

ANTI-HYPERGLYCEMIC TYPE 2 DIABETES AGENTS: Drug Comparison Chart

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Generic/TRADE Pregnancy/Lactation → PL	Comments	Effects On				Adverse Events AE / Contraindications CI / Drug Interactions DI / Monitoring M	Initial, Usual & Maximum Dose \$/100d	
		Hypo-glycemia	PPG	A1c%	Wt			
Biguanide: site of action → adipose/muscle/liver; ↓ hepatic gluconeogenesis; ↑ insulin sensitivity; ↑ glucose utilization; ✓ T2DM (T2DM prevention; may use, but not officially indicated by Health Canada)								
Metformin GLUCOPHAGE, GLYCON, g 500 ^c , 850mg tab	1 st line for T2DM. DC(A,1A), ADA(A), ACP (exception: insulin indicated 1 st line ± metformin if metabolic decompensation)	Negligible risk with mono-therapy	↓	↓↓ 2.9kg /4yrs ADOPT	↓↓ 1-1.5	AE: Common: GI (nausea/diarrhea), to avoid: start low dose, titrate slowly, take with food, may divide large doses TID; tolerance over ~1-2wks; reports of GI adverse events after many years of use (lowering dose may help to resolve) Rare: lactic acidosis 9/100 000 pt yrs Cochrane ¹⁰ (↑ risk if eGFR <30mL/min), ↓ Vit B12 absorption (anemia, peripheral neuropathy, treatment oral B12) CI: hx lactic acidosis, severe liver dx; Caution: eGFR 30-45mL/min (see dosing); hold in acute illness if dehydrated e.g. HF, AKI as ↑ risk for AE see SADMAN tool; lean, frail elderly ↓ muscle mass; hold day of surgery; ADA colonoscopy hold when NPO, if risk AKI DI: ↑ Metformin: EtOH, dolutegravir (max metformin: 1000mg/d), cimetidine, TMP; contrast media (hold for 48hr after iodinated contrast media for imaging if eGFR<45mL/min); CAR 2012 insulin or sulfonylurea (↑ hypoglycemia); Metformin: ↓ Vit B12 & folate; &↓ TSH in treated hypothyroid patients M: SCr (baseline & then periodically), hemoglobin & B12 (periodically e.g. q1-2yrs) Admin: Take metformin ER e.g. GLUMETZA, JANUMET XR with food to ↑ bioavailability	Initial: 125-250-500mg po daily cc, ↑ q2-4 weeks to minimize GI AEs Usual: 1000mg po BID cc ADOPT, GRADE background tx 1700mg cc am & 850mg cc pm UKPDS-34 GLUMETZA: 1000-2000mg ER po cc pm Max: 2550mg/d → 850mg TID (usual 1g BID) eGFR 30-45mL/min: ≤1000mg/d; eGFR <30mL/min: avoid (ok-stable, eGFR ≥15mL/min: 500mg/d ^{albu18}) Dialysis: discontinue (lactic acidosis risk) ^{KDIGO} Adolescent: 1 st line ≥ 10 years old Initial: as per adult; Max: 2000mg/day Prevent/Prediabetes: (screen for CV risk factors) 850mg BID + lifestyle ^{DPP}	\$11-13 \$21 \$21 \$148-286g \$21
GLUMETZA, g X ⊗ 500mg, 1000mg ER tab once daily dosing with food {ghost tab shell may be passed in stool after releasing drug}	• Titrate ~q2-4 weeks to ↓ GI AEs (~85% of glycemic lowering effect reached at 1500mg/day) • Max effect ~2 weeks; peak: 3hr • Continue as other treatment added (e.g. insulin) ADA(A) • Other use: prevention of T2DM DC(A,1A), DPP, PCOS, pregnancy: gestational diabetes (insulin 1 st line), DC, MIG continued/added to insulin in pre-existing T2DM. MITY	CVD outcome summary: • ↓ mortality & myocardial infarction in obese (>120% ideal body weight) (>120% ideal body weight) NNT=14/10.7 years UKPDS-34 • Observational follow-up: ↓ mortality NNT=14/1000 patient yrs & ↓ MI NNT=14/1000 patient yrs UKPDS-80						
GLUMETZA X ⊗, JANUMET XR ⊗ ⊗								
Sulfonylureas (SU): site of action → pancreas; insulin secretagogue; ↑ β cell insulin release; ✓ T2DM								
