

# Prevention, Management and Diagnosis of Diabetes

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# Objectives

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Know the prevalence of T2DM in Puerto Rico

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Review the screening methods for diagnosis prediabetes and diabetes

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Review the current recommendations and standards of care for the management of Prediabetes

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Review the current recommendations and standards of care for the management of type 2 diabetes.

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Lipids management in primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease in patients with diabetes.

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Review recent advances in the therapeutic options available for glycemic control including it's cardiovascular risk reduction

# Question 1

- ◇ A 45-year-old Hispanic without medical history comes to the office for evaluation. Her only medication is a multivitamin. She does not have a family history of type 2 diabetes.
- ◇ Physical examination
  - ◇ BMI: 26
  - ◇ BP: 125/82 mmHg



In addition to lifestyle modifications, which is of the following is the next best step management regarding diabetes risk.

- ◇ A. Perform screening now
- ◇ B. Perform screening in 2 years
- ◇ C. No need to perform Diabetes screening.
- ◇ D. Perform screening if starts symptoms such as polyuria, polydipsia and polyphagia.

## Table 2.3—Criteria for testing for diabetes or prediabetes in asymptomatic adults

1. Testing should be considered in overweight or obese ( $\text{BMI} \geq 25 \text{ kg/m}^2$  or  $\geq 23 \text{ kg/m}^2$  in Asian Americans) adults who have one or more of the following risk factors:
  - First-degree relative with diabetes
  - High-risk race/ethnicity (e.g., African American, Latino, Native American, Asian American, Pacific Islander)
  - History of CVD
  - Hypertension ( $\geq 140/90$  mmHg or on therapy for hypertension)
  - HDL cholesterol level  $< 35$  mg/dL (0.90 mmol/L) and/or a triglyceride level  $> 250$  mg/dL (2.82 mmol/L)
  - Women with polycystic ovary syndrome
  - Physical inactivity
  - Other clinical conditions associated with insulin resistance (e.g., severe obesity, acanthosis nigricans)
2. Patients with prediabetes ( $\text{A1C} \geq 5.7\%$  [39 mmol/mol], IGT, or IFG) should be tested yearly.
3. Women who were diagnosed with GDM should have lifelong testing at least every 3 years.
4. For all other patients, testing should begin at age 45 years.
5. If results are normal, testing should be repeated at a minimum of 3-year intervals, with consideration of more frequent testing depending on initial results and risk status.

# Criteria for the Diagnosis of Diabetes

**Fasting plasma glucose (FPG)  
≥126 mg/dL (7.0 mmol/L)**

**OR**

**2-h plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dL  
(11.1 mmol/L) during an OGTT**

**OR**

**A1C ≥6.5%**

**OR**

**Random plasma glucose  
≥200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L)**

# Prediabetes\*

**FPG 100–125 mg/dL  
(5.6–6.9 mmol/L). IFG**

IMPAIRED FASTING  
GLUCOSE

**OR**

**2-h plasma glucose 140–199 mg/dL  
(7.8–11.0 mmol/L). IGT**

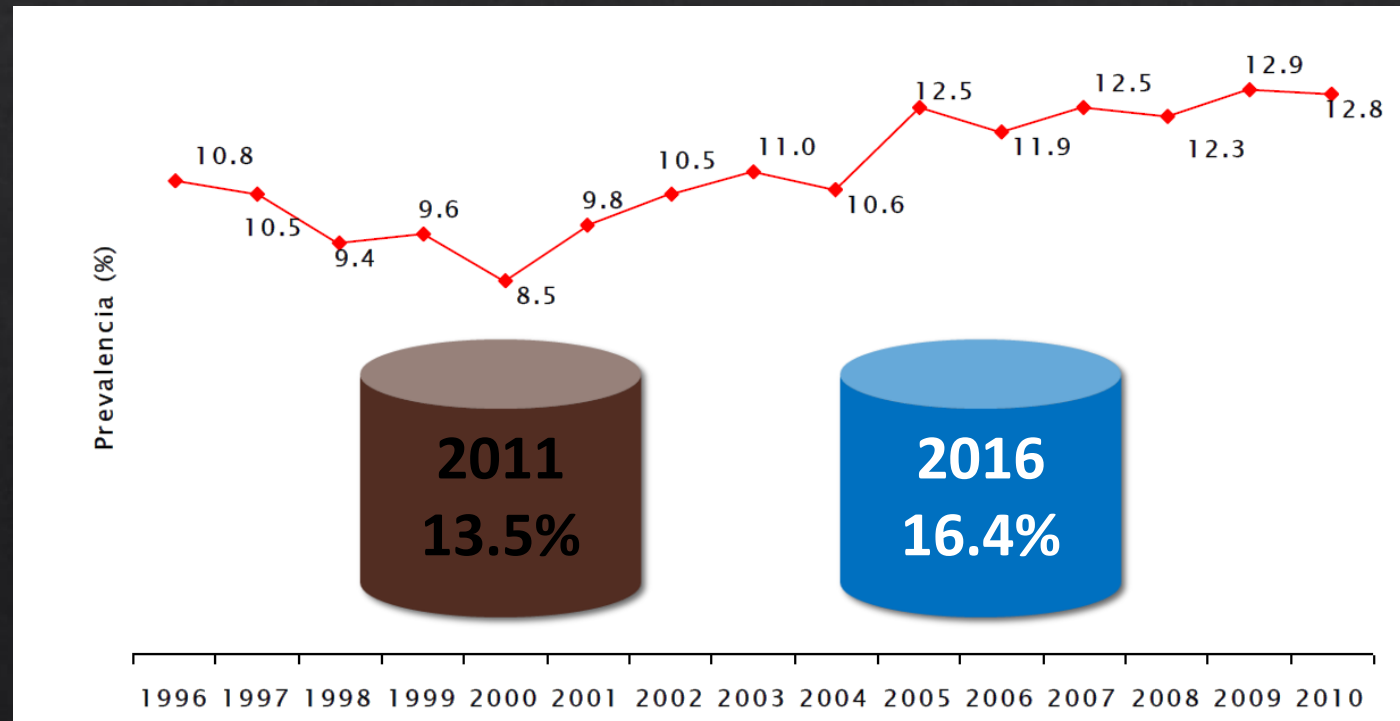
IMPAIRED GLUCOSE  
TOLERANCE

**OR**

**A1C 5.7–6.4%**

**\* For all three tests, risk is continuous, extending below the lower limit of a range and becoming disproportionately greater at higher ends of the range.**

## PREVALENCIA DE DIABETES EN PUERTO RICO, BRFSS, 1996-2010



2020 :16.8%



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**TYPE 2 DIABETES**  
MANAGEMENT ALGORITHM

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# Classification of Diabetes

- ◆ Type 1 diabetes
  - ◆  $\beta$ -cell destruction
- ◆ Type 2 diabetes
  - ◆ Progressive insulin secretory defect
- ◆ Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM)

## **Other specific types of diabetes due to other causes:**

- ◆ Monogenic diabetes syndromes
- ◆ Diseases of the exocrine pancreas (cystic fibrosis)
- ◆ Drug- or chemical-induced diabetes



## Question 2

A 39-year-old obese man is referred after a fingerstick blood glucose measurement at a health screening fair at work was documented to be 115 mg/dL (9.9 mmol/L). He had recently eaten lunch. His medical history is notable for dyslipidemia that is well controlled on simvastatin, gout, and obesity.

On physical examination, his blood pressure is 132/78 mm Hg and his BMI is 41.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Acanthosis nigricans is present, but there are no other notable findings on physical examination.

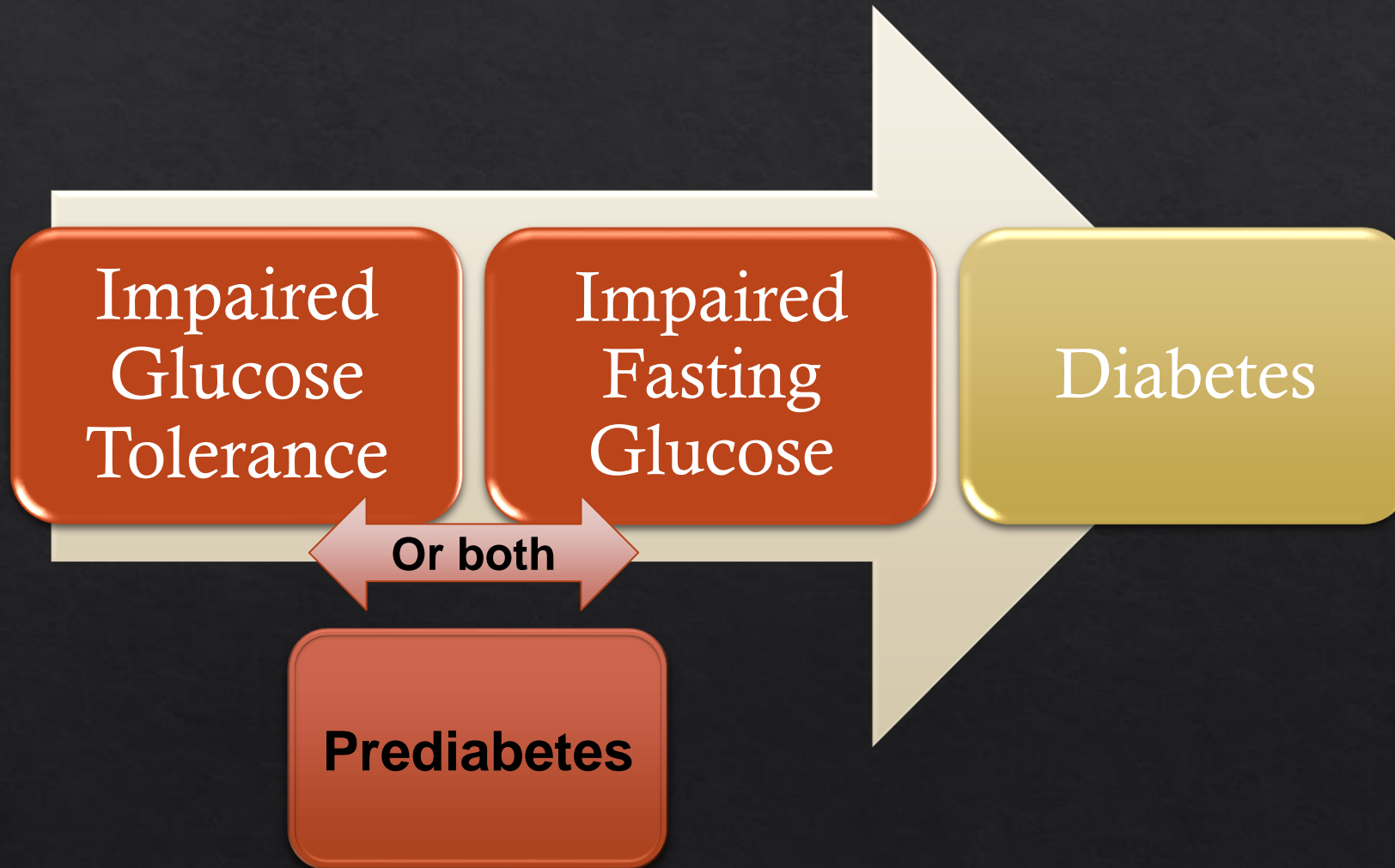
You reassess his glycemic status:

- ◆ Fasting plasma glucose (laboratory) = 119 mg/dL (70-99 mg/dL) (SI: 6.6 mmol/L [3.9-5.5 mmol/L])
- ◆ Hemoglobin A1c = 6.3% (4.0%-5.6%) (SI: 49 mmol/mol [20-38 mmol/mol])

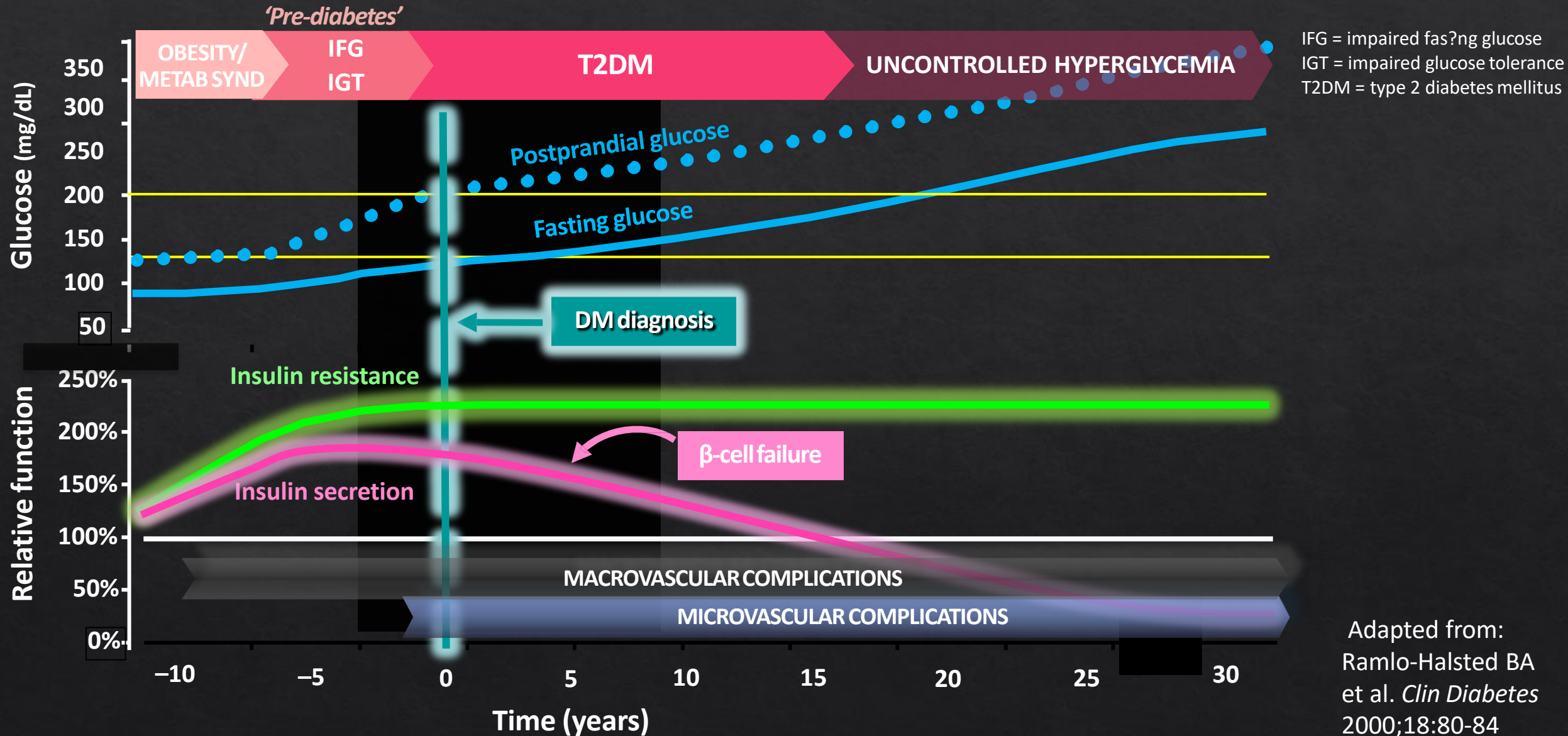
# What is the next best step of management

- ◆ A. Lifestyle Modifications with target of 7% weight loss
- ◆ B. Start Metformin 500 mg once daily
- ◆ C. Start dapagliflozin 10 mg once daily
- ◆ D. None of the above

