

# Optimising Multifactorial Care

## Type 2 Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease

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# Evidence for multifactorial care

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# What do multifactorial and optimisation mean?

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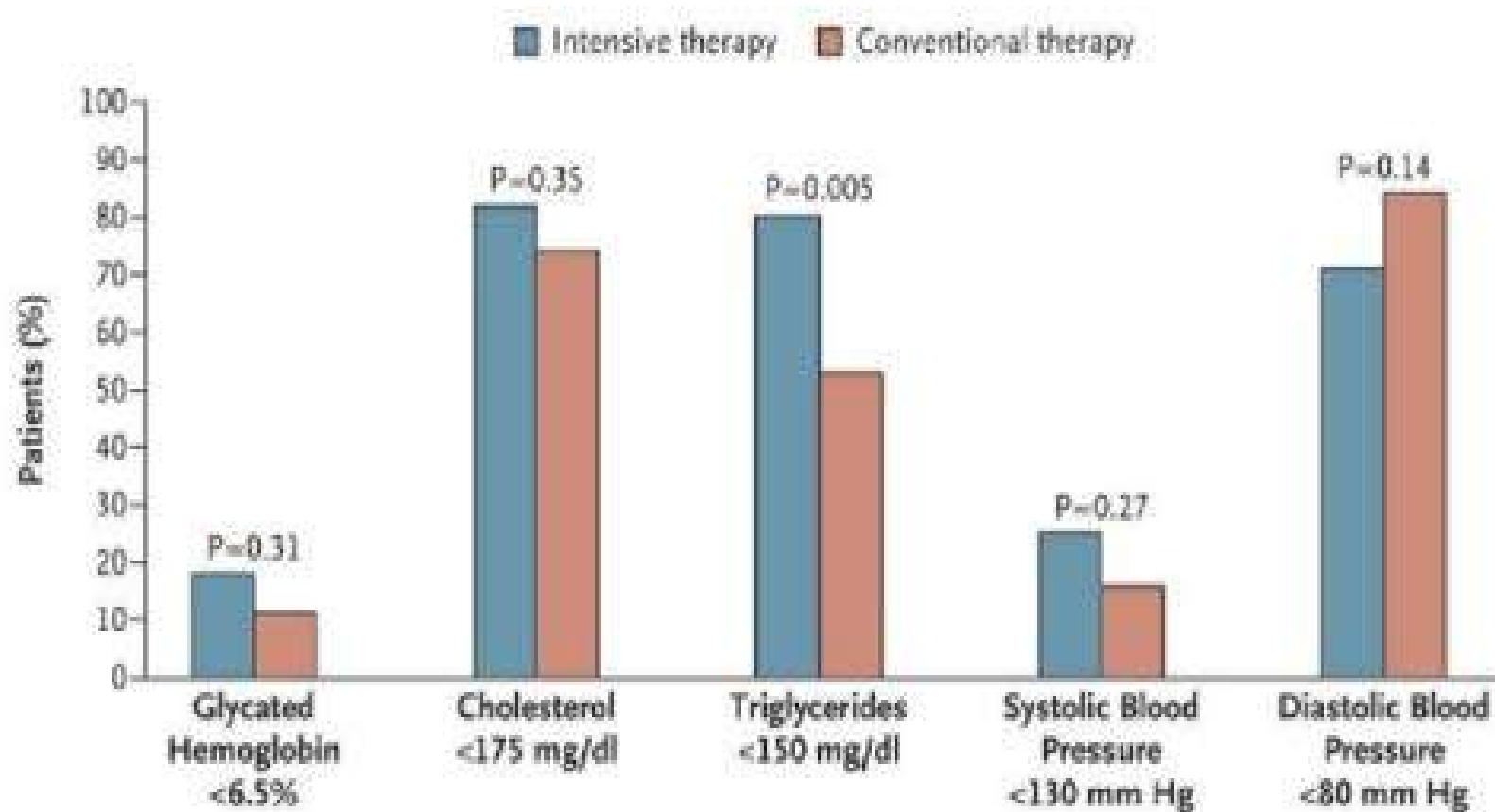
## Multifactorial

- An **individualised** multifactorial intervention is an **intervention with multiple components** that aims to address the **risk factors** that are identified based on an assessment of risk.
- Interventions can either be individualised or where the **same component interventions are provided to all people**

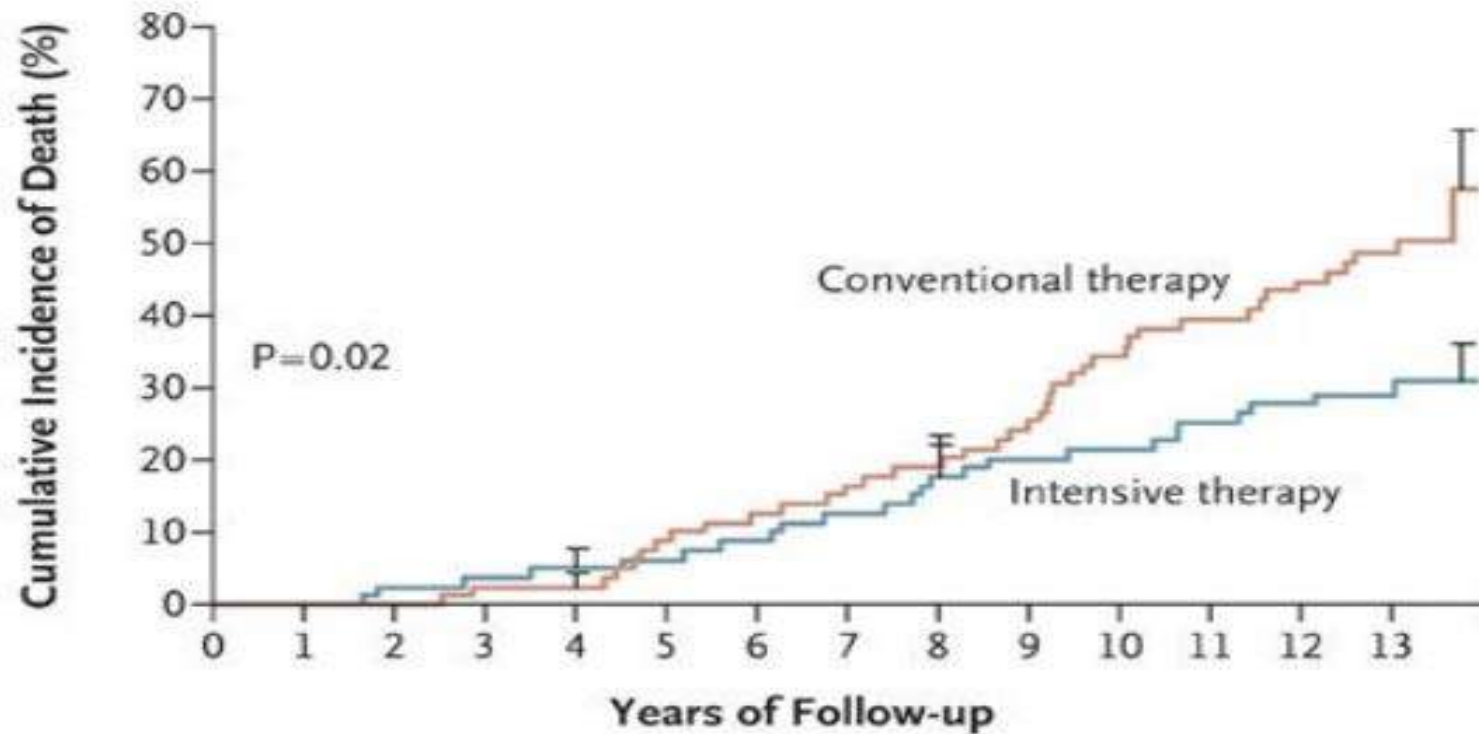
## Optimisation

- Medicines optimisation is defined as 'a **person-centred approach** to safe and **effective medicines use**, to ensure people obtain the **best possible outcomes** from their medicines. Medicines optimisation applies to people who may or may not take their medicines effectively. **Shared decision-making is an essential part** of evidence-based medicine, seeking to use the best available evidence to guide decisions about the care of the individual patient, taking into account their needs, preferences and values

# Steno-2 Study- Treatment goals for the intensive-therapy group



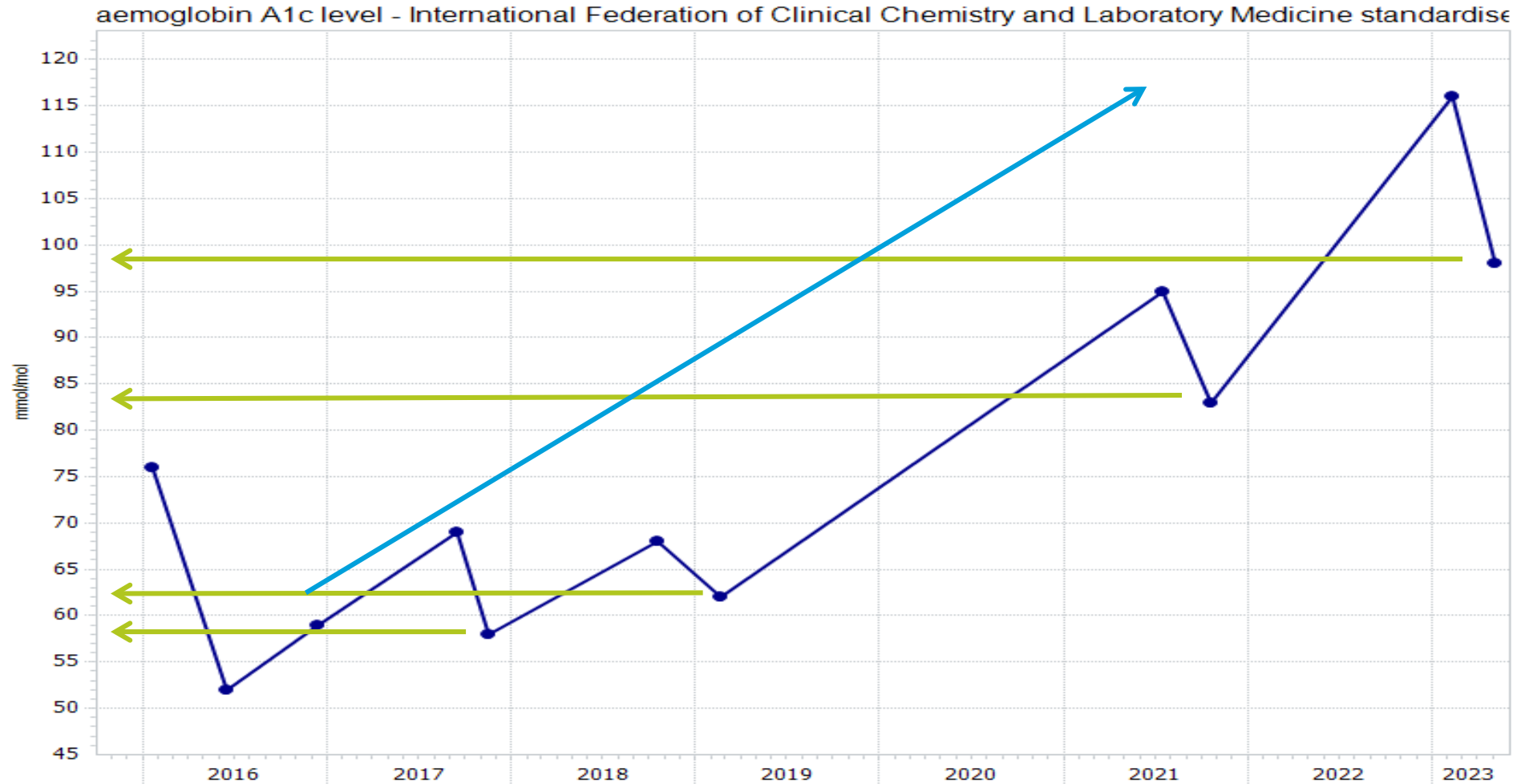
## Steno -2. Cumulative incidence of the risk of death from any cause (Primary end point)



# Glucose control

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# A (fairly) typical glycaemic pattern

