Factors to Consider When Incorporating New Therapies Into a Patient's Antihyperglycemic Regimen

Expected HbA1c Reduction for New Antihyperglycemic Medications*



GLP-1 RAs

Class and Available Compounds	Mechanism of Action ^{1,2}	Advantages ^{1,2}	Disadvantages ^{1,2}
 DPP-4 Inhibitors Alogliptin³ Linagliptin⁴ Saxagliptin⁵ Sitagliptin⁶ 	Inhibits DPP-4 activity, which increases postprandial active incretin (GLP-1, GIP) concentrations, leading to increased insulin secretion and decreased glucagon secretion	No hypoglycemia Weight neutral Well tolerated	Acute pancreatitis risk? – use caution in patients with history of pancreatitis Increased heart-failure hospitalizations with SAXA? – use caution in patients with preexisting heart failure Angioedema/urticaria and other immune-mediated dermatologic effects Severe joint pain
GLP-1 RAS Once daily • Exenatide ⁷ • Liraglutide ⁸ Once weekly • Exenatide extended release ⁹ • Albiglutide ¹⁰ • Dulaglutide ¹¹	Activates GLP-1 receptors leading to increased insulin secretion, decreased glucagon secretion, slowed gastric emptying, and increased satiety	No hypoglycemia Weight loss ranging from approximately -1.4 kg to -2.9 kg (-3 lb to -6.4 lb)* Associated with reduction in some CV risk factors Reduced postprandial glucose excursions	Gastrointestinal adverse effects (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) Increased heart rate Acute pancreatitis risk? – use caution in patients with history of pancreatitis C-cell hyperplasia/medullary thyroid tumors observed in animals Injectable therapy with training requirements
 SGLT-2 Inhibitors Canagliflozin¹² Dapagliflozin¹³ Empagliflozin¹⁴ 	Inhibits SGLT-2 in the proximal nephron, which blocks glucose reabsorption by the kidney and increases glycosuria	No hypoglycemia Weight loss ranging from approximately -2.6 kg to -3.9 kg (5.7 lb to 8.6 lb)* Decreased blood pressure Effective at all stages of T2DM	Genitourinary infections Polyuria Volume depletion/hypotension/dizziness – use caution in elderly patients, patients already on a diuretic, or patients with tenuous intravascular volume status Increased LDL cholesterol Increased creatinine (transient effect) Risk for diabetic ketoacidosis Increased bone fracture with CANA?

*As reported from monotherapy studies comparing each agent to placebo. Length of each monotherapy study varied among 24, 26, and 52 weeks.³⁻¹⁴

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