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Incretin Drugs

New Hope for Weight Loss and Diabetes

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Obesity is a chronic, progressive, relapsing disease.

The treatment of obesity can no longer be reduced to a simplistic view of weight loss.

Metabolic adaptations almost always
lead to systematic weight gain
following weight-loss.

Incretin drugs offer hope for sustainable weight loss that greatly reduces cardiometabolic risk.

Weight loss that substantial enough to not only improve type 2 diabetes but to put it into remission.

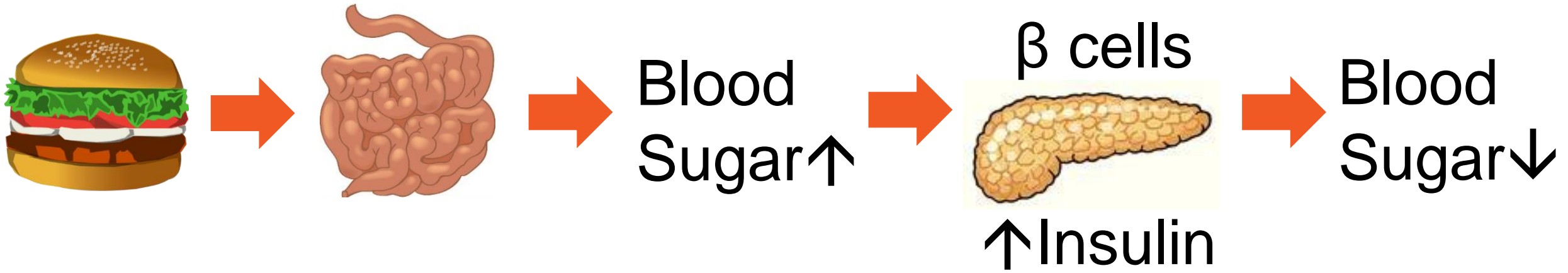
What's On Our Plate Today

1. Basic Metabolism and Diabetes
2. The Incretin System
3. GLP and GLP/GIP Drugs
4. Diabetes Benefits
5. ASCVD Risk Reduction

What's On Our Plate Today

6. Prescribing Recommendations
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8. Side Effects
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10. What's coming!

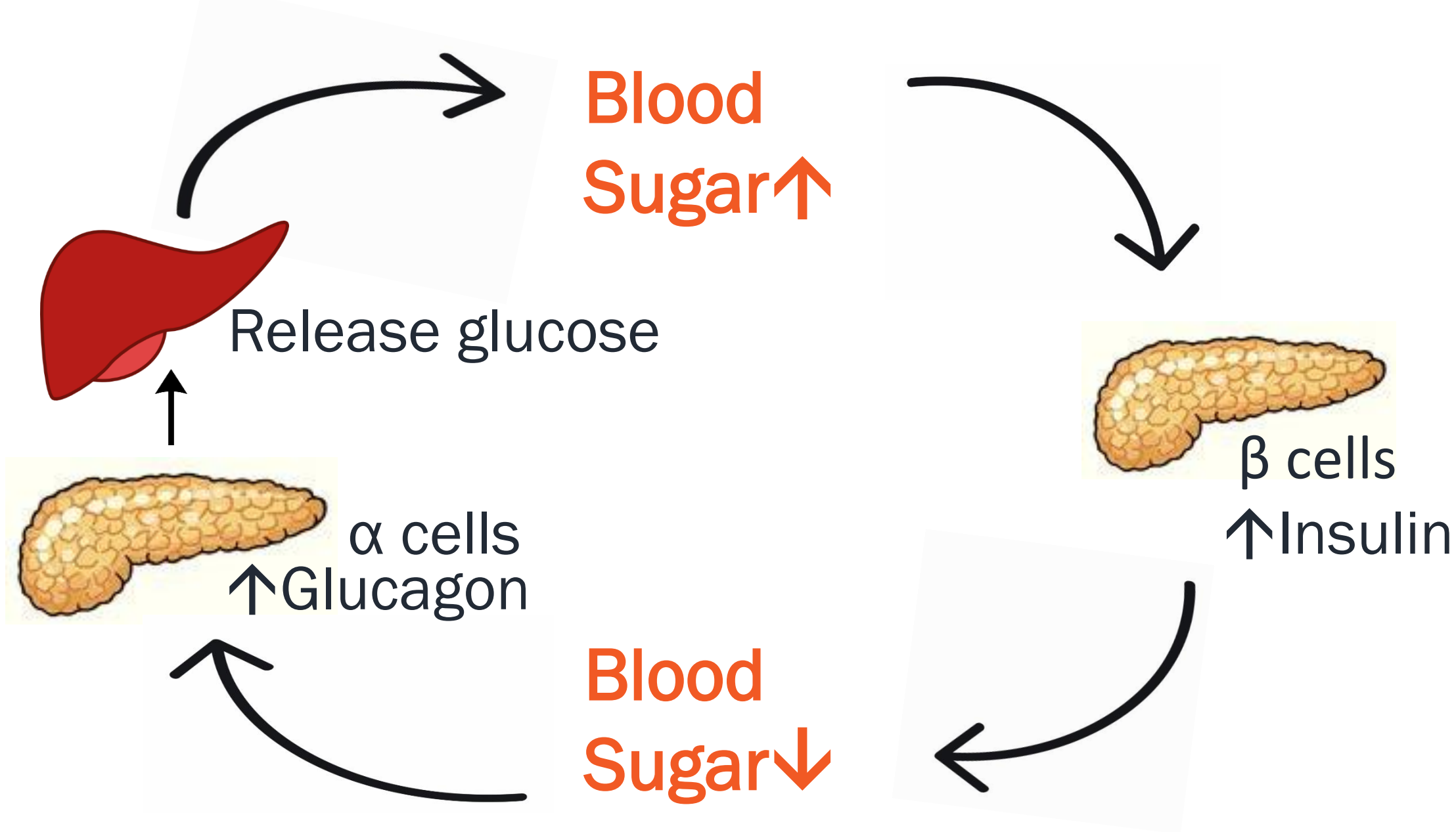
Basic Metabolism and Diabetes



Insulin

Glucagon





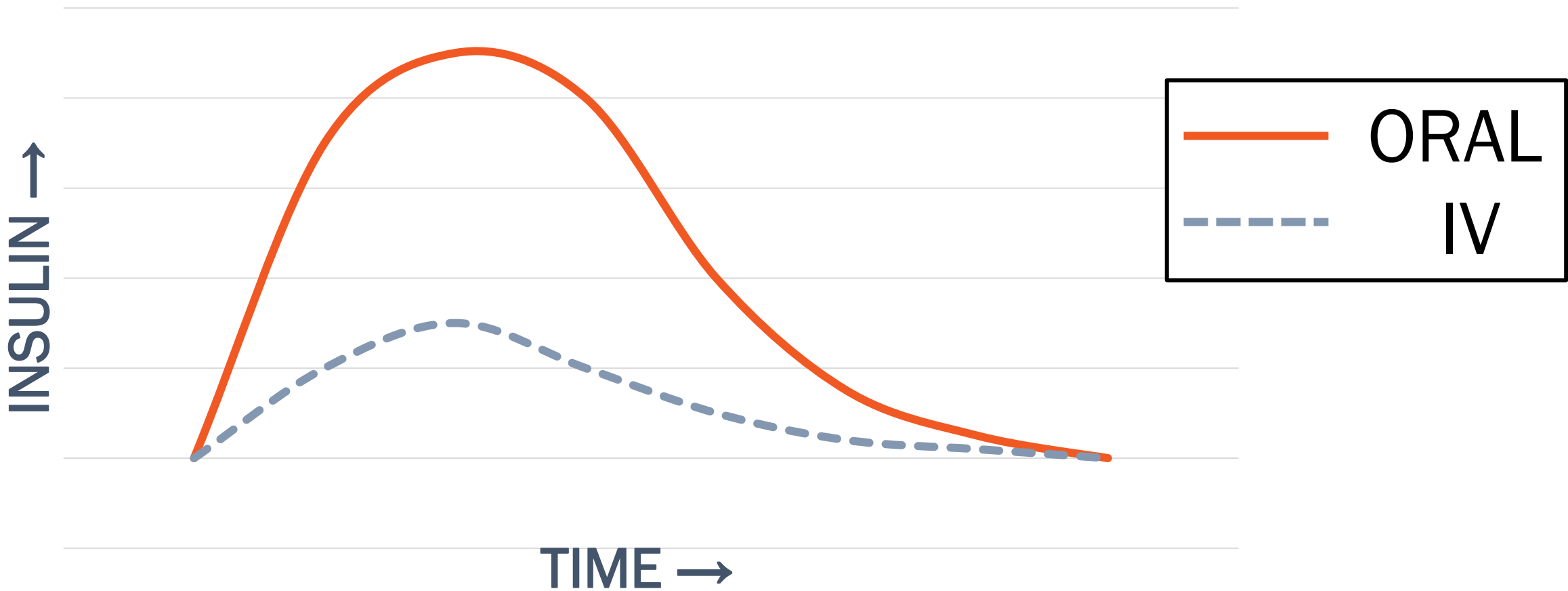
Three Major Defects in Type 2 Diabetes

- Pancreas makes too little insulin
- Insulin doesn't work well - "insulin resistant"
- Pancreas makes too much glucagon



The Incretin System

Normal



This family of hormones was
named...

Incretins



Incretins...

Gut hormones that increase insulin production by a glucose-dependent mechanism



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Gut hormones that increase insulin production by a glucose-dependent mechanism



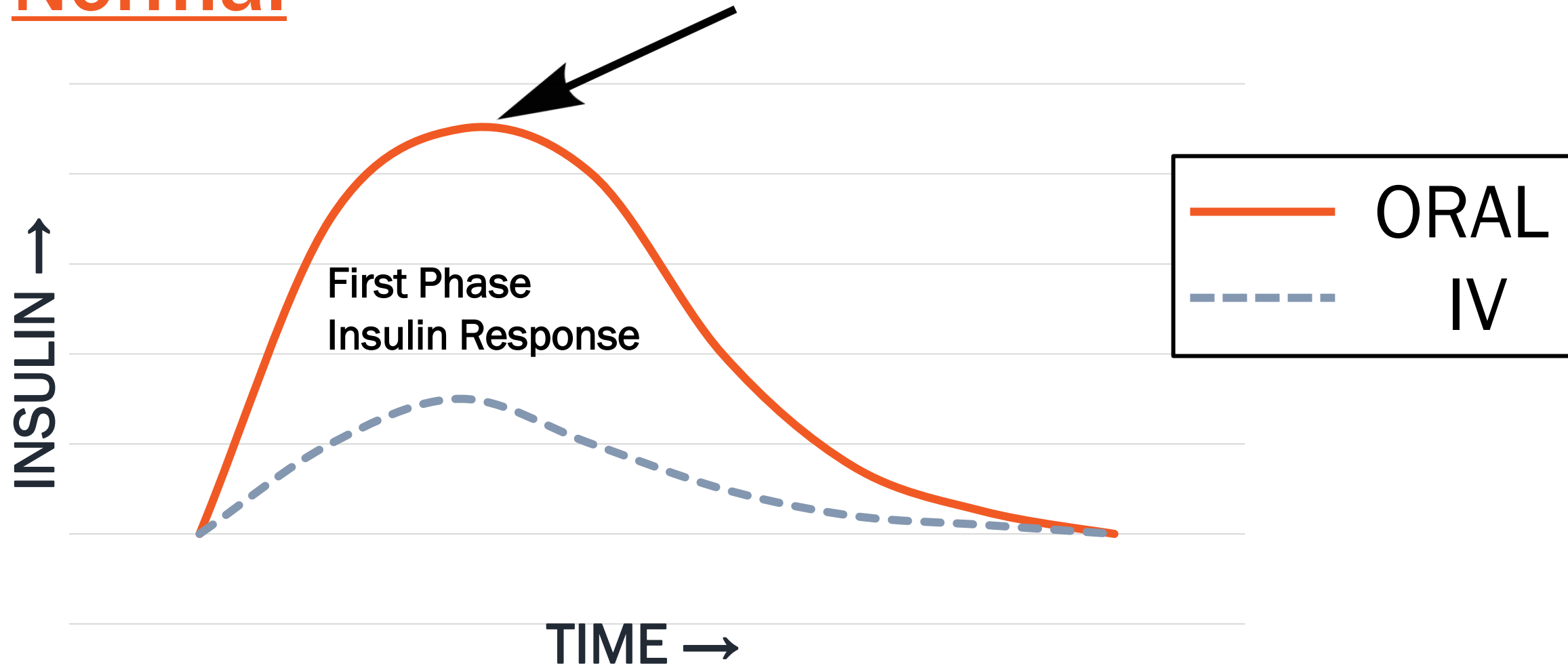
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glucose-dependent...

