

## THERAPEUTICS POTPOURRI

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## OBJECTIVES

- Discuss pharmacotherapeutic principles from case-based presentation.
- Review clinically relevant therapeutic information from the medical literature and updated clinical guidelines.
- Summarize up-to-date therapeutic concepts in the management of common primary care diseases.

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## CASE – MS

- 29 y/o WF admitted on 9/6 with fever, shaking chills, rash, back pain, blurred vision, severe abd pain
- PMH – epilepsy; suicide attempt 2y; med assistant at childrens' home
  - TMP/SMX; Ditropan; Mysoline; Pb; Valium; Ovril
- BP 130/80; RR 18; HR 95; T 38.6; wt 45 kg
  - Bilateral adnexal tenderness
  - Neg w/u, probably hysterical personality
  - Consider PID – ampicillin and gentamicin
- Continued to complain and demanded meperidine frequently

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## CASE – MS

- Observed to regulate IV & taking own meds
- 9/18 team started reducing meperidine despite patient demands
  - Requests transfer to another hosp on 9/19
- 9/19 at 0900 unresponsive
  - BP 102/64; HR 114; RR 10 & shallow
  - PG obtained and D50W administered
  - Transfer to ICU

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## CASE - MS - HOSP COURSE

- Tylenol tabs found in bed
  - Acetaminophen level ordered - **not stat**
- PG < 10, started D10W
- ABGs on RA
  - pO2 105; pCO2 25; **pH 7.21; HCO3 10**
  - NaHCO3 administered

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## CASE - MS - HOSP COURSE

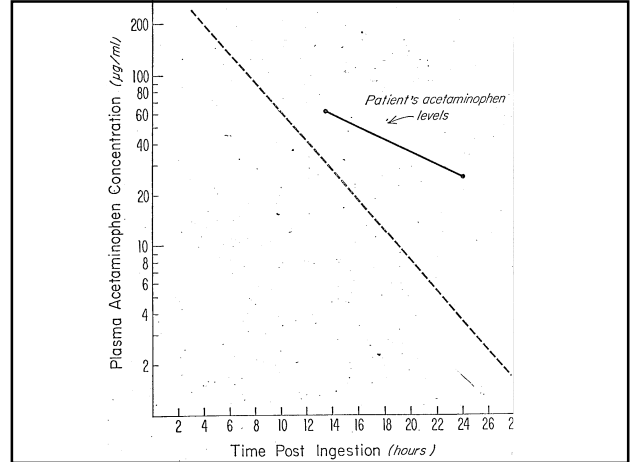
- History from boyfriend
  - Brought in bottle of Tylenol 100 tabs evening of 9/18 per pts request
  - Stated she was not getting enough pain meds
  - She told him she could take up to 2000 tabs before being harmful
  - He believed her because of her job as a MA
  - She took about 50 tabs at about 1900 on 9/18

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### CASE - MS - HOSP COURSE

- Tab count produced 37 tabs left with unknown number in bed
- Dose about 16 g (about 355 mg/kg)
- Acetaminophen level of 61 mcg/mL about 14 h post ingestion
- NAC po started about 1800 on 9/19

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	9/11	9/19	9/20 0830	9/21	9/23
<b>Wt</b>	46.4	45.2		54.7	
<b>Cr</b>	0.8	1.2	0.9	3.4	5.8
<b>Bili</b>	0.5	1.7	3.7	4.6	5.6
<b>LDH</b>	205	595	11,200		3407
<b>AST</b>	30	371	9760		18
<b>ALT</b>			2340	5800	4680
<b>Lactate</b>	13		18.9	11.9	26.1
<b>PT</b>	10.8		49	32	25.3
<b>PTT</b>	31.8		55.1	65.5	
<b>PCO2</b>			17	29	49
<b>HCO3</b>			7	16	19
<b>pH</b>			7.22	7.37	7.19

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### CASE - MS - HOSP COURSE

- 9/20 at 1100 BP 80/40; HR 120
  - Started dopamine
  - Abnl coags, ABGs, renal function, LFTs,
  - Decreased mental function – lactulose
- 9/21
  - Pulmonary edema – intubated
- 9/22
  - Anasarca, hemodialysis,
  - Failed to assist vent, tachy arr
- 9/23
  - Hypotension despite fluid, levophed & dopamine
  - 0635 asystole

