



# Decoding what to do when your patient has Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease

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# Case Study

- 41-year-old South Asian female
  - Initial visit after moving to town
- Past Medical History
  - T2DM, hypertension, dyslipidemia
  - Non-smoker
- Medications:
  - Metformin 1g bid
  - Lisinopril 20 mg qd
  - Hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg qd
  - Atorvastatin 10 mg
- Physical Exam:
  - 200 lbs, 5'10", BMI 28.6
  - BP 156/78, Pulse 80, Resp 20
- Lab results:
  - A1C: 8.0%
  - FPG: 180 mg/dL
  - Lipids: Total cholesterol 160 mg/dL, LDL 125 mg/dL, HDL 35 mg/dL, TG 175 mg/dL
  - Urine albumin/creatinine ratio 13

**Question: Where do we start?**

# Comprehensive cardiovascular risk reduction

- Type 2 Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Dyslipidemia
- Glucose control      ? Target?
- BP control      ? Target?
- Cholesterol control      ?Target?



**I got this....**  
But the devil is in the details



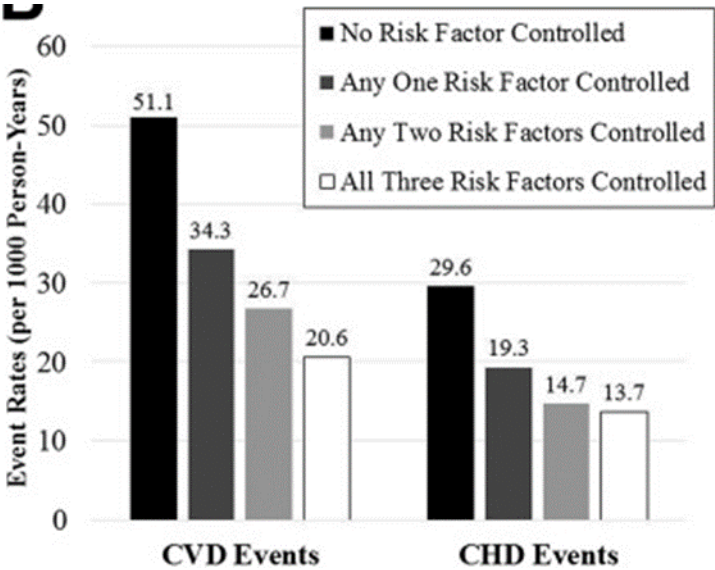
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# Cardiovascular (CV) Risk Factor Targets in Diabetes:



Percent at target levels for any one, two, or all three factors among the 2018 persons with diabetes:

Any 1 of 3	Any 2 of 3	3 of 3
41.1%	26.5%	7.2%

Percent CVD risk reduction for being at target level among :

Blood pressure	LDL-C	HBA1c
17%	33%	37%

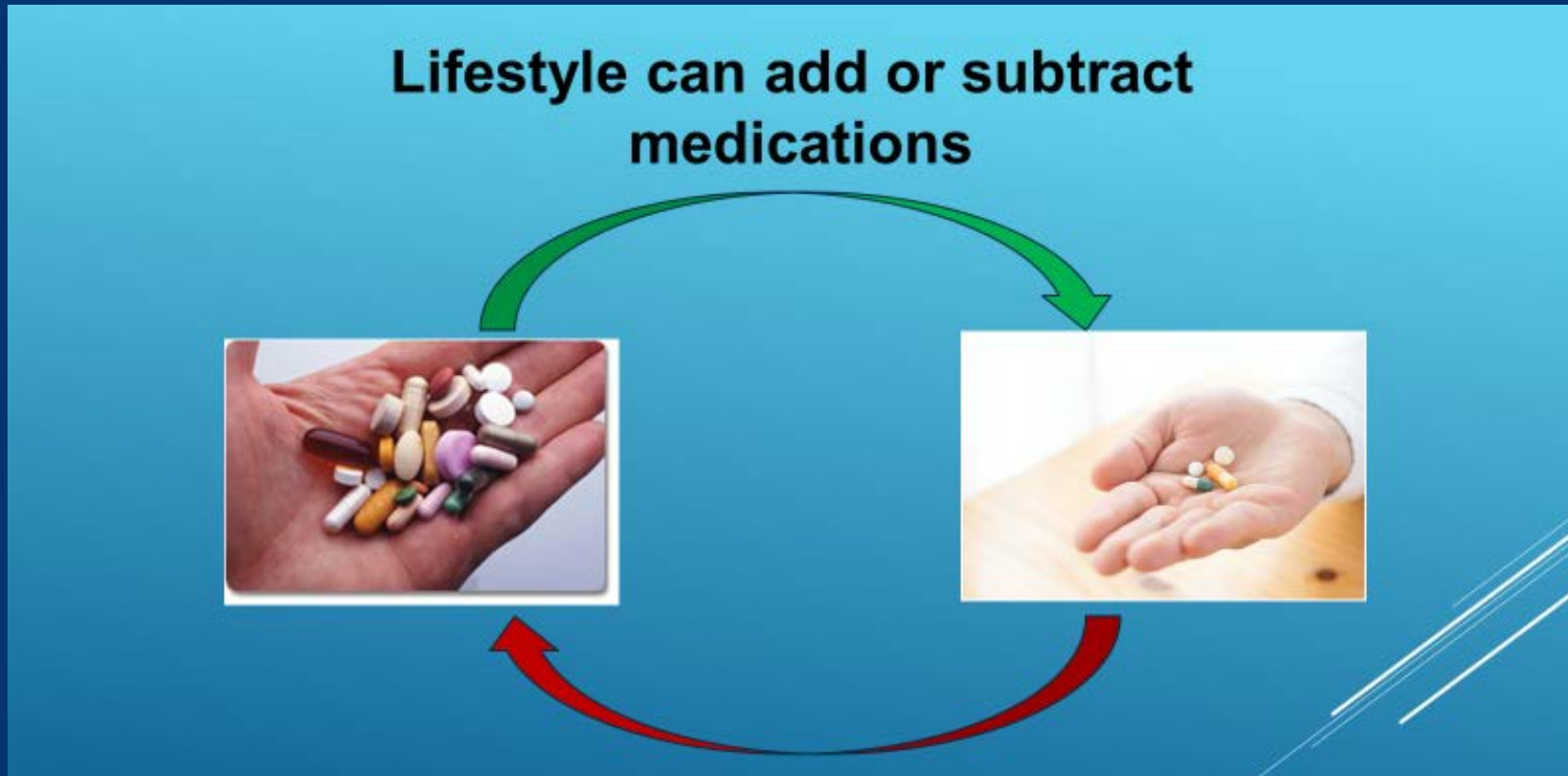
Percent lower adjusted risk of CVD events with one, two, or three risk factors at target level:

Any 1 of 3	Any 2 of 3	3 of 3
36%	52%	62%

Wong, et al. Diabetes Care 2016 May; 39(5)  
668-676.