# Progression to Type 2 Diabetes



# Pathophysiologic Progression of Type 2 Diabetes and Its Vascular Complications



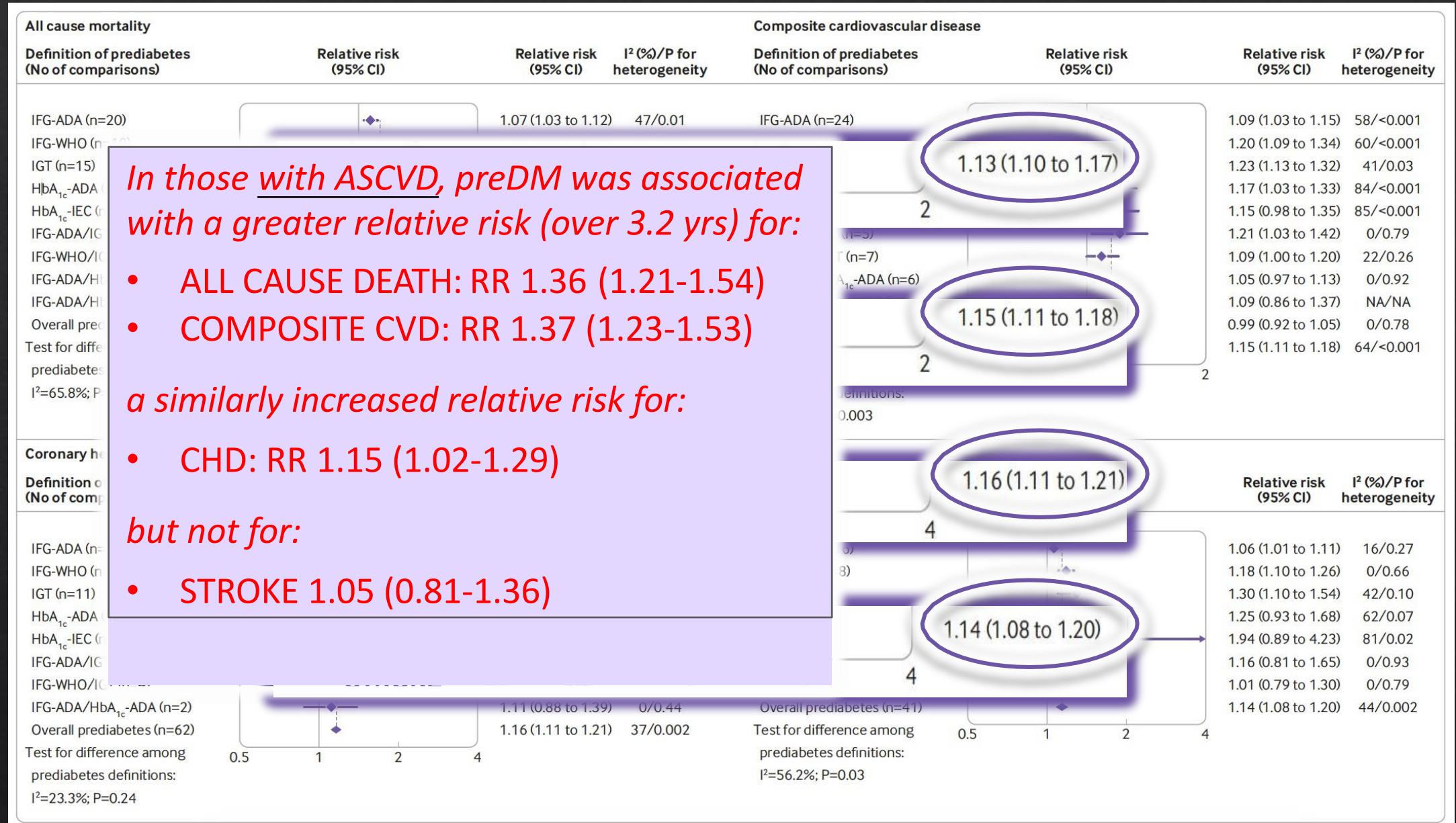


# Association between preDM & all cause mortality and CVD

Studies:  
129

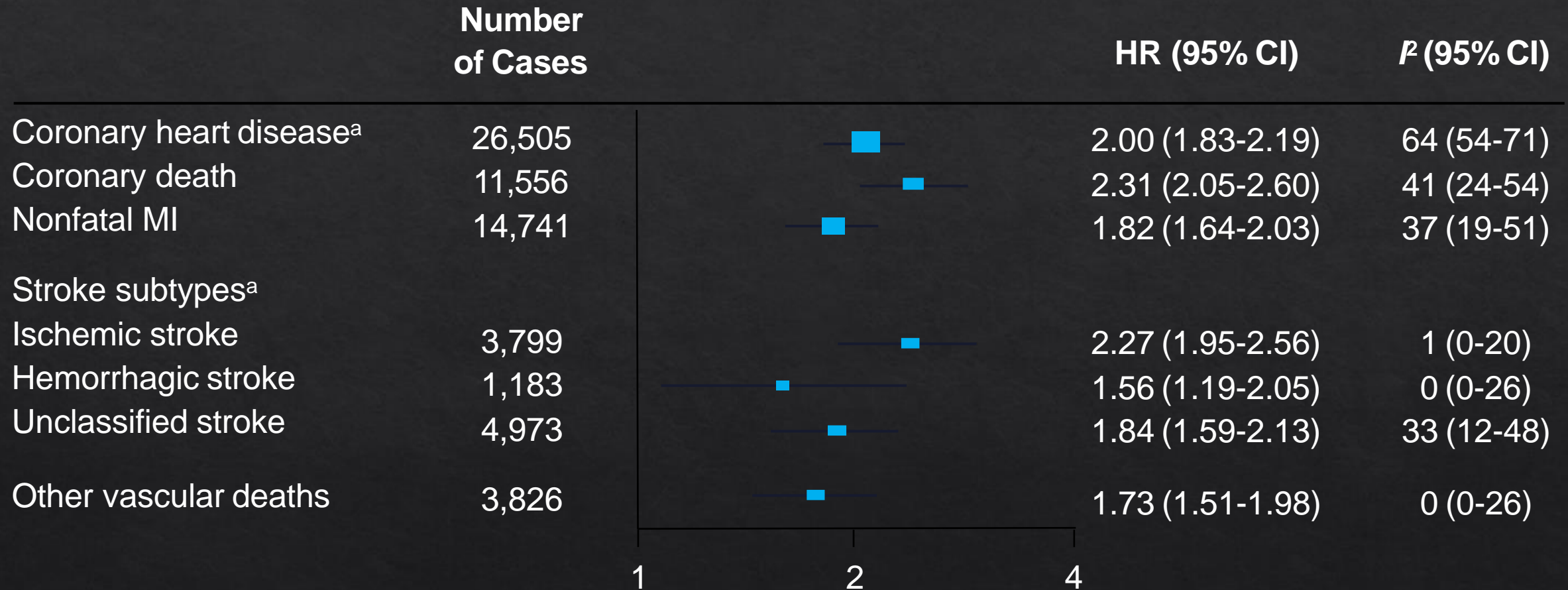
People:  
10,069,955

Follow-up:  
9.8 yrs



# T2DM Doubles the Risk for Macrovascular Outcomes

## Meta-Analysis of 102 Prospective Studies<sup>1</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Includes both fatal and nonfatal events.

Emerging Risk Factors Collaboration. *Lancet*. 2010;375:2215-22

# Large T2DM Prevention RCTs: Lifestyle, DM or Obesity Meds

	Trial	Year	N	Subjects	Intervention	Duration	RRR
Lifestyle	Da Qing	1997	577	IGT	Lifestyle	~6 years	32%
	Finnish DPS	2001	522	IGT	Lifestyle	3.2 years	58%
	US DPP	2002	3234	IGT	Lifestyle	2.8 years	58%
Pharmacological Agents	US DPP	2002	3234	IGT	Metformin (biguanide)	2.8 years	31%
	STOP NIDDM	2002	1418	IGT	Acarbose (AGI)	3.3 years	25%
	XENDOS	2004	3305	IGT	Orlistat (lipase inhibitor)	~4 years	37%
	DREAM	2006	5269	IGT/IFG	Rosiglitazone (TZD)	3.0 years	62%
	NAVIGATOR	2010	9031	IGT + high CV risk	Nateglinide (meglitinide)	5.0 years	NS
	ACT NOW	2011	602	IGT	Pioglitazone (TZD)	2.4 years	72%
	ORIGIN*	2012	1456	IGT + high CV risk	Glargine (basal insulin)	6.2 years	20%
	CONQUER*	2014	866	Pre-DM / MetS	Phentermine/Topiramate	~2 years	79%
	IRIS*	2016	3876	Stroke + insulin resistance	Pioglitazone (TZD)	4.8 years	52%
	SCALE	2017	2254	Obesity + prediabetes	Liraglutide (GLP-1 RA)	~3 years	79%
	CAMELLIA*	2018	12,000	Overweight + high CV risk	Lorcaserin (serotonergic)	3.3 years	19%

\* Not primary outcome

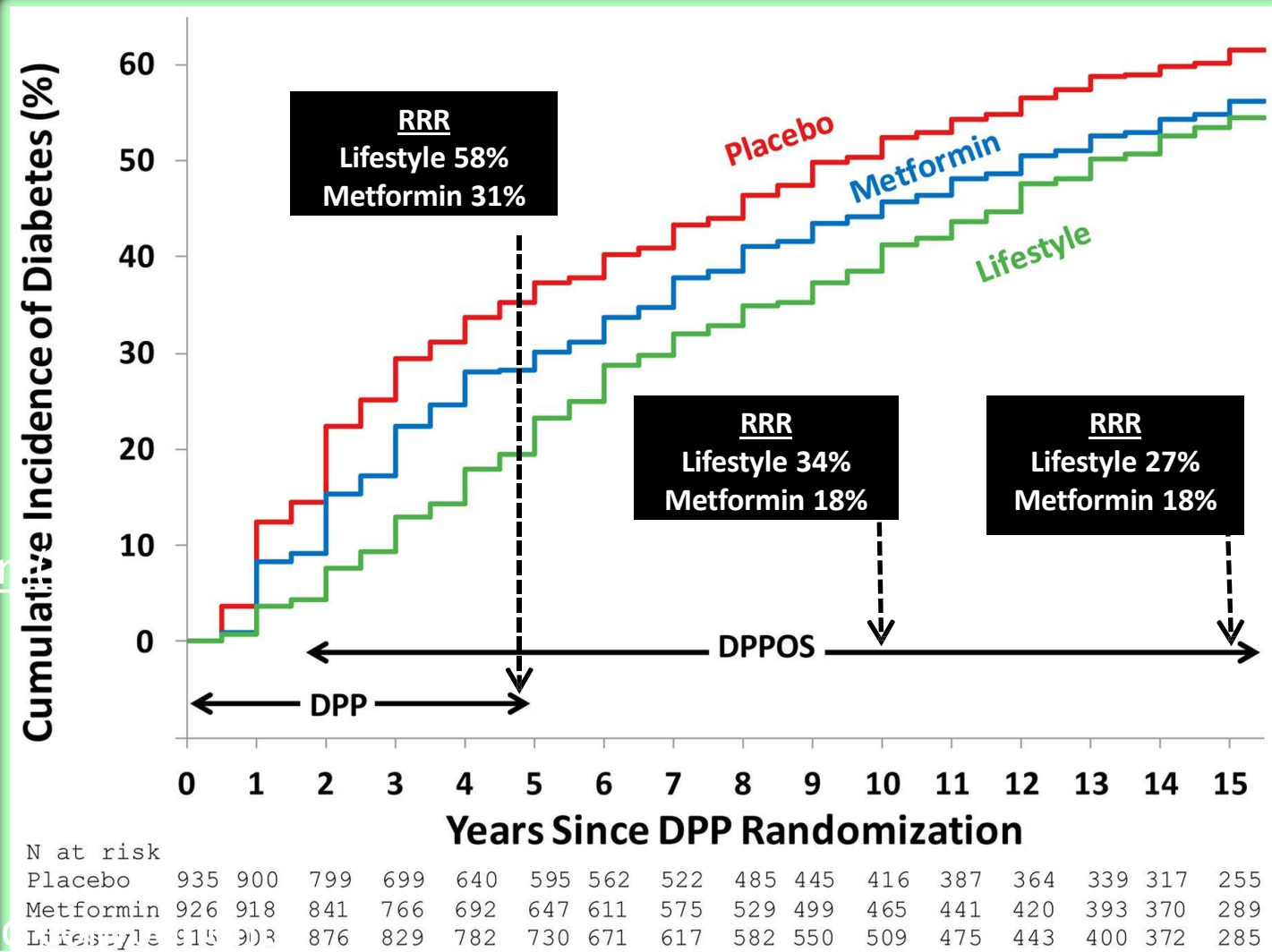
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# Long-term follow-up of the DPP participants: DPP-OS

- 1996-2001
- 3234 persons with preDM (IGT + FPG >95)
- Interventions: Lifestyle change (7% body wt loss, 150 min exercise/wk) vs. metformin (850 mg BID), vs. placebo
- 2.8 yrs follow-up
- mean age, 51 yrs
- mean BMI, 34
- 45% minority groups
- DPP-OS: Ongoing follow-up after randomized



Completed



Knowler W et al. *N Engl J Med* 2002;346:393-403

DPP Research Group. *Lancet* 2009;374:1677-86

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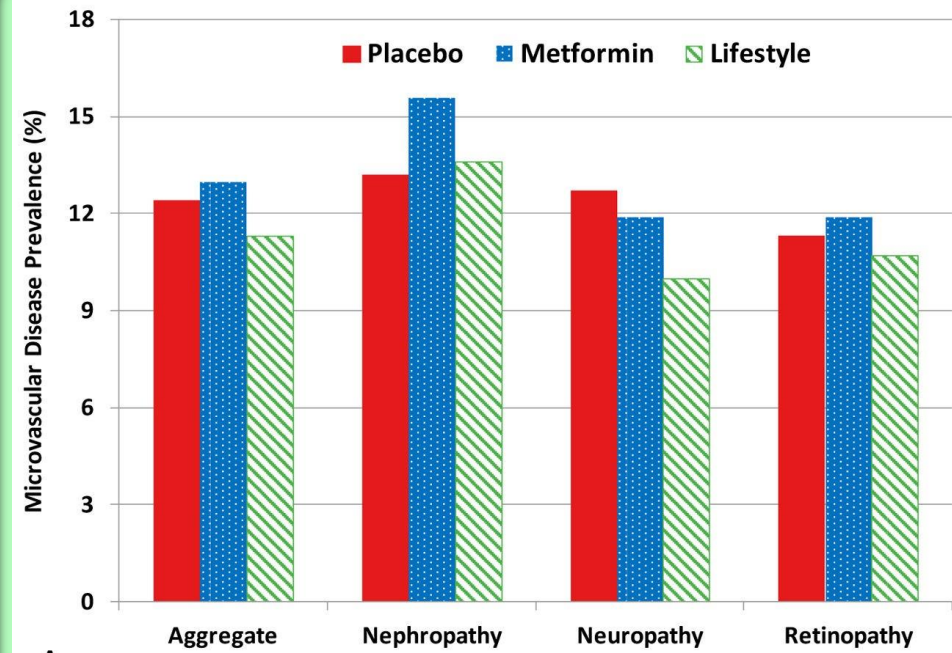


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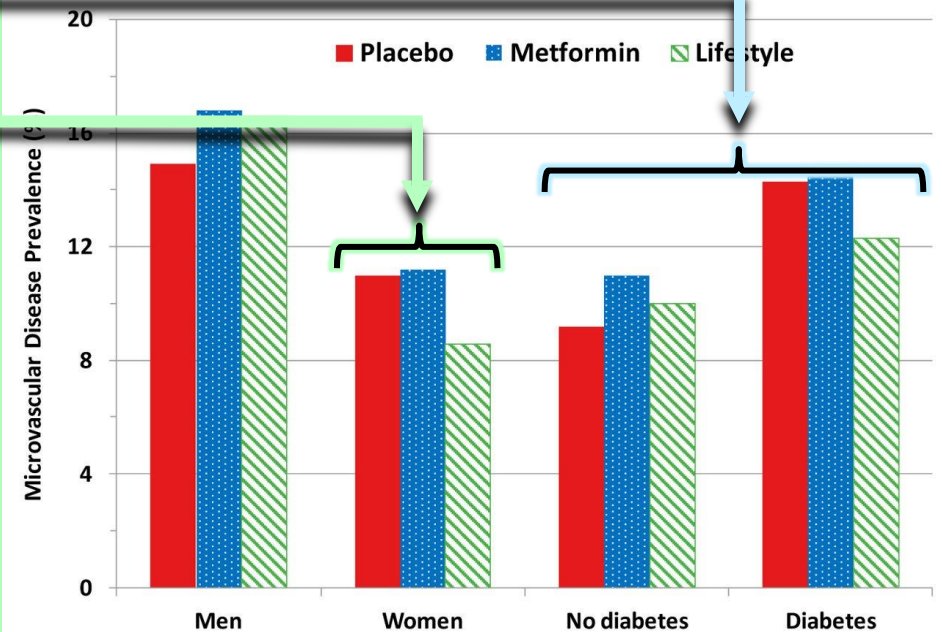
- *Microvascular outcomes*

Participants who did not develop T2D during DPP/DPPOS had a 28% lower (RR 0.72,  $p=0.01$ ) aggregate microvascular disease prevalence than those who did develop T2D - for all treatment groups combined.

In women, the prevalence of aggregate microvascular outcome was 22% lower (RR 0.78,  $p=0.02$ ) lower in the lifestyle group vs. metformin and 21% lower (RR 0.79,  $p=0.03$ ) vs. placebo.



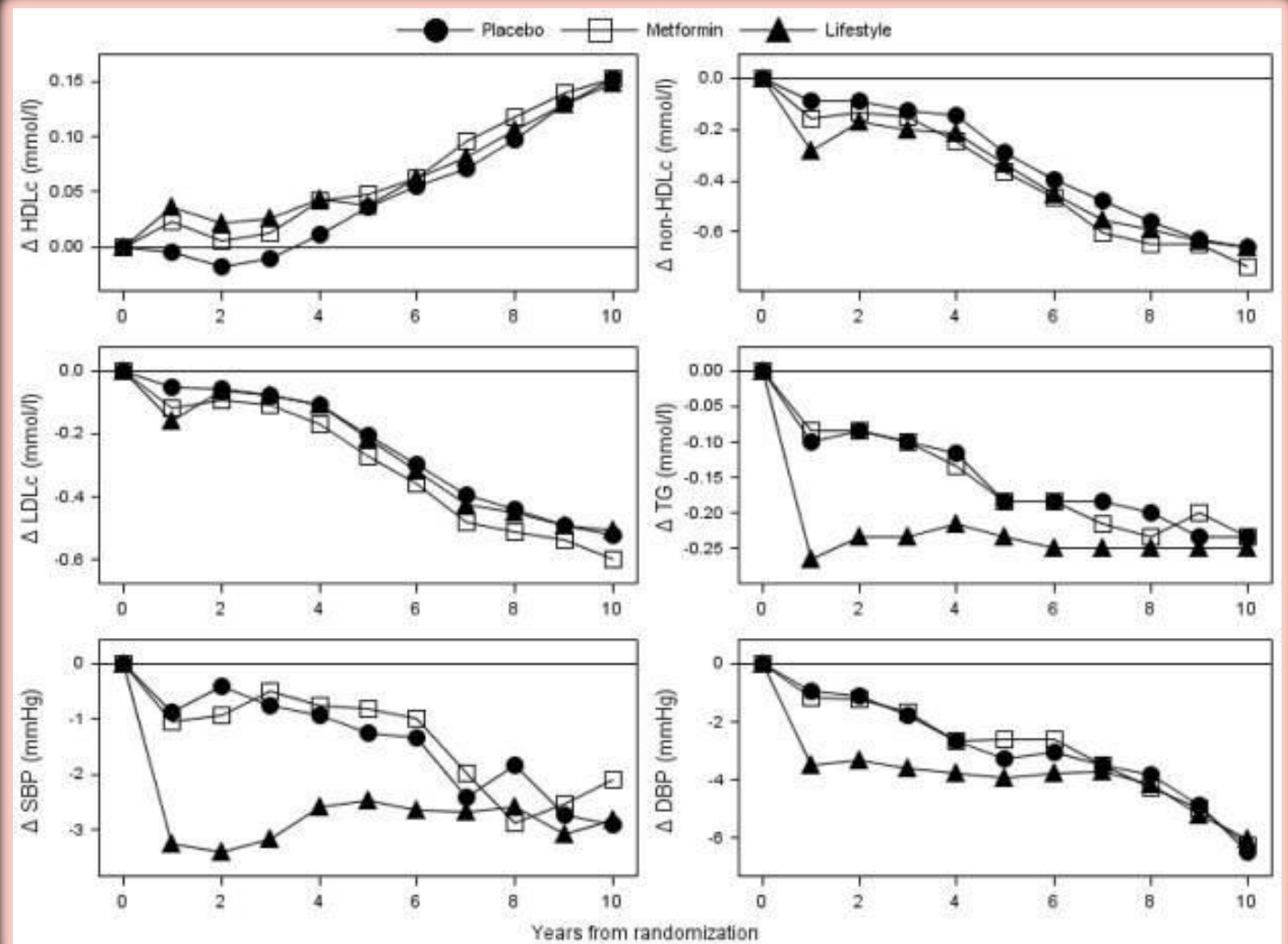
All  $p = \text{NS}$



# Long-term (10-years) follow-up of the DPP participants: DPP-OS

- *Macrovascular outcomes*

- Major improvements in SBP ( $\downarrow$  2-3 mmHg) and DBP ( $\downarrow$  5-6 mmHg) for LDL-C ( $\downarrow$  18-21 mg/dl), HDL-C ( $\uparrow$  5-6 mg/dl), and TGs ( $\downarrow$  16-28 mg/dl) in all groups, with no between-group differences.
- Lipid ( $P < 0.012$ ) and BP ( $P < 0.09$ ) med use, however, was lower for the lifestyle group during DPP-OS.