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### PATH REPORT

- Widespread hepatic necrosis
  - Severe hepatocellular fatty metamorphosis
  - Parenchymal widespread hemorrhage in centrilobular areas
  - Massive necrosis of hepatocellular elements
- CNS – severe cerebral edema
- Pulm – bilateral congestion & severe edema

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### CASE

- 12/15/22 64 y/o male
  - **Jaundice since 11/30/22**
  - 15 mon prior Melanoma on face with > 20 lymph nodes on PET scan – treated with chemo
  - 12 mon prior PET scan unchanged
    - **Immune check point inhibitor therapy started Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)**
  - c/o difficulty with swallowing and dry mouth for 3 months – AE? – also has multiple system atrophy
  - PET scan July clear
    - **d/c Keytruda 5 mon prior**
  - Increased LFTs

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- 12/17 onset encephalopathy
- Dx – **Autoimmune drug-induced hepatitis**
  - 12/15 Bx 50% necrosis, **12/19 bx 90% necrosis**
  - **INR 6, TBili 26**
  - High dose steroids, plasma exchange X 2, NAC
- **Died 12/25/22**

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## DRUG-INDUCE LIVER INJURY (DILI) CATEGORIES

- Intrinsic or Idiosyncratic
- **Intrinsic (direct) hepatotoxins**
  - **Predictable and reproducible**
  - **Dose-dependent** hepatocellular necrosis
  - Onset within hours-days
  - Drug or metabolites cause hepatotoxicity
    - Induce mitochondrial dysfunction & affect bile acid hemeostasis
  - **Acetaminophen**, Amanita phalloides mushroom (amatoxin), FeSO<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, phosphorus

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## CATEGORIES OF DILI

- **Idiosyncratic hepatotoxicity**
  - **Unpredictable** – Not related to dose for occurrence or severity
  - Risk factors
    - Smoking, EtOH, drug-related factors, **host factors** (i.e., genetic, age, gender, immune,)
  - Mediated by **adaptive immune activation**
    - **Response of drug or metabolite (drug-altered peptide, hapten) that binds to hepatocyte proteins triggering immune response with tissue damage**
  - **Latency wks to ≥ 1 year**
    - **May occur after the drug has been stopped**

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## CATEGORIES OF DILI

- Idiosyncratic hepatotoxicity (continued)
  - **Hypersensitivity – immune-mediated**
    - Positive with rechallenge of drug
    - Phenytoin, **amoxicillin-clavulanate**, erythromycin, sulfonamides, diclofenac, carbamazepine, sulindac, **immune checkpoint inhibitors**
  - **Metabolic injury – from reactive metabolites**
    - Genetic polymorphism leading to formation of a toxic metabolite
    - INH, ketoconazole, disulfiram, valproate, amiodarone

Dis Mon 08;54:457-85      Clin Liver Dis 09;13:277-94      Clin Liver Dis 20;24:75-87  
 Int J Mol Sci 21;22:2954      ACG Guideline. Am J Gastroenterol 21;116:878-98  
 Ther Adv Gastroenterol 23;16:1-13      J Clin Transl Hepatol 23;11:1239-45  
 Sem Liver Dis 24;44:239-57      Toxics 24:12:421

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## CASE

- 79 y/o male on 10/22
  - Bilat maxillary sinus tenderness > 7 d
  - Influenza 2 wks ago
- PMH: CAD, gout, HTN, LDL, OA, Sz
  - Few crackles at L base
- CBC WNL, CXR neg
- Acute sinusitis post influenza
  - Secondary bacterial RTI after influenza
  - **Amoxicillin/Clavulanate** 875 mg 2xd X 10d
  - RTC 1 wk

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## 1 Week Later 10/30

- Neg for postnasal drainage, lungs clear
- Abd slightly tender to palpation, without masses
- CBC, CMP, UA, Lipase, abd xray, CT abd/pelvis
- Finish Augmentin
- Omeprazole 20 mg/d

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	5/28	2/20	10/30	11/12	11/20
Cr	1.2	1.2	1.3	1	2.2
Alb	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.9	4.1
<b>Alk Phos</b>	70	<b>71</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>TBili</b>	0.9	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>AST</b>	19	<b>19</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>ALT</b>	15	<b>14</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>

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### Amox/clav

- Most common cause of non-APAP DILI
- **8.6-43/100,000 Rx's – commonly used**
- **Immunoallergic & Idiosyncratic**
  - May see fever, rash, arthralgias, and eosinophilia but usually not prominent
  - Considered to be primarily due to **clavulanic acid** from rechallenge cases