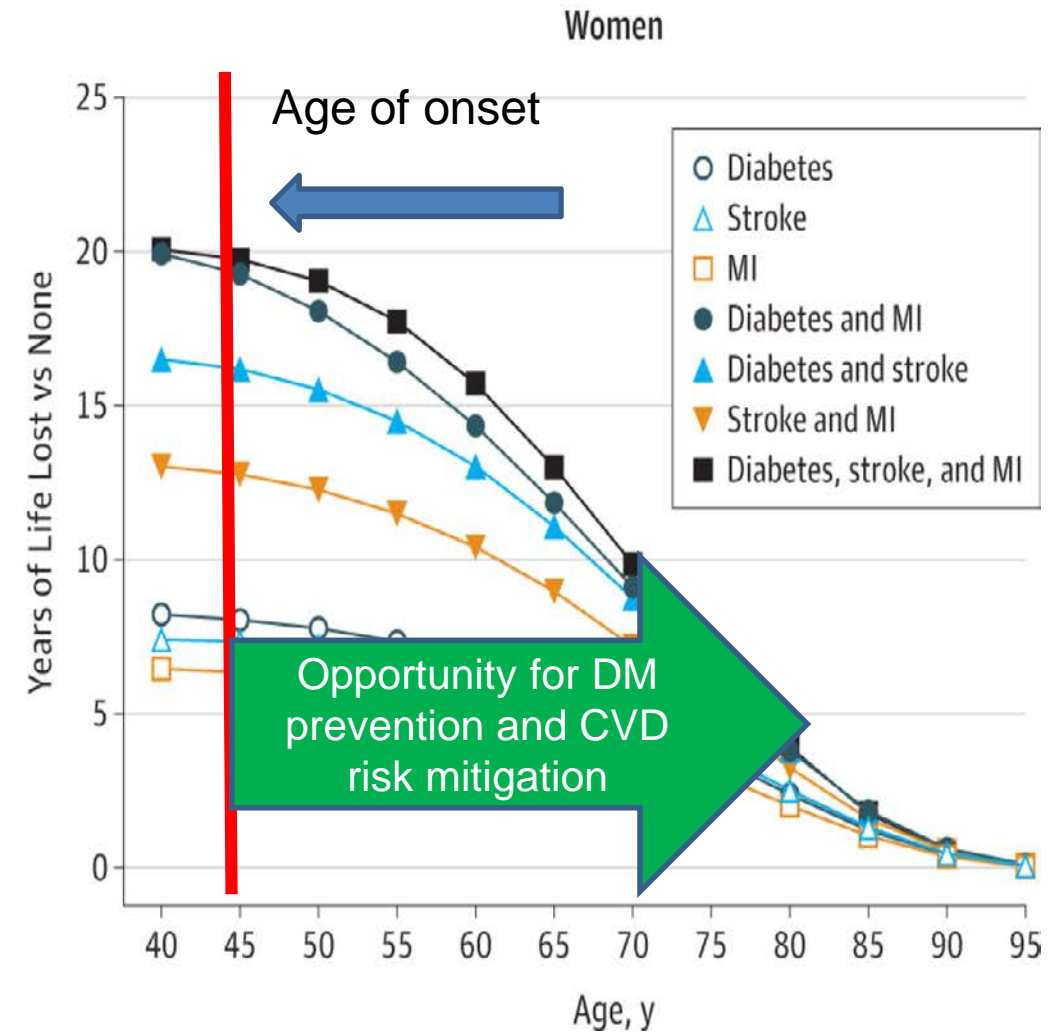
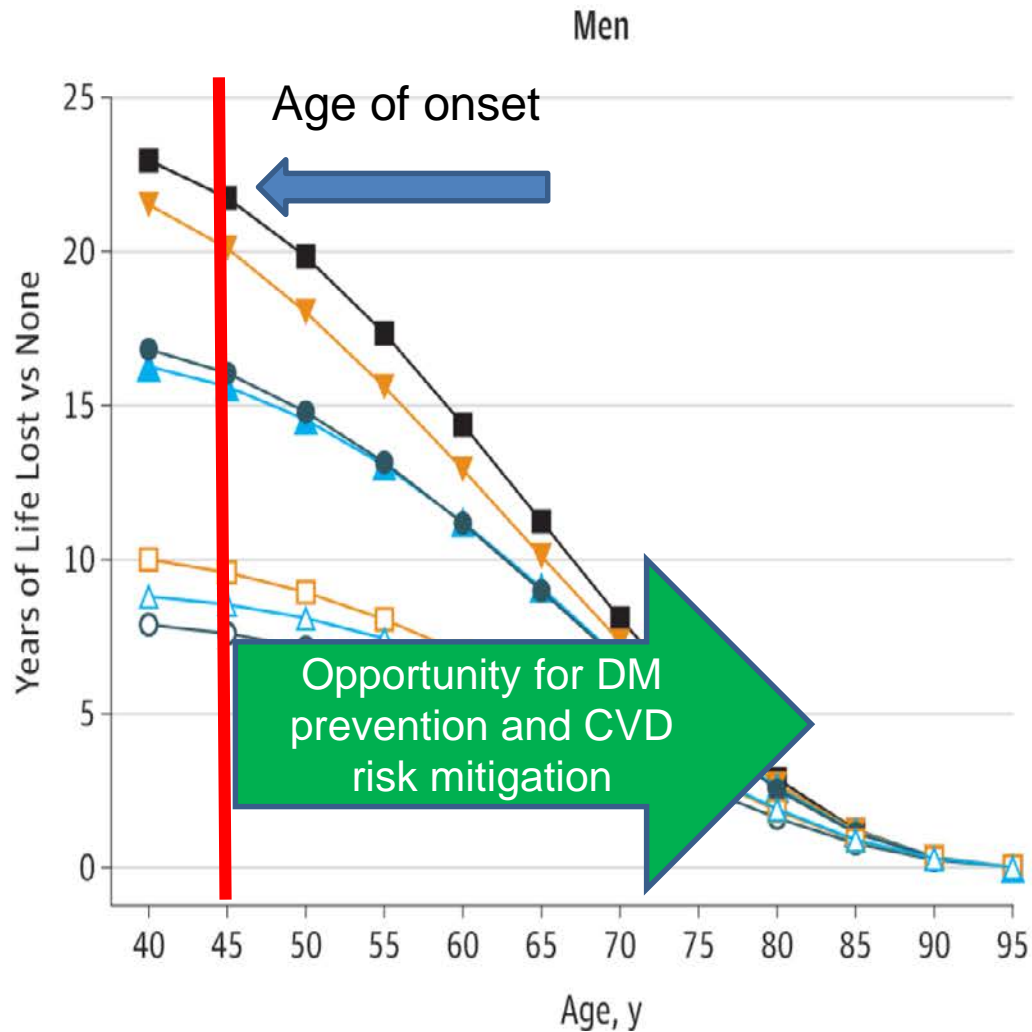
# Comprehensive CVD risk factor modification saves lives:

- Every encounter presents an opportunity
- Employ our educational support systems to ensure adherence
- Diabetes means polypharmacy
- **Don't forget diet and physical activity !!!**