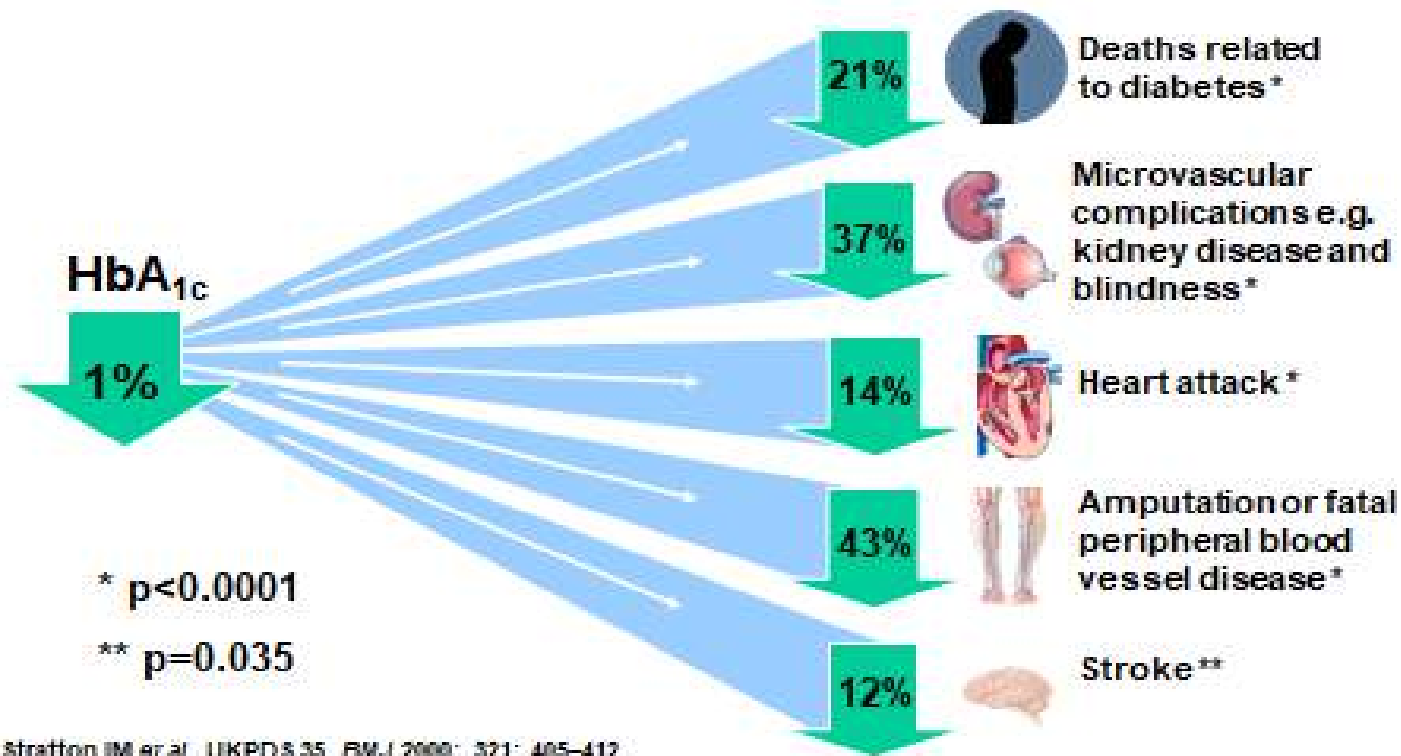




# Why bother with HbA<sub>1c</sub>?

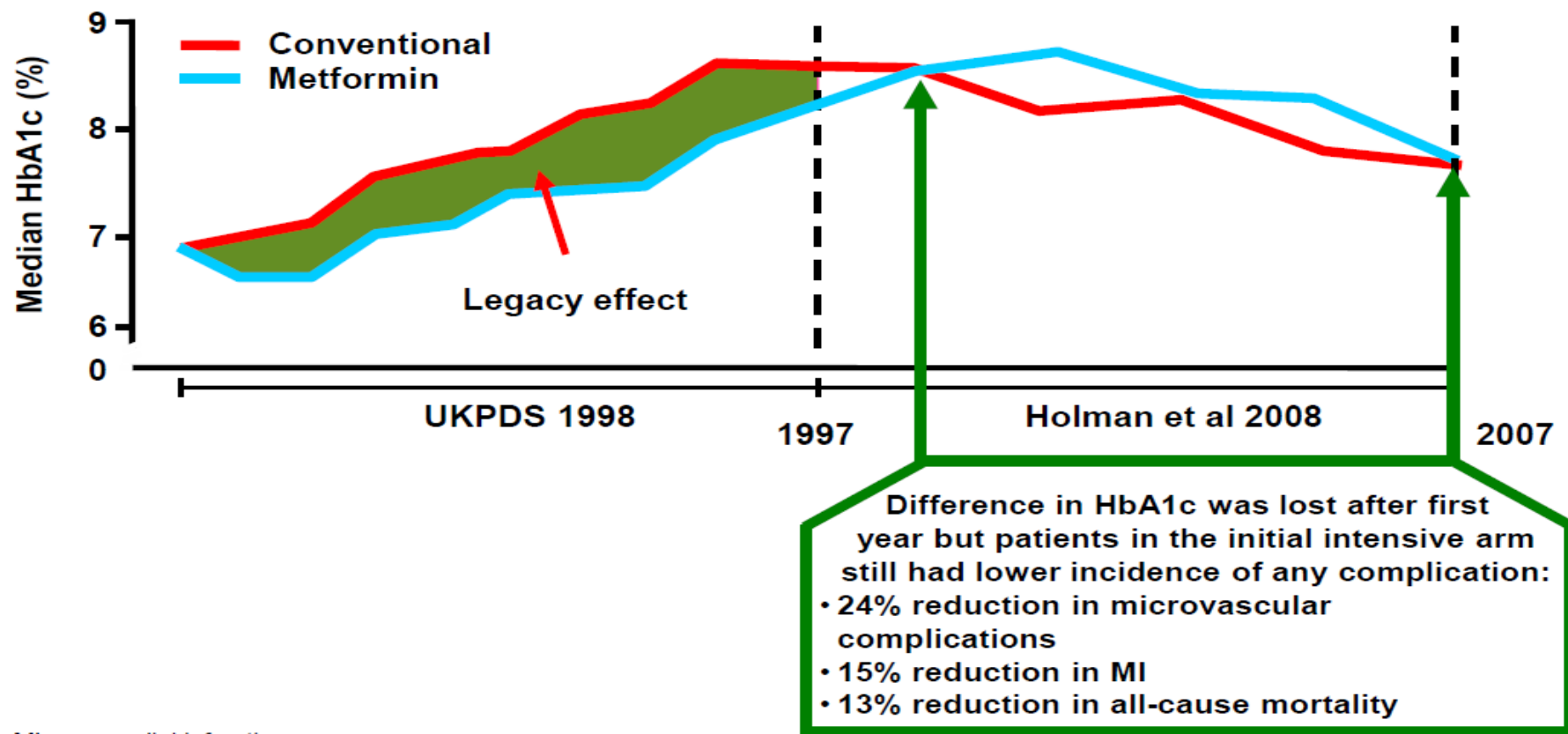
## UKPDS: Tight glycaemic control reduces complications

Epidemiological extrapolation showing benefit of a 1% reduction in mean HbA<sub>1c</sub>



Stratton IM et al. UKPDS 35. BMJ 2000; 321: 405-412

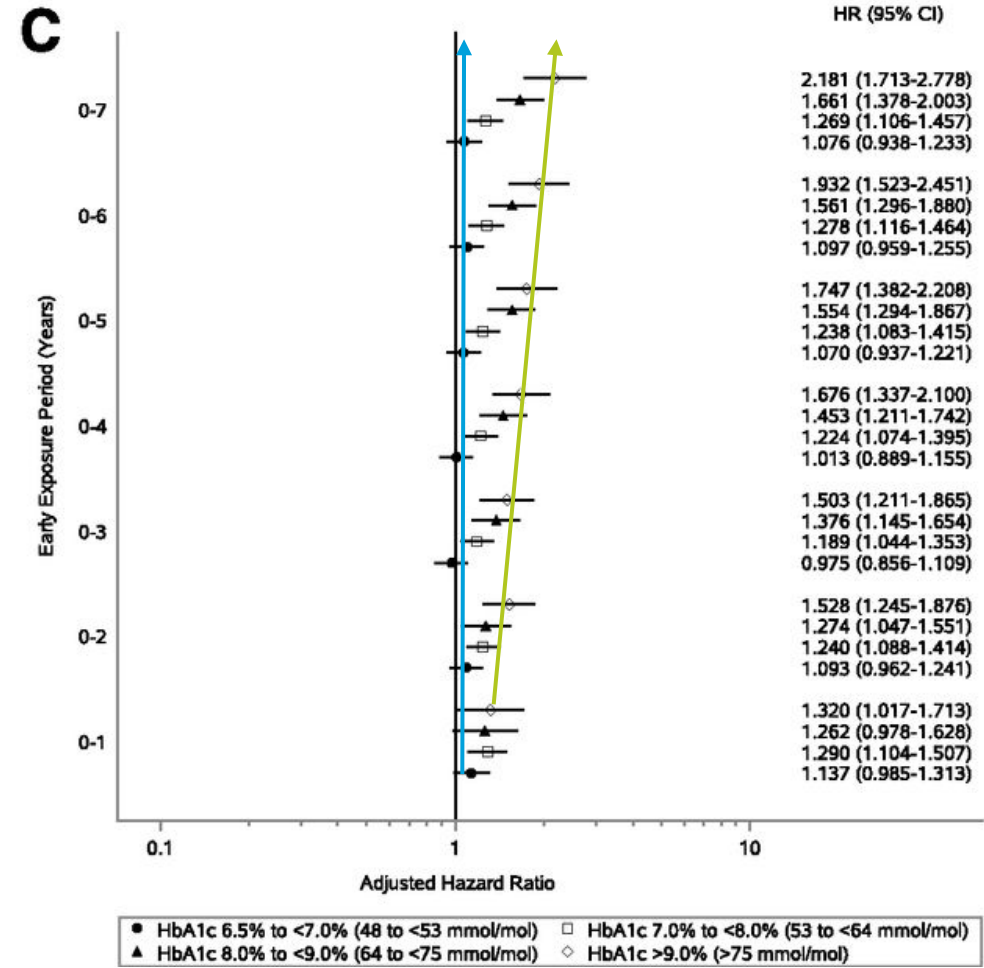
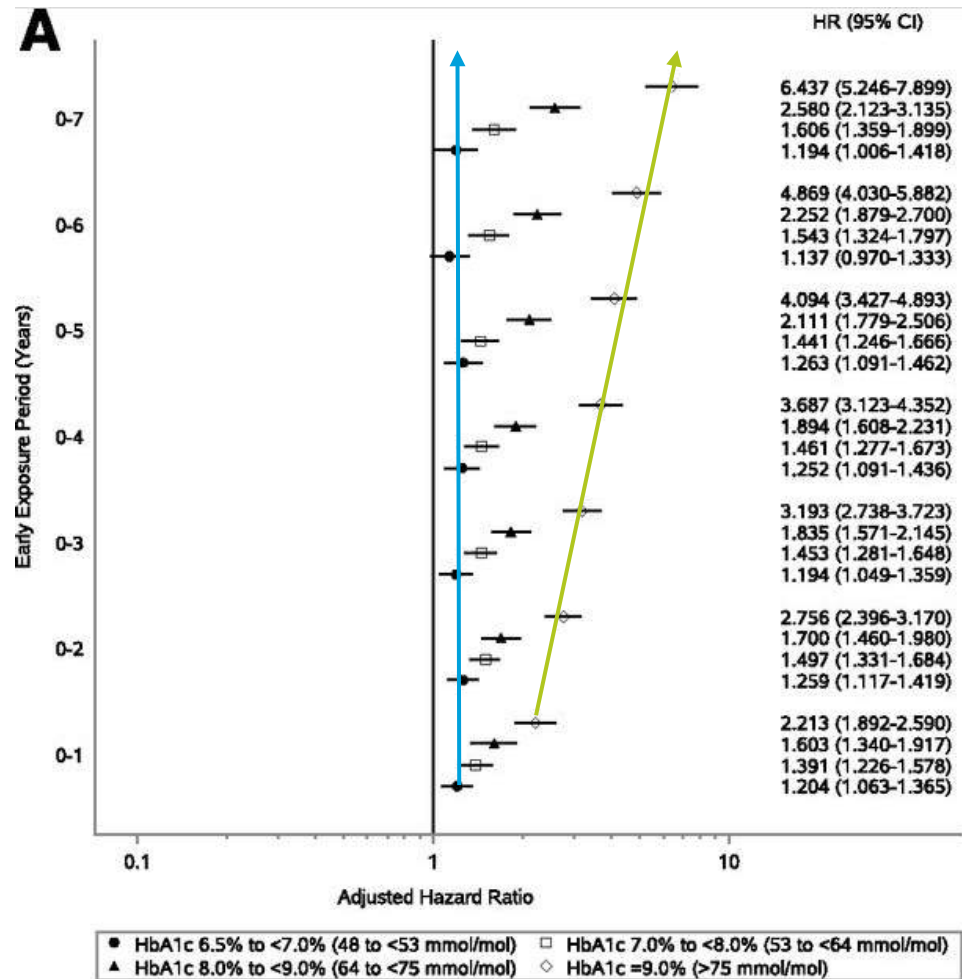
# Targeting: Achieving early glycaemic control which may generate a good legacy effect