J Antimicrob Chemother 11;66:1431-46  
Gastroenterol Clin N Am 46 (2017) 273-296  
Clin Liver Dis 21 (2017) 35-54  
<https://livertox.nlm.nih.gov//AmoxicillinClavulanate.htm>  
Prim Care Clin Office Pract 23;50:363-76 Sem Liver Dis 24;44:239-57

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### Amox/clav DILI

- **Usually cholestatic** – increased AP, Bili, GGT
- Some cases hepatocellular or mixed pattern
- **Often missed** since s/s often mild with delayed onset
  - Fatigue, low grade fever, nausea & abdominal pain, pruritus, jaundice
  - Onset few d to 8 wks (avg ~3 wks)
- **Rechallenge with amox/clav should be avoided**
  - **Amox is usually safe** except if due to PCN allergy

Gastroenterol Clin N Am 17;46:273-296 Clin Liver Dis 17;21:35-54  
<https://livertox.nlm.nih.gov//AmoxicillinClavulanate.htm> Clin Liver Dis 20;24:37-48  
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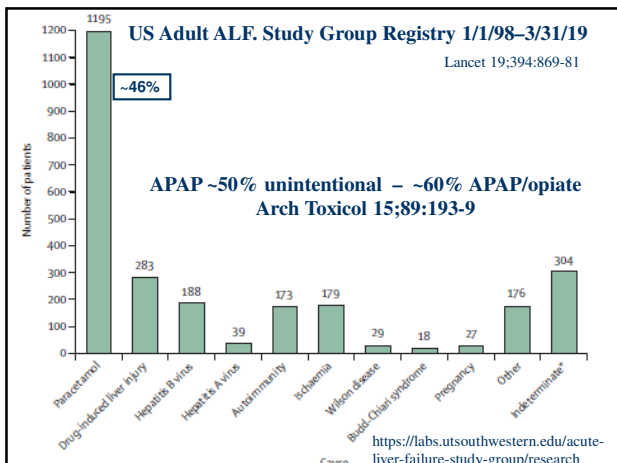
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### ACUTE LIVER FAILURE (ALF)

- INR > 2, ALT > 10xULN, Tbili > 3xUNL
- **> 50% due to drugs (DILI)**
  - Primary cause in US
- **75% APAP** – most common cause of ALF
  - **> 50% unintentional** – e.g. narcotic/APAP
- Non-APAP drug cases
  - Antibiotics most common
  - < 5/100,000 but many receive antibiotics

Hepatology 06;43:618-31 Cochrane Reviews 2006, Issue 2. NEJM 06;354:731-9  
J Antimicrob Chemother 11;66:1431-46 NEJM 13;369:2525-34  
Annu Rev Pathol Mech Dis 24;19:453-78

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### ACETAMINOPHEN

- N-acetyl-p-aminophenol (APAP)
- One of the most **commonly used drugs**
  - Ingredient in many OTCs and Rx products
  - Safe in recommended doses
- **Liver injury from:**
  - **Acute single dose OD**
  - **Repetitive excess dosing**
    - > 4 g/d of APAP

Toxicol Res 19;8:489-98 Am J Gastroenterol 23;118:1128-53

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## APAP LIVER INJURY

- **Classic predictable hepatotoxin (intrinsic)**
- **CYP450 2E1 metabolism to a highly reactive metabolite N-acetyl-p-benzoquinone imine (NAPQI)**
  - NAPQI detoxified by glutathione reactions to nontoxic metabolites
- Large doses deplete glutathione
  - NAPQI binds to hepatocytes – hepatotoxicity

Crit Care Clin 21;37:543-61 Biomed & Biotechnol 22 23:265-85  
Am J Gastroenterol 23;118:1128-53 Exp Biol Med 23;248:412-24  
Annu Rev Pathol Mech Dis 24;19:453-78

