

# Type 2 Diabetes: New Medication Management

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### Objectives

- Discuss the various classes of oral diabetes medications and their action in improving glycemic control.
- Describe the concept of insulin replacement and its use in type 2 diabetes supplemental and intensive management.
- List the action and clinical use of exenatide (Byetta) in type 2 diabetes.

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### Type 2 Diabetes

- Dual defects
  - Insulin resistance – cells do not use insulin available effectively
  - Insulin deficit- beta cells cannot keep up with the demand for insulin production

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**Goals of Diabetes Management**

- Avoid Long term Complications
- Microvascular ( small vessel disease)
  - Eye disease (retinopathy)
  - Renal disease (nephropathy)
  - Nerve disease ( both peripheral and autonomic neuropathy)

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**Complications....**

- Macrovascular ( large vessel disease)
  - Cardiovascular disease
    - MI
    - CHF
    - Cardiomyopathy
    - Elevated Blood Pressure
- Vascular Disease is the single largest causative factor in the mortality of those with diabetes

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**Maintain Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)**

- Control portion sizes
- Aim for consistency in meal timing
- Eat well balanced meals
- Avoid excessive salt and fat
- Sugar may be used as part of a mixed meal
- Avoid fluctuations in weight

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### Case Study 1

- Lee, 43yo, computer programmer has a routine physical exam for work
- FBG 233 mg/dl- no S/S of hyperglycemia
- + FH-type 2 DM ( mother , sister)
- BMI 32
- Active- walks 2 miles, 4 days/week

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### Lee

- Repeated FBG 160 mg/dl
- HbA1C 7.4 % (4-6%)
- LFTs normal
- Serum Creatinine 0.9 mg/dl (0.7- 1.2)
- 'ytes, CBC, U/A, micral all WNL

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### Physical Exam

- Fit appearing man
- Weight 217 lbs Ht 5'9"
- BP 122/82 2 hr pp Cap BS 206 mg/dl
- Thyroid- non-palpable
- CV- RRR
- Feet- DP 2+ bil, callused metatarsal heads, ecchymotic great toe nails, + monofilament

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### Assessment and Plan

- Lee has Type 2 DM
- Referral for MNT
  - Address healthy eating
  - Increase fruits/vegs and limit frank use of sugars (he drinks 24 oz Kool-Aid)
- Encourage current exercise program
  - Discuss footwear
  - Podiatry referral

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### Pharmacologic Options

To improve his glycemic control, Lee will need a

- A. TZD
- B. Biguanide
- C. SU
- D. Meglitinide

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### SULFONYLUREAS

- First generation-Discovered in the 1950's
- **Primary effect is to increase beta cell secretion of insulin**
- Multiple trade names- glyburide, glipizide, glimepiride- each with specific dosing
- In general, must be given BID to achieve 24 hr coverage

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### **BIGUANIDES**

- Reduces hepatic glucose output, lowering fasting glucose levels
- Metformin (GLUCOPHAGE)
  - 500, 850, 1000 mg tablets, dose efficacy achieved at 1000mg BID
  - Serum creatinine must be tested before Rx  
1.4 mg/dl -women, 1.5mg/dl- men
  - Intact liver function, no alcohol abuse, good cardiac and renal function

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### **Biguanides, cont**

- Metformin is now available in combination with glyburide- 1.25/250, 2.5/500, 5/500
- Trade name = Glucovance
- Long-acting Metformin = Glucophage XR  
doses: 500, 1000 mg

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### **MEGLITINIDES**

- A new class of oral agents with action similar to sulfonylureas
- Works at the pancreas to stimulate insulin production
- Drug action initiated by a rise in glucose levels occurring with food intake

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**Repaglinide (PRANDIN)**

- Medication is taken only when a meal is eaten, reduces rise in glucose level after the meal
- Shorter duration of action than sulfonylureas
- Results in less hypoglycemia
- Dose 0.5-2.0 mg tablets  
Maximum dosage/day 12 mg

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**Nateglinide (STARLIX)**

- Available in 120 mg only
- Action similar to repaglinide
- Limited hypoglycemic potential because of specificity to meal timing

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**Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)**

- Increase uptake by muscle and fat
- Decrease insulin resistance
- Efficacy noted 1-4 weeks after initiating drug treatment- may continue to improve up to 12 weeks
- Rare liver toxicity  
LFTs monitored q 2 mos x 1 yr

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### TZDs

- Pioglitazone ( ACTOS)
  - 15, 30, 45mg tablets given QD
  - S/E weight gain, fluid retention
- Rosiglitazone ( AVANDIA)
  - 2, 4, 8mg tablets given BID, QD
  - S/E increased lipid levels , wt gain, edema

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### Insulin Therapy

- Safe- no cross reaction with any medications, no allergic reactions, natural substance
- Must be given by injection
  - Ease of use with pen device
  - Inhaled insulin available
- Many different types
- Individually designed insulin program

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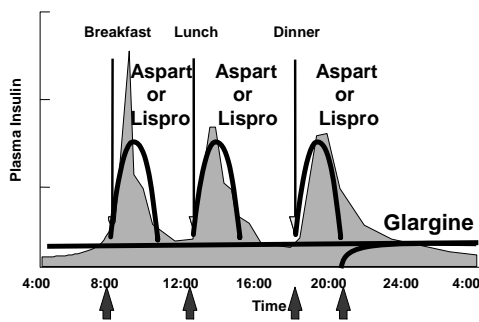
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### Basal + Meal-Related Regimen Glargine + Aspart/Lispro



