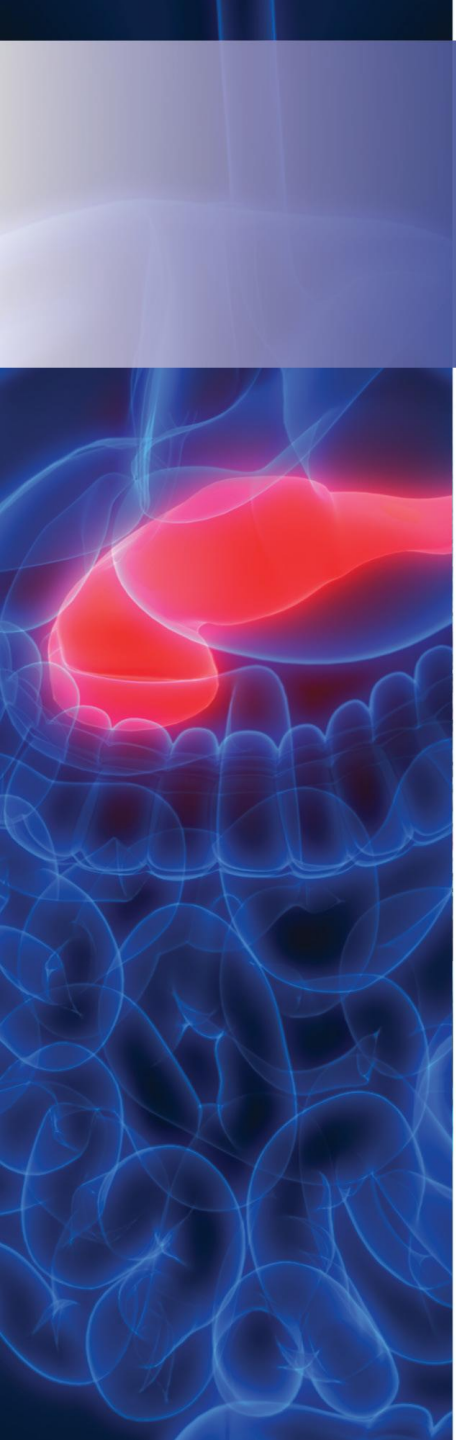


Frequently Asked Questions on Use of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

A Panel Discussion

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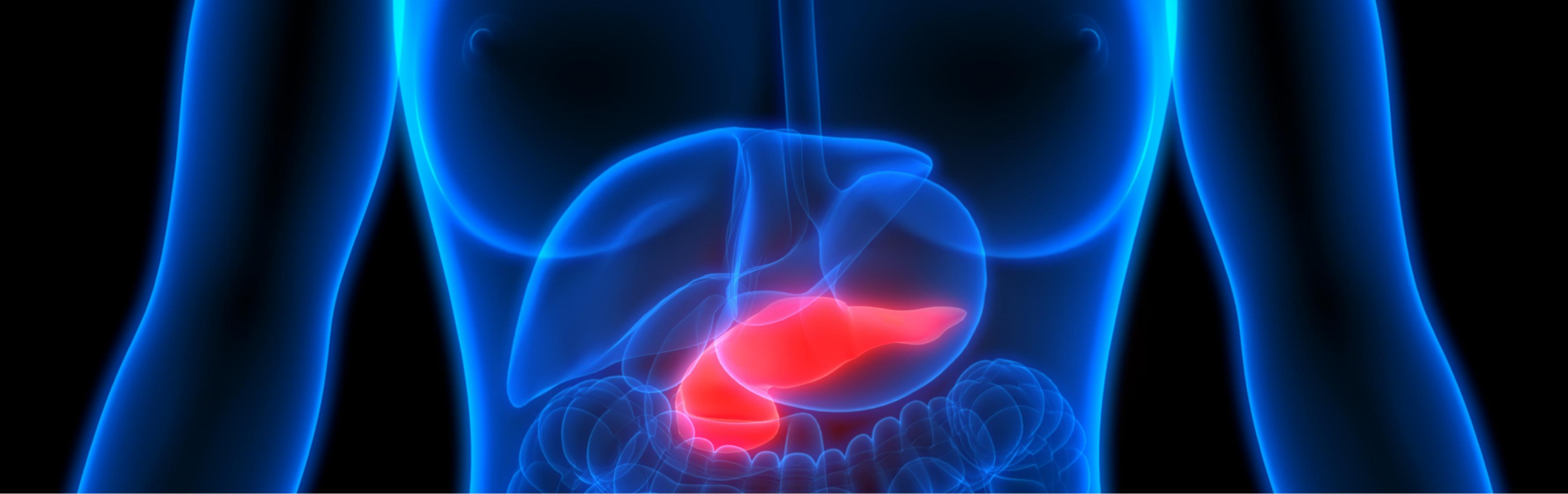
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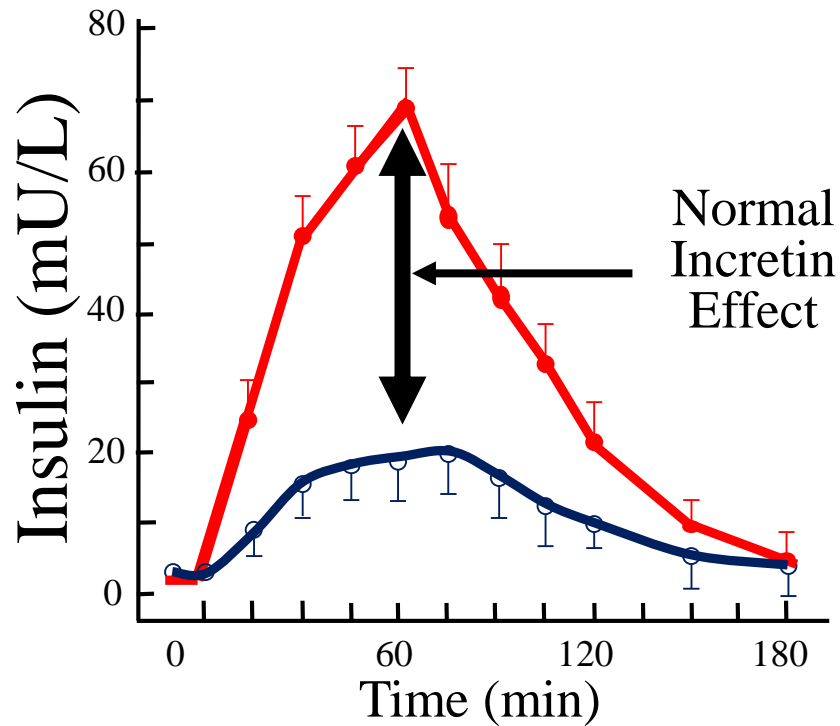
- **Describe** practical considerations for use of GLP-1 RAs in combination with other glucose-lowering agents
- **Discuss** selection of GLP-1 RA based on clinical needs, administration and device implications
- **Explain** practical strategies and considerations for GLP-1 RA product substitutions
- **Recognize** key safety and tolerability considerations with use of specific GLP-1 RA products



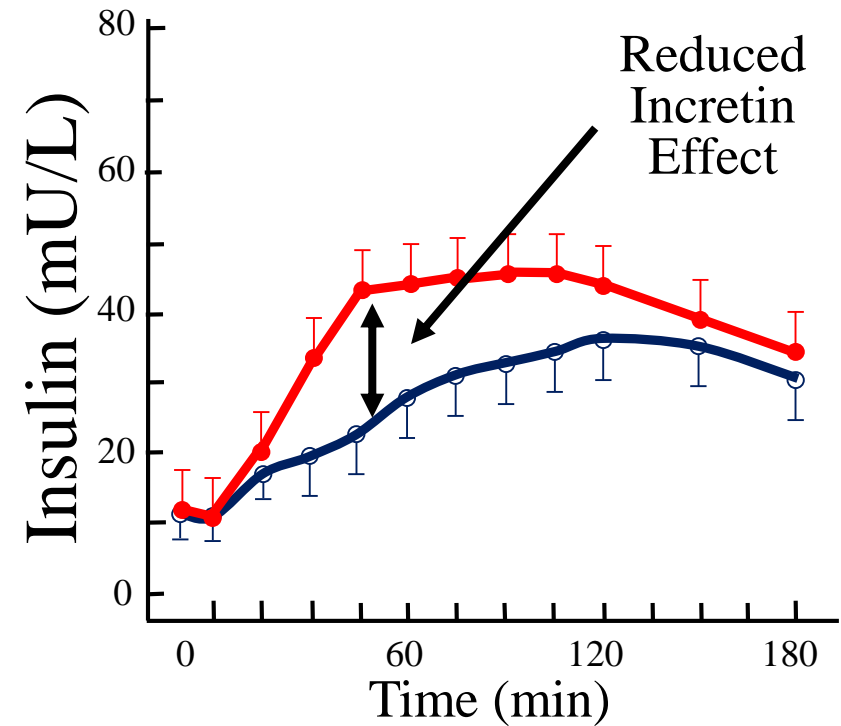
**Should GLP-1 RAs be used in
Combination with DPP-4 Inhibitors?**

The Incretin Effect

Control subjects (n = 8)



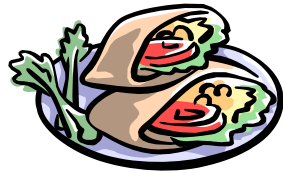
People with Type 2 diabetes (n = 14)



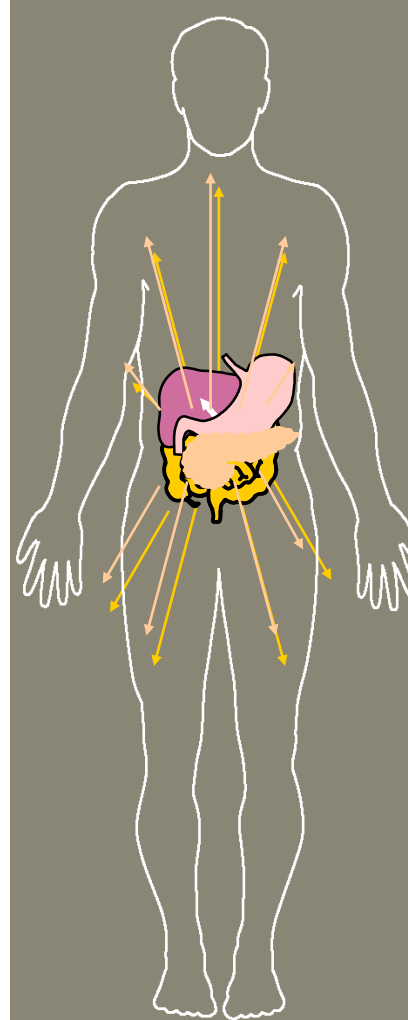
— Oral glucose load
— Intravenous glucose infusion

GLP-1: Effects in Humans

After food ingestion...



GLP-1 is secreted from
L-cells of the jejunum
and ileum



That in turn...

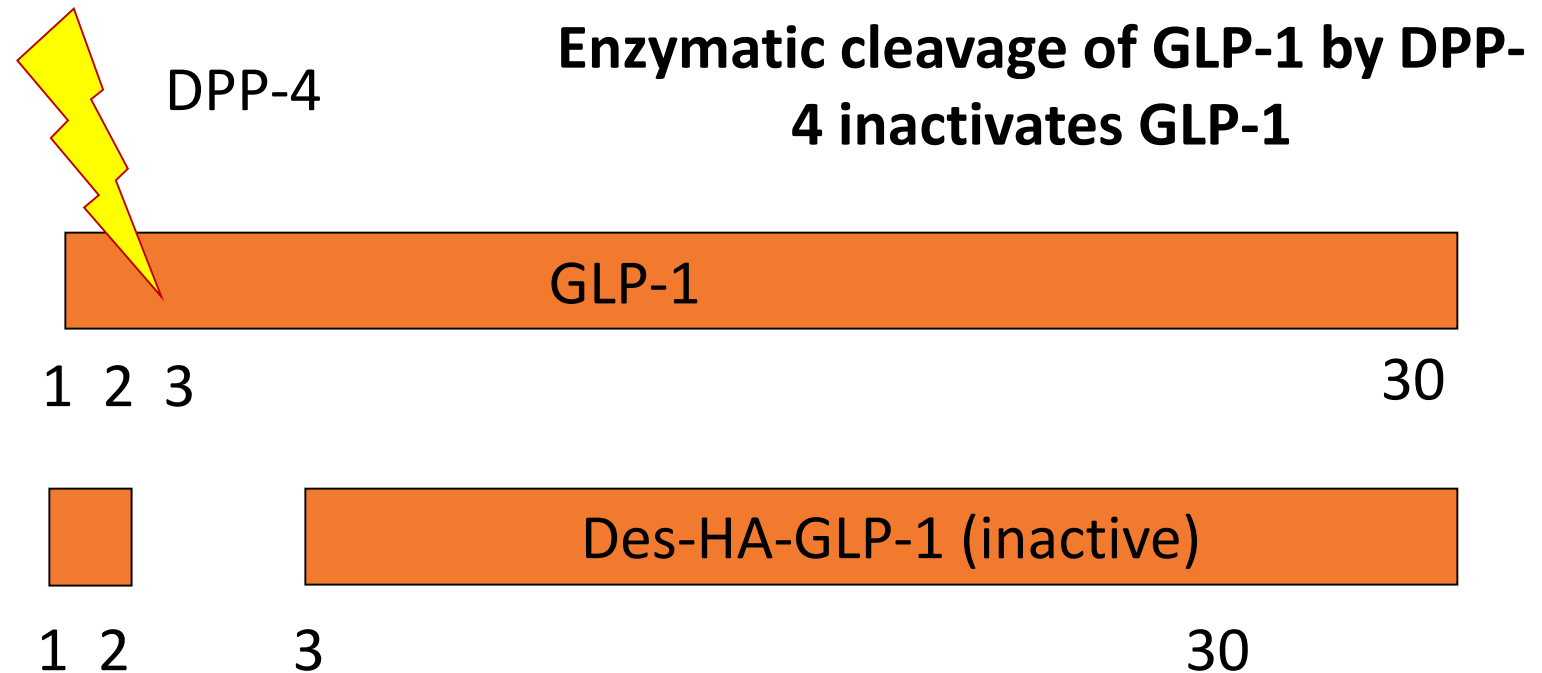
- Stimulates glucose-dependent insulin secretion
- Suppresses glucagon secretion
- Slows gastric emptying
- Leads to a reduction of food intake

Drucker DJ. *Curr Pharm Des.* 2001;7:1399-1412.