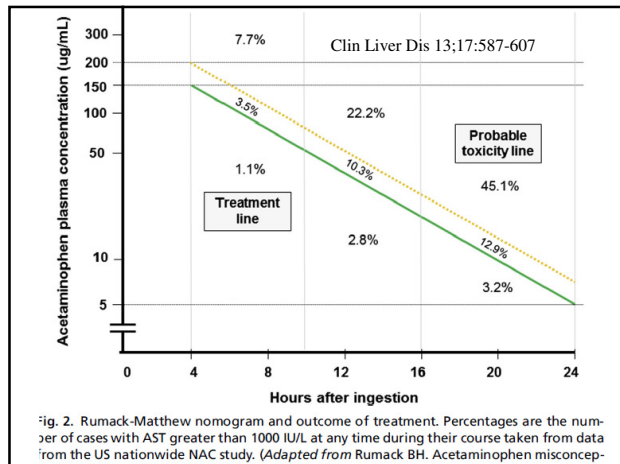
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## RISK OF TOXICITY

- Single dose >150-200 mg/kg or >7.5-10 g
  - Unreliable due to inaccurate history
  - Lower doses may be toxic in alcohol users or malnourished with low glutathione reserves
- Assess with APAP level > 4 h after ingestion
  - Rumack-Matthew nomogram – **ONLY USEFUL IN ACUTE OD**
  - **Toxic range treat with N-acetylcysteine**
  - Predicts ALT, AST and PT (INR) elevation
    - Does not predict survival or death

NEJM 97;337:1112-7 Hepatol. 2017 Dec; 67(6): 1324-31  
Crit Care Clin 21;37:543-61 Am J Gastroenterol 23;118:1128-53

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## Supratherapeutic Repeated Ingestions

- **Chronic toxicity**
  - No data on specific threshold – **Nomogram no help**
  - **>4 g/d; eg, 6-10 gm/d over several days**
  - Easy to exceed this dose with multiple APAP containing OTC and Rx (opioid combinations)
- Delay in onset & non-specific liver symptoms
  - May lead to poor outcomes

NEJM 97;337:1112-7 Hepatol. 2017 Dec; 67(6): 1324-31  
Crit Care Clin 21;37:543-61 Am J Gastroenterol 23;118:1128-53

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## APAP OD POSSIBLE INTERVENTIONS

- Inhibit absorption
  - **Activated charcoal if given < 4 h post ingestion**
- **Detoxify NAPQI or prevent toxic effects**
  - **N-acetylcysteine (NAC)**
  - NAC > survival with fulminant hepatic failure
- **ALF ~28% mortality**
  - **Up to 33% require liver transplant**
  - **Challenge is identifying those who will not survive**

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2006, Issue 2.  
Arch Toxicol 15;89:193-9 Clin Liver Dis 20;24:121-9 Crit Care Clin 21;37:543-61  
Am J Gastroenterol 23;118:1128-53

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## NAC

- Oral (Mucomyst) or IV (Acetadote)
  - 72 h oral vs. **21 h IV** – Or longer based on condition and lab values
- “no clear difference [efficacy] between oral and IV NAC administration or different intravenous protocols.”
- **Administer as soon as possible for significant acute ingestion – preferably ≤ 8-10 h**
  - Within 10 h – 76/1153 (7%) hepatotoxicity
  - > 10 h – 392/1435 (27%) hepatotoxicity

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2006, Issue 2. Crit Care Clin 21;37:543-61  
Annu Rev Pathol Mech Dis 24;19:453-78

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## CASE

- 36 y/o African American male
  - SOB, DOE, malaise, fatigue, bilateral LE edema
- PMH: HTN
- Meds: Lisinopril 20 mg/d – not taking, Meloxicam – not taking
- Biventricular HF with EF 25-30%
- Acute on CKD
- Start Carvedilol, Lisinopril, consistent with **GDMT** in setting of HFrEF
  - Can use nitrates and hydralazine if necessary

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## HF Guideline Directed Medical Therapy (GDMT)

- GDMT with the **highest expected benefit should be prioritized**
  - ↓ symptoms, hospitalizations, & mortality
- **1<sup>st</sup>-line meds**
  - ARNIs, ACEIs, ARBs, BBs, MRA, and **SGLT2i (Dapa, Empa, Sota)**
- **< 20% get GDMT “quad therapy”**
- **Improve HFrEF & CKD outcomes regardless of DM**

2024 ACC HFrEF J Am Coll Cardiol 24;83:1444-88  
2024 ACC Consensus Hospitalized JACC 8/8/24 Pharmacist's Letter, September 2024

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## GDMT

- Use **all 4 key med classes**
- **Initiate early and as rapid** as possible after diagnosis
  - May be able to start all 4 at same time at low doses
- Those **hospitalized initiate before discharge** and titrate to target doses outpatient
- **Reach target or max tolerated doses ≤ 3 mon**

