



# Obesity Management with Incretin Therapies: Considerations for Patients with and without Type 2 Diabetes

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## Objectives

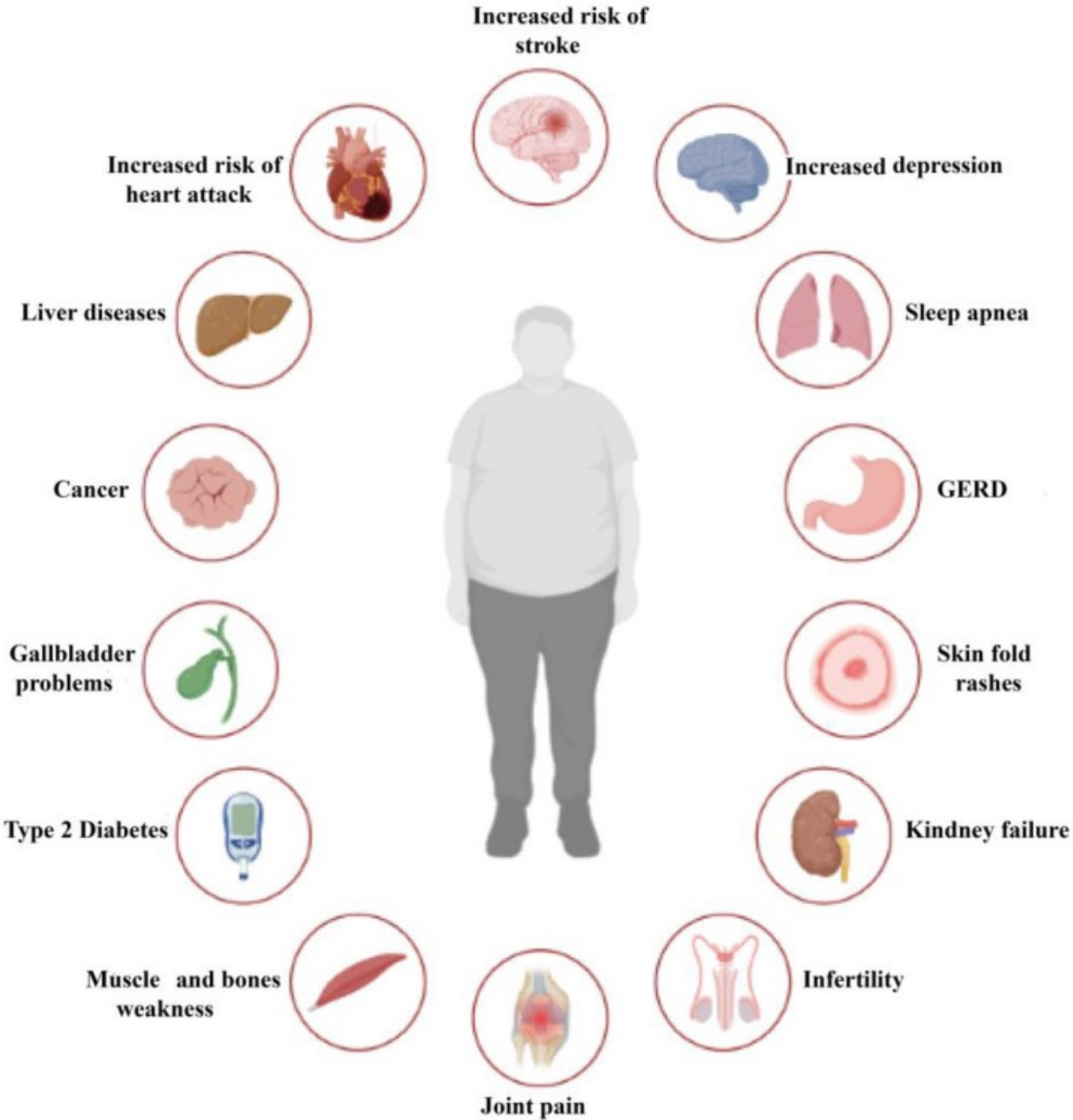
- Understand how incretin therapies benefit individuals with obesity or overweight with or without Type 2 Diabetes
- Identify benefits of treating obesity with incretin based therapies
- Discuss strategies for individualizing therapy based on patient characteristics



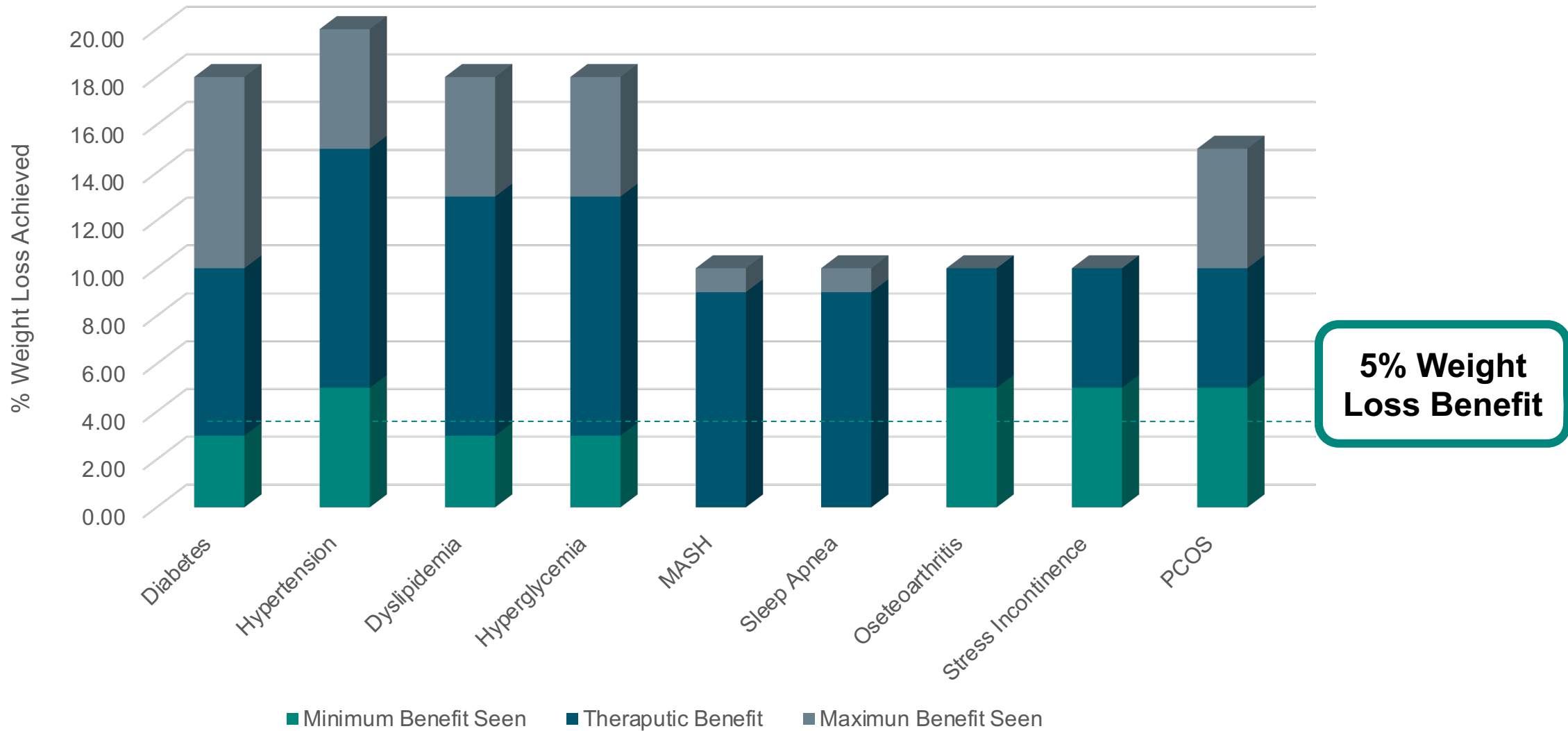
## Background

- Obesity is a growing public health concern, with a prevalence that tripled from 1975 to 2016
- Obesity leads to an increased risk of comorbidities, including diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, osteoarthritis, MASH, respiratory complications, CV diseases, cancer, and early death
- Lifestyle changes can result in modest weight loss (3-5%), but lifestyle therapies fail to achieve sustainable weight loss in most patients with obesity
- Greater weight loss yields more significant metabolic benefits and clinically meaningful improvements in patients with obesity-related comorbidities