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### Types of Insulin

- Rapid-acting- Humalog (lispro) or Novalog(Aspart), Apidra (glulisine)
  - Used before meals or when ill
- Fast- acting- Regular insulin
  - May be used for meal coverage
- Intermediate- NPH, Lente (Humulin N, Novolin N)
  - Can be used to give 12-18 hr coverage

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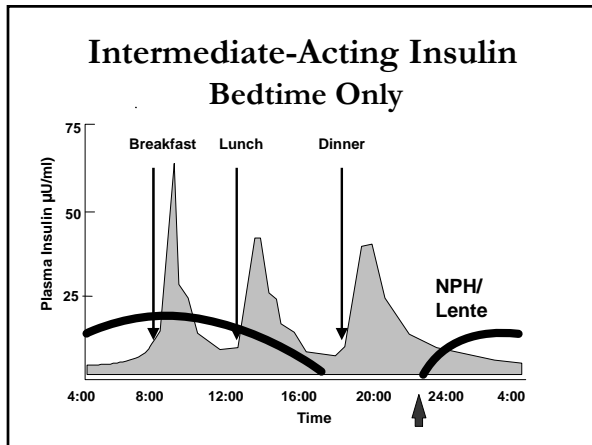
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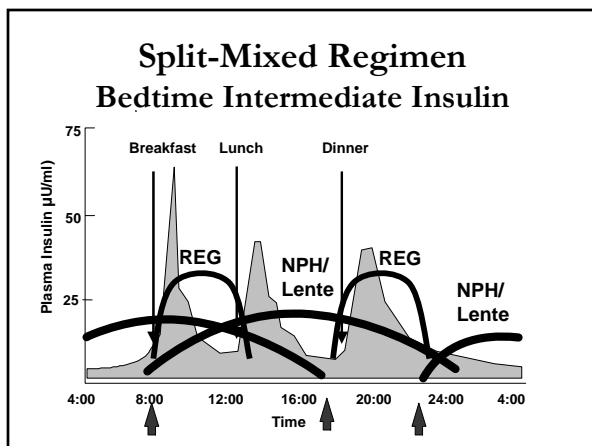
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### Glargine ( LANTUS)

- 22-24 hr and provides a base of insulin to improve glucose levels
- Can be used with either rapid-acting insulin or short-acting oral meds (Starlix, Prandin) to help with meal glucose levels

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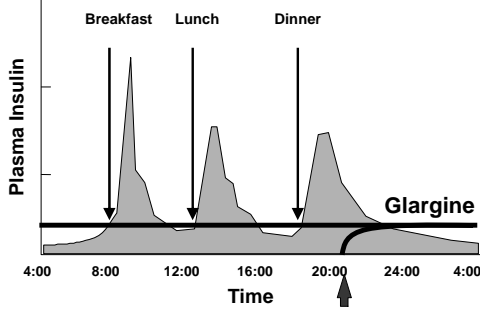
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### Long-Acting Insulin Glargine Bedtime Only



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### Detemir (Levemir)

- QD or BID dosing
- Available in a pen device
- Use with a rapid-acting insulin for basal bolus therapy

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**Mrs R M**

- 78 year old with Type 2 DM
- 12 years duration, previously well-controlled on glyburide 5 mg bid and glucophage 850 mg tid
- She develops CHF and creatinine increases to 1.7 mg/dl
- Glucophage must be discontinued

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**Mrs RM 2**

- With glyburide alone, glucose levels rise.
- A1C increases to 8.2%
  - Fasting glucose levels 122-167 mg/dL
  - Presupper glucose levels 118-220 mg/dL
- Therapy changes are necessary to regain control

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**Insulin Choices**

- Choices:
  - Evening intermediate insulin
  - Humalog Mix 75/25 or 70/30 Novolog presupper or bid
  - Glargine once daily
- Considerations:
  - Hypoglycemia
  - Ease of use
  - Best effect for patient's glucose needs

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**Lifestyle Issues Influence  
Decision**

- Delivery method
  - Vial/syringe
  - Pen device
- Timing of Injection
  - Meal schedule
  - Activity level
  - Other medications

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**The Decision**

- Start Lantus
- Reduce or stop glyburide
- Monitor fasting glucose level
- Goal – Less than 130 mg/dl at fasting

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**Byetta**

- Injectable hormone to improve glucose control
- Given within an hour prior to breakfast and supper
- Side effect : Nausea, usually subsides within the first 7-14 days
- Pen delivery
  - Start at 5 mcg then advance to 10 mcg as tolerated

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**Byetta Case Study**

- Mary age 45, type 2 diabetes x 12 years
- Medications: Glipide ER 10 mg BID, Metformin 1000 mg BID
- Has edema with Actos ( pioglitazone) stopped 2 years ago
- Glucose control deteriorating- A1C now 7.6%
- Overweight and has not been able to lose more than 10 lbs

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**Steps to Initiation**

- Education re: use of pen, timing of medication, possible side effects
- Diet reviewed with patient
- Monitoring glucose control with SMBG
- Hypoglycemia: may need to reduce the dosage of glipizide ER

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**Sitagliptin ( Januvia)**

- Works to inhibit the chemical that breaks down GLP-1
  - May be used with metformin, glitazones or alone
- Classified as a DPP4 inhibitor
- Weight neutral

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**How to use Sitagliptin (Januvia)**

- Given as an oral medication- 100 mg QD
  - Lower doses used if creatinine clearance is impaired (25, 50 mg)
- Side effects-nasopharyngitis, URI, headache
- Monitor digoxin as Januvia may increase concentration

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