2024 ACC HFrEF J Am Coll Cardiol 24;83:1444-88  
2024 ACC Consensus Hospitalized JACC, Aug 08, 2024. Epublished DOI: 10.1016/j.jacc.2024.06.002

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## NEWER T2DM THERAPY

- **Positive CV & renal outcome studies with GLP-1RA and SGLT2i**
- **Therapy not ONLY for glucose control anymore**
  - Shift from **glycemic control alone to simultaneous improvement of CV & renal outcomes**
- Guidelines now recommend **adding to metformin a SGLT2i or GLP-1RA for benefit in CVD, kidney disease, and HF**

Ann Intern Med 24;177:658-66 ADA 2024 Guideline

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## Na-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors (SGLT2i)

- Bexagliflozin (Brenzavvy)
- Canagliflozin (Invokana)
- Dapagliflozin (Farxiga)
- Empagliflozin (Jardiance)
- Ertugliflozin (Steglatro)
- Sotagliflozin (Inpefa) – dual SGLT1 & 2 inhibitor
- **COST ~\$55 (Bexagliflozin) ~\$600/mon**

Pharmacist's Letter/Pharmacy Technician's Letter/Prescriber Insights, August 2023  
Med Lett Drugs Ther 23;65:130-2

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## SGLT2i CV EFFECTS

- **Weight loss of ~2-4.7 kg**
- **Reduces pre-load and afterload – HF effects**
- **Osmotic diuresis – HF effects**
- **Reduces angiotensinogen – CV & HF**
- **Reduces total body Na – HF and BP lowering**
- **Decreases SBP ~2-10 mmHg & DBP ~1.3-1**
- **Reduces arterial stiffness – CV**
- **Improves endothelial dysfunction, inflammation**
- **Improves mitochondrial efficiency**
- **CV and Renal benefits**

JACC 18;72:1845-55 Diabetologia 18;61:2134-9 Med Clin N Am 21;105:955-66  
ADA Guidelines 2024 AACE 2023  
Pharmacist's Letter/Pharmacy Technician's Letter/Prescriber Insights, August 2023  
2024 ACC HFrEF J Am Coll Cardiol 24;83:1444-88 Prim Care Clin Office Pract 24;51:171-8

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## SGLT2i CARDIAC EFFECTS

- Benefits in HFrEF are attained **regardless** of DM, MRAs and/or ARNIs  
Butler J, Zannad F, Filippatos G, Anker SD, Packer M. opinion. ESC on line 9/15/20
- Reduce CV mortality and HF hospitalizations regardless of LVEF  
J Am Coll Cardiol 24;84:1089-90
- Lower risk vs. second-line therapy for CVD, CVA, AF, MI, HF  
Mayo Clin Proc 23;98:985-96
- Significant reduction in composite CV death or hospitalization for HF  
Am J Cardiol 24;218:24-31

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## SGLT2i RENAL EFFECTS

- Reversible decrease in eGFR during first 4 wks
- **Nephroprotective**
- **Reduces progressive decline of eGFR** with long-term use in CKD
- **Delay in micro- and macroalbuminuria**
- **Reduces albuminuria**
- **Reduces CV risk in CKD**  
Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 17;5:610-21 Circulation 18;137:119-29  
Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 18;13:318-20  
JACC 18;72:1845-55  
Med Lett Drugs Ther 2020 Nov 16;62(1611):e184-8  
Prim Care Clin Office Pract 22;49:315-26

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### 2021 Update to the 2017 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway for Optimization of Heart Failure Treatment: Answers to 10 Pivotal Issues About Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Solution Set Oversight Committee

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## AHA 2021 Stage C HFrEF Recommendations – Class I

- ARNI or ACEI or ARB
  - ARNI preferred
  - ACEI or ARB considered only if contraindications, intolerance or inaccessibility to ARNI
- Evidence-based  $\beta\beta$
- MRA in NYHA II-IV if no contraindications
- SGLT2i if no contraindications

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## 2024 ACC HFrEF STAGE C TREATMENT

- **All patients** with current or prior HF, irrespective of EF, should be considered for guideline-directed medical therapy (**GDMT**).
- **Class I recommendation**
  - **Initiate ARNI +  $\beta\beta$  + MRA + SGLT2i**
  - ARNI contraindications, intolerant or inaccessibility then consider **ACEIs or ARBs**
  - Persistent volume overload add **diuretic**
  - African-American symptomatic on GDMT add **hydralazine/isosorbide dinitrate**