# Complications and Implications of Obesity



# Weight Reduction Needed to Reduce Complications



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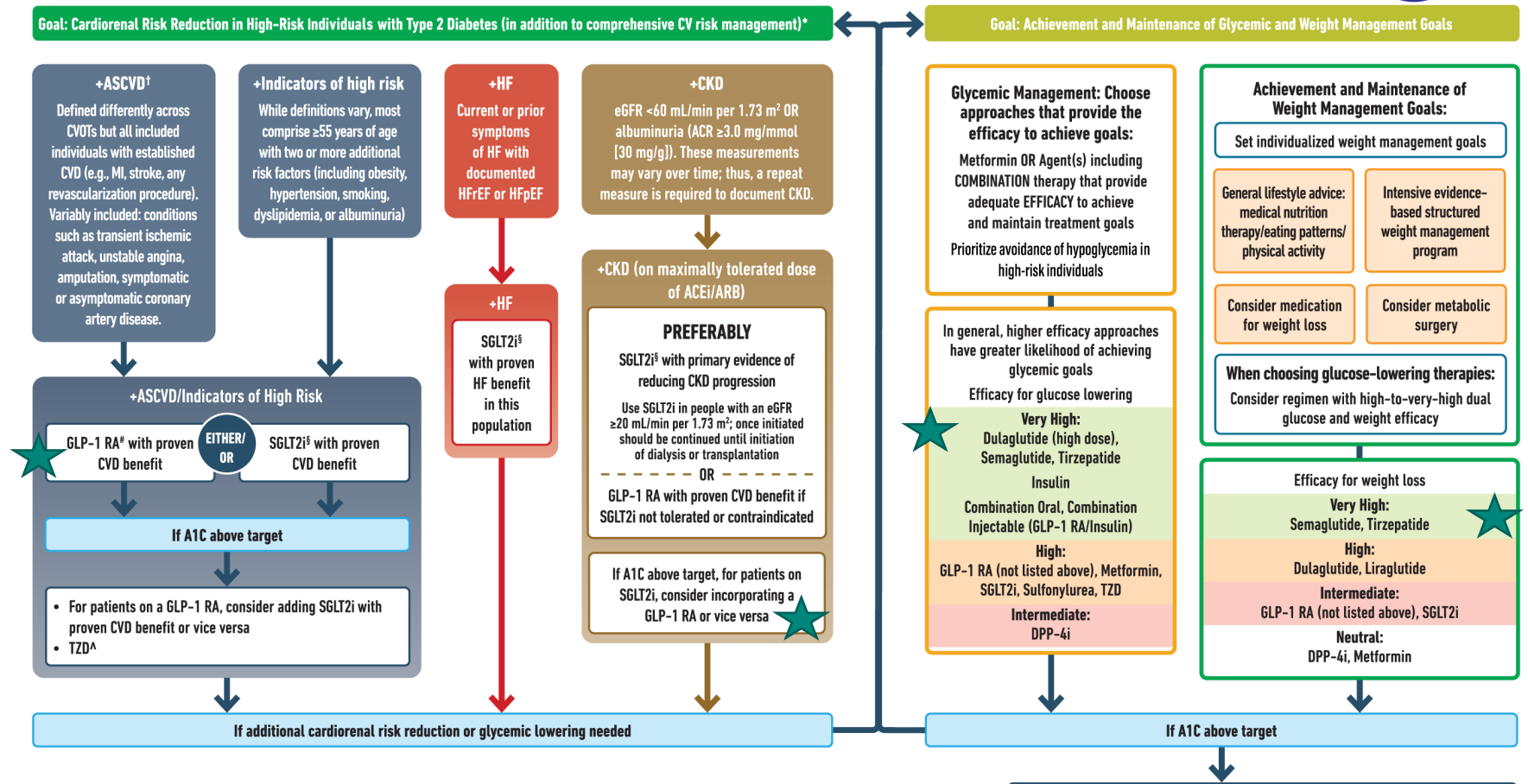
Weight-Related Comorbidity		Weight Loss Goal	Clinical Goals
Prediabetes		10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention of type 2 diabetes</li> </ul>
Type 2 diabetes		5 to $\geq 15\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in HbA1c</li> <li>• Reduction in number and/or doses of glucose-lowering medications</li> </ul>
Hypertension		5 to $\geq 15\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in systolic and diastolic blood pressure</li> <li>• Reduction in number and/or doses of hypertensive medications</li> </ul>
Obstructive sleep apnea		7 to $\geq 11\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved symptoms</li> <li>• Reduction in apnea-hypopnea index</li> </ul>
Osteoarthritis		$\geq 10\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved symptoms</li> <li>• Increased function</li> </ul>
Dyslipidemia		5 to $\geq 15\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower non-HDL-C and TGs</li> <li>• Higher HDL-C</li> </ul>
Metabolic syndrome		10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention of type 2 diabetes</li> </ul>
Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease	Steatosis	$\geq 5\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in intrahepatocellular lipid</li> </ul>
	Steatohepatitis	10-40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in inflammation and fibrosis</li> </ul>

This table is adapted from Table 8 of the 2016 AACE guidelines.

# Incretins: Place in Therapy in T2DM

## USE OF GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIORS; DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES); SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)

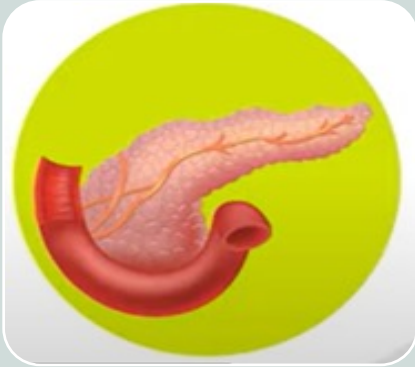


\* In people with HF, CKD, established CVD, or multiple risk factors for CVD, the decision to use a GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i with proven benefit should be independent of background use of metformin; † A strong recommendation is warranted for people with CVD and a weaker recommendation for those with indicators of high CV risk. Moreover, a higher absolute risk reduction and thus lower numbers needed to treat are seen at higher levels of baseline risk and should be factored into the shared decision-making process. See text for details; ^ Low-dose TZD may be better tolerated and similarly effective; § For SGLT2i, CV/renal outcomes trials demonstrate their efficacy in reducing the risk of composite MACE, CV death, all-cause mortality, MI, HFrEF, and renal outcomes in individuals with T2D with established/high risk of CVD; # For GLP-1 RA, CVOTs demonstrate their efficacy in reducing composite MACE, CV death, all-cause mortality, MI, stroke, and renal endpoints in individuals with T2D with established/high risk of CVD.

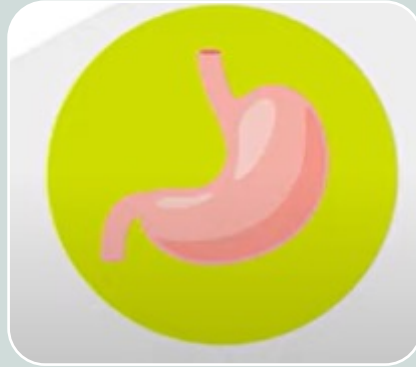
- Identify barriers to goals:**
- Consider DSMES referral to support self-efficacy in achievement of goals
  - Consider technology (e.g., diagnostic CGM) to identify therapeutic gaps and tailor therapy
  - Identify and address SDOH that impact achievement of goals

Fig 9.3: 9. Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Treatment: *Standards of Care in Diabetes—2024. Diabetes Care* 1 January 2024; 47 (Supplement\_1): S158–S178.

## Glucagon Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists Mechanism of Action



Increase  
insulin  
secretion



Delayed  
gastric  
emptying



Increased  
satiety



Decrease  
hepatic  
glucose  
production



# GLP1-RA Outcomes in T2DM

## AWARD-6 Liraglutide vs Dulaglutide

Primary Endpoint: Mean change in A1c from baseline

- Baseline A1c: 8.1%
- 1.4% reduction in both groups

Secondary Endpoint: Mean change in weight from baseline

- Baseline weight: 206-208lb
- Liraglutide 1.8mg (n=220): -7.9lb
- Dulaglutide 1.5mg (n=299): -6.4lb

## SUSTAIN-7 Semaglutide vs Dulaglutide

Baseline	Sema 0.5mg N=301	Dula 0.75mg N=299	Sema 1mg N=300	Dula 1.5mg N=299
A1c	8.3%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%
Body Weight	96.4kg	95.6kg	95.5kg	93.4kg

Primary Endpoint: Mean change in A1c from baseline

- Semaglutide 0.5mg: -1.5% vs dulaglutide 0.75mg: -1.1%
  - Mean difference -0.4% (p<0.0001)
- Semaglutide 1mg: 1.8% vs dulaglutide 1.5mg: 1.4%
  - Mean difference 0.41% (p<0.0001)

Secondary Endpoint: Mean change in weight from baseline

- Semaglutide 0.5mg: -4.6kg vs dulaglutide 0.75mg: -2.3kg
- Semaglutide 1mg: -6.5kg vs dulaglutide 1.5mg: -3kg

## GLP1-RA Dosing – T2DM with CV Risk Reduction

### Liraglutide

Multi-dose pen, separate Rx for pen needles

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- Start 0.6 mg SC once daily
- Increase to 1.2mg daily after 1 week
- Max: 1.8mg daily

### Semaglutide

Multi-dose pen, needles come with pen

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- Start 0.25mg SC once weekly
- Increase to 0.5mg weekly after 4 weeks, then increase to 1mg weekly after weeks for additional glycemic control.
- Max dose: 2mg/weekly

### Dulaglutide

Single use pens, needle inside device

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- Start 0.75mg SC once weekly
- Increase in 4 week increments; 1.5mg weekly, 3mg weekly
- Max dose: 4.5mg weekly

## Other GLP1-RA Dosing – T2DM only

### Exenatide (IR) Multi-dose pen, separate Rx for pen needles

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- Start 5 mcg SC BID; inject 60 min prior to meals
- Increase to 10 mcg BID after 1 month
- Do not use if CrCl <30 mL/min

### Exenatide (ER) Single use pen, auto-injector

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- Start 2mg SC once weekly
- Do not use if eGFR <45 mL/min