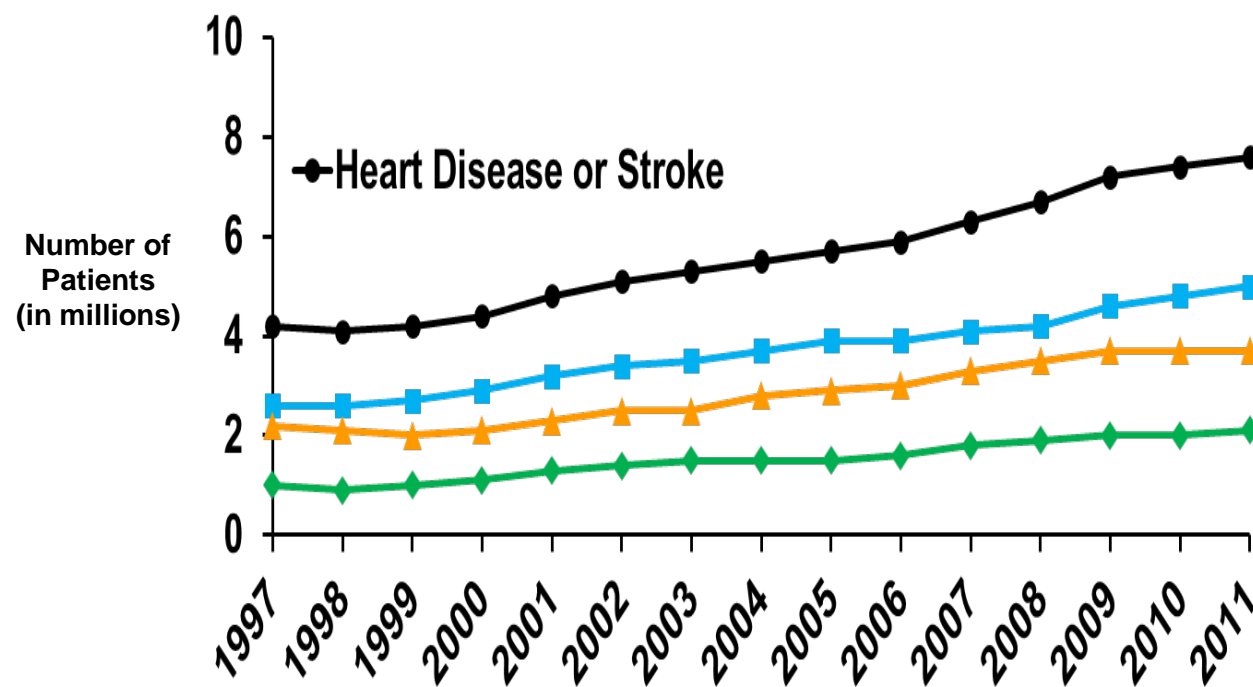
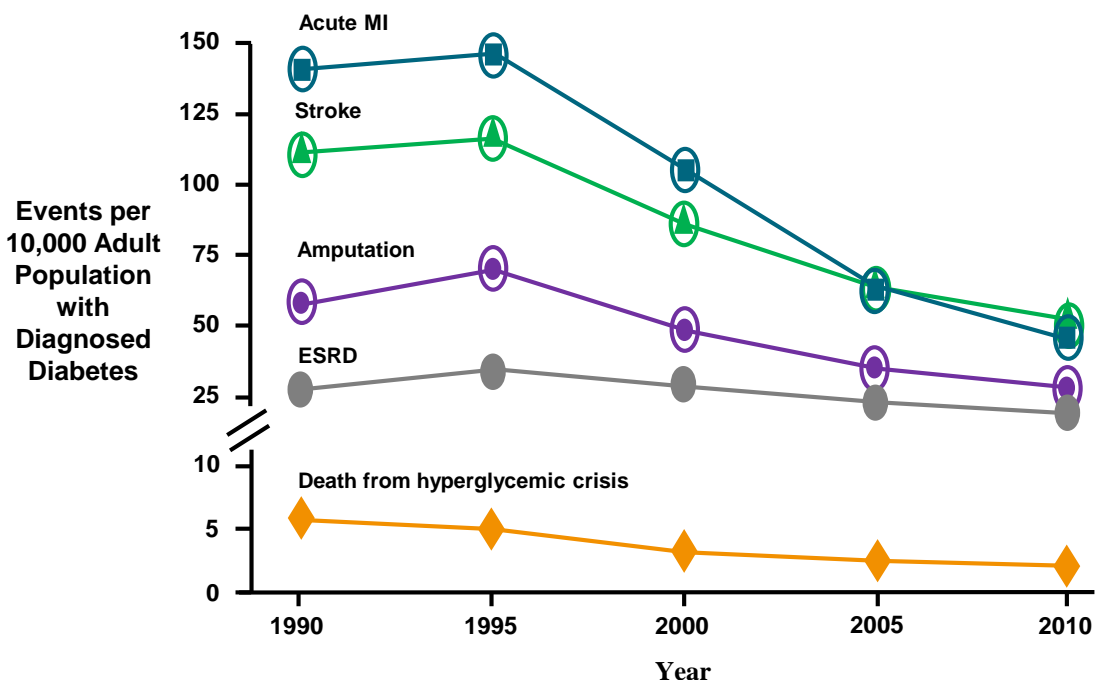
# Prevention or delay is the best risk reduction





# Good News: Events per individual are lower

## Bad news: absolute numbers are up



# CV Outcome trials (CVOT) History:

## FDA objective: SAFETY

Year	Drug	Safety concerns and response
1992	Human proinsulin	Trials and development suspended <b>CV issues and ↑ risk of acute myocardial infarction<sup>[a]</sup></b>
2005	Muraglitazar	<b>↑ Risk of death, major CV adverse events, CHF<sup>[b]</sup></b>
2007	Rosiglitazone	<b>↑ CV risk; withdrawn from market in many countries<sup>[c]</sup></b>
2008	—	FDA issued guidance document for the evaluation of CV risk <sup>[d]</sup> Studies are required to demonstrate that <b>new anti-diabetic therapies do not increase CV</b> risk in comparison with existing therapies

a. Galloway JA, et al. *Diab Care*. 1992;15:666-92.; b. Nissen SE, et al. *JAMA*. 2005;294:2581-2586.;  
c. Nissen SE, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2007;356:2457-71.; d. FDA Guidance For Industry, December 2008.