2024 ACC HFrEF J Am Coll Cardiol 24;83:1444-88

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## GLP-1 Receptor Agonists (GLP-1RA)

- SC dosing except oral semaglutide
- Dulaglutide (Trulicity)
- Exenatide (Byetta), Exenatide ER (Bydureon BCise)
- Liraglutide (Victoza), (Saxenda for weight loss)
- Semaglutide (Ozempic), Oral (Rybelsus), (Wegovy SC for weight loss)
- Tirzepatide (Mounjaro) **GIP & GLP-1 receptor agonist**, (Zepbound for weight loss)
- **Costly** > \$800-1,300/month, weight loss ~\$1,300/mon, compounding due to shortage <\$

Med Lett Drugs Ther 24;66:e1-3  
Pharmacist's Letter/Pharmacy Technician's Letter/Prescriber Insights. August 2024

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## CV & Renal Benefits

- **CV benefit**
  - **Dulaglutide, liraglutide, semaglutide injection**
  - Reduce first occurrence CV death, nonfatal MI or CVA

NEJM 16;375:311-22 NEJM 16;375:1834-44 Lancet 18;392:1519-29  
Cleve Clin J Med 22;890:457-64 NEJM 23;389:2221-32  
Pharmacist's Letter/Pharmacy Technician's Letter/Prescriber Insights. August 2024

- **Modify risk factors for CKD progression and DM nephropathy**

- Promote diuresis and natriuresis
- **SGLT2 inhibitors are more effective**

NEJM 17;377:839-48 Cleve Clin J Med 22;890:457-64 AACE 2023 ADA 2023  
Pharmacist's Letter/Pharmacy Technician's Letter/Prescriber Insights. August 2023  
Expert Opin Drug Saf 24;23:797-810 NEJM 24;39:109-21

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## Semaglutide Eligibility Across All Current Indications for US Adults

- Semaglutide #1 in 2023 US \$13.8B
- Estimated 137M adults eligible
  - > 50% of all adults
  - Weight loss 129M
  - DM 35M
  - Secondary CV prevention 9M
- Potential transformative impact on population health
- >50% state difficult to afford

JAMA Cardiol. Research Letter. Published online November 18, 2024.  
doi:10.1001/jamacardio.2024.4657

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## ADA 2025 T2DM PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY

- **Shared decision-making**
- **Without** obesity, CV or renal risk
  - **Metformin** or other therapies to reach goal
- **Overweight or obesity**
  - Preferred should be **GLP-1RA or GIP/GLP-1 agonists (i.e., semaglutide or tirzepatide)**
- **ASCVD or high CVD risk, CKD, or HF**
  - Should include **SGLT2i &/or GLP-1 receptor agonist** with demonstrated CVD benefit recommended **irrespective of A1C**

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## ADA 2025 T2DM PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY

- **HFrEF or HFpEF**
  - **SGLT2i** recommended for prevention of HF hospitalizations irrespective of A1C
- **Symptomatic HFpEF and obesity**
  - **GLP-1 RA** is recommended with demonstrated reduction of HF related symptoms irrespective of A1C

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## ADA 2025 T2DM PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY

- **CKD (eGFR 20-60 and/or albuminuria)**
  - Should use **SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA** to reduce CKD progression and CV events irrespective of A1C
- **CKD (eGFR <30)**
  - **GLP-1RA** preferred due to lower risk of hypoglycemia and decrease CV events

Diabetes Care 25;48(Suppl 1):S181-206 |

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## **ACP NEWER TREATMENTS IN T2DM GUIDELINE**

- Recommend adding **SGLT-2i inhibitor or GLP-1RA to metformin** and lifestyle with **inadequate control** (strong recommendation; high-certainty evidence).
  - SGLT-2 inhibitor to reduce risk for all-cause mortality, MACE, progression of CKD, and HF hospitalization
  - GLP-1RA to reduce risk for all-cause mortality, MACE, and stroke

Ann Intern Med 24:177:658-66

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- **FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS SGLT2i**
- Bexagliflozin (Brenzavvy)
  - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in adults with T2DM
- Canagliflozin (Invokana)
  - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in adults with T2DM
  - **Reduce risk of MACE in adults with T2DM and established CVD**
  - **Reduce risk of ESKD, doubling of SCr, CV death, and hospitalization for HF in adults with T2DM and diabetic nephropathy** with albuminuria > 300 mg/d

