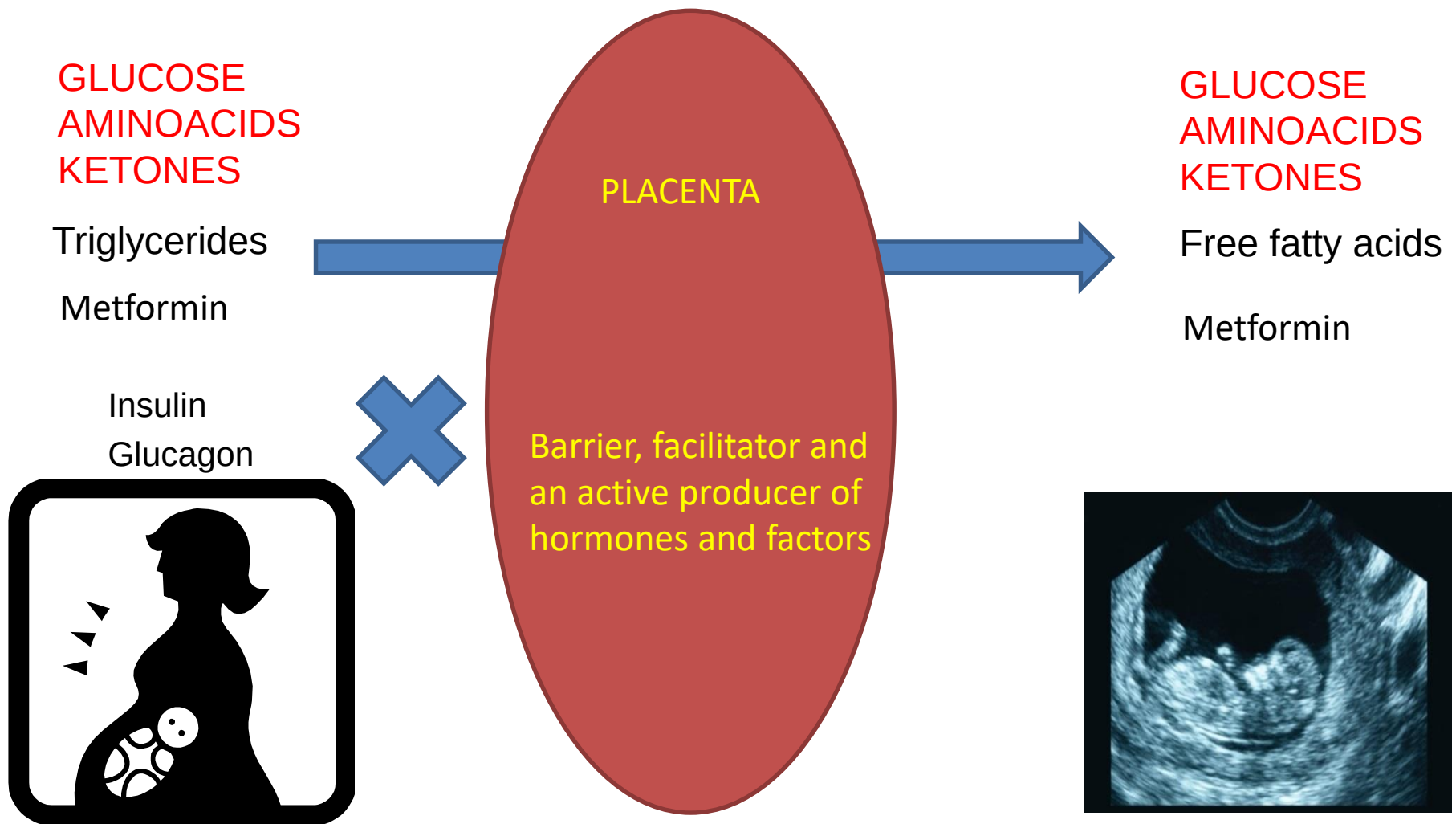


Risk of Birth Defects

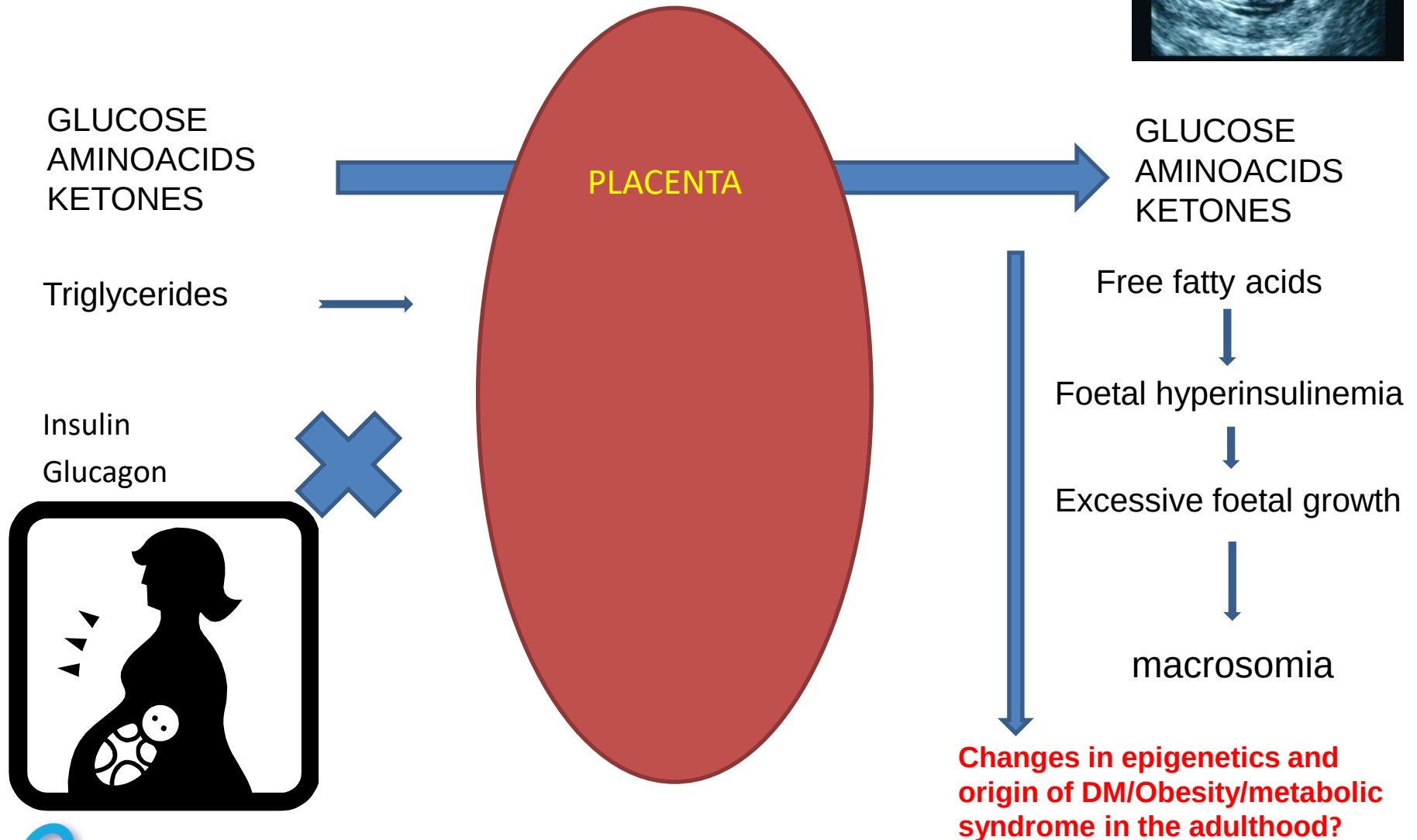


Birth defect	Relative frequency
<i>Nonblastogenic malformations</i>	
Bifid tongue	undetermined ^a
Cleft lip $\pm$ cleft palate	2.92 ^b
Facial dysmorphism	undetermined ^c
Hydrocephaly	8.80 ^b
Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (congenital)	15.10–61.60
Septo-optic dysplasia	undetermined ^a
<i>Blastogenic malformations</i>	
Anorectal atresia/stenosis	2.81–4.70 ^b
Caudal dysgenesis	53.00–200.00
Congenital heart defects	up to 18.24 ^d
Costovertebral segmentation defects	26.30–39.30 ^e
Holoprosencephaly	6.00–10.20
Longitudinal limb defects	up to 6.47 ^f
Microtia/anotia/hemifacial microsomia	2.40–3.75
Neural tube defects	2.90 ^{b, g}
Renal adysplasia	3.10–10.43 ^h
Sirenomelia	undetermined ^{b, i}
Thymus aplasia	29.62
Urorectal septum malformation	undetermined ^a

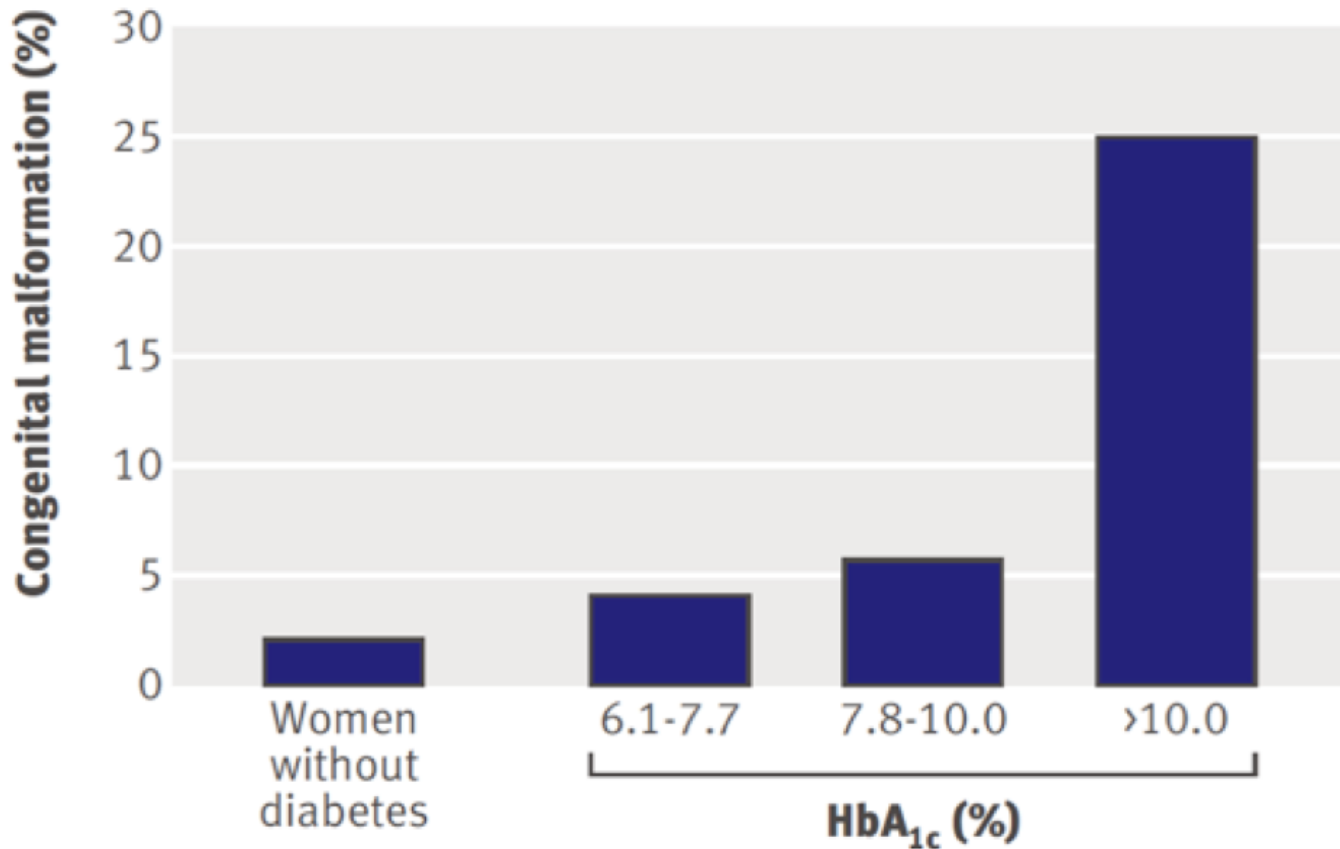
Role of maternal nutrition: a double edged sword