## NEWS:

# The Daily Post

September 2015

CVD and DM

GLP-1 RA

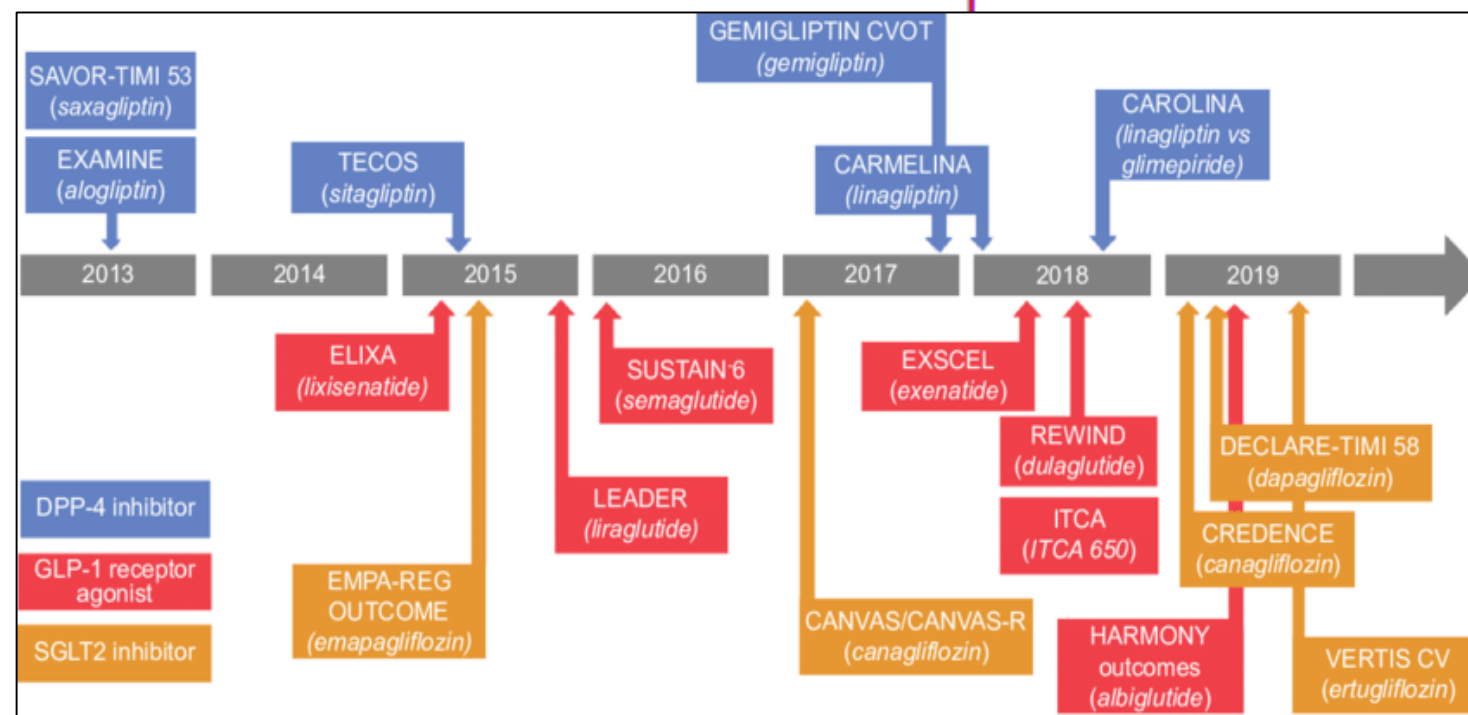
SGLT2 inhib

## Diabetes Medicine prevents MACE

MACE= major adverse cardiac events

**GLP-1 agonists  
and SGLT2  
inhibitors  
decrease CV  
events:**

Trial after trial  
supports CV  
benefit



# FDA-Mandated CV Outcomes Trials in T2DM

Study	SAVOR <sup>1</sup>	EXAMINE <sup>2</sup>	TECOS <sup>3</sup>	CARMELINA <sup>4</sup>	CAROLINA <sup>5</sup>
DPP4-i	saxagliptin	alogliptin	sitagliptin	linagliptin	linagliptin
Comparator	placebo	placebo	placebo	placebo	glimepiride (J)
N	5,232	5,611	5,711	5,513	5,103
Results	2013	2013	2015	2018	2018

**NEUTRAL**

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FDA objective

Study	ELIXA <sup>6</sup>	LEADER <sup>7</sup>	SUSTAIN 6 <sup>8</sup>	EXSCEL <sup>9</sup>	REWIND <sup>10</sup>	HARMONY <sup>11</sup>
GLP1-RA	lixisenatide	liraglutide	semaglutide	exenatide LR	dulaglutide	albiglutide
Comparator	placebo	placebo	placebo	placebo	placebo	placebo
N	10,827	9,340	5,611	5,611	5,611	5,611
Results	2015	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018

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Study	EMPA-REG <sup>12</sup>	CANVAS <sup>13</sup>	(CREDENCE <sup>14</sup> )	DECLARE <sup>15</sup>	VERTIS CV <sup>16</sup>
SGLT2-i	empagliflozin	canagliflozin	canagliflozin	dapagliflozin	ertugliflozin
Comparator	placebo	placebo	placebo	placebo	placebo
N	7,020	4,330	4,401	17,160	8,246
Results	2015	2017	2018	2018	2020

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1. NCT01107886 (SAVOR). 2. NCT00968708 (EXAMINE). 3. NCT00790205 (TECOS). 4. NCT01897532 (CARMELINA). 5. NCT01243424 (CAROLINA). 6. NCT01147250 (ELIXA). 7. NCT01179048 (LEADER). 8. NCT01720446 (SUSTAIN 6). 9. NCT01144338 (EXSCEL). 10. NCT01394952 (REWIND). 11. NCT02465515 (HARMONY). 12. NCT01131676 (EMPA-REG). 13. NCT01032629 (CANVAS). 14. NCT02065791 (CREDENCE). 15. NCT01730534 (DECLARE). 16. NCT01986881 (VERTIS CV).

**What does this mean for your practice?**





**FIRST-LINE Therapy is Metformin and Comprehensive Lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)**



**INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF<sup>1</sup>**

**NO**

**CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C OR INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET**

**ASCVD PREDOMINATES**

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age  $\geq 55$  years with coronary, carotid or lower extremity artery stenosis  $>50\%$ , or LVH)

**PREFERABLY**

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>

OR

SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if eGFR adequate<sup>2</sup>

**If A1C 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:

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- TZD<sup>5</sup>
- SU<sup>6</sup>

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- Particularly HFrEF (LVEF  $<45\%$ )
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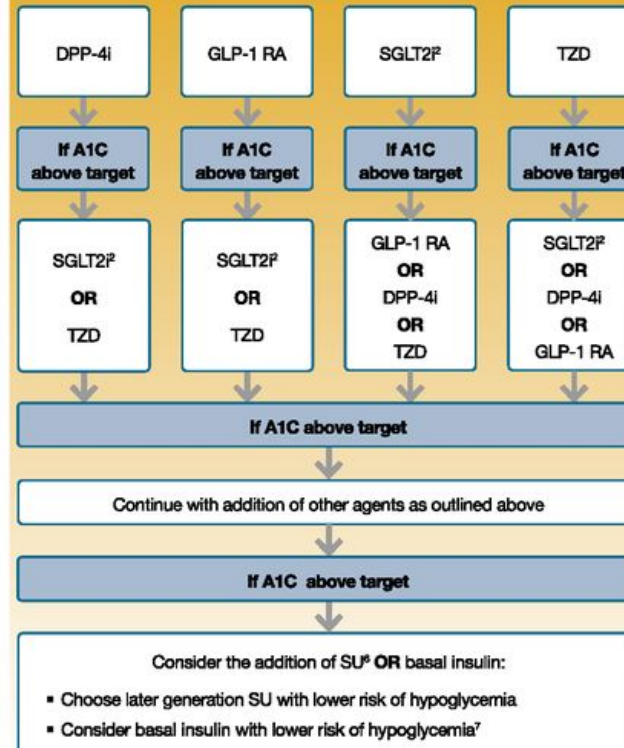
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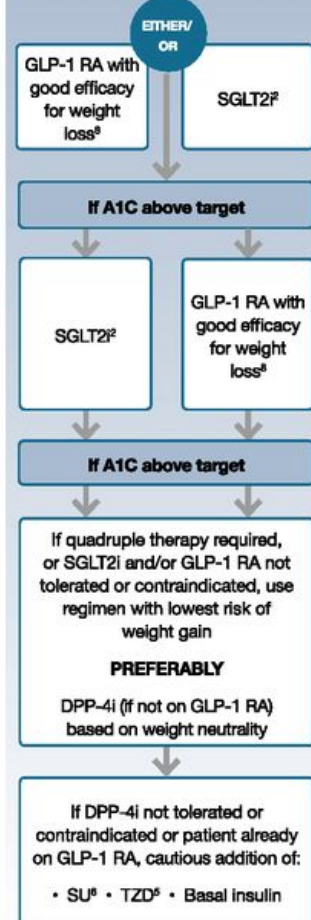
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**IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW**