# Long-term (10-years)

## follow-up

## participants

- *Macrovascular*

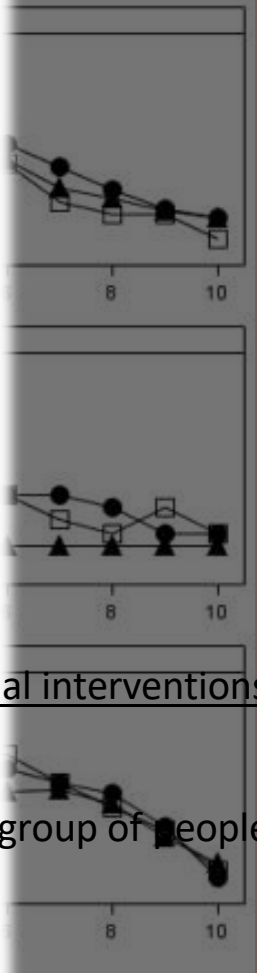
### New Data from DPP-OS Shows Persistent Reduction of T2D Development Over 22-Year Average Follow-Up

- Prevention effects in original lifestyle group and metformin groups remain after 22 years: 25% & 18% ↓ risk of T2D, respectively, vs. placebo.
- Those who did not develop T2D had a significant 57% and 37% ↓ risk of retinopathy and nephropathy, respectively.

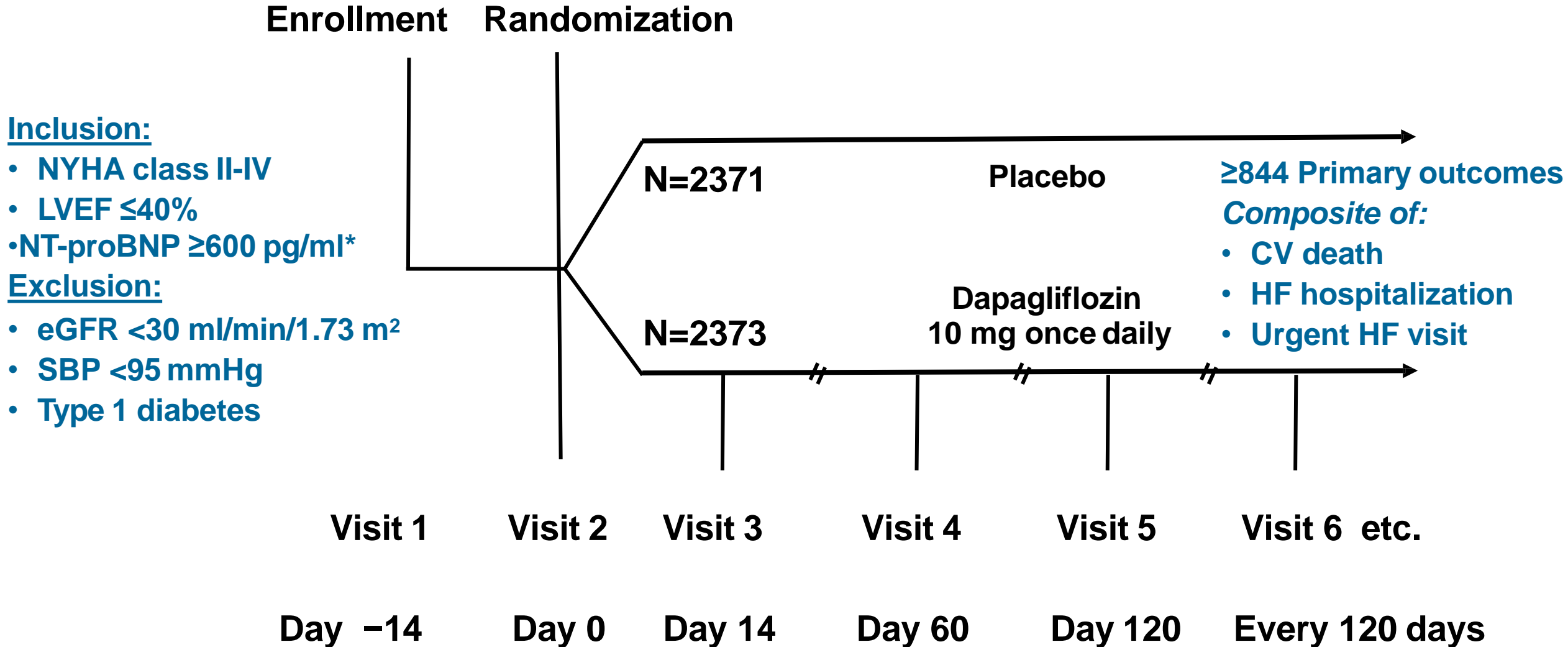
#### MACE.

- Despite the benefits seen with DM prevention overall, no significant benefit seen with the individual interventions outcomes
- However, there were favorable trends with metformin in stroke reduction and for MACE in the subgroup of people before age 45.

Nathan DM. *80th Scientific Sessions of the ADA*, June 2020



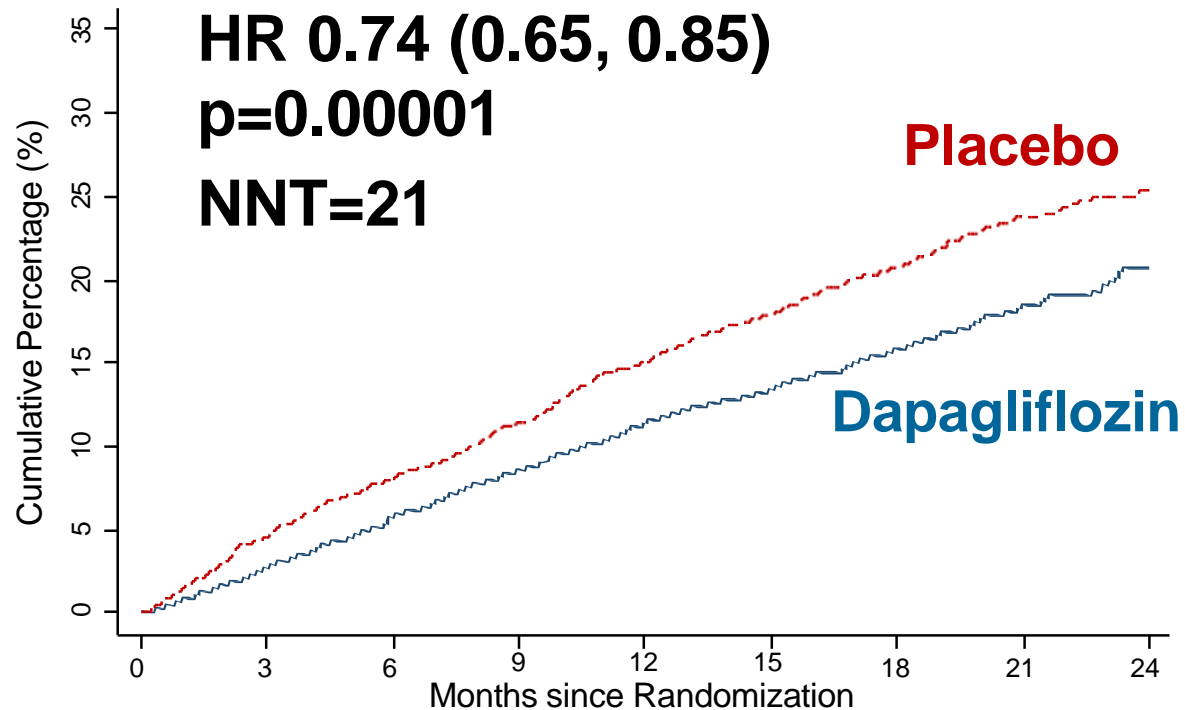
# DAPA-HF Design



\* $\geq 400$  pg/ml if HF hospitalization within  $\leq 12$  months;  $\geq 900$  pg/ml if atrial fibrillation/flutter

# Dapagliflozin reduced worsening HF or CV death in patients with HFrEF

CV Death/HF hospitalization/Urgent HF visit



Number at Risk									
Dapagliflozin	2373	2305	2221	2147	2002	1560	1146	612	210
Placebo	2371	2258	2163	2075	1917	1478	1096	593	210

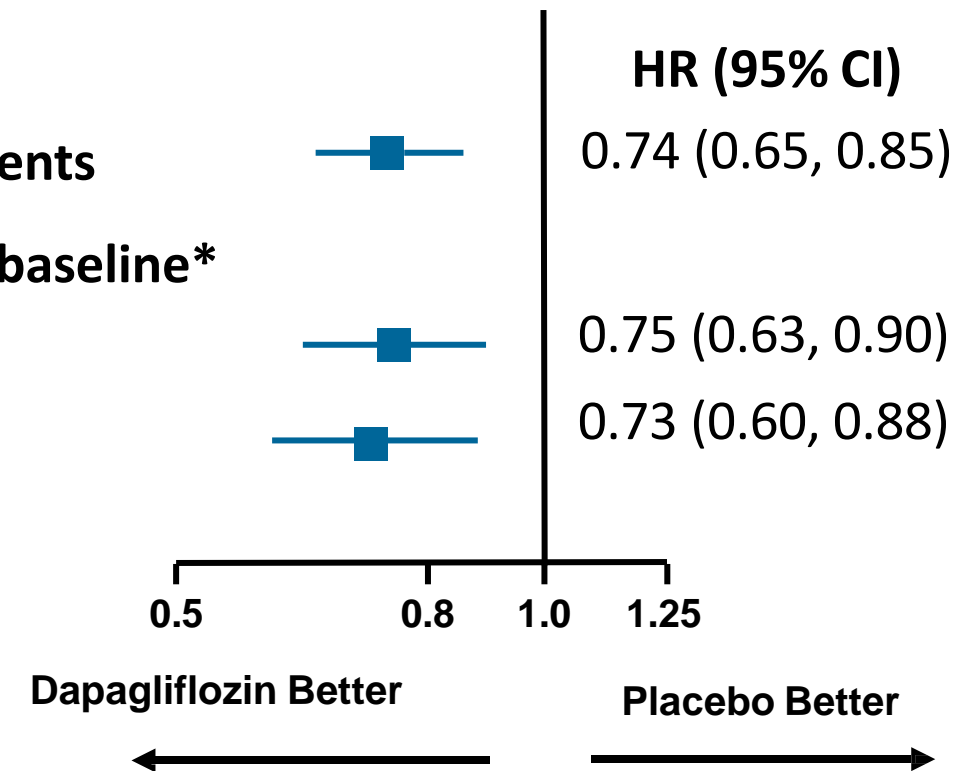
Similar benefit in patients with and without T2DM

All patients

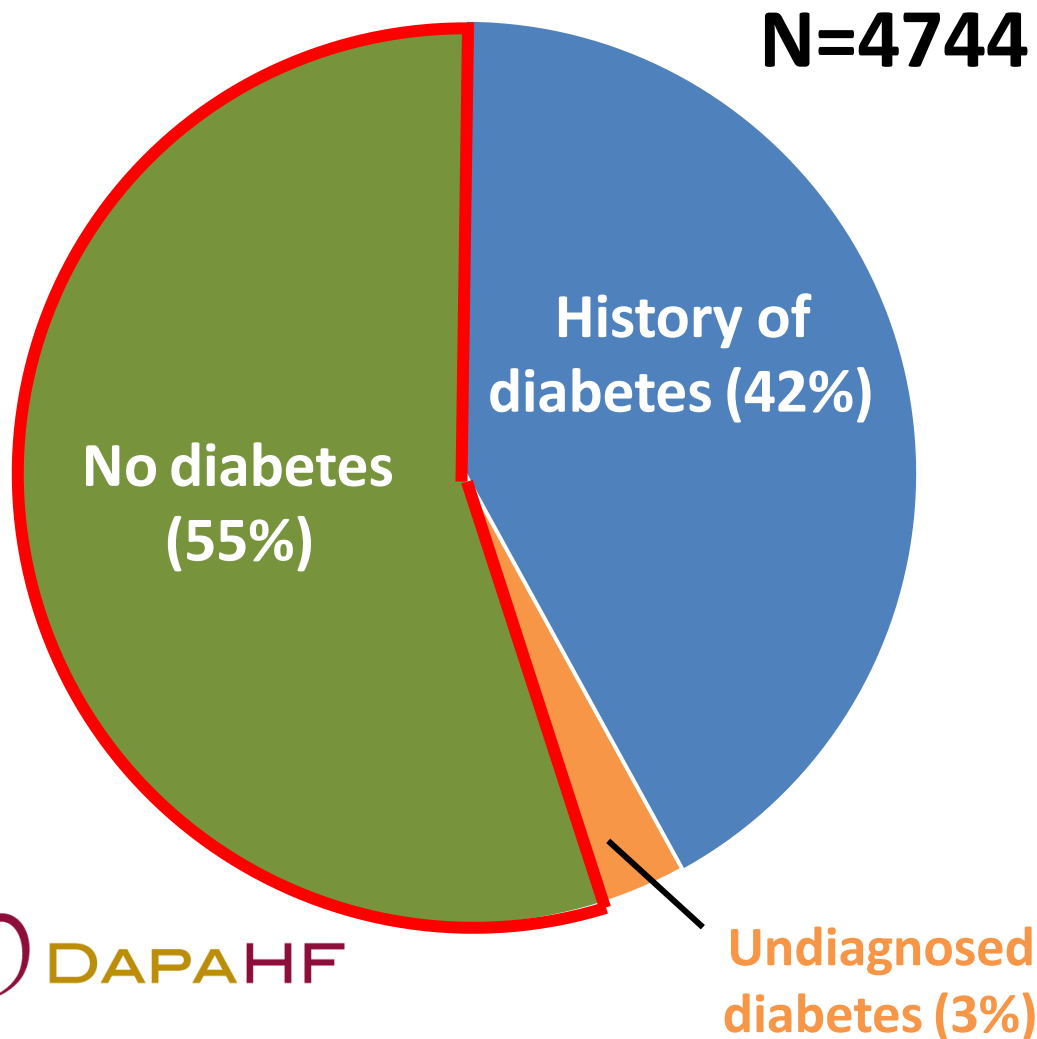
T2D at baseline\*

Yes

No



# Distribution of Patients by Glycemic Status HFrEF Population



## History of diabetes (n=1983)

- Provided by investigators

## Undiagnosed diabetes (n=156)

- HbA1c  $\geq 6.5\%$  at Visits 1 and 2 in paVents without diabetes history

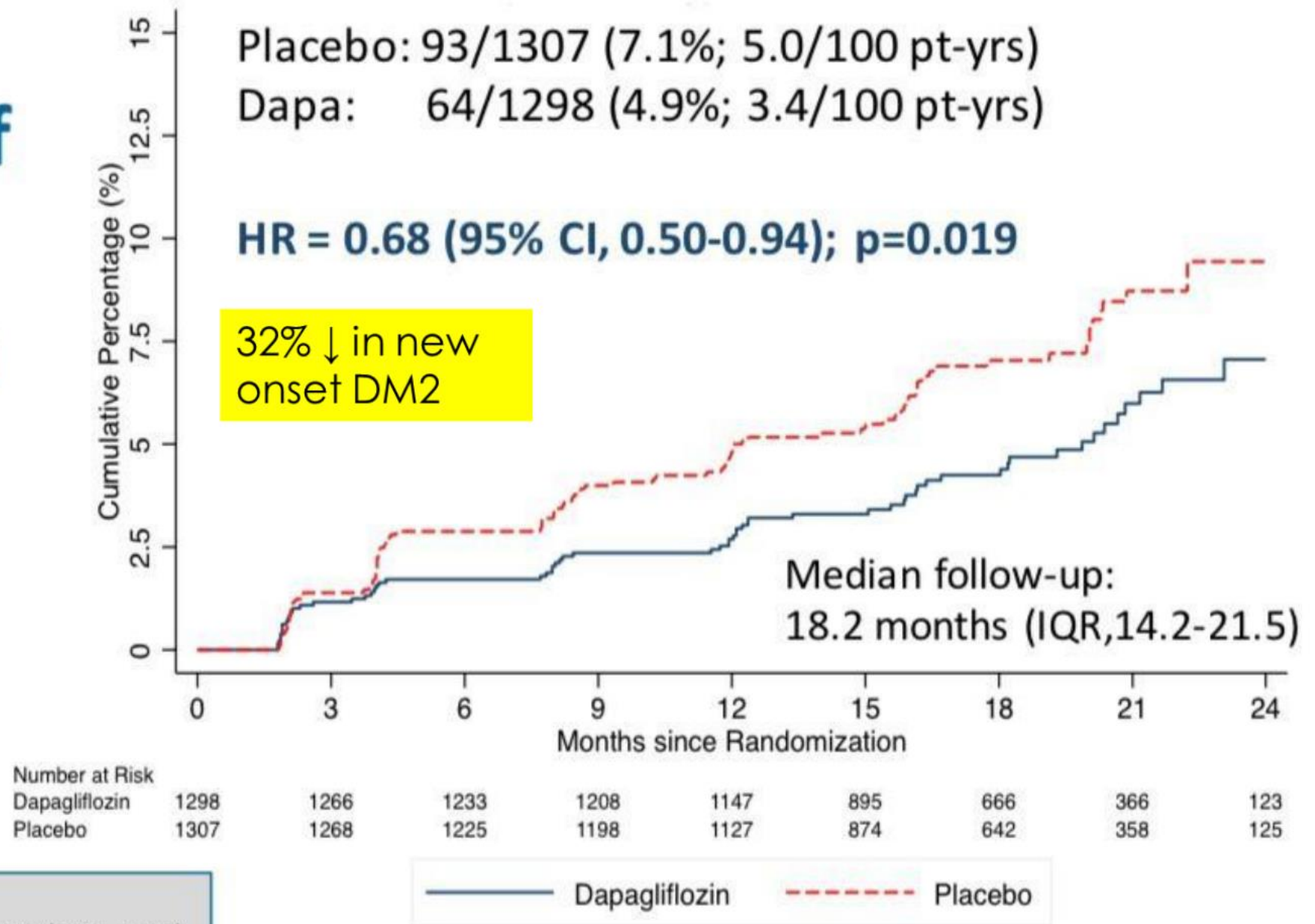
## No diabetes (n=2605)