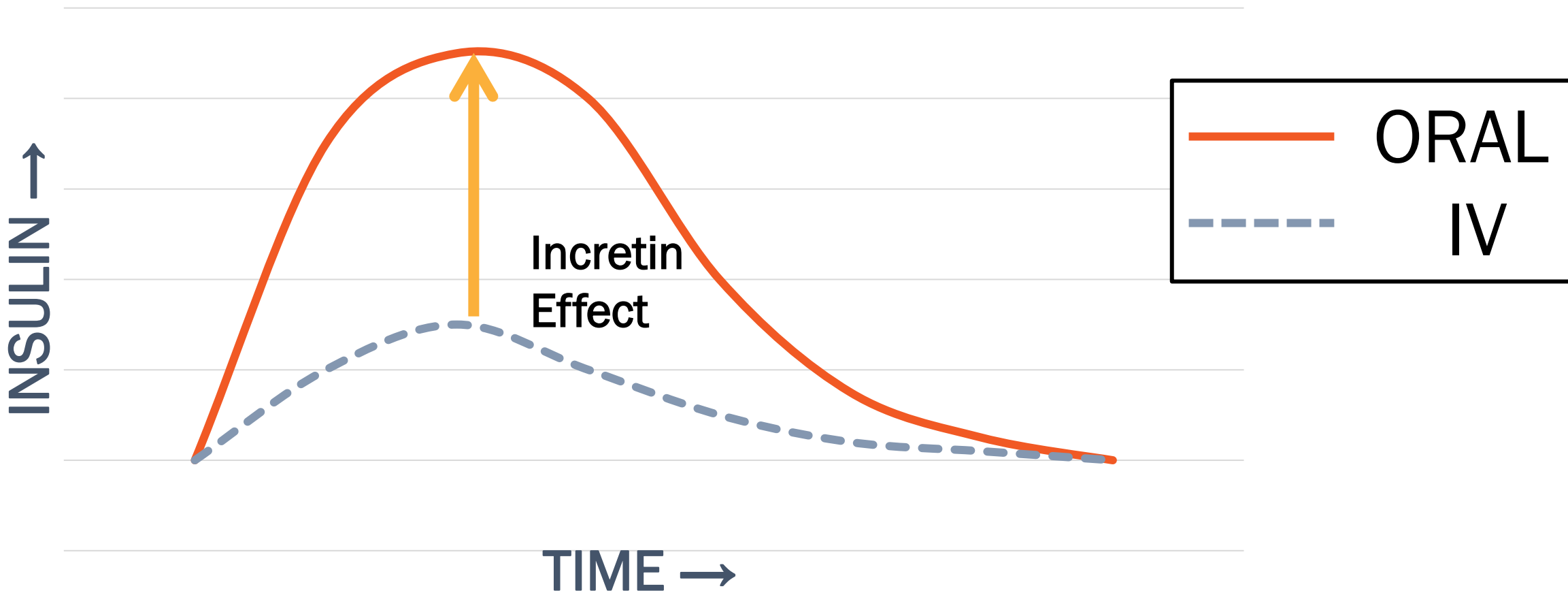
...aka almost no risk of hypoglycemia



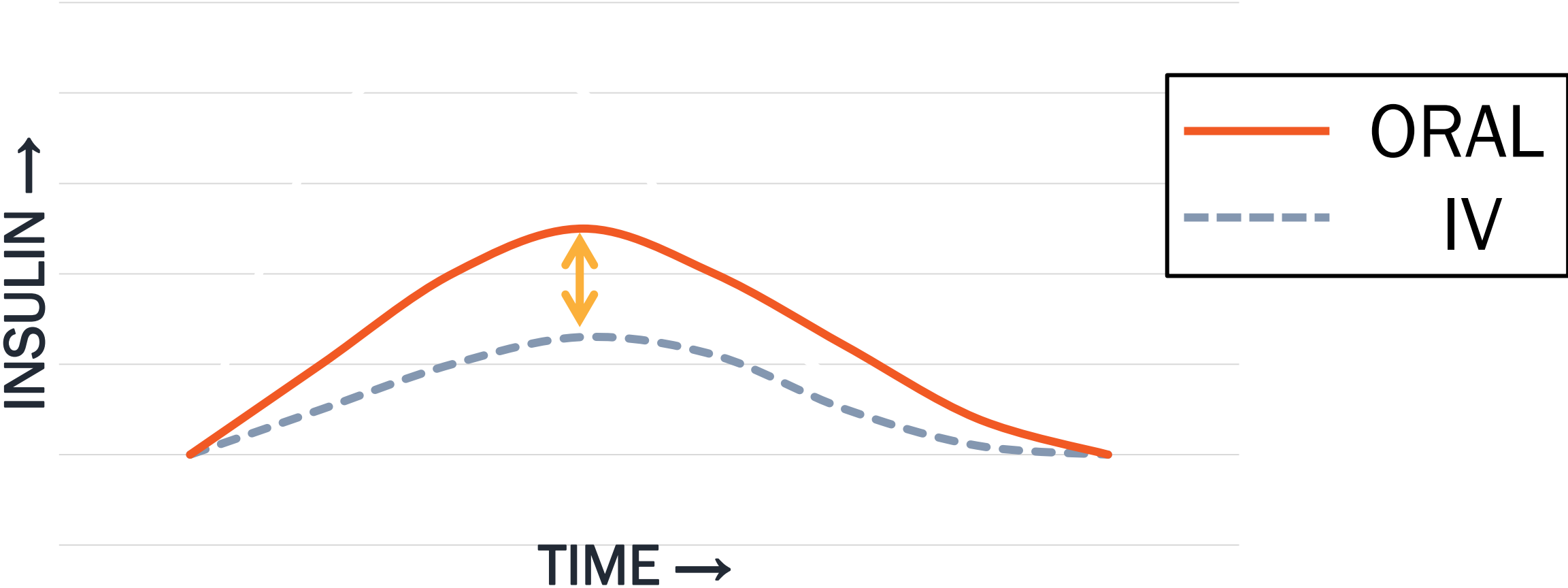
Normal



Normal



Incretin Effect Blunted with Type 2 Diabetes



The Plan

1. Discover incretins
2. Make the incretin system work better to help improve blood sugars for people with diabetes



Fast Forward...

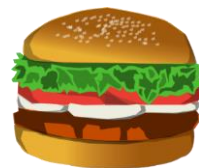
We Found 2 Incretins!

- **GLP1**
(glucagon-like peptide 1)
- **GIP**
(glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide)

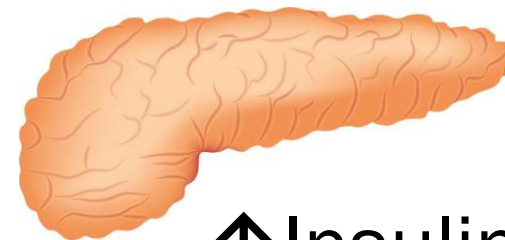




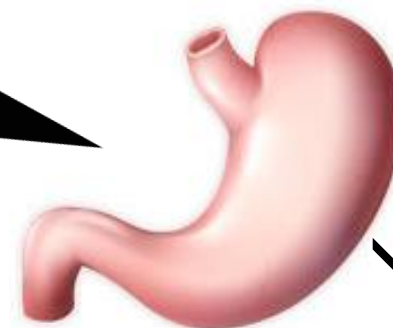
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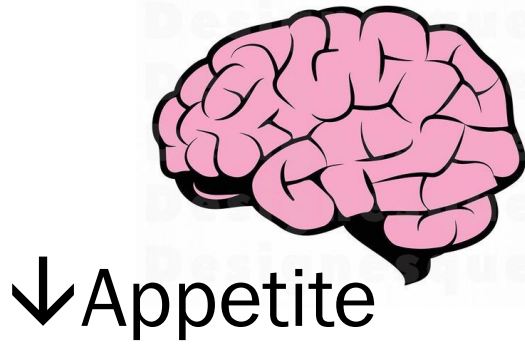
**GLP1
&
GIP**



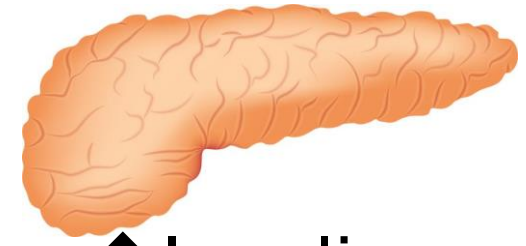
↑ Insulin
↓ Glucagon



↓ Gastric
Emptying

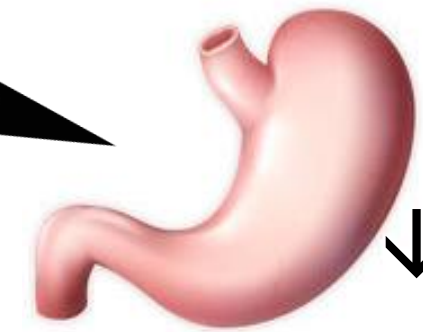


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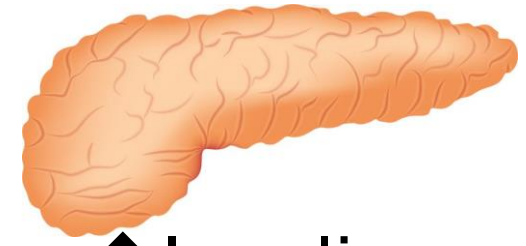
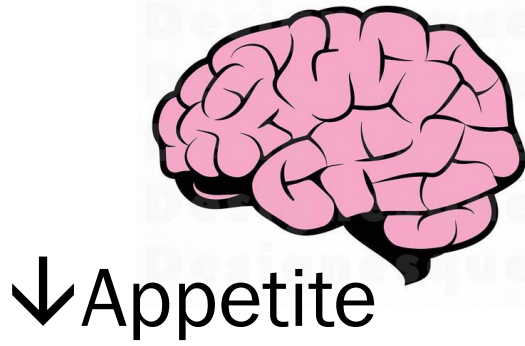
**GLP1
RA**



↓ Gastric
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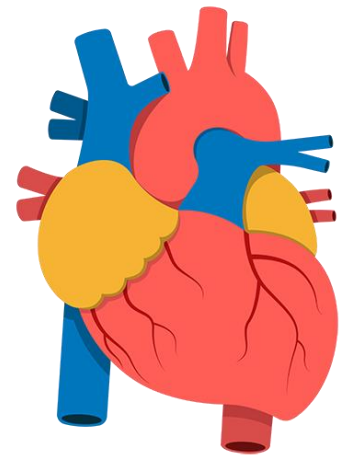
**GLP1-RA – works at
supraphysiologic level**



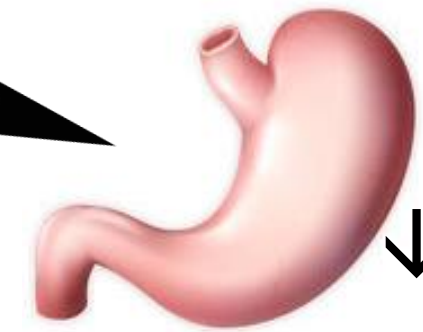


↑ Insulin
↓ Glucagon
↑ β -cell proliferation
↓ β -cell apoptosis

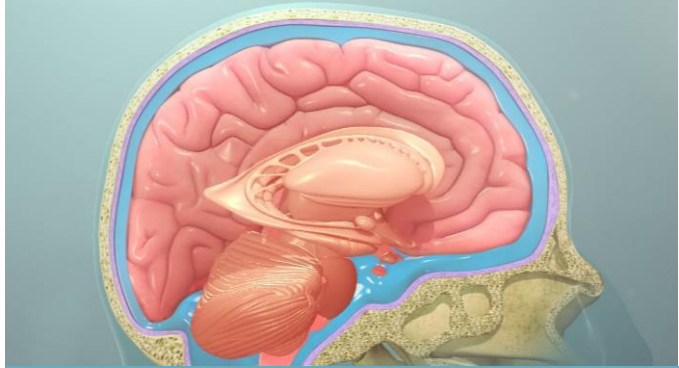
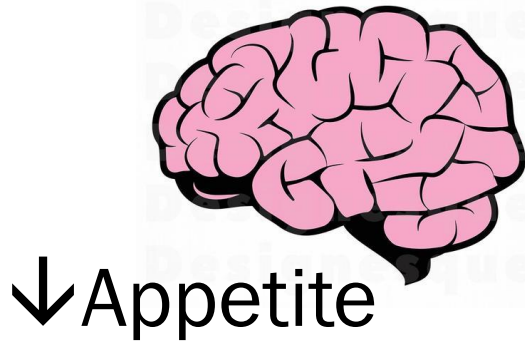
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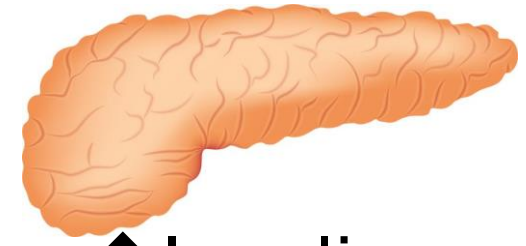
↑ Cardio-protection



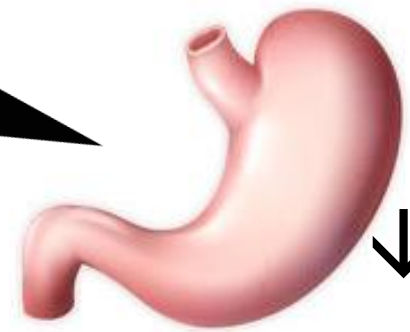
↓ Gastric Emptying



GIP RA



- ↑ Insulin
- ↓ Glucagon
- ↑ β -cell proliferation
- ↓ β -cell apoptosis



↓ Gastric Emptying

GIP RA don't seem to be effective on their own – but boosts effectiveness when added to GLP1 RA