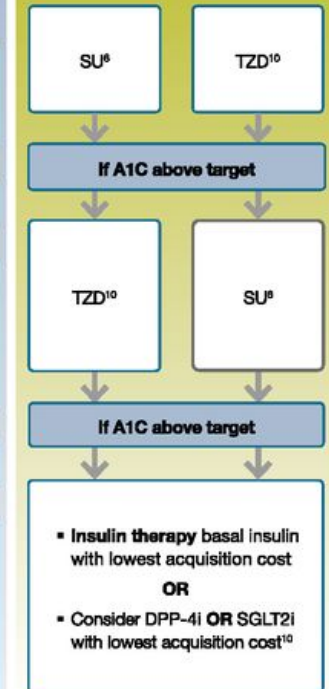
**COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA**



**COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS**



**COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE<sup>9-10</sup>**



1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events

2. Be aware that SGLT2i labelling varies by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use

3. Empagliflozin, canagliflozin and dapagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and to reduce CKD progression in CVDs. Canagliflozin has primary renal outcome data from CREDENCE. Dapagliflozin has primary heart failure outcome data from DAPA-HF

4. Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety

5. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects

† Actioned whenever these become new clinical considerations regardless of background glucose-lowering medications.

6. Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia, Glimepiride has shown similar CV safety to DPP-4i

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

LVH = Left Ventricular Hypertrophy; HFrEF = Heart Failure reduced Ejection Fraction

UACR = Urine Albumin-to-Creatinine Ratio; LVEF = Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction

# Glucose-lowering Medication in Type 2 Diabetes: Overall Approach

Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Management:  
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Independent of A1C  
That's a change!

**Type 2 Diabetes and ASCVD or CHF**

**Pre-existing and high risk  
....regardless of A1c**

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# Case Study: 5 years later

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  - Recent hospitalization for ACS and **PCI x1 noted, EF 40%**
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  - T2DM, hypertension, dyslipidemia
  - Non-smoker
- Medications:
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  - Lisinopril 20 mg qd
  - Hydrochlorothiazide 25 mg qd
  - Atorvastatin 40 mg
- Physical Exam:
  - 200 lbs, 5'10", BMI 28.6
  - **BP 122/68**, Pulse 80, Resp 20
- Lab results:
  - **A1C: 6.8%**
  - FPG: 140 mg/dL
  - Lipids: Total cholesterol 120 mg/dL, **LDL 66 mg/dL, HDL 40 mg/dL**, TG 70mg/dL
  - Urine albumin/creatinine **ratio 35**
  - Cr 1.1

**GLP1 RA or SGLT2 inhibitor?**

# 2008 FDA Guidance for Industry on Evaluating the Cardiovascular Risk of New Antidiabetic Therapies

## Guidance for Industry Diabetes Mellitus — Evaluating Cardiovascular Risk in New Antidiabetic Therapies to Treat Type 2 Diabetes

**No discussion of heart failure!**



14 May 2012  
CPMP/EWP/1080/00 Rev. 1  
Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)

### Guideline on clinical investigation of medicinal products in the treatment or prevention of diabetes mellitus

#### 4.4.3 Long-term safety and cardiovascular safety

Concerning CV events, the emphasis will be on major cardiovascular events (MACE) (CV death, non fatal myocardial infarction and stroke) but hospitalisation for unstable angina could also be included in a composite endpoint if the main objective is to exclude a safety signal. It is important to ensure that these are adjudicated events. Other events such as revascularisation and/or worsening of heart failure will also be evaluated. Other safety outcomes (e.g. malignancies) should be chosen based on the known safety profile of the product class, the mechanism of action of the investigational drug and/or the non-clinical findings.