Maternal hyperglycemia and over nutrition



Malformation rates halved with every 1% reduction in HbA1c



Pre-conception counselling

- significantly lower prevalence of major congenital anomalies in women who attended for pre-pregnancy counselling (2.1% vs 6.5%; RR 0.36, 95% CI 0.22-0.59)
- CEMACH (UK):
 - Only 35% of women with pregestational diabetes received preconception counselling
 - 37% had a measurement of HbA1c level within the 6 month period before pregnancy
 - less than 39% were taking folic acid before conception.

Pre-conception counselling

- Contraception until care optimised
- General
 - Smoking cessation, alcohol minimisation, weight control
 - Folate 5mg daily for at least 1 month prior
- Specific
 - Check B12 if on metformin
 - Tight BGL control
 - Fasting 4-5.5, 1 hr <8, 2h <7mmol/l
 - HbA1c <6%-7%
 - Complication screening – eye, proteinuria, TSH
 - Review medications
 - Stop ACEI, ARB, statin, beta-blocker
 - Control BP (prazosin, labetolol, nifedipine, methyldopa)
 - Stop OHA (except metformin)
 - Stop GLP-1 analogues
 - Commence insulin therapy when BGL levels are outside the target

First trimester (T1D/T2D) adverse effects

- Glycaemic disturbance with nausea and pregnancy
 - recurrent hypoglycaemia, DKA
- Increased risk of miscarriage (twice more likely)
 - Hyperglycaemia, maternal vascular disease including placental insufficiency, immunogenic factors and dysmorphogenesis
- Congenital malformation

Second and third trimester

Effects on Diabetes (risks to mother)

- Increased risk of retinopathy, nephropathy, HT, CVS effects
 - rapid HbA1c drop, angiogenic factors, anaemia, HT and alteration in blood volume
- Increasing insulin requirement (often 2-3 times the pre-pregnancy dose)
- Hypoglycaemia unawareness

Effects on Pregnancy

- PIH, Pre-eclampsia, renal dysfunction
- Pre-term labour, use of steroids
- labour intervention including caesarean section

Effects on foetus

- Macrosomia
- Birth injuries
 - Shoulder dystocia, fractures, brachial plexus injuries, birth asphyxia
- Still birth
- Neonatal hypoglycaemia, seizures, jaundice

Does maternal hypoglycaemia affect foetus adversely?

- No systematic studies
- potentially teratogenic in first trimester (animal studies)
- Foetal brain can utilise lactate
- Avoid prolonged severe hypoglycaemia (BGL<3)
- Safe to use glucagon

Antenatal management for T1D and T2D

- Best managed in MDT setting with diabetes physician and obstetricians
- regular reviews (at least 2 weekly)
- Fasting BGL target 4-5.5, 2hr post prandial <7mmol/l
- ketone testing if BGL>10mmol/l
- Monitor biochemical parameters (HbA1c, EUC, Urine ACR, FBC)
- retinal screening each trimester
- Sonography (Dating scan, anomaly scan, cardiac scan and growth scans)
- Aim to deliver around 38-39 weeks

Intra- and post partum

- Peri-partum: close monitoring and strict glycaemic control (BGL 4-6mmol/l) -IV insulin/dextrose/KCl
- Most require <50% insulin following delivery
 - Halve insulin dosage or return to pre-pregnancy dosage
- Safe to breast feed but beware of hypoglycaemia
 - Many women with T2DM may be managed on diet alone whilst breast feeding
- Monitor BGL regularly
- Advise contraception, arrange clinical review 6-8 weeks
 - ARB/ACEi/statin excreted into breast milk

Gestational Diabetes

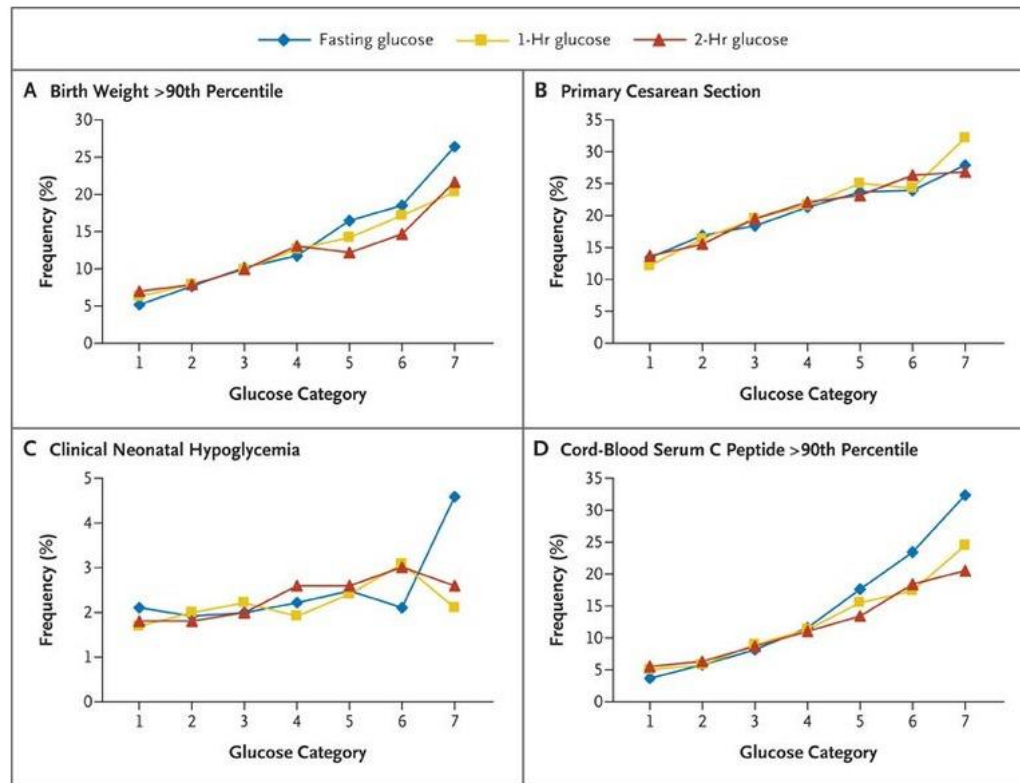
- Affects 12-20% of pregnancy
- High Risk groups: age >30, BMI, previous GDM, previous macrosomic baby, family history, ethnic group, glycosuria, PCOS – screen with f. BGL and HbA1c ASAP
- Universal screening at 24-28 weeks unless high risk – earlier screening (refer to Health pathway)
- GDM diagnosed at 24-28 weeks on 75g OGTT based on 1 positive criteria [OR 1.75]

fasting ≥ 5.1

1h ≥ 10

2h ≥ 8.5

Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes



Treatment of GDM

Target: fasting BGL <5.1 , 2h <6.7 mmol/l

- Nutritional advice
- Moderate exercise (walking, swimming)
- BGL monitoring – 4 times a day
- metformin (crosses placenta but appears to be safe)
- Insulin therapy

Start Protaphane before bed and titrate to keep fasting BGL <5.2

Add NovoRapid with meals if prandial readings are >6.7 mmol/l

- Fetal monitoring – US 4th wkly, Growth centile, Amniotic fluid index



When to deliver

- Higher rates of unexplained late fetal death
- Balance between premature delivery and increased fetal death
 - T1DM 36-38 weeks
 - T2DM 38-40 weeks

Post-pregnancy care: GDM

- Cease all treatment once placenta delivered
- Encourage breastfeeding
- OGTT at 6 weeks postpartum
 - Up to 50% will develop T2DM over next 5 yrs
- Lifestyle advice to delay development of T2DM
- Screen 1-3yrly for development of diabetes
- Recurrence rates up to 68%
 - Future pregnancies – screen at diagnosis
 - Repeat at 16-18 + 28/40

HNELHD Pregnancy Guideline 2017

- Available on intranet
- ** Includes IV insulin protocol for labour/steroids
- High risk women should be delivered in center with NICU

Microvascular Complications

- Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy
- Diabetic Autonomic neuropathy
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Diabetic Nephropathy
- Diabetic foot disease*

Macrovascular Complications

- IHD
- PVD
- Stroke
- Cardiac failure*

Peripheral neuropathy

- Common
 - symptomatic neuropathy at least 10% prevalence
 - asymptomatic PN widely present
- Length dependent, symmetric (Glove and stocking)
- Thoracic and lumbar polyradiculopathy (Diabetic amyotrophy)
- Cranial (commonly oculomotor) and peripheral nerve palsy (median)
- Mononeuritis multiplex
- Treatment induced neuropathy (insulin neuritis)

Diagnosis

- History
- Foot examination
 - Pin prick, temperature, 10g monofilament = small fibre function
 - Vibration (125Hz), proprioception, pressure and reflexes = large fibre
- Ankle and knee reflexes, muscle power and gait
- And finally inspect the FOOTWARE!
- Nerve Conduction studies only if diagnosis in doubt or to exclude other causes

Management

- Most important: foot protection and prevention of ulcers!
- Engage podiatrists for treatment and surveillance
- **Improve glycaemia**, B12 deficiency, lipids, BP and lifestyle
- Pain relief as needed (pregabalin, low dose amitriptyline, duloxetine, venlafaxine, gabapentin)
- Capsaicin cream
- Avoid opiates
- Most patients settle down with improved glycaemia and time



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THE DIABETIC FOOT

2016
NATIONAL
DIABETES
WEEK

10-16 July

DURING THIS
WEEK....