GLP1 Receptor Agonists

Glucagon Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists

GLP1-RA

GLP1

GLP

Incretin Mimetics



GIP Receptor Agonists

Glucose-dependent insulinotropic
polypeptide

GIP RA

GIP



GLP1 and GLP1/GIP-RA

Let's Meet The
Diabetes
GLP1-RA and
GLP1/GIP RA

- Bydureon BCise (exenatide)
- Victoza (liraglutide)
- Trulicity (dulaglutide)
- Ozempic (semaglutide)
- Rybelsus (semaglutide)
- Mounjaro (tirzepatide)

Once-weekly 

BYDUREON[®] BCise[™]

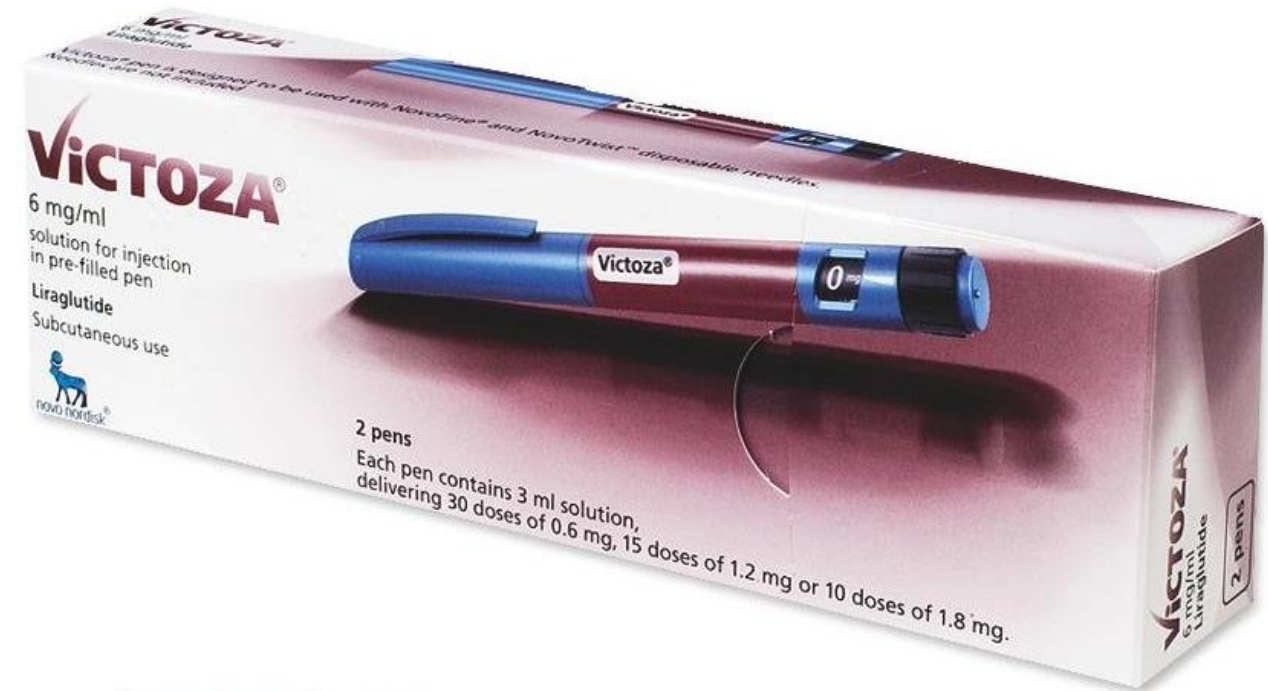
exenatide extended-release
injectable suspension 2 mg



VICTOZA®

liraglutide injection 1.2 mg | 1.8 mg

Daily Injection





trulicity™

dulaglutide once-weekly injection



ONCE-WEEKLY
OZEMPIC[®]
semaglutide injection 0.5mg, 1mg, 2mg



ONCE-DAILY

RYBELSUS[®]

semaglutide tablets 7mg | 14mg



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once weekly



mounjaro[®]

(tirzepatide) injection 0.5 mL

2.5 mg | 5 mg | 7.5 mg | 10 mg | 12.5 mg | 15 mg



Let's Meet the Weight Loss GLP1-RA

- Saxenda (liraglutide)
- Wegovy (semaglutide)





Saxenda[®]

liraglutide (rDNA origin) injection
Daily Injection

Same exact drug
as Victoza –
higher max dose



ONCE -WEEKLY

wegovy™

semaglutide injection **2.4 mg**

Same exact drug as Ozempic
- higher max dose



Glycemic Benefits

| <u>Diagnosis</u> | <u>A1C Level</u> |
|------------------|------------------|
| Normal | <5.7% |
| PreDiabetes | 5.7-6.4% |
| Diabetes | ≥6.5% |



A1C to Estimated Average Glucose (eAG)

| A1C% | eAG |
|------|-----|
| 9 | 212 |
| 8.5 | 197 |
| 8 | 183 |
| 7.5 | 169 |
| 7 | 154 |
| 6.5 | 140 |
| 6 | 126 |

From the American Diabetes Association https://professional.diabetes.org/diapro/glucose_calc



A1C goals (general)

ADA - Less than 7% 

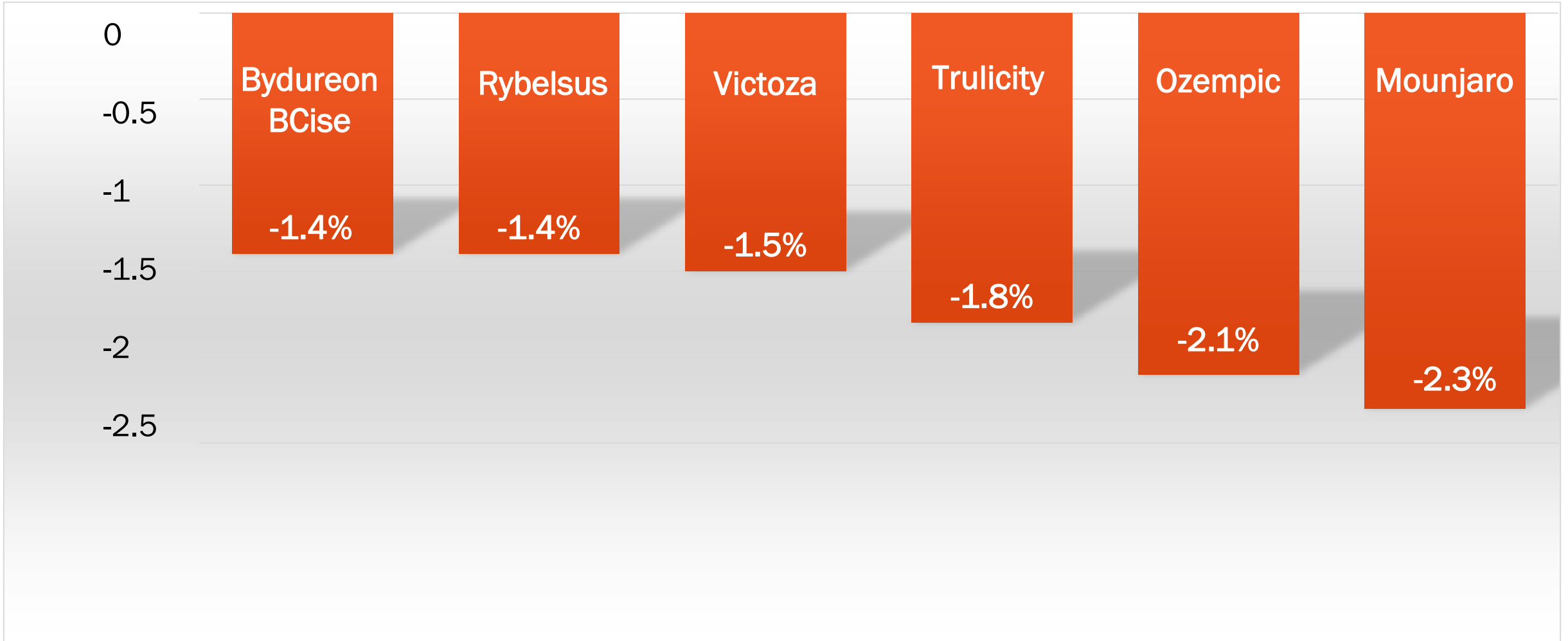
AACE - 6.5% or less 

| A1C% | eAG |
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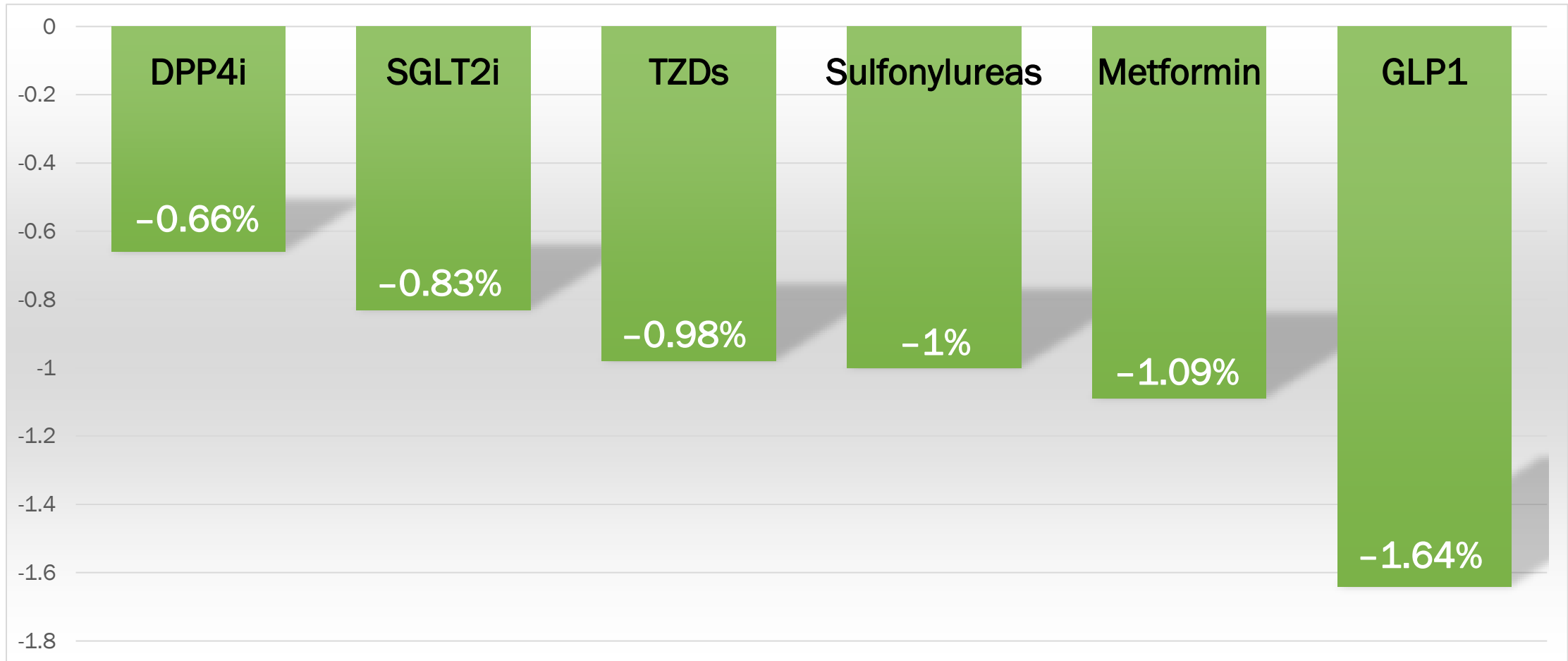
ADA - American Diabetes Association AACE - American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists



Average A1C Reduction on Highest Dose of Each Medication



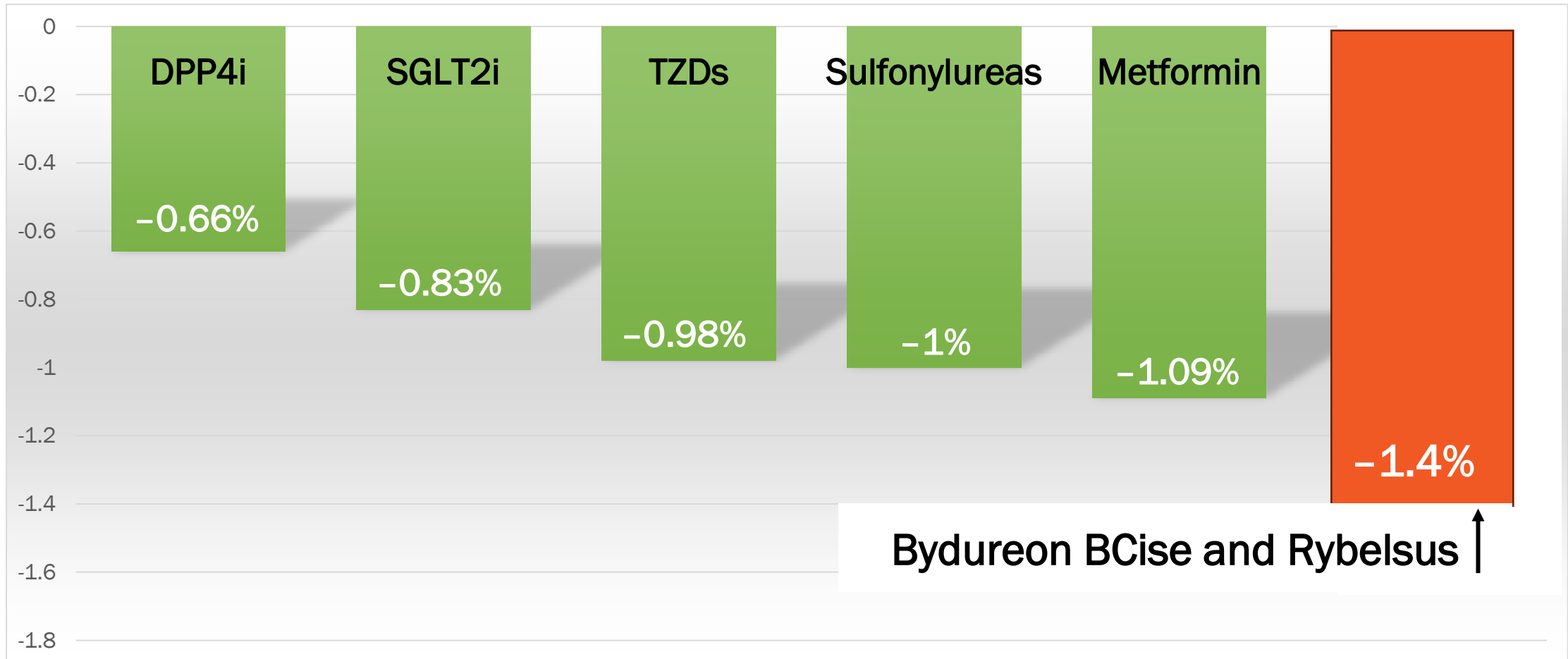
Average A1C Reduction for Highest Dose in Each Drug Category



The weakest GLP1 is stronger than all other diabetes medication categories.