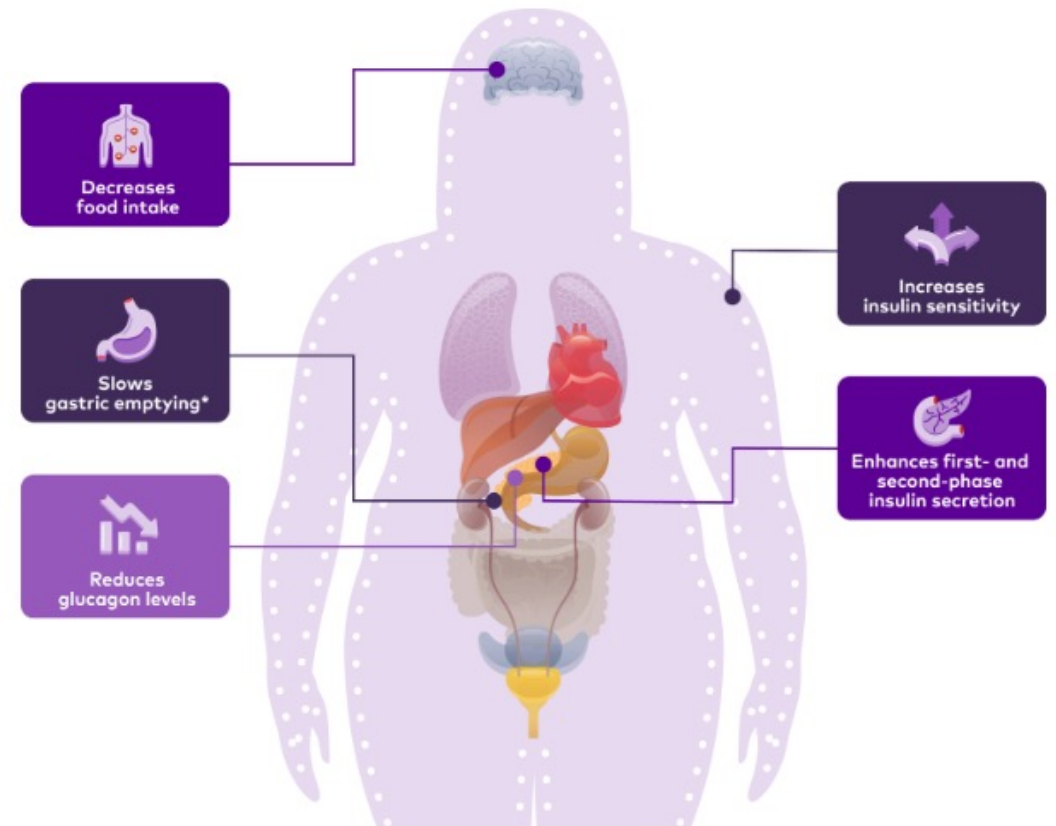
### Semaglutide PO Must be dispensed in original bottle

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- Start 3mg daily, take on empty stomach with 4 oz water
- Increase to 7mg daily after 1 month
- Max dose: 14 mg daily

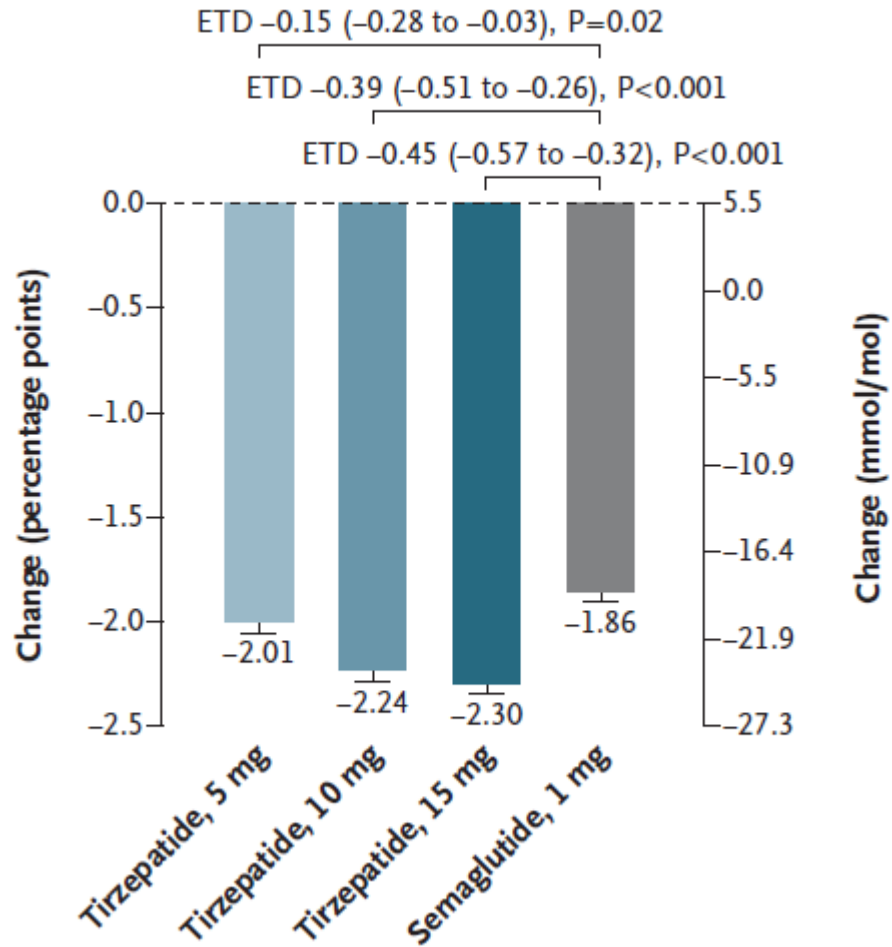
## Dual Incretin - Tirzepatide

- FDA Approved for treatment of T2DM in May 2022
- New class of medications, GLP1-RA/GIP
- Dosing: 2.5mg, 5mg, 7.5mg, 10mg, 12.5mg, and 15mg SC once weekly
- 2.5mg dose to minimize GI side effects
- Titrate every 4 weeks
- Same pen/injectable device as dulaglutide