- HbA1c  $< 6.5\%$  at Visits 1 and 2



# Results:

## Incidence of new onset T2D in dapa vs. placebo groups

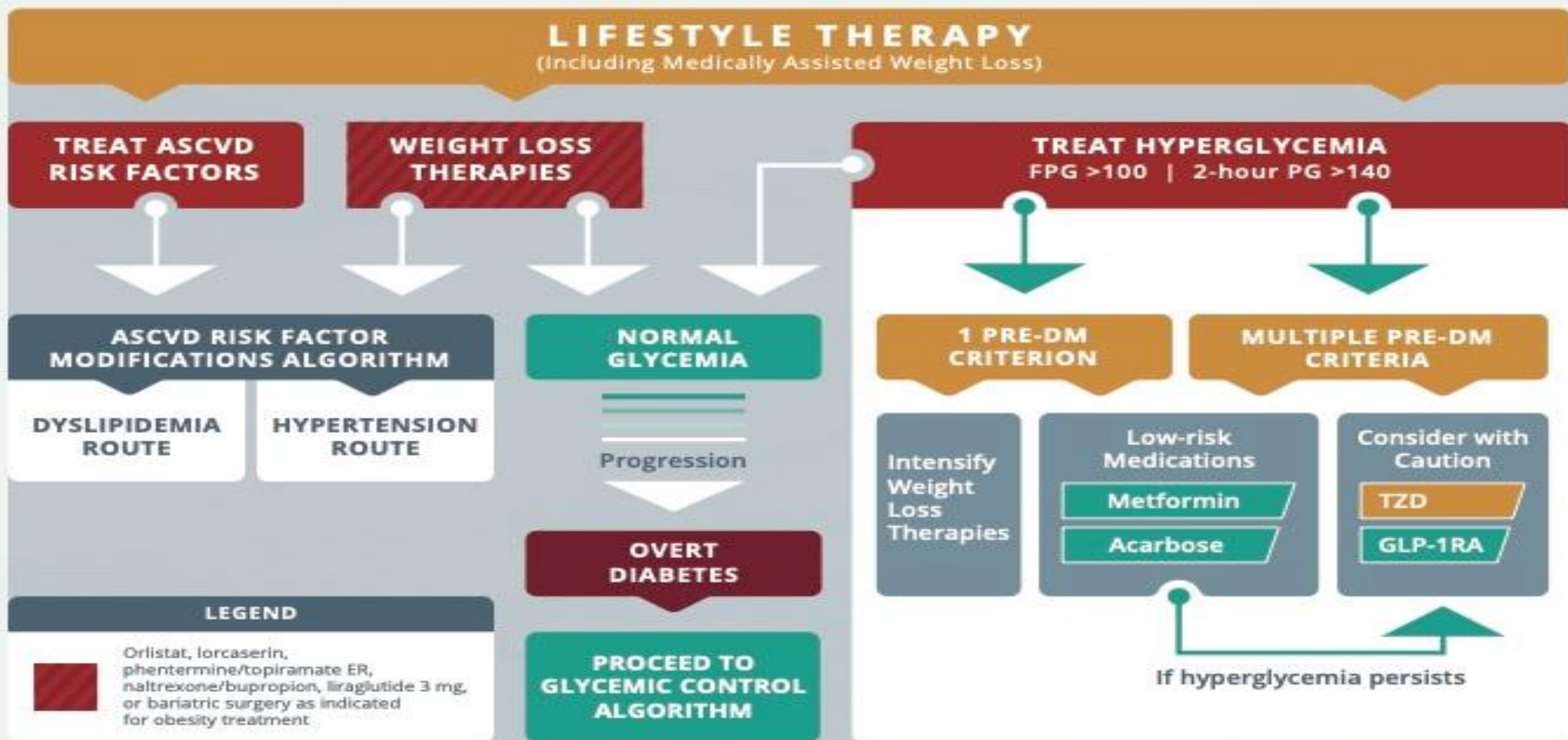


Fine & Gray: HR 0.69 (0.50-0.95)

LR adjusted for baseline HbA1c: OR 0.72 (0.51, 1.02)

# PREDIABETES ALGORITHM

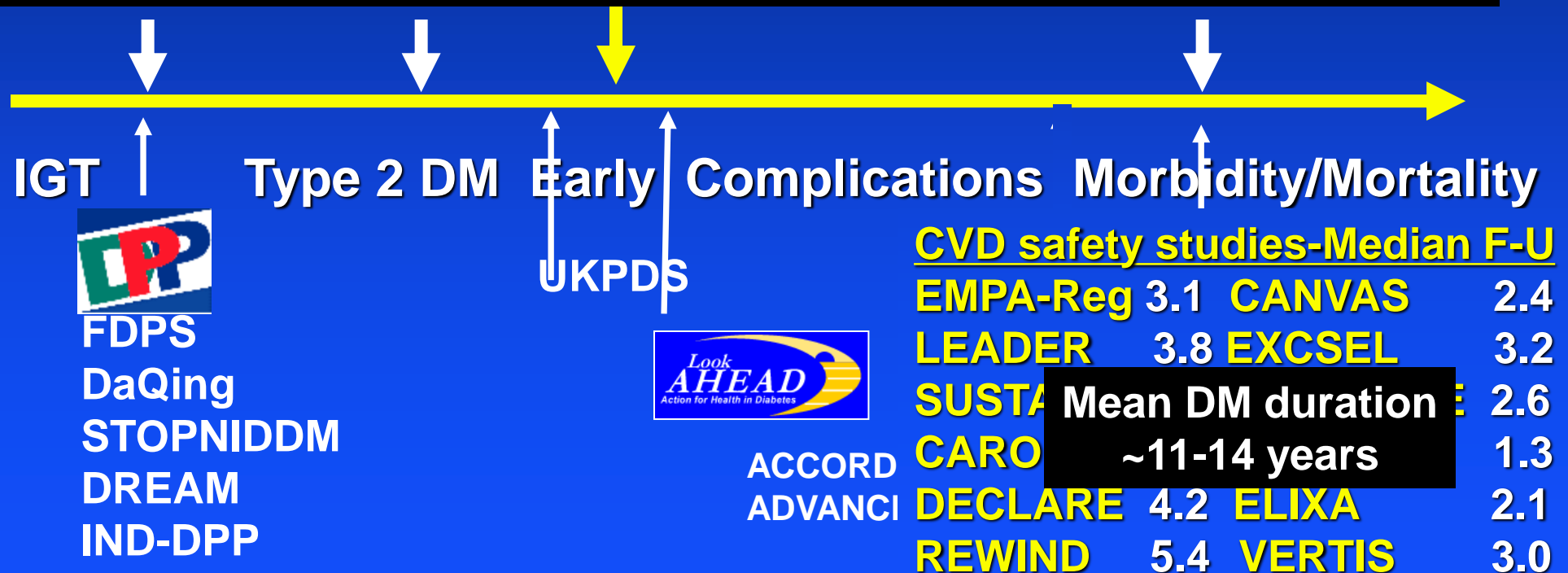
IFG (100-125) | IGT (140-199) | METABOLIC SYNDROME (NCEP 2001)



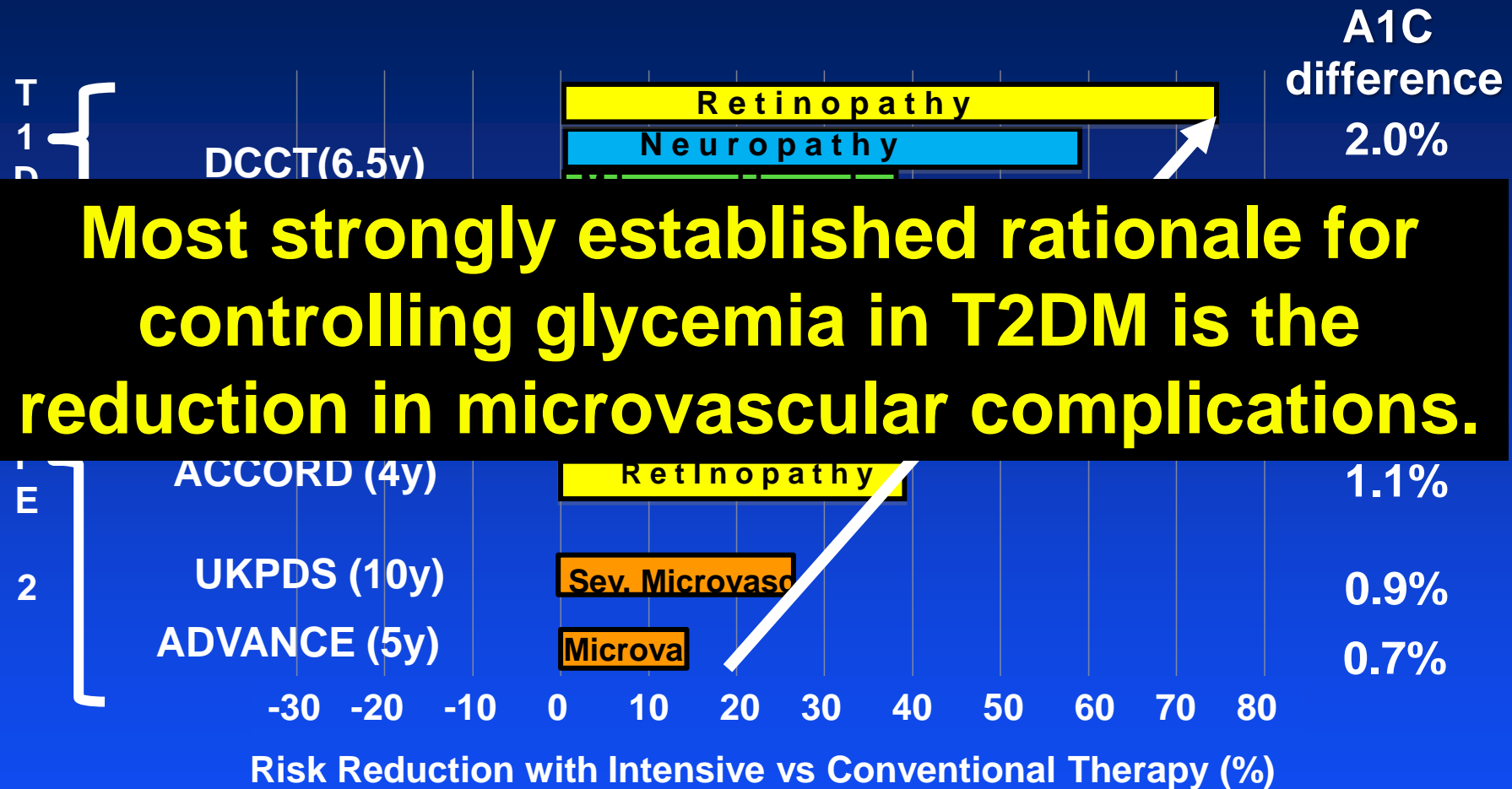


# Type 2 Diabetes- a Chronic Degenerative Disease: Potential for Intervention

**Most trials have captured brief vignettes in a chronic life-long disease.**



# Metabolic Goals: Microvascular Benefits



**Reduction in microvascular complications roughly proportional to A1c reduction.**

# Relationship between Glycemia and Microvascular Complications

DCCT (Type 1) and UKPDS (Type 2)

250

200

100% reduction in risk

- Although lower is better for microvascular complications in both type 1 and 2 diabetes, A1c of 7% was selected as the target as:
- 1) 7% was the A1c achieved in DCCT and UKPDS;
  - 2) Absolute risks for complications quite low at HbA1c under 7%;
  - 3) Balances benefits, risks and costs.

# Scope of the Problem: Therapeutic Inertia

First author, year	Country	Study period	N*	Index treatment	TI (addition to index treatment)	Patients who received TI, %†	HbA1c threshold‡	Median Time to Act (years)
						64	≥7.0%	1.2
						Not reported	7.0-7.9%	1.6

## Summary of Scope of Problem

- Not all patients with type 2 reach appropriate metabolic goals
- Clinicians are slow to change therapy

						78	≥7.5% <sup>  </sup>	1.2
Lin, 2015 <sup>43</sup>	USA	2007–2012	79,805	≥1 OAD	OAD or injectable	48	≥7.0%	2.0 <sup>##</sup>
						50	Variable <sup>§</sup>	1.9 <sup>##</sup>
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Ajmera, 2015 <sup>18</sup>	USA	2007–2012	16,653	2 OADs	OAD or insulin	49	≥8.0%	1.5 <sup>**</sup>
Rubino, 2007 <sup>54</sup>	UK	2000–2006	2,501	≥2 OADs	Insulin	34	≥8.0%	4.9 <sup>##</sup>
						31	≥9.0%	4.2 <sup>##</sup>
Khunti, 2016 <sup>38</sup>	UK	2004–2013	6,072	Basal insulin	Bolus or premix insulin or GLP-1 RA	31	≥7.5%	3.7 <sup>##</sup>
						Not reported	≥8.0%	3.2 <sup>##</sup>
Schwab, 2016 <sup>56</sup>	USA	2008–2009	8,463	Any drug(s)	OAD or injectable or switch	Not reported	≥9.0%	1.3

0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0  
Median time to TI, years

# GLYCEMIC CONTROL ALGORITHM

## INDIVIDUALIZE GOALS

**A1C  $\leq 6.5\%$**

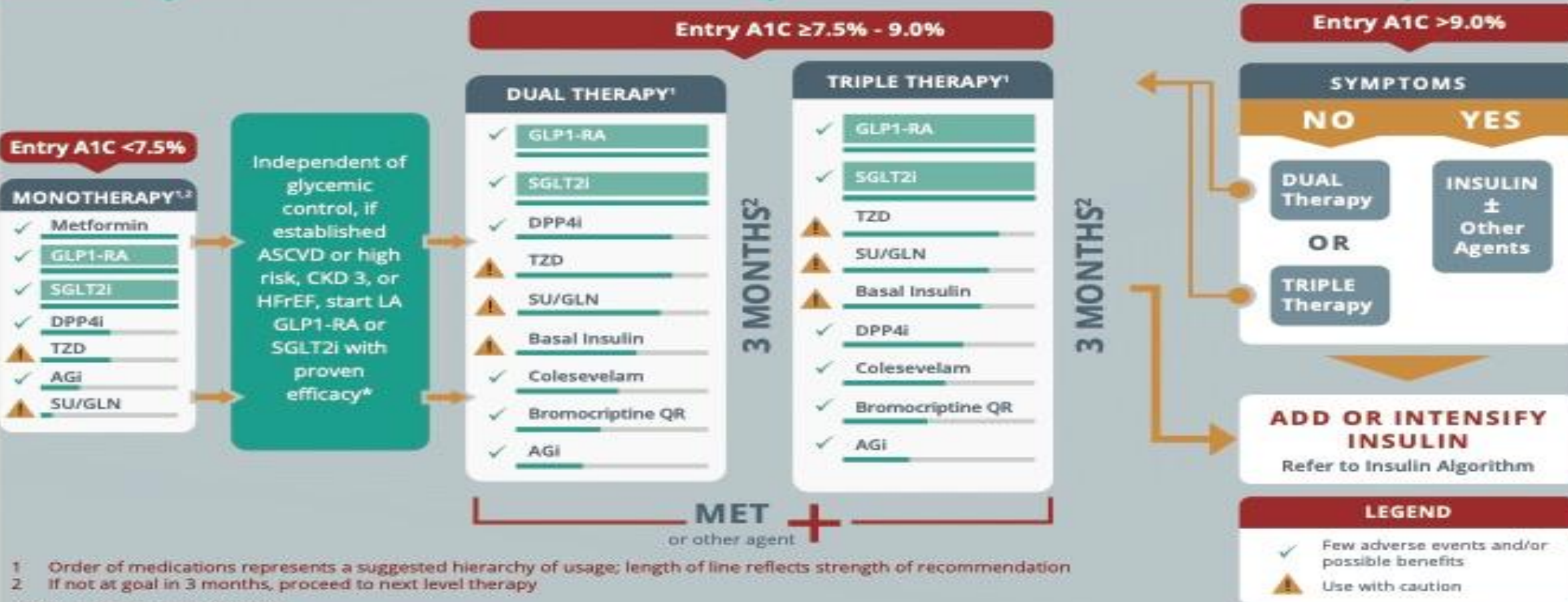
For patients without concurrent serious illness and at low hypoglycemic risk