Gliclazide DIAMICRON MR, g 30, 60mg ^c tab {ghost tab shell may be passed in stool after releasing drug}	May be used 2 nd line for T2DM (others preferred if CVD/CKD/HF); gliclazide preferred over glyburide b/c ↓ hypoglycemia, CV events and mortality. DC, ADA, Simpson ¹⁵	Moderate risk (least with gliclazide)	↓	↑ 1.6kg /4 yrs ADOPT	↑ 1.5-2.5kg DC	AE: Common: hypoglycemia (less than insulin ^{UKPDS-33} , most with glyburide > glimepiride > gliclazide preferred in elderly), weight gain (less than insulin ^{UKPDS-33}), GI 1-3%, sulfa skin reaction (rash/photosensitivity ~1%), headache, dizziness Rare: cardiac toxicity, SIADH, tooth discolouration with glyburide in peds Overdose: dextrose IV & possibly octreotide; watch for recurrence CI: severe renal (eGFR <30mL/min ^{gliclazide, glimepiride} 60mL/min ^{glyburide DC¹⁸}) or hepatic dysfunction Caution: G6PD deficiency, debilitated, ↑ hypoglycemia (≥60yrs ↓ dose, titrate slowly, gliclazide preferred by BEERS), hold in acute illness if dehydrated as ↑ AE risk see SADMAN, surgery (stop am of surgery and re-start when food intake is resumed), pre-colonoscopy (hold during clear, liquid prep & re-start post-procedure) DI: ↑ hypoglycemia risk: ranitidine, clarithromycin, EtOH, fluconazole, fluoxetine, TCAs, MAOIs, metronidazole, NSAIDs, quinolones, salicylates, sulfonamides, warfarin; glimepiride or glipizide (FDA) insulin (see left) ↓ SU effect: rifampin; BB can mask hypoglycemia symptoms (except sweating) M: SCr & LFTs (baseline & then periodically) Administration: Ensure consistent food intake & take with or before a meal. May dose in AM with 1 st meal to prevent nocturnal hypoglycemia. D/C: Chlorpropamide DIABINESE; Tolbutamide ORINASE	Initial: 30mg MR or 40-80mg po daily in am cc Usual: 60mg MR daily or 80mg BID cc 30-120mg MR daily ADVANCE Max: 120mg MR daily or 160mg BID cc eGFR <30mL/min ^{DC} : CI USA : Gliclazide not available Initial: 1-2mg po daily in am cc Usual: 1-4mg po daily in am cc CAROLINA (mean max dose ~5mg/day GRADE) Max: 8mg po daily cc Peds ≥8yrs: 1mg/day eGFR <30mL/min ^{DC} : CI	\$21 or \$43 \$17 or 75 \$25 or 140
Glimepiride AMARYL, g X ⊗ 1, 2, 4mg ^c tab	• Cost-effective 2 nd line agent CADTH, WHO • Titrate ~q1-2wks slower if elderly (~75% of glycemic lowering effect reached at half of max dose) Plasma peak: 4-6h gliclazide; 2-3h glimepiride; 2-4h glyburide • Rapid BG lowering but poor durability, ~75% require combo tx • Lose efficacy over time as the pancreas produces less insulin • Insulin initiation: ↓ dose 50% or dose AM if basal insulin; stop if prandial insulin Other use: 1 st line HNF1A/4A-MODY,	CVD outcome summary: • Trials have shown microvascular benefit ADVANCE, UKPDS-33 & similar, neutral CV outcomes when glimepiride compared to linagliptin CAROLINA • gliclazide, glimepiride, glyburide do not appear to cause CV harm but also haven't shown CV benefit						
GlyBURIDE DIABETA, g 2.5 ^c , 5mg ^c tab Gestational DM /pre-existing T2DM: glyburide 3 rd line ^{DC} USA : Glipizide GLUCOTROL								
Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP4) inhibitors "gliptins": site of action → pancreas; glucose dependent ↑ insulin via ↓ incretin breakdown (↑GLP1, gastric inhibitory polypeptide [GIP]), ↓ glucagon; ✓ T2DM								
Sitagliptin FDA'06 JANUVIA, g ⊗ 25, 50, 100mg tab free base	May be used 2 nd line for T2DM (others preferred if CVD/CKD/HF). DC, ADA	Negligible if mono-therapy	↓↓	↓ 0.5-0.7	-/↓ Neutral DC	AE: Common: well tolerated, ?headache, nausea, constipation/diarrhea Rare: hypoglycemia (reports with insulin, SUs may require ↓ insulin/SU dose), parthralgia (severe joint pain FDA), ↑IBD, ↑LFTs/hepatotoxicity alogliptin, SJS, pancreatitis caution (most data with sitagliptin), pancreatic cancer, ↓ lymphocyte, hypersensitivity, ?bullosic pemphigoid 0.00042 cases/yr ↑ ≥65yrs, Caucasian ^{Lee²⁰} CI: severe hepatic dysfunction & moderate dysfunction with saxagliptin Caution: HF: avoid saxagliptin (if tolerated ~1yr may continue subgroup, expert opinion) & possibly alogliptin, may use sitagliptin & linagliptin less trial data; pancreatitis history, severe renal, surgery (do not need to omit dose) DI: All: insulin, SUs (↑ hypoglycemia, for some may require ↓ dose); saxagliptin & linagliptin: CYP3A4 inducers (e.g. CBZ, phenytoin, rifampin) & CYP3A4 inhibitors esp saxagliptin (e.g. protease inhibitors, clarithromycin, ketoconazole); both PgP substrates GLP1 agonist: avoid combo; lacks efficacy data (& similar MOA, pancreatitis) & ↑ \$ M: SCr (baseline & then periodically), LFTs at baseline (esp alogliptin)	Dose: 100mg po daily TELOS, GRADE eGFR 30-49mL/min: 50mg po daily eGFR <30mL/min, HD, PD-CKD: 25mg daily	\$120g ^{\$378} \$120g ^{\$378} \$120g ^{\$378}