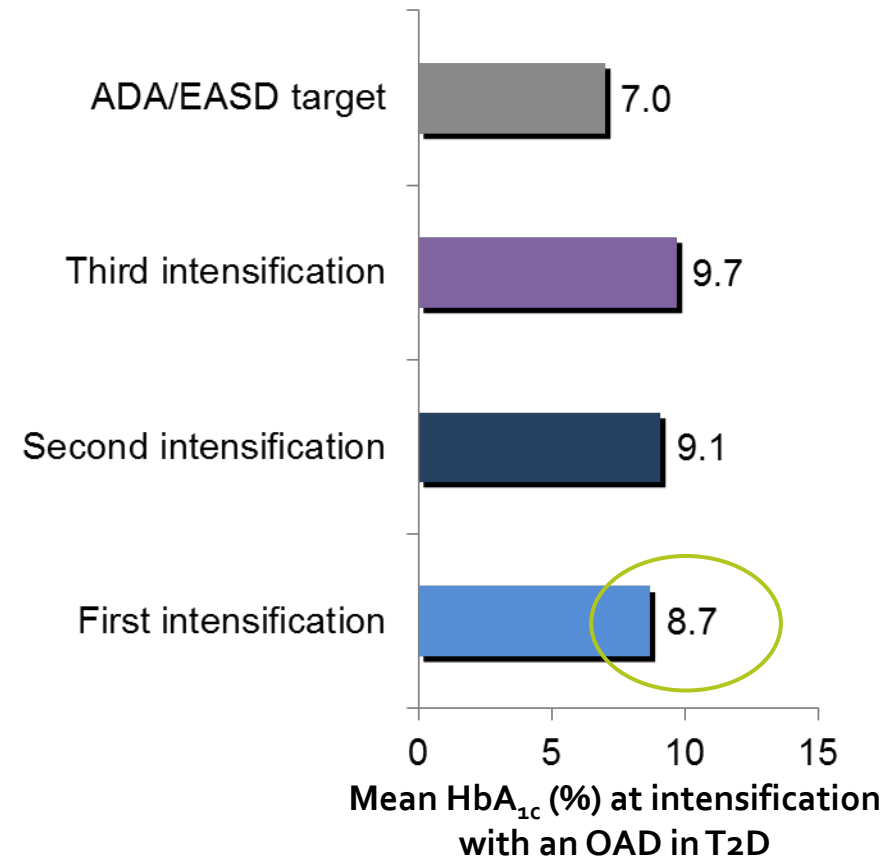
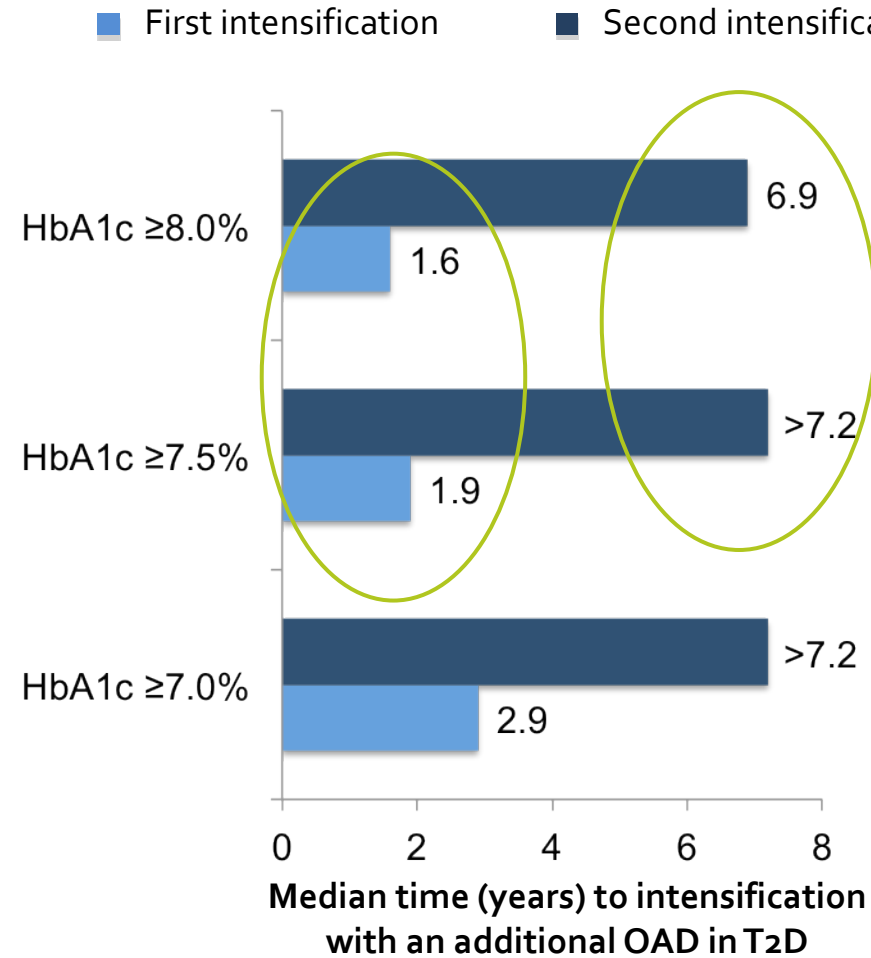
MI, myocardial infarction

Diabetes Trials Unit. UKPDS Post Trial Monitoring. UKPDS 80 Slide Set. Available at: <http://www.dtu.ox.ac.uk/index.php?maindoc=/ukpds/>. Accessed 12 September, 2008; Adapted from Holman RR, et al. N Engl J Med. 2008; 359: 1577–1589; UKPDS 33. Lancet. 1998; 352: 837–853.

# Impact of early glycaemic control on future complications



# Therapeutic inertia contributes to poor glycaemic control



OAD=Oral anti-diabetic drug; T2D=Type 2 diabetes.

Khunti K et al. *Diabetes Care* 2013;36:3411-3417.

# Different ways to measure blood glucose

- Intermittently scanned (isCGM)
- Real time (rtCGM)
- Measures glucose in interstitial fluid
- Addresses glycaemic variability
- Improvements in Time in Range (TIR) reduce risks of microalbuminuria and retinopathy
- On average a TIR of 70% is associated with a HbA1c of 57mM/M
- NICE NG28. Offer isCGM to adults with type 2 diabetes on multiple daily insulin injections (>1 injection)
  - Recurrent or severe hypoglycaemia (Frequent hypos affecting QoL or requiring 3<sup>rd</sup> party assistance)
  - Impaired hypo awareness
  - Can't self monitor for whatever reason
  - SMBG > 8x/day



**Time in Range:**  
targets for older people and those at high-risk of hypoglycaemia



\* Readings >13.9 mmol/L are also included in the <50% target

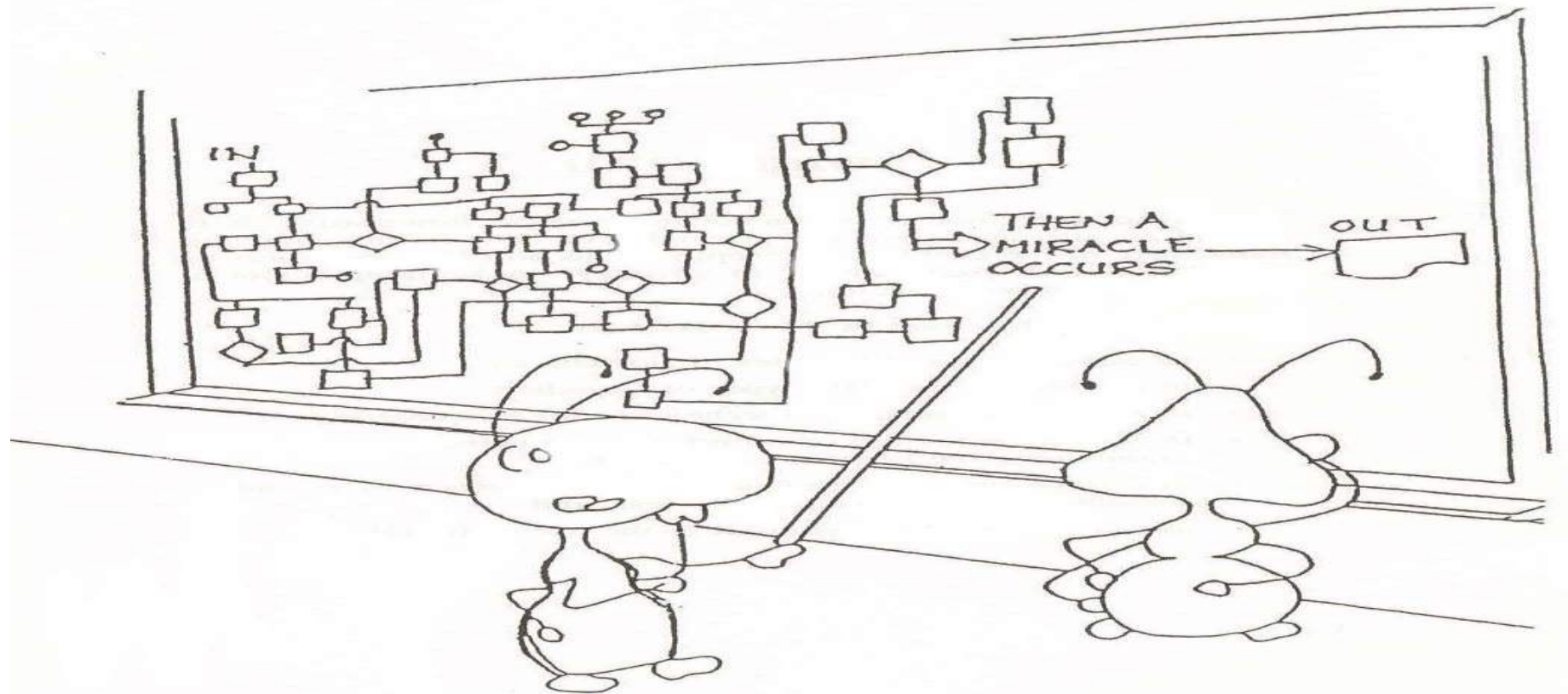
**Thinking about individualised targets**

Emphasise the need to prioritise hypoglycaemia avoidance, reducing the STBR <3.9 mmol/L

Remommendation is to keep %TBR <3.9 mmol/L to <1% or 15 min per day



# Guidelines



" Good work ..... but I think we need just a little more detail right here "

# NICE NG28 and Type 2 diabetes

3–6-monthly intervals (tailored to individual needs), until the HbA<sub>1c</sub> is stable on unchanging therapy. 6-monthly intervals once the HbA<sub>1c</sub> level and blood glucose lowering therapy are stable

Adopt an individualised approach to diabetes ...taking into account their personal preferences, comorbidities, risks from polypharmacy, and...life expectancy. Use decision aid.

If HbA<sub>1c</sub> levels are not adequately controlled by a single drug and rise to 58mM/M or higher: reinforce advice about diet, lifestyle and adherence to drug treatment and support the person to aim for an HbA<sub>1c</sub> level of 53mM/M and intensify drug treatment. Offer SGLT2i for established ASCVD or HF, consider for QRISK>10% or 1+ CVD risk factors in under 40s (BP, lipids, smoking, obesity...)