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Drucker DJ. *Cell Metab.* 2006;3:153-165.

Degradation of Endogenous GLP-1



Pharmacologic Approaches to Enhancing the Incretin Effect

The incretin effect is blunted in people with type 2 diabetes and endogenous GLP-1 has an extremely short half-life

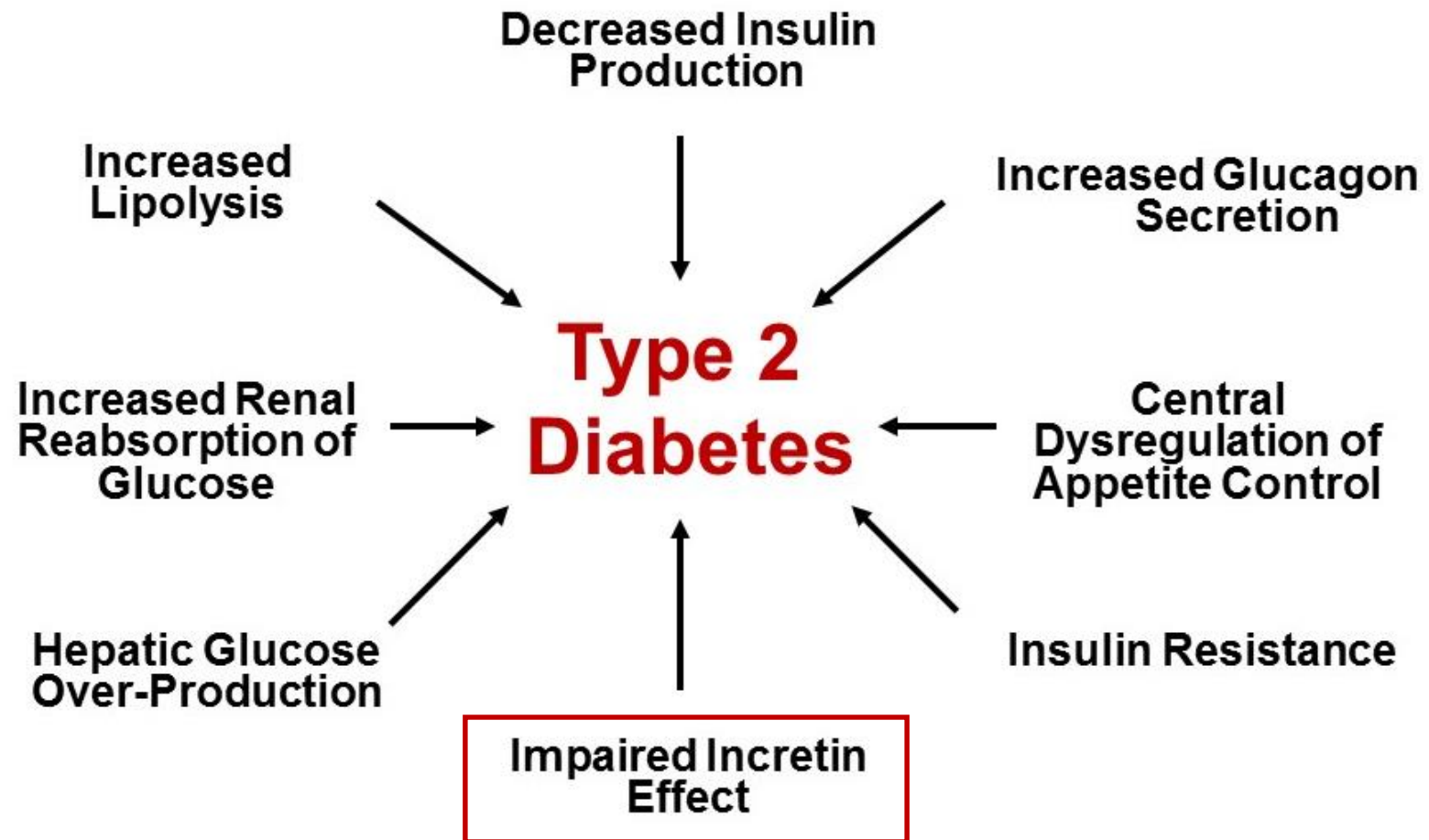
Block DPP-4 to slow the enzymatic degradation of endogenous GLP-1:

- Alogliptin
- Linagliptin
- Saxagliptin
- Sitagliptin

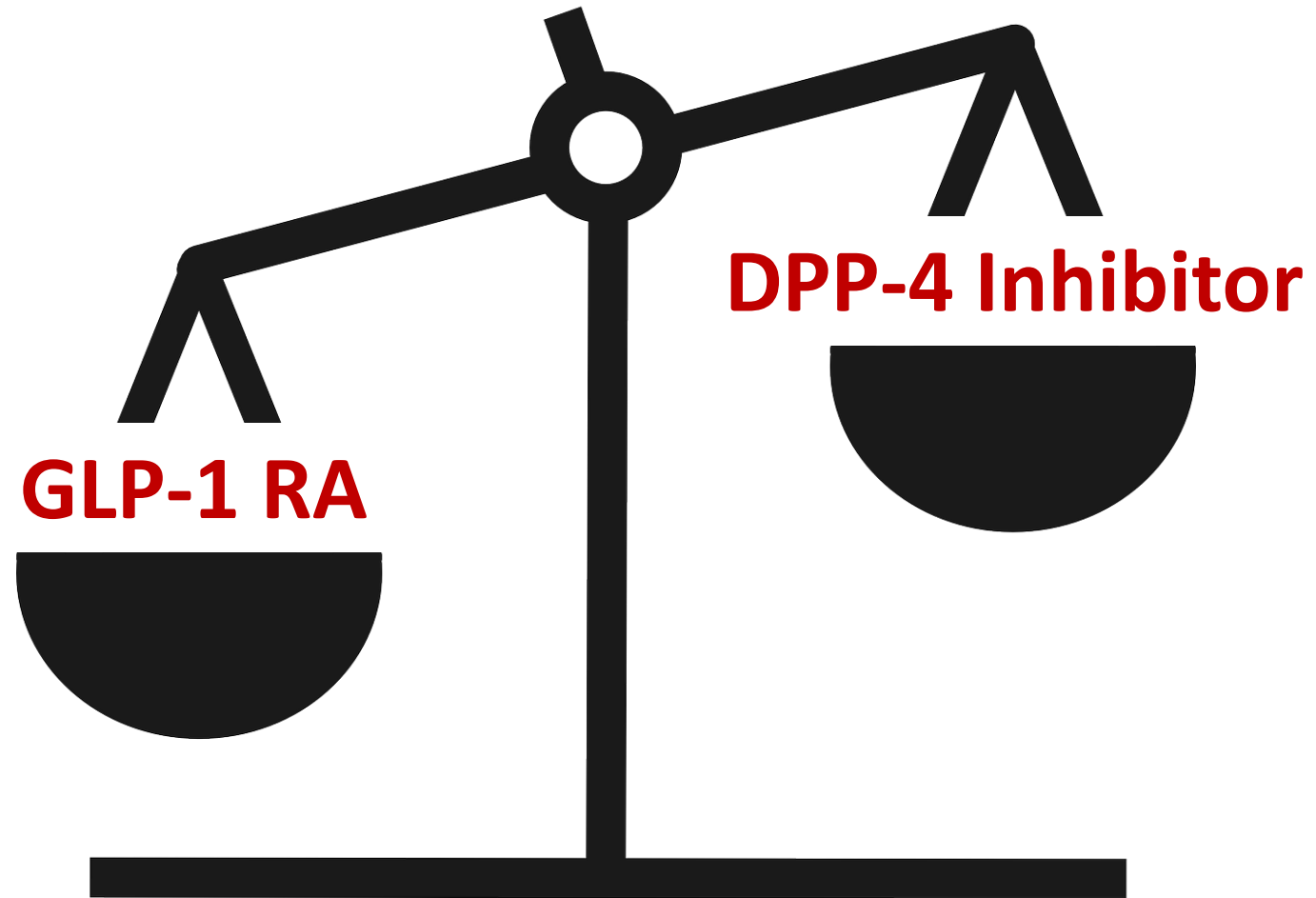
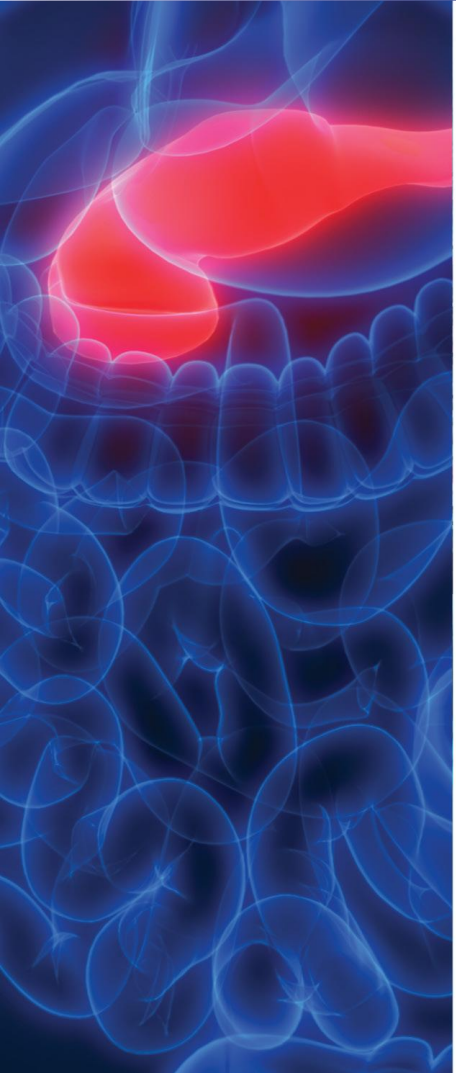
Use GLP-1 analogs with longer half-lives:

- Exenatide
- Lixisenatide
- Liraglutide
- Exenatide XR
- Dulaglutide
- Semaglutide (Injectable & Oral)

Pathophysiologic Defects in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus



Degree of GLP-1 Receptor Activation with Treatment



Considering Oral Therapies in Combination with Injectable Therapies

METFORMIN



Continue treatment with metformin

SGLT2i



If on SGLT2i, continue treatment
Consider adding SGLT2i if

- Established CVD
- If HbA_{1c} above target or as weight reduction aid

SULFONYLUREA



If on SU, stop or reduce dose by 50% when basal insulin initiated

DPP-4i



Stop DPP-4i if GLP-1 RA initiated

TZD¹



Stop TZD when commencing insulin OR reduce dose

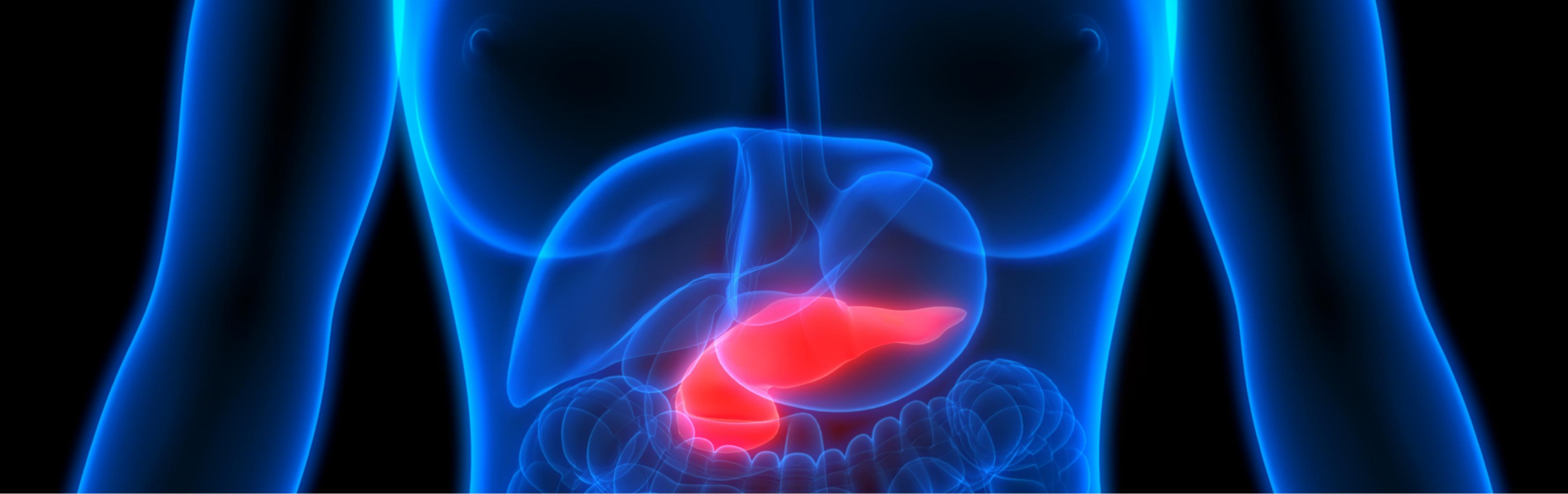


Beware

- DKA (euglycemic)
- Instruct on sick-day rules
- Do not down-titrate insulin over-aggressively



Consider stopping SU if prandial insulin initiated or on a premix regimen



What are the Different Effects of GLP-1 RAs on Glucose?

Impact on the Glucose Profile

	Short-acting			Long-acting			
Agent	Exenatide (Byetta)	Lixisenatide (Adlyxin)	Liraglutide (Victoza)	Exenatide XR (Bydureon)	Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	Semaglutide (Ozempic)	Oral Semaglutide (Rybelsus)
Glucose profile target	PPG	PPG	FPG/PPG	FPG/PPG	FPG/PPG	FPG/PPG	FPG/PPG
Dosing duration	Twice daily	Once daily	Once daily	Once weekly	Once weekly	Once weekly	Once daily

- Short-acting agents predominantly lower post-prandial glucose (PPG), likely due to their effect on gastric emptying.
- Long-acting agents demonstrate larger effects on fasting plasma glucose (FPG) levels compared to short-acting agents.

