

ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes (2025)

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inertia, reassess and modify treatment regularly (3-6 months) Health lifestyle behaviors; Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES); Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Goal: Cardiovascular and Kidney Risk Reduction in High-Risk Individuals with Type 2 Diabetes* Goal: Achievement and Maintenance of Weight and Glycemic Goals +Indicators of high CVD risk +ASCVD1 +CKD +Achievement and maintenance of glycemic goals +Weight management eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m2 OR albuminuria +HF (ACR ≥3.0 mg/mmol [30mg/g]). Repeat Current or prior measurement is required to confirm CKD +ASCVD/indicators of high CVD Risk[≈] symptoms of HF with documented Efficacy for weight loss Metformin or other agent (including combination therapy) that HFrEF or HFpEF +CKD (on maximally tolerated dose GLP-1 RA# with proven CVD benefit SGLT2i[‡] with proven CVD benefit provides adequate EFFICACY to achieve and maintain glycemic of ACEi or ARB) treatment goals Very high: Semaglutide, tirzepatide Prioritize avoidance of hypoglycemia in high-risk individuals SGLT2i[‡] with primary evidence of reducing High: Dulaglutide, liraglutide CKD progression SGLT2i can be started with eGFR ≥20 Intermediate: GLP-1 RA (not listed above), SGLT2i mL/min/1.73 m² If A1C is above goal Efficacy for glucose lowering Continue until initiation of dialysis or SGLT2i[‡] transplantation Neutral: Metformin, DPP-4i with proven HF Glucose-lowering efficacy is reduced with Very high: Dulaglutide (high dose), semaglutide, benefit in this eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m² tirzepatide, insulin. population Combination oral, combination injectable (GLP-1 RA and insulin) · For individuals on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit or High: GLP-1 RA (not listed above), metformin, pioglitazone, GLP-1 RA# with proven CKD benefit · Pioglitazone² SGLT2i, sulfonylurea If A1C is above goal, for individuals on SGLT2i, Intermediate: DPP-4i consider incorporating a GLP-1 RA or vice versa If additional cardiovascular and kidney risk reduction, management of other metabolic comorbidities, and/or glycemic If A1C is above goal or significant hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia or barriers to care are identified lowering is needed +Mitigating risk of MASLD or MASH

Agents with potential benefit in MASLD or MASH

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Use insulin in the setting of decompensated cirrhosis

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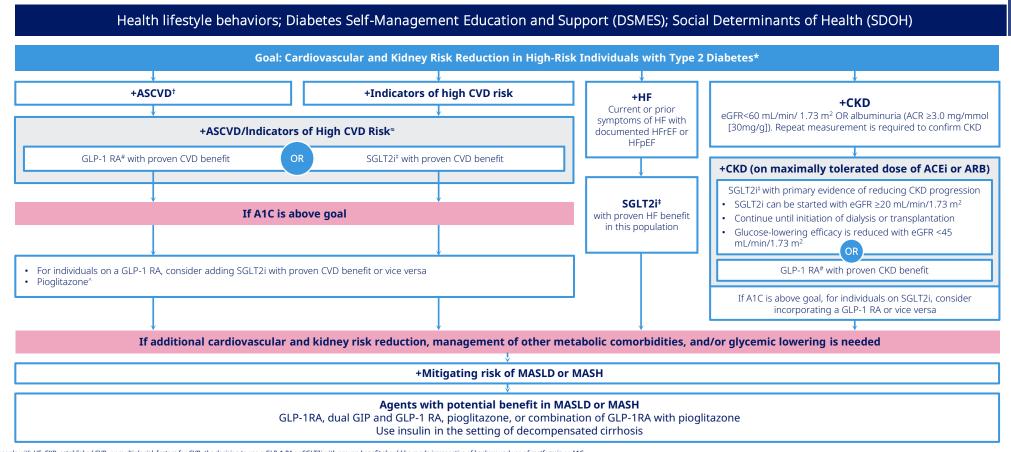
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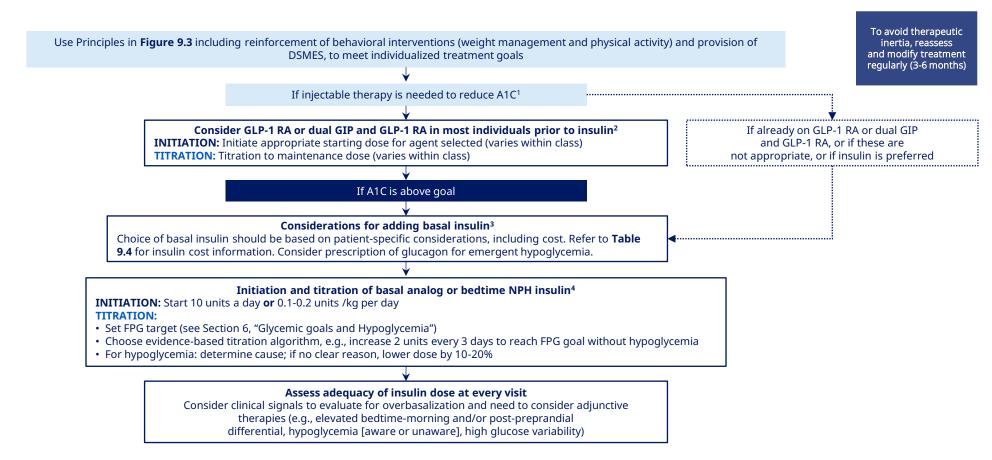
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2025 ADA: Algorithm for intensifying to injectable therapies in T2D (1/2)