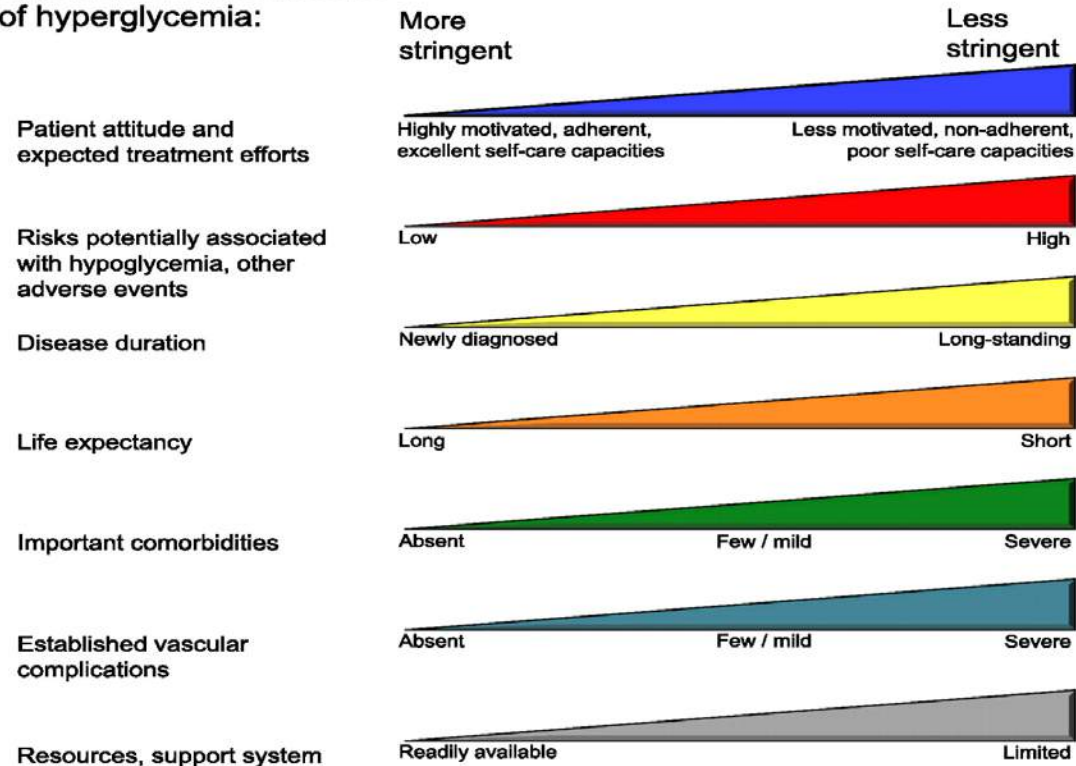
Offer SR metformin...aim for an HbA<sub>1c</sub> level of 48mM/M. For adults on a drug associated with hypoglycaemia...aim for an HbA<sub>1c</sub> level of 53mM/M. Consider insulin or SU if symptomatic. If they have HF/ASCVD, offer SGLT2i in addition to metformin...introduce drugs sequentially.

- What do I start with and aim for?
- When should I review things?
- What are we trying to achieve?
- When do I increase treatment and with what?
- Anything else relevant to know?

For CKD (along with ACEi/ARB), offer SGLT2i if ACR>30, consider if ACR 3-30

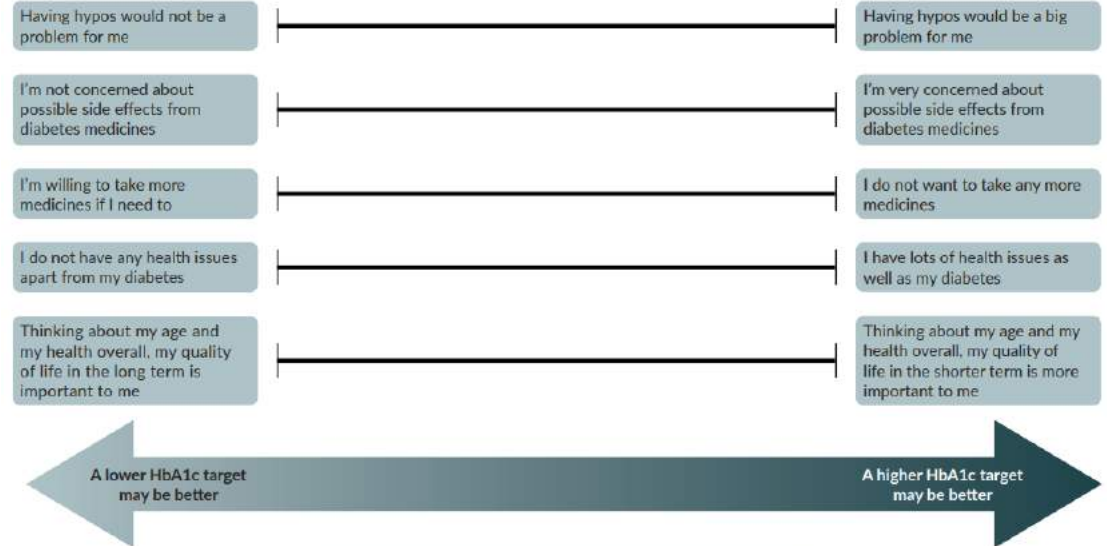
# Individualised treatment

## Approach to management of hyperglycemia:



## Your target HbA1c: weighing it up

Make a mark on each of the lines to show how you feel about these statements. The more you agree with the statement on the left, the further to the left you should put your mark. The more you agree with the statement on the right, the further to the right you should put your mark. You and your diabetes team can use this to help decide the best target HbA1c for you.



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# Case study

She is young



Weight loss would be beneficial



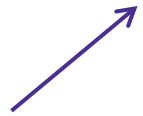
Dietary changes can be made. Regular meals



She is young with no complications...we need to be fairly aggressive still



Could be a problem if we use insulin. Will she start doing?



What changed? The power of referral...



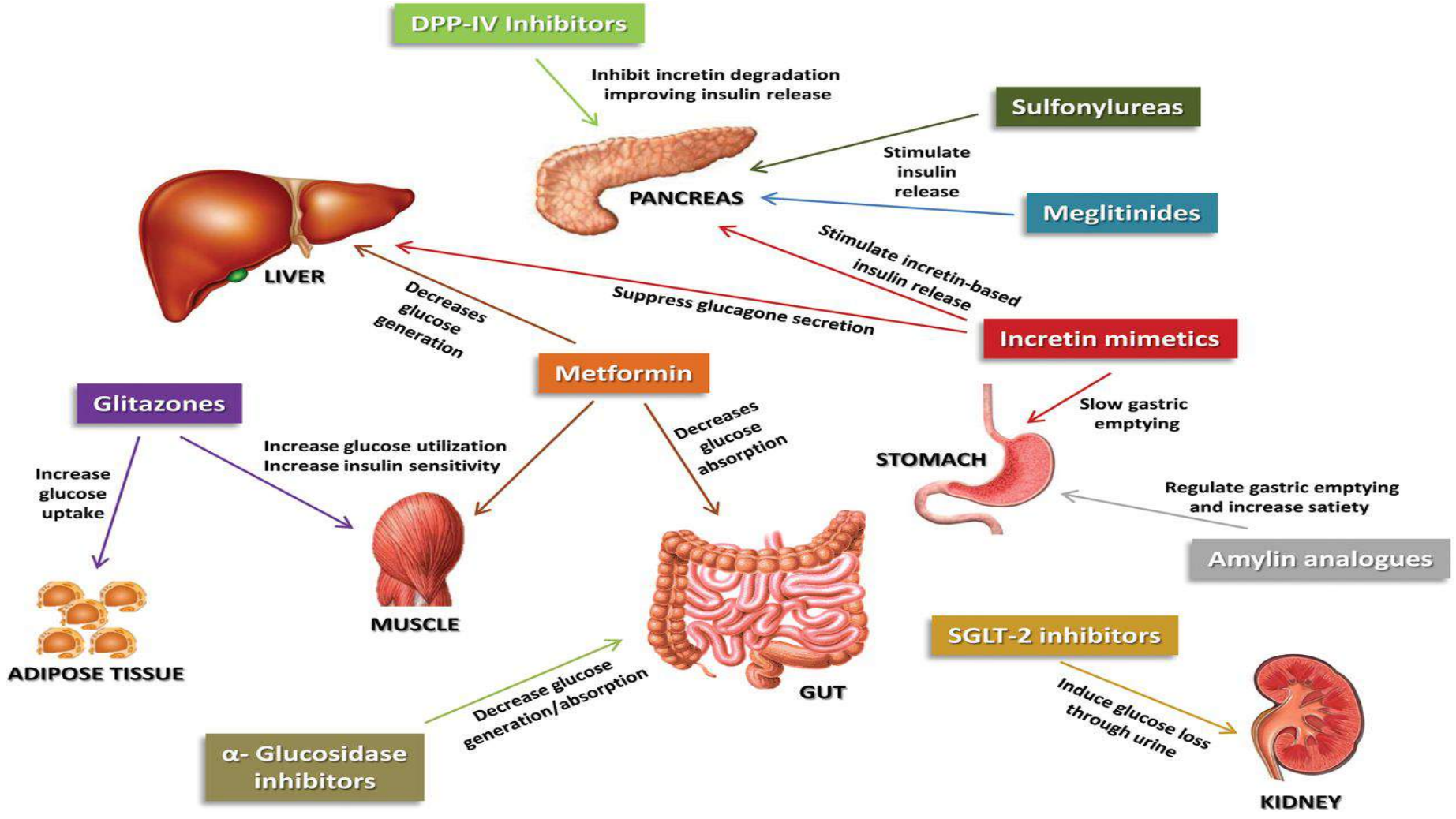
- 51 year old female. Caribbean
- BMI 32.4 and renal function ok. Central obesity
- On maximum dose metformin
- Works as cleaner. One large meal a day
- No complications. Diabetes since 2019
- Does not monitor blood glucose
- Only used oral medications. Keen to avoid insulin
- HbA1c was 91mM/M on referral last month
- Current HbA1c 79mM/M

Why?  
Health beliefs?



What is her individualised target?

# What do I pick to optimise glycaemic control?



## What would you do next?

- **3 month follow up, no changes made**
  - HbA<sub>1c</sub> already improved by 11mmol/mol. Good enough?
- **Add in an SGLT-2 inhibitor**
  - Renal function ok, HbA<sub>1c</sub> and perhaps weight benefit. Make target?
- **Add in a GLP-1 analogue**
  - HbA<sub>1c</sub> and weight benefit. Guidelines followed? Make target?
- **Start insulin**
  - Young, reach optimal HbA<sub>1c</sub>, weight gain. 30 years of injections

# Optimisation does not mean Intensification

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## Declining renal function

- Metformin 30mL/min
- Dose adjustment other medications

## New complications develop

- Heart failure and haematuria with Pioglitazone
- Pancreatitis with Incretins
- New CVD diagnosis - review individualised HbA1c target

## Side effects

- Hypoglycaemia with gliclazide
- Nausea with metformin
- Genital infections with SGLT-2 inhibitors