Linagliptin FDA'11 TRAJENTA ⊗ ▾ 5mg tab	• Option in elderly (well tolerated) • Plasma peak: sitagliptin 1-4hr; saxagliptin 0.5-1hr; linagliptin 1.5hr; alogliptin 1-2hr • Onset: ↓A1c ≥ 4 wks; no titration required • Drug Interactions: sitagliptin ~ alogliptin (least Dis) < linagliptin < saxagliptin (most Dis)	CVD outcome summary: • Mortality neutral & CVD neutral: sitagliptin, TELOS, GRADE saxagliptin, SAVOR-TIMI 53 linagliptin, CARMELINA & alogliptin; EXAMINE linagliptin vs glimepiride CAROLINA • ↑ HF hospitalizations with saxagliptin NNT=143/2.1 yrs SAVOR-TIMI 53 & possibly alogliptin EXAMINE				Dose: 5mg po daily CARMELINA no renal adjustment eGFR <15mL/min: use with caution DC	\$319	
SAXagliptin FDA'09 ONGLYZA ⊗ ▾, (g X ▾) 2.5, 5mg tab						Dose: 5mg po daily SAVOR-TIMI 53 eGFR <50mL/min: 2.5mg po daily eGFR <15mL/min: use alternative agent DC	\$368 ^{\$210g} \$314 ^{\$185g}	
Alogliptin FDA'13 NESINA X ⊗ 6.25, 12.5, 25mg tab						Dose: 25mg po daily EXAMINE eGFR 30-50mL/min: 12.5mg po daily eGFR <30mL/min, HD: 6.25mg po daily	\$289 \$289 \$289	

 awaiting supply / Tirzepatide **MOUNJARO** X ⊗: GIP+GLP1 agonist; 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 12.5, 15mg per 0.5mL single-dose pen; 2.5mg subcut wkly, titrate after 4wks, max=15mg/wk. SURPASS-2 AE: GI CI: thyroid tumor.

 Finerenone **KERENDIA** X ⊗: MRA nonsteroidal; 10, 20mg tab OD \$400/100d ; in T2DM & albuminuric CKD, added to max tolerated ACEI/ARB, ↓ renal composite NNT=30 over 2.6yrs. FIDELIO-DKD, FIGARO-DKD, EuryHeart²² AE: ↑K+ NNT=17 CI: strong CYP3A4 E

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		Hypo-glycemia	PPG	A1c%	Wt			
Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP1) agonists: site of action → pancreas; glucose dependent ↑ insulin secretion (incretin mimetic); ↓ glucagon; ↓ GI emptying; ✓T2DM; GLP1 agonist Practice Tool								
Liraglutide FDA'10 *	PL May be used 2 nd line for T2DM, if CVD may use liraglutide, A ^{1A} dulaglutide, A ^{1A} or semaglutide subcut, B ² (or SGLT2i see below). DC Note: 1 st line if CVD / high risk CV or 2 nd line (after SGLT2i) if CKD. ^{ADA}	Negligible if mono-therapy	↓↓ 1-1.5	↓↓ 1.5-3 kg	AE: Common: GI (N/V/D, dyspepsia, ↓ appetite); to avoid: start low, titrate as per product monograph (slower if not tolerating), eat smaller, more frequent & low fat meals slowly, consider HS dosing, possible ↓ nausea with once weekly agents, tolerance over few weeks, injection site reactions (rotate site each week: upper arm, abdomen, thigh), headache, dizziness, ↑ HR & PR interval Rare: gallbladder disease (e.g. liraglutide NHH=84/3.8 yrs), thyroid C-cell tumor (liraglutide data from mice/rats), ?pancreatitis, ?pancreatic cancer, ?↑ retinopathy with subcut semaglutide in patients with a history of diabetic retinopathy at baseline, AKI (case reports), long-term effects unknown SUSTAIN-6 CI: FDA black box warning: personal/family hx medullary thyroid carcinoma; multiple endocrine neoplasia syndrome type 2 Caution: gastric surgery hx GERD/gastroparesis, pancreatitis hx, unexplained/↓ wt, cognitive/motor decline	Initial: 0.6mg subcut daily, after ≥1 wk ↑1.2mg subcut daily; Max: 1.8mg/d VICTOZA LEADER, GRADE Adolescent: ≥10 years old If >3 missed doses: restart at 0.6mg daily and titrate eGFR <15 ^{DC} - 30mL/min <2.5% of LEADER populat.: CI	\$270,490 \$710 /90 days	