(Figure 9.4; S192)

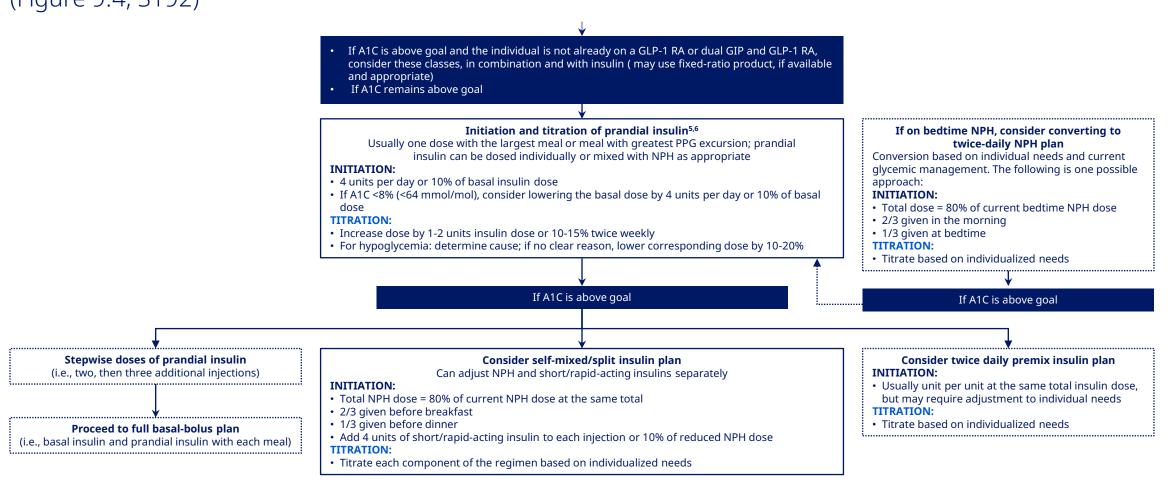


Consider insulin as the first injectable if symptoms of hyperglycemia are present, when A1C or blood glucose levels are very high(i.e. AIC (>10% [86 mmol/mol]) and blood glucose ≥300 mg/dL [≥16.7 mmol/L]), or a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes is a possibility.
 When selecting GLP-1 RAs, consider individual preference, A1C lowering, weight-lowering effect, and frequency of injection. If CVD, is present, consider GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit; oral or injectable GLP-1 RAs are appropriate.

^{3.} For people on GLP-1 RA and basal insulin combination, consider use of a fixed-ratio combination product (iDeqLira or iGlarLixi).

^{4.} Consider switching from evening NPH to a basal analog if the patient develops hypoglycemia and/or frequently forgets to administer NPH in the evening and would be better managed with a morning dose of a long-acting basal insulin. . Consider dosing NPH in the morning for steroid-induced hyperglycemia A1C, glycated hemoglobin; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DSMES, diabetes self-management education and support; FPG, fasting plasma glucose; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; GIP, glucose-dependent insulinotropic peptide; NPH, Neutral Protamine Hagedorn Diabetes Care 2025;48(Suppl. 1):S181-S206 | doi: https://doi.org/10.2337/dc25-S009