## Loss of effect

- GLP-1 analogues HbA1c 1% & weight 3%
- Think adherence

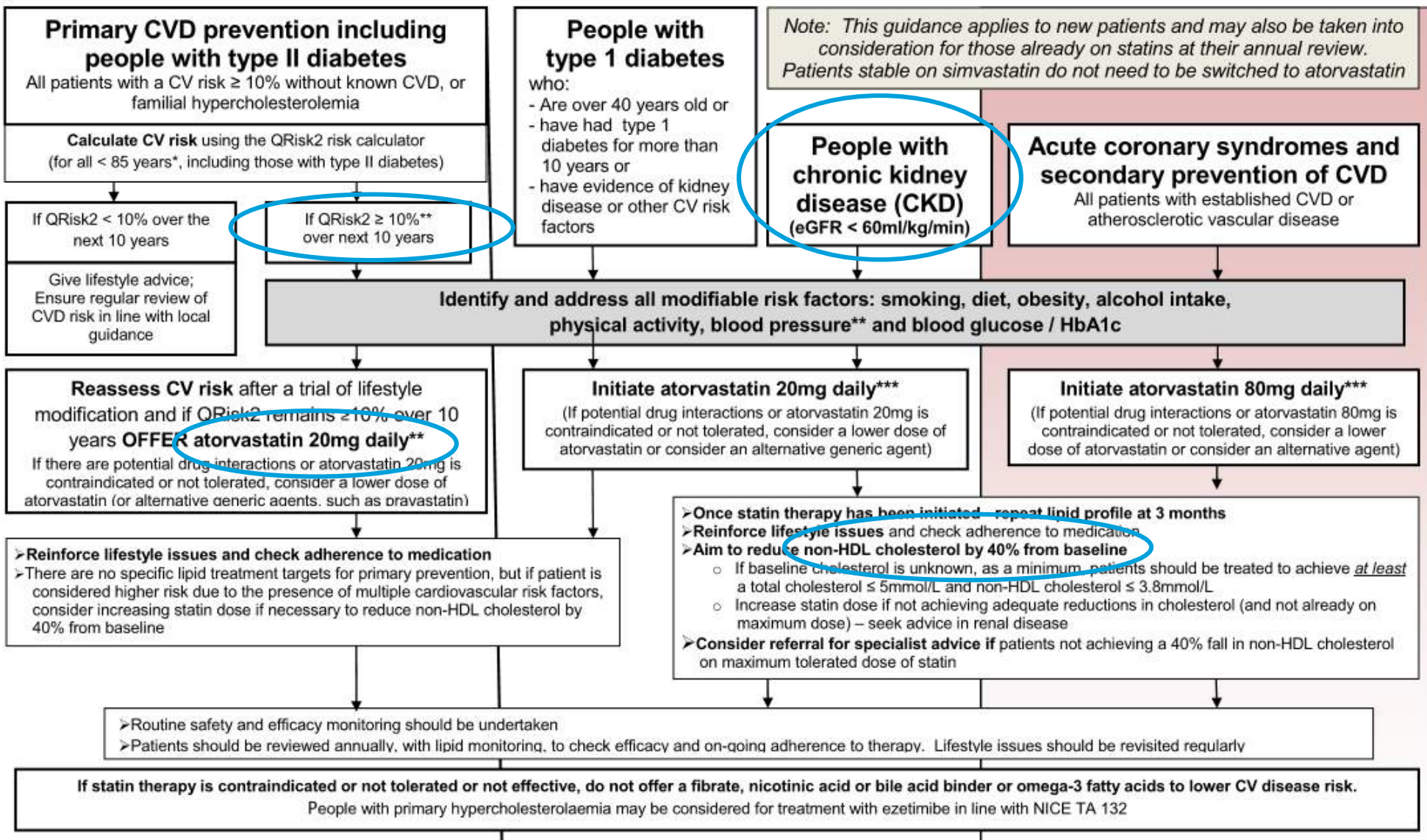
## Futility

- Not achieving target
- Avoid collusion. Plan B effect

# Lipids

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# South London Algorithm for Lipid Management for the Primary and Secondary Prevention of CVD



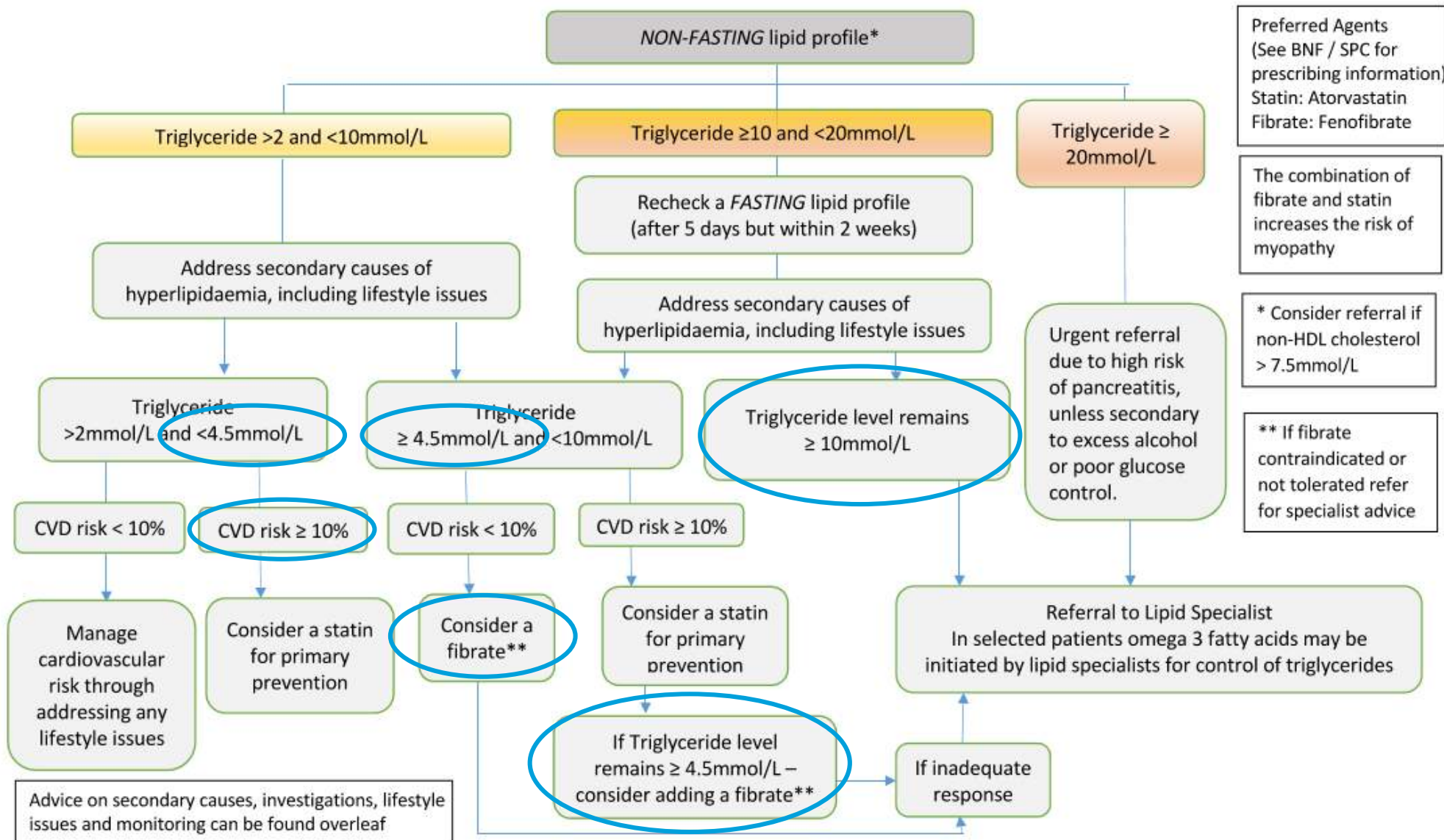
\*People  $\geq 85$  years are at high CV risk due to age alone, but consider other CV risk factors, co-morbidities and patient preferences before initiating therapy. \*\* QRisk2 threshold of 20% applies for the introduction of antihypertensive therapies in people with hypertension. \*\*\* If initial statin dose not tolerated – reduce to maximum tolerated dose

# Lipid management

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- Every 1 mmol/L reduction in LDL-cholesterol results in an annual cardiovascular risk reduction of up to 28%, regardless of the intervention used.
- • Growing evidence has driven down LDL-C targets over time; the 2019 ESC guideline recommends <1.4 mmol/L and a >50% decrease from baseline for those at very high cardiovascular risk.
- Adding ezetimibe to statins achieves >20% additional reduction in LDL-C (doubling effective statin dose reduces LDL-C by around 6%).
- PCSK9 inhibitors (alirocumab, evolocumab):
  - Primary prevention: only if familial hyperlipidaemia and LDL-C >5.0 mmol/L.
  - Secondary prevention:
    - – In high risk (single CVD event), if LDL-C >4.0 mmol/L.
    - – In very high risk (multiple CVD events or events in different vascular beds), if LDL-C >3.5 mmol/L.
    - – In familial hyperlipidaemia, if LDL-C >3.5 mmol/L.

## Guidance for the Management of Hypertriglyceridaemia





# Blood Pressure

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# Diagnosis, targets and treatment

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- Diagnose hypertension if clinic BP >140/90 and ABPM >135/85
- Aim for a target of <140/90 (ABPM/home 135/85)
  - If age over 80, aim for <150/90 (ABPM/home 145/85)
- Treatment based on Stage
  - Stage 1 is 140/90 to 159/99 (ABPM 135/85 to 149/94) and CVD risk of 10%+ or established CVD, or DKD
  - Stage 2 is 160/100 to 180/120 (ABPM > 150/95)
- ACEi/ARB is first line
- CCB and/or thiazide like diuretic
- Spironolactone
- Dietary changes especially salt (<6g/day = 1 teaspoon)

# Hypertension Management

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- One third of people on hypertension registers remain uncontrolled: 6–8 million people living with undiagnosed or uncontrolled high BP in England (NHS Digital, 2020).
- Reducing systolic blood BP by 10 mmHg reduces stroke risk by 41% and CHD events by 22% (Law et al, 2009). Diabetes increases absolute stroke and CHD risk, so amplifies risks of hypertension and benefits of treatment.
- Delays in follow-up and treatment intensification beyond 6 weeks increases cardiovascular events (Xu et al, 2015).

# Hypertension targets

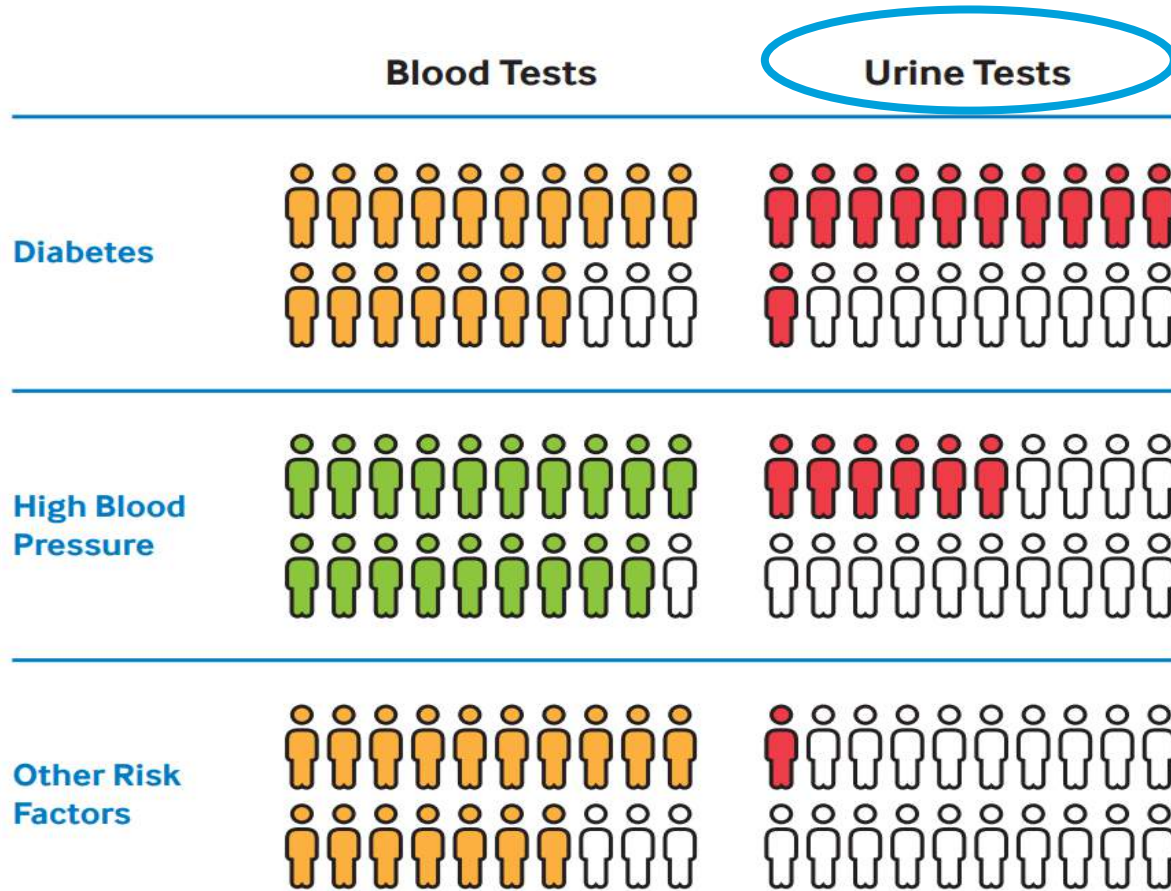
Which BP target? Aim for and maintain at NICE BP targets (or below)<sup>5, 9, 10, 11</sup>

Which condition?	Which cohort within the condition?	NICE Clinic BP Target	QOF BP Targets <sup>14</sup> 2021/2022	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use clinical judgment in frailty/multi-morbidity</li> <li>Corresponding targets for ABPM/HBPM are 5mmHg lower than for clinic BPs</li> </ul>		
Hypertension, including Type 2 Diabetes (but with no CKD)	Age <80yrs	≤140/90mmHg	≤140/90mmHg	*Note QOF Target for Hypertension in T2DM is ≤140/80mmHg
	Age ≥80yrs	≤150/90mmHg	≤150/90mmHg	
Diabetes	Type 2 Diabetes	Same as hypertension if no CKD	≤140/80mmHg	
	Type 1 Diabetes + no albuminuria	≤135/85mmHg		
	Type 1 Diabetes + albuminuria or ≥ 2 features of metabolic syndrome	≤130/80mmHg		
CKD	ACR <70mg/mmol	<140/90mmHg (systolic range = 120-139mmHg)	No QOF target	
	ACR ≥70mg/mmol or co-existent Diabetes	<130/80mmHg (systolic range = 120-129mmHg)		
IHD/PAD or TIA/Stroke	History of IHD/PAD	Same as hypertension, if no CKD	No QOF target for PAD, but for rest based on age i.e. <80yrs ≤140/90mmHg ≥80yrs ≤150/90mmHg	
	History of TIA/Stroke (if with severe bilateral carotid stenosis: systolic BP 140-150mmHg)	Same as hypertension, if no CKD		

# Chronic Kidney Disease

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# What are the problems?