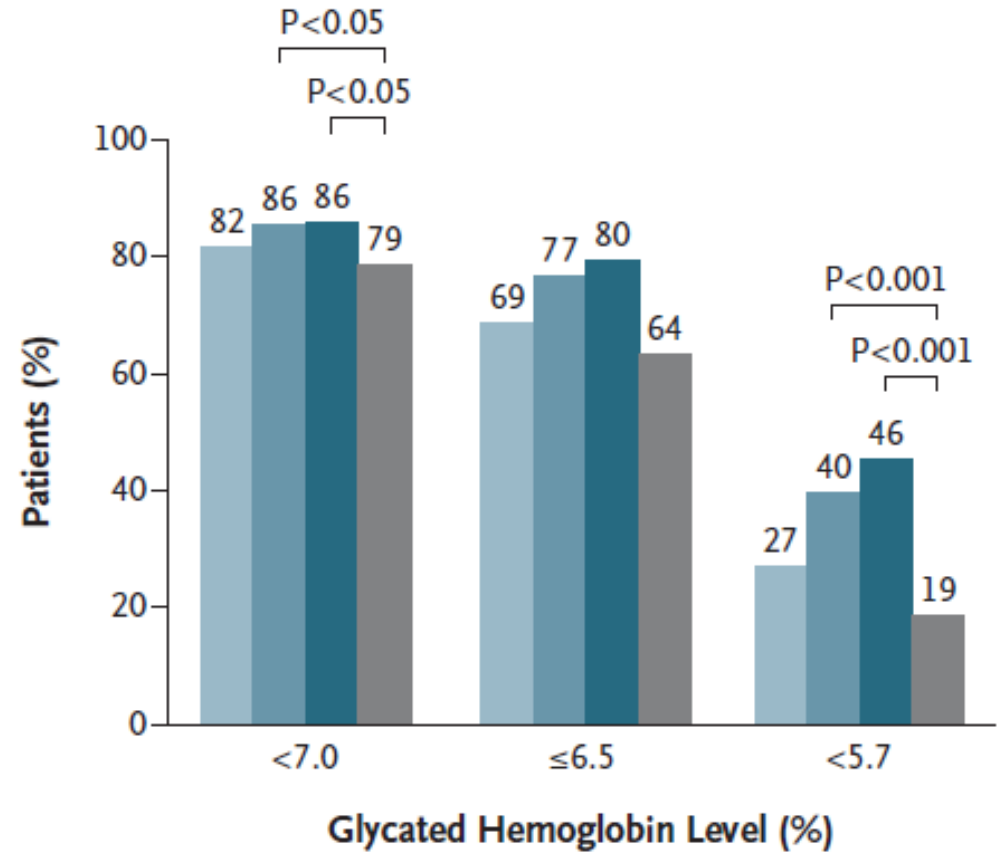


# Semaglutide vs Tirzepatide in T2DM – SURPASS 2

**A Change in Glycated Hemoglobin Levels from Baseline**

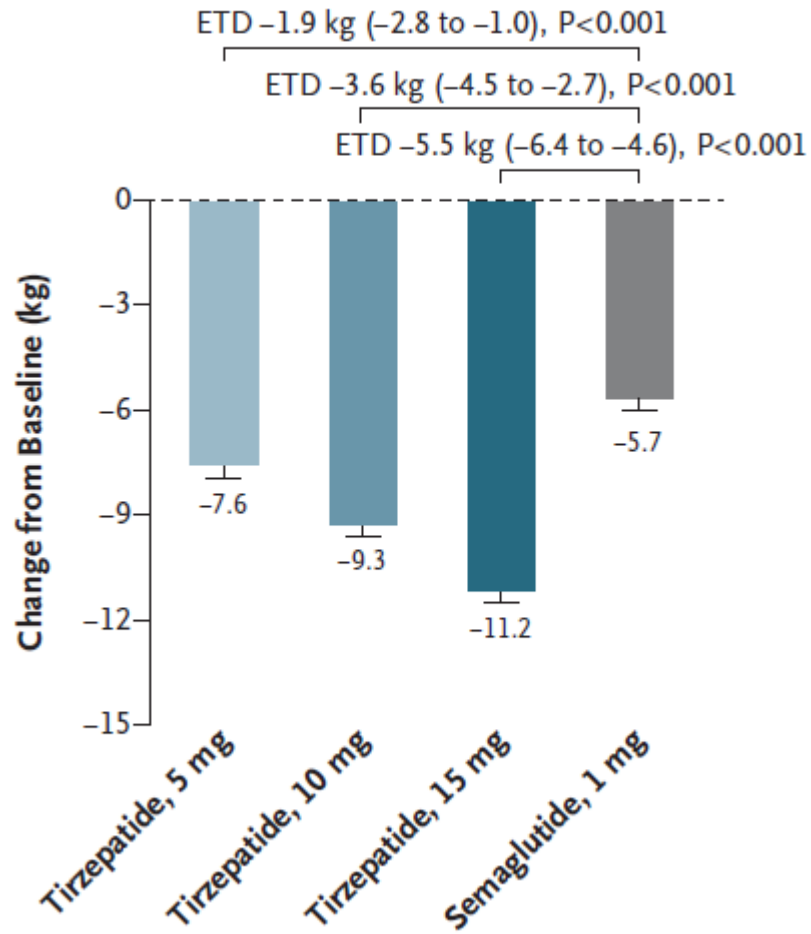


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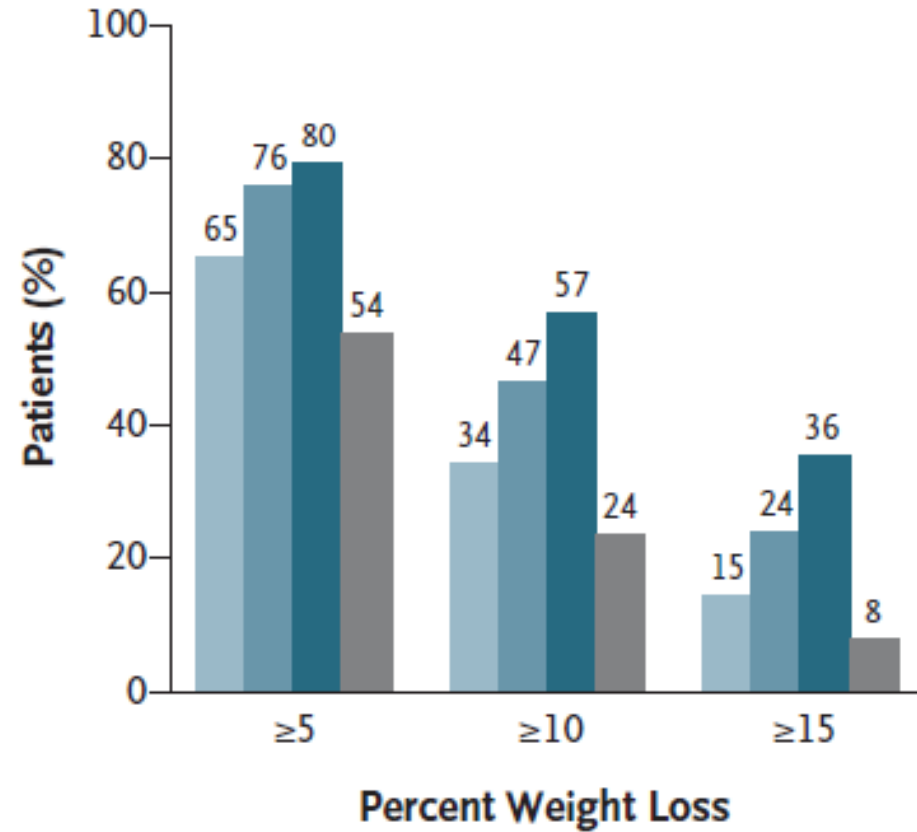


# Semaglutide vs Tirzepatide in T2DM – SURPASS 2

**A Change in Body Weight**



**C Patients Who Met Weight-Loss Target**



## Tirzepatide Trials – A1c and Weight Change

	SURPASS 1	SURPASS 2	SURPASS 3	SURPASS 4	SURPASS 5
Intervention	Placebo control	Metformin, semaglutide vs tirzepatide	Metformin +/- SGLT2i, insulin degludec vs tirzepatide	Tirzepatide vs insulin glargine	Background basal insulin +/- metformin, tirzepatide vs placebo
A1c change 5mg, 10mg, 15mg, comparator	-1.8%	-2.0%	-1.9%	-2.1%	-2.1%
	-1.7%	-2.2%	-2.0%	-2.3%	-2.4%
	-1.7%	-2.3%	-2.1%	-2.4%	-2.3%
Weight change (lb) 5mg, 10mg, 15mg, comparator	-14	-17	-15	-14	-12
	-15	-21	-21	-20	-17
	-17	-25	-25	-23	-19
	-2	-13	+4	+4	+4



# Incretins in Obesity



## Success of AOM on the market

Drug	Study (duration ≥1 year)	Subject (drug/placebo)	Lifestyle intervention (diet/exercise/behavior)	Weighted mean difference (kg) (95% CI) for the drug-to-placebo comparison at 1 year	% weight loss (drug/placebo)	Odds ratio (95% CrI) for achieving ≥5% weight loss	% of patients with ≥5% weight loss at 1 year (drug/placebo)	% of patients with ≥10% weight loss at 1 year (drug/placebo)
Orlistat	17 trials	5,572/5,572	Reduced fat intake or 500–800 kcal deficit/non-specific increase or 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day/yes or no	2.60 (2.16–3.04)	4.6/1.7	2.70 (2.34–3.09)	48.8/22.6	17.9/8.8
Phentermine/topiramate	3 trials	1,802/1,735	500 kcal deficit/non-specific increase/yes	8.80 (7.42–10.2)	8.5/1.7	9.22 (6.63–12.85)	72.0/22.8	49.7/8.6
Naltrexone/ bupropion	5 trials	6,963/5,897	500 kcal deficit/non-specific increase or 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day/yes	4.95 (3.96–5.94)	6.1/2.1	3.96 (3.03–5.11)	52.4/28.3	28.3/9.7
Liraglutide	4 trials	3,096/1,649	500 kcal deficit/minimum 150 minutes of brisk walking per week/yes	5.27 (4.52–6.06)	7.1/1.7	5.54 (4.16–7.78)	60.3/24.6	30.4/8.4
Lorcaserin <sup>a</sup>	4 trials	9,453/9,440	600 kcal deficit/30 minutes of moderate exercise per day/yes	3.22 (2.46–3.97)	5.1/2.0	3.10 (2.38–4.05)	42.7/19.7	19.0/6.7

## Liraglutide

- FDA approved in 2014
- GLP-1RA
- BMI  $\geq$  30 OR BMI  $\geq$  27 & at least one weight-related comorbidity
- Ages 12 and older

### Adjusted Weekly

Week 1	0.6 mg daily
Week 2	1.2 mg daily
Week 3	1.8 mg daily
Week 4	2.4 mg daily
Week 5	3 mg daily

## Semaglutide

- FDA approved June 2021
- GLP-1RA
- To reduce risk of major adverse cardiovascular events in adults with established CVD and either obesity or overweight
- Adults with overweight & one weight related comorbidity
- Ages 12 and older with obesity

### Adjusted Monthly

Month 1	0.25 mg weekly
Month 2	0.5 mg weekly
Month 3	1.0 mg weekly
Month 4	1.7 mg weekly
Month 5	2.4 mg weekly

## Tirzepatide

- FDA Approved November 2023
- GLP-1RA/GIP
- BMI  $\geq$  30 OR BMI  $\geq$  27 & at least one weight-related comorbidity
- Ages 18 and older

### Adjusted Monthly

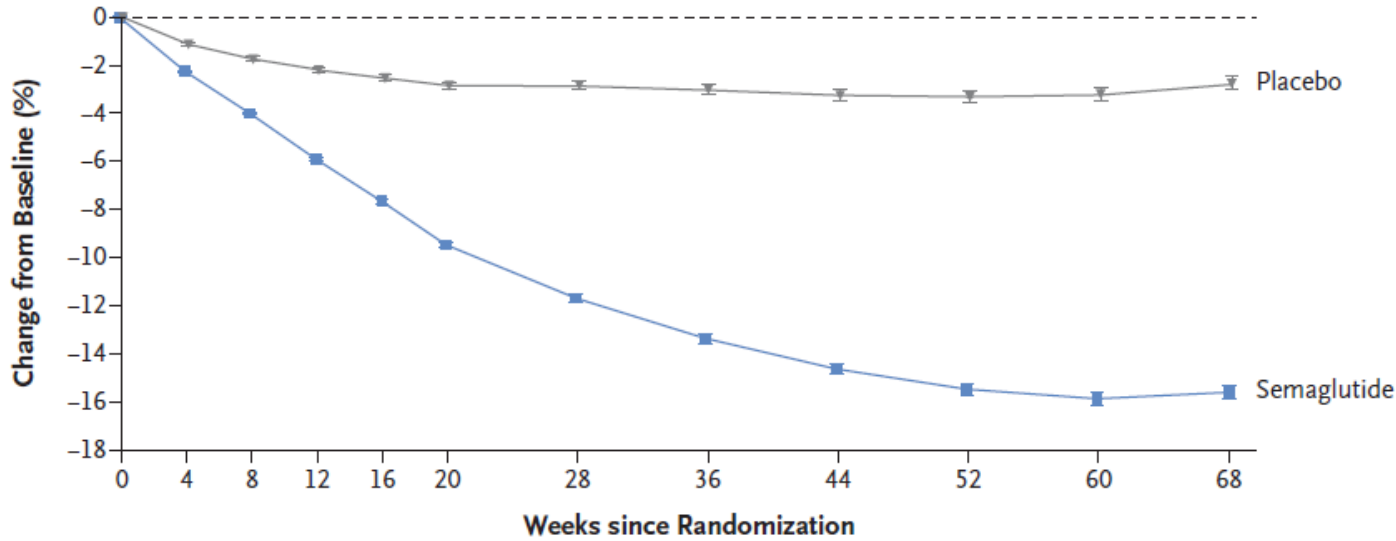
Month 1	2.5 mg weekly
Month 2	5.0 mg weekly
Month 3	7.5 mg weekly
Month 4	10 mg weekly
Month 5	12.5 mg weekly
Month 6	15 mg weekly