**A1C  $> 6.5\%$**

For patients with concurrent serious illness and at risk for hypoglycemia

**LIFESTYLE THERAPY AND ONGOING GLUCOSE MONITORING** (CGM preferred)

**INDEPENDENT OF GLYCEMIC CONTROL, IF ESTABLISHED OR HIGH ASCVD RISK AND/OR CKD, RECOMMEND SGLT2i AND/OR LA GLP1-RA**



<sup>1</sup> Order of medications represents a suggested hierarchy of usage; length of line reflects strength of recommendation  
<sup>2</sup> If not at goal in 3 months, proceed to next level therapy

\*CKD 3: canagliflozin; HFrEF: dapagliflozin  
 CKD 3 = stage 3 chronic kidney disease; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LA = long-acting (≥24 hour duration)



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



NO

## INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF†

CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C, INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET, OR METFORMIN USE\*

### +ASCVD/Indicators of High Risk

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

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> OR SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>

If A1C above target

If further intensification is required or patient is unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV benefit and/or safety:

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit and vice versa<sup>1</sup>
- TZD<sup>2</sup>
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin<sup>3</sup>
- SU<sup>4</sup>

### +HF

Particularly HFrEF (LVEF <45%)

SGLT2i with proven benefit in this population<sup>5,6,7</sup>

### +CKD

DKD and Albuminuria<sup>8</sup>

NO

#### PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression

OR

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing CKD progression in CVOTs<sup>5,6,8</sup>

OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated

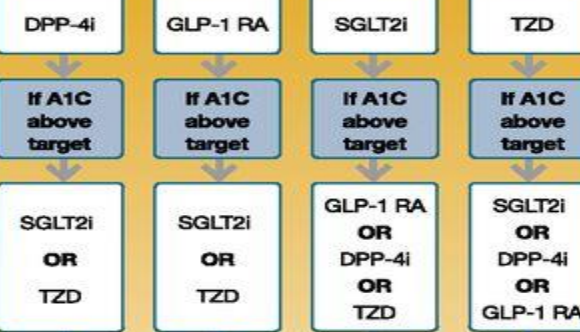
For patients with T2D and CKD<sup>9</sup> (e.g., eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) and thus at increased risk of cardiovascular events

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> OR SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1,7</sup>

## IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW

### COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA



If A1C above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If A1C above target

Consider the addition of SU<sup>4</sup> OR basal insulin:

- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia<sup>6</sup>

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

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss<sup>10</sup> OR SGLT2i

If A1C above target

SGLT2i

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss<sup>10</sup>

If A1C above target

If quadruple 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:

- SU<sup>4</sup> • TZD<sup>2</sup> • Basal insulin

### COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE<sup>11,12</sup>

SU<sup>4</sup>

TZD<sup>12</sup>

If A1C above target

TZD<sup>12</sup>

SU<sup>4</sup>

If A1C above target

Insulin therapy basal insulin with lowest acquisition cost

OR

Consider other therapies based on cost

- Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events
- Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
- Degludec or U-100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety
- Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia; glimepiride has shown similar CV safety to DPP-4i
- Be aware that SGLT2i labelling varies by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
- Empagliflozin, canagliflozin, and dapagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and to reduce CKD progression in CVOTs. Canagliflozin and dapagliflozin have primary renal outcome data. Dapagliflozin and empagliflozin have primary heart failure outcome data.

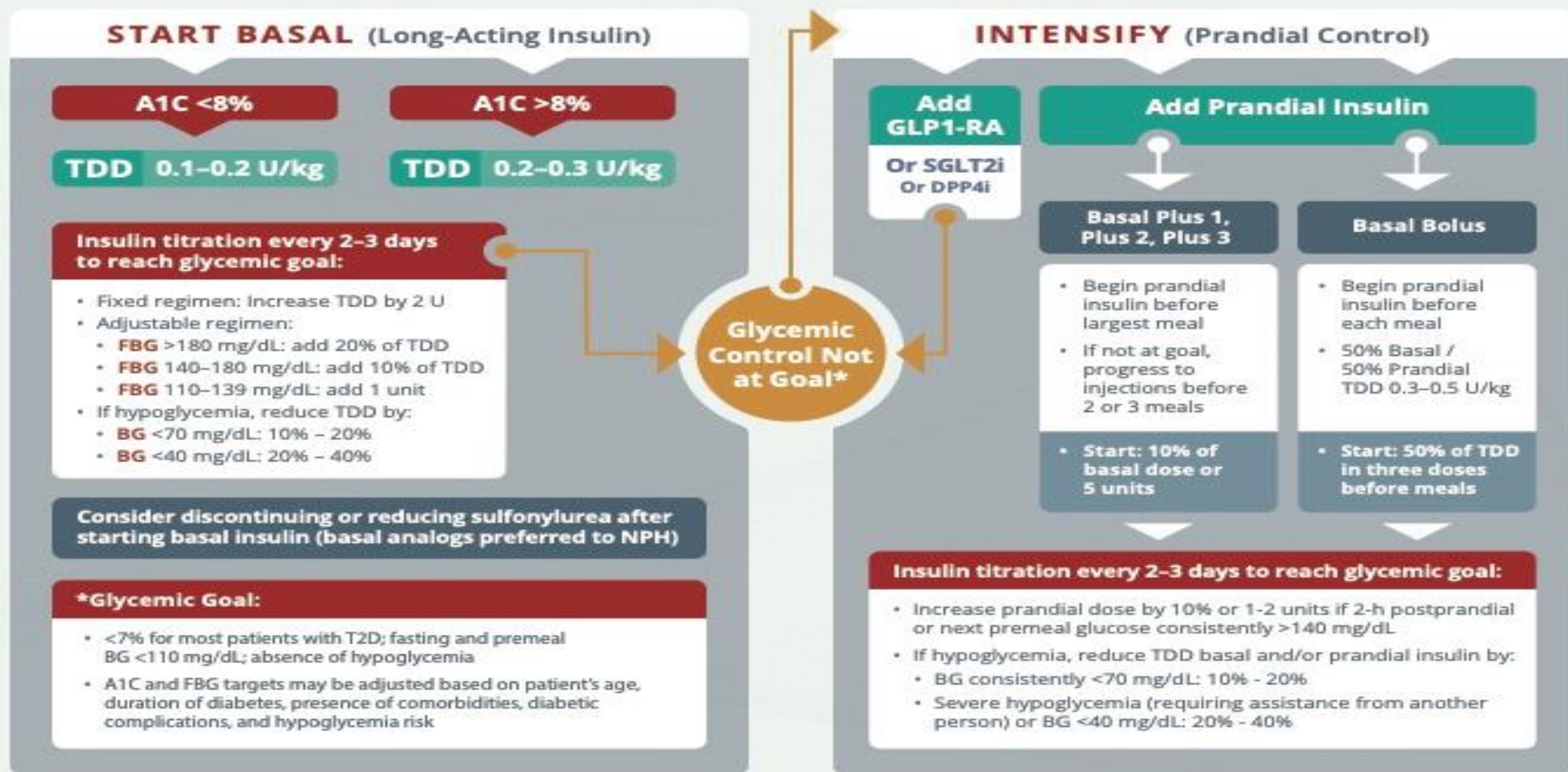
- Proven benefit means it has label indication of reducing heart failure in this population
- Refer to Section 11: Microvascular Complications and Foot Care
- Degludec / glargine U-300 < glargine U-100 / detemir < NPH Insulin
- Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide
- If no specific comorbidities (i.e., no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycemia, and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)
- Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs are relatively more expensive and DPP-4i are relatively cheaper.

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

\* Most patients enrolled in the relevant trials were on metformin at baseline as glucose-lowering therapy.



# ALGORITHM FOR ADDING/INTENSIFYING INSULIN



Use Principles in Figure 9.1, including reinforcement of behavioral interventions (weight management and physical activity) and provision of DSMES to meet individualized treatment goals



If injectable therapy is needed to reduce A1C<sup>1</sup>

Consider GLP-1 RA in most patients prior to insulin<sup>2</sup>

**INITIATION:** Initiate appropriate starting dose for agent selected (varies within class)  
**TITRATION:** Titration to maintenance dose (varies within class)

If already on GLP-1 RA or if GLP-1 RA not appropriate OR insulin preferred

If above A1C target

Add basal insulin<sup>3</sup>

Choice of basal insulin should be based on patient-specific considerations, including cost. Refer to **Table 9.3** for insulin cost information.

Add basal analog or bedtime NPH insulin

**INITIATION:** Start 10 IU a day OR 0.1-0.2 IU/kg a day

**TITRATION:**

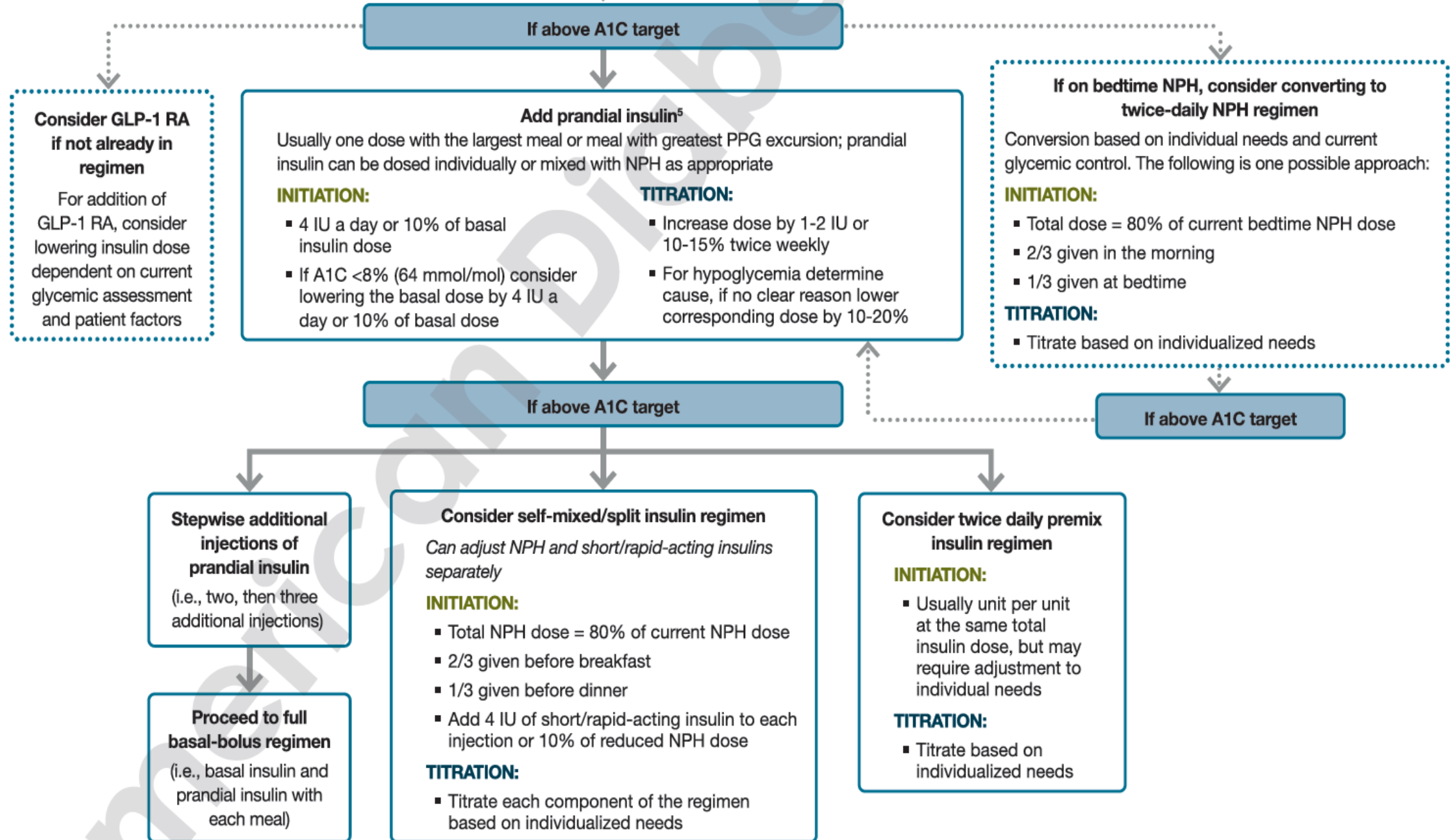
- Set FPG target (see Section 6: Glycemic Targets)
- Choose evidence-based titration algorithm, e.g., increase 2 units every 3 days to reach FPG target without hypoglycemia
- For hypoglycemia determine cause, if no clear reason lower dose by 10-20%

Assess adequacy of basal insulin dose

Consider clinical signals to evaluate for overbasalization and need to consider adjunctive therapies (e.g., basal dose >0.5 IU/kg, elevated bedtime-morning and/or post-prandial differential, hypoglycemia [aware or unaware], high variability)



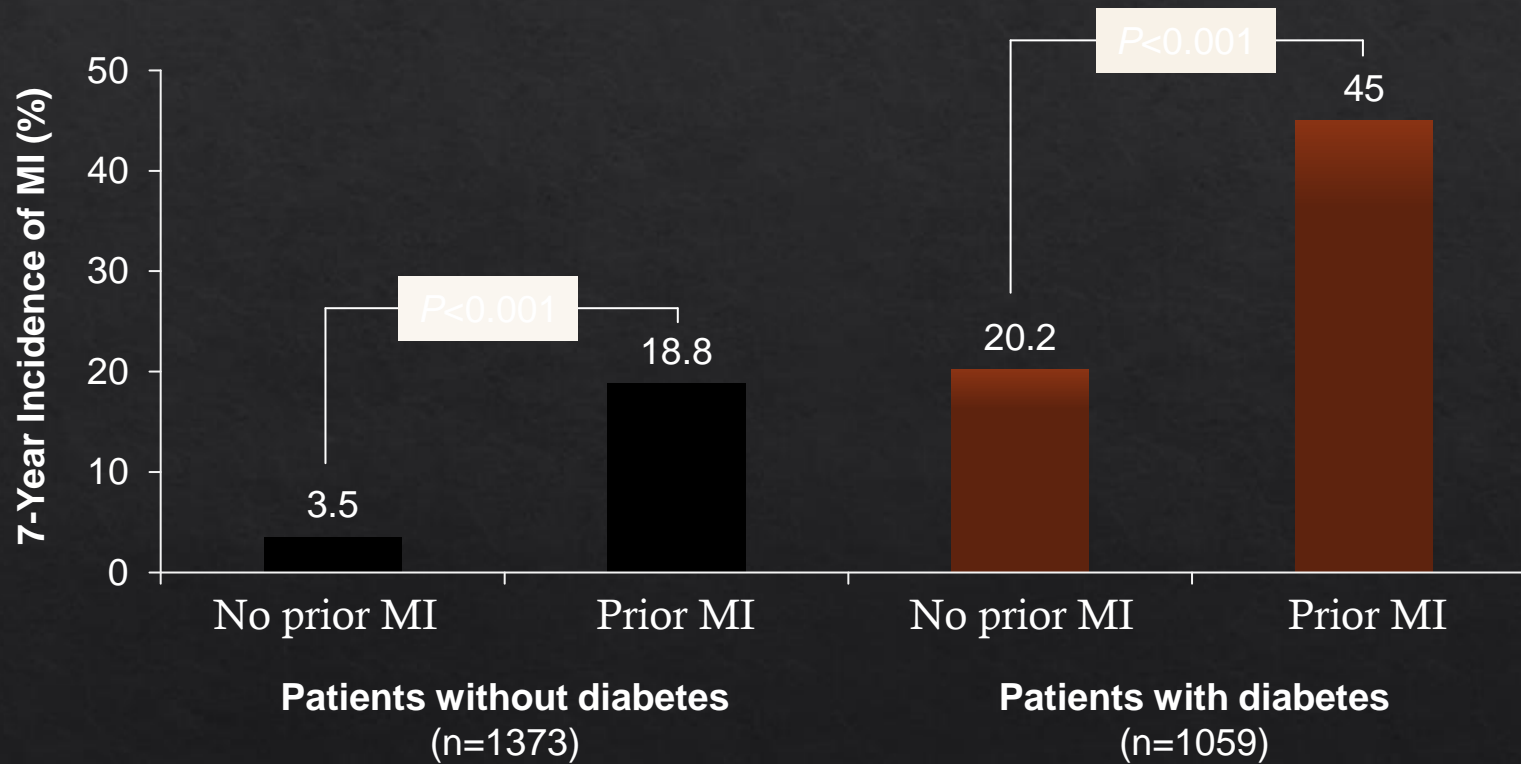
# PHARMACOLOGIC APPROACHES TO GLYCEMIC TREATMENT





**SHOULD  
ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC  
THERAPY BE FOCUSED  
ON REDUCING  
CARDIOVASCULAR  
RISK?**

# Diabetes and Cardiovascular Risk

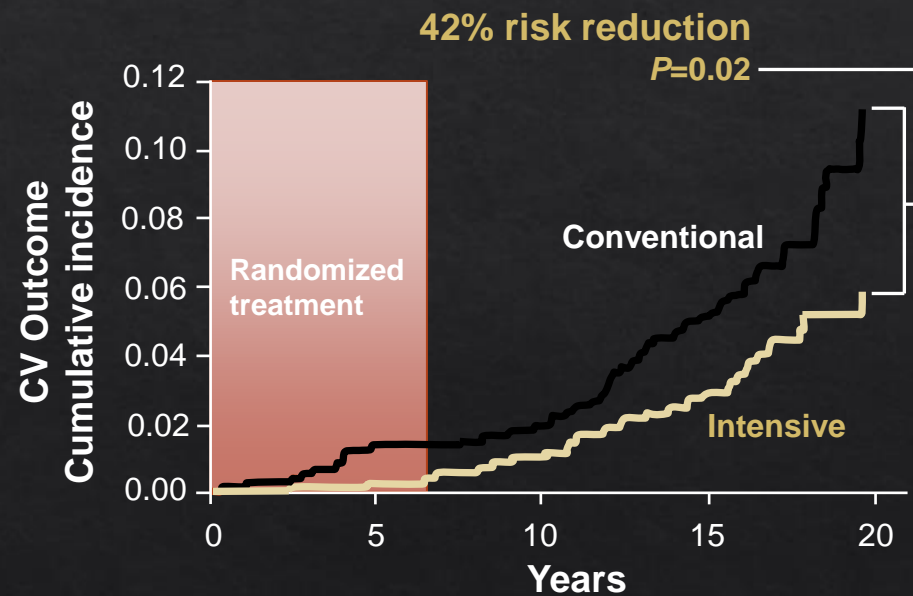


MI, myocardial infarction.