For people at high risk of CKD, ensure that both blood tests for eGFR and ACR are being included to aid better identification

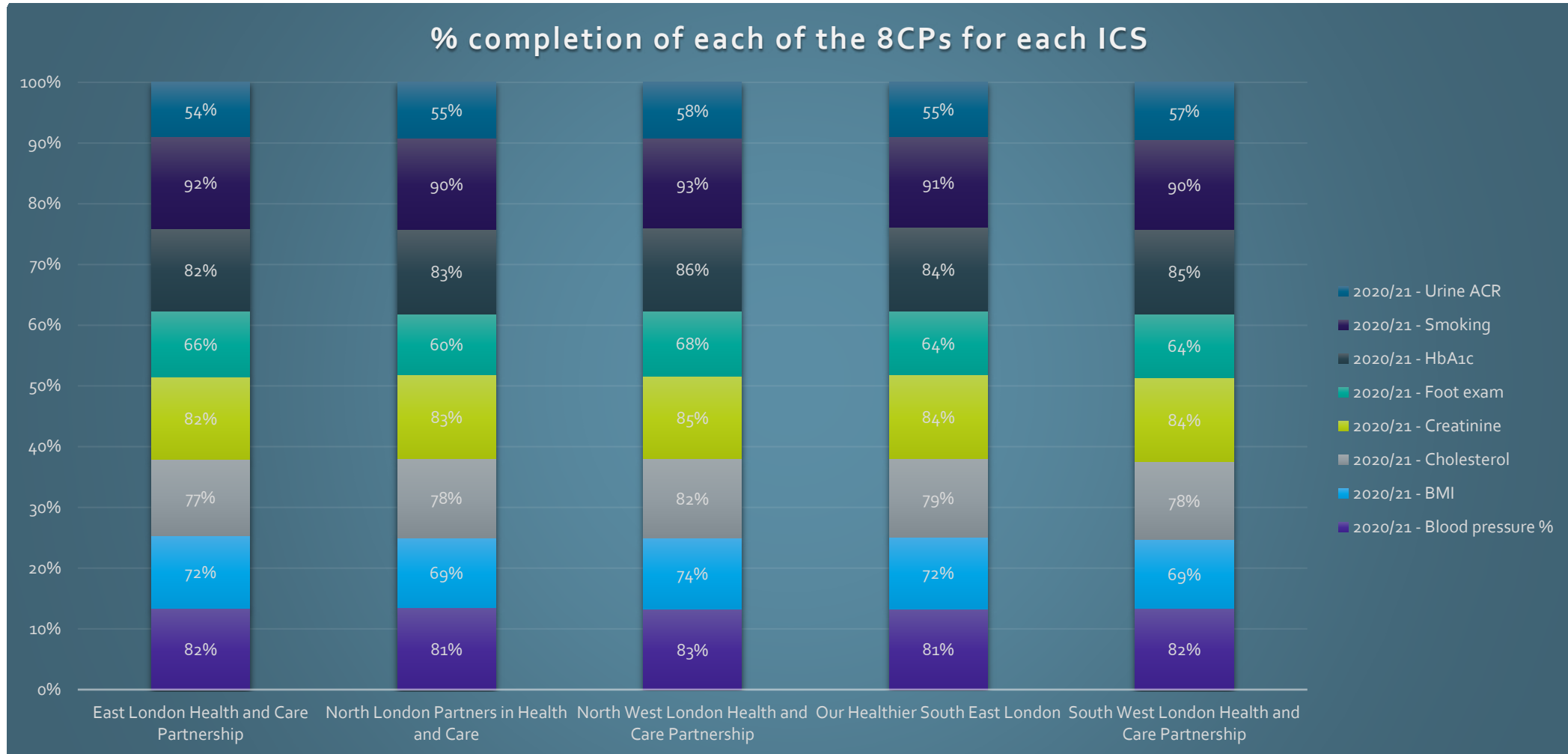
Improve the coding of patients with CKD

Having identified CKD, regularly review, manage high blood pressure, prescribe cholesterol lowering treatments, and perform vaccinations

**Key:** There are no formal targets in the guidance, but the audit selected 70% and 90% as quality markers.

Red < 70% Amber 71-90% Green > 90%

# 8 Care Process (8CP) Completion London 2020/21

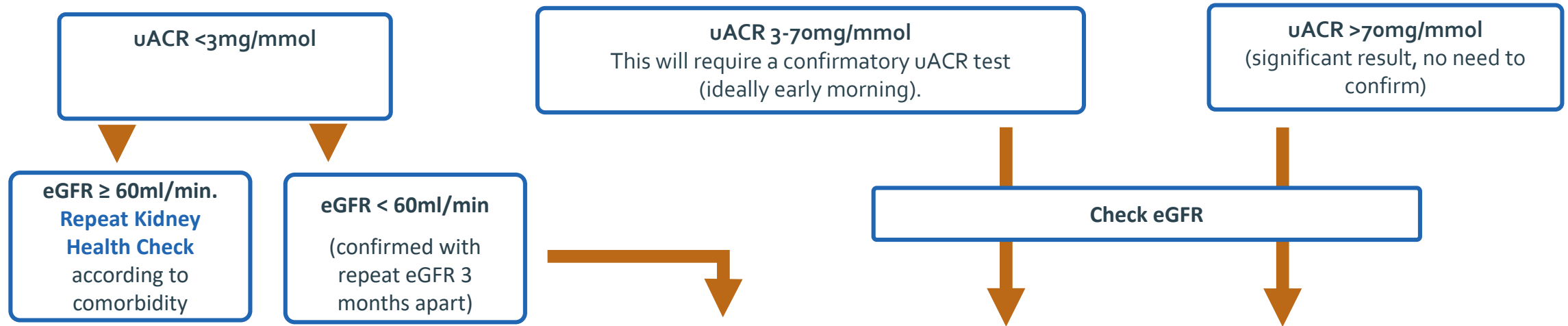


# The **Kidney Health Check** for Adults Living with Diabetes or Hypertension: How to identify Chronic Kidney Disease **early!** *LKN CKD Early Identification Pathway*

What is a **Kidney Health Check**? It is the combination of both an **eGFR** *and* a **uACR** test

## Who should have a **Kidney Health Check**?

1. People living with **diabetes** should have a yearly kidney health check
2. People living with **hypertension** should have a kidney health check every 1-5 years (annually for poorly controlled hypertension)
3. See [NICE CKD Assessment and Management](#) for ACR testing in other health conditions



1. INFORM the patient that they have **Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)**.
2. If eGFR is < 60ml/min, consider discussing Kidney Failure Risk equation see link: [KFRE](#).
3. Add coding for CKD (including CKD G1 and G2) and albuminuria category, into the patient record.
4. Discuss with the person their uACR number, eGFR number, BP and HbA1c if living with diabetes.
5. Explain what each term means *and* the factors that can cause CKD or diabetic kidney disease: raised BP, raised HbA1c, obesity.
6. Give lifestyle advice and connect them with support services where suitable: weight management enhanced services, exercise, and smoking cessation (see [online guidance](#)). Offer advice on avoiding NSAIDS/sick day rules.
7. Implement the **LKN CKD Optimisation Pathways** for proteinuric CKD with or without diabetes.



# Coding Principles

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- Coding should include both the blood (eGFR) and urine (ACR) values relevant to CKD detection
- Higher level coding such as *Chronic Renal Impairment* and *Chronic Kidney Disease* should be avoided, as this does not align to intricacies of CKD staging and management.
- In instances where disease specific nomenclature may be relevant and used such as *Diabetic nephropathy*, the coding should still include both the blood and urine values relevant to that diagnosis

# Coding Possibilities

ACR value (mg/mmol)	Possible Code Group 1	Possible Code Group 2
0-3	A1	No code
3-30	A2	Microalbuminuria
Greater than 30	A3	Microalbuminuria/Proteinuria

eGFR value (ml/min)	Possible Code Group 1	Possible Code Group 2
Greater than 90	G1	CKD stage 1
60-90	G2	CKD stage 2
45-59	G3a	CKD stage 3
30-44	G3b	CKD stage 3
15-29	G4	CKD stage 4
Less than 15	G5	CKD stage 5

# Coding in Practice

A patient with known type 2 diabetes and hypertension has routine blood and urine tests. The results are shown and highlighted below in yellow. Their eGFR is 74ml/min and the ACR is 5.5mg/mmol.

eGFR value (ml/min)	Possible Code Group 1	Possible Code Group 2
Greater than 90	G1	CKD stage 1
60-90	G2	CKD stage 2
45-59	G3a	CKD stage 3
30-44	G3b	CKD stage 3
15-29	G4	CKD stage 4
Less than 15	G5	CKD stage 5

ACR value (mg/mmol)	Possible Code Group 1	Possible Code Group 2
0-3	A1	No code
3-30	A2	Microalbuminuria
Greater than 30	A3	Albuminuria

Using the coding tables above, possible coding would be:

If using Group 1- **CKD G2A2**

If using Group 2- **CKD2, Microalbuminuria**

# Coding Recommendations

## Use Group 1

- Provides the most granularity. Coding is precise and follows the KDIGO guidance and NICE recommendations.