2025 ADA: Algorithm for intensifying to injectable therapies in T2D (2/2) (Figure 9.4; S192)



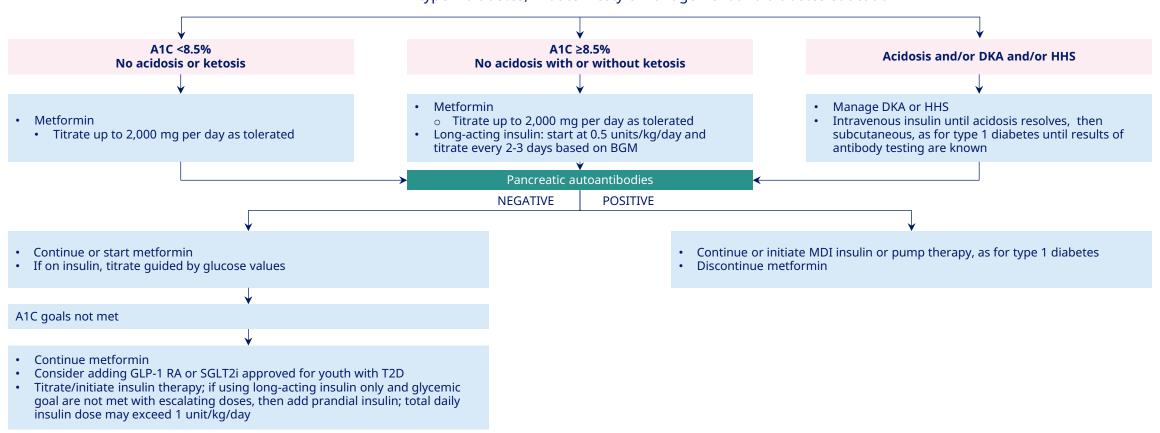
^{5.} Prandial insulin options include injectable rapid- and ultra-rapid-acting analog insulins, injectable short-acting human insulin, or inhaled human insulin.

^{6.} If adding prandial insulin to NPH, consider initiation of a self-mixed or premixed insulin plan to decrease the number of injections required.

A1C, glycated hemoglobin; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; GIP, glucose-dependent insulinotropic peptide; NPH, Neutral Protamine Hagedorn; PPG, postprandial glucose Diabetes Care 2025;48(Suppl. 1):S181–S206 | doi: https://doi.org/10.2337/dc25-S009

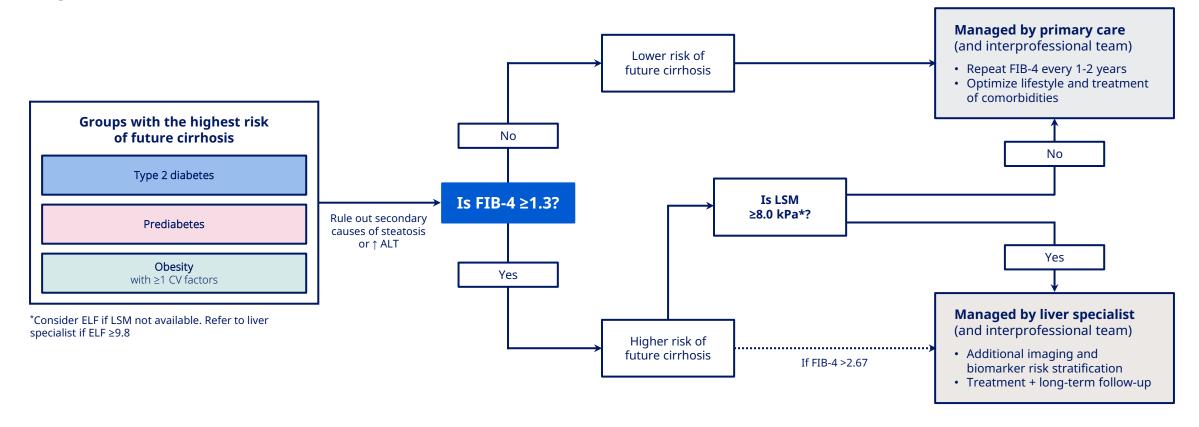
2025 ADA: Management of new-onset diabetes in youth with overweight or obesity with clinical suspicion of type 2 diabetes (Figure 14.1; S295)

For new-onset diabetes in youth with overweight or obesity with clinical suspicion of type 2 diabetes, initiate lifestyle management and diabetes education



2025 ADA: Diagnostic Algorithm for the Prevention of Cirrhosis in People with Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD)