Dulaglutide FDA'14	PL • Plasma peak: lixisenatide ~2hr; liraglutide ~10hr; dulaglutide & semaglutide ~48hr • Onset: 4 wks, may titrate to max dose if not at glycemic target • Storage: in fridge *, but stable at room temperature: 56 days: semaglutide (subcut); 30 days: liraglutide; 14 days: dulaglutide, lixisenatide • T2DM (insulin add-on) SUSTAIN-5 see Table 1 below. • Efficacy and safety established for combination therapy with GLP1 agonist and SGLT2 inhibitor. SUSTAIN-9, AWARD-10, DURATION-8 See Table 1 below. • T1DM (insulin add-on), limited evidence (↑hypoglycemia & ↑BG with ketosis) ^{ADJUNCT} • Other po ongoing eg daniglipron.	Negligible if mono-therapy	↓↓ 1.5-2 SUSTAIN-7	sema: ↓↓ ~4kg/ 2 yrs SUSTAIN-6	DI: All: insulin, can be insulin sparing (↓ insulin dose ~20-30% initially expert opinion) but watch ↑DKA risk due to poor glycemic control if insulin reduced or discontinued too quickly: SUs (↑ hypoglycemia; expert opinion: A1c ≤7.5%: stop SU, A1c 7.6-8.5%: ↓ SU dose by 50%, A1c >8.5% continue SU at current dose); ↓ gastric emptying (give agents ≥ 1 hr before if meds require rapid GI absorption e.g. antibiotics, oral contraceptives or narrow therapeutic index; cases of increased absorption of some meds e.g. levothyroxine, opioids) DPP4i: avoid combo; lacks efficacy data (& similar MOA, pancreatitis) & ↑ cost D ¹⁸ M: SCr (baseline & then periodically)	Initial: 0.75mg subcut once wkly; if additional control required titrate to 1.5mg once wkly Max: 1.5mg subcut once weekly • 4.5mg/wk, ↓1.6kg & ↓A1c 0.24% vs 1.5mg/wk AWARD-11 • eGFR <15mL/min: caution DC Adolescent: ≥10 yrs & BMI >85 th off-label, AWARD-PEDS	\$754 \$754 /12 wks	
Semaglutide CDN'18; FDA'17	PL OZEMPIK ▲▼ 1.34mg/mL Pre-filled pens SUSTAIN-1-8 1.5mL(2mg), 3mL(4mg) 3mL(8mg) USA RYBELSUS X CDN/FDA'19 3mg, 7mg, 14mg tablet PIONEER-1-10 (investigational 25,50mg tab Wt loss) WEGOVY X □⊗ 2.4mg/0.75mL ✓ see pg 58 weight loss chart	Negligible if mono-therapy	• ↓ mortality: liraglutide NNT=71/3.8 yrs LEADER, GRADE exploratory ↓ mortality with oral semaglutide PIONEER-6 • ↓ MACE: liraglutide LEADER semaglutide SUSTAIN-6 Abiglutide, HARMONY & dulaglutide REWIND in patients with established CVD • MACE neutral: lixisenatide, ELIXA exenatide extended release EXCEL & semaglutide PO PIONEER-6 • ?CKD benefit liraglutide, dulaglutide, semaglutide; ongoing semaglutide FLOW	Dose(s): Pre-Filled Pens Liraglutide: 30 doses x 0.6mg or 15 doses x 1.2mg or 10 doses x 1.8mg Semaglutide: 8 doses x 0.25mg or 4 doses x 0.5mg 1.5mL or 4 doses x 1mg 3mL Lixisenatide: 0.05mg/mL 14 doses x 10mcg 0.1mg/mL 14 doses x 20mcg Others: one pen = one weekly dose (e.g. dulaglutide)	Initial: 0.25mg subcut once wkly, titrate at 4 wks to 0.5mg then 1mg once wkly if required SUSTAIN-6 Max: 1-2mg subcut once weekly OZEMPIK • eGFR <30mL/min: caution <4% of SUSTAIN-6 populat. Initial: 3mg po daily 30 min ac with ≤120mL H2O, after 30 days ↑7mg daily PIONEER-6 Max: 14mg daily • eGFR <30mL/min: caution excluded PIONEER-6	\$366 \$683 \$680-1300 /12 wks \$806 /100 days		
Lixisenatide FDA'16	PL ADLYXINE CAN ▲▼ * 0.05mg/mL, 0.1mg/mL; 3mL pre-filled pen EU: LYXUMIA * USA: ADLYXIN *	Negligible if mono-therapy	Dose(s): Pre-Filled Pens Liraglutide: 30 doses x 0.6mg or 15 doses x 1.2mg or 10 doses x 1.8mg Semaglutide: 8 doses x 0.25mg or 4 doses x 0.5mg 1.5mL or 4 doses x 1mg 3mL Lixisenatide: 0.05mg/mL 14 doses x 10mcg 0.1mg/mL 14 doses x 20mcg Others: one pen = one weekly dose (e.g. dulaglutide)	Initial: 10mcg subcut daily ac, after ≥2 wks ↑20mcg subcut daily ac Max: 20mcg subcut daily ac • eGFR <30mL/min: CI D/C: Exenatide BYETTA, BYDUREON, Abiglutide HARMONY, EPERZAN CAN & TANZEUM FDA	\$392 \$734 /90 days			
Sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitors "flosins": site of action → kidney; ↑ urinary glucose excretion via ↓ glucose resorption (inhibits SGLT2 at proximal tubule). Other: BP lowering may play role in benefit.								