- Requires a single SNOMED code

- Aligns more readily to recommendations around frequency of testing

- Allows for easier tracking of disease progression

- Requires some working knowledge of CKD due to increased granularity

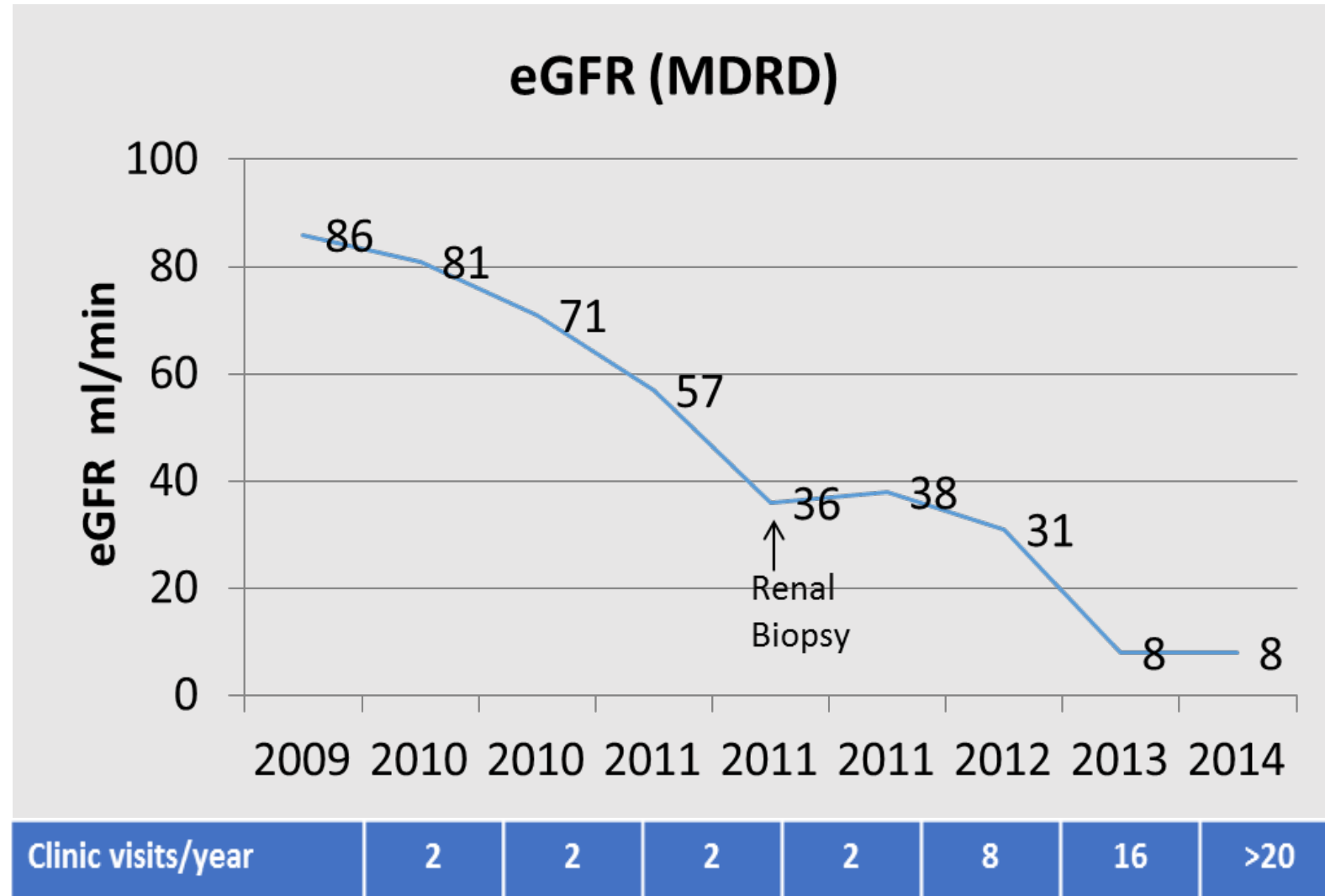
- May require more frequent updates as and when disease progresses

- Some coding is not defined and eligible under QOF business rules e.g. A2

Guide to Frequency of Monitoring  
(number of times per year) by  
GFR and Albuminuria Category

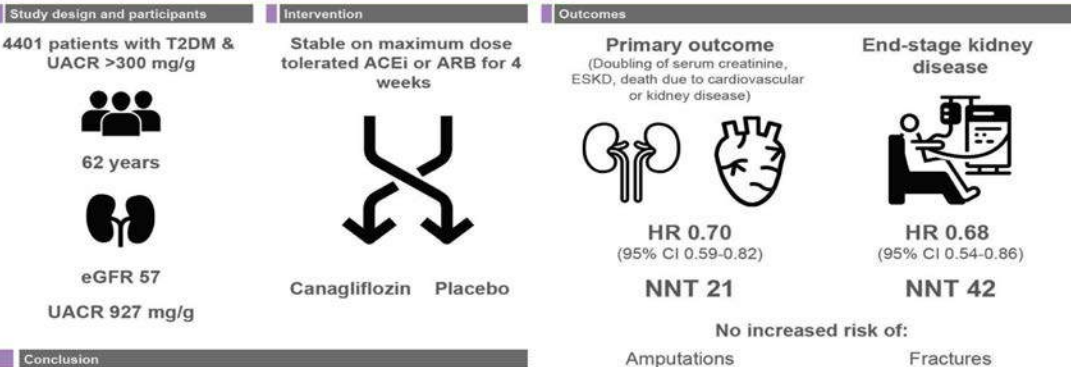
				Persistent albuminuria categories Description and range		
				A1	A2	A3
				Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased
				<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30–300 mg/g 3–30 mg/mmol	>300 mg/g >30mg/mmol
GFR categories (ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) Description and range	G1	Normal or high	≥90	1 if CKD		
	G2	Mildly decreased	60–89	1 if CKD		
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45–59			
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30–44			3
	G4	Severely decreased	15–29	3	3	4+
	G5	Kidney failure	<15	4+	4+	4+

# Avoid Preventable CKD Progression



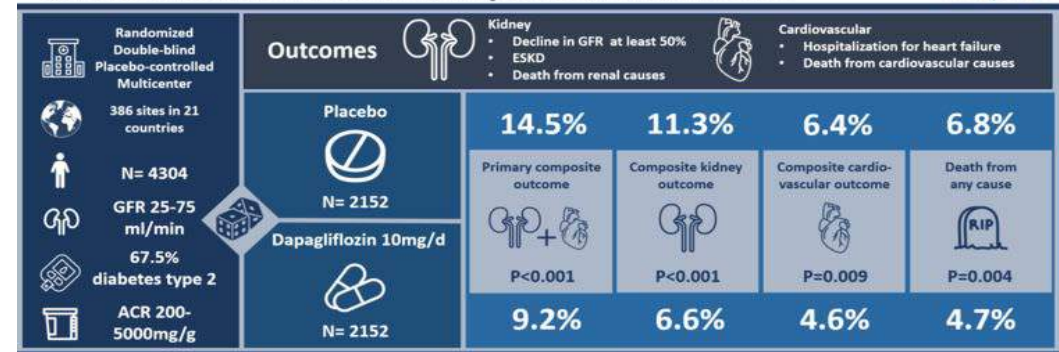
# Changing guidelines

## CRENDENCE: Canagliflozin and renal outcomes in type 2 diabetes and nephropathy



**Conclusion**  
In patients with type 2 diabetes and kidney disease, canagliflozin reduces the risk of kidney failure and cardiovascular events

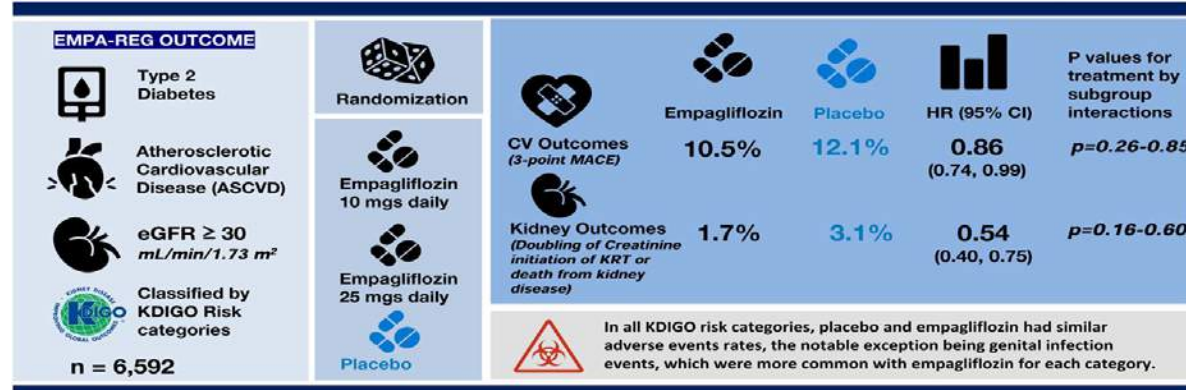
## Could dapagliflozin improve kidney and cardiovascular outcomes in patients with CKD?



**Reference:** Heerspink HJL et al. Dapagliflozin in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease. N Engl J Med. 2020 Sep 24. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2024816.

**Visual abstract:** Denise Arellano, MD @denise\_am

## Effects of empagliflozin versus placebo on cardiovascular and kidney outcomes were across the KDIGO risk categories



**Conclusions** The observed effects of empagliflozin vs placebo on cardiovascular and kidney outcomes were consistent across the KDIGO risk categories.

Adeera Levin, Vlado Perkovic, David C. Wheeler, et al. *Empagliflozin and Cardiovascular and Kidney Outcomes Across KDIGO Risk Categories*. CJASN doi: 10.2215/CJN.14901219. Visual Abstract by Edgar Lerma, MD, FASN



# Prescribing guidance

	Progression of CKD	ASCVD	Heart failure	Glucose-lowering efficacy	Hypoglycemia risk	Weight effects	Cost
Metformin	Neutral	Potential benefit	Potential benefit	High	Low	Neutral	Low
SGLT2 inhibitors	Benefit*	Benefit*	Benefit	Intermediate	Low	Loss	High
GLP-1 receptor agonists	Benefit*	Benefit*	Potential benefit	High	Low	Loss	High
DPP-4 inhibitors	Neutral	Neutral	Potential risk* (saxagliptin)	Intermediate	Low	Neutral	High
Insulin	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Highest	High	Gain	High (analogues) Low (human)
Sulfonylureas	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	High	High	Gain	Low
Thiazolidinediones	Neutral	Potential benefit (pioglitazone)	Increased risk	High	Low	Gain	Low
α-Glucosidase inhibitors	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Intermediate	Low	Neutral	Low

Neutral  
 Potential benefit or intermediate glucose-lowering efficacy  
 Benefit (organ protection, high efficacy, low hypoglycemia risk, weight loss, or low cost)  
 Potential risk or high cost to patient  
 Increased risk for adverse effects

	Stage 3b (eGFR 30–44 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Stage 4 (eGFR 15–29 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Stage 5 (eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )
Metformin	Reduce dose to 1000 mg/day	Contraindicated	
Insulin	Initiate and titrate conservatively to avoid hypoglycemia		
<b>SGLT2 inhibitors*</b>			
Canagliflozin	Maximum 100 mg daily	Initiation not recommended; may continue 100 mg daily if tolerated for kidney and CV benefit until dialysis	
Dapagliflozin	10 mg daily <sup>†</sup>	Initiation not recommended with eGFR <25 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ; may continue if tolerated for kidney and CV benefit until dialysis	
Empagliflozin	10 mg daily <sup>†</sup>	Initiation not recommended with eGFR <20 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ; may continue if tolerated for kidney and CV benefit until dialysis	
Ertugliflozin	Use not recommended with eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>GLP-1 receptor agonists<sup>‡</sup></b>			
Exenatide	Caution initiating or increasing dose; avoid once-weekly formulation	Use not recommended	
Dulaglutide	No dose adjustment required		
Liraglutide	No dose adjustment required		
Lixisenatide	No dose adjustment required		Use not recommended
Semaglutide	No dose adjustment required		
<b>DPP-4 inhibitors</b>			
Alogliptin	Maximum 12.5 mg daily	Maximum 6.25 mg daily	
Linagliptin	No dose adjustment required		
Saxagliptin	Maximum 2.5 mg daily		
Sitagliptin	Maximum 50 mg daily	Maximum 25 mg once daily	
<b>Sulfonylureas (2nd generation)</b>			
Glimepiride	Initiate conservatively at 1 mg daily and titrate slowly to avoid hypoglycemia		
Glipizide	Initiate conservatively (e.g., 2.5 mg once daily) and titrate slowly to avoid hypoglycemia		
Glyburide	Use not recommended		
<b>Thiazolidinediones</b>			
Pioglitazone	No dose adjustment required		
<b>α-Glucosidase inhibitors</b>			
Acarbose	No dose adjustment required	Use not recommended	
Miglitol	No dose adjustment required	Use not recommended	

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# “3 within 3”

## 3 key actions within 3 months to save lives

### In adults with Type 2 diabetes and CKD

(uACR > 3mg/mmol)



#### **ACTION 1 (Month 1)**

##### **Maximum intensity RAS/ RAAS blockade**

First, ensure the patient is on a statin.

Start ACE-inhibitor or ARB and titrate to maximum tolerated (*NICE, NG203*) licensed dose within one month



#### **ACTION 2 (Month 2)**

##### **Initiate SGLT-2 inhibitor according to license**

Consider/ counsel on risks of diabetic ketoacidosis (which may be euglycaemic), sick day rules, risk of UTI/fungal infections. Consider adjusting sulfonylureas/insulin where eGFR >45ml/min and HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 58mmol/mol to mitigate risk of hypoglycaemia.