Average A1C Reduction for Highest Dose in Each Drug Category Compared to Weakest GLP1



And remember
Incretins are...

glucose-dependent...

...aka almost no risk of hypoglycemia



ASCVD Risk Reduction

MACE

Major Adverse Cardiac Events



MACE include...

Non-fatal stroke

Non-fatal MI

CV Death



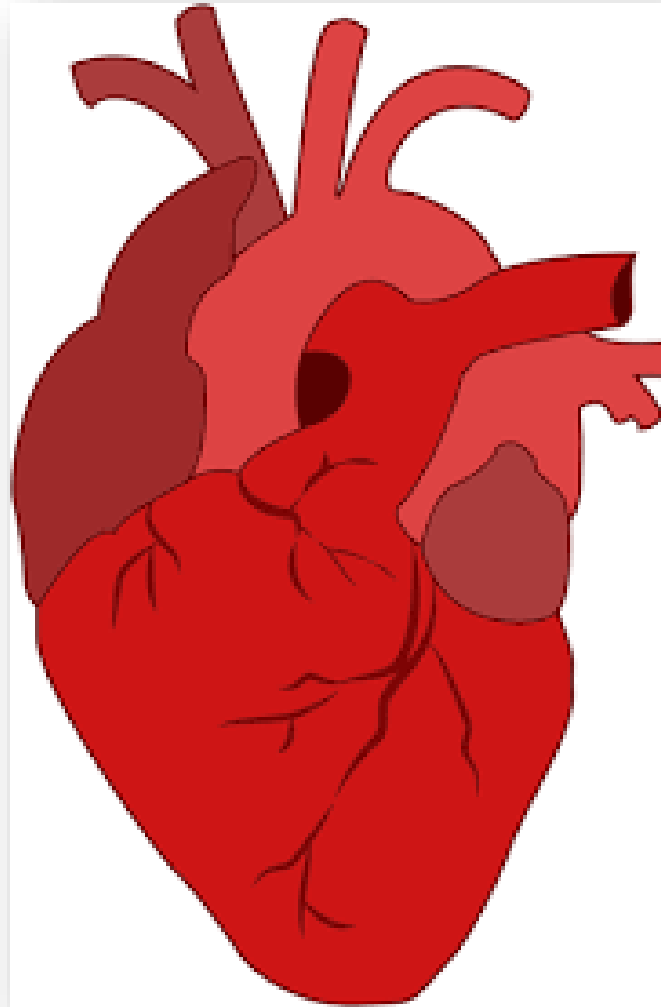
Shown to Be Cardioprotective?

YES

Victoza

Trulicity

Ozempic



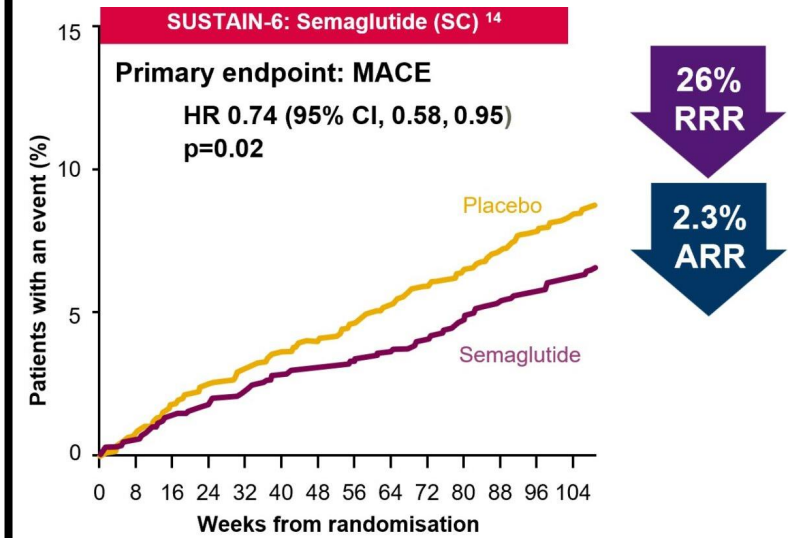
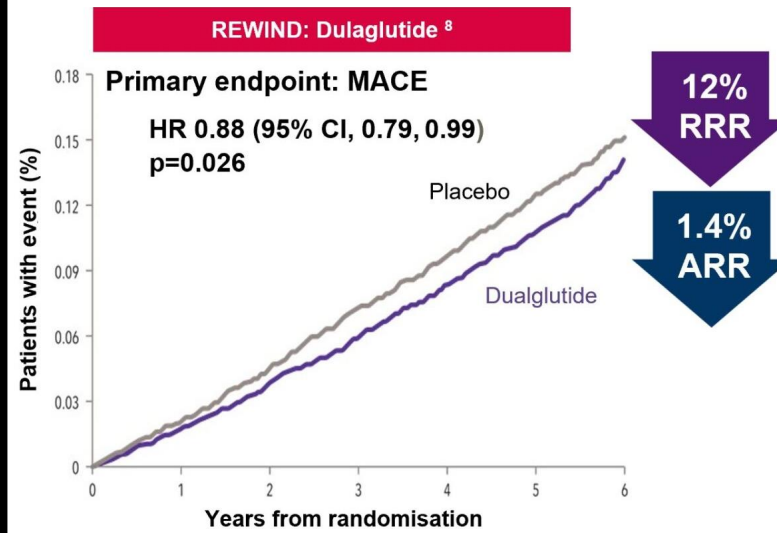
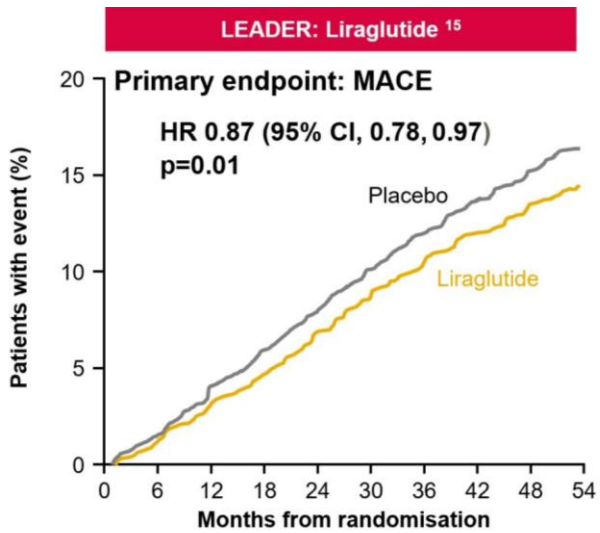
NO

Bydureon BCise

Rybelsus

Mounjaro

Three GLP-1 CVOTs reduced MACE in a T2DM patient cohort



Semaglutide (SC only), Dulaglutide & Liraglutide are recommended to reduce MACE in patient with e-CVD (secondary prevention).

<https://local.clinicalpathways.io/nwl-diabetes-guidelines/frame/>

ARR and RRR

Actual Risk Reduction (ARR)
and
Relative Risk Reduction (RRR)



ARR

The actual reduction of one thing versus another

4% vs 3%

ARR is 1%

(3% is 1% less than 4%)



RRR

The reduction of one risk *compared* to another.

4% vs 3%

RRR is 25%

(3% is 25% less than 4%)

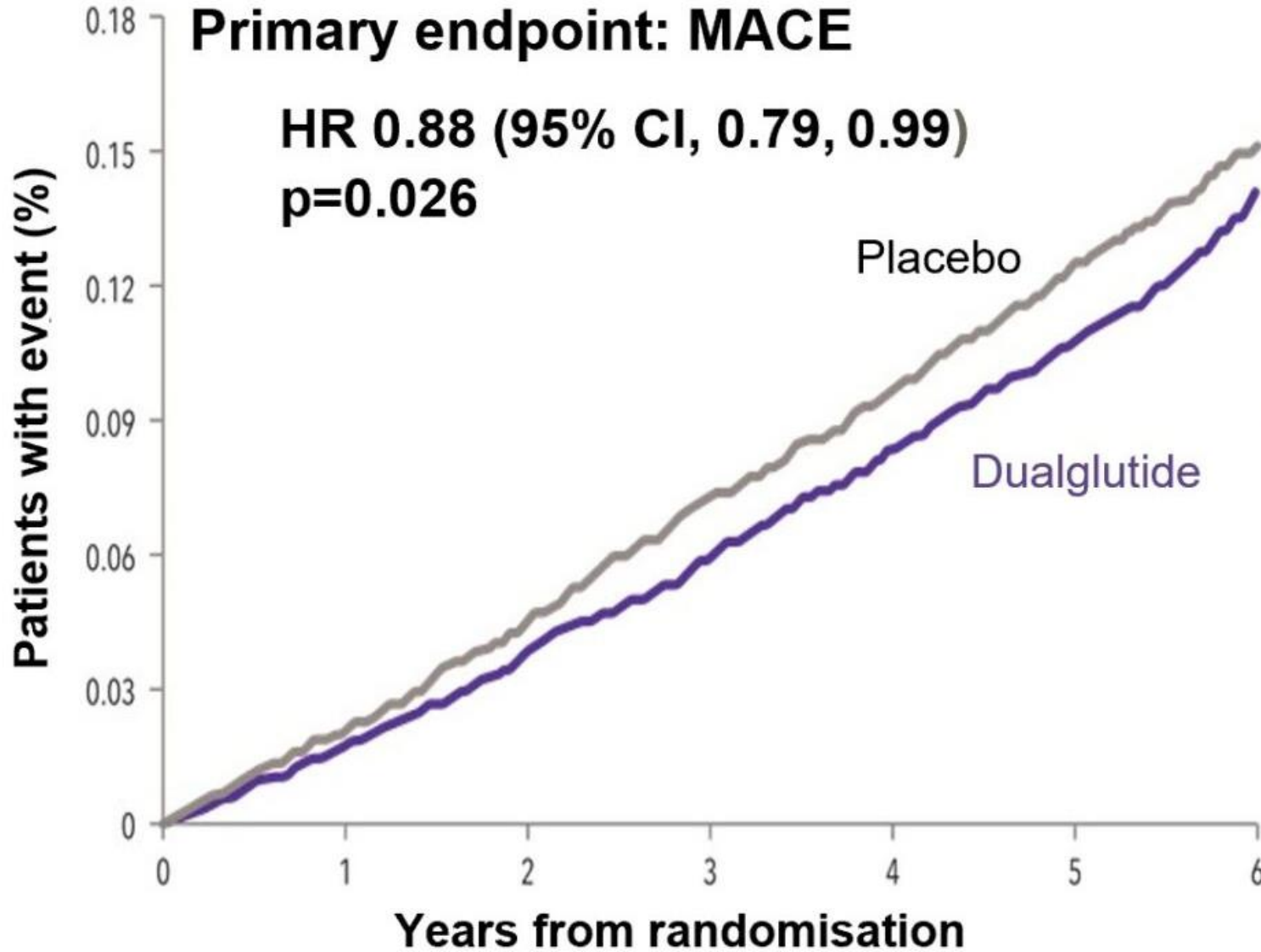


REWIND: Dulaglutide ⁸

Primary endpoint: MACE

HR 0.88 (95% CI, 0.79, 0.99)