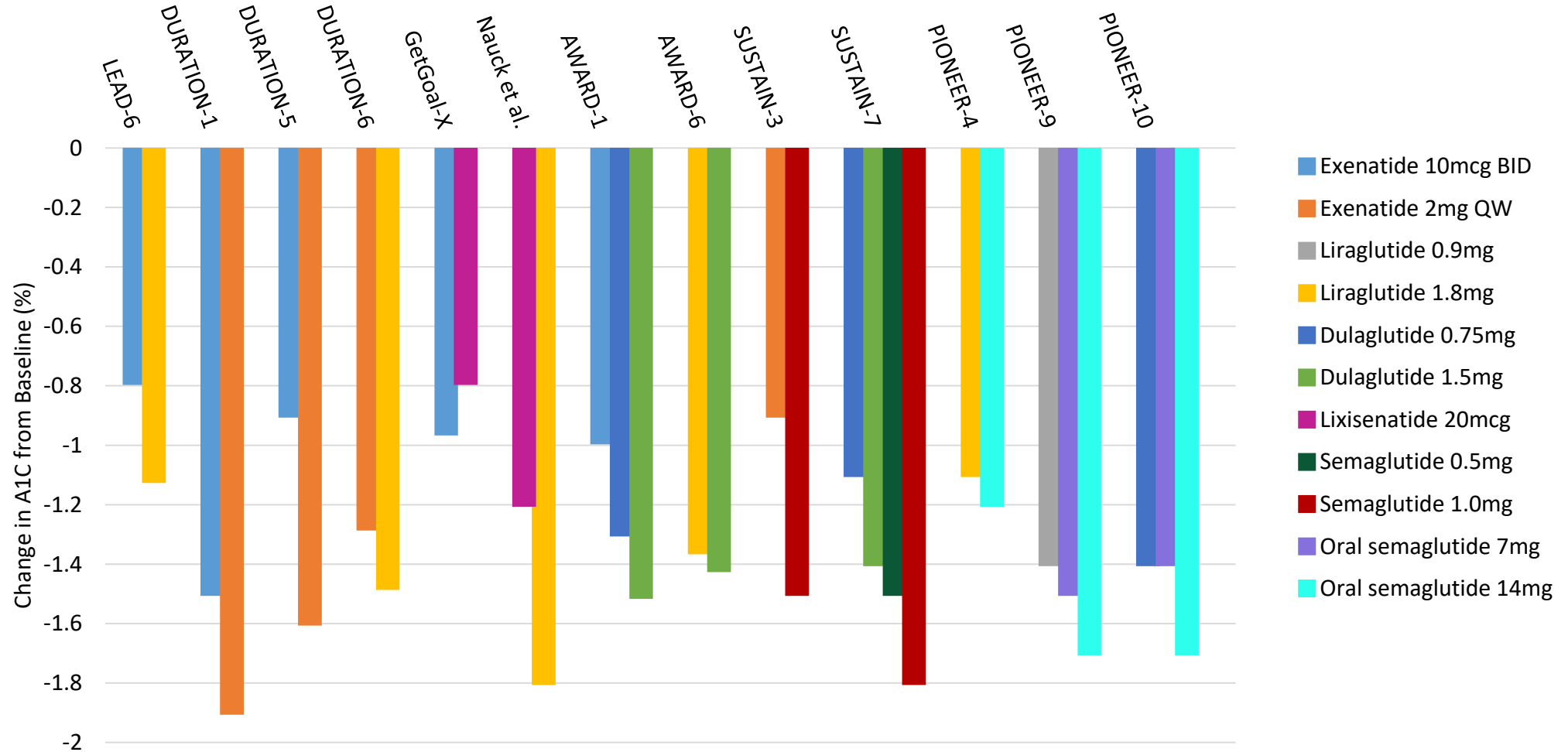
Comparison of Phase 3 Studies of GLP-1 RAs

	Exenatide (Byetta)	Lixisenatide (Lyxumia)	Liraglutide (Victoza)	Exenatide XR (Bydureon)	Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	Semaglutide (Ozempic)	Oral semaglutide (Rybelsus)
Phase 3 clinical trial	AMIGO	GetGoal	LEAD	DURATION	AWARD	SUSTAIN	PIONEER
Background therapy	Drug-naïve, metformin, SU	Drug-naïve, metformin, SU, TZD, basal insulin	Drug-naïve, metformin, SU, TZD	Drug-naïve, metformin, SU, TZD	Drug-naïve metformin, SU, TZD, SGLT2i; basal, bolus insulin	Drug-naïve, metformin, SU, TZD; basal, bolus, premixed insulin	Drug-naïve, metformin, SU, TZD, SGLT2i; basal, bolus, pre- mixed insulin
A1C lowering (%)*	-0.4 to -1.1	-0.46 to -0.99	-0.84 to -1.5	-1.48 to -1.9	-0.71 to -1.9	-1.1 to -2.2	-0.6 to -1.4
Weight lowering (kg)	-0.3 to -2.8	+0.3 to -2.96	+0.3 to -3.24	-2.0 to -4.0	+0.2 to -4.7	-1.4 to -6.5	-1.2 to -4.4

* Includes all doses studied

SGLT2i, sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor.

Head-to-Head Trials: A1C



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Short-Acting vs Long-Acting GLP-1 RAs in Combination with Basal Insulin

- Meta-analysis of 14 studies in combination with basal insulin
- Change in A1C
 - Short-acting GLP-1 RA + basal insulin = -0.5%
 - Long-acting GLP-1 RA + basal insulin = -1.0%
- Proportion of patients achieving target A1C
 - Short-acting GLP-1 RA + basal insulin = 18.6% risk difference
 - Long-acting GLP-1 RA + basal insulin = 37.2% risk difference

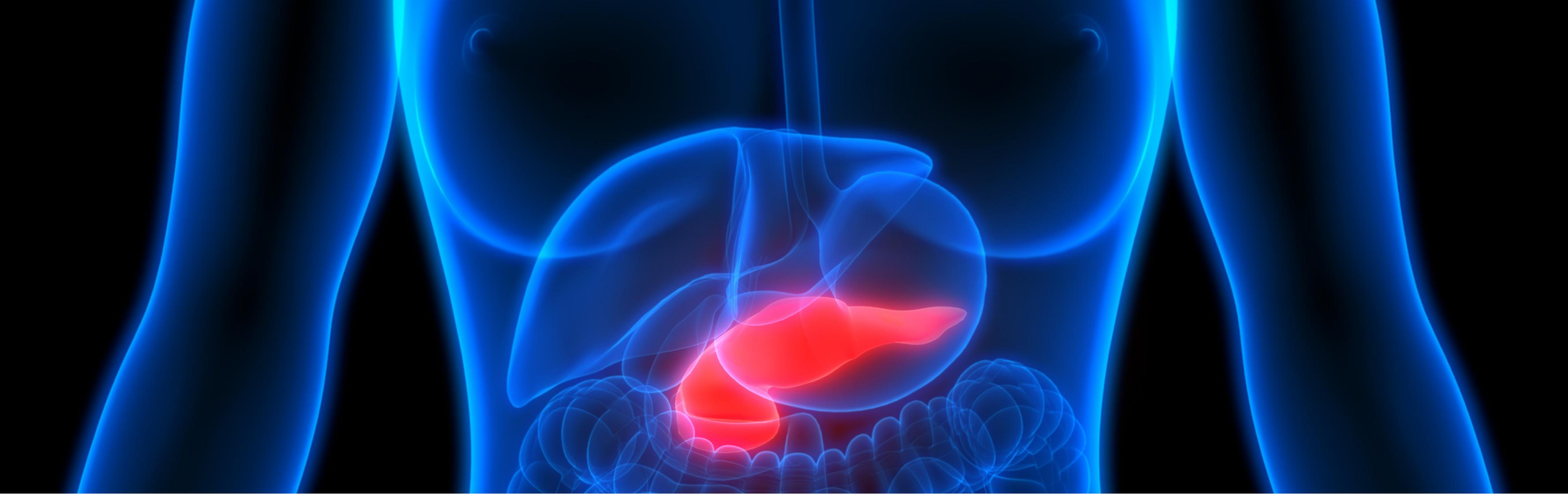


Semaglutide: Differences Between Subcutaneous and Oral Formulations

- No direct head-to-head studies
- SUSTAIN 10: SC semaglutide 1 mg achieved greater A1C reduction compared to liraglutide 1.2 mg
- PIONEER 4: Oral semaglutide achieved similar A1C reduction compared to liraglutide at 26 weeks (primary outcome); but greater A1C reduction at 52 weeks

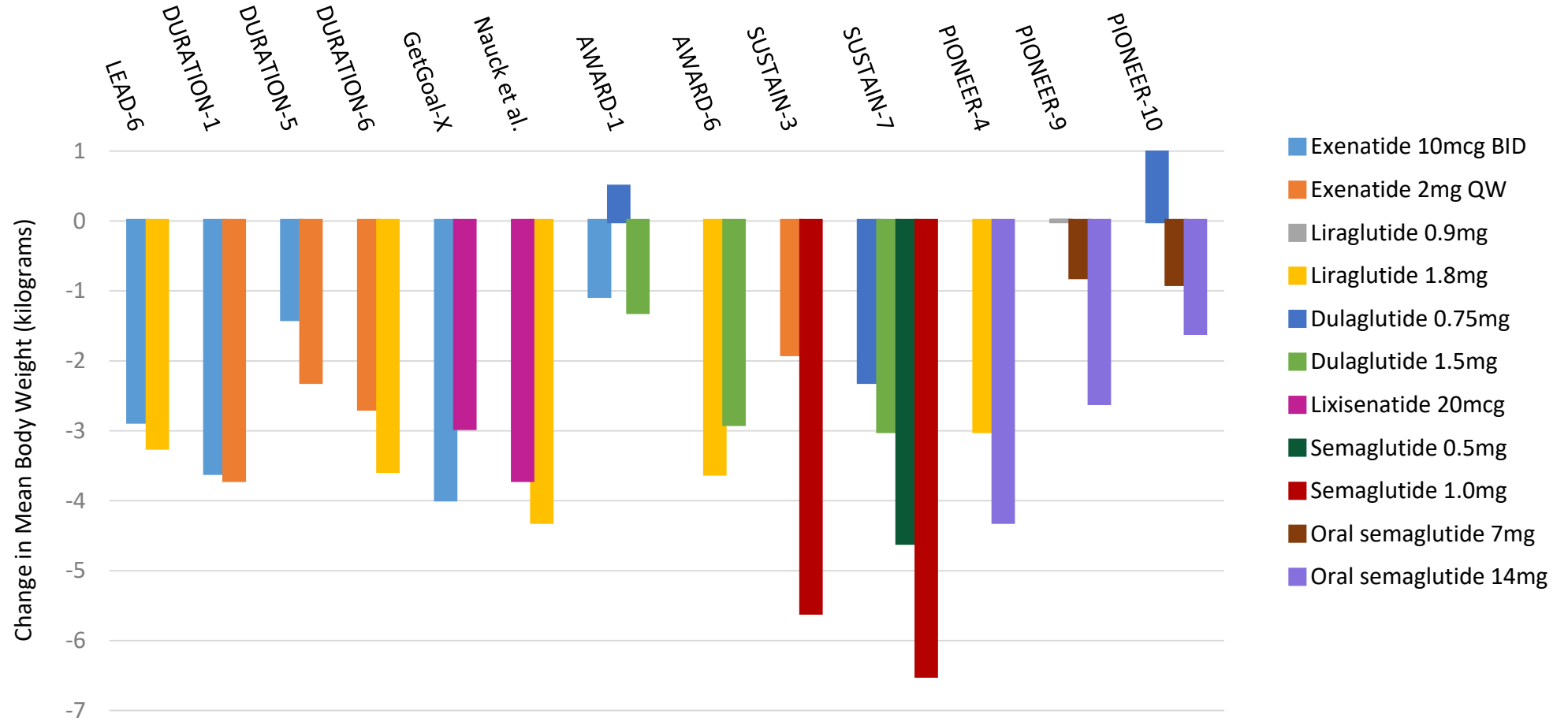
Summary of GLP-1 RA Effects

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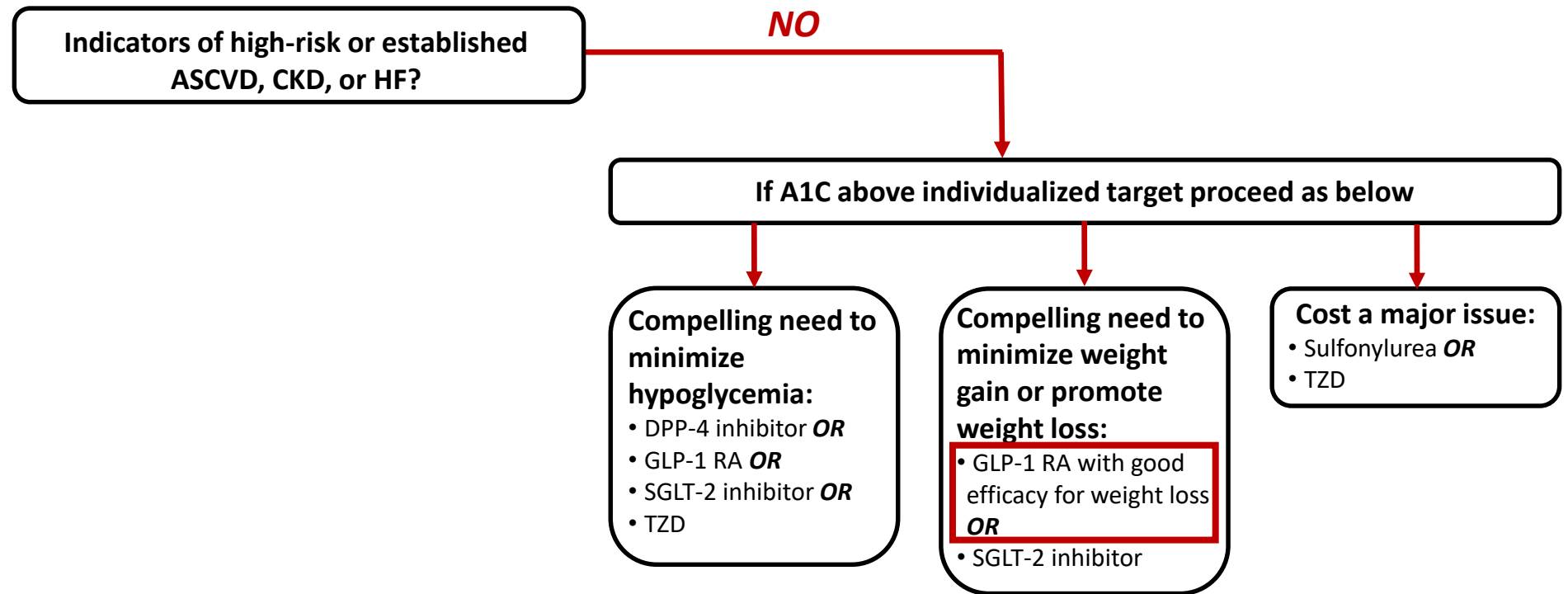
Which GLP-1 RA Should be Considered when Weight Loss is the Highest Priority?