## Semaglutide – STEP Program

	<b>STEP 1</b> N=1961	<b>STEP 3</b> N=611	<b>STEP 4</b> N=803	<b>STEP 5</b> N=304	<b>STEP 8</b> N=338
Study Design	Sema vs placebo	Sema vs placebo, IBT	Sustained WM	Sustained WM	Sema vs lira
Duration	68 weeks	68 weeks	68 weeks	104 weeks	68 weeks
Mean Age	46 yrs	46 yrs	46 yrs	47 yrs	49 yrs
Baseline Weight	232.1 lb	233.2 lb	211.9 lb	233.7 lb	230.4 lb
Baseline BMI	37.9	38.0	38.4	38.5	37.5
Primary Outcome	12.4% Δ ≥ 5% weight reductions 86.4% v 31.5%	10.3% Δ ≥ 5% weight reductions 86.6% v 47.6%	12.4% Δ ≥ 5% weight reductions 88.7% v 47.6%	12.6% Δ ≥ 5% weight reductions 77.1% v 34.4%	15.8% vs 6.4% (-9.4% P<.001) ≥ 10% weight Reductions 70.9% v 25.6%
Impact on SBP/DBP mmHg	-1.8/-2.41	-3.9/-2.2	-3.9/-0.6	-4.2/-3.7	-2.8/-4.5

# STEP 1 Outcomes

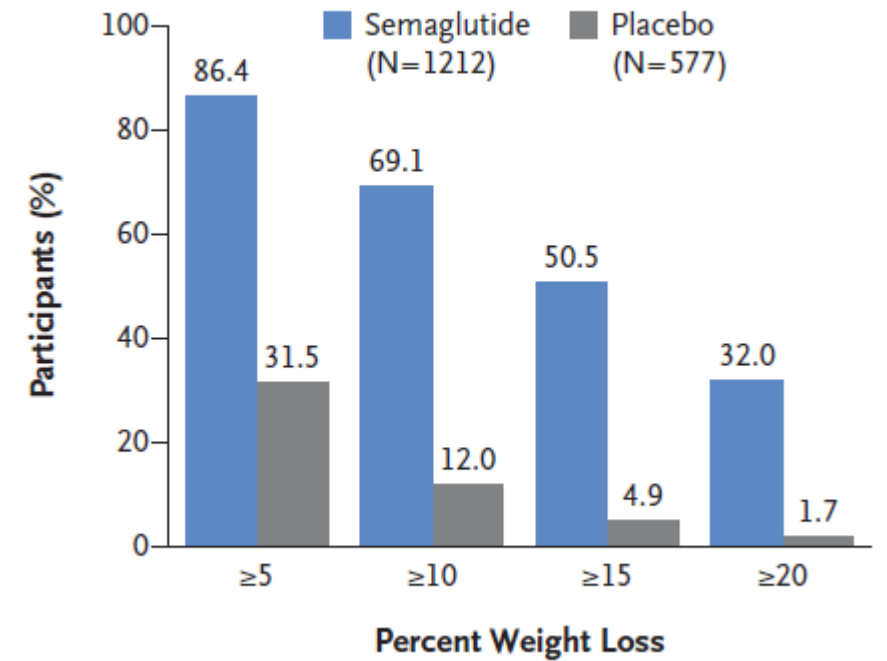
**A Body Weight Change from Baseline by Week, Observed In-Trial Data**



**No. at Risk**

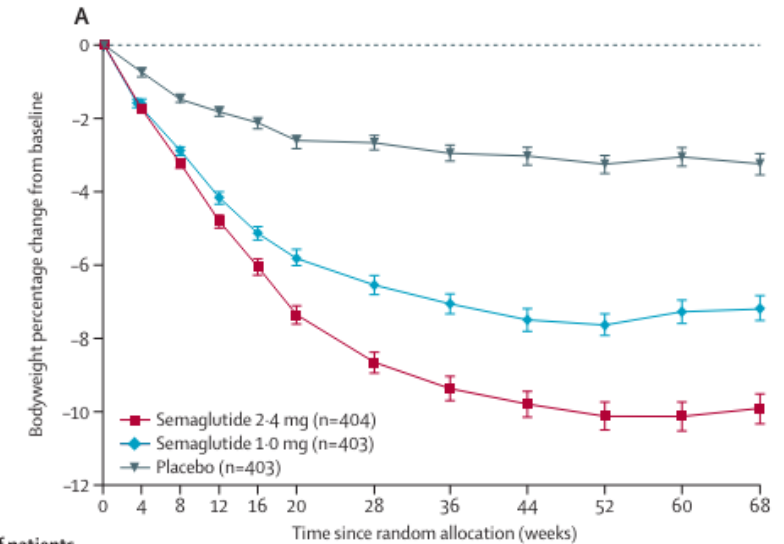
Placebo	655	649	641	619	615	603	592	571	554	549	540	577
Semaglutide	1306	1290	1281	1262	1252	1248	1232	1228	1207	1203	1190	1212

**C In-Trial Data at Wk 68**

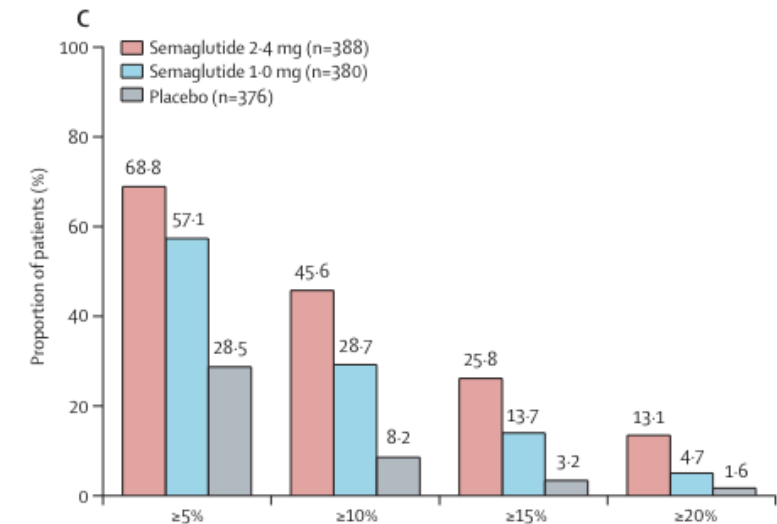


## STEP 2 – Semaglutide 2.4mg vs Semaglutide 1mg vs Placebo in T2DM

- 68 week, phase 3a trial
- 1210 patients with T2DM and overweight or obesity were randomized 1:1:1 to receive semaglutide 2.4mg, semaglutide 1mg, or placebo once weekly
- Primary Outcome
- Mean change in body weight (%)
  - –9.6% vs –7.0% vs –3.4%
  - Sema 2.4 mg vs Placebo:
    - –6.2% (–7.3 to –5.2); P<.0001
  - Sema 2.4 mg vs Sema 1 mg
    - –2.7% (–3.7 to –1.6); P<.0001