p=0.026



**12%
RRR**

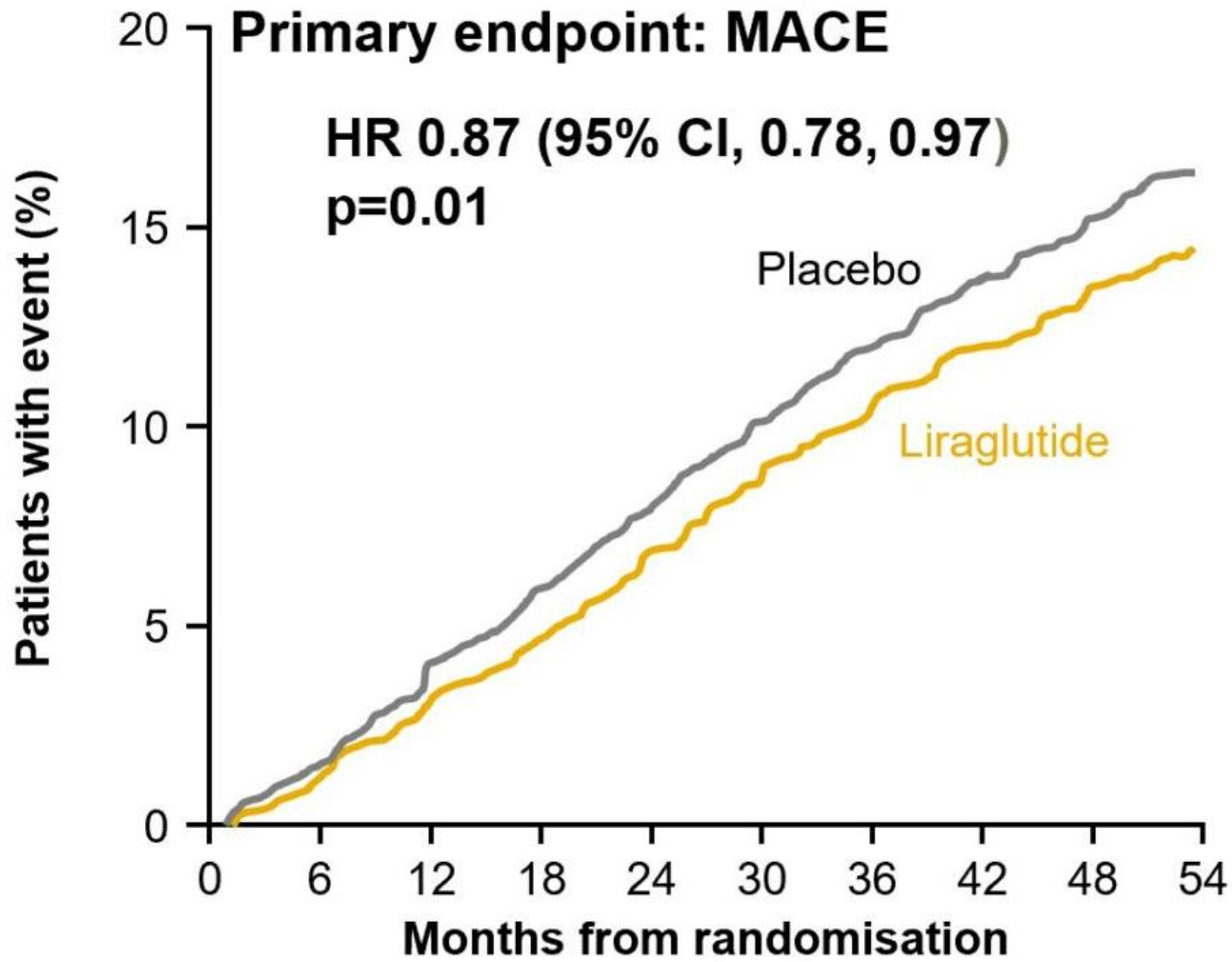
**1.4%
ARR**

Trulicity



Victoza

LEADER: Liraglutide ¹⁵



**13%
RRR**

**1.9%
ARR**

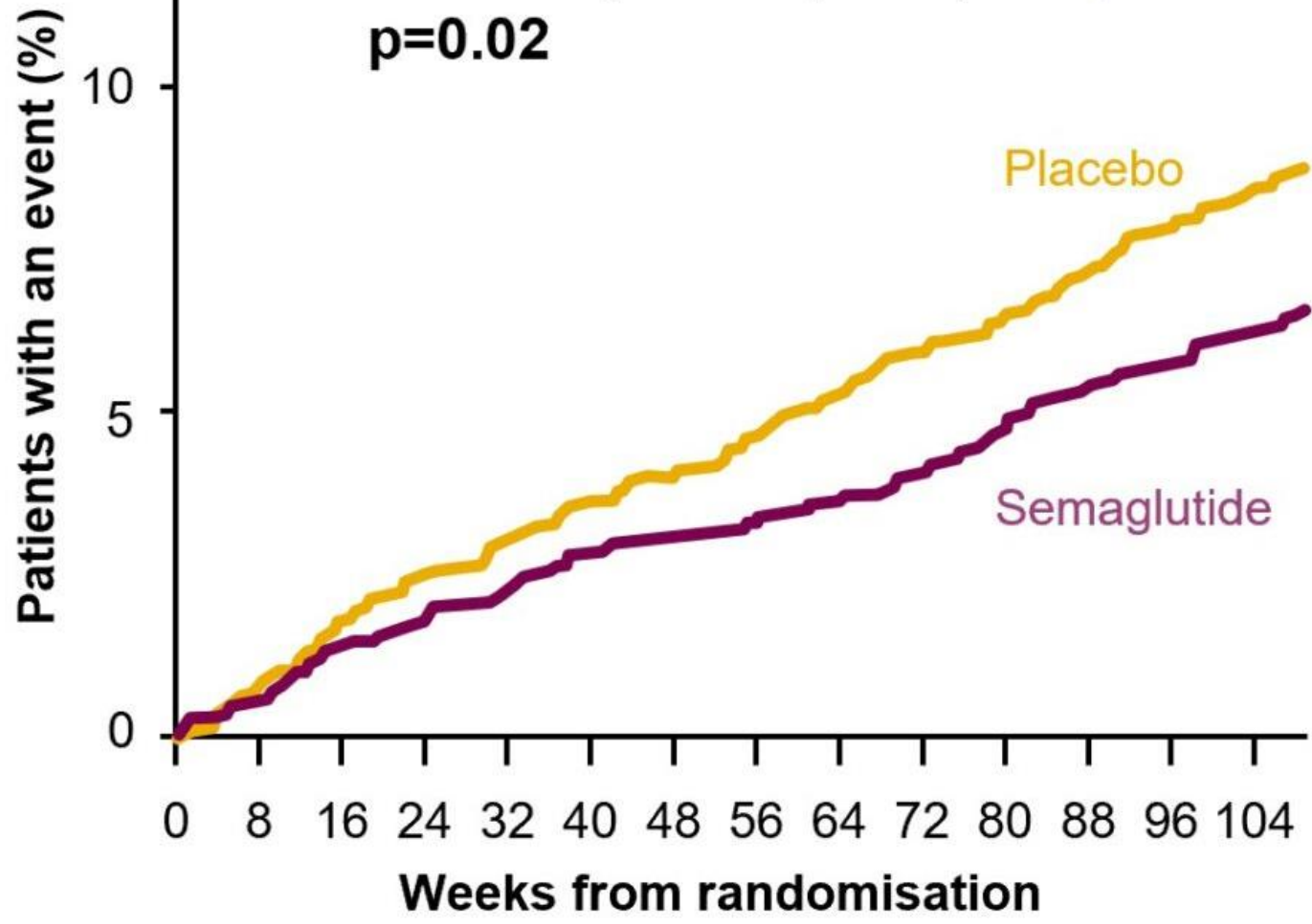


SUSTAIN-6: Semaglutide (SC) ¹⁴

Primary endpoint: MACE

HR 0.74 (95% CI, 0.58, 0.95)

p=0.02



**26%
RRR**

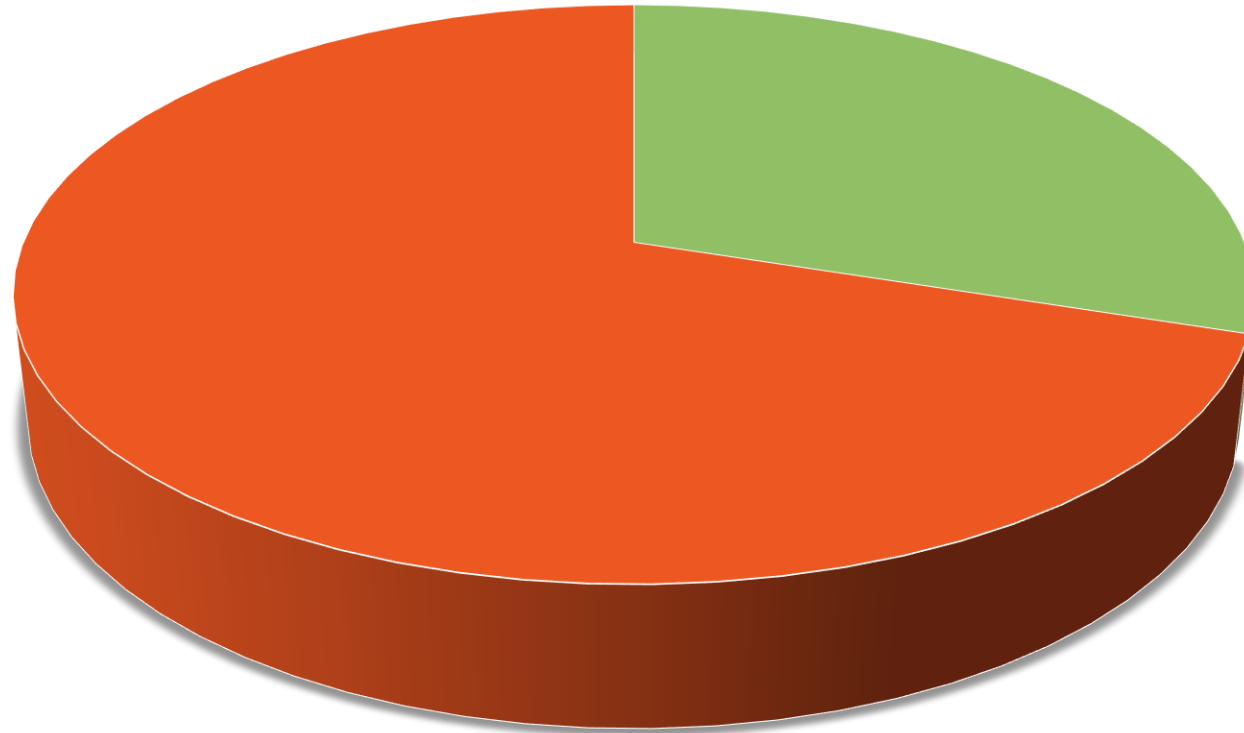
**2.3%
ARR**

Ozempic

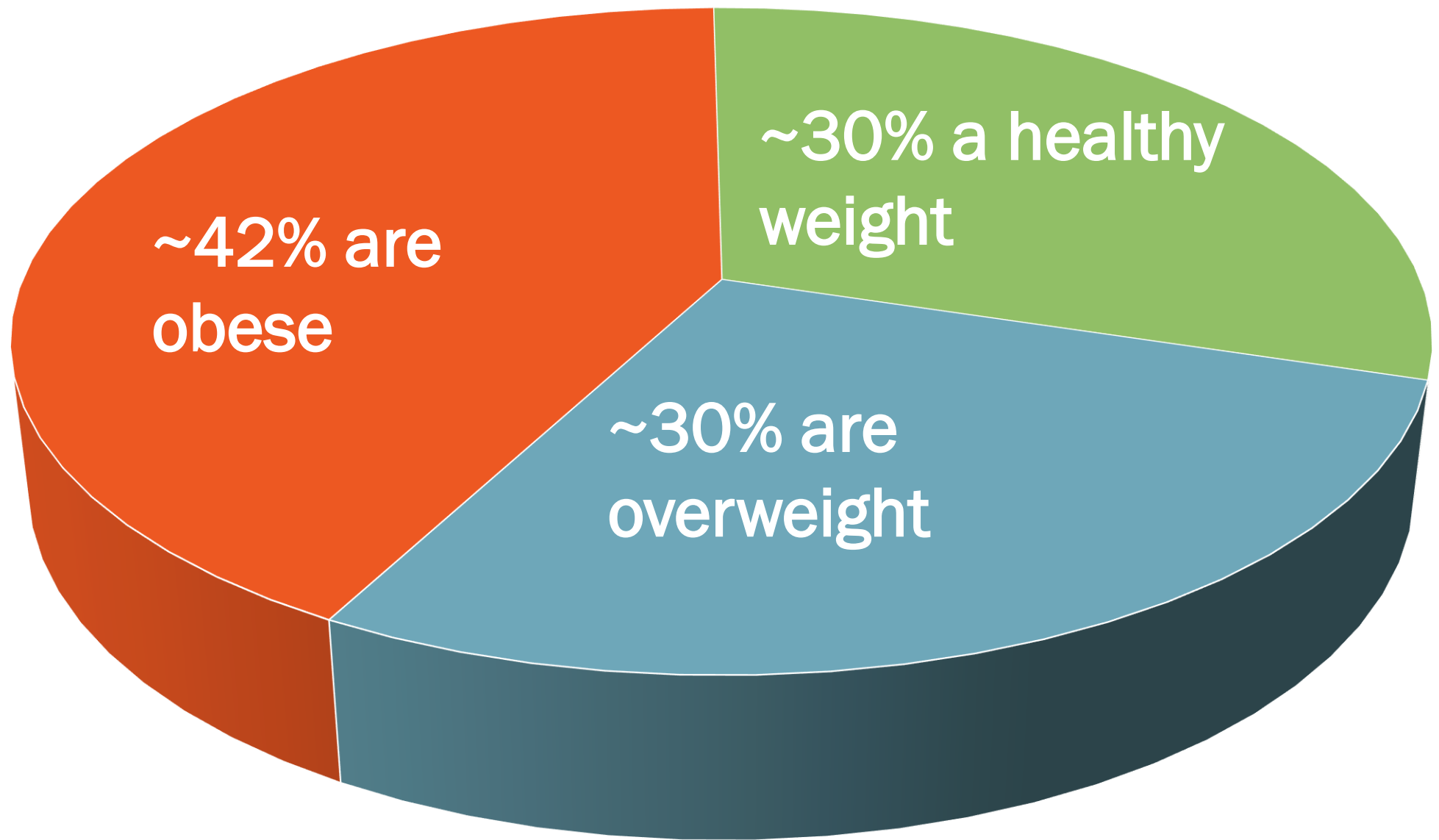


Weight Loss

Over 70% of us are overweight or obese



■ Overweight or obese ■ Healthy Weight



Why is it so hard?