## THE LANCET Diabetes & Endocrinology 2014

### Heart failure: a cardiovascular outcome in diabetes that can no longer be ignored

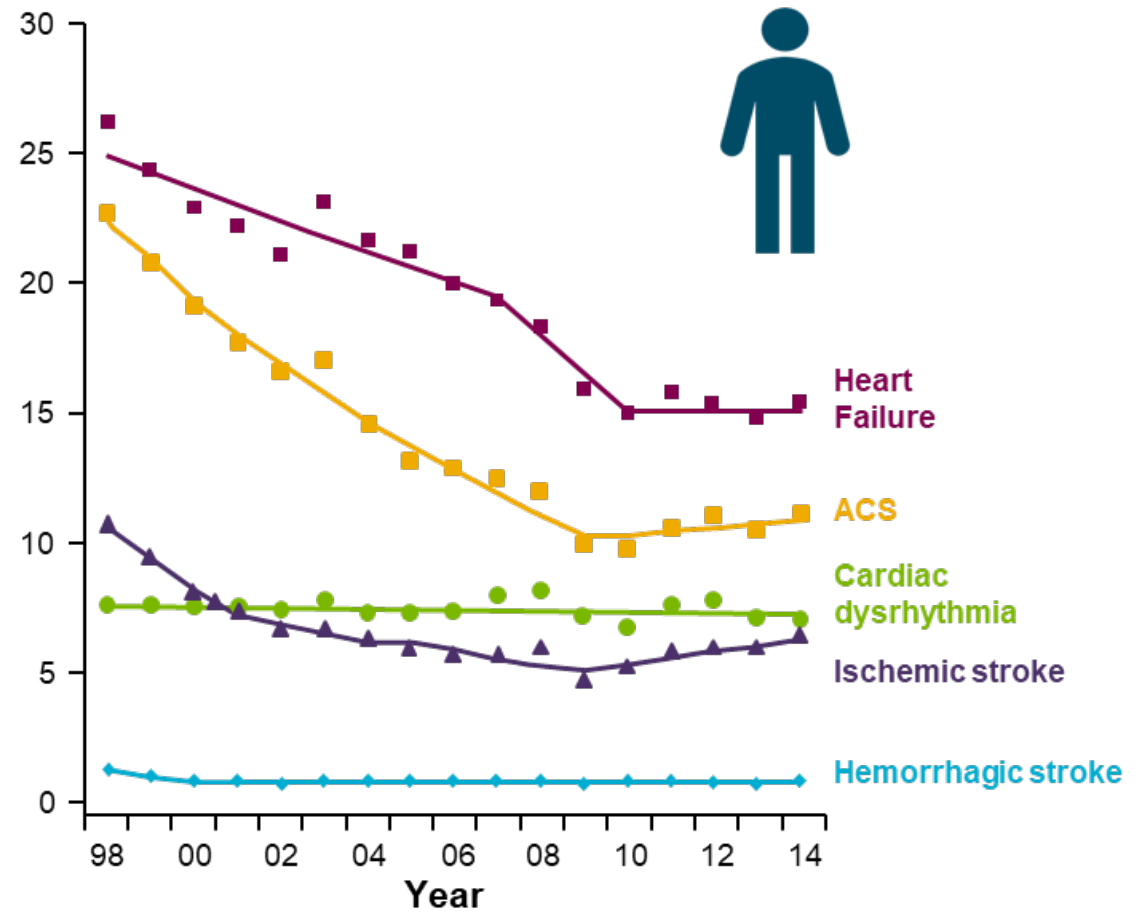
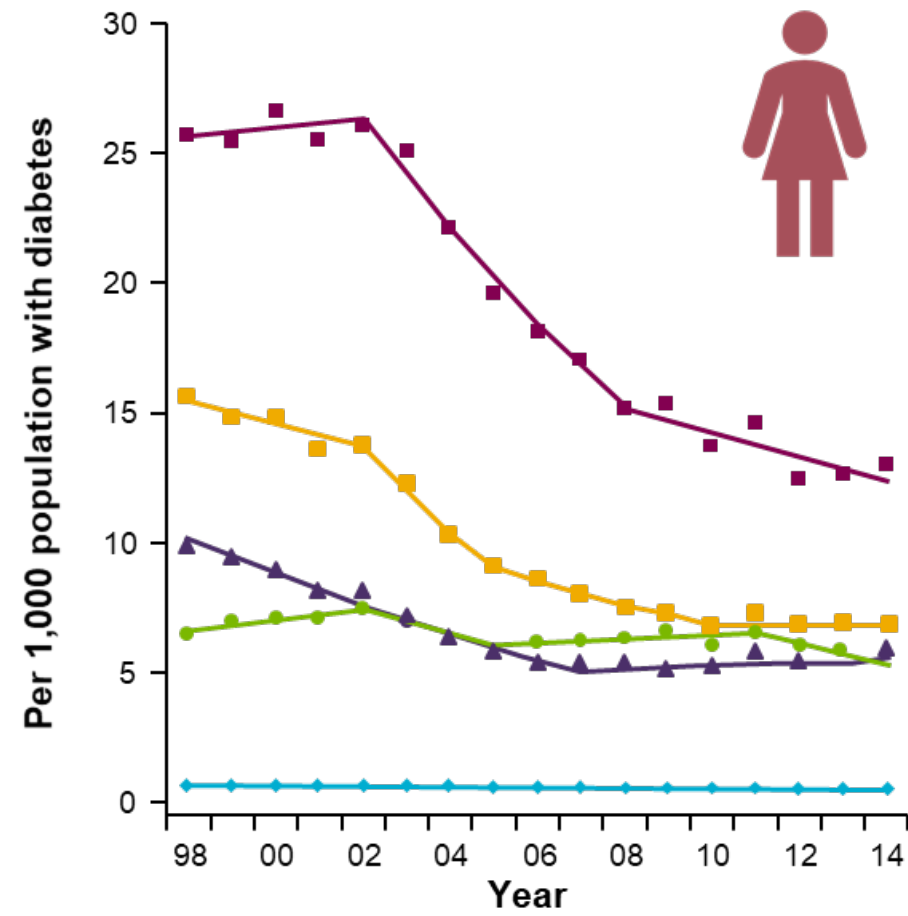
John J V McMurray, Hertzfel C Gerstein, Rury R Holman, Marc A Pfeffer

In patients with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, glycaemic exposure assessed as HbA<sub>1c</sub> correlates strongly with risk of future microvascular and macrovascular complications. Improved glucose control substantially reduces the risk of microvascular complications and, with extended follow-up, modestly reduces the risk of atherosclerotic events. The lowering of HbA<sub>1c</sub> concentrations by newly developed glucose-lowering drugs (alone or when added to other glucose-

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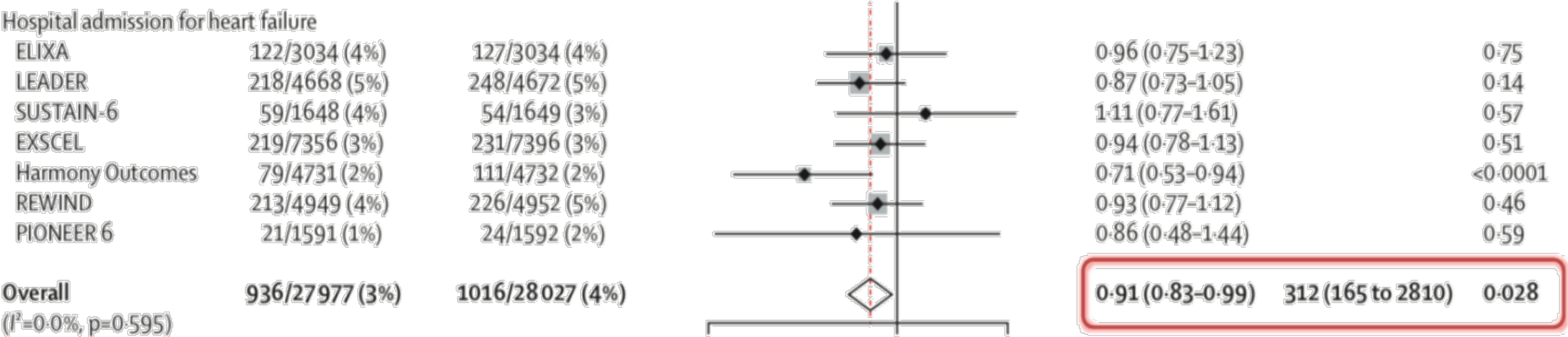
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# U.S. National Inpatient Sample (1998 to 2014): Hospitalization for HF Predominates Among Diabetes-Related Admissions



# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Risk for Heart Failure

Risk reduction in HF hospitalisation by 9%, GLP-1 RA vs. placebo;  
NNT 312 (95% CI 165–2810)



# Hospitalization for Heart Failure: Effects of SGLT2 Inhibitors

EMPA-REG OUTCOME  
Empagliflozin

35%

9.4 vs 14.5 events/1000 p-y  
HR 0.65 (0.50-0.85)