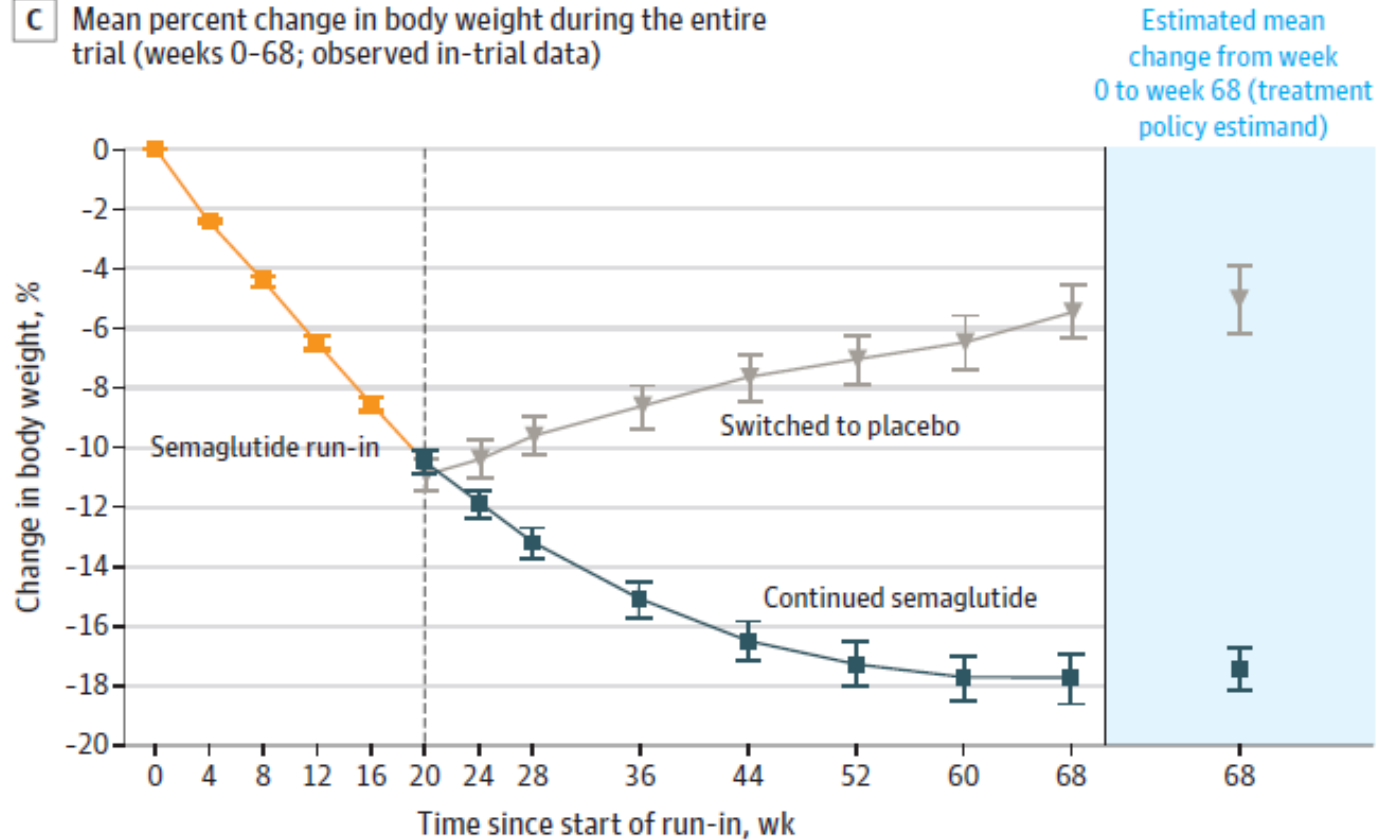


	0	4	8	12	16	20	28	36	44	52	60	68
Semaglutide 2.4 mg	404	395	397	390	388	392	386	383	381	381	378	388
Semaglutide 1.0 mg	403	394	392	385	383	383	378	377	373	370	374	380
Placebo	403	398	394	389	387	383	381	377	371	367	366	376

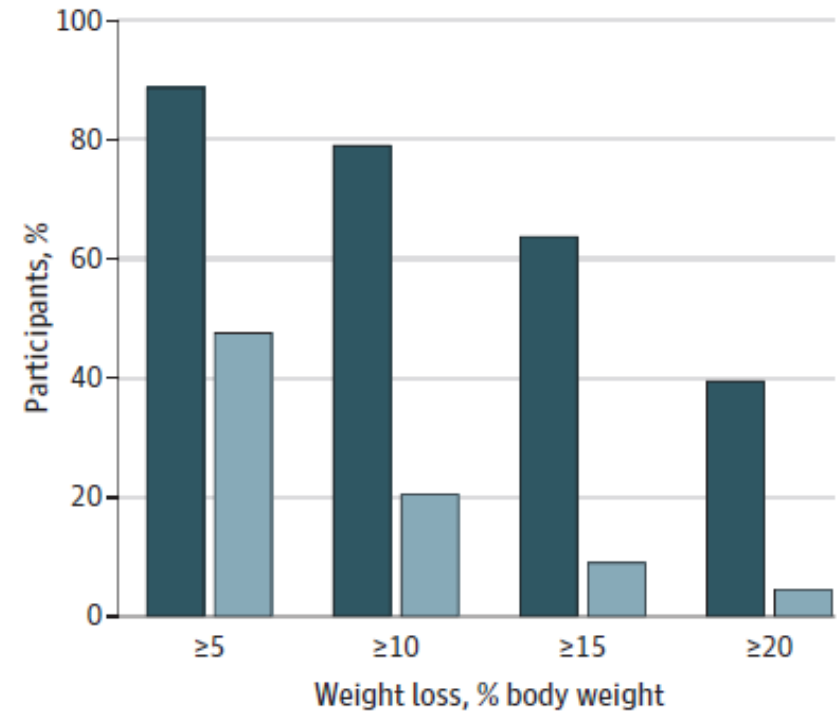


# STEP 4

**C** Mean percent change in body weight during the entire trial (weeks 0-68; observed in-trial data)



**D** Proportion of participants achieving thresholds of weight loss during the entire trial (weeks 0-68; observed in-trial data)



# Tirzepatide - SURMOUNT

	<b>SURMOUNT 1</b> N=1961	<b>SURMOUNT 3</b> N=611	<b>SURMOUNT 4</b> N=803
Study Design	Tirzep vs placebo	Tirzep vs placebo, ILM	Tirzep Sustained WM
Duration	72 weeks	72weeks	36-88 weeks
Mean Age	45 yrs	45 yrs	48 yrs
Baseline Weight	230.6 lb	225.5 lb	236.1 lb
Baseline BMI	38.0	36.1	38.4
Primary Outcome	22.5% $\Delta$ $\geq 5\%$ weight reductions 96.3% v 27.9%	21.1% $\Delta$ $\geq 5\%$ weight reductions 94.4% v 10.7%	5.5% $\Delta$ Maintaining $\geq 80\%$ weight reductions 89.5% v 16.6%
Impact on SBP/DBP mmHg	-6.2/-4.0	-4.5/-2.6	-11.8/-5.4

## SURMOUNT 2 – Obesity and T2DM

- Phase 3, double blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial
- Adults with BMI  $\geq 27$  and A1c 7-10%
- Mean age: 54 and mean body weight: 100.7 kg; BMI 36.1
- Doses studied: 10mg and 15mg/week vs placebo
- Primary Outcome:
  - Mean change in bodyweight at week 72 with tirzepatide 10 mg and 15 mg was -12.8% and -14.7% respectively, and -3.2% with placebo
    - Estimated treatment differences versus placebo:
      - -9.6% percentage points (95% CI -11.1 to -8.1) with tirzepatide 10 mg
      - -11.6% percentage points (-13.0 to -10.1) with tirzepatide 15 mg (all  $p < 0.0001$ ).
  - More participants treated with tirzepatide versus placebo met bodyweight reduction thresholds of 5% or higher (79-83% vs 32%).



## SELECT Trial

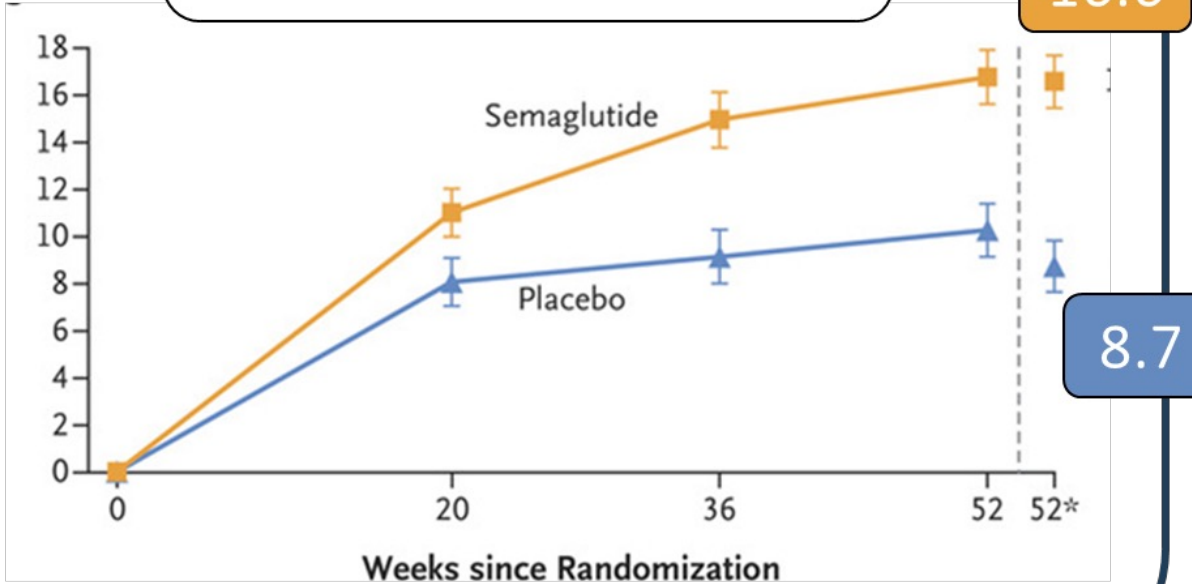
- Semaglutide has proven CV benefit in T2DM (SUSTAIN 7)
- SELECT enrolled individuals age 45 and older with pre-existing CVD and a BMI of  $\geq 27$ 
  - 17,604 patients enrolled and were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to once weekly semaglutide or placebo
  - Primary Outcome: death from CV causes, nonfatal MI or non-fatal stroke
    - A primary cardiovascular end-point event occurred in 569 of the 8803 patients (6.5%) in the semaglutide group and 701 of the 8801 patients (8.0%) in the placebo group
      - Hazard ratio, 0.80; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.72 to 0.90;  $P < 0.001$

Patient Demographics	Semaglutide (n=8803)	Placebo (n=8801)
Age	61.6 years	61.6 years
Male sex %	72.2	72.5
Body Weight, Kg	96.5	96.8
BMI	33.3	33.4
CV inclusion Criteria		
MI only	67.7%	67.5%
Stroke only	17.9%	17.7%
PAD only	4.3%	4.6%
Two of the above	8.2%	8.2%