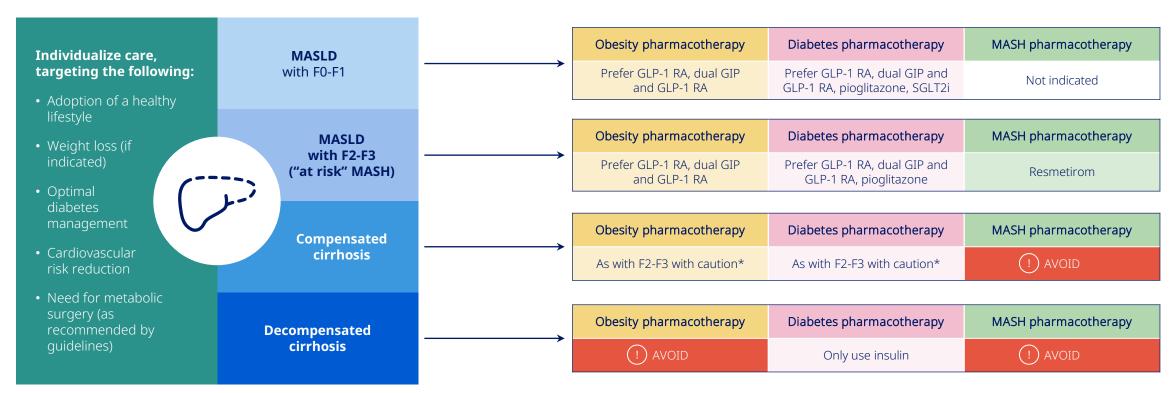
(Figure 4.2; S74)



ADA 2025: Metabolic Dysfunction–Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD) Treatment Algorithm

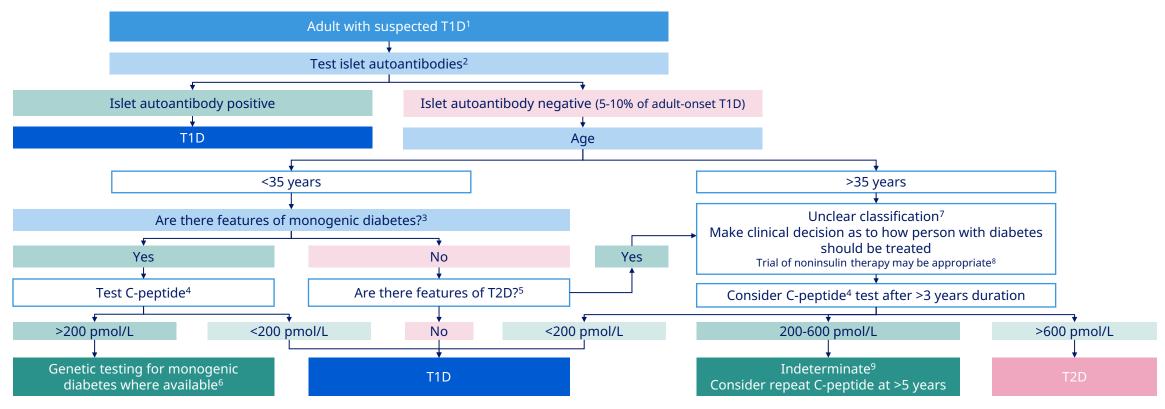
(Figure 4.3; S76)

Metabolic Dysfunction–Associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD) Treatment Algorithm



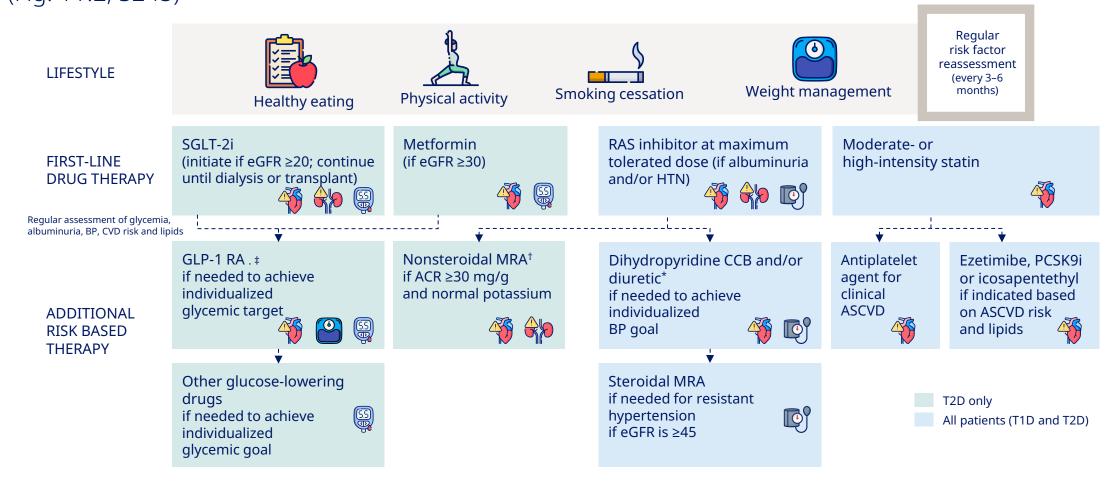
Flowchart for investigation of suspected type 1 diabetes in newly diagnosed adults, based on data from White European populations

(Fig. 2.1; S31)



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ADA 2025: Holistic approach for improving outcomes in patients with diabetes and CKD (Fig. 11.2; S245)



^{*}ACEi or ARB (at maximal tolerated doses) should be first-line therapy for HTN when albuminuria is present. Otherwise, CCB or diuretic can also be considered; all 3 classes are often needed to attain BP targets. eGFR is presented in units of mL/min/1.73m2 †Finerenone is currently the only ns-MRA with proven clinical kidney and cardiovascular benefits. ‡Semaglutide can be used as another first-line agent for people with CKD.