OVER
400

People have been diagnosed
with diabetic foot disease



7,000

Hospital beds have been used due to
diabetic foot disease

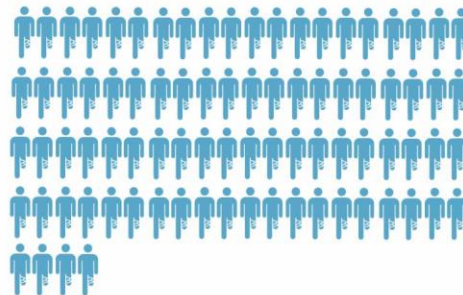
\$7 MILLION

has been spent on
diabetic foot disease
hospitalisations



84
PEOPLE

have had an
amputation
as a result of
diabetic foot
disease.



28 people have **lost**
their lives as a
result of diabetic
foot disease.

5yr survival with breast cancer 90%

DIABETES

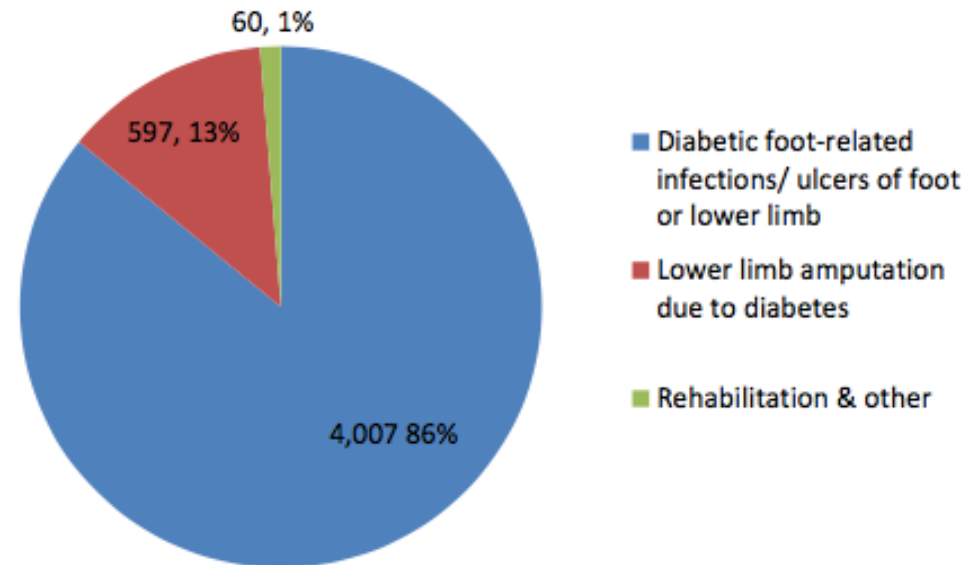
Mortality – 5 yrs

Charcot Foot : 28.3%

Diabetic Foot Ulcer : 37%

Local data

- Diabetic foot procedures had the highest average length of stay of 20 days.
- Cost for diabetic foot procedures doubled between 2012-13 and 2014-15



Diabetic foot ulcer

- Neuropathy
 - Sensory
 - Autonomic
- Vascular ischemia
 - 25% asymptomatic
- Trauma
 - Infection
- Impaired immunity

Box 1 | Key components of the diabetic foot exam

Evidence of past and/or present ulcers

Foot shape

- Prominent metatarsal heads/claw toes
- Hallux valgus
- Muscle wasting
- Charcot deformity

Dermatological

- Callus
- Erythema
- Sweating

Neurological

- 10g monofilament at four sites on each foot and one of the following:
 - Vibration using 128 Hz tuning fork
 - Pinprick sensation
 - Ankle reflexes
 - Vibration perception threshold

Vascular

- Foot pulses
- Ankle brachial index (if indicated)
- Doppler wave forms

Revascularisation

- Restoration of skin perfusion is considered to be a critical component of treatment.
- In individuals with critical ischaemia who did not undergo revascularization had a rate of major amputation of 23%-46% and a rate of wound healing of 53% at 1 year.
- Toe pressure <60mmHg – unlikely to heal without revascularisation

Management principles

- Any systemic sepsis: need admission
- Commence antibiotics if infection suspected
- **OFF LOAD**
- Wound care
- Revascularisation
- Optimise glycaemic management
- High risk foot clinic referral ASAP

Pathophysiology – Charcot's



Neurovascular

Autonomic Dysregulation
Hyperemia
AV Shunting
Increased Bone resorption



Neurotraumatic

↓ Proprioception
↓ Vibration & Pain
+

Repetitive stress - Insensate joint
Microfractures

Pathophysiology

Neuro
vascular

Neuro
traumatic

Obesity

*Modern
Theory*

↓ Vitamin D

INFLAMMATION

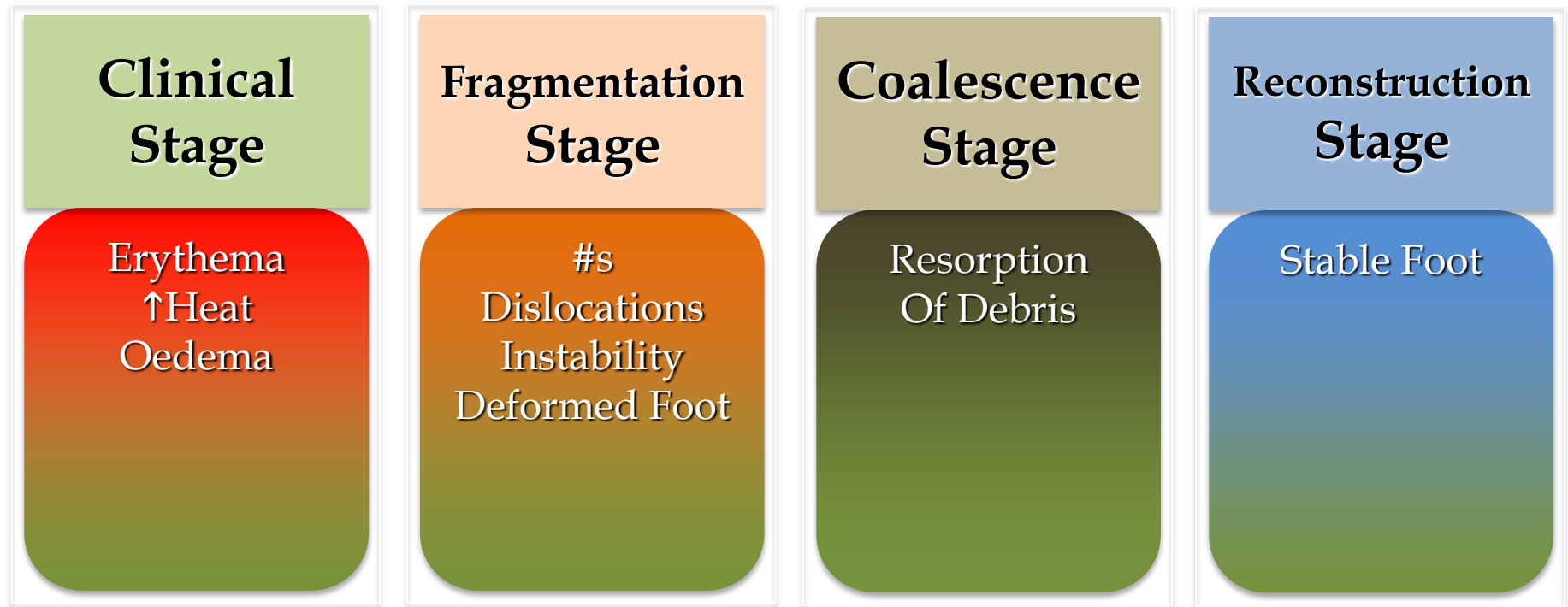
↑TNF- α , IL-1 β , IL-6
↓ IL-4 and IL-10¹

↑ RANK-L :
(NF κ B)

↓ CGRP, eNOS²
↑Osteoclasts

Diabetic Neuro-(osteo)-Arthropathy

Eichenholtz Classification - Clinical Progression





Clinical Stage

Erythema
↑Heat
Oedema

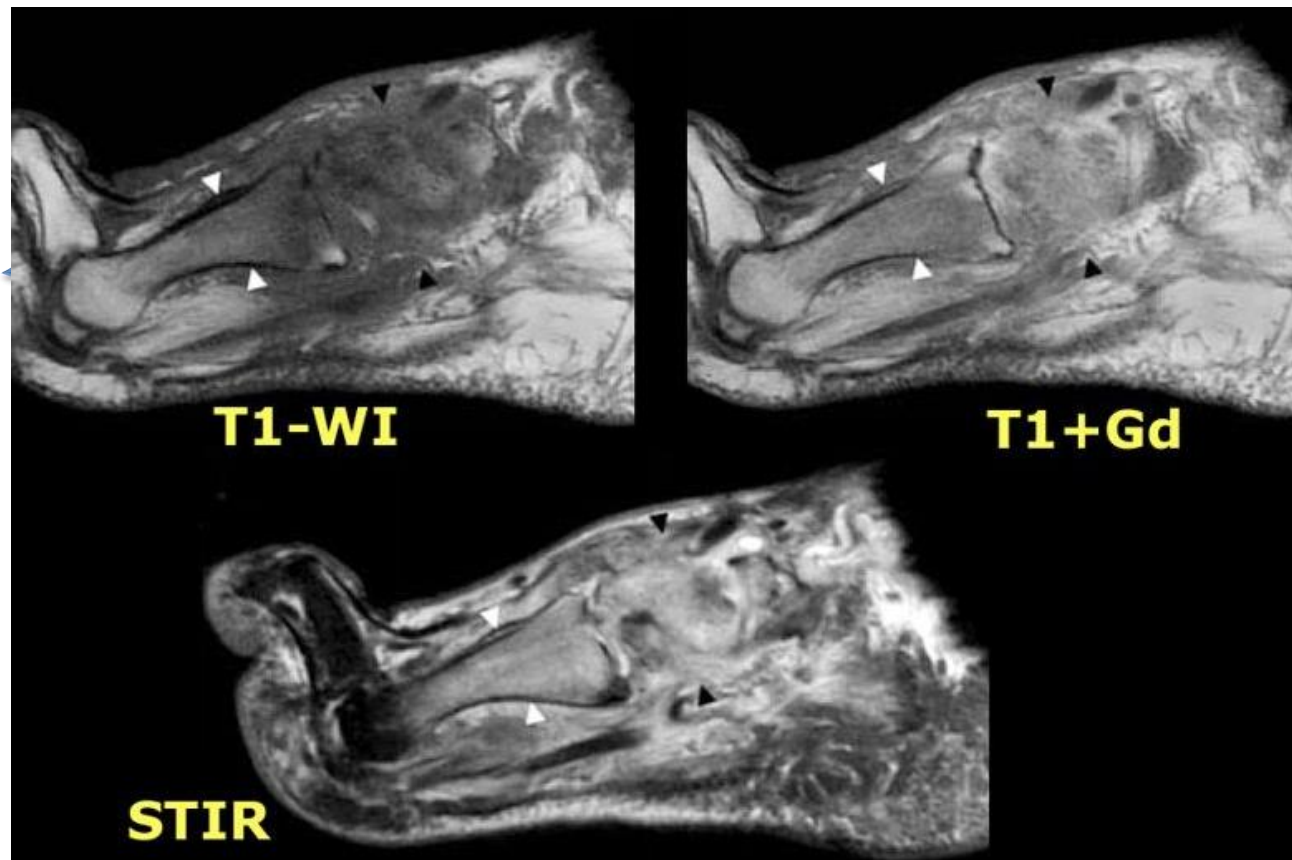
Early Detection

High Index of Suspicion –Neuropathy
Age : 5th-6th decade
Diabetes ~10years
Overweight
Osteopenia*