Head-to-Head Trials: Weight



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ADA Treatment Algorithm: Compelling Need to Minimize Weight



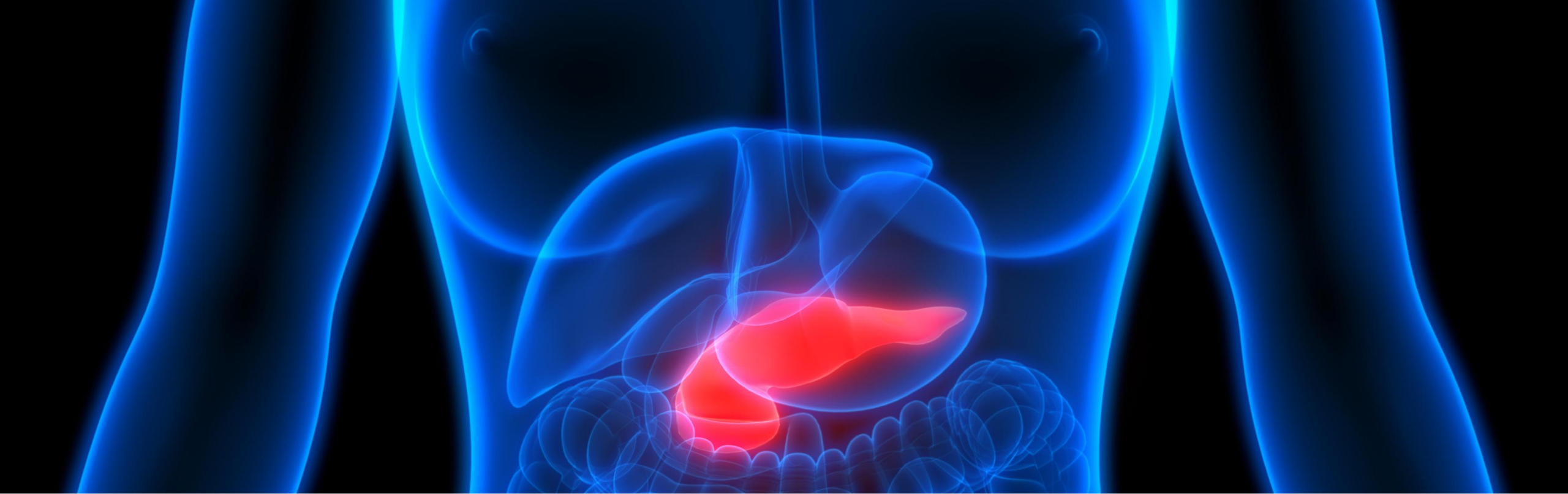
Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide

Higher Doses of GLP-1 RAs for Weight

- Liraglutide 3 mg (Saxenda)
 - Approved for weight loss
- AWARD-11
 - Dulaglutide once weekly 1.5 mg, 3.0 mg, 4.5 mg
 - 1.5 mg (A1C: -1.5%; weight: -6.8 lb)
 - 3.0 mg (A1C: -1.7%; weight: -8.8 lb)
 - 4.5 mg (A1C: -1.9%; weight: -10.4 lb)
- STEP Trials 1-5
 - Phase 3 trials of 5000 participants
 - Semaglutide 2.4 mg once weekly

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Which GLP-1 RAs have Shown CV Benefit and Carry CV Indications?

Overview of GLP-1 RA CVOTs

Study identifier	No. of patients	Follow-up Time	Study design	Primary endpoint	Results HR (95% CI)
<u>ELIXA</u> ¹ ACS < 180 days; A1C 5.5%-11%	6068	2.1 y	Lixisenatide Placebo	4-pt MACE	1.02 (0.89-1.17) <i>P</i> < 0.001 (non-inferiority) <i>p</i> = 0.81 (superiority)
<u>LEADER</u> ² CV risk/CVD; A1C ≥ 7.0%	9340	3.8 y	Liraglutide Placebo	3-pt MACE	0.87 (0.78-0.97) <i>p</i> = 0.01 (superiority)
<u>SUSTAIN 6</u> ³ CVD; A1C ≥ 7.0%	3297	2.1 y	Semaglutide (SC) Placebo	3-pt MACE	0.74 (0.58-0.95) <i>p</i> = 0.02 (superiority)
<u>PIONEER 6</u> ⁴ CVD or CKD	3183	1.3 y	Semaglutide (PO) Placebo	3-pt MACE	0.79 (0.57-1.11) <i>P</i> < 0.001 (non-inferiority) <i>P</i> = 0.17 (superiority)
<u>EXSCEL</u> ⁵ High CV risk/CVD; A1C 6.5%-10.0%	14,752	3.2 y	Exenatide ER Placebo	3-pt MACE	0.91 (0.83-1.00) <i>P</i> < 0.001 (non-inferiority) <i>p</i> = 0.06 (superiority)
<u>REWIND</u> ⁶ High CV risk; A1C ≤ 9.5%	9901	5.4 y	Dulaglutide Placebo	3-pt MACE	0.88 (0.79-0.99) <i>p</i> = 0.026 (superiority)

CKD, chronic kidney disease; HR, hazard ratio.

1. Pfeffer MA, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2015;373(23):2247-2257. 2. Marso SP, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375(4):311-322. 3. Marso SP, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375(19):1834-1844. 4. Husain M, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;381(9):841-851. 5. Holman RR, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2017;377(13):1228-1239. 6. Gerstein HC, et al. *Lancet.* 2019;394(10193):121-130.

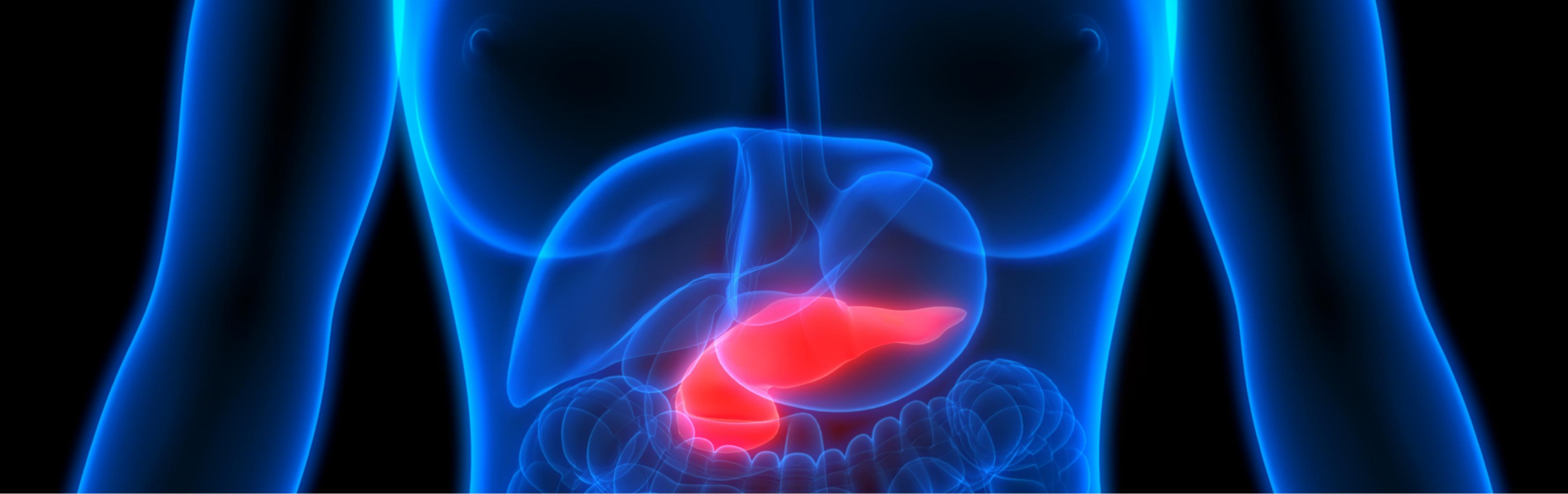
GLP-1 RA Expanded FDA-Approved Cardiovascular Indications

Medication	Expanded CV FDA Indication
Liraglutide (Victoza)	“...reduce the risk of <u>major adverse CV events</u> in adults with T2D and <u>established CVD</u> ”
Semaglutide (Ozempic)	“...to reduce the risk of <u>major adverse CV events</u> in adults with T2D and <u>established CVD</u> ”
Semaglutide (Rybelsus)	None
Exenatide XR (Bydureon, Bydureon BCise)	None
Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	“...to reduce the risk of <u>major adverse CV events</u> in adults with T2D who have <u>established CVD</u> or <u>multiple CV risk factors</u> .”

ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

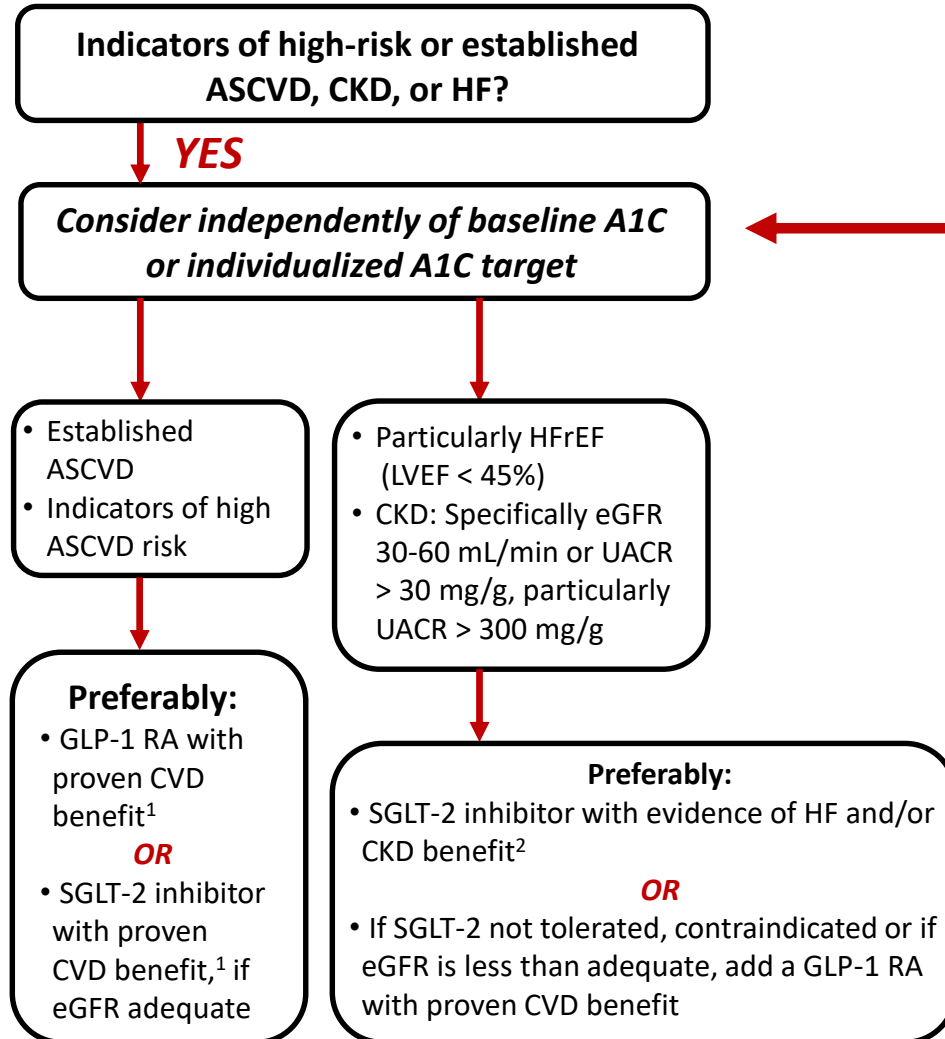
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**Does Using a GLP-1 RA in Combination
with a SGLT2 Inhibitor Further Improve
Cardiovascular Outcomes?**

Glucose-Lowering Medication Use in T2D



Key Change in 2020:

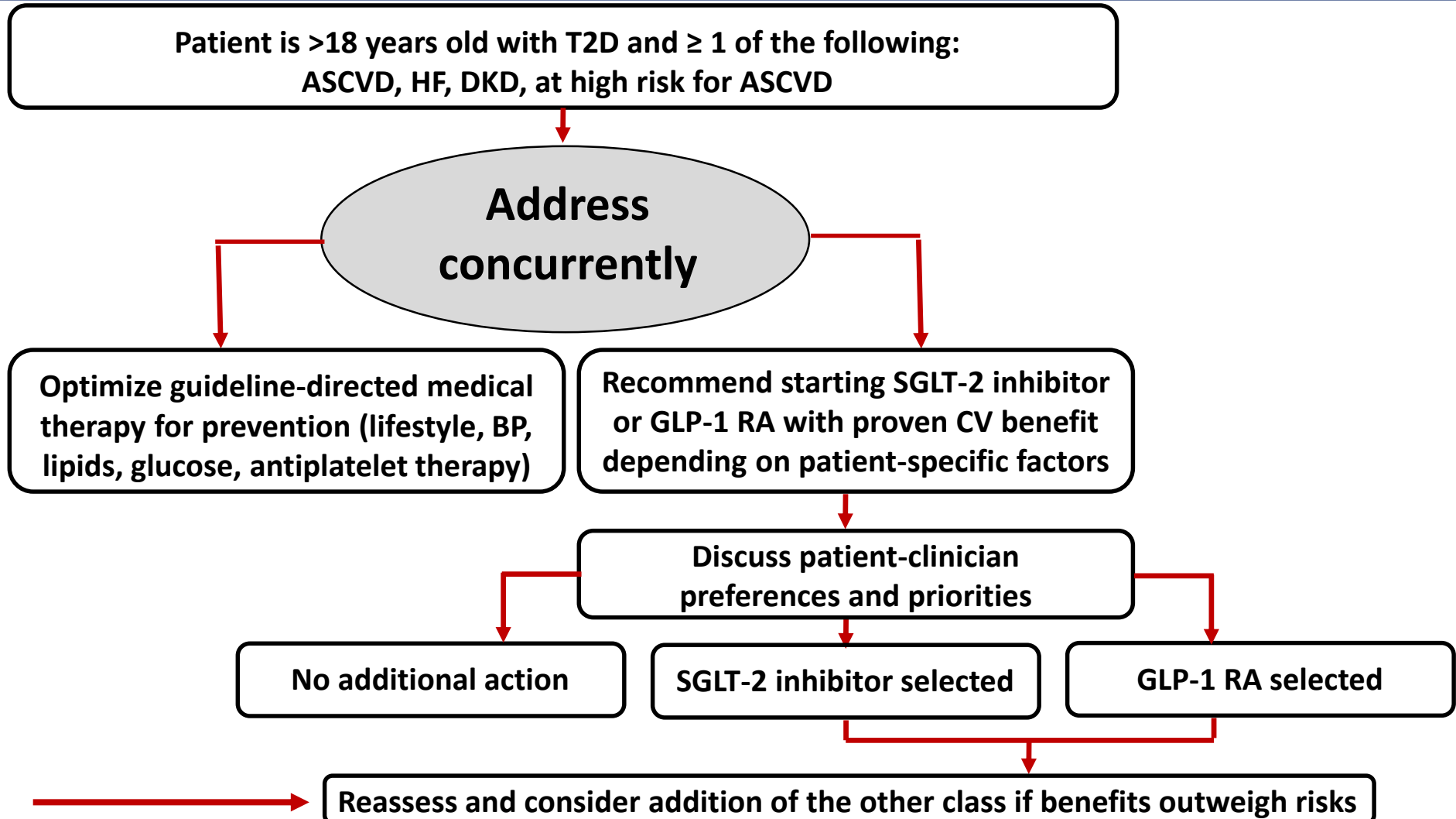
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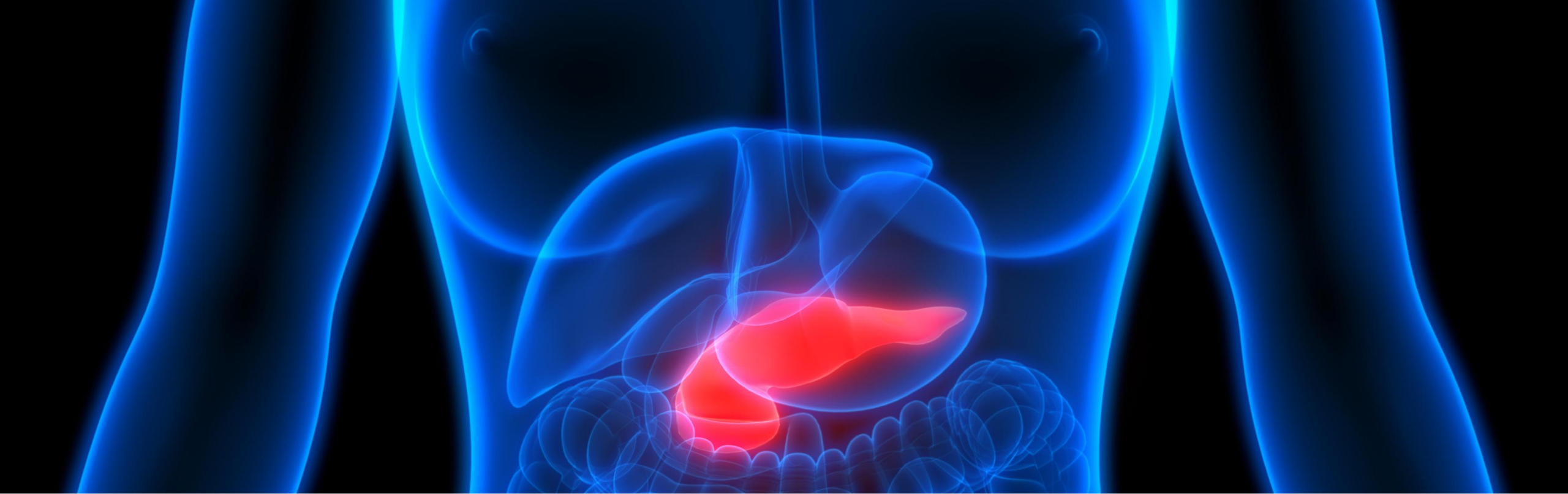
GLP-1 RA + SGLT2 Inhibitor Combination Therapy: Evidence to Date

- No trials to date examining GLP-1 RA + SGLT2 inhibitor to assess the effects of the combination on cardiovascular outcomes
- Phase III trials have shown greater blood pressure and weight lowering with the combination when compared to each class used alone
- GLP-1 RA + SGLT2 inhibitors for glucose lowering is appropriate per current treatment guidelines
- Cost is a likely barrier for some patients

2020 American College of Cardiology (ACC) Expert Consensus Decision Pathway

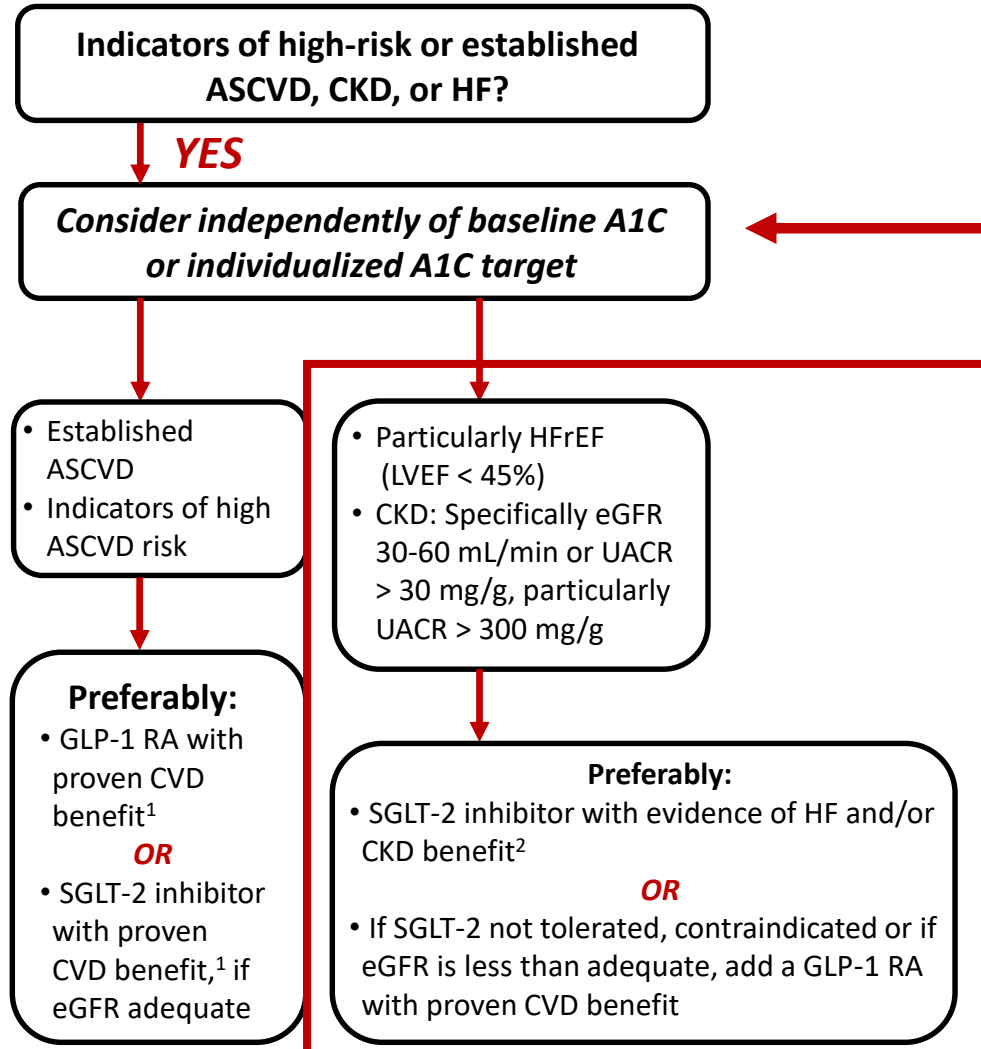


Das SR, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2020;76(9):1117-1145.
BP, blood pressure; DKD, diabetic kidney disease.



Do GLP-1 RAs Improve Kidney Outcomes in People with Type 2 Diabetes?

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Primary Kidney Outcomes with SGLT2 Inhibitors

Agent	Canagliflozin	Dapagliflozin
Study	CREDESCENCE (N = 4401)	DAPA-CKD (N = 4304)
Median follow-up (years)	2.6	2.4
Kidney-related enrollment criteria [†]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eGFR 30 to < 90 UACR: > 300 to 5000 mg/g 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eGFR 25 to 75 UACR: 200 to 5000 mg/g
Mean baseline eGFR	56 mL/min/1.73m ²	43 mL/min/1.73m ²
Median Baseline UACR	927 mg/g	949 mg/g
Kidney outcome(s)	<p>Primary Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESKD (dialysis, transplantation, or sustained eGFR < 15 mL/min/1.73m²), doubling of SCr, or death from renal causes <p>HR: 0.70 (0.59-0.82)</p>	<p>Primary Outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 50% decrease in eGFR, ESKD, or death from renal or cardiovascular causes <p>HR: 0.61 (0.51-0.72)</p>

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; HR, hazard ratio; SCr, serum creatinine; UACR, urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio.

Heerspink HJL, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;383:1436-1446.
Perkovic V, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;380:2295-2306.

CVOT Summary of Trials with Injectable GLP-1 RAs

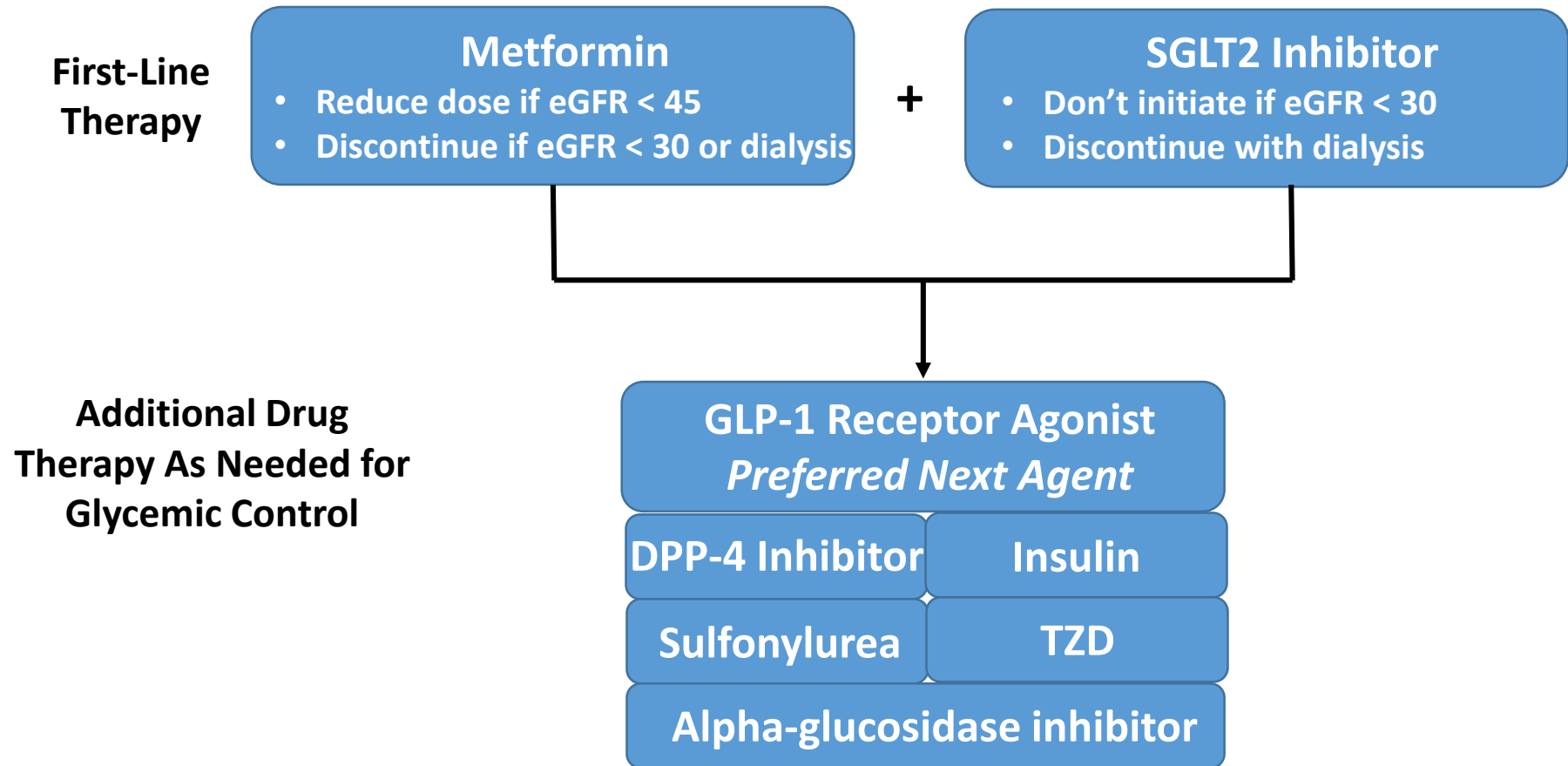
	ELIXA (n = 6068)	LEADER (n = 9340)	SUSTAIN-6 (n = 3297)	EXSCEL (n = 14,752)	REWIND (n=9901)
Agent	Lixisenatide	Liraglutide	Semaglutide	Exenatide XR	Dulaglutide
Median follow-up (years)	2.1	3.8	2.1	3.2	5.4
Metformin use (%)	66	76	73	77	81
Prior CVD (%)	100	81	60	73.1	32
Mean baseline A1C (%)	7.7	8.7	8.7	8.0	7.4
Primary outcome	4-point MACE 1.02 (0.89–1.17)	3-point MACE 0.87 (0.78–0.97)	3-point MACE 0.74 (0.58–0.95)	3-point MACE 0.91 (0.83–1.00)	3-point MACE 0.88 (0.79-0.99)
Cardiovascular death	0.98 (0.78–1.22)	0.78 (0.66–0.93)	0.98 (0.65–1.48)	0.88 (0.76–1.02)	0.91 (0.78-1.06)
MI	1.03 (0.87–1.22)	0.86 (0.73–1.00)	0.74 (0.51–1.08)	0.97 (0.85–1.10)	0.96 (0.79-1.15)
Stroke	1.12 (0.79–1.58)	0.86 (0.71–1.06)	0.61 (0.38–0.99)	0.85 (0.70–1.03)	0.76 (0.61–0.95)
All-cause mortality	0.94 (0.78–1.13)	0.85 (0.74–0.97)	1.05 (0.74–1.50)	0.86 (0.77–0.97)	0.90 (0.80-1.01)
Worsening nephropathy	-	0.78 (0.67–0.92)	0.64 (0.46–0.88)	-	0.85 (0.77-0.93)