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Decision cycle for person-centered glycemic management in T2D

(Fig. 4.1; S60)

Review and agree on management plan

- Review management plan
- · Mutually agree on changes
- Ensure agreed modification of therapy is implemented in a timely fashion to avoid therapeutic inertia
- Undertake decision cycle regularly (at least once or twice a year)
- Operate in an integrated system of care

Provide ongoing support and monitoring of

- Emotional well-being
- Lifestyle and health behaviors
- Tolerability of medications
- Biofeedback including BGM/CGM, weight, step count, A1C, blood pressure, lipids

Implement management plan

 Ensure there is regular review; more frequent contact initially is often desirable for DSMES

Agree on management plan

Specify SMART goals:

- Specific
- Measurable
- **A**chievable
- **R**ealistic
- Time limited



Assess key person characteristics

- The individual's priorities
- Current lifestyle and health behaviors
- Comorbidities (i.e., CVD, CKD, HF)
- Clinical characteristics (i.e., age, A1C, weight)
- Issues such as motivation, depression and cognition
- Social determinants of health

Consider specific factors that impact choice of treatment

- Individualized glycemic and weight goals
- Impact on weight, hypoglycemia, and cardiovascular and kidney protection
- Underlying physiological factors
- · Side effect profiles of medications
- Complexity of treatment plan, i.e., frequency, mode of administration
- Treatment choice to optimize medication use and reduce treatment discontinuation
- Access, cost, availability of medication and lifestyle choices

Use shared decision-making to create a management plan

- Ensures access to DSMES
- Involves an educated and informed person (and the individual's family/caregiver)
- Explore personal preferences
- Language matters (include person-first, strengths based, empowering language
- Includes motivational interviewing, goal setting, and shared decision-making

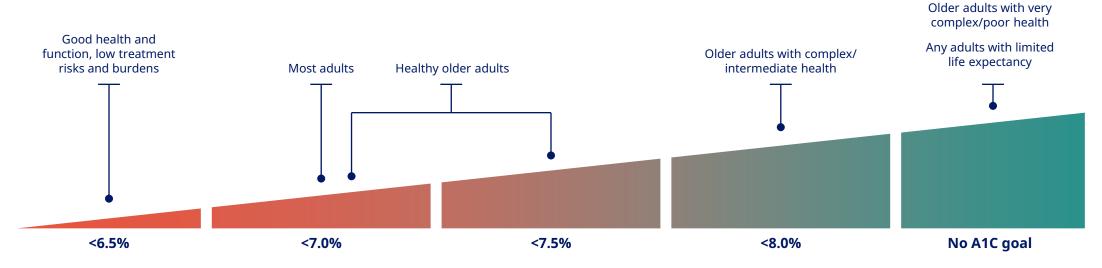
; BGM, blood glucose monitoring; CGM, continuous glucose monitoring; CGM, continuous glucose monitoring; CKD, Chronic Kidney Disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DSMES, Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; HF, Heart Failure; SMBG, self measured blood glucose; T2D, type 2 diabetes; Adapted from Davies et al (324)

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ADA 2025: Individualized A1C goals for nonpregnant adults

(Fig. 6.2; S133)