Clinical Stage

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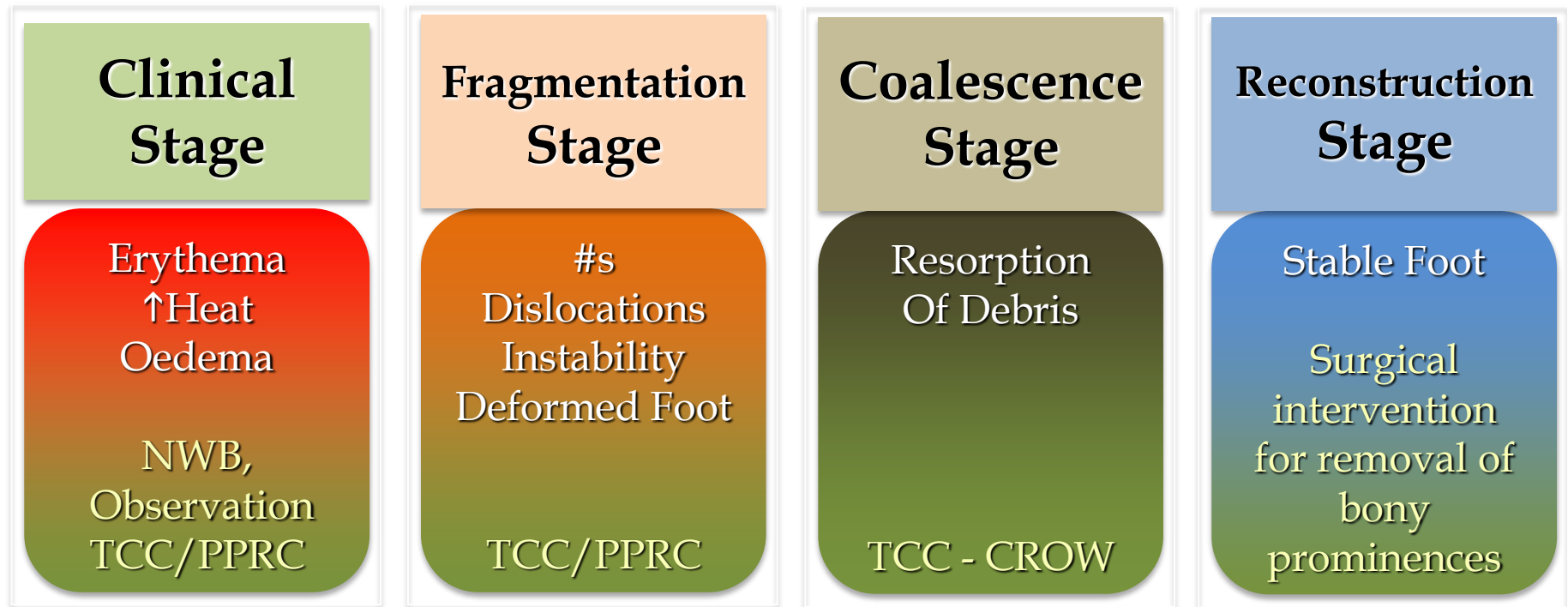
NO weight
bearing,
Close
Observation
TCC/PPRC



Kelikian AS. Operative treatment of the foot and ankle. Stamford, Conn.: Appleton & Lange,

Eichenholtz Classification

Clinical Progression



Imaging



Midfoot – 60%

Forefoot

**Hindfoot –
30%**



Demineralisation of bone
Periarticular fragmentation
Joint dislocation

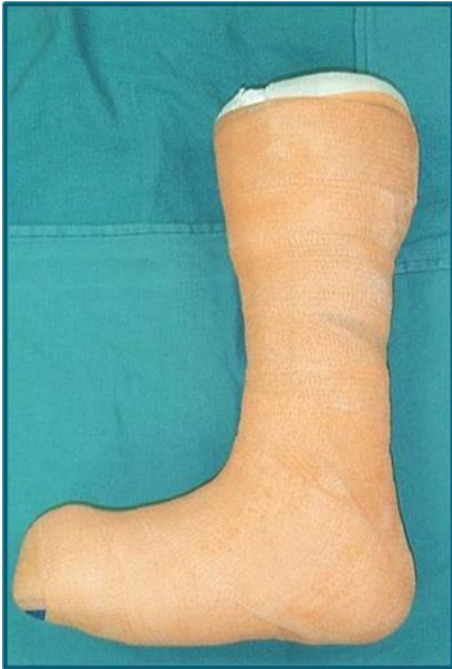
Coalescence Stage

Resorption
Of Debris

TCC - CROW

Treatment

- Immobilisation (Mean duration ~18 weeks)



Total Contact Cast



Prefabricated Pneumatic
Removable Cast



Charcot Removable
Orthotic Walker

Surgical Indications

1. Severe deformity unable to brace
2. Marked instability
3. Ulcers
 - aim to try and heal ulcer first
 - may be caused by fixed bony deformity
4. Soft tissues at risk

Diabetic Foot Pathway

Presentation

Diabetic patient with foot ulcer / swelling / infection

History, examination and investigations

Consider CRP / FBC / UEC / LFT / HbA1c

Radiology, wound swab*

Admission criteria

Sepsis* (evaluate through sepsis pathway)

Ascending cellulitis

Ulcers, abscess or osteomyelitis which require surgical debridement

Acute arterial insufficiency

Necrosis/limb threatening infection

Contact appropriate team for admission

Cellulitis / Superficial infection—Infectious Diseases / General Medicine

If Surgical Debridement would be required

If pedal pulses are absent - Vascular Surgery

If pedal pulses are present - Orthopaedic Surgery

*If clinically relevant - Collection technique : Refer to Wound Swab – Specimen Collection HNELHD CP 14_40

Known MRSA, Vancomycin resistant enterococcus, Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae - additional contact precautions required (Patient is isolated. Clinician is bare below elbows, performs hand hygiene then dons apron and gloves prior to room entry. Discard apron and gloves in room and perform hand hygiene after exit)

Treatment of infection

Superficial infection

Outpatient treatment :

Dicloxacillin

For patients with immediate hypersensitivity to penicillin

Doxycycline

Continue until next clinical review within 14 days

Inpatient treatment :

IV Flucloxacillin

Deep infection

Piperacillin + Tazobactam

For patients with immediate hypersensitivity to penicillin

Ciprofloxacin

+

Clindamycin

For MRSA - Add Vancomycin and review therapy in 48 hours

For dosage—Refer eTG or MIMS

Could it be Charcot's Arthropathy ?

Presentation : red, hot, swollen foot

Risk factors: Any neuropathy, previous Charcot arthropathy,

Helpful hints

Unilateral signs, acute/subacute onset, minimal or no trauma,

Relatively low CRP

X-rays of both feet -weight-bearing (can be normal in early disease),
Differential diagnoses : Cellulitis, Gout, DVT, congestive heart failure

Treatment

Immobilise foot with CAM & crutches or wheelchair IMMEDIATELY

&

URGENT REFERRAL TO HIGH RISK FOOT CLINIC

Patients who could be safely discharged from ED

Apply a CAM Boot and referral to community nursing for dressing

+

Antibiotic therapy as appropriate

+

Referral to High Risk Foot Clinic for follow-up

Referral (link to referral form)

Fax : 49242502

Podiatry Contact Number : 40164687 or 49223023

Departments of Emergency Medicine, Orthopaedics, Infectious Diseases, Endocrinology and Vascular Surgery

Take Home Points

- Recognise : Charcot's Neuroarthropathy should be considered whenever there is an inflamed foot with background neuropathy
- Clinical clue: warm foot with bounding pulses
- Early Disease – minimal radiological changes (may need MRI – Foot)
- Offloading – cornerstone of management

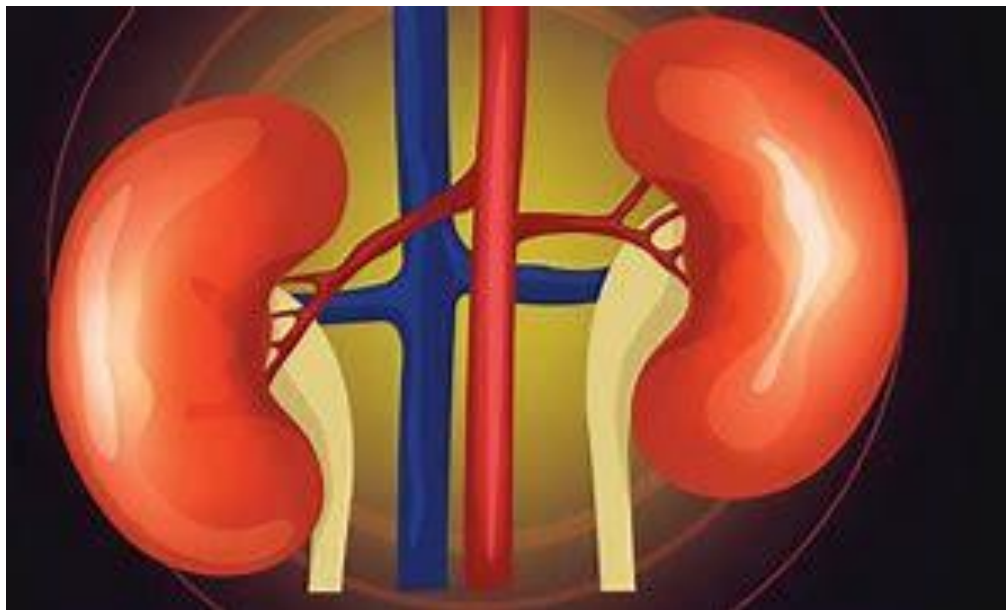
Autonomic neuropathy

- Wide spread or local autonomic nervous system dysfunction
- Cardiovascular: postural hypotension, resting tachycardia, exercise intolerance, intra operative instability, MI and sudden death
- GI: gastroparesis, diarrhoea or constipation
- Genitourinary: bladder dysfunction, ejaculatory or erectile dysfunction, orgasm failure, dyspareunia