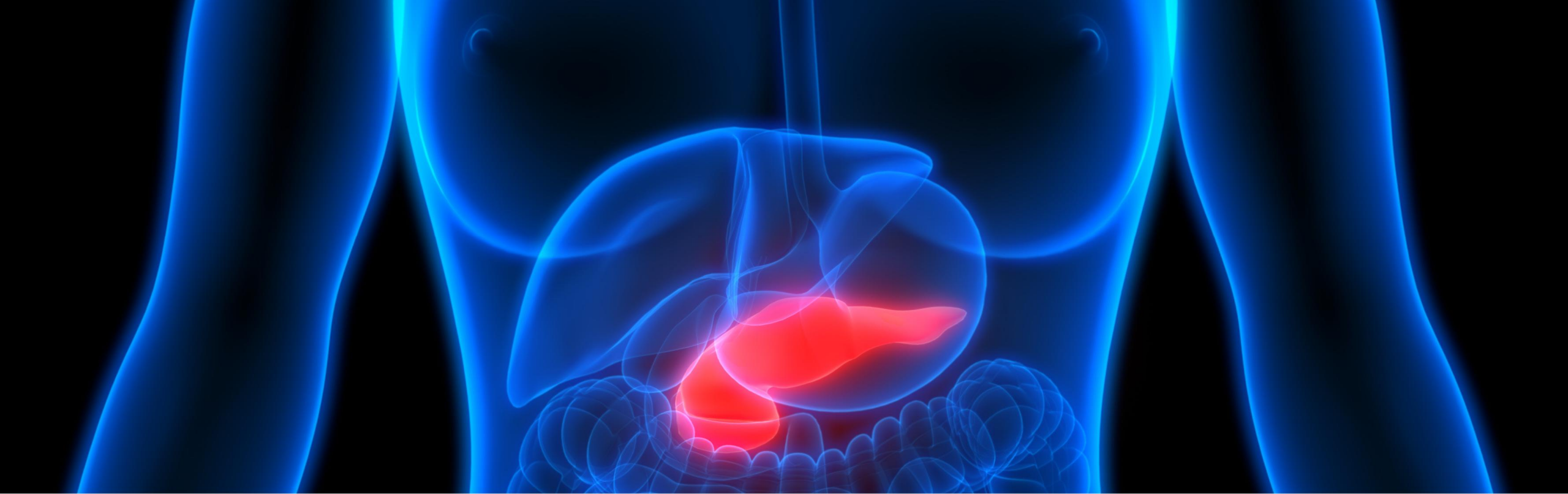
Select Ongoing GLP-1 RA Trials Examining Kidney Outcomes

Drug Under Study	Trial	Key kidney-related outcomes
Semaglutide	FLOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Primary Outcome:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Time to first occurrence of a composite of: eGFR decline of $\geq 50\%$ from baseline, ESRD, or death from kidney or cardiovascular disease○ Secondary Outcome Measures:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Annual rate of change in eGFR▪ Time to occurrence of all-cause death▪ Time to occurrence of each individual component of the primary composite outcome▪ Relative change in UACR
Semaglutide (in combination with empagliflozin)	EmpaSema	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Primary Outcome:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Change in albuminuria (from randomization to week 52)○ Secondary Outcome Measures:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Change in GFR (from randomization to week 52)▪ Change in inflammatory and endothelial biomarkers

eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESRD, end-stage renal disease;
UACR, urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio.

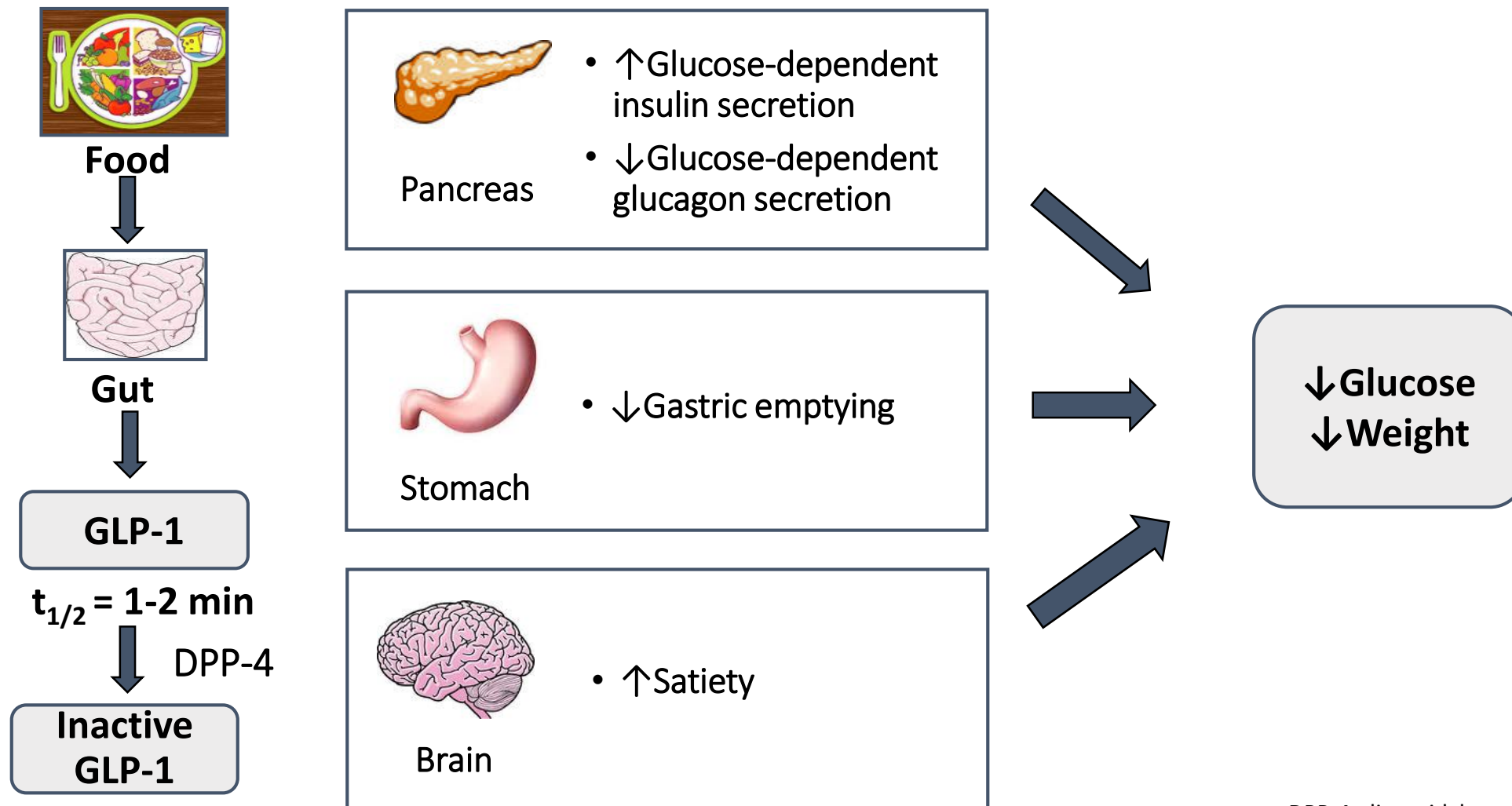
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What is the Mechanism of Nausea and Vomiting and What are Strategies for Minimization?

GLP-1 RAs: Actions on Target Tissues



GI Adverse Effects with GLP-1 RAs

	Drug	Glucose profile target	Phase 3 clinical program	Nausea (%) [^]	Vomiting (%) [^]	Diarrhea (%) [^]
Short-acting	Exenatide	PPG	AMIGO	8-44*	4-18*	6-18*
	Lixisenatide	PPG	GetGoal	25	10	8
Long-acting	Liraglutide	FPG > PPG	LEAD	18-20	6-9	10-12
	Exenatide XR	FPG > PPG	DURATION	8.2	3.4	4
	Dulaglutide	FPG > PPG	AWARD	12.4-21.1	6-12.7	8.9-12.6
	Semaglutide	FPG > PPG	SUSTAIN	15.8-20.3	5-9.2	8.8-8.9
	Oral semaglutide	FPG > PPG	PIONEER	11-20	6-8	9-10

[^] averages from phase 3 trials taken from prescribing information; ranges based on different doses, except for exenatide

* ranges based on reported data from separate studies based on background therapy

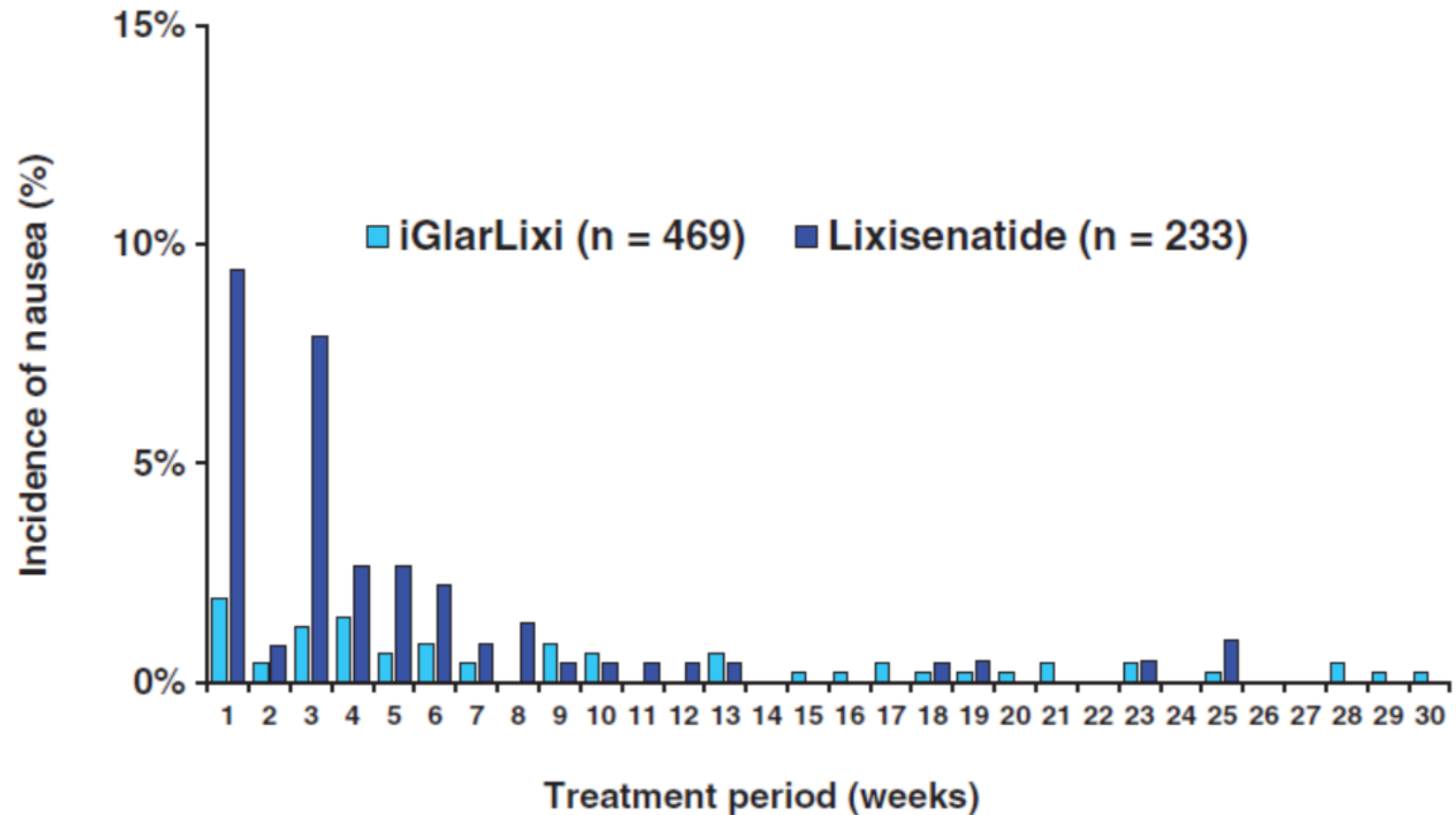
Summary of GLP-1 RA effects

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Lixisenatide (Adlyxin)	Low	Low	Safety	Intermediate
Liraglutide (Victoza)	High	High	Benefit	Intermediate
Exenatide XR (Bydureon)	Intermediate	Low	Safety	Low
Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	High	Intermediate	Benefit	Intermediate/High
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Mitigation of GI Adverse Effects

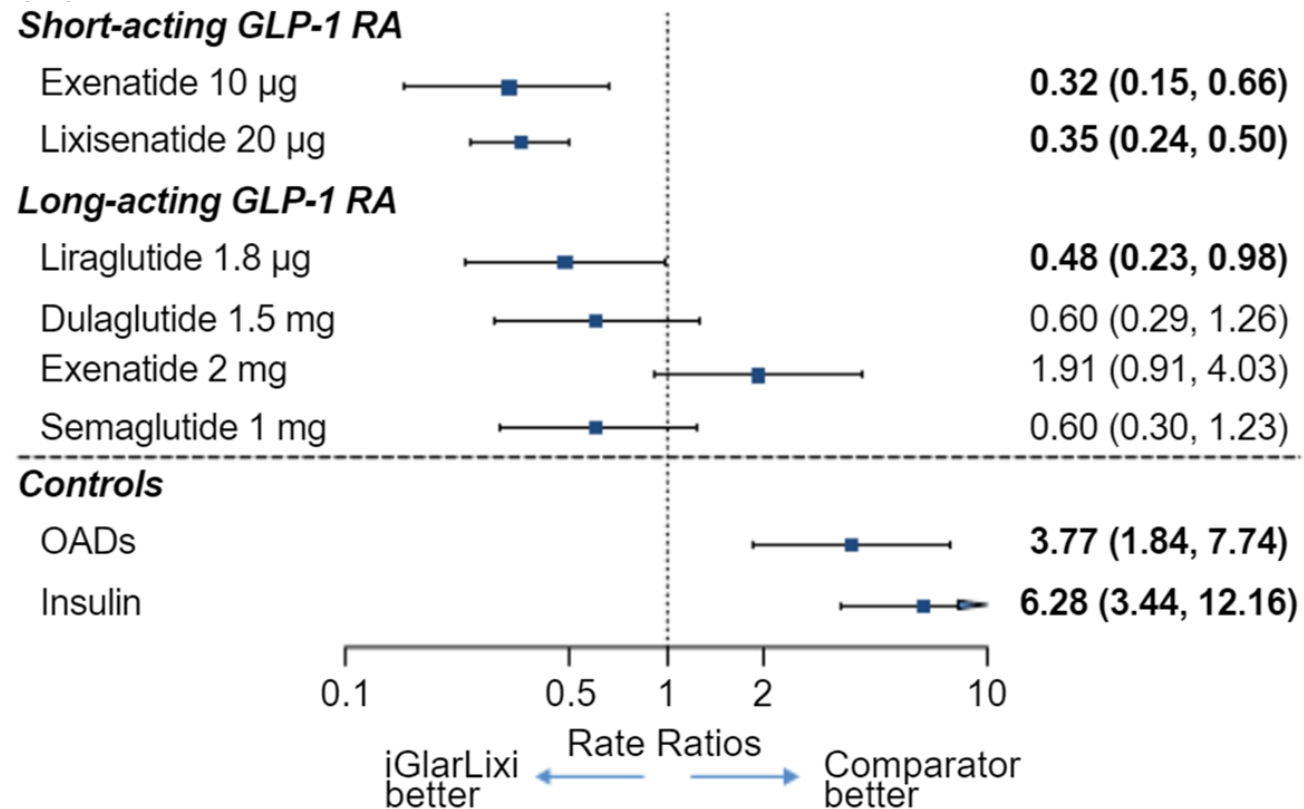
- Educate the patient that it is usually mild and usually transient
- Resolves in ~ 90% of cases
- Educate patients to decrease portions and eat slowly
- Start at low dose
- Consider agent with lower rates of GI adverse effects
- Consider slower titration if possible
- Consider fixed-ratio combination