# STEP HFpEF – Semaglutide in Patients with Heart Failure Preserved Ejection Fraction and Obesity

Estimated Difference, 7.8 points  
(95%CI, 4.8 to 10.9) P<0.001

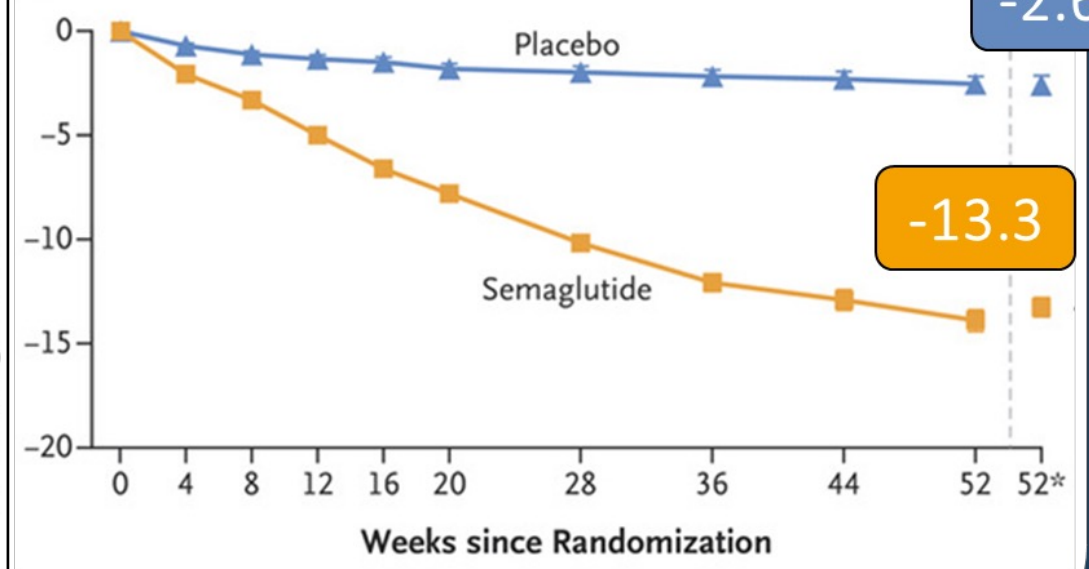
Change from Baseline



Change in KCCQ-CSS

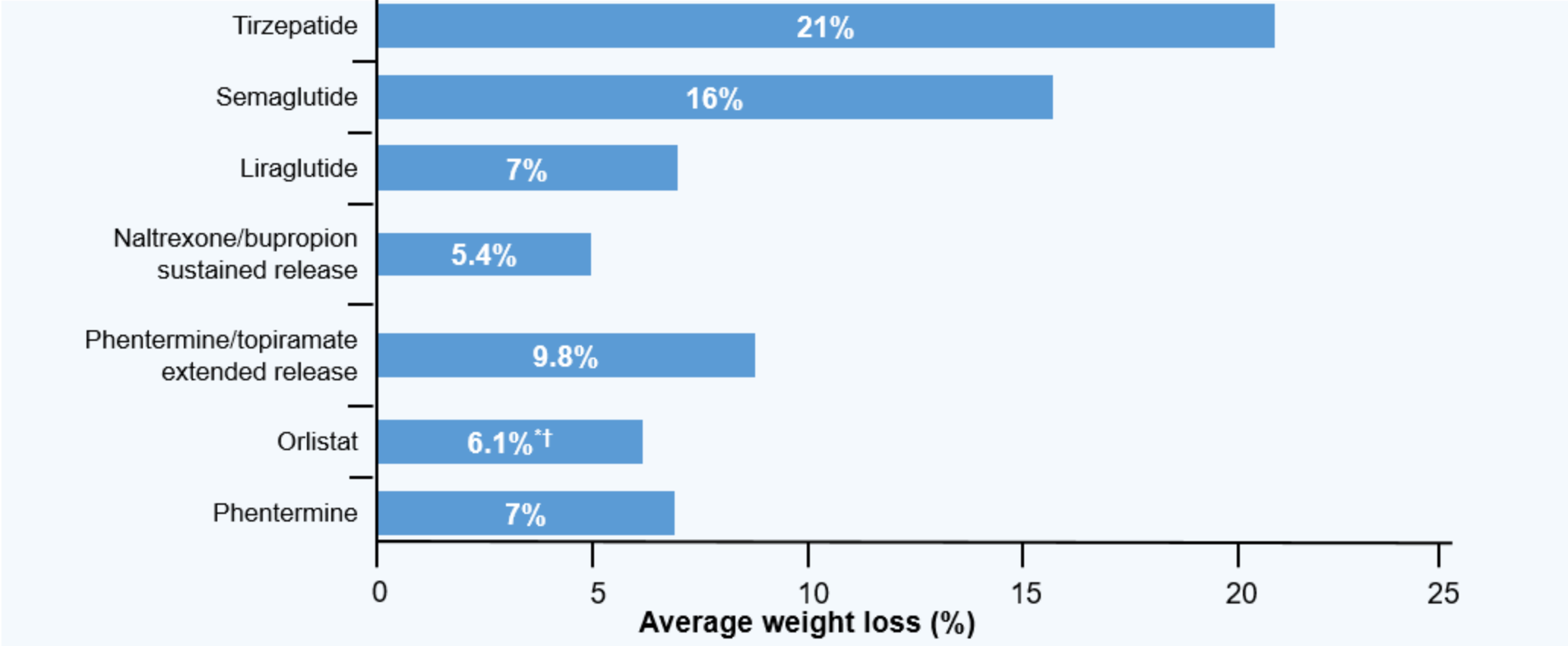
Estimated Difference, 10.7 % points  
(95%CI, -11.9 to -9.4) P<0.001

% Change from Baseline



Change in Body Weight

# Current Pharmacotherapy: Efficacy



# Case 1

- A 32 year old female presents to primary care for her annual physical.
  - BP: 122/67
  - HR: 68
  - A1c 5.4%
  - Scr: 1.0
  - LDL 127
  - Weight: 204 lb
  - Height: 5 ft 5 inches

STANDARD METRIC

Your Height: 5 (feet) 5 (inches)

Your Weight: 204 (pounds)

Compute BMI

Your BMI: 33.9

### BMI Categories:

- Underweight = <18.5
- Normal weight = 18.5–24.9
- Overweight = 25–29.9
- Obesity = BMI of 30 or greater

### What Next? Take Action Towards Better Health:

#### [Maintain a Healthy Weight](#)

- Maintaining a healthy weight is important for your heart health.
- Learn more about [overweight and obesity](#).

#### [Increase Physical Activity](#)

- Moving more can lower your risk factors for heart disease.

#### [Eat a Heart-Healthy Diet](#)

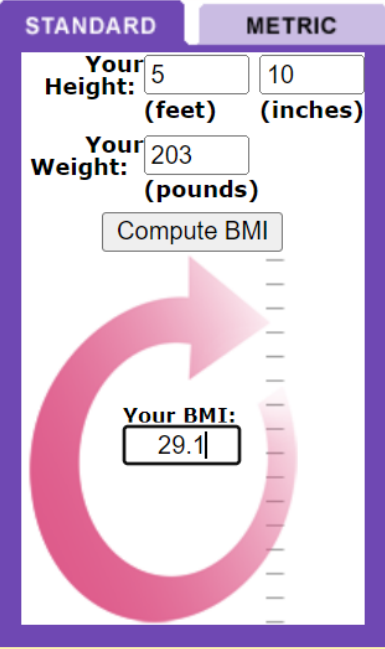
- Eating a healthy diet is the key to heart disease prevention.

#### [Know and Control Your Heart Health Numbers](#)

## Case 2

- 48 year old male with T2DM, HTN, NSTEMI, HFpEF and CKD is referred to your pharmacy clinic for chronic disease state management
  - BP: 144/92
  - HR: 78
  - A1c 9.4%
  - Scr: 1.9, eGFR 50
  - UACR 321
  - LDL 115
  - Weight: 203 lb
  - Height: 5 ft 10 inches

Metformin 500mg once daily  
Glipizide 5mg with dinner  
Lisinopril 5mg daily  
Atorvastatin 80mg daily  
ASA 81mg daily  
Metoprolol ER 50mg daily



The image shows a BMI calculator interface with two tabs: 'STANDARD' and 'METRIC'. Under 'STANDARD', 'Your Height' is 5 feet 10 inches and 'Your Weight' is 203 pounds. A 'Compute BMI' button is visible. Below the input fields is a large pink circular arrow graphic. In the center of the arrow, 'Your BMI: 29.1' is displayed. To the right of the calculator, there are sections for 'BMI Categories', 'What Next? Take Action Towards Better Health:', and three sub-sections: 'Maintain a Healthy Weight', 'Increase Physical Activity', and 'Eat a Heart-Healthy Diet'. Each sub-section contains a bullet point and a link.

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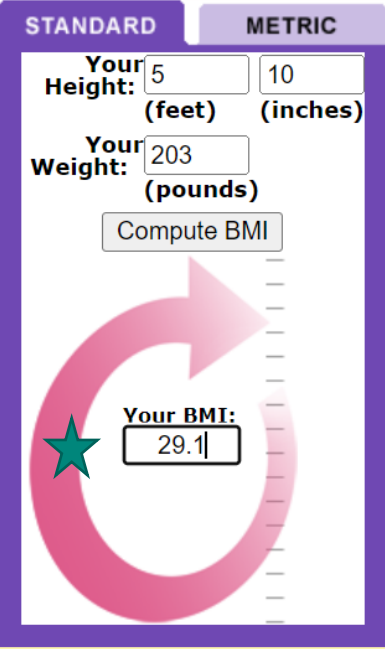
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ASA 81mg daily  
Metoprolol ER 50mg daily



The screenshot shows a BMI calculator with two tabs: 'STANDARD' and 'METRIC'. Under 'STANDARD', 'Your Height' is 5 feet 10 inches and 'Your Weight' is 203 pounds. A 'Compute BMI' button is visible. Below, a large pink circular arrow graphic contains a box for 'Your BMI: 29.1' with a green star next to it.