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- Dapagliflozin (Farxiga)
  - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in adults with T2DM
  - **Reduce risk of hospitalization for HF in adults with T2DM and either established CVD or multiple CV risk factors**
  - **Reduce risk of CV death, hospitalization for HF, and urgent HF visit in adults with HF**
  - **Reduce risk of sustained eGFR decline, ESKD, CV death, and hospitalization for HF in adults with CKD at risk of progression**

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- Empagliflozin (Jardiance)
  - **Reduce risk of CV death and hospitalization for HF in adults with HF**
  - **Reduce risk of sustained decline in eGFR, ESKD, CV death, and hospitalization in adults with CKD at risk of progression**
  - **Reduce risk of CV death in adults with T2DM and established CVD**
  - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in  $\geq 10$  y with T2DM
- Ertugliflozin (Steglatro)
  - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in adults with T2DM

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- Sotagliflozin (Inpefa)
  - **No T2DM glycemic control indication**
  - **Reduce risk of CV death, hospitalization for HF, and urgent HF visit in adults with:**
    - HF
    - OR
    - T2DM, CKD, and other CV risk factors

FDA Prescribing Information

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## **Rx Patterns for SGLT2i in US Health Systems**

- US Rx rates for Class 1 recommendations regardless of DM from 2022-23
  - DM 63.4% had class 1 recommendation – **11.9% taking SGLT2i**
  - Without DM 6.2% had class 1 recommendation – **3.1% taking SGLT2i**
- **“SGLT2i Rx ... with a Class 1a recommendation is low. Interventions are needed to increase uptake of guideline-recommended SGLT2i use.”**

J Am Coll Cardiol 24:84:683-93

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## SGLT2i

- Effects on multiple organs and multiple diseases (e.g. DM, renal injury, HF, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease, inflammatory bowel disease, cognitive disorder)
  - Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD): AACE recommends as adjunctive therapy in patients with type 2 DM and NAFLD  
JAMA Intern Med 24;184:375-83
- PAD
- May slow aging, prevent disease and improve life expectancy  
Progress Cardiovascular Diseases 23;81:2-9

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## SGLT2i

- **HTN with co-morbidities, eg, HFrEF and T2DM**  
Endocr Pract 24;30:481-9
- **Potential anti-arrhythmic activity**
  - SGLT2i effect on Ca and Na and myocardial energy metabolism  
Cardiovascular Diabetology 24;23:252
- **Reduce risk of gout in T2DM**
  - May not be from a decrease in uric acid (uricosuric property) – **may be from metabolic and anti-inflammatory effects**  
Diabetes Obes Metab. 2023;25:2697–2703

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## SGLT2i

- **SGLT2i vs non-SGLT2i**
  - **Alzheimer's disease 19% reduced risk**
  - **Vascular dementia 31%**
  - **All-cause dementia 21%**
  - **Parkinson's disease 20%**
- **SGLT2i lower risk of sight-threatening retinopathy vs. DPP-4i, pioglitazone and sulfonylureas**  
Medscape Medical News. 9/13/24. Europ Assoc Study of Diabetes 2024 Annual Meeting  
JAMA Network Open 23;6:e2348431

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- **FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS GLP-1RA**
- **Dulaglutide (Trulicity)**
  - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in  $\geq 10$  y with T2DM
  - **Reduce risk of MACE** (CV death, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke) in adults **with T2DM who have established CVD or multiple CV risk factors.**
- **Exenatide**
  - Byetta
    - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in adults with T2DM
  - Bydureon BCise (exenatide ER)
    - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in  $> 10$  y with T2DM

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- **Liraglutide**
  - Victoza
    - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in  $> 10$  y with T2DM
    - **Reduce the risks of MACE in adults with T2DM and established CVD**
  - Saxenda – adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity for **chronic weight management** in:
    - Adults with initial BMI of  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> or  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> in presence of  $\geq 1$  weight-related comorbid condition (eg, HTN, T2DM, or dyslipidemia)
    - $\geq 12$  y with body weight above 60 kg (132 lbs) and initial BMI corresponding to  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> for adults (obese)