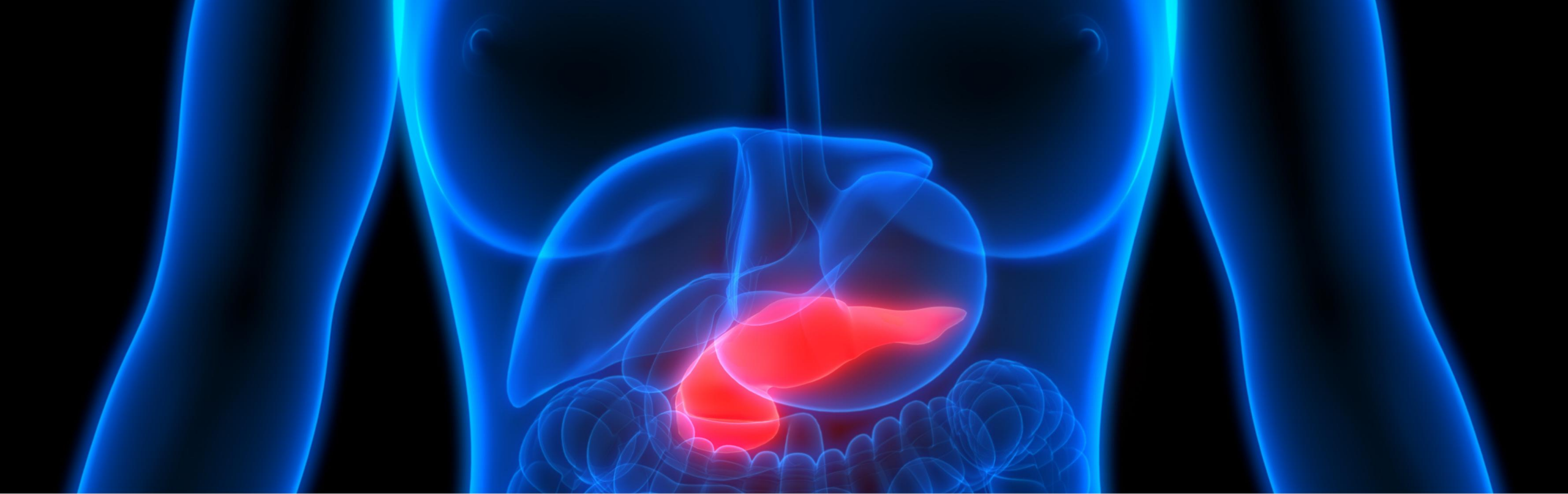
GI Adverse Effects Over Time with Fixed-Ratio Combination vs GLP-1 RA



GI Adverse Effects with Fixed-Ratio Combination vs GLP-1 RA

A network meta-analysis of 17 trials (9030 patients with 3665 event weeks)

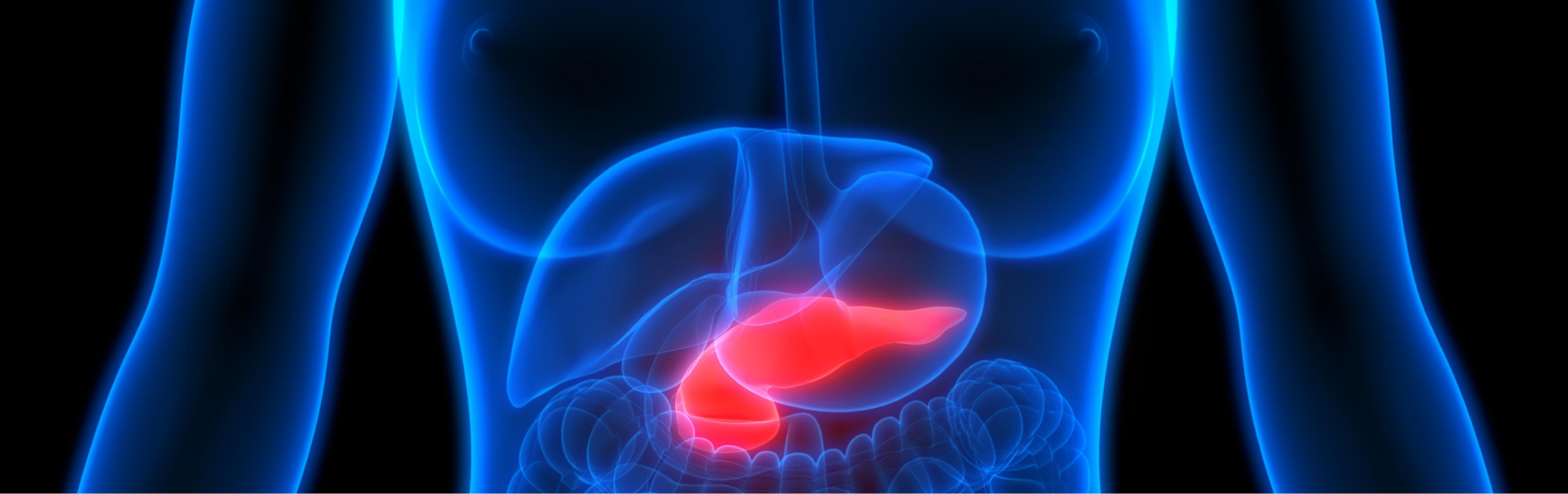




What Should we Know about Injection Site Nodules with Exenatide XR?

Exenatide XR Injection Site Nodules

- Formulated to encapsulate exenatide in poly-(D,L-lactide-co-glycolide (PLG) microspheres, which releases drug over a sustained period
- 2 pen devices: Bydureon and Bydureon BCise
- Injection site nodule rates in clinical trials:
 - 17.1% Bydureon
 - 10.5% Bydureon BCise
- Described as small, asymptomatic, non-serious
- Some case reports of more serious nodules or granulomas



What is the Relationship of GLP-1 RA Therapy and Retinopathy?

Incidence of Retinopathy in GLP-1 RA CVOTs

CVOT (GLP-1 RA)	Retinopathy HR (95% CI); p-value
LEADER ¹ (liraglutide)	1.15 (0.87-1.52); 0.33
SUSTAIN 6 ² (SC semaglutide)	1.76 (1.11-2.78); 0.02
PIONEER 6 ³ (PO semaglutide)	7.1 vs 6.3%
REWIND ⁴ (dulaglutide)	1.24 (0.92-1.68); 0.16

1. Marso SP, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375(4):311-322. 2. Marso SP, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375(19):1834-1844. 3. Husain M, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;381(9):841-851. 4. Gerstein HC, et al. *Lancet.* 2019;394(10193):121-130.

Reported Rates of Retinopathy in SUSTAIN Clinical Trial Program

Rates of retinopathy based on study and dose:

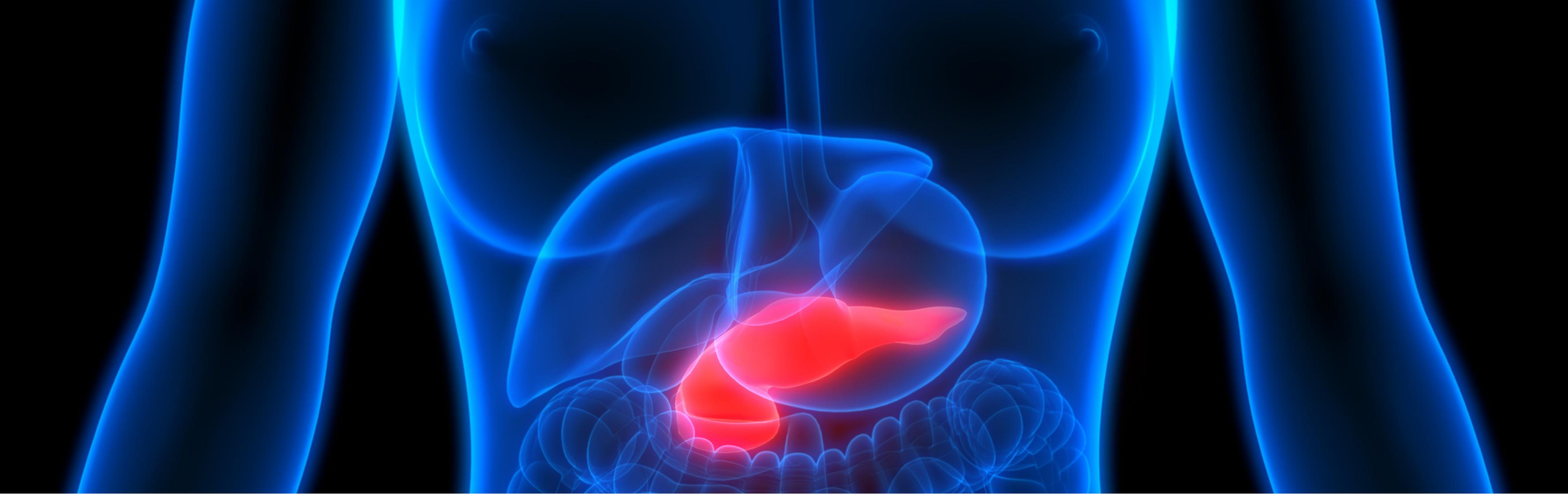
Trials	0.5 mg	1 mg	Comparator
SUSTAIN 1-5	2.1%	1.5%	2%
SUSTAIN 6	9%	10%	7.6%

Difference in study populations baseline demographics:

Trials	Age	A1C	Duration T2D	Hx Retinopathy
SUSTAIN 1-5	53.7-58.8 years	8.1-8.4%	4.2-13.3 years	3.9-13.9%
SUSTAIN 6	64.6 years	8.7%	13.9 years	29.4%

Subanalysis of SUSTAIN 6 and Retinopathy

- Those at highest risk of retinopathy:
 - PMH of retinopathy
 - Longer duration of diabetes
 - High baseline A1C
 - Correlated with insulin use
 - Associated with a large and rapid A1C decline during first 16 weeks
- Implications:
 - Consider risk benefit in patients with a PMH of retinopathy
 - Titrate GLP-1 RA slowly to lower A1C over time
- FOCUS trial: currently recruiting to evaluate long term effects of SC semaglutide on diabetic eye disease



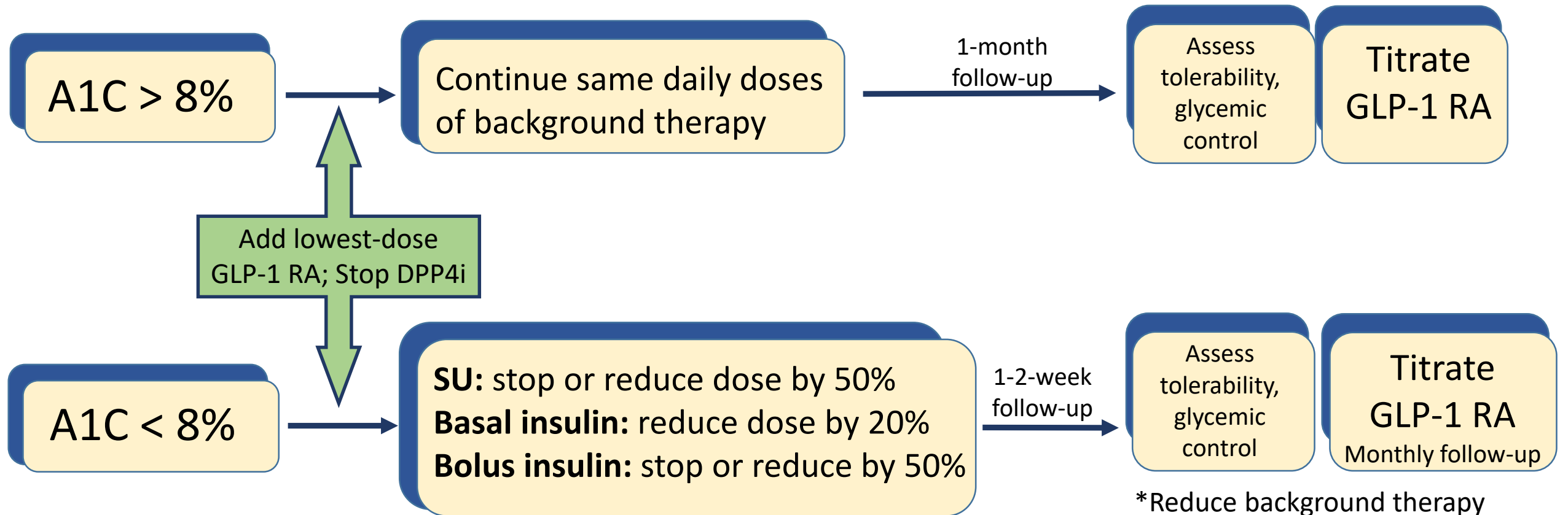
How Should GLP-1 RAs be Safely Initiated and Interchanged?