Empagliflozin FDA'14 (empa)	PL JARDIANE ▲▼ 10, 25mg tab ✓T2DM, HF (±T2DM)	Negligible if mono-therapy	AE: Common: ↑ urinary frequency/volume (take in am), ↑ thirst, nausea, hypovolemia/AKI (↑SCr, BUN, ↓eGFR ~5mL/min; caution if SCr ↑>30%), but some data suggests neutral or even decreased risk of AKI CMA'20, Menné ¹⁹ see SADMANS, ↓BP ~5/2mmHg (postural hypotension), dizziness, infection (↑3x genital mycotic, esp ♀; ?UTIs), diabetic ketoacidosis euglycemic or mild ↑BG; Health CDN ↑ DKA risk: acute serious illness follow "SADMANS", low CHO intake/fasting, sudden ↓ insulin dose, surgery hold 3 days prior (FDA), prev episode, ↑EtOH, T1DM, elderly Rare: ?acute pancreatitis, HC Fournier's gangrene F ^{DA} (urgent medical attention if severe pain, tenderness, swelling in genital area & fever/malaise), ? erythrocytosis (case report), CMA'20 electrolyte abnormalities Canagliflozin: ↑ fracture HR=1.3 CANVAS (but neutral vs GLP1 agonists in low risk pts Fralick ¹⁹ , observational trial meta-analysis suggests no association, however limited by length of trials Hidayat et al ¹⁹), ↑ amputation HR=2 CANVAS (toes, ~30% above foot), but neutral in CREDENCE & FDA warning removed ²⁰ , BMJ ²⁰ ; risk ↑: ≥65yr with CVD, PAD CI: severe liver/hepatitis, dialysis; Caution: ↓BP e.g. SBP<95/hypovolemia, surgery/colonoscopy (hold 24-72-96hr prior & start when tolerating po), acute illness (hold if dehydrated), elderly, cachexic, ↑ amputation risk canagliflozin (e.g. peripheral artery disease, neuropathy, diabetic foot ulcers)	Initial/Usual: 10mg po daily am EMPA-REG (CV outcome data similar between 10mg & 25mg) Max: 25mg po daily am EMPA-REG • eGFR <30mL/min: CI eGFR <20mL/min EMPEROR (HF) FDA, HC; eGFR <20mL/min EMPA-KIDNEY: CI Adolescent: ≥10 yrs F ^{DA} '23	\$323 \$323			
Dapagliflozin FDA'14 (dapa)	PL FORXIGA CAN ▲▼ USA: FARXIGA FDA 5, 10mg tab (X ⊗) ✓T2DM, HFpEF (±T2DM), CKD (±T2DM) FDA also ✓ HfpEF May 2023	Negligible if mono-therapy	CVD/CKD outcome summary: • ↓ mortality: empagliflozin NNT=38/3.1 yrs, EMPA-REG dapagliflozin NNT=44/1.5 yrs DAPA-HF & NNT=48/2.4 yrs DAPA-CKD • ↓ MACE: empagliflozin EMPA-REG & canagliflozin CANVAS in pts with established CVD • Neutral MACE: dapagliflozin, DECLARE but lower risk population • ↓ CKD: canagliflozin, CREDENCE dapagliflozin, DAPA-CKD empagliflozin, EMPA-KIDNEY • ↓ HF: dapagliflozin, DAPA-HF, DELIVER empagliflozin, EMPEROR-Reduced, EMPEROR-Preserved only 2° HF outcome with canagliflozin	DI: All: diuretics (↓BP/hypovolemia; may require ↓ dose); BP meds (↓BP); insulin & SUs (↑hypoglycemia, may require ↓ dose); NSAIDs (AKI hypovolemia) dapagliflozin: pioglitazone (? bladder CA); ↓canagliflozin: UGT inducers (CBZ, rifampin, phenytoin, St. John's Wort; may ↑300mg/d, avoid eGFR <60) M: volume status (blood pressure, electrolytes); renal function (SCr, K ⁺ : baseline & within 2-4 weeks of initiation, then periodically ↓eGFR ~5mL/min normal), blood ketones if symptoms of DKA (e.g. vomiting, difficulty breathing, confusion)	Initial: 5mg po daily am Max: 10mg po daily am DECLARE, DERIVE, DAPA-HF • eGFR <45mL/min (T2DM) FDA, HC: avoid use for glycemic control eGFR <30mL/min DAPA-HF: CI eGFR <25mL/min DAPA-CKD (most >30); CI initiation FDA, HC Adolescent: ≥10 yrs off-label, Lancet Diabetes Endocrinology 2022	\$323 \$323 (\$ 90)		