Autonomic neuropathy

- Difficult to manage
 - Dietary modifications
 - Lifestyle modifications – compression stockings
 - Drugs: midodrine, domperidone, prucalopride
- May improve with sustained glycemic control over time

Diabetic nephropathy



Natural History of Diabetic Nephropathy

	Designation	Characteristics	GFR (minimum)	Albumin Excretion	Blood Pressure	Chronology
Stage 1	Hyperfunction and hypertrophy	Glomerular hyperfiltration	Increased in type 1 and type 2	May Be Increased	Type 1 normal Type 2 normal hypertension	Present at time of diagnosis
Stage 2	Silent stage	Thickened BM Expanded mesangium	Normal	Type 1 normal Type 2 may be <30-300 mg/d	Type 1 normal Type 2 normal hypertension	First 5 years
Stage 3	Incipient stage	Microalbuminuria	GFR begins to fall	30-300 mg/d	Type 1 increased Type 2 normal hypertension	6-15 years
Stage 4	Overt diabetic nephropathy	Macroalbuminuria	GFR below N	>300 mg/d	Hypertension	15-25 years
Stage 5	Uremic	ESRD	0-10	Decreasing	Hypertension	25-30 years

What is microalbuminuria?

- Microalbuminuria = leakage of small quantities of albumin into the urine (below detection on dipstick) due to increased permeability in the glomeruli
- Common causes: diabetic kidney disease, Hypertension, glomerulonephritis
- “False” positive can occur after vigorous exercise, fever, sexual intercourse, UTI, menses so retesting is needed to confirm
- microalbuminuria is potentially reversible with improved glycaemia, BP control, ACE inhibition, SGLT2i and GLP1-RA however once macroalbuminuria occurs progression to end stage renal disease inevitable

Diagnosis, classification and staging of CKD

Kidney function stage	GFR (mL/min/1.73m ²)	Albuminuria stage		
		Normal (urine ACR mg/mmol) Male: < 2.5 Female: < 3.5	Microalbuminuria (urine ACR mg/mmol) Male: 2.5-25 Female: 3.5-35	Macroalbuminuria (urine ACR mg/mmol) Male: > 25 Female: > 35
1	≥90	Not CKD unless haematuria, structural or pathological abnormalities present		
2	60-89			
3a	45-59			
3b	30-44			
4	15-29			
5	<15 or on dialysis			

Risks of progressive CKD denoted as low (green), moderate (yellow), high (orange) and very high (red).

[For specific management plans refer to Chronic Kidney Disease Management in General Practice [1]]

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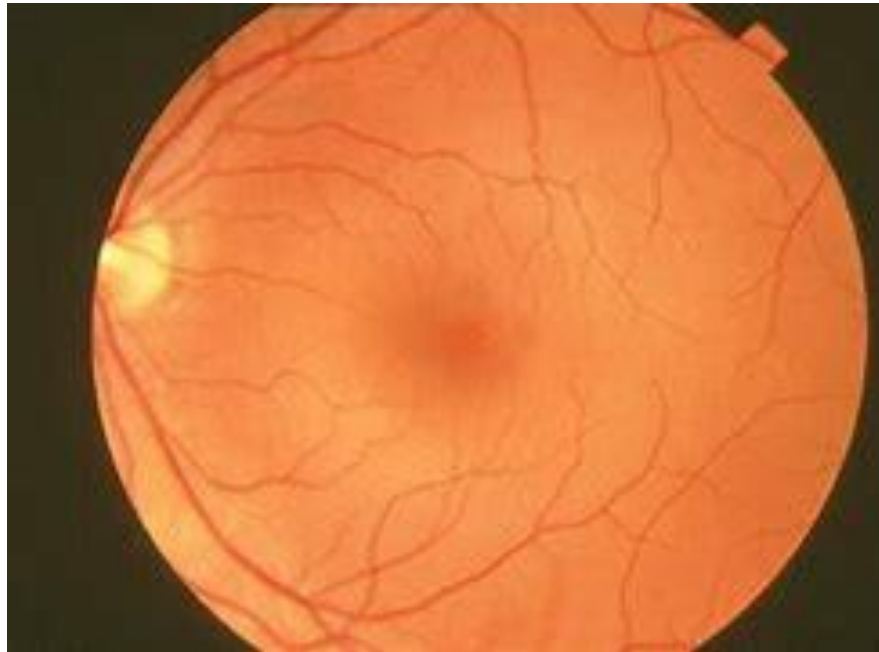
- For patients with CKD, the combination of a low GFR and albuminuria or proteinuria places them at a greater risk of CKD progression at all ages, than those with just low GFR, albuminuria or proteinuria.
- A measured or estimated GFR <45 mL/min/1.73m² is associated with increased risks of adverse renal, cardiovascular and other clinical outcomes, irrespective of age.



Diabetic renal disease

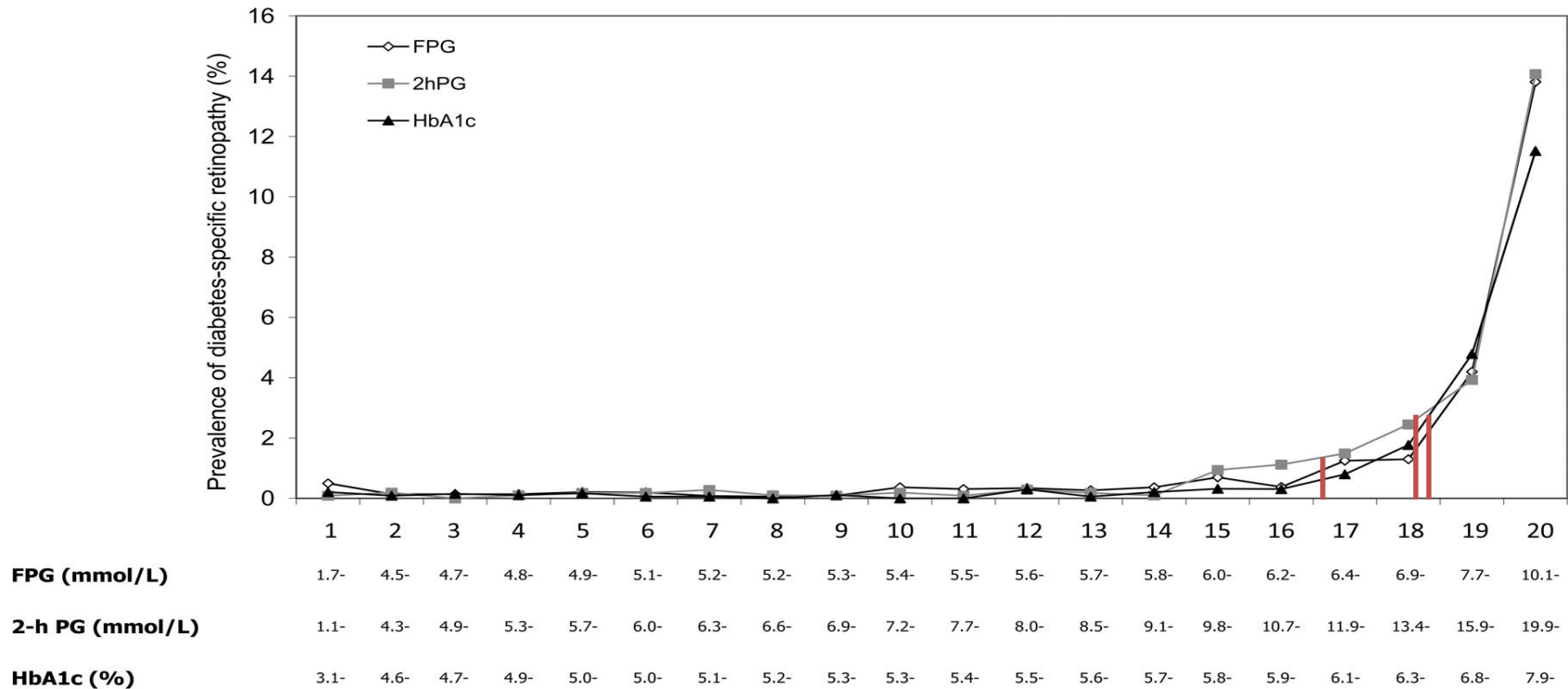
- Check urine ACR for ALL patients with diabetes at least annually
- If Microalbuminuria confirmed, maximise ACEI (ARB) and start SGLT2i if no contraindication (eGFR>15*)
- Improve glucose control and other vascular risks
- Specialist management required
 - Progressive microalbuminuria (ACR>30mg/mmol)
 - reduction in GFR (<30ml/min)
 - Nephrotic syndrome: overt proteinuria (ACR >300mg/mmol) or hypoalbuminemia
 - Other signs of kidney failure : Anemia, acidosis, hyperkalemia
- Occasionally renal biopsy is warranted to exclude other causes

Diabetic retinopathy



Diabetic Retinopathy

Prevalence of diabetes-specific retinopathy (moderate or more severe retinopathy) by vigintiles of the distribution of FPG, 2-h PG, and A1C.



Diabetic Retinopathy

- Risk factors:
 - Duration of diabetes
 - Degree of glycaemia (variability of glycaemia)
 - Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, Smoking
 - African-American
 - Pregnancy
- Screening: at least every 12-18 month
- Prevention:
 - Fenofibrate slows progression in T2DM
 - Mediterranean diet appear beneficial
 - ?Omega 3 supplementation
 - Macuvision (macular oedema)

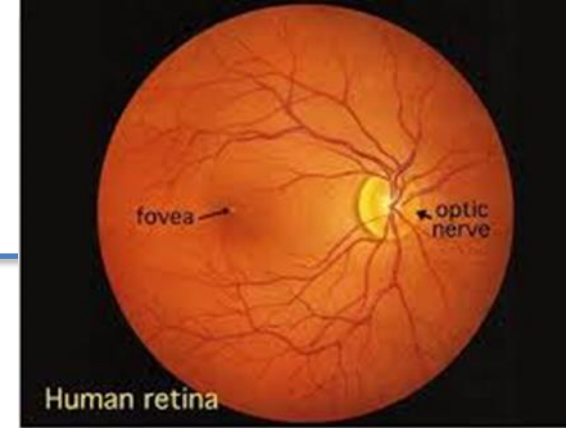
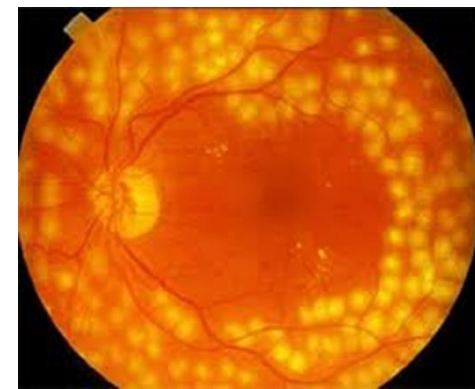


Figure 1. A view of the retina seen through an ophthalmoscope.