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- **Semaglutide**
  - Ozempic
    - Adjunct to diet and exercise to **improve glycemic control** in adults with T2DM
    - **Reduce risk of MACE in adults with T2DM and established CVD**
  - Wegovy – combination with a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity:
    - **Reduce risk of MACE in adults with established CVD and either obesity or overweight** NEJM 23;389:2221-32
    - Reduce excess body weight and maintain **weight reduction** long term:
      - $\geq 12$ y with obesity
      - Adults overweight in presence of  $\geq 1$  weight-related comorbidity
  - Rybelsus
    - Adjunct to diet and exercise to improve **glycemic control** in adults with T2DM

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## TIRZEPATIDE INDICATIONS

- Mounjaro
  - Adjunct to improve glycemic control in adults with T2DM
- Zepbound
  - Reduce excess body weight and maintain weight reduction long term in adults with obesity or adults with overweight in the presence of at least one weight-related comorbid condition
  - Treat moderate to severe OSA in adults with obesity – FDA-approved Dec 20, 2024

Lilly Prescribing information. Dec 2024

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## GLP-1RA UNDERUSE

- “Despite the recommendations of international guidelines, the **use of GLP-1RAs remains rather low in clinical practice and surprisingly even lower in patients with T2DM and ASCVD.**”
- “Bridging the gap between evidence-based CV protection and real-life GLP-1RA underuse in patients with T2DM at high CV risk is crucial from a public health viewpoint.”

Expert Opin Drug Saf 24;23:797-810

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## GLP-1RA USES

- **GLP-1 receptors** are expressed in CNS associated with food intake and chemical-related reward
  - Hypothalamus and brain stem
  - Mesolimbic dopamine system
  - Ventral tegmental area and nucleus accumbens
- **Current studies in process**
  - **Alcohol use disorder, Cocaine use disorder**
  - **Smoking cessation without weight gain**

Medical News & Perspectives. Could GLP-1RA Like Semaglutide Treat Addiction, Alzheimer Disease, and Other Conditions? JAMA 24;331:1519-21  
Ann Intern Med. Online July 30, 2024 Ann Intern Med 24;177:1016-27

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## GLP-1RA USES

- Anti-inflammatory properties
  - Decrease cytokines e.g., IL-17, TNF- $\alpha$ , NF $\kappa$ B.3, VEGF
- Depression
- Alzheimer disease
- Parkinson disease
- Asthma, COPD
- PCOS
- Psoriasis
- (MASH) Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis
- Neuro-ophthalmic
  - Diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, & idiopathic intracranial HTN

Explor Drug Sci 23;1:221-38  
Medical News & Perspectives. Could GLP-1RA Like Semaglutide Treat Addiction, Alzheimer Disease, and Other Conditions? JAMA 24;331:1519-21  
Ann Med 24;56:2357737

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## Compounding when Drugs are on FDA’s Drug Shortages List 12/18/24

- Outsourcing facilities are restricted from making essentially a copy of FDA-approved drug
- Limitation is not applicable for identical or nearly identical copies of FDA-approved drug that is on the FDA’s drug shortages list
- When a drug is on FDA’s drug shortages list, an outsourcing facility can use a bulk drug substance, also known as an active pharmaceutical ingredient, to make that drug

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/human-drug-compounding/compounding-when-drugs-are-fdas-drug-shortages-list>

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## Resolution of Shortages of Tirzepatide Injection Products (Mounjaro and Zepbound)

- Added to shortage list Dec 15, 2022
- FDA removed from list Oct 2, 2024
- FDA revoked and replaced order Dec 19, 2024
- Shortage is resolved – Lilly’s supply is meeting or exceeding demand with adequate reserves
- Some may still be currently encountering challenges in obtaining Lilly’s product
  - May be explained by dynamics of supply chain

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### Resolution of Shortages of Tirzepatide Injection Products (Mounjaro and Zepbound)

- “significant compounding of tirzepatide injection products is occurring, and that some number of patients currently receiving those products can be expected to seek Lilly’s approved products at a future point when compounding is curtailed.”

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### Resolution of Shortages of Tirzepatide Injection Products (Mounjaro and Zepbound)

- “FDA does not intend to take action against compounders for violations ... from ... tirzepatide injection products’ inclusion on the FDA drug shortage list for the following time periods from date of this order”
  - State-licensed pharmacists/physicians compounding – 60 calendar days until Feb 18, 2025
  - Outsourcing facilities – 90 calendar d until Mar 19, 2025

FDA Declaratory Order Dec 19, 2024 <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-clarifies-policies-compounders-national-glp-1-supply-begins-stabilize>

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