Canagliflozin FDA'13 (cana)	PL INVOKANA ▲□ 100, 300mg tab ✓T2DM, diabetic CKD USA: beagliflozin BRENAZZY 2023 20mg tab OD sotagliflozin INPEFA 2023 200-400mg tab OD Investigational: exaglifllozin, ipragliflozin JAPAN D/C: ertugliflozin STEGLATRO ²⁰ CDN USA	Negligible if mono-therapy	Empagliflozin ▲▼: inadequate glycemic control with metformin & established CVD (SK: only "flosin" with CVD coverage; HF not included) Dapagliflozin ▲▼: NYHA II-III HFpEF added to standard care (SK: only "flosin" with HF coverage)	Initial: 100mg po daily am Max: 300mg/d eGFR <60mL/min + UGT inducer: avoid eGFR 30-60: 100mg/day (DC 45-60 no dose change) eGFR <30mL/min CANVAS, CREDENCE, HC: CI • SGLT2i Renal Dosing see page 48 • Thresholds ↓ based on new data & expert • Key: ensure nephrology referral if eGFR <45 & esp if <30 expert opinion • DC: SGLT2i CI eGFR <15; KDIGO: initiate if eGFR ≥20 & continue until dialysis ^{KDIGO'22} All SGLT2i CI in dialysis ^{DC, KDIGO}	\$340 \$340			

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Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)	"glitazones": site of action → adipose/muscle/ liver; ↑ insulin sensitivity, ↓ hepatic gluconeogenesis, ↑ peripheral insulin uptake; ✓ T2DM							
Pioglitazone FDA'99 ACTOS, g □▼ 15, 30, 45mg tab	PL May be used 2 nd line for T2DM (others preferred if CVD/CKD/HF). ^{DC, ADA} • Titrate q4-8wks • Max effect: 6-12 wks • Plasma peak: 2 hours • No renal dosing but caution as may lead to fluid retention • ↑↑ weight: Pioglitazone- 3.6 kg/3 yrs ^{PROACTIVE} Rosiglitazone- 4.8 kg/4 yrs ^{ADOPT}	Negligible if mono-therapy	↓	↓ 1.0	↑↑ 2.5-5 kg	AE: Common: edema (~5%), HF, ↑Wt, fracture (♀ NHH~30/3.5 yrs), anemia (1% ?hemodilution) Rare: ↑AST, macular edema; PiO: ?bladder CA; Rosi: ?↑MI CI: HF (NYHA III-IV ^{US} & I-II ^{CDN}), severe liver dx; Pioglitazone: bladder cancer Rosiglitazone: ↑MI FDA ^{ADA} Caution: hypertension, osteoporosis, fractures, falls, elderly, macular edema, ↑ ovulation in anovulatory premenopause ♀, surgery (may continue) DI: ↑TZDs: CYP2C8 inhibitor (e.g. gemfibrozil, trimethoprim), insulins ↑Wt, edema, HF; ↓TZDs: CYP2C8 inducer (e.g. rifampicin); Pioglitazone: dapagliflozin ?↑ bladder CA M: LFTs & SCr (baseline, then periodically)	Initial: 15mg po daily Usual: 30mg-45mg ^{PROACTIVE, IRIS} po daily Max: 45mg po daily 肾 eGFR <60mL/min: caution ^{DC}	\$78 \$106-154
Rosiglitazone FDA'99 AVANDIA, g □⊗ 2, 4, 8mg tab (CDN: restricted access; USA: D/C; EU: D/C'10)	PL	CVD outcome summary: • Pioglitazone: ?CVD benefit ^{IRIS} ↓ MACE NNT=50 /2.9 yrs but 1 ^o endpoint NS, ^{PROACTIVE} ↑HF NNH=50 /2.9 yrs ^{PROACTIVE} • Rosiglitazone: ↑?MI, ^{RECORD} ↑HF NNH=69 /5.5 yrs ^{RECORD}					Initial: 4mg po daily Usual: 4mg po daily-BID ^{ADOPT} Max: 8mg po daily ^{DREAM, RECORD} 肾 eGFR <60mL/min: caution ^{DC}	\$192 \$354 \$262
Meglitinides: site of action → pancreas; short-acting insulin secretagogue; ↑ β cell insulin release (binds to a different site than SUs); ✓ T2DM								
Repaglinide GLUCONORM, g 0.5, 1, 2mg tab	PL May be used 2 nd line for T2DM (others preferred if CVD/CKD/HF). ^{DC, ADA} • Consider use if irregular eating • Titrate ~ every 1-2 weeks • Plasma Peak: 1-1.5h (↓PPG) • Other uses: ?HNF1A/4A-MODY	Moderate risk	↓	↓↓ 1-1.5	-/↑ (~1kg)	AE: Common: hypoglycemia (less than SU), headache Rare: skin reaction CI: severe hepatic dx, gemfibrozil, clopidogrel ^{CDN} ; Caution: pre-colonoscopy, surgery (stop am of surgery and re-start when food intake is resumed) DI: ↑ repaglinide: CYP3A4 inhibitor (e.g. azoles, clari-/ery-thromycin, ciproflox, PI HIV ^{meds} , cyclosporine) & CYP2C8 inhibitor (e.g. clopidogrel, gemfibrozil, TMP); ↓ repaglinide: CYP3A4 inducer (e.g. CBZ, rifampin) M: SCr & LFTs (baseline & then periodically) Admin: Take ≤30 minutes prior to meal. Flexibility with food → if meal skipped, skip dose; if meal added, add dose	Initial: A1c <8%: 0.5mg po TID ac; A1c ≥8%: 1-2mg po TID ac Usual: 1-2-4mg po TID ac Max: 12mg/d 肾 eGFR <30mL/min: caution Note: If unable to eat regular meals during acute illness, hold until able to eat regularly see SADMANS tool	\$37 \$39 \$39-68 \$68