Erectile dysfunction

- Male erectile dysfunction is very common in diabetes
- Multifactorial including vascular and neurogenic, compounded by smoking, alcohol, obesity, low testosterone
- Inability to sustain erection, premature/delayed/retrograde/absent ejaculation
- Female sexual dysfunction is also being recognised

Macrovascular disease

- IHD (15%) PVD (30%) and CVD
- Atherosclerosis induced
- Duration of DM and degree of metabolic risk control
- Smoking and family history
- Macrovascular disease start at prediabetes

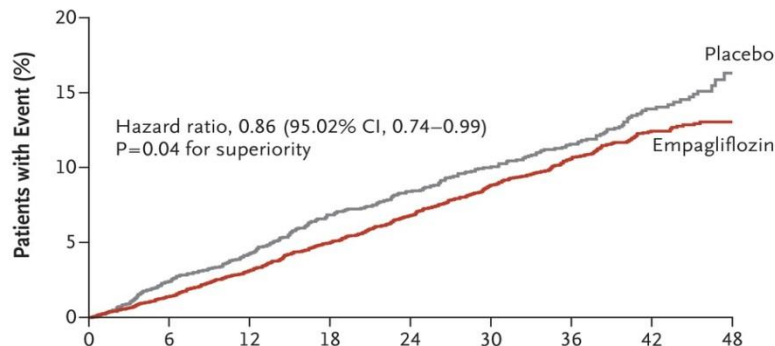
Treatment

- Counselling should include partners whenever possible
- Treatment may or may not work
- Consider PDE5 inhibitors – daily or PRN
- Caverject injections
- Penile pump
- Referral to Endocrinology or Urology

Newer agents and vascular complications of Diabetes

EMPA-REG: Cardiovascular Outcomes And Death From Any Cause.

A Primary Outcome

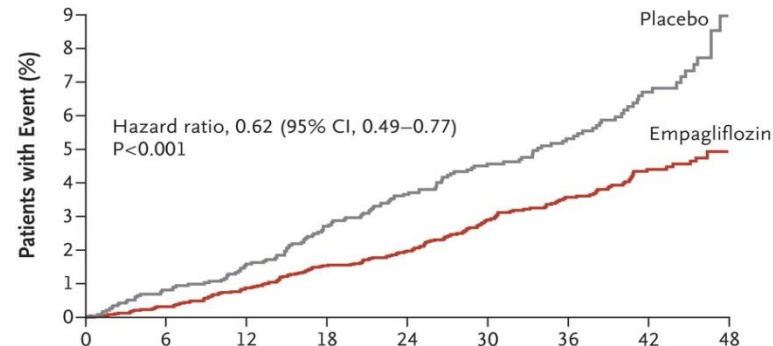


No. at Risk
Empagliflozin
Placebo

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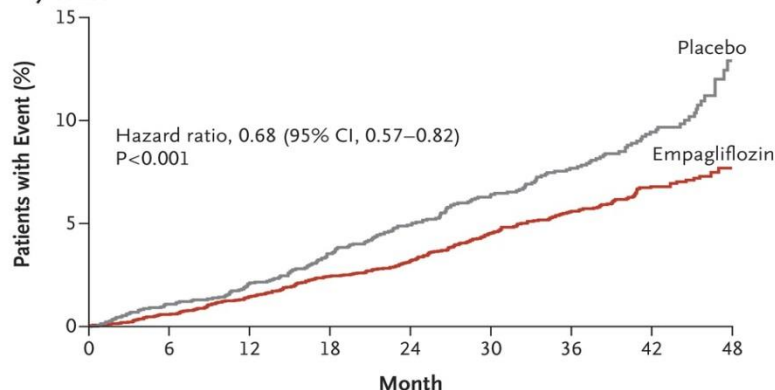
NNT = 39 to prevent 1 death over 3 years

B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



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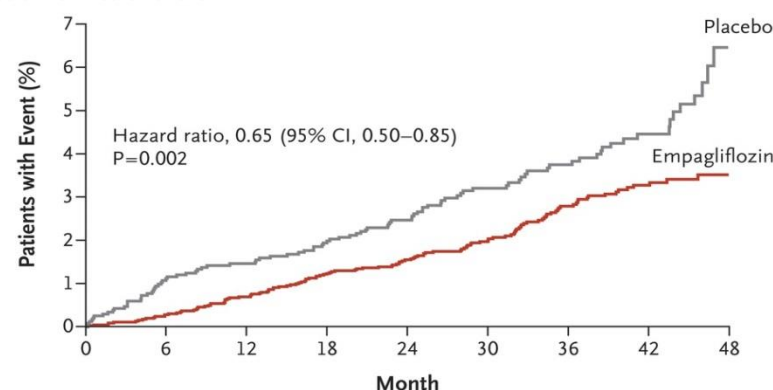
C Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk
Empagliflozin
Placebo

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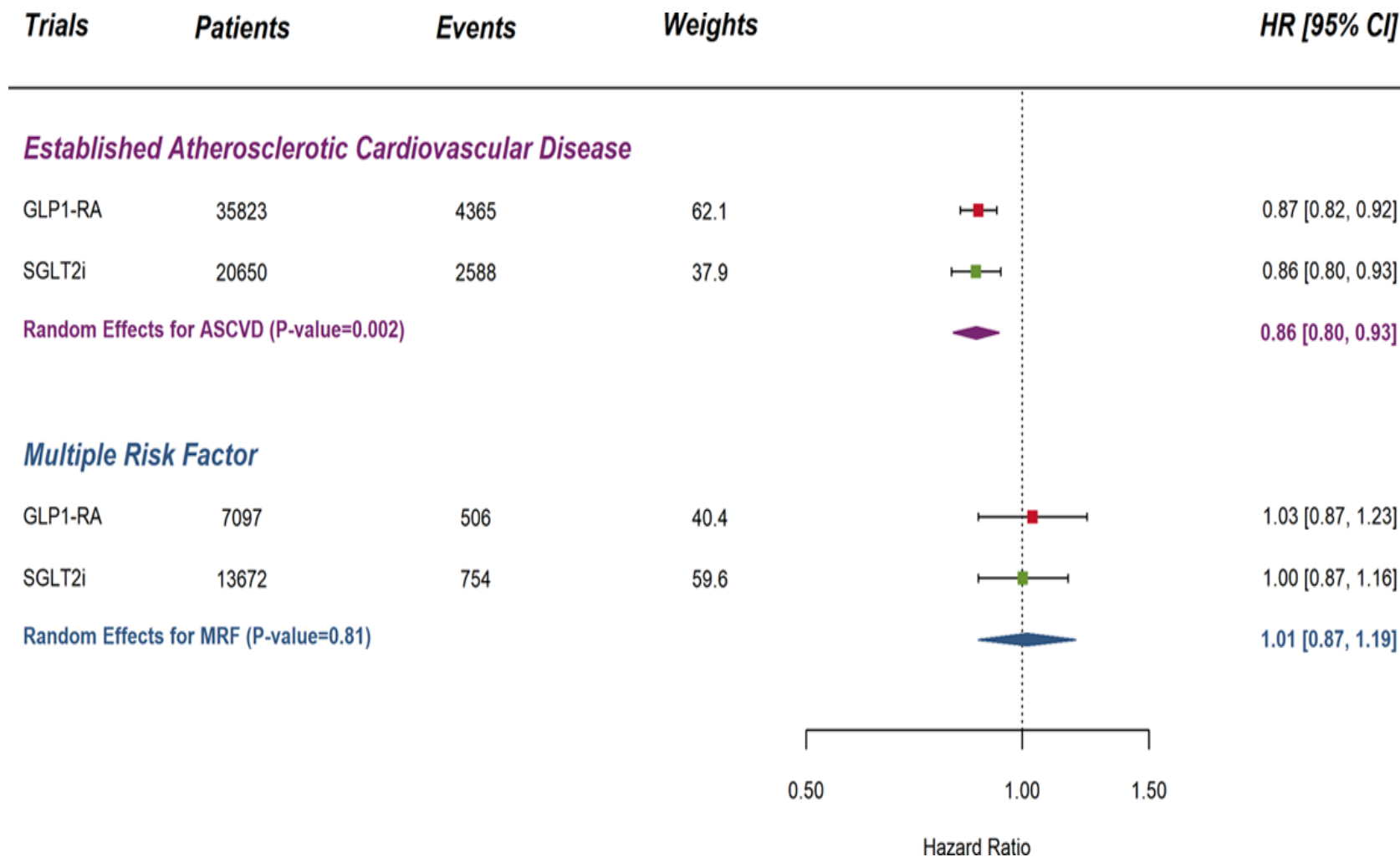
D Hospitalization for Heart Failure