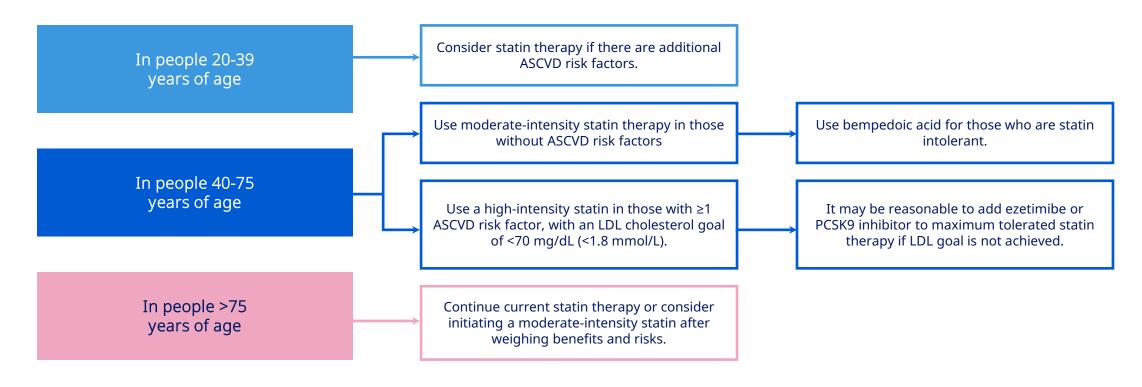


Modifying Factors

Favor more stringent goal	Favor less stringent goal			
Short diabetes duration	Long diabetes duration			
Low hypoglycemia risk	High hypoglycemia risk			
Low treatment risks and burdens	High treatment risks and burdens			
Pharmacotherapy with cardiovascular, kidney, weight or other benefits	Pharmacotherapy without nonglycemic benefits			
No cardiovascular complications	Established cardiovascular complications			
Few or minor comorbidities	Severe, life-limiting comorbidities			

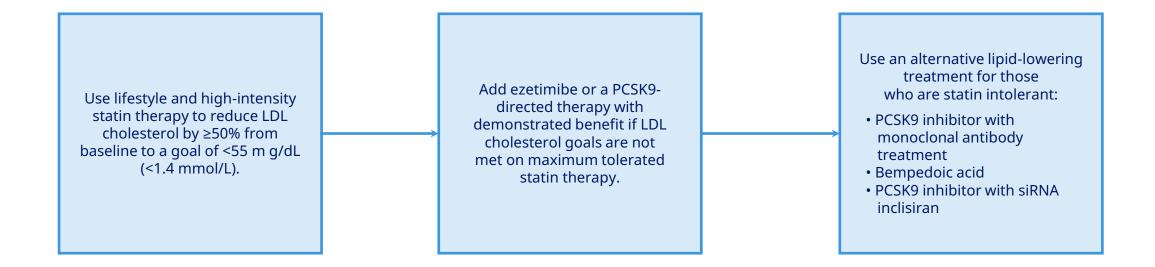
ADA 2025: Lipid Management for Primary Prevention of Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Events in People With Diabetes in Addition to Healthy Behavior Modification (Fig.10.3, S216)

Lipid Management for Primary Prevention of Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Events in People with Diabetes in Addition to Healthy Behavior Modification



ADA 2025: Lipid Management for Secondary Prevention of Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Events in People With Diabetes

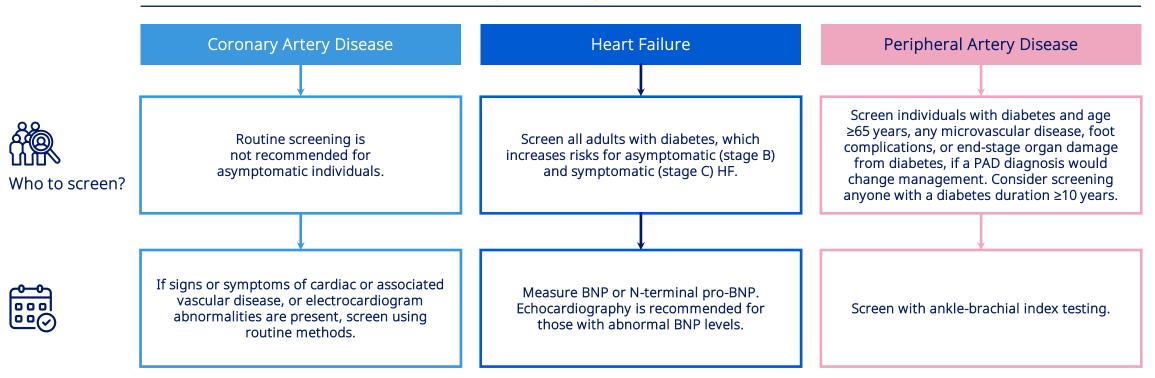
(Fig.10.4, S217)