Nateglinide STARLIX D/C '15		CVD outcome summary: • Limited data						
α - Glucosidase Inhibitors: site of action → gut; inhibits intestinal α-glucosidases preventing hydrolysis & delaying carbohydrate digestion; ✓ T2DM								
Acarbose GLUCOBAY, g (previously PRANDASE) 50, 100mg tab USA: PRECOSE	PL Role limited in T2DM. ^{ADA} ?prevention ^{STOP-NIDDM} • Titrate ~q4-8 weeks • Plasma Peak: 1-1.5h (↓PPG) • Requires TID dosing	Negligible	↓↓ 0.5-0.8	-/↓		AE: Common: GI (diarrhea 30%; flatulence 74%, tolerance over time), ↑LFTs Rare: hypoglycemia (treat with glucose tabs/honey/milk; sucrose not absorbed) CI: chronic GI disease (e.g. IBS), severe hepatic disease DI: ↓ absorption of other meds (Fe ⁺⁺); enzymes (amylase/pancreatic) ↓ acarbose M: SCr & LFTs (baseline & then periodically) Admin: With first bite of main meals	Initial: 25mg po daily cc Usual: 50mg ^{ACE} -100mg po TID cc Max: 100mg po TID cc ^{STOP-NIDDM} 肾 eGFR <25-30mL/min: CI Note: if meal is skipped, skip dose	\$18 \$54-72 \$72

Table 1: Fixed Dose Combination Products (consider if patient is stabilized on multiple single ingredient tablets or injectables)	Usual Dose	\$/100d
Metformin/Linagliptin: JENTADUETO 500/2.5mg, 850/2.5mg, 1000/2.5mg tab □▼; JENTADUETO XR 2.5/1000mg, 5/1000mg XR tab	1 tab po BID cc	\$328
Metformin/Sitagliptin: JANUMET, g 500/50mg, 850/50mg, 1000/50mg tab □⊗; JANUMET XR, g 500/50mg □⊗, 1000/50mg □⊗, 1000/100mg tab □⊗	1 tab po BID cc; 1-2 tab po daily cc	\$225g; \$130-225g
Metformin/SAXagliptin: KOMBOGLYZE 500/2.5mg, 850/2.5mg, 1000/2.5mg tab □▼⊗; KOMBIGLYZE XR 2.5/1000mg, 5/500mg, 5/1000mg	1 tab po BID cc	\$320
Metformin/Alogliptin: KAZANO 500/12.5mg, 850/12.5mg, 1000/12.5mg tab X⊗	1 tab po BID cc	\$309
Metformin/Empagliflozin: SYNJARDY 500, 850, 1000mg // 5, 12.5mg tab □▼⊗ ≥10 yrs ^{FDA'23} ; SYNJARDY XR 5/10/12.5/25//1000mg	1 tab po BID cc	\$326
Metformin/Canagliflozin: INVOKAMET 500, 850, 1000mg // 50, 150mg tab X⊗; INVOKAMET XR 50//500/1000mg; 150//500/1000mg	1 tab po BID cc	\$410
Metformin/Dapagliflozin: XIGDUO 850, 1000mg // 5mg tab □▼⊗; XIGDUO XR	1 tab po BID cc	\$307
Linagliptin/Empagliflozin: GLYXAMBI 5/10, 5/25 tab X⊗	1 tab po daily	\$567
Insulin degludec 100units/mL & Liraglutide 3.6mg/mL: XULTOPHY 100/3.6 X⊗	16units/0.58mg- 50units/1.8mg subcut daily	\$1110
(↑dose by 2 units every 3-4 days; room temp for 21 days, max insulin dose 50 units/d; may start at low dose to decrease GLP1 GI AEs)		
Insulin glargine 100units/mL & Lixisenatide 33mcg/mL: SOLIQUA 100/33 □▼⊗	15units/5mcg- 60units/20mcg subcut daily	\$684
(titrate by 2-4 units every week; room temp for 28 days, max insulin dose would be 60 units/day; may start at low dose to decrease GLP1 GI AEs)		
Alogliptin/Pioglitazone: OSENI 12.5/30mg, 12.5/45mg; 25/15mg, 25/30mg, 25/45mg tab ⊗	1 tab po daily	
Metformin/Pioglitazone: ACTOPLUS MET 500/15mg, 850/15mg tab & ACTOPLUS MET XR ⊗	1 tab po bid cc	
Metformin/Repaglinide: PRANDIMET 500/1mg, 500/2mg tab ⊗	1 tab po TID-QID	
Glimepiride/Pioglitazone: DUETACT 2/30mg, 4/30mg tab ⊗	1 tab po daily	
SAXagliptin/Dapagliflozin: QTERN 5/10mg tab ⊗	1 tab po daily	
Metformin/SAXagliptin/Dapagliflozin: QTERNMET XR 1000/2.5/2.5mg, 1000/2.5/5mg, 1000/5/5mg, 1000/5/10mg XR tab ⊗	1 tab po daily	
Metformin/Linagliptin/Empagliflozin: TRIJARDY XR 1000/2.5/5mg, 1000/5/10mg, 1000/2.5/12.5mg, 1000/5/25mg XR tab ⊗	1 tab po daily	
Not available in Canada		

Post-op management: ensure antihyperglycemic medications are restarted as appropriate e.g. eating meals, etc.