**BMI Categories:**  
Underweight = <18.5  
Normal weight = 18.5–24.9  
Overweight = 25–29.9  
Obesity = BMI of 30 or greater

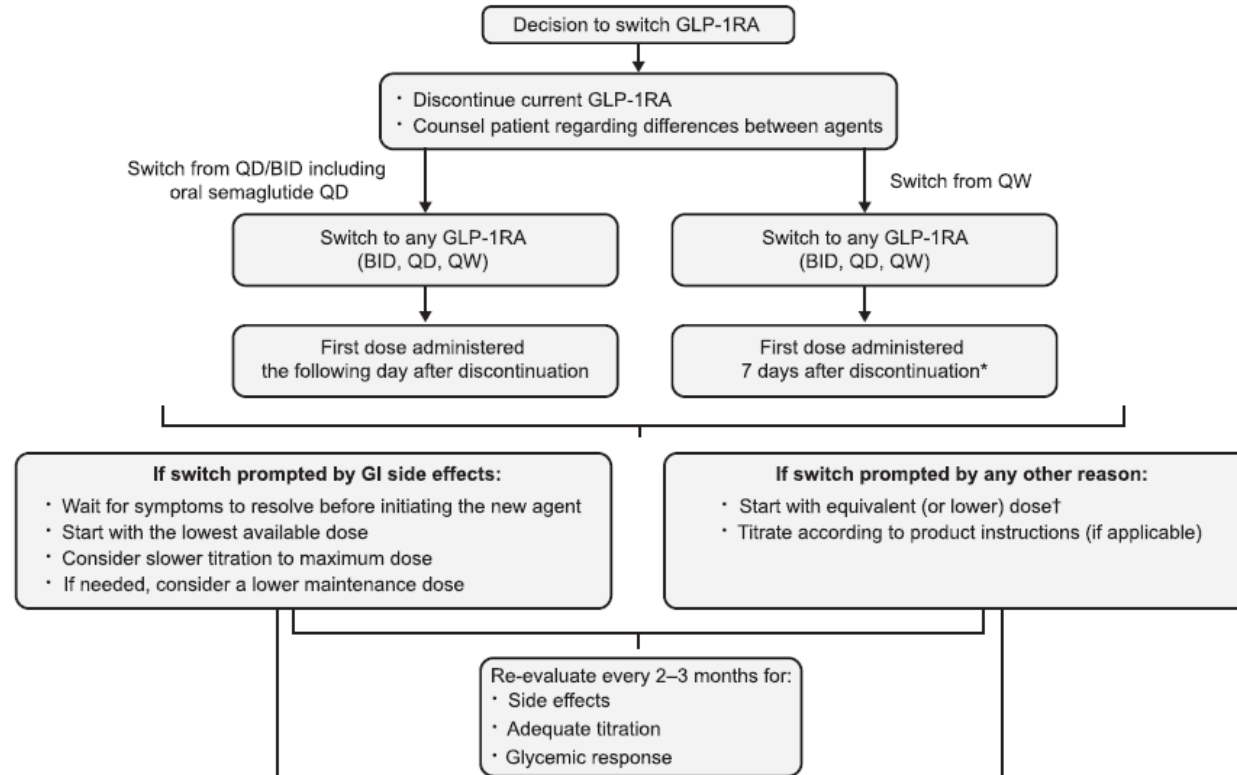
**What Next? Take Action Towards Better Health:**

- [Maintain a Healthy Weight](#)
- Maintaining a healthy weight is important for your heart health.
- Learn more about [overweight and obesity](#).
- [Increase Physical Activity](#)
- Moving more can lower your risk factors for heart disease.
- [Eat a Heart-Healthy Diet](#)
- Eating a healthy diet is the key to heart disease prevention.
- [Know and Control Your Heart Health Numbers](#)

[https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose\\_wt/BMI/bmicalc.htm](https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/lose_wt/BMI/bmicalc.htm)

# Switching Between Incretin Therapies

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Agent	Frequency	Equivalent Dose†			
Exenatide	QW			2 mg	
Dulaglutide	QW		0.75 mg	1.5 mg	
Semaglutide	QW		0.25 mg	0.5 mg	1 mg
Liraglutide	QD	0.6 mg	1.2 mg	1.8 mg	
Lixisenatide	QD	10 µg	20 µg		
Oral semaglutide	QD	3 mg	7 mg	14 mg	
Exenatide	BID	5 µg	10 µg		



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**TABLE 4** GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Drug Shortages and Suggested Comparative Doses for Treating Type 2 Diabetes

Agent	Dosing Route and Interval		Comparative Doses							
Exenatide	SC	twice daily	5 µg*	10 µg						
Lixisenatide	SC	daily	10 µg*	20 µg						
Liraglutide	SC	weekly	0.6 mg*	1.2 mg	1.8 mg					
Exenatide XR	SC	weekly			2 mg					
Dulaglutide	SC	weekly		0.75 mg <sup>a*</sup>	1.5 mg <sup>a</sup>	3 mg <sup>b†</sup>	4.5 mg <sup>b†</sup>			
Semaglutide	SC	weekly		0.25 mg <sup>b*</sup>	0.5 mg <sup>b</sup>	1 mg <sup>a</sup>	2 mg <sup>a†</sup>			
Semaglutide	PO	daily	3 mg*	7 mg	14 mg					
Tirzepatide	SC	weekly			2.5 mg <sup>a*</sup>	5 mg <sup>a†</sup>	7.5 mg <sup>a</sup>	10 mg <sup>a</sup>	12.5 mg <sup>a</sup>	15 mg <sup>a</sup>

# Guidance on Managing Missed Doses

**TABLE 1** Manufacturer Recommendations for Missed Doses of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

Agent	Recommended Dosing Interval	Manufacturer Recommendations for Missed Doses
<i>Short-acting agents</i>		
Exenatide	Twice daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip missed dose and resume at the next scheduled dose.</li> </ul>
Lixisenatide	Once daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a dose is missed, administer within 1 hour prior to next meal.</li> </ul>
<i>Long-acting agents</i>		
Dulaglutide	Once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer as soon as possible if there are <math>\geq 3</math> days (72 hours) until next scheduled dose.</li> <li>• If <math>&lt; 3</math> days before next scheduled dose, skip the missed dose and administer on the next scheduled day.</li> </ul>
Exenatide XR	Once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer as soon as possible if there are <math>\geq 3</math> days (72 hours) until the next scheduled dose.</li> <li>• If <math>&lt; 3</math> days before next scheduled dose, skip the missed dose and administer on the next scheduled day.</li> </ul>
Liraglutide	Once daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If dose is missed, resume with the next scheduled dose.</li> </ul>
Semaglutide (injectable)	Once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer as soon as possible within 5 days after the missed dose.</li> <li>• If <math>&gt; 5</math> days have passed, skip the dose and administer on the next scheduled day.</li> </ul>
Semaglutide (oral)	Once daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If dose is missed, resume with the next scheduled dose.</li> </ul>
Tirzepatide	Once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administer as soon as possible within 4 days (96 hours) after the missed dose.</li> <li>• If <math>&gt; 4</math> days have passed, skip the dose and administer on the next scheduled day.</li> </ul>

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**TABLE 2** Considerations for Resuming a GLP-1 Receptor Agonist After a Prolonged Lapse in Therapy

Agent	Last Dose Administered	Recommendation(s) for Resuming Therapy
Dulaglutide*	1.5 mg once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Resume at 1.5 mg once-weekly dose.</li> <li>● Expect comparable tolerability to that experienced prior to dose interruption.</li> </ul>
	3 or 4.5 mg once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use best judgment if <math>\geq 3</math> doses are missed.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It is unknown whether tolerance to the GI adverse events will remain if reinitiated at the higher dose after <math>\geq 3</math> missed doses.</li> <li>○ Decision can be informed by patient's prior GI tolerability.</li> <li>○ In consideration of the above, clinicians may consider reinitiating at 1.5 mg once weekly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Injectable semaglutide†	1 mg once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If <math>\leq 2</math> doses are missed, reinitiate at 1 mg once weekly.</li> <li>● If 3–4 doses are missed, reinitiate at 0.5 mg weekly.</li> <li>● If <math>\geq 5</math> doses are missed, reinitiate at 0.25 mg once weekly.</li> </ul>
Tirzepatide‡	$\geq 5$ mg once weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If <math>\leq 2</math> doses are missed, reinitiate at the same dose (provided the dose was adequately tolerated).</li> <li>● If <math>\geq 3</math> doses are missed, reinitiate at 5 mg once weekly.</li> </ul>

## Summary

- In people with T2DM, ADA guidelines suggests 3-7% weight reduction, >10% reduction may lead to remission
- Incretin hormones are a group of metabolic hormones that are released after eating and enhance the secretion of insulin from the pancreas. The two primary incretin hormones are GLP-1 and GIP.
- These classes of medications are beneficial in T2DM and obesity as they enhances insulin secretion, inhibits glucagon release, slows gastric emptying, and promotes a feeling of fullness
- Various trial outcomes demonstrate  $\geq 2\%$  reduction in A1c in T2DM and potential for up to 20% reduction in body weight in obesity studies with dual incretin
- Treatment selection should be based on diagnosis, insurance coverage, and consideration of cardiovascular risk factors
- Individuals with T2DM tend to have less weight reduction with incretins than people without diabetes
- Pharmacists can play a role in therapy selection, device education, and dose escalations in T2DM and obesity



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