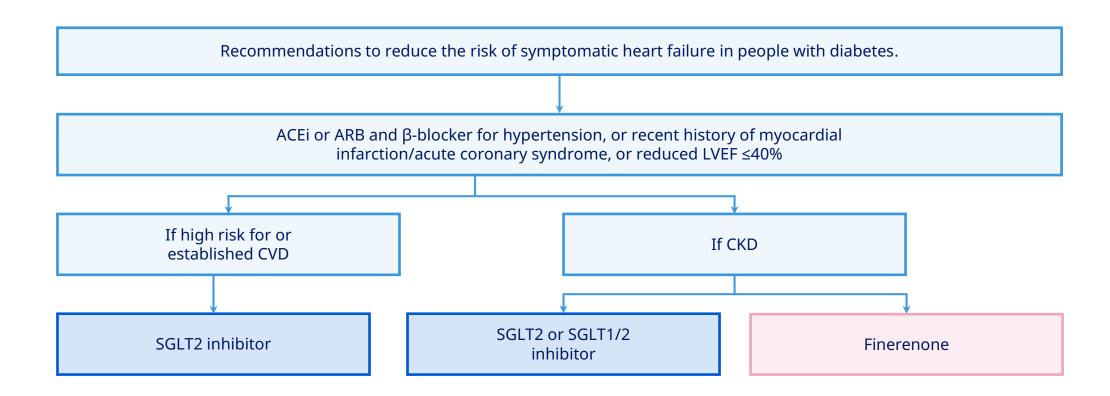
ADA 2025: Recommendations for screening of asymptomatic and undiagnosed cardiovascular disease

(Fig.10.5, S224)

Screening for Undiagnosed Cardiovascular Disease

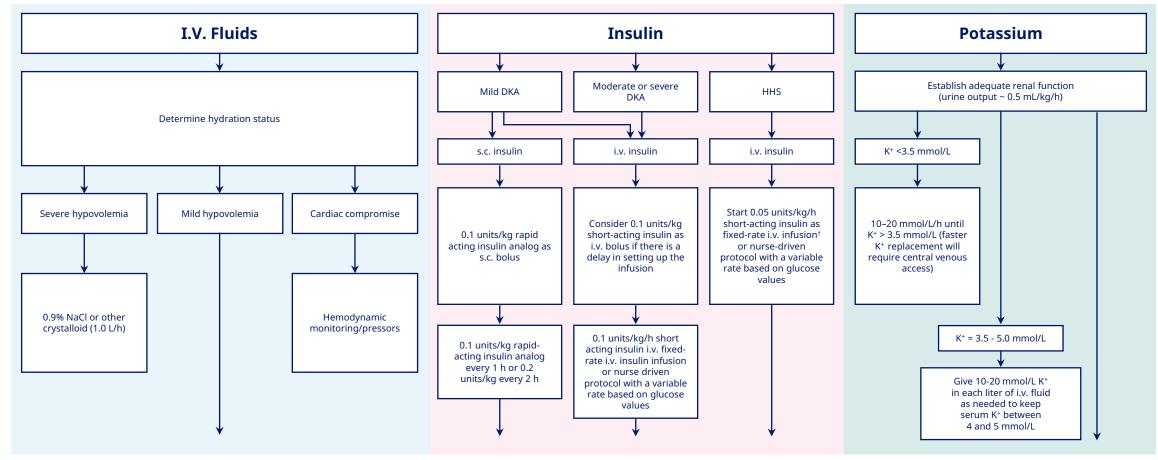


ADA 2025: Overview of recommendations for the prevention of the development of symptomatic heart failure in people with diabetes (Fig.10.6, S226)



ADA 2025: Treatment pathways for diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) and hyperglycemic hyperosmolar state (HHS) (1/2)

(Fig.16.1, S329)

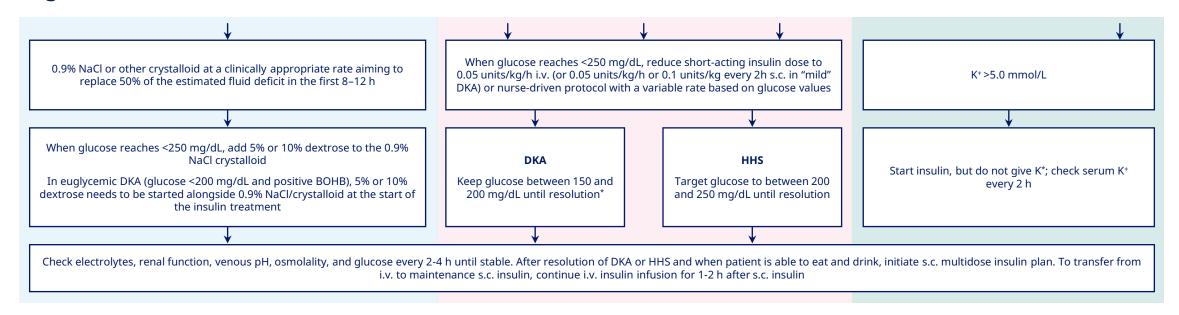


⁺ Some have recommended that insulin be withheld until glucose has stopped dripping with fluid administration alone NaCl, sodium chloride; K, potassium; IV, intravenous, s.c. subcutaneous Diabetes Care 2025;48(Suppl. 1):5321-5334 | doi: https://doi.org/10.2337/dc25-5016