#### **ACTION 3 (Month 3)**

##### **Initiate further blood pressure agent to target 140/90mmHg unless uACR >70mg/mmol (then 120-129/80mmHg)**

If BP remains above target initiate 2<sup>nd</sup> line BP agents as per NICE guidance (*NG203/ NG136*)



# “3 within 3”

## 3 key actions within 3 months to save lives

### In adults with albuminuria, without Type 2 diabetes

(uACR  $\geq$  22.6mg/mmol and eGFR 25 - 75ml/minute/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)



#### **ACTION 1 (Month 1)**

##### **Maximum intensity RAS/ RAAS blockade**

First, ensure the patient is on a statin.

Start ACE-inhibitor or ARB and titrate to maximum tolerated licensed dose (*NICE, NG203*) within one month



#### **ACTION 2 (Month 2)**

##### **Initiate SGLT-2 inhibitor according to license**

Counsel patient on sick day rules, and the risk of UTI/fungal infection.



#### **ACTION 3 (Month 3)**

**Initiate further blood pressure agent to target  $<140/90$ mmHg unless uACR  $>70$ mg/mmol (then  $<130/80$ mmHg)**

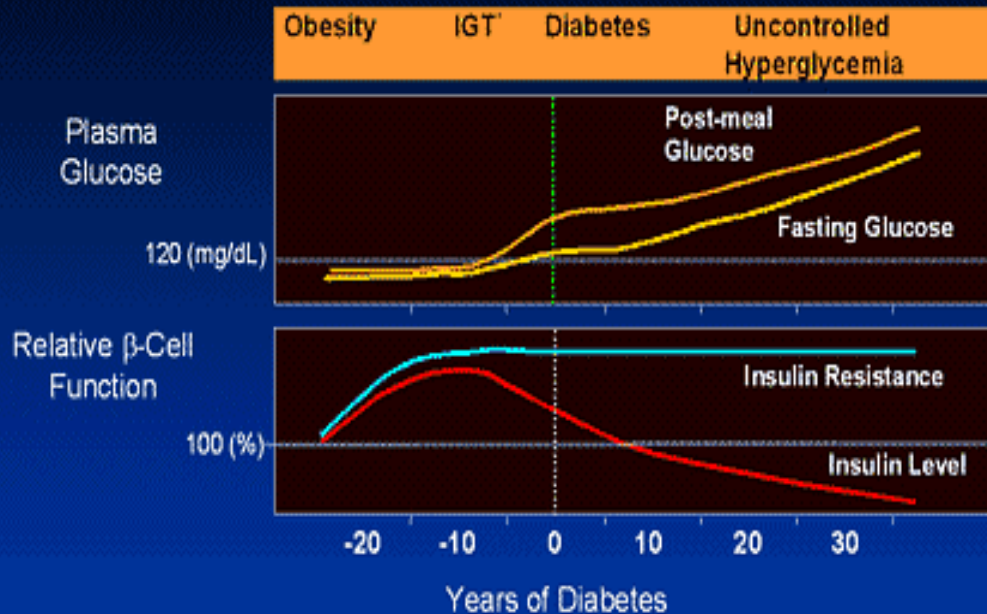
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# Weight Management and Mental Health support

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# Pathophysiology

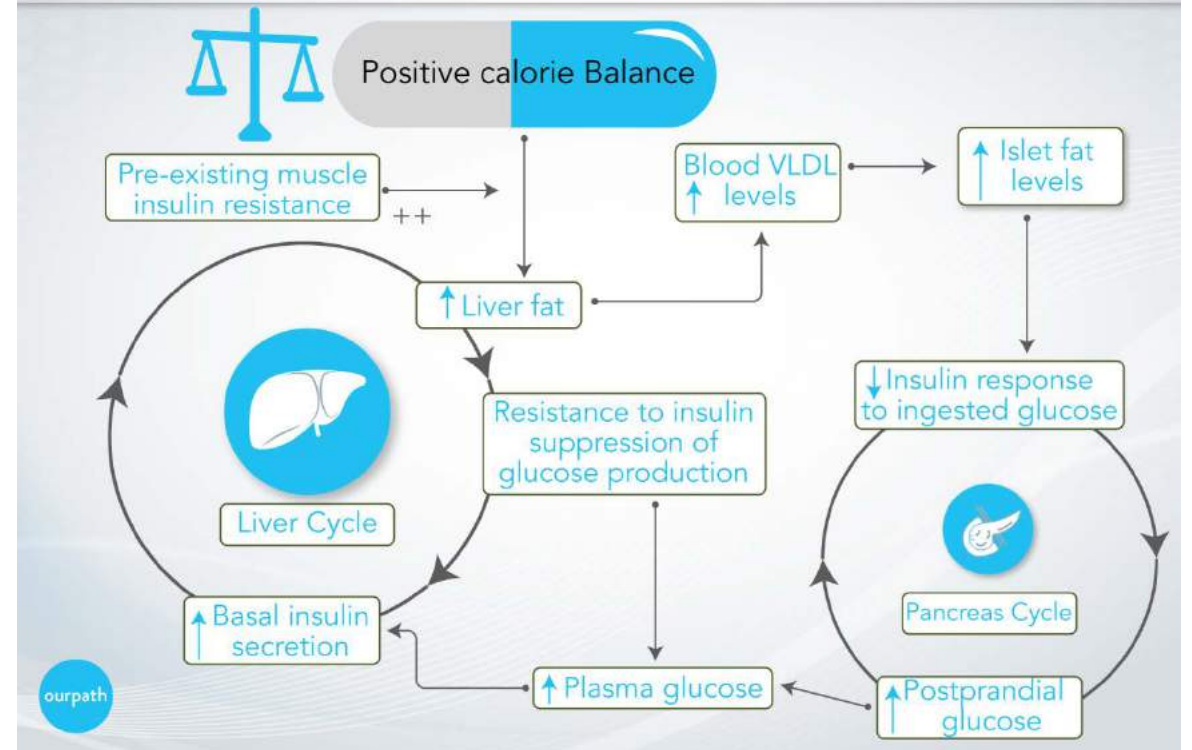
## Natural History of Type 2 Diabetes



\*IGT=impaired glucose tolerance

Adapted from International Diabetes Center (IDC), Minneapolis, Minnesota.

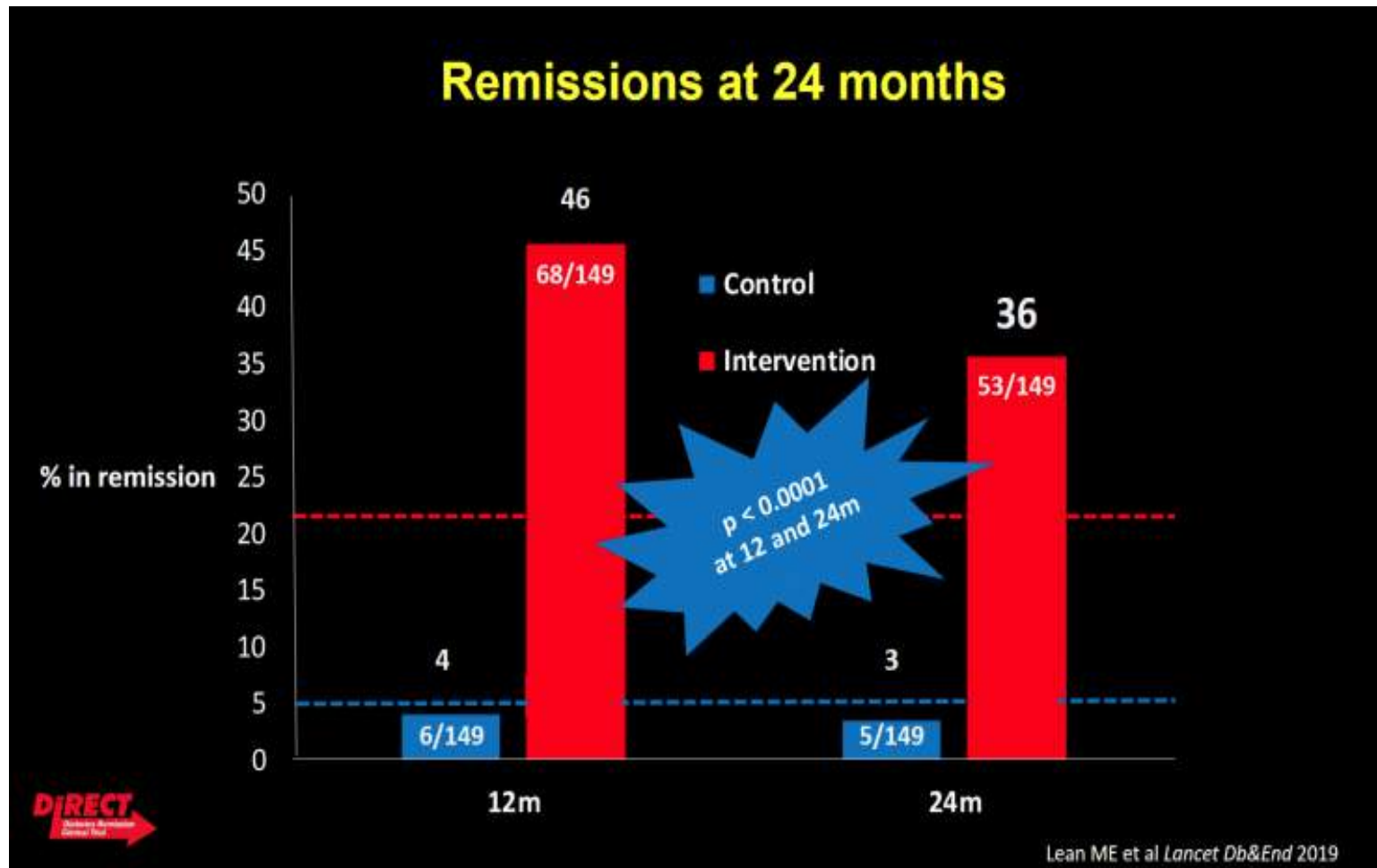
## "The Twin Cycle Hypothesis"



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# DiRECT Study

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# Weight management

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- Opportunistic support. Make Every Contact Count (MECC)
  - 5-10% weight loss
  - Exercise 30 minutes a day for 5 days a week
- Digital weight management via NHS
- Structured education
- Type 2 diabetes remission
- Tier 3 and 4
  - BMI >30 = Tier 3
  - BMI >35 = Tier 3 expedited

# It's not just about tablets...



- 14 tablets a day
- 98 tablets a week
- 392 tablets a month
- 5110 tablets a year
- For what?????

## **Too often missing** (Askew C. Solomons L. Too often missing: making emotional and psychological support routine in diabetes care. Diabetes UK, 2019)

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- **70 % of people with diabetes feel overwhelmed**
  - **¾ emotional struggle affected self management**
  - **¾ could not access specialist mental health support needed**
- **Health care professionals lack confidence to raise the issue of mental health in people with diabetes**

# What is diabetes distress

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- Burden of living with a demanding long term condition such as type 2 diabetes
- 36% of people with type 2 diabetes
- The worse the distress, the worse the glycaemic control
- DDS<sub>2</sub>
  - Feeling overwhelmed by the demands of living with diabetes
  - Feeling that I am often failing with my diabetes routine

Despair

Discouragement

Overwhelmed



# Three question approach to diabetes distress

- Ask
- Acknowledge
- Normalise

Treatment target	England (per cent)				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
HbA1c $\leq$ 58 mmol/mol	65.9	67.0	65.8	66.5	65.6
Blood pressure $\leq$ 140/80	73.7	74.4	73.8	74.5	73.6
Statins for Primary Prevention of CVD	-	-	72.2	70.9	72.3
Statins for Secondary Prevention of CVD	-	-	86.7	85.8	86.4
Statins for Combined Prevention of CVD	-	-	76.1	74.9	76.1
Meeting all three treatment targets NEW*	-	-	40.2	40.5	40.1

# Communication

## Attendance at structured education

“To improve uptake at structured education we need to consider how health professionals in primary care **communicate** with their patients on the subject of structured diabetes education.... Health-care professional **attitude** to courses is key....”

### DAFNE

#### Non-attenders

- Male
- BME
- Older age
- Social deprivation

#### Attenders

- Positive HCP message
- Female
- Educational attainment
- HbA<sub>1c</sub>

### DESMOND

#### Non-attenders

- Lack of information/perceived benefit of the programme
- Unmet personal preferences
- Shame and stigma of diabetes

# Thanks for listening

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