Physiology + Obesogenic Environment = Obesity



“The brain has developed “...Neural pathways specialized in satiety, hunger and energy expenditure...These pathways have been programmed through millennia of human phylogenetic development so that homeostasis maintains a person's weight at the highest possible level”

doi: [10.17925/EE.2022.18.1.35](https://doi.org/10.17925/EE.2022.18.1.35)



“Thus, even if people with obesity temporarily succeed in losing weight, they immediately face millennia of adaptation leading to weight regain, often to an even greater level from where they started.”

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“Given the complex pathophysiology of obesity and the potent counterregulatory neuroendocrine pathways activated to counter weight loss, obesity can no longer be attributed to a lack of willpower.”

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Obesity is a chronic, progressive, relapsing disease.



Just 5%

- Blood sugars improve
- Blood pressure improves
- Triglycerides improve



10%

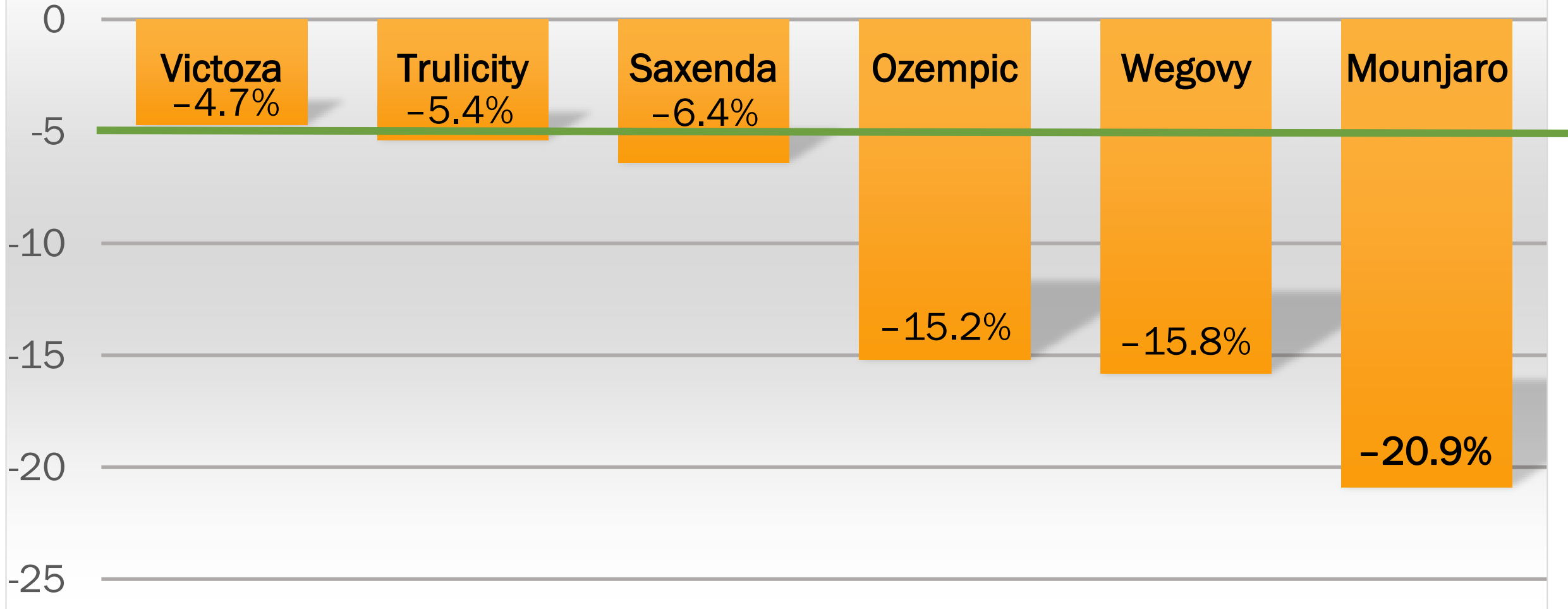
- Can prevent diabetes
- Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease improves
- Dyslipidemia improves



>15%

- Type 2 diabetes – possible for some cases of diabetes to go into remission

Average Percentage of Weight Loss on Highest Strength of Each Drug



Prescribing Recommendations



Independent of A1C, if...

**established or high risk for
ASCVD**

**...start a GLP1-RA or SGLT2i
with proven benefit**



Newly Diagnosed?



Newly Diagnosed?

Independent of A1C, if...

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ASCVD

...start a GLP1-RA or SGLT2i
with proven benefit

As First Line Therapy



Recommendations Summary – T2DM with ASCVD or High Risk for ASCVD

GLP1-RA or SGLT2i
with proven benefit

If A1C above
target...
Add metformin

If A1C above
target...
If on GLP1-RA add
SGLT2i and vice
versa



PreDiabetes

Overweight or Obese with ASCVD or high risk?

“...Pharmacotherapy for weight loss should be considered when lifestyle measures alone are inadequate to achieve goal weight loss in those with ABCD (Adipose Based Chronic Disease)...”

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PreDiabetes

Overweight or Obese with ASCVD or high risk?

GLP1-RA

semaglutide 2.4 mg (Wegovy)

liraglutide 3 mg (Saxenda)

Why not Ozempic, Victoza, or Trulicity?



Who Qualifies?

For both Saxenda or Wegovy

- BMI - 30 or greater (obese)
- BMI - 27 or greater (overweight) with at least one weight-related comorbidity



Contraindications

Contraindications Thyroid

All GLP1 drugs currently on the market are contraindicated in patients with a certain type of thyroid cancer or disorder.



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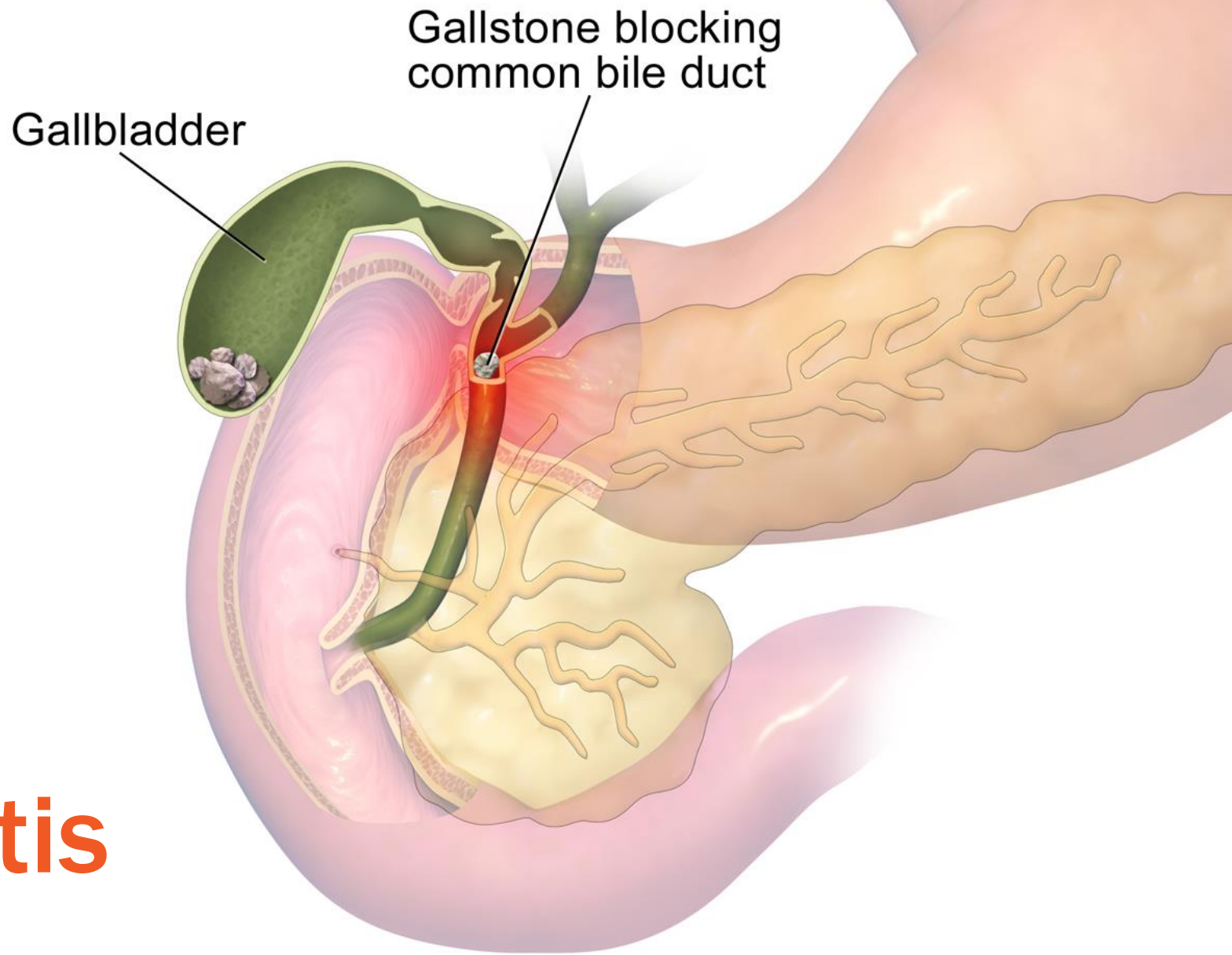
A personal or family history of
medullary thyroid carcinoma
(MTC)

or

Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia
syndrome type 2 (MEN2)