No. at Risk
Empagliflozin
Placebo

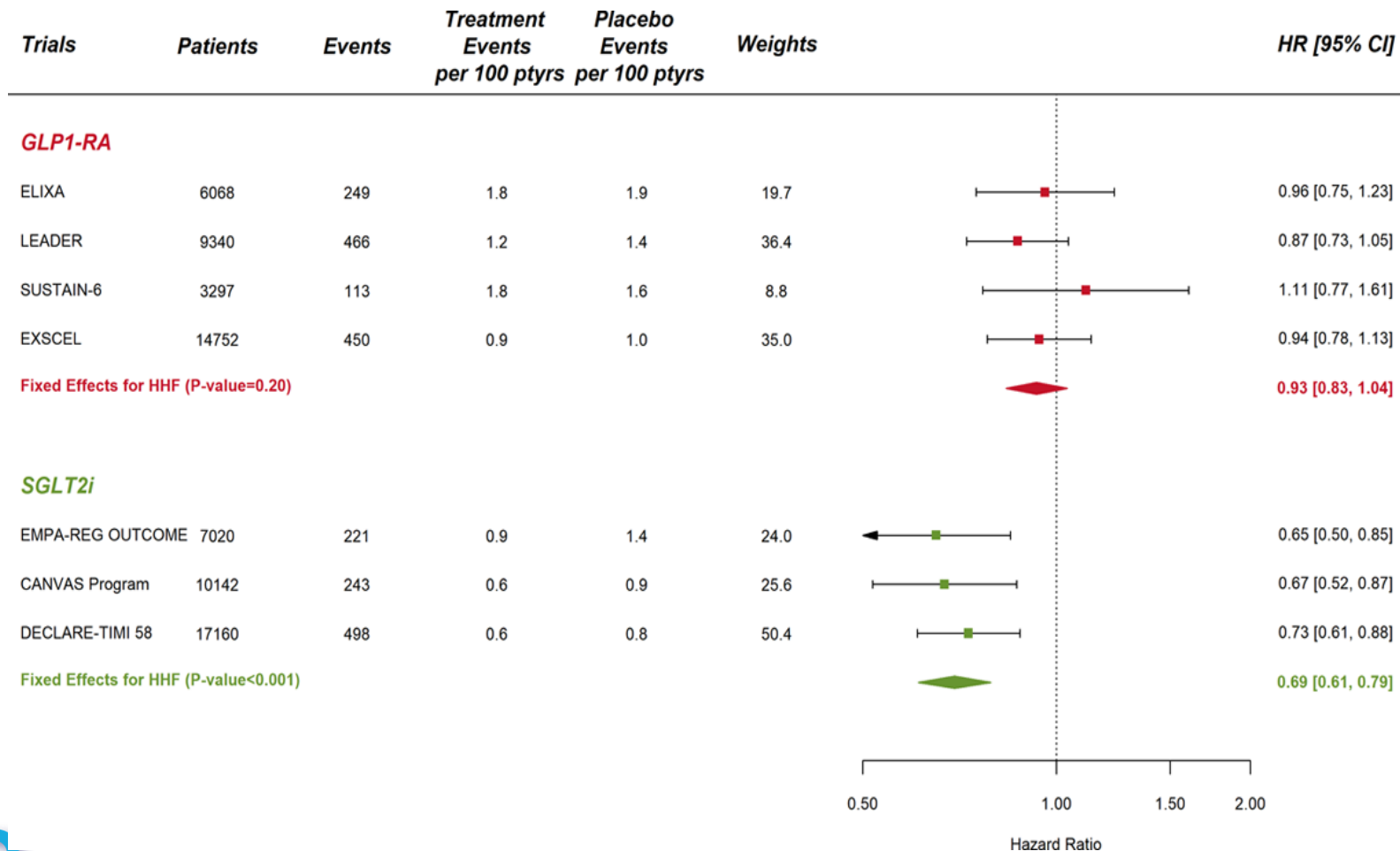
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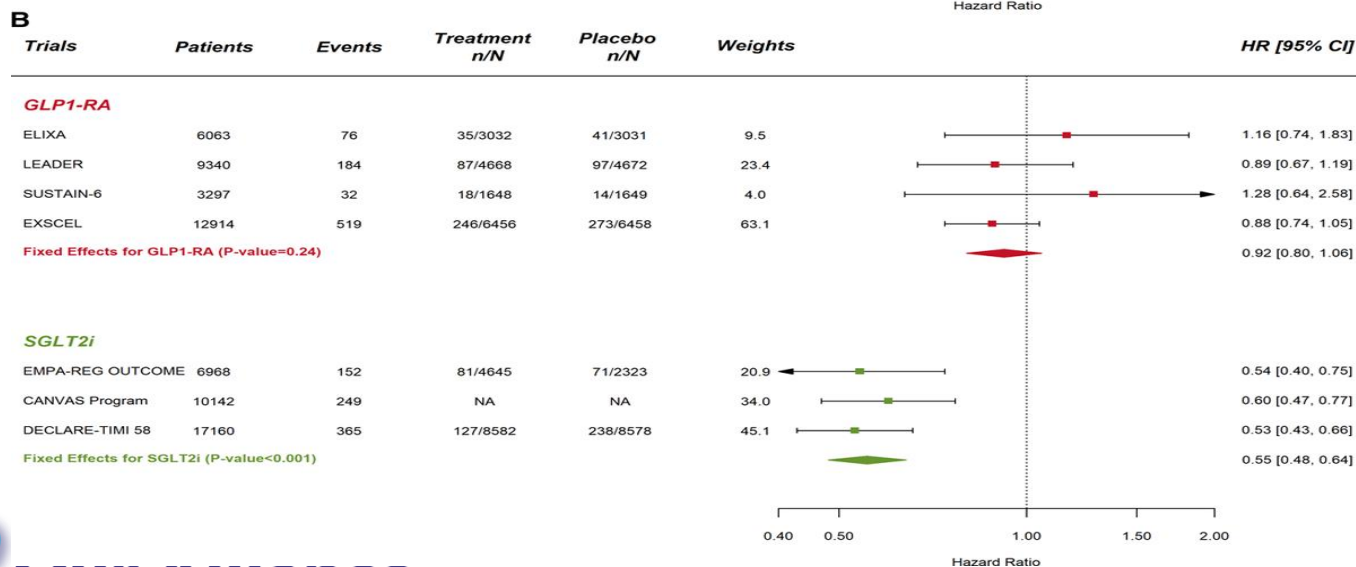
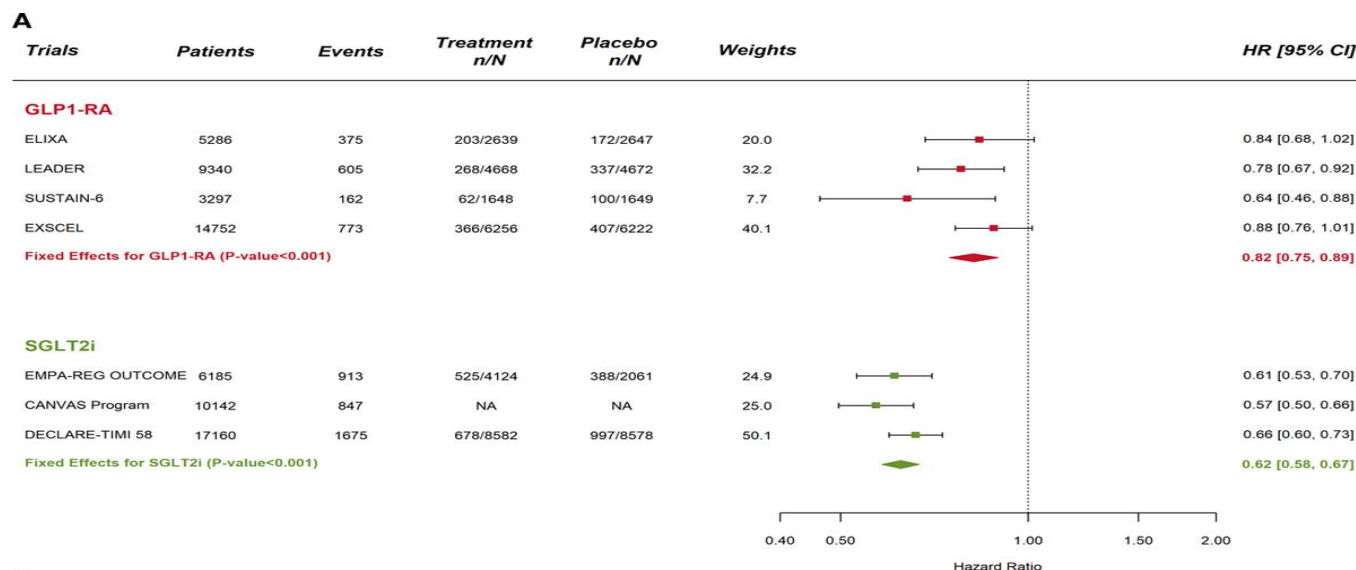


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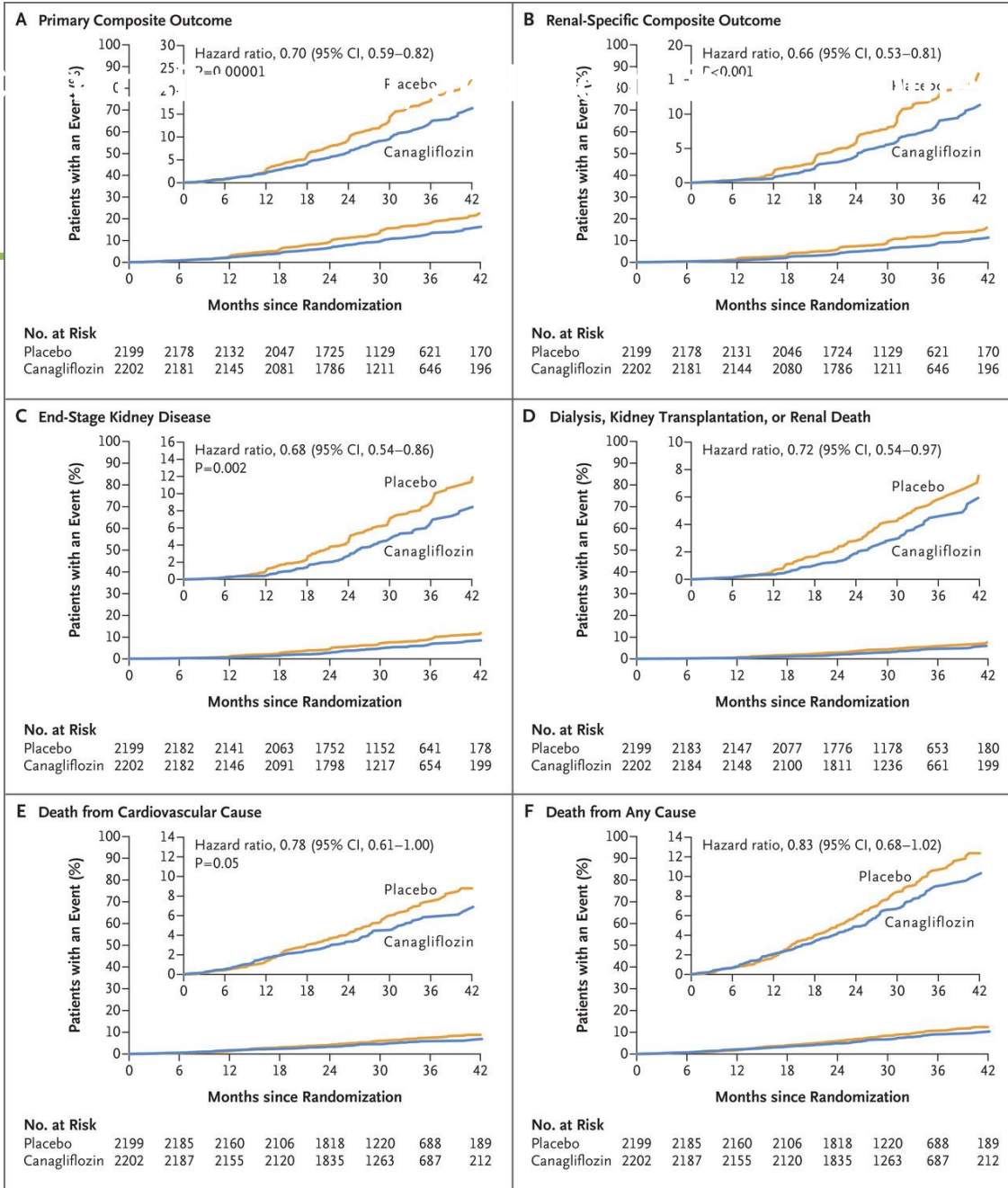
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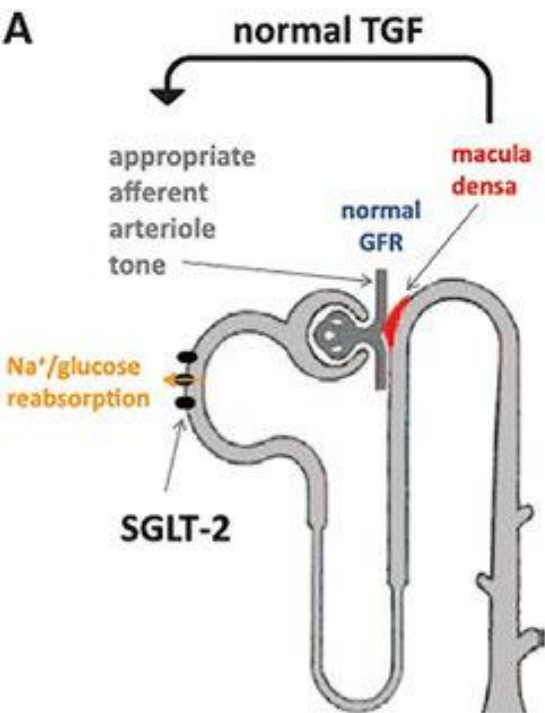