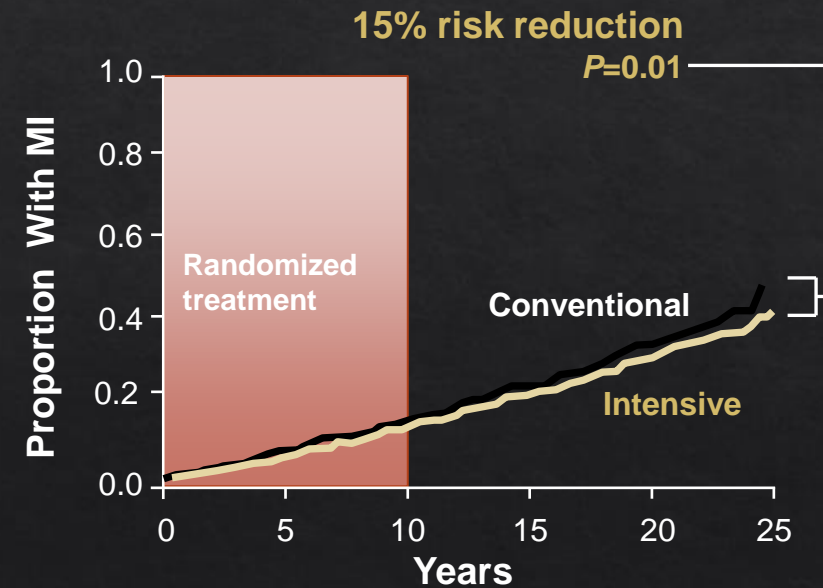
Haffner SM, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 1998;339:229-234.

# Intensive Glycemic Control Reduces Long-term Macrovascular Risk

**DCCT**  
**T1D, 5-6 years duration**  
**(N=1441)**



**UKPDS**  
**T2D, newly diagnosed**  
**(N=4209)**

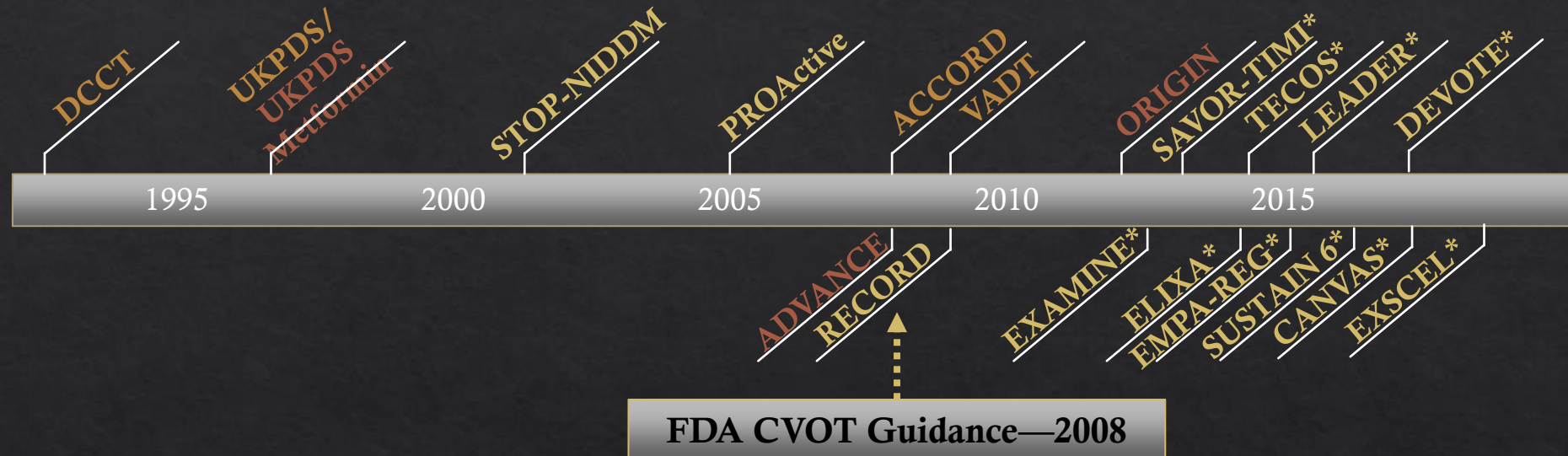


CV, cardiovascular; DCCT, Diabetes Control and Complications Trial; MI, myocardial infarction;  
T1D, type 1 diabetes; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKPDS, United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study.

Nathan DM, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2005;353:2643-2653. Holman RR, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2008;359:1577-1589.



# Timeline of Major Diabetes Outcomes Trials



**Blue** = Intensive vs standard control using same set of glucose-lowering agent(s)

**Purple** = Intensive control with a specific agent vs standard care

**Red** = Placebo- or active-controlled study

**\*** = FDA-mandated cardiovascular safety trial

ACCORD, Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes; ADVANCE, Action in Diabetes and Vascular Disease: Preterax and Diamicon MR Controlled Evaluation; CANVAS, Canagliflozin Cardiovascular Assessment Study; DCCT, Diabetes Control and Complications Trial; DEVOTE, Trial Comparing Cardiovascular Safety of Insulin Degludec versus Insulin Glargine in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes at High Risk of Cardiovascular Events; EXAMINE, Examination of Cardiovascular Outcomes with Alogliptin versus Standard of Care; ELIXA, Evaluation of Lixisenatide in Acute Coronary Syndrome; EMPA-REG, EMPA-REG OUTCOME trial; Exenatide Study of Cardiovascular Event Lowering; LEADER, Liraglutide Effect and Action in Diabetes: Evaluation of Cardiovascular Outcome Results; ORIGIN, Outcome Reduction with an Initial Glargine Intervention; PROActive, Prospective Pioglitazone Clinical Trial in Macrovascular Events; RECORD, Rosiglitazone Evaluated for Cardiovascular Outcomes in Oral Agent Combination Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes; SAVOR-TIMI, Saxagliptin Assessment of Vascular Outcomes Recorded in Patients with Diabetes Mellitus–Thrombolysis in Myocardial Infarction; STOP-NIDDM, Study to Prevent Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus; SUSTAIN, Trial to Evaluate Cardiovascular and Other Long-Term Outcomes with Semaglutide in Subjects with Type 2 Diabetes; TECOS, Trial Evaluating Cardiovascular Outcomes with Sitagliptin; UKPDS, United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study; VADT, Veterans Affairs Diabetes Trial.



# Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials: A Brief History

- ◇ 2008 FDA guidance mandating assessment of CV safety of all antihyperglycemic agents in RCTs
  - ◇ Designed as noninferiority studies to demonstrate study drug was not associated with more MACE than placebo
    - ◇ Some study designs tested for superiority if noninferiority criteria were met
  - ◇ Primary endpoint: composite of cardiovascular death, nonfatal MI, and nonfatal stroke
    - ◇ Some primary endpoints included additional components

MACE = major adverse cardiovascular events; RCTs, randomized controlled trials.

FDA. Guidance for industry: evaluating cardiovascular risk in new antidiabetic therapies to treat type 2 diabetes.  
<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/guidances/ucm071627.pdf>.

## Large CV Outcomes Trials in Diabetes (Non-Insulin)

Study	SAVOR	EXAMINE	TECOS	CAROLINA	CARMELINA
DPP4-i	saxagliptin	alogliptin	sitagliptin	linagliptin	linagliptin
Comparator	placebo	placebo	placebo	sulfonylurea	placebo
N	16,000	5,400	4,100	6,000	8,100
Results	2013	2013	2015	2017	2017

Study	LEADER	ELIXA	SUSTAIN 6	EXSCEL	REWIND
GLP1-RA	liraglutide	lixisenatide	semaglutide	exenatide LR	dulaglutide
Comparator	+	placebo	+	placebo	+
N	16,500	14,000	6,000	5,400	8,300
Results	2016	2015	2016	2018	2018

Preliminary

Study	EMPA-REG	CANVAS	DECLARE	NCT01986881
SGLT-2-i	empagliflozin	canagliflozin	dapagliflozin	ertugliflozin
Comparator	+	+	placebo	placebo
N	7,100	4,100	2,200	3,900
Results	2015	2017	2019	2020

*HARMONY*

*Albiglutide*

*9,463*

*2018*

MACE Events in CVOTs with GLP1 Receptor Agonists						
		Cardiovascular Benefits				
	Subjects with Established CVD	Non-Fatal MI	Non-Fatal CVA	CV Death	3-Pt MACE	Comments
Liraglutide <b>LEADER</b> 9340 Patients	~81%	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Positive</b>	3-Pt MACE Driven by significant ↓ in CV death Relative risk reduction ~22%
Semaglutide SQ <b>SUSTAIN-6 Study</b> 3297 Patients	~83%	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	3-Pt MACE Driven by significant ↓ in non-fatal CVA Relative risk reduction ~39%
Semaglutide PO <b>PIONEER-6 Study</b> 3183 Patients	~85%	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Positive</b>	3-Pt MACE Driven by significant ↓ in CV death Relative risk reduction ~51%
Lixisenatide <b>ELIXA STUDY</b> 6068 Patients	100%	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	NA
Exenatide <b>EXCEL Study</b> 14752 Patients	~73%	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	3-Pt MACE Barely missed significance, HR 0.91 (p=0.06) Relative risk reduction ~9%
Albiglutide <b>HARMONY Study</b> 9463 Patients	100%	<b>Positive</b>	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	3-Pt MACE Driven by significant ↓ in fatal and non-fatal MI Relative risk reduction ~25%
Dulaglutide <b>REWIND Study</b> 9901 Patients	~31%	UNK	UNK	UNK	<b>Positive</b>	Full results not released/published

## MACE Events in CVOTs with SGLT2 Inhibitors

		Cardiovascular Benefits					
	Subjects with Established CVD	Non-Fatal MI	Non-Fatal CVA	CV Death	3-Pt MACE	CV Death, HHF (Pre-specified Primary Endpoint)	Comments
Empagliflozin <b>EMPA-REG</b> 7020 Patients	100%	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Positive</b>	NA	3-pt MACE Driven by significant ↓CV death Relative Risk Reduction 38%
Canagliflozin <b>CANVAS Program</b> 10142 Patients	66%	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	NA	3-pt MACE HR 0.86 Relative Risk Reduction 14%
Dapagliflozin <b>DECLARE-TIMI</b> 17160 Patients	41%	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	<b>Positive</b>	Driven by significant ↓CV death Relative Risk Reduction 51%

Hupfer C, Mudaliar S. Diab Obes Metab, 2019



# Canagliflozin (*Invokana*) Gets FDA Nod for CV Protection

Megan Brooks

October 31, 2018

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The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the sodium-glucose cotransporter type 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor canagliflozin (*Invokana*, Janssen) to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events in adults with type 2 diabetes who have established cardiovascular disease (CVD).

With FDA approval of the supplemental new drug application, [canagliflozin](#) becomes the first oral diabetes drug indicated to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction (MI), stroke, or death due to a cardiovascular cause, the company said in a news release.



Management of Hyperglycemia  
in Type 2 Diabetes, 2018.

A Consensus Report by the  
American Diabetes Association  
(ADA) and the European Association  
for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)

<https://doi.org/10.2337/dci18-0033>



# CHOOSING GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATION IN THOSE WITH ESTABLISHED ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (ASCVD) OR CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)



Use principles in Figure 1

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

**Use metformin unless contraindicated or not tolerated**

**If not at HbA<sub>1c</sub> target:**

- Continue metformin unless contraindicated (remember to adjust dose/stop metformin with declining eGFR)
- Add SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA with proven cardiovascular benefit<sup>1</sup> (see below)

**If at HbA<sub>1c</sub> target:**

- If already on dual therapy, or multiple glucose-lowering therapies and not on an SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA, consider switching to one of these agents with proven cardiovascular benefit<sup>1</sup> (see below)

**OR** reconsider/lower individualized target and introduce SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA

**OR** reassess HbA<sub>1c</sub> at 3-month intervals and add SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA if HbA<sub>1c</sub> goes above target

**ASCVD predominates**



**HF or CKD predominates**



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

**EITHER/ OR**

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

**PREFERABLY**  
SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOTs if eGFR adequate<sup>3</sup>

**OR**

If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate<sup>2</sup> add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1,4</sup>

**If HbA<sub>1c</sub> above target**

**If HbA<sub>1c</sub> above target**

**If further intensification is required or patient is 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<sup>1</sup>
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin<sup>5</sup>
- TZD<sup>6</sup>
- SU<sup>7</sup>

**Avoid TZD in the setting of HF**  
**Choose agents demonstrating CV safety:**

- Consider adding the other class with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>
- DPP-4i (not saxagliptin) in the setting of HF (if not on GLP-1 RA)
- Basal insulin<sup>5</sup>
- SU<sup>7</sup>

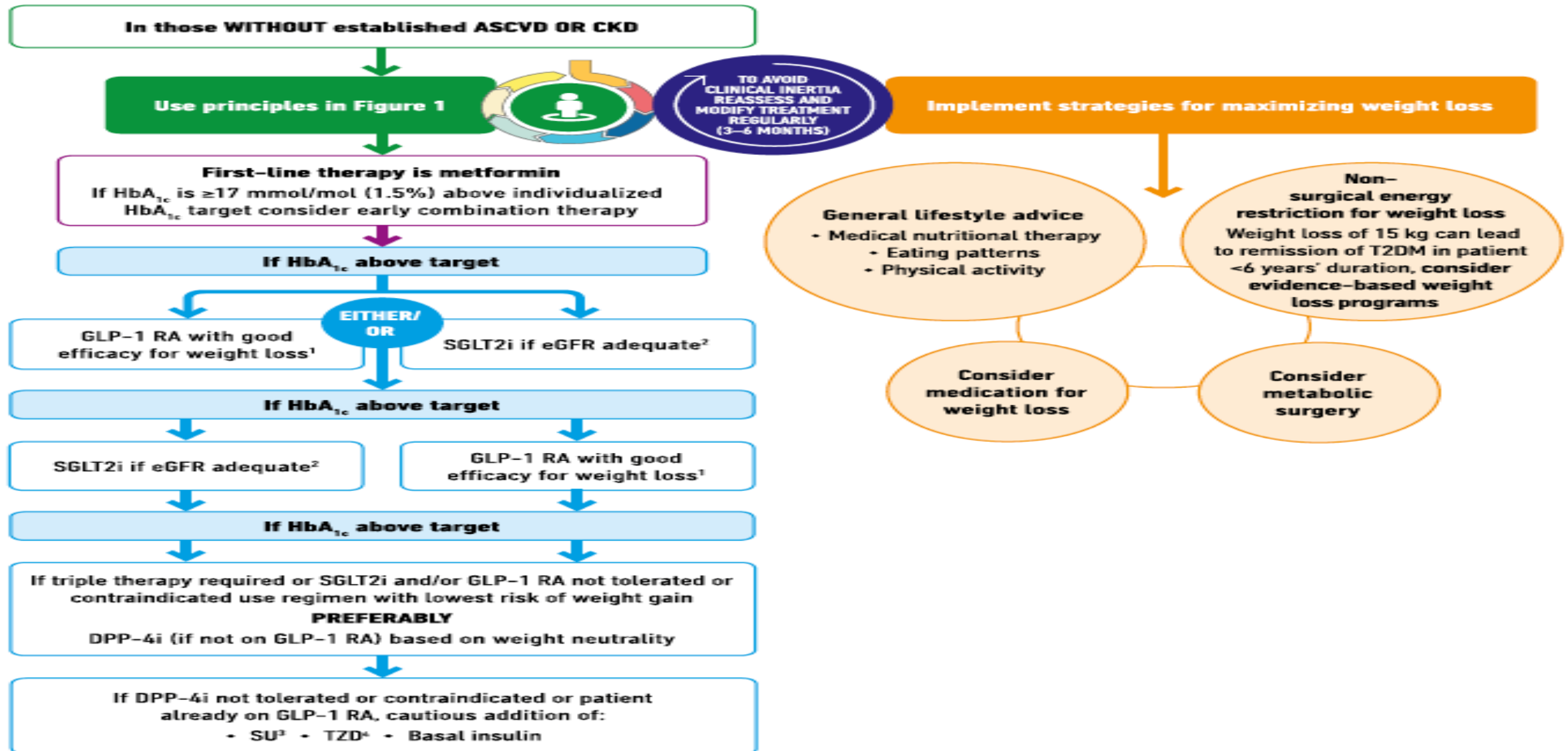
1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events. For GLP-1 RA strongest evidence for liraglutide > semaglutide > exenatide extended release. For SGLT2i evidence modestly stronger for empagliflozin > canagliflozin.
2. Be aware that SGLT2i vary by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
3. Both empagliflozin and canagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and to reduce CKD progression in CVOTs