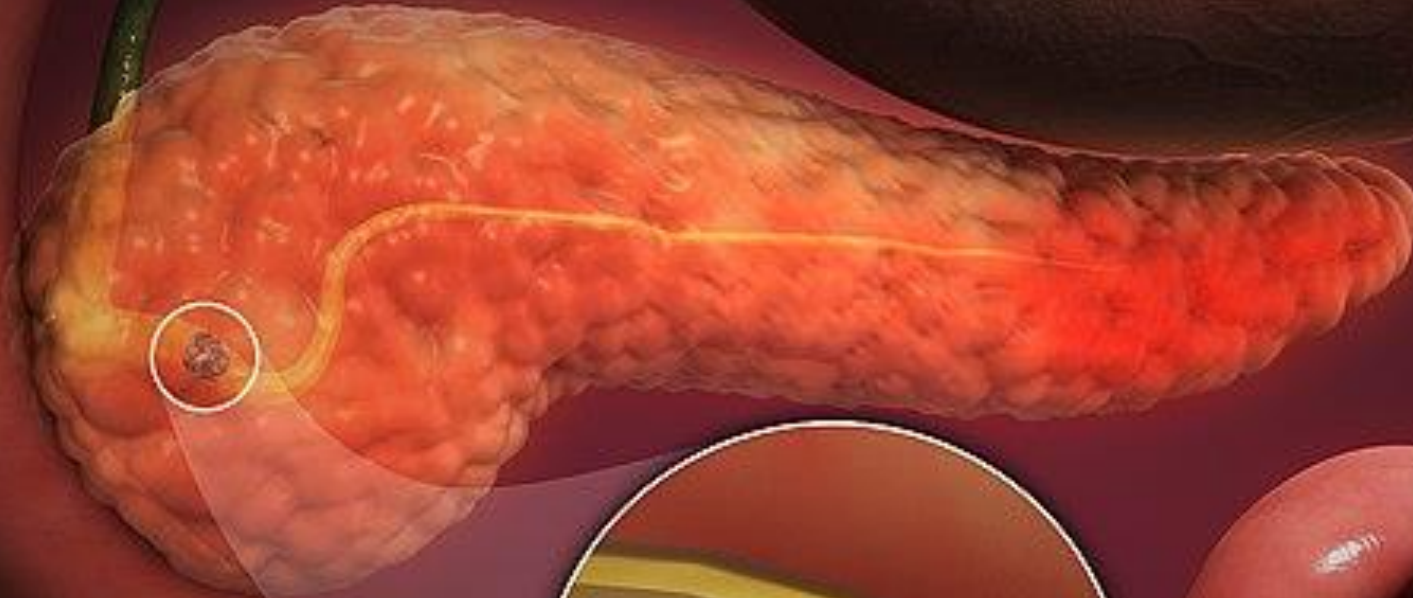


Warnings and Precautions



Cholelithiasis and Cholecystitis

Pancreatitis

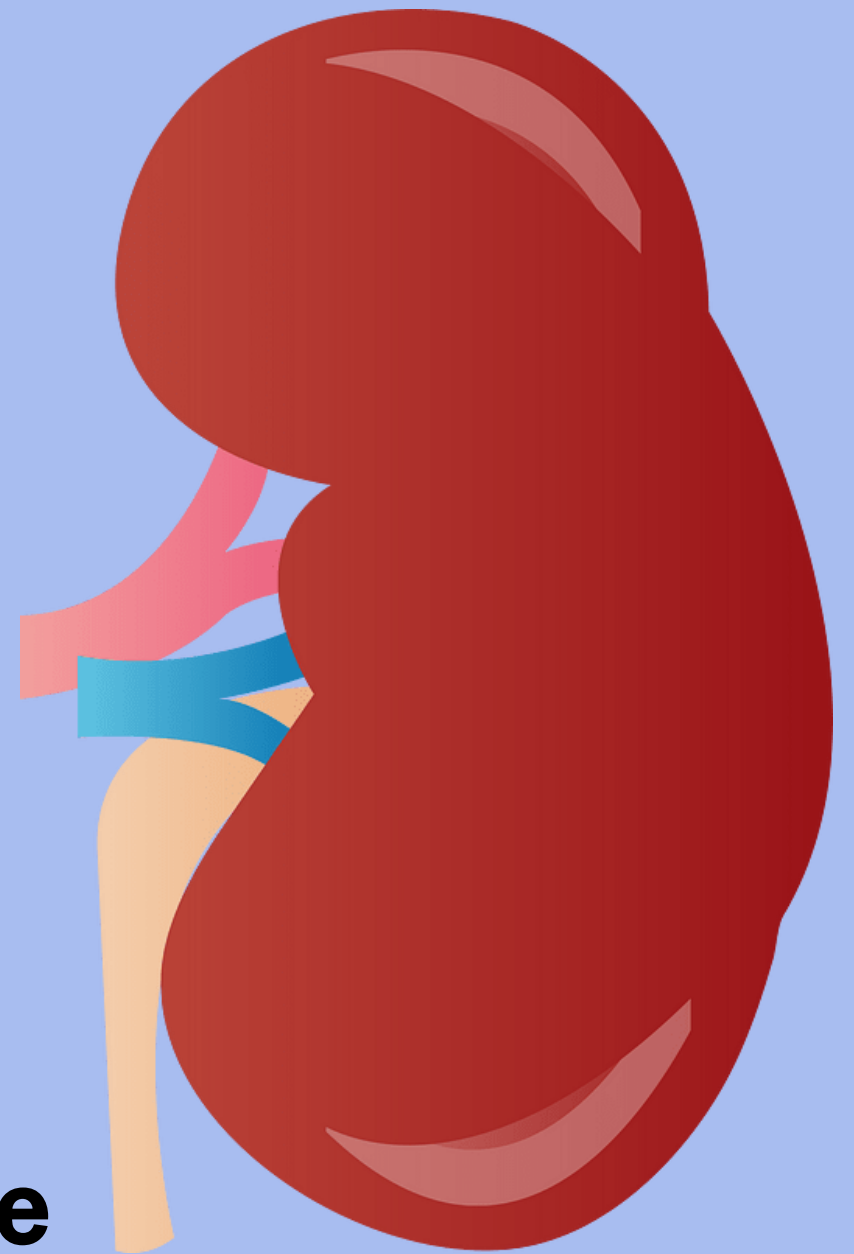


Retinopathy



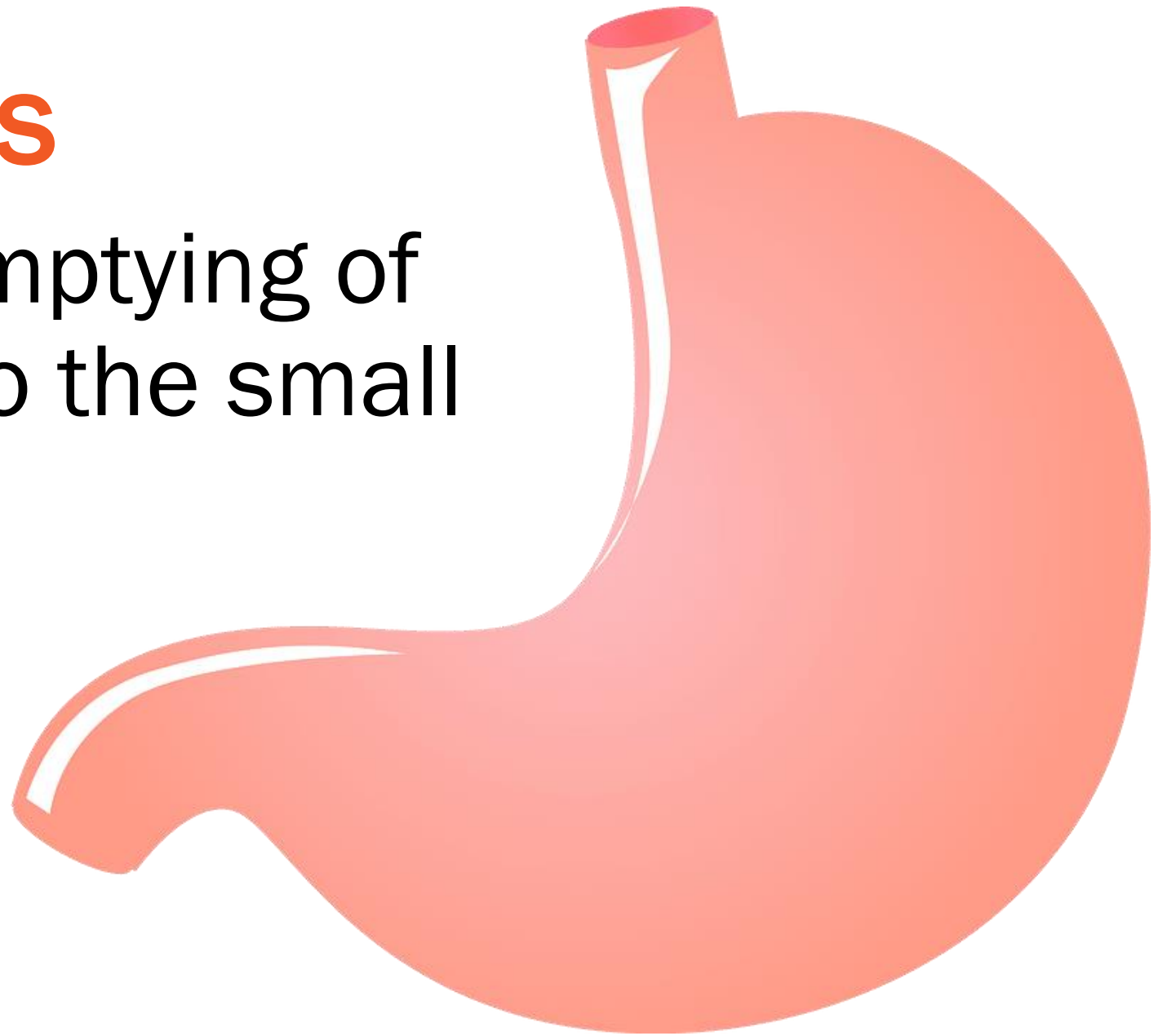
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Renal Disease



Gastroparesis

A delay in the emptying of the stomach into the small intestine.





American Society of
Anesthesiologists[®]

- Hold GLP-1 agonists on the day of the procedure/surgery for patients who take the medication daily.
- Hold GLP-1 agonists a week prior to the procedure/surgery for patients who take the medication weekly.

Side Effects









Titration is Important



Titration is Important

SAXENDA WEEKLY DOSING GUIDE

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| WEEK 1 | 0.6mg |
| WEEK 2 | 1.2mg |
| WEEK 3 | 1.8mg |
| WEEK 4 | 2.4mg |
| WEEK 5+ | 3.0mg (full dose) |

Titration is Important



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Titration is Important



Titrate to Minimize GI Symptoms

How bad is it?

For all GLP1 drugs except one....

~4-8% discontinued due to GI symptoms



Once-weekly 

BYDUREON[®] BCise[™]

- Only 2% D/C due to GI symptoms
- Not as strong for weight loss
- Still 1.4% A1C reduction



EASY

Proven A1C
reductions with
no titration¹

Heart Rate Increase



~2-3 bpm

General Guidelines - FAQs

Can They Be Left Out of The Refrigerator?

Yes! – up to 86°F
for at least 2
weeks

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Bydureon BCise | 28 days |
| Victoza | 30 days |
| Saxenda | 30 days |
| Trulicity | 14 days |
| Ozempic | 56 days |
| Wegovy | 28 days |
| Mounjaro | 21 days |



What if I Missed a dose?

Depends on how many days since this missed dose

| | If up to this many days since missed dose – take missed dose. If more take next schedule dose. |
|----------------|---|
| Bydureon BCise | 4 days |
| Trulicity | 4 days |
| Ozempic | 5 days |
| Wegovy | 5 days |
| Mounjaro | 4 days |

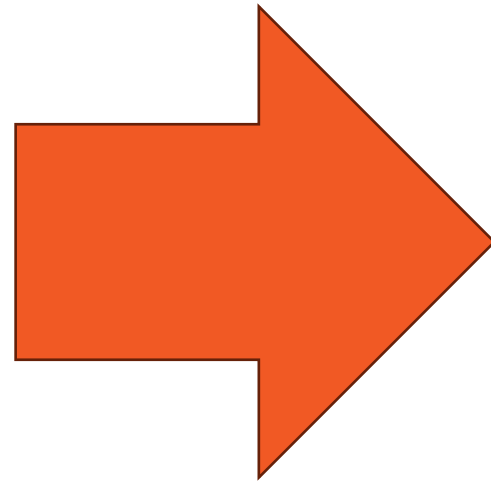


Missed a DAILY dose?

Victoza

Saxenda

Rybelsus



**Skip and
take next
daily dose.**

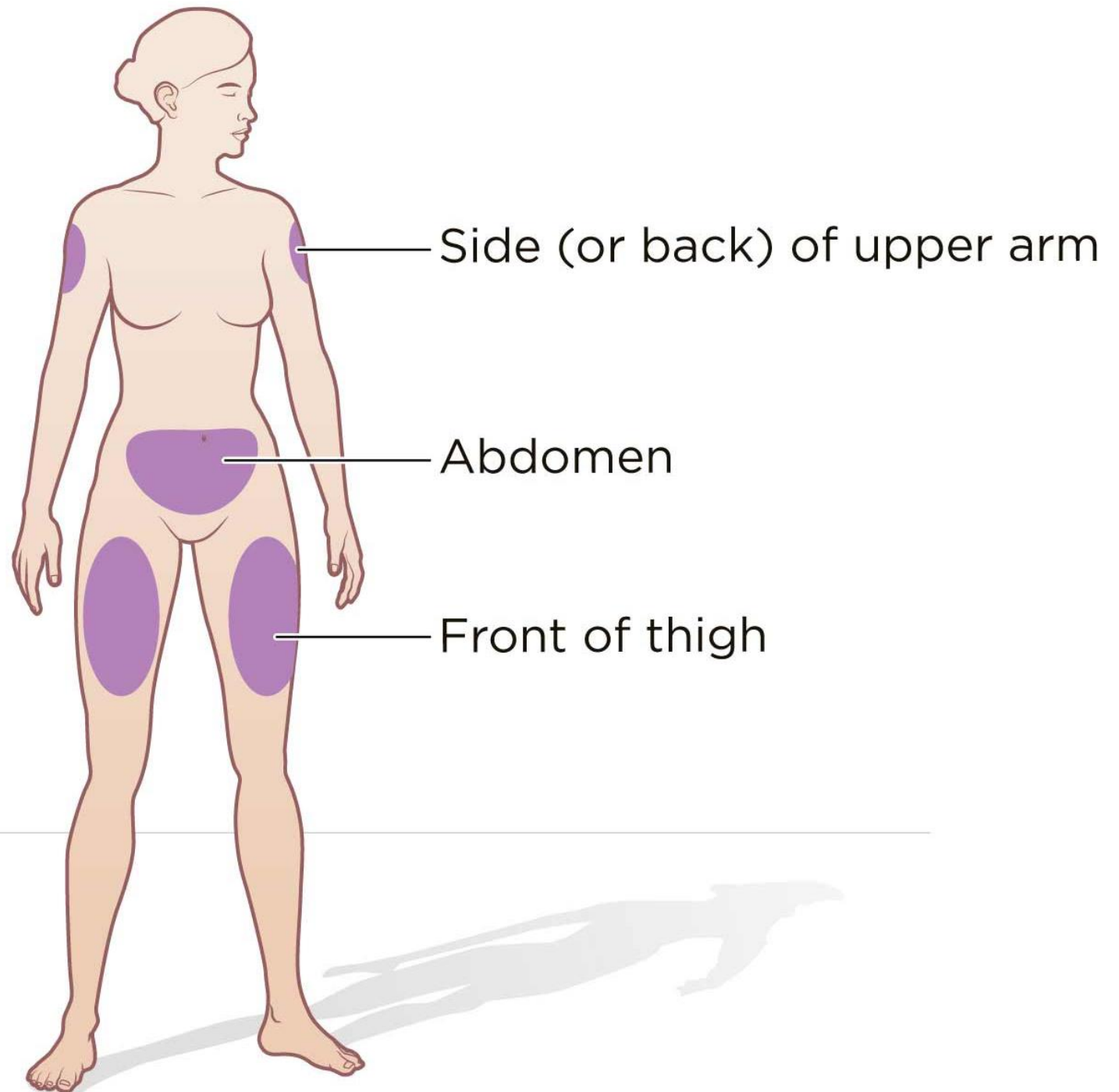
Can I Switch the Day I Take it?