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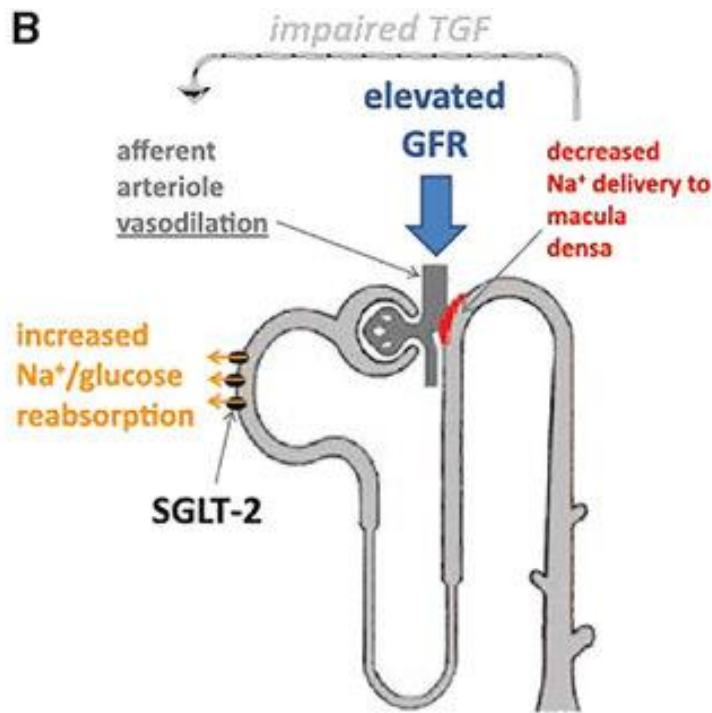


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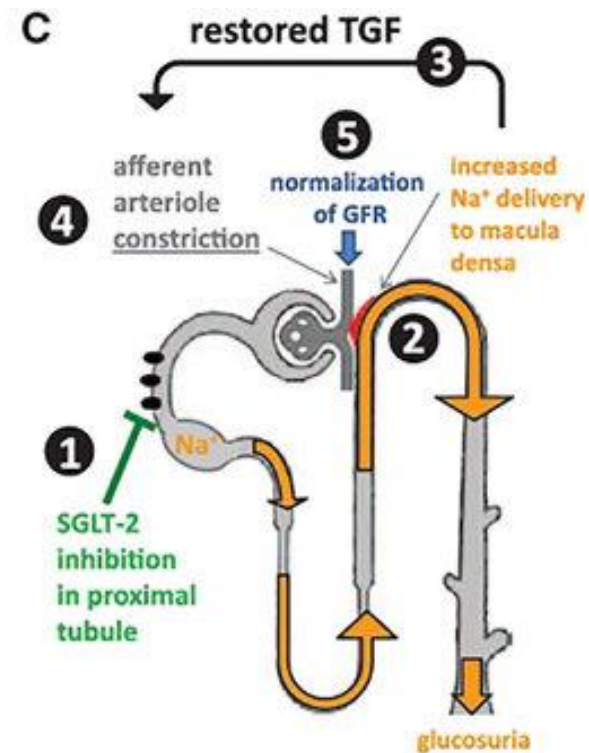




Normal physiology

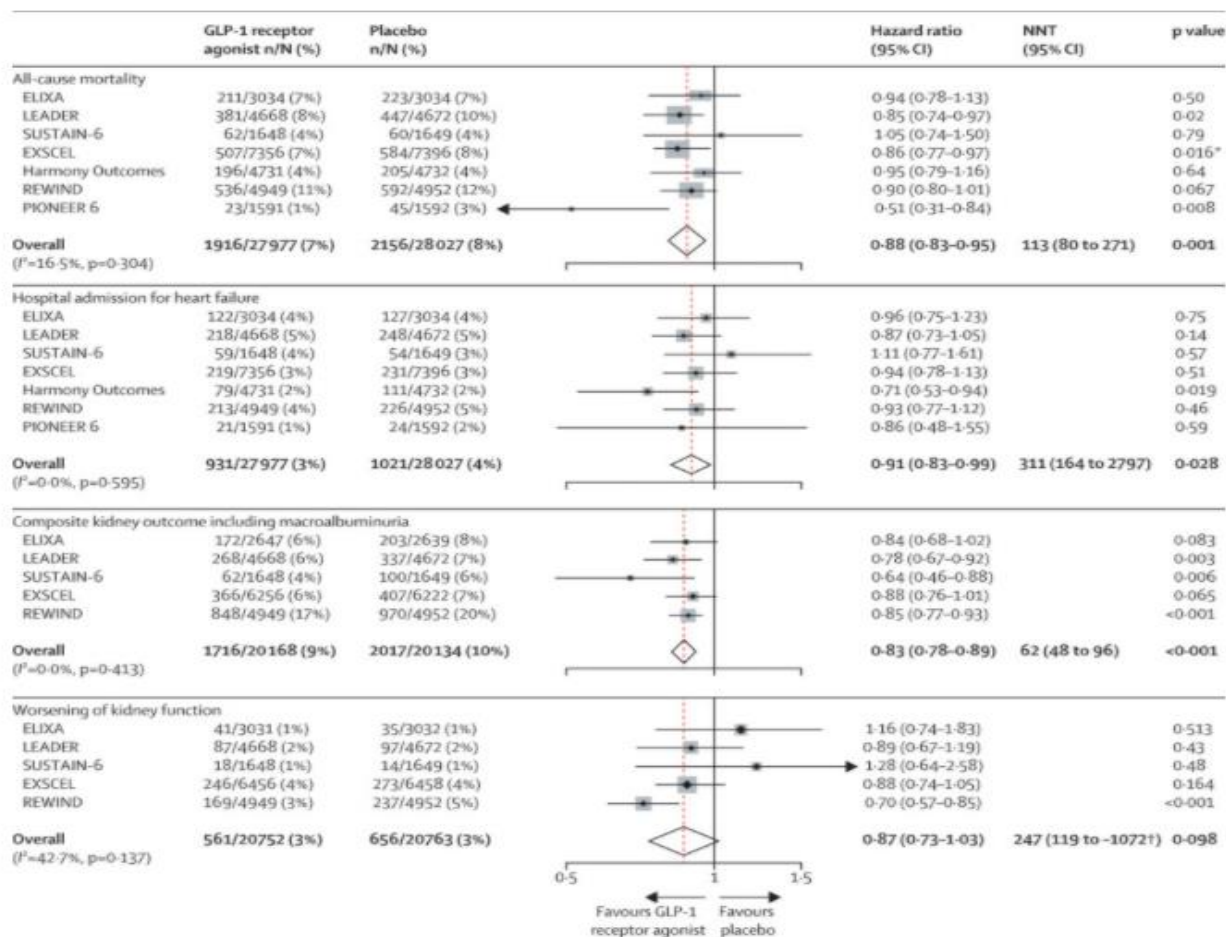


Hyperfiltration in early stages of diabetic nephropathy



SGLT-2 inhibition reduces hyperfiltration via TGF

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GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES: OVERALL APPROACH

TO AVOID CLINICAL INERTIA REASSESS AND MODIFY TREATMENT REGULARLY (3-6 MONTHS)

**FIRST-LINE THERAPY IS METFORMIN AND COMPREHENSIVE LIFESTYLE (INCLUDING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY)
IF HbA_{1c} ABOVE TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW**

ESTABLISHED ASCVD OR CKD

NO

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 ISSUE¹⁻¹⁰

**EITHER/
OR**

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

PREFERABLY

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

DPP-4i

GLP-1 RA

SGLT2i²

TZD

If HbA_{1c} above target

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SGLT2i²
OR
TZD

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TZD

GLP-1 RA
OR
DPP-4i
OR
TZD

SGLT2i²
OR
DPP-4i
OR
GLP-1 RA

If HbA_{1c} above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If HbA_{1c} above target

Consider the addition of SU⁶ **OR** basal insulin:

- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia⁷

**EITHER/
OR**

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss⁸

SGLT2i²

If HbA_{1c} above target

SGLT2i²

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss⁸

If HbA_{1c} above target

If triple therapy required or SGLT2i and/or GLP-1 RA not tolerated or contraindicated use regimen with lowest risk of weight gain

PREFERABLY

DPP-4i (if not on GLP-1 RA) based on weight neutrality

If DPP-4i not tolerated or contraindicated or patient already on GLP-1 RA, cautious addition of:

- SU⁶ • TZD⁵ • Basal insulin

SU⁶

TZD⁵

If HbA_{1c} above target

TZD⁵

SU⁶

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Insulin therapy basal insulin with lowest acquisition cost
- OR**
- Consider DPP-4i **OR** SGLT2i with lowest acquisition cost¹⁰

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

Take home messages

- Diabetic complications is very common
 - SCREEN to make a difference
- Progression may not be stepwise
- BP, glucose and weight control is important
- Think acute Charcot when you see a swollen foot
- Remember the BABY!



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