4. Caution with GLP-1 RA in ESRD
5. Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety
6. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
7. Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia

SGLT2i:  
empagliflozin ,canagliflozin  
GLP1:  
liraglutide > semaglutide >  
exenatide LAR

Now in SGLT2i:  
Empagliflozin: CV death  
Canagliflozin: nonfatal MI,  
nonfatal stroke and CV  
death  
Dapagliflozin:  
Hospitalizations for HF

# CHOOSING GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATION IF COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS





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



NO

## INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF†

CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C, INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET, OR METFORMIN USE\*

### +ASCVD/Indicators of High Risk

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

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> OR SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>

If A1C above target

If further intensification is required or patient is unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV benefit and/or safety:

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit and vice versa<sup>1</sup>
- TZD<sup>2</sup>
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin<sup>3</sup>
- SU<sup>4</sup>

### +HF

Particularly HFrEF (LVEF <45%)

SGLT2i with proven benefit in this population<sup>5,6,7</sup>

### +CKD

DKD and Albuminuria<sup>8</sup>

NO

#### PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression

OR

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing CKD progression in CVOTs<sup>5,6,8</sup>

OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated

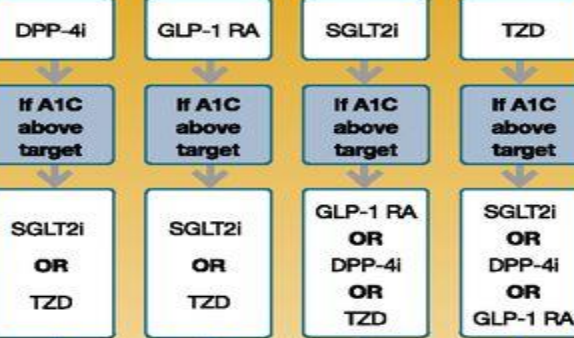
For patients with T2D and CKD<sup>9</sup> (e.g., eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) and thus at increased risk of cardiovascular events

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> OR SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1,7</sup>

## IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW

### COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA



If A1C above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If A1C above target

Consider the addition of SU<sup>4</sup> OR basal insulin:

- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia<sup>6</sup>

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

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss<sup>10</sup> OR SGLT2i

If A1C above target

SGLT2i

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss<sup>10</sup>

If A1C above target

If quadruple 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:

- SU<sup>4</sup> • TZD<sup>2</sup> • Basal insulin

### COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE<sup>11,12</sup>

SU<sup>4</sup>

TZD<sup>12</sup>

If A1C above target

TZD<sup>12</sup>

SU<sup>4</sup>

If A1C above target

Insulin therapy basal insulin with lowest acquisition cost

OR

Consider other therapies based on cost

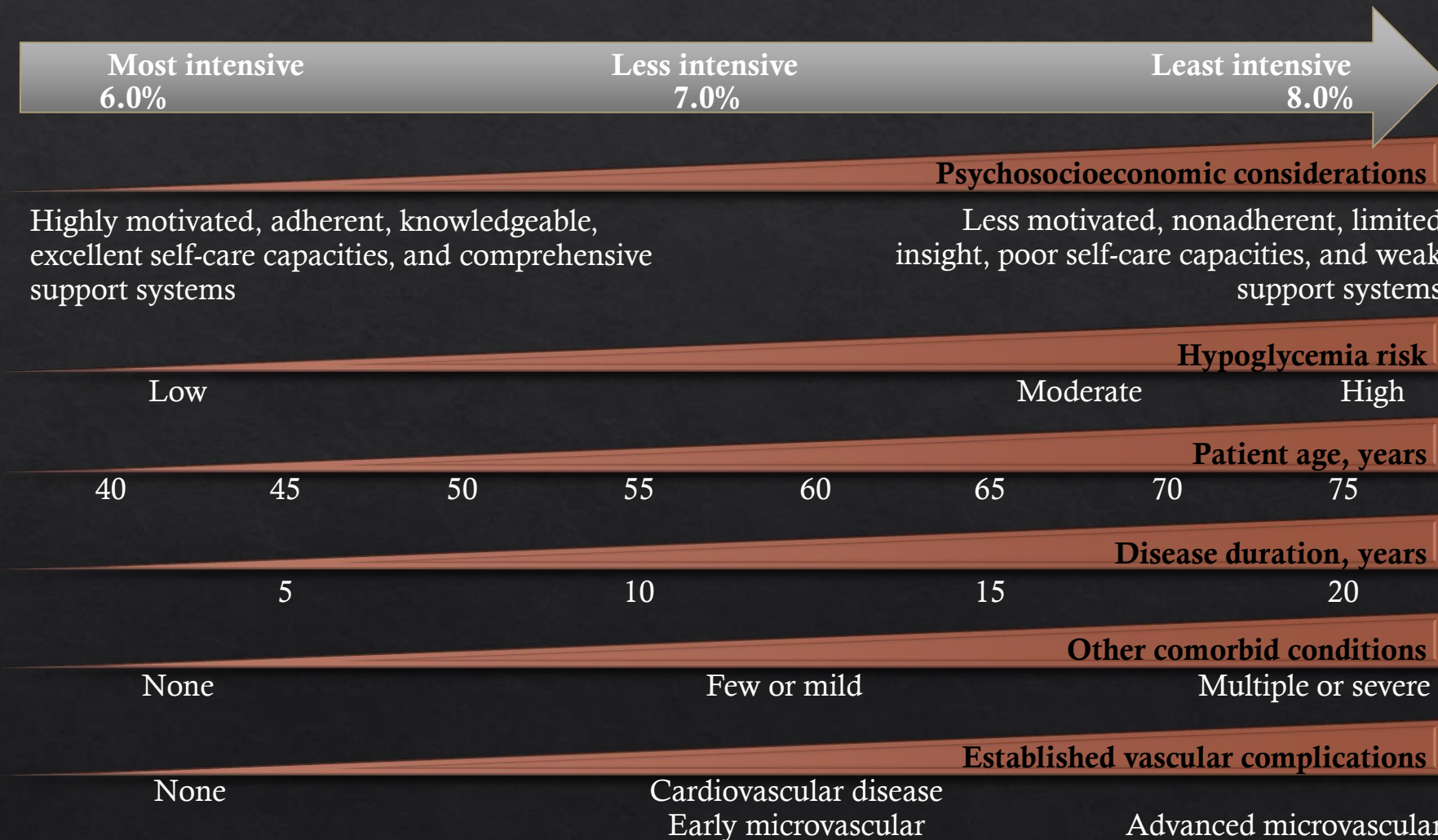
- Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events
- Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
- Degludec or U-100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety
- Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia; glimepiride has shown similar CV safety to DPP-4i
- Be aware that SGLT2i labelling varies by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
- Empagliflozin, canagliflozin, and dapagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and to reduce CKD progression in CVOTs. Canagliflozin and dapagliflozin have primary renal outcome data. Dapagliflozin and empagliflozin have primary heart failure outcome data.

- Proven benefit means it has label indication of reducing heart failure in this population
- Refer to Section 11: Microvascular Complications and Foot Care
- Degludec / glargine U-300 < glargine U-100 / detemir < NPH Insulin
- Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide
- 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)
- Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs are relatively more expensive and DPP-4i are relatively cheaper.

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

\* Most patients enrolled in the relevant trials were on metformin at baseline as glucose-lowering therapy.

# Algorithm for Individualizing Glycemic Targets



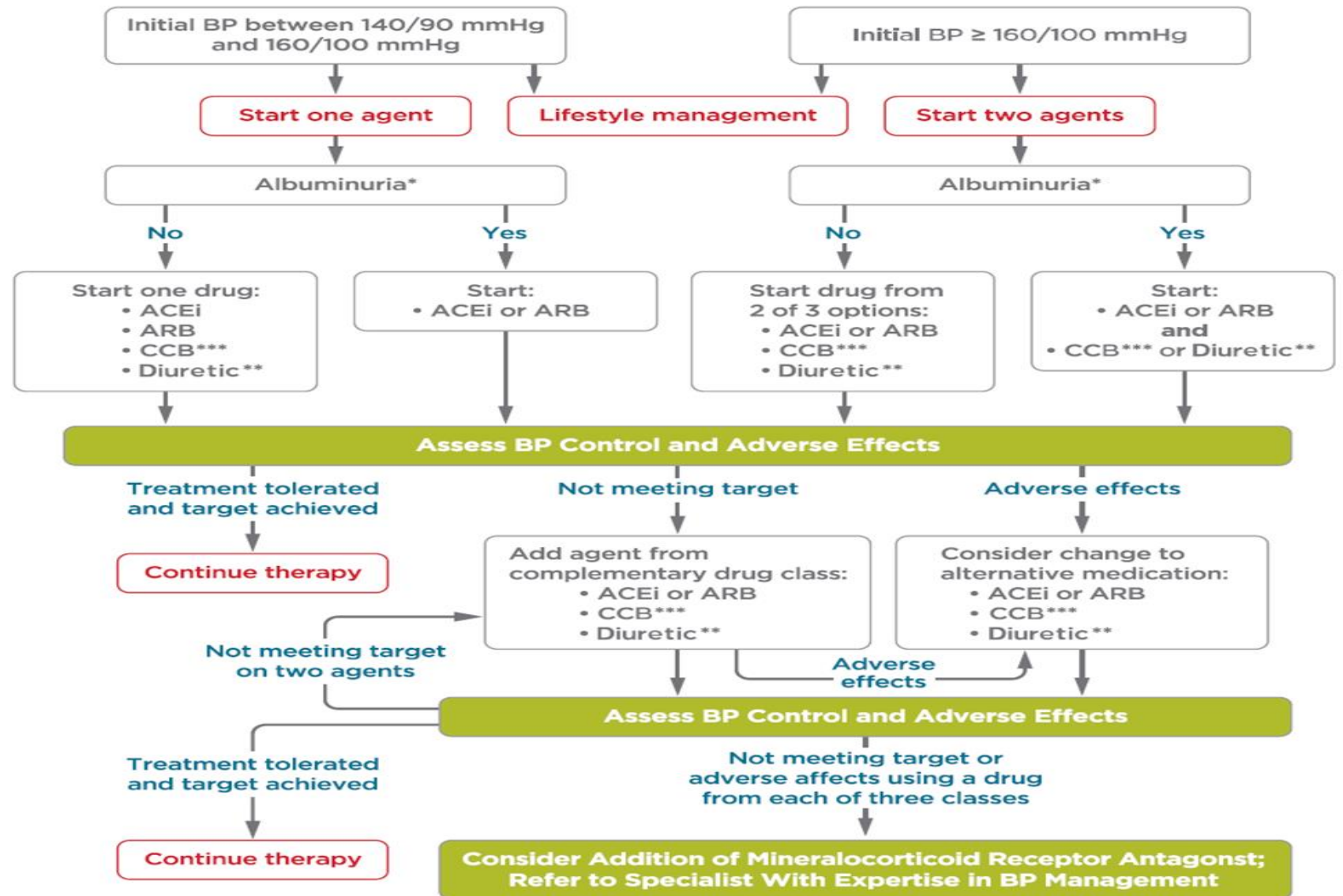
# CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND RISK MANAGEMENT



**10.4** For individuals with diabetes and hypertension at higher cardiovascular risk (existing atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease or 10-year atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease risk >15%), a blood pressure target of <130/80 mmHg may be appropriate, if it can be safely attained. **C**

**10.5** For individuals with diabetes and hypertension at lower risk for cardiovascular disease (10-year atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease risk <15%), treat to a blood pressure target of <140/90 mmHg. **A**

## Recommendations for the Treatment of Confirmed Hypertension in People With Diabetes





## Goal BP and Initial Therapy in Diabetes to Reduce CV / Renal Risk?

Group	Goal BP (mmHg)	Initial Therapy
ADA (2018)	<140/90;high risk <130/80	ACE Inhibitor/ARB (only if nephropathy or heart failure present)
ACC/AHA BP (2017)	<130/80	ACE Inhibitor/ARB*
KDIGO/KDOQI (NKF) (2013)	<140/90	ACE Inhibitor/ARB*
2014 Expert Panel Report (2013)	<130/80	ACE Inhibitor/ARB*
KDOQI (NKF) (2004)	<130/80	ACE Inhibitor/ARB*
JNC 7 (2003)	<130/80	ACE Inhibitor/ARB*
Am. Diabetes Assoc (2003)	<130/80	ACE Inhibitor/ARB*
Canadian HTN Soc. (2002)	<130/80	ACE Inhibitor/ARB*
Am. Diabetes Assoc (2002)	<130/80	ACE Inhibitor*
Natl. Kidney Foundation (2000)	<140/80	ACE Inhibitor
British HTN Soc. (1999)	<140/80	ACE Inhibitor
JNC VI (1997)	<130/85	ACE Inhibitor

\* Indicates use with diuretic



## INTENSIVE BLOOD PRESSURE MANAGEMENT MAY SAVE LIVES

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO TREAT HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IN PATIENTS 50 AND OLDER?

The SPRINT trial enrolled more than 9,300 participants at UAB and other locations to find out. Investigators divided them into two groups:

### STANDARD TREATMENT



THERAPY:



Avg. 2 different blood pressure medications

### INTENSIVE TREATMENT



THERAPY:



Avg. 3 different blood pressure medications

**RESULTS:** ABOUT **30%** lower rates of heart attack, heart failure, and other cardiovascular events  
among participants receiving intensive treatment  
ABOUT **25%** lower risk of death

Weight loss

Sodium intake less than 2,300 mg /day

Increase consumption of fruits and vegetables

- 8-10 servings per day

Alcohol intake

- 2 for men
- 1 for women

Low fat dairy products

- 2-3 servings per day

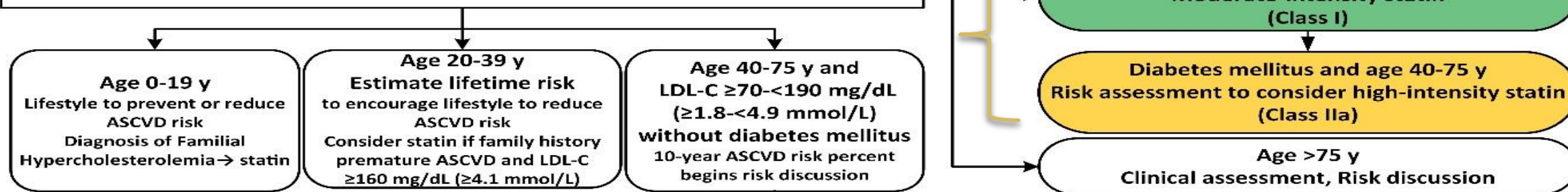
# Lifestyle Modifications

**Table 10.2—Recommendations for statin and combination treatment in adults with diabetes**

Age	ASCVD or 10-year ASCVD risk >20%	Recommended statin intensity <sup>^</sup> and combination treatment <sup>*</sup>
<40 years	No	None <sup>†</sup>
	Yes	High <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In patients with ASCVD, if LDL cholesterol <math>\geq 70</math> mg/dL despite maximally tolerated statin dose, consider adding additional LDL-lowering therapy (such as ezetimibe or PCSK9 inhibitor)<sup>‡</sup></li> </ul>
$\geq 40$ years	No	Moderate <sup>‡</sup>
	Yes	High <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In patients with ASCVD, if LDL cholesterol <math>\geq 70</math> mg/dL despite maximally tolerated statin dose, consider adding additional LDL-lowering therapy (such as ezetimibe or PCSK9 inhibitor)</li> </ul>