Yes – as long as the time between doses is at least....

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Bydureon BCise | 3 days |
| Trulicity | 3 days |
| Ozempic | 3 days |
| Wegovy | 2 days |
| Mounjaro | 3 days |



Where do I give my shot?



Trying to get Rx filled





Trying to get Rx filled



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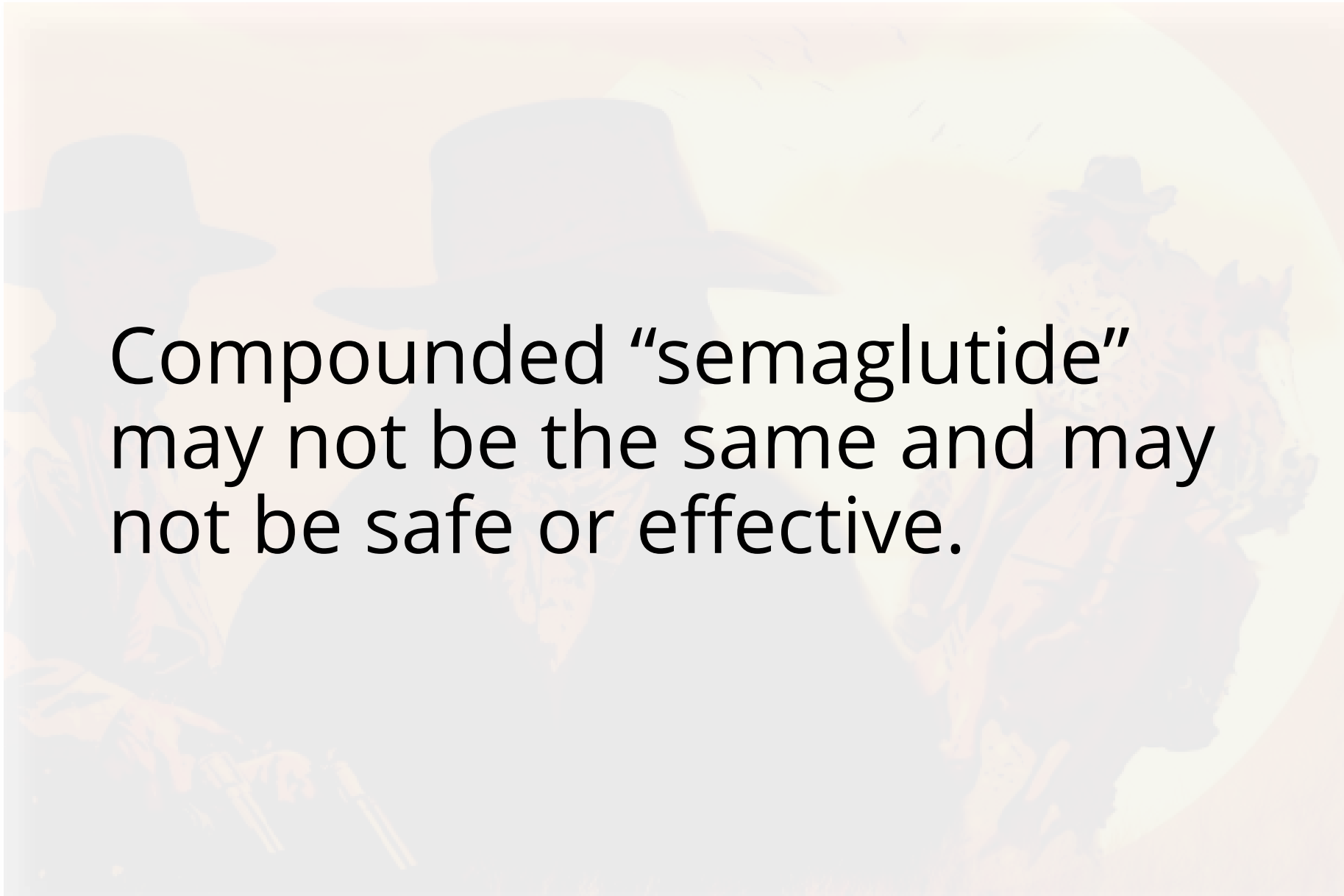


I couldn't get it for a month, do I restart on my regular dose?



**I can't get it at my pharmacy –
can I get it compounded?**

“Patients should be aware that some products sold as ‘semaglutide’ may not contain the same active ingredient as FDA-approved semaglutide products and may be the salt formulations, products containing these salts, such as semaglutide sodium and semaglutide acetate, have not been shown to be safe and effective.”



Compounded “semaglutide”
may not be the same and may
not be safe or effective.

Controversies



**But –
These drugs are really for diabetes –
not weight loss**



**If you start taking them, you'll have to take them
for the rest of your life!**

Obesity is a chronic, progressive, relapsing disease.



Ozempic face!

Media buzzword

When people lose weight, their faces lose weight.



They make you lose too much muscle!





What's Coming!

New Oral GLP1-RA

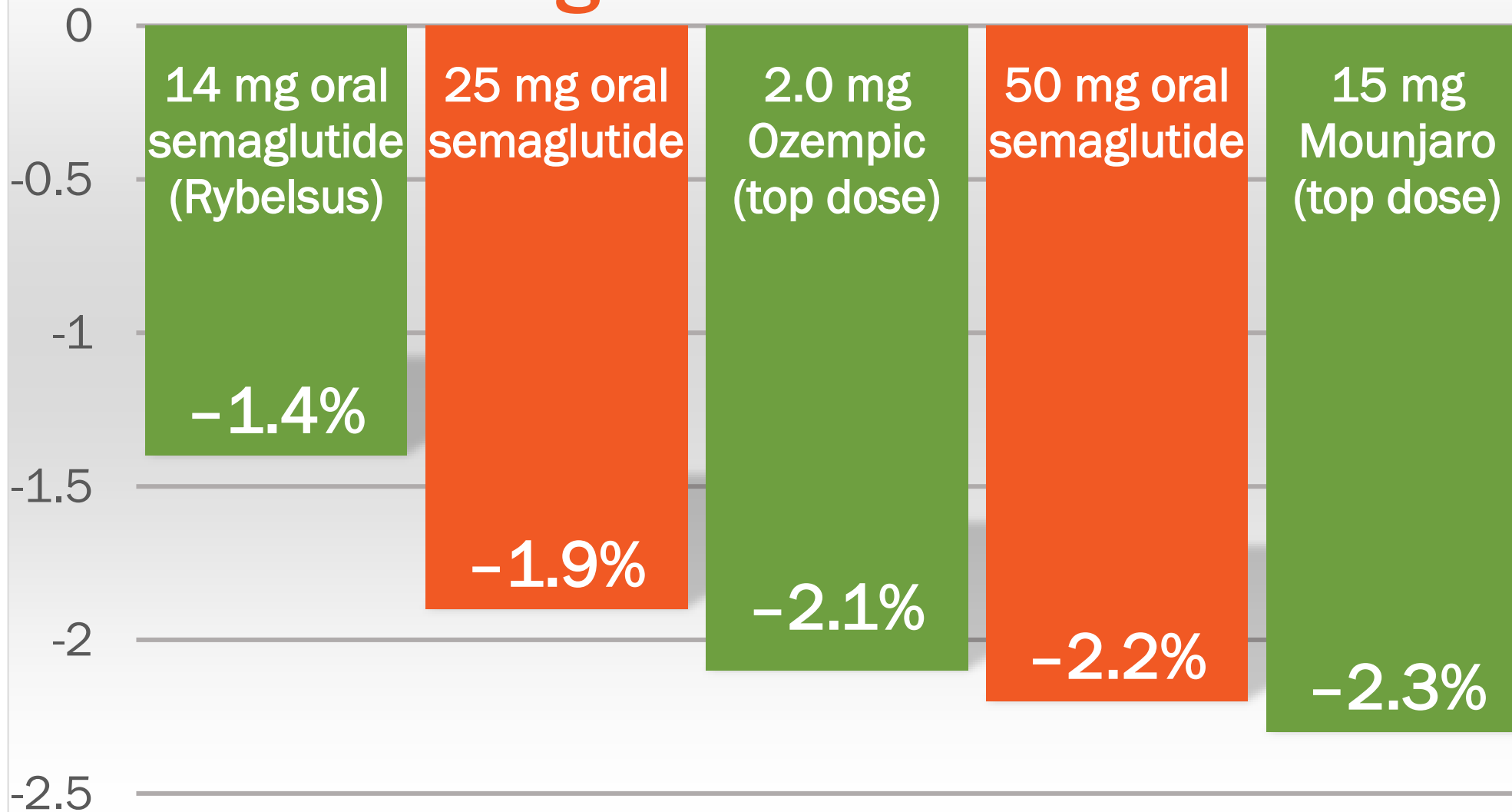
Danuglipron - twice daily pill with
no special dosing instructions



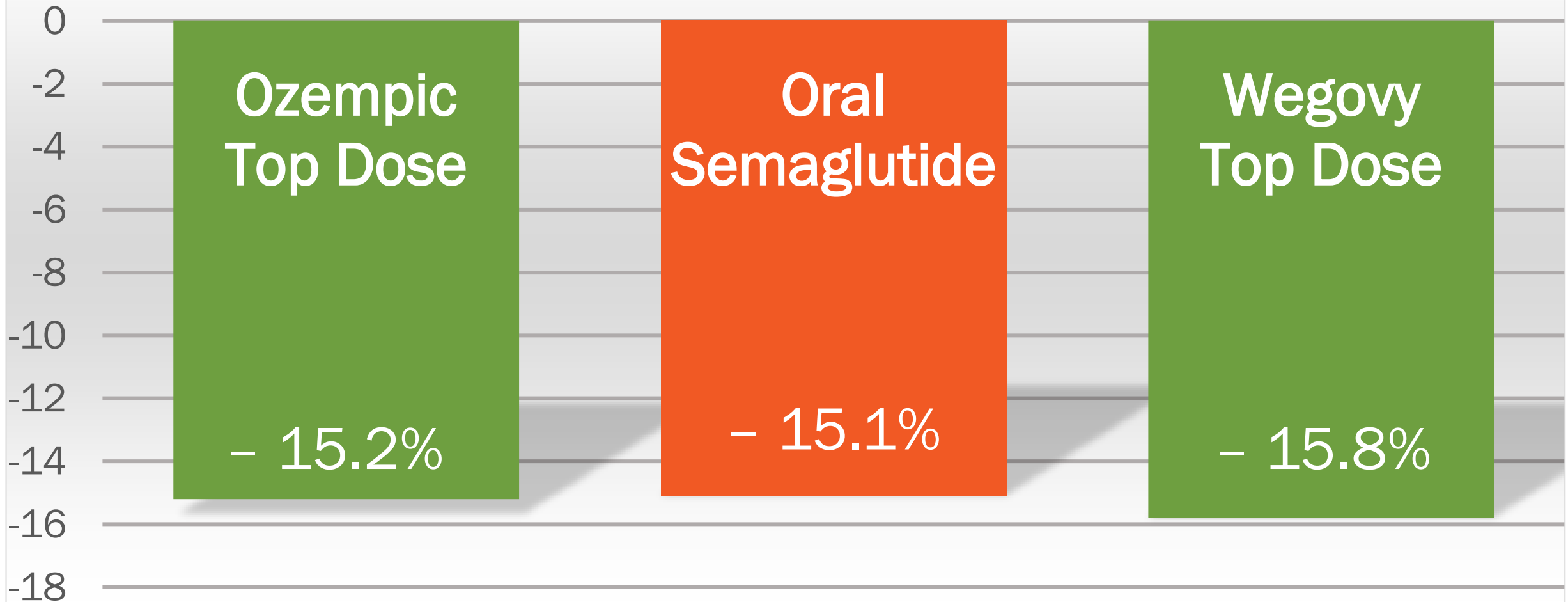
Higher Dose Semaglutide in a Pill



A1C Reductions on Higher Doses of semaglutide for Diabetes



High Dose Oral Semaglutide vs Top Dose Injectable Semaglutide (Ozempic and Wegovy) for weight loss



2 New Drugs Enter the Fray

Amylin

Glucagon Receptor Agonists

Both combined with existing treatment and enhance glycemic benefit and weight loss.



Combo Drugs in the Pipeline For Both Diabetes and Weight Loss

| <u>Drug</u> | <u>Drug Info</u> |
|-------------|--|
| Mazdutide | Weekly injectable GLP1 & Glucagon RA |
| Survodutide | Weekly injectable GLP1 & Glucagon RA |
| CagriSema | Weekly injectable - Amylin & semaglutide |
| Retatrutide | Weekly injectable GLP1, GIP, & Glucagon RA |



Let's Wrap It Up!

Incretin Drugs are Game Changers

Unparalleled glycemic benefit

Unparalleled weight loss

Some are cardioprotective



Incretin Drugs are Game Changers

Make note of contraindications and risks

Most side effects are GI related and do subside over time

Recommended as first line therapy for diabetes patients with ASCVD or high risk

Recommended for Pre-DM patients when diet and lifestyle aren't enough

Incretin Drugs are Game Changers

The tide is turning!



Thanks for joining us!

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