Discontinued: Metformin/Rosiglitazone: ¹⁷ AVANDAMET 500/1mg & 500, 1000mg // 2mg, 4mg; Metformin/Ertugliflozin: ²⁰ SEGLUROMET 500, 1000mg // 2.5, 7.5mg tab; Sitagliptin/Ertugliflozin: ²⁰ STEGLUJAN 100/5mg, 100/15mg tab.

ANTI-HYPERGLYCEMIC TYPE 2 DIABETES AGENTS: Drug Comparison Chart, Online Extras

Complete ABBREVIATIONS: **D**=↓ dose for renal dysfunction **H**=↓ dose for hepatic dysfunction **cs**=scored tab **\$**=total cost in SK **EDS**=Exception Drug Status (EDS) in SK **X**=Non-formulary in SK **P**=prior approval for non-insured health benefits for First Nations (NIHB) **⊗**=not covered by NIHB **▼**=Covered by NIHB & ONLY for those drugs which have SK Formulary restrictions such as EDS or non-formulary status **✓**=Health Canada Indication ***=refrigerate** **♀=female** **1°=primary A1c=glycosylated hemoglobin** **ac=before meals** **ACP=American College of Physicians** **ADA=American Diabetes Association** **AE / AE(s)=adverse effect(s)** **AFP=American Family Physicians** **AKI=acute kidney injury** **am=morning** **AST=aspartate aminotransferase** **BB=beta blocker** **BID=twice daily** **BG=blood glucose** **BP=blood pressure** **CA=cancer** **cc=with food** **CDN=Canadian** **CHO=carbohydrate** **CI=contraindicated** **CKD=chronic kidney disease** **CV=cardiovascular** **CVD=cardiovascular disease** **D=diarrhea** **D/C=discontinued** **DC=Diabetes Canada** **DI=drug interaction** **DKA=diabetic ketoacidosis** **DM=diabetes mellitus** **DPP4=dipeptidyl peptidase-4** **dx=disease/diagnosis** **eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate** **EMA=European Medicines Agency** **ER=extended release** **EtoH=alcohol** **EU=Europe** **FDA=US Food and Drug Administration** **Fe+=iron** **Fx=function** **g=generic** **GERD=gastroesophageal reflux disease** **GI=gastrointestinal** **GIP=glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide** **GLP1=glucagon-like peptide-1** **HA=headache** **HD=hemodialysis** **HF=heart failure** **HNF1=Homeobox A (gene mutation)** **hr(s)=hour(s)** **HS=bedtime** **hx=history** **IBD=inflammatory bowel disease** **IBS=irritable bowel syndrome** **IFG=impaired fasting glucose** **IGT=impaired glucose tolerance** **kg=kilogram** **LFT=liver function test** **MACE=major adverse cardiovascular events** **MAOI=monoamine oxidase inhibitor** **MI=myocardial infarction** **MODY=Maturity-onset diabetes of the young** **MRA=mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist** **N=nausea** **NNH=number needed to harm** **NNT=number needed to treat** **NS=non-significant** **po=oral** **PPG=postprandial blood glucose** **PCOS=polycystic ovary syndrome** **PD-CKD=peritoneal dialysis for chronic kidney disease** **pm=evening** **po=by mouth** **REMS=risk evaluation and mitigation strategy** **subcut=subcutaneous** **SGLT2i=sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor** **SU=sulfonylurea** **SGLT2=sodium-glucose cotransporter-2** **SIADH=syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion** **SJS=Stevens-Johnson Syndrome** **SK=Saskatchewan** **T1DM=type 1 diabetes mellitus** **T2DM=type 2 diabetes mellitus** **TID=three times daily** **TZD=thiazolidinediones** **URTI=upper respiratory tract infection** **US=United States** **UTI=urinary tract infection** **V=vomiting** **wk(s)=week(s)** **Wt=weight** **XR=extended-release** **yr(s)=year(s)**

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Online Extras:

Discontinued Agents, select:

Exenatide <small>FDA'05</small>  BYETTA X ⊗ * 250mcg/mL; 1.2mL, 2.4mL pre-filled pen BYDUREON X ⊗ * long-acting release (LAR) single use pen (powder)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plasma peak: BYETTA ~2hr; BYDUREON 2wks & at ~6-7 wks Store in fridge *, stable at room temperature: 30 days: exenatide 	Doses for prefilled pens <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Exenatide BYETTA:</td><td>1.2mL</td><td>60 doses x 5mcg</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>2.4mL</td><td>60 doses x 10mcg</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Others: one pen = one weekly dose (e.g. BYDUREON)</td></tr> </table>	Exenatide BYETTA:	1.2mL	60 doses x 5mcg		2.4mL	60 doses x 10mcg	Others: one pen = one weekly dose (e.g. BYDUREON)			BYETTA 5mcg subcut BID ac, prior to main meals (≥6hr apart); Max: 10mcg subcut BID ac BYDUREON: 2mg subcut once weekly (must reconstitute) Adolescent: ≥10yr old eGFR <50mL/min: caution; <30mL/min: CI	\$520 \$520 \$710 /90 days
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