**Primary Prevention:  
Assess ASCVD Risk in Each Age Group  
Emphasize Adherence to Healthy Lifestyle**



**ASCVD Risk Enhancers:**

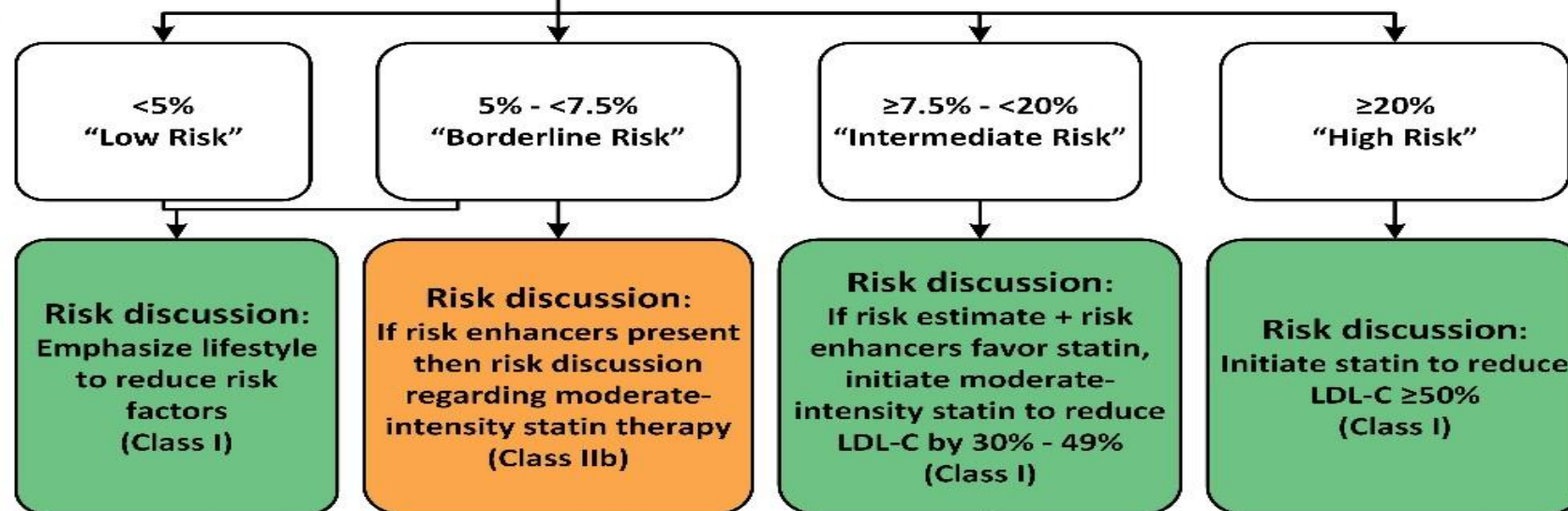
- Family history of premature ASCVD
- Persistently elevated LDL-C  $\geq 160$  mg/dL ( $\geq 4.1$  mmol/L)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Metabolic syndrome
- Conditions specific to women (e.g., preeclampsia, premature menopause)
- Inflammatory diseases (especially rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, HIV)
- Ethnicity (e.g., South Asian ancestry)

**Lipid/Biomarkers:**

- Persistently elevated triglycerides ( $\geq 175$  mg/dL, ( $\geq 2.0$  mmol/L))

**In selected individuals if measured:**

- hs-CRP  $\geq 2.0$  mg/L
- Lp(a) levels  $> 50$  mg/dL or  $> 125$  nmol/L
- apoB  $\geq 130$  mg/dL
- Ankle-brachial index (ABI)  $< 0.9$



If risk decision is uncertain:  
Consider measuring CAC in selected adults:  
CAC = zero (lowers risk; consider no statin, unless diabetes, family history of premature CHD, or cigarette smoking are present)  
CAC = 1-99 favors statin (especially after age 55)  
CAC = 100+ and/or  $\geq 75$ th percentile, initiate statin therapy

Table 5. Diabetes-Specific Risk Enhancers That Are Independent of Other Risk Factors in Diabetes Mellitus

**Risk Enhancers**

- Long duration ( $\geq 10$  years for type 2 diabetes mellitus (S.4.3-20) or  $\geq 20$  years for type 1 diabetes mellitus)
- Albuminuria  $\geq 30$  mcg of albumin/mg creatinine
- eGFR  $< 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- Retinopathy
- Neuropathy
- ABI  $< 0.9$

Risk category	Risk factors/10-year risk	Treatment goals		
		LDL-C (mg/dL)	Non-HDL-C (mg/dL)	Apo B (mg/dL)
<b>Extreme risk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Progressive ASCVD including unstable angina in individuals after achieving an LDL-C &lt;70 mg/dL</li> <li>– Established clinical cardiovascular disease in individuals with DM, stage 3 or 4 CKD, or HeFH</li> <li>– History of premature ASCVD (&lt;55 male, &lt;65 female)</li> </ul>	<55	<80	<70
<b>Very high risk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Established or recent hospitalization for ACS, coronary, carotid or peripheral vascular disease, 10-year risk &gt;20%</li> <li>– DM <u>or</u> stage 3 or 4 CKD with 1 or more risk factor(s)</li> <li>– HeFH</li> </ul>	<70	<100	<80
<b>High risk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– ≥2 risk factors and 10-year risk 10%-20%</li> <li>– DM or stage 3 or 4 CKD with no other risk factors</li> </ul>	<100	<130	<90
<b>Moderate risk</b>	≤2 risk factors and 10-year risk <10%	<100	<130	<90
<b>Low risk</b>	0 risk factors	<130	<160	NR

Abbreviations: ACS, acute coronary syndrome; apo, apolipoprotein; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; DM, diabetes mellitus; HeFH, heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; NR, not recommended.

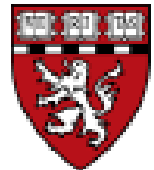
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## Reduction of Cardiovascular Events with Icosapent Ethyl—Intervention Trial

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# Key Inclusion Criteria – REDUCE-IT



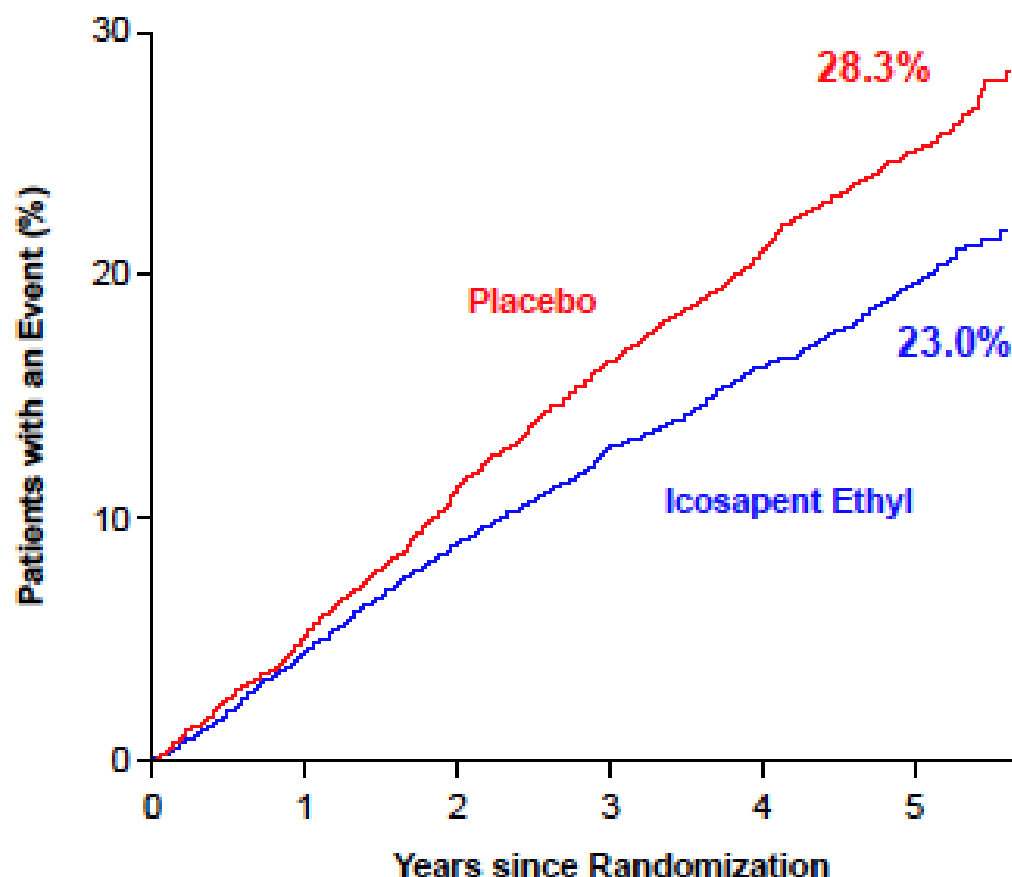
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1. Age  $\geq 45$  years with established CVD (Secondary Prevention Cohort) or  $\geq 50$  years with diabetes with  $\geq 1$  additional risk factor for CVD (Primary Prevention Cohort)
  2. Fasting TG levels  $\geq 150$  mg/dL and  $< 500$  mg/dL\*
  3. LDL-C  $> 40$  mg/dL and  $\leq 100$  mg/dL and on stable statin therapy ( $\pm$  ezetimibe) for  $\geq 4$  weeks prior to qualifying measurements for randomization
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\*Due to the variability of triglycerides, a 10% allowance existing in the initial protocol, which permitted patients to be enrolled with qualifying triglycerides  $\geq 135$  mg/dL, protocol amendment 1 (May 2013) changed the lower limit of acceptable triglycerides from 150 mg/dL to 200 mg/dL, with no variability allowance.

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# Primary End Point:

CV Death, MI, Stroke, Coronary Revasc, Unstable Angina



**Hazard Ratio, 0.75**

(95% CI, 0.68–0.83)

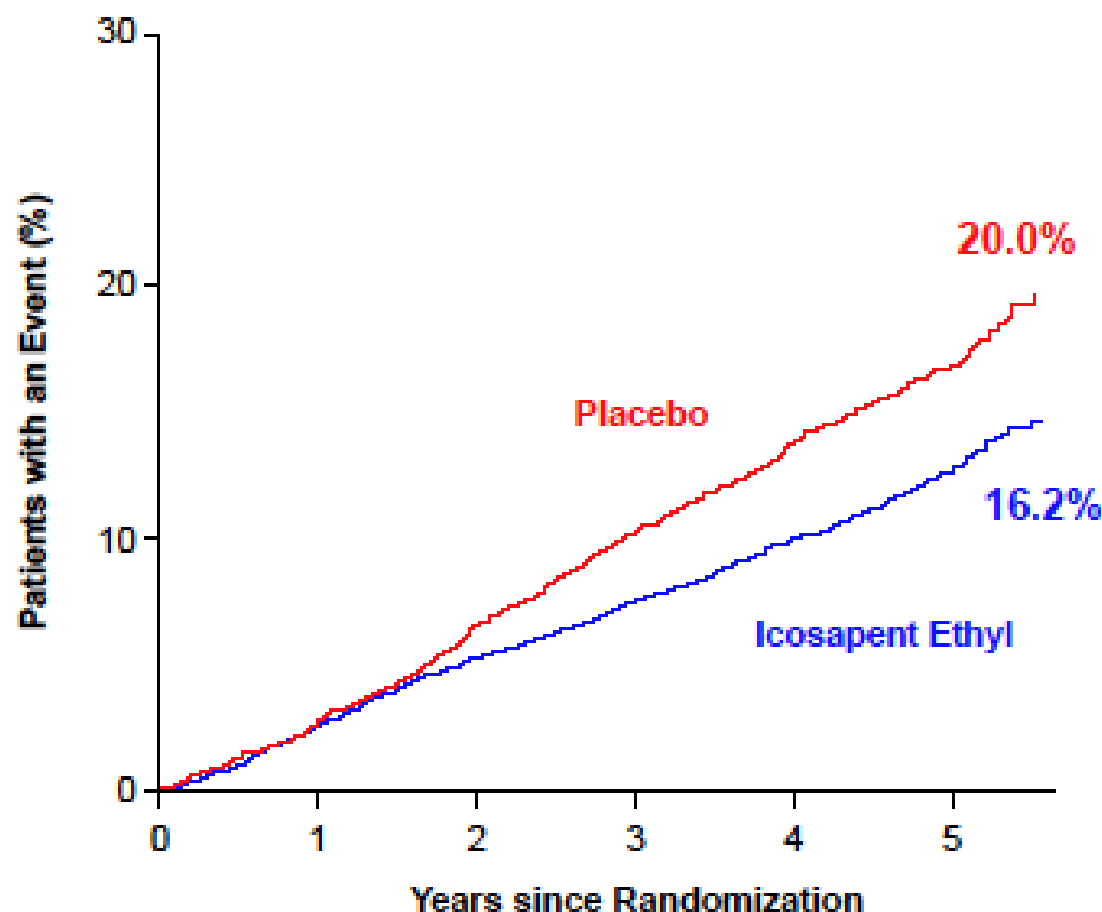
**RRR = 24.8%**

**ARR = 4.8%**

**NNT = 21** (95% CI, 15–33)

**P=0.00000001**

# Key Secondary End Point: CV Death, MI, Stroke



**Hazard Ratio, 0.74**

(95% CI, 0.65–0.83)

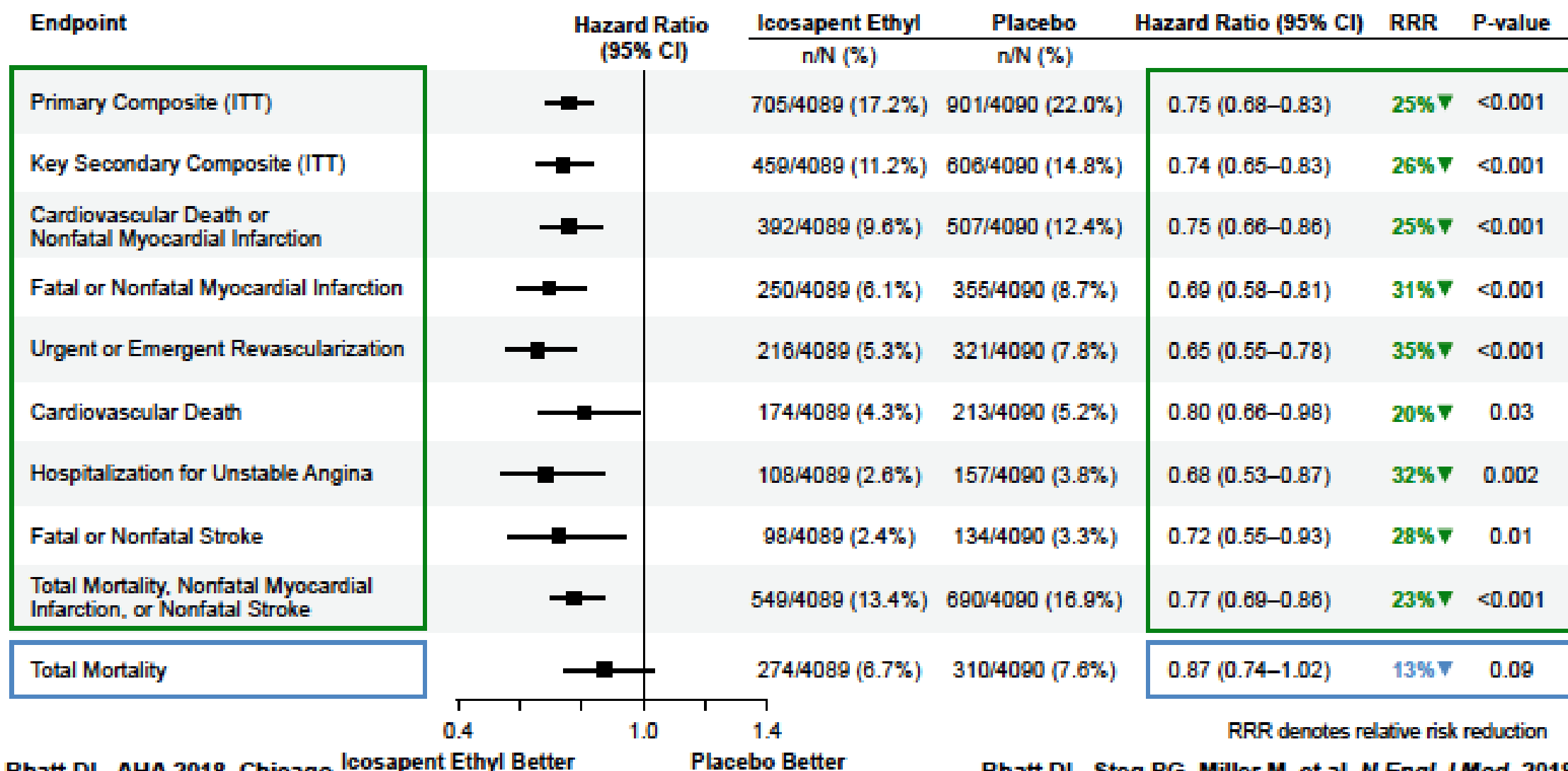
**RRR = 26.5%**

**ARR = 3.6%**

**NNT = 28** (95% CI, 20–47)

**P=0.0000006**

# Prespecified Hierarchical Testing



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# Updated ADA SOC March 27 2019 on Lipid management for CV Risk Reduction

- ◇ Based on the outcome of Reduction of Cardiovascular Events with Icosapent Ethyl–Intervention Trial (REDUCE-IT)
- ◇ The *Standards of Care* now include a recommendation that icosapent ethyl be considered for patients with diabetes and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) or other cardiac risk factors on a statin with controlled LDL-C, but with elevated triglycerides (135-499) to reduce cardiovascular risk.

# Antiplatelet Agents: Recommendations

- ◆ Use aspirin therapy (75-162 mg/day) as a secondary prevention strategy in those with diabetes and a history of ASCVD. **A**
- ◆ For patients with ASCVD and documented aspirin allergy, clopidogrel (75 mg/day) should be used. **B**
- ◆ Dual antiplatelet therapy (with low-dose aspirin and a P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor) is reasonable for a year after an acute coronary syndrome **A** and may have benefits beyond this period. **B**

# Antiplatelet Agents: Recommendations

- ◆ Aspirin therapy(75–162mg/day) may be considered as a primary prevention strategy in those with diabetes who are at increased cardiovascular risk, after a discussion with the patient on the benefits versus increased risk of bleeding. C



# Conclusion

- ◆ Effective ways to prevent diabetes include both lifestyle modification and drug therapy tailored to the individual.
- ◆ Although a new approach regarding management is pursued, glycemic control is still a main target.
- ◆ Patient with presence of ASCVD, Diabetic Kidney Disease and Heart Failure therapy should include medications with benefits regardless A1c
- ◆ Lipid lowering therapy should be always included in the diabetic patient.



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QUESTIONS??