CANVAS/CANVAS-R  
Canagliflozin

33%

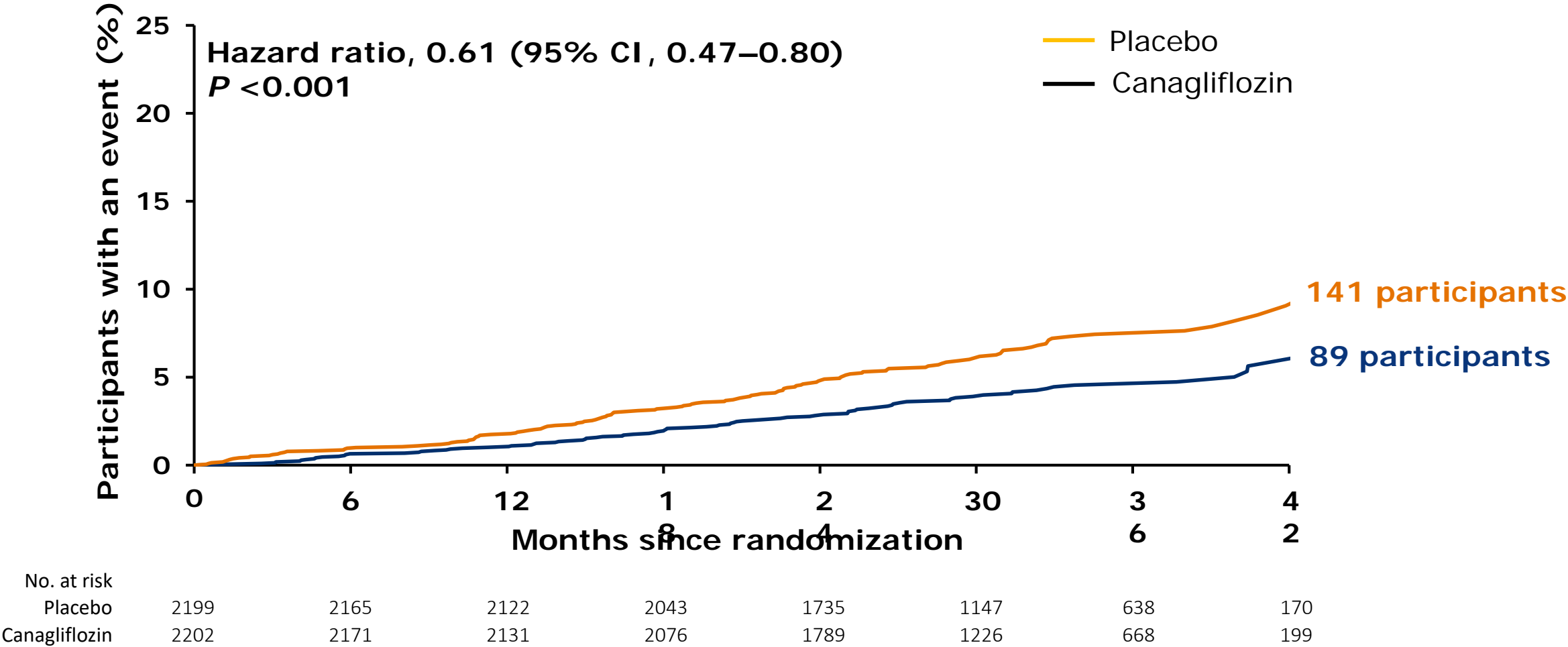
5.5 vs 8.7 events/1000 p-y  
HR 0.67 (0.52-0.87)

DECLARE-TIMI 58  
Dapagliflozin

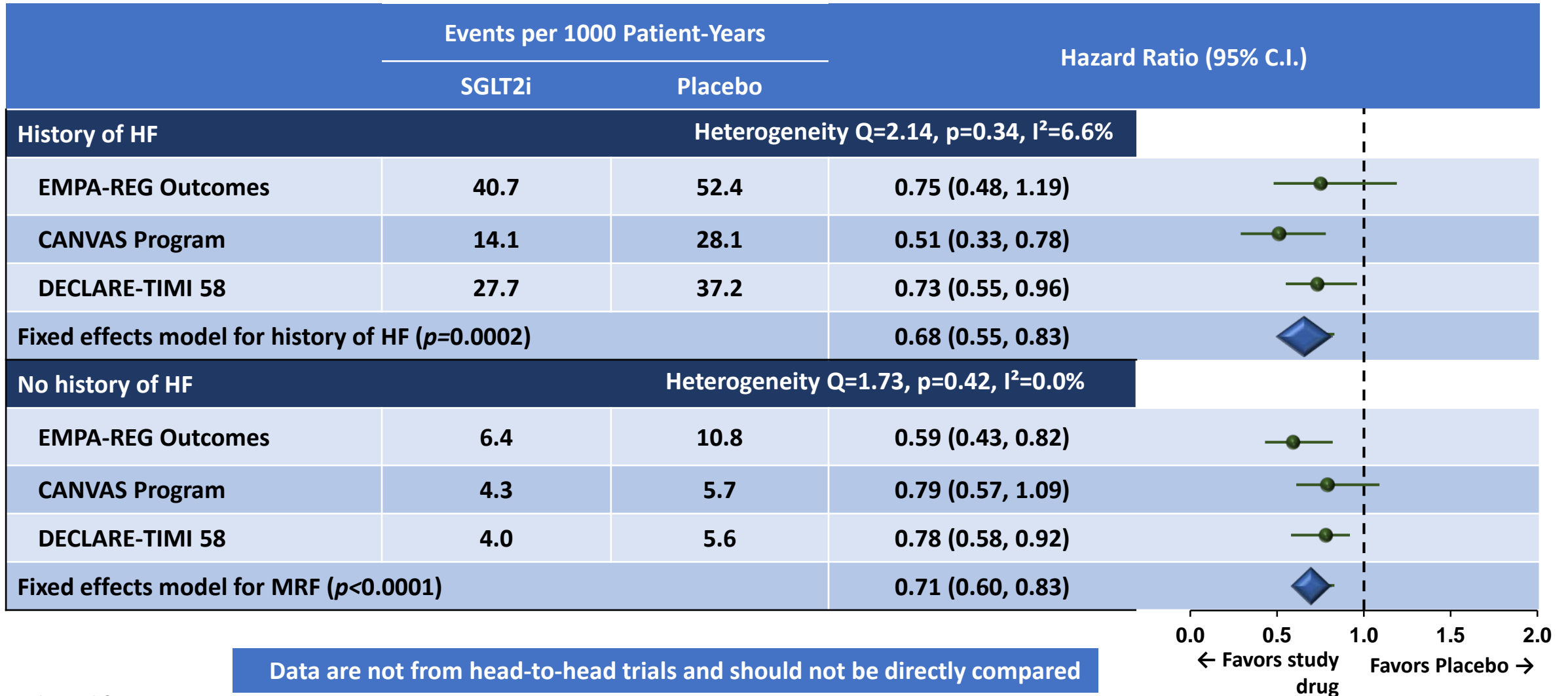
27%

6.2 vs 8.5 events/1000 p-y  
HR 0.73 (0.61-0.88)

# CREDENCE Results: Hospitalization for Heart Failure



# Heart Failure Hospitalization By Prior Heart Failure



Adapted from:  
Zelnicker TA, et al. *Lancet*. 2019;393:31-39.