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ADA 2025: Treatment pathways for diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) and hyperglycemic hyperosmolar state (HHS) (2/2)

(Fig.16.1, S329)



- * Definitions of resolution (use clinical judgment and do not delay discharge or level of care if these are not met):
 - > DKA: Venous pH >7.3 or bicarbonate >18 mmol/L and plasma/capillary ketones <0.6 mmol/L
 - > **HHS**: Calculated serum osmolality falls to <300 mOsm/ kg and urine output is >0.5 mL/kg/h and glucose is <250 mg/dL

150 mg/dL = 8.3 mmol/L 200 mg/dL = 11.0 mmol/L 250 mg/dL = 13.9 mmol/L 300 mg/dL = 16.6 mmol/L

- Bicarbonate should only be considered if pH is <7.0
- Phosphate should not be given unless there is muscle weakness, respiratory compromise, and a phosphate <1.0 mmol/L

Features of medications for lowering glucose in type 2 diabetes (1/2) Table 9.2; S191

				CV offects		(GIB)		
(route of	Glucose lowering efficacy ¹	Hypoglycemia risk	Weight effects ²	CV effects		Kidney effects		MASH Effects
				Effect on MACE	Effect on HF	Progression of CKD	Dosing / Use considerations*	
Metformin (oral)	High	No	Neutral (potential for modest loss)	Potential benefit	Neutral	Neutral	Contraindicated with eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m ²	Neutral
SGLT2 inhibitors (oral)	Intermediate to high	No	Loss (intermediate)	Benefit: canagliflozin, empagliflozin	Benefit: canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin, ertugliflozin	Benefit: canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin	 See labels of individual agents for dosage considerations for kidney function Glucose-lowering effect is minimal at eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m² and lower; continue for cardio-vascular and kidney benefit until dialysis or transplantation 	Unknown
GLP-1 RAS (SQ; semaglutide also available in oral formulation)	High to very high	No	Loss (intermediate to very high)	Benefit: dulaglutide, liraglutide, semaglutide (SQ)	Neutral	Benefit for renal end points in CVOTs, driven by albuminuria outcomes: dulaglutide, liraglutide, semaglutide (SQ)	No dose adjustment for dulaglutide,	Potential benefit
				Neutral: exenatide once weekly, lixisenatide		Demonstrated benefit for progression of CKD for semaglutide (SQ)		
Dual GIP and GLP-1 RA (SQ)	Very high	No	Loss (very high)	Under investigation	Under investigation	Under investigation	 See labels of individual agents for dosage considerations for kidney function No dose adjustment Monitor kidney function when initiating or escalating doses in individuals with kidney impairment reporting severe adverse GI reactions 	Potential benefit

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; DKA, diabetic ketoacidosis; DPP-4, dipeptidy peptidase 4; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FDA, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; GI, gastrointestinal; GIP, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MASH, metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2; SQ, subcutaneous; T2D, type 2 diabetes. *For agent-specific dosing recommendation, please refer to manufacturers' prescribing information. 1Tsapas et al. (241). Adapted from Davies et al. (89).

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Features of medications for lowering glucose in type 2 diabetes (2/2) Table 9.2; S191

(route of	Glucose lowering efficacy ¹	Hypoglycemia risk	Weight effects ²	CV effects		Kidney effects		MASH Effects
				Effect on MACE	Effect on HF	Progression of CKD	Dosing / Use considerations*	Effects
DPP-4 inhibitors (oral)	Intermediate	No	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral (potential risk: saxagliptin)	Neutral	 Dose adjustment required based on kidney function (sitagliptin, saxagliptin, alogliptin) No dose adjustment required for linagliptin 	Unknown
Pioglitazone (oral)	High	No	Gain	Potential benefit	Increased risk	Neutral	 No dose adjustment required Generally, not recommended in kidney impairment due to potential for fluid retention 	Potential benefit
Sulfonylureas (2 nd generation) (oral)	High	Yes	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	 Glyburide: generally, not recommended in CKD Glipizide and glimepiride: initiate conservatively to avoid hypoglycemia 	Unknown
Insulin (human) (SQ; regular insulin also available as inhaled formulation)	High to very high	Yes	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Lower insulin doses required with a decrease in eGFR; titrate per clinical response	Unknown
Insulin (analogs) (SQ)								

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; DKA, diabetic ketoacidosis; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase 4; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FDA, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; GI, gastrointestinal; GIP, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MASH, metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2; SQ, subcutaneous; T2D, type 2 diabetes. *For agent-specific dosing recommendations, please refer to manufacturers' prescribing information. 1Tsapas et al. (241). Adapted from Davies et al. (89).