Considerations when Initiating GLP-1 RAs

- Background therapy
 - Continue, reduce, or discontinue
 - Redundant incretin therapies
- Current glycemic control
 - Risk of hypoglycemia
- Rationale for GLP1-RA addition
 - Efficacy: glucose control, weight reduction, cardioprotection

Adjusting Background Antihyperglycemic Therapy



*Reduce background therapy per SMBG to prevent hypoglycemia: bolus insulin/SU > basal insulin > TZD > MET

Rationale for Switching GLP-1 RA

- Enhanced efficacy
 - Glycemic control
 - Weight reduction
 - Added cardioprotection
- Improved safety or tolerability
 - Gastrointestinal
 - Injection site reactions
- Dosing & convenience
 - Alternative dosing frequency
 - Patient preferred delivery device
 - Alternative route of administration
 - Replace more cumbersome therapies

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Rationale for Switching GLP-1 RAs

Prompted by GI Side Effects

- Discontinue first GLP-1 RA
- Wait for symptoms to resolve
- Select GLP-1 RA with lower GI ADE
- Initiate new GLP-1 RA at lowest dose
- Consider slower dose titration

Prompted for Other Reasons

- Discontinue first GLP-1 RA
- Select GLP-1 RA with desired aspect
- Start with equivalent (or lower) dose
- Titrate accordingly

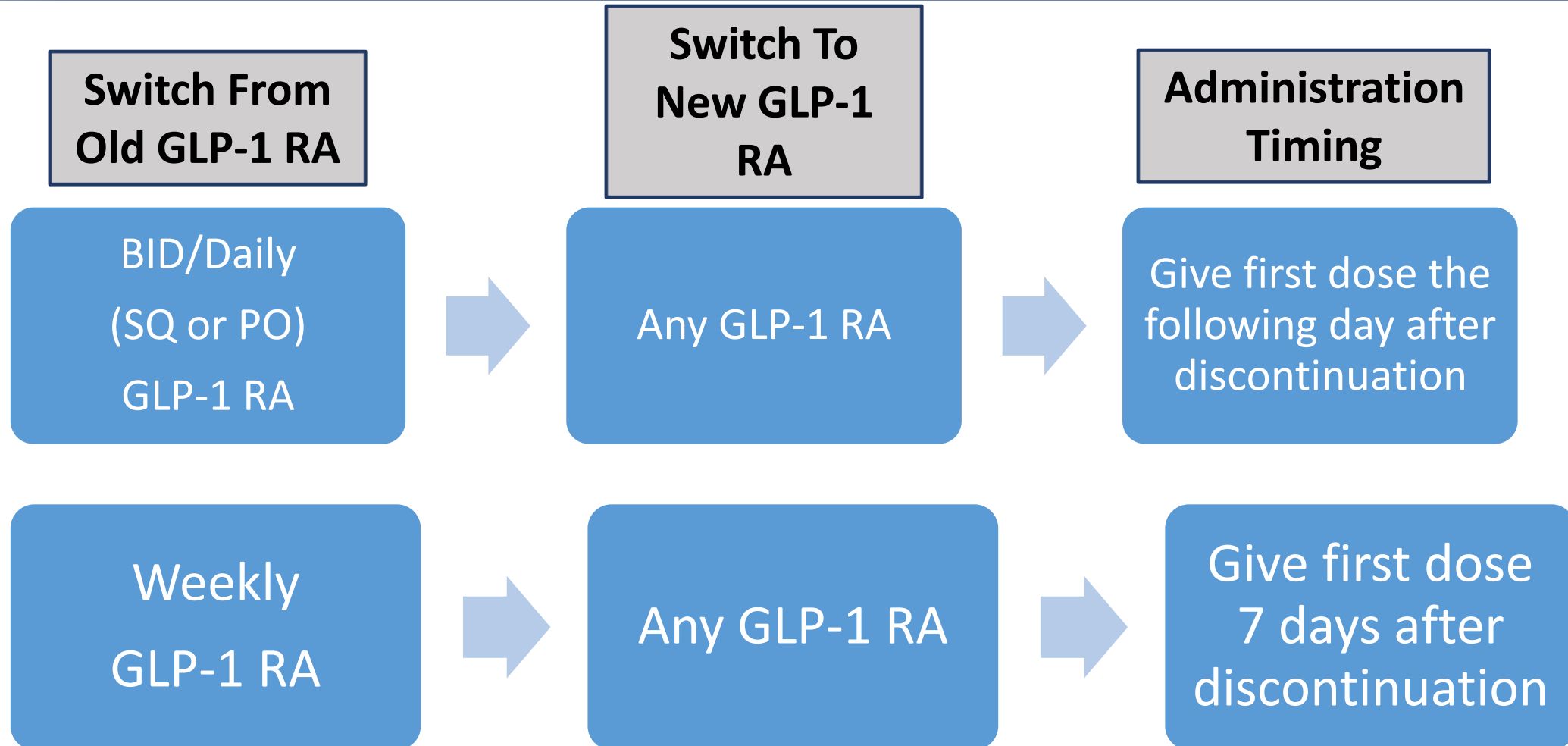
Equivalent GLP-1 RA Doses

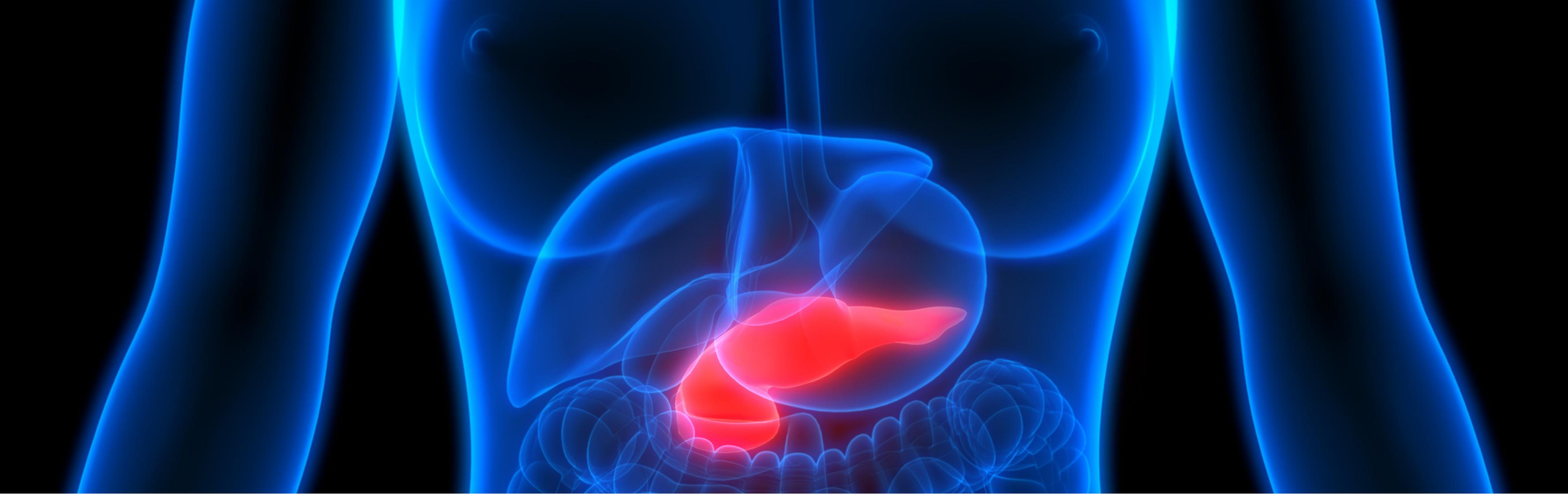
GLP-1 RA	Dosing route & frequency	Equivalent dose			
		5 ug	10 ug	1.8 mg	4.5 mg*
Exenatide	SC BID	5 ug	10 ug		
Lixisenatide	SC daily	10 ug	20 ug		
Liraglutide	SC daily	0.6 mg	1.2 mg	1.8 mg	
Exenatide XR	SC weekly			2 mg	
Dulaglutide	SC weekly		0.75 mg	1.5 mg	4.5 mg*
Semaglutide	SC weekly		0.25 mg	0.5 mg	1 mg
Semaglutide	PO daily	3 mg	7 mg	14 mg	

Almandoz JP, et al. *Clin Diabetes*. 2020;38(4):390-402.

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Practical Steps for Switching GLP-1 RAs





What Should we Know about Administration Differences Between Agents?



Comparing Injection Devices

- Dosing
- Single-use vs multi-use
- Needles
- Preparation
- Accuracy
- Ease of use
- Patient Preference
- Time required for training

Accuracy and Patient Preference

- **PREFER Study**

- 310 patients – semaglutide SC vs dulaglutide
- More participants preferred the dulaglutide device (84.2% vs 12.3%; $p < 0.0001$).
- More participants perceived the dulaglutide device as easier to use (86.8% vs 6.8%; $p < 0.0001$).
- Training participants to use the dulaglutide device took less time (3.38 vs 8.14 minutes; $p < 0.0001$).

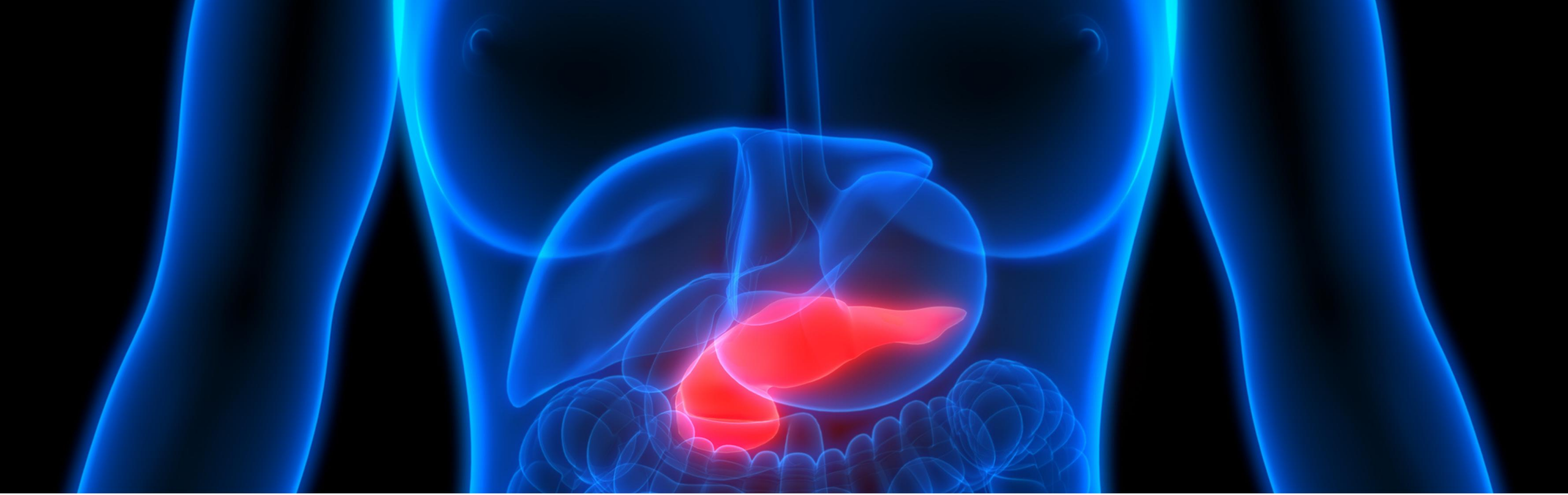
- **Wettergreen Study**

- 60 patients – semaglutide SC vs dulaglutide vs exenatide XR BCise
- More participants preferred the dulaglutide device compared to exenatide XR BCise or semaglutide (75% vs 12% vs 13%)
- Dulaglutide took the least amount of time to demonstrate; but accuracy was lower with dulaglutide compared to exenatide XR BCise or semaglutide (62.7% vs 74.4% vs 73.1%)

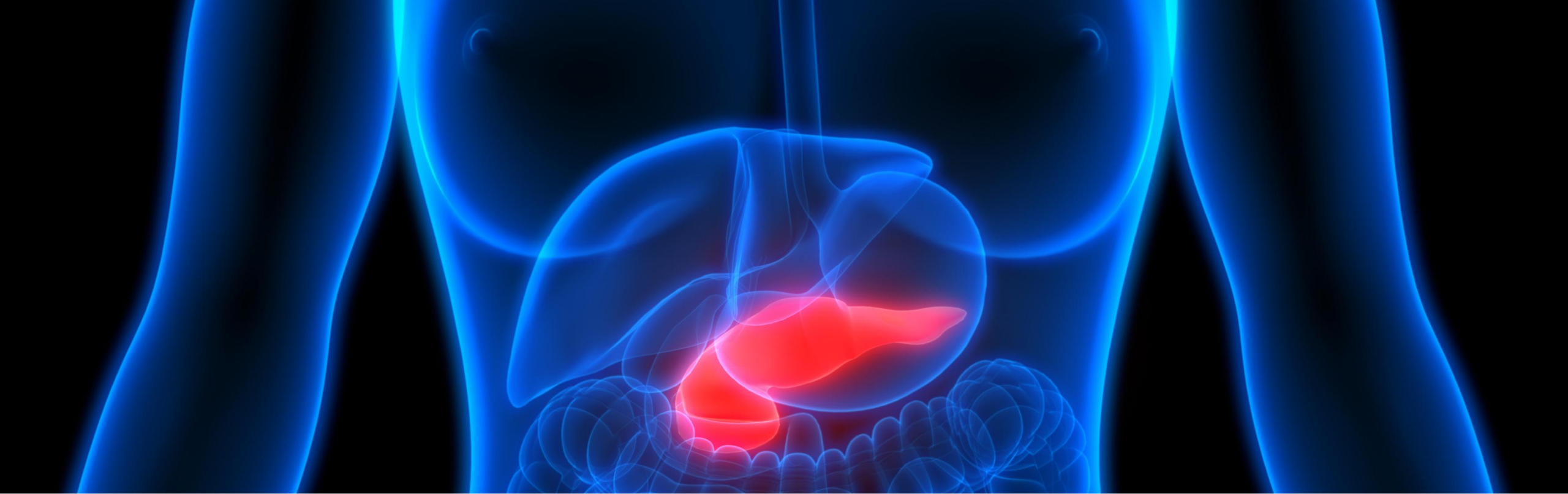


Oral Semaglutide: Administration Requirements

- Take at least 30 minutes before the first food, beverage, or other oral medication of the day
- Take with no more than 4 oz of plain water only
- Swallow tablets whole: do not crush or chew
- Start with 3 mg once daily for 30 days; increase to 7 mg once daily for 30 days; increase to 14 mg once daily if needed
- Drug interactions
 - Levothyroxine
 - Oral bisphosphonates



Questions & Answers



Thank You!