## **GLP1 RA and SGLT2 inhibitors save lives:**

- Endocrinologists and cardiologists should start these agents
- In our health care delivery systems we should optimize PCP education to ensure optimal understanding, appropriate use and comfort with side effects
- Employ our educational support systems to ensure adherence and side effects mitigation /safety
- Improve policies to get these medications on formularies and affordable

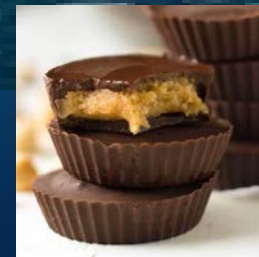
# Positive Sea Change:

GLP-1 Agonist  
SGLT2 inhibitor

It's a Glucose Medicine

It's a Heart Medicine

It's two medicines in One !!



# Balancing Risks and Benefits for Personalized Goals

## More Stringent Control

- No hypoglycemia
- Less complexity/  
polypharmacy
- Lifestyle or metformin  
only
- Short disease duration
- Long life expectancy
- No CVD



← **7%** →

## Less Stringent Control

- History of severe  
hypoglycemia
- High burden of therapy
- Longer disease duration
- Limited life expectancy
- Extensive co-morbidity
- CVD

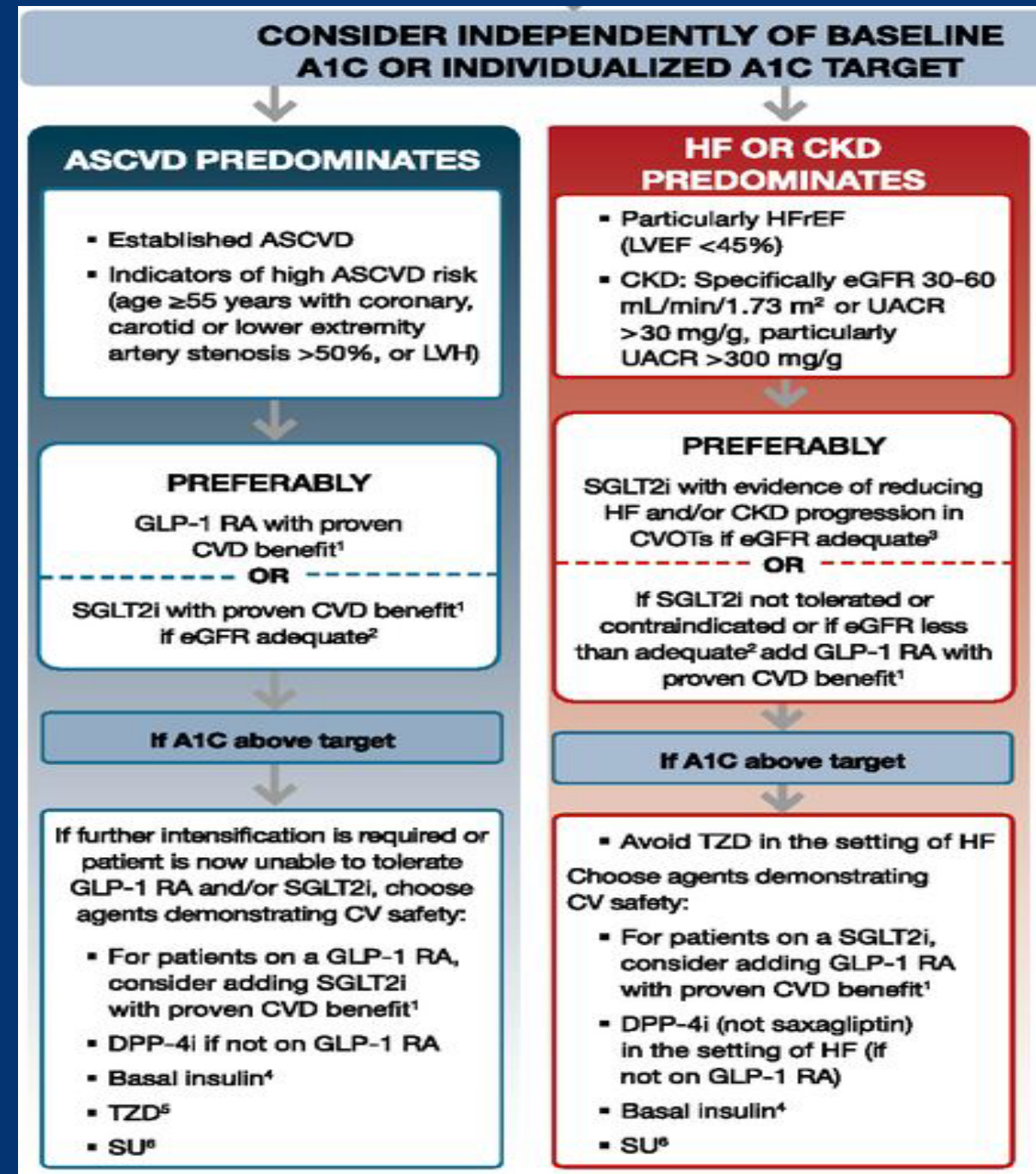
**NOW need to consider “diabetes” medications for CVD beyond glucose**

# In closing:

Efficacy of anti-hyperglycemic agents for ASCVD, CHF and renal disease changes the indications for these agents

Let's discuss your patients and your challenges

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# Thank you for your time









## **SGLT2 inhibitors can cause DKA but you need to work at it:**

- Endocrinologists and cardiologists should both initiate
- Be aware of high risk settings



This card holder takes diabetes medication that can cause diabetic ketoacidosis without high glucose levels

# STOP DKA Protocol



**S**ymptomatic (e.g. lethargy, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal pain) → **STOP** SGLTi

**T**est ketones\* and glucose every 2-4 hours  
(even if blood glucose is not elevated)

**O**ral ingestion of fluid and carbohydrates  
(250–500 mL fluid every 2 hours and up to 30–60 g of carbohydrates every 2-4 hours)

**P**rotocol instructions for supplemental insulin and carbohydrates  
(see STOP DKA table)

\*Ketosis/DKA may occur without an elevated blood glucose

# Diabetes Self-management Education and Support

**5.1** In accordance with the national standards for diabetes self-management education and support, all people with diabetes should participate in diabetes self-management education and receive the support needed to facilitate the knowledge, decision-making, and skills mastery necessary for diabetes selfcare. **A**

**5.2** There are four critical times to evaluate the need for diabetes self-management education to promote skills acquisition in support of regimen implementation, medical nutrition therapy, and well-being: at diagnosis, annually, when complicating factors arise, and when transitions in care occur. **E**

# Diabetes Self-management Education and Support

**5.3** Clinical outcomes, health status, and well-being are key goals of diabetes self-management education and support that should be measured as part of routine care. **C**

**5.4** Diabetes self-management education and support should be patient centered, may be given in group or individual settings and/or use technology, and should be communicated with the entire diabetes care team. **A**

**5.5** Because diabetes self-management education and support can improve outcomes and reduce costs **B**, reimbursement by third-party payers is recommended. **C**

# Diabetes Self-management Education and Support

Four critical time points have been defined when the need for DSMES is to be evaluated by the medical care provider and/or multidisciplinary team, with referrals made as needed:

1. At diagnosis
2. Annually for assessment of education, nutrition, and emotional needs
3. When new complicating factors (health conditions, physical limitations, emotional factors, or basic living needs) arise that influence self-management
4. When transitions in care occur