# INSULIN AND CARB COUNTING

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#### WHAT IS INSULIN?

#### INSULIN IS A HORMONE THAT IS <u>NECESSARY</u>:

MOVES GLUCOSE FROM BLOOD INTO CELLS FOR ENERGY

## WITHOUT ENOUGH INSULIN, HIGH BLOOD GLUCOSE RESULTS:

- ENERGY LEVELS ARE LOW
- DEHYDRATION
- COMPLICATIONS

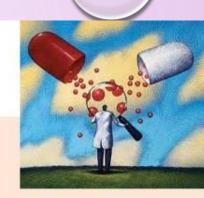
## **HISTORY**

- Canadian scientist (1921)
  - Fredrick G. Banting
  - -Charles H. Best

- extracted insulin
  - -from dog's pancreas



## ANALOGUES.....



1921: Insulin extracted by Banting & Best.

Conventional insulin preparations from beef/pork pancreas (antigenic)

1970s: Highly purified porcine insulins: Single peak insulins &

Monocompetent insulins (greater efficacy & lesser side effects)

1980s: Human insulins by recombinant DNA technology (still better)

1990 : Insulin analogues with novel pharmacokinetics (Eli Lilly& Co.)

## STRUCTURE OF INSULIN

- Insulin
  - -Polypeptide hormone
  - -51 amino acids
  - -Two chains
    - ·A chain 21 a.a.
    - ·B chain 30 a.a.
- Held by interchange disulfide bridges

#### SO.....WHAT ARE INSULIN ANALOGUES??

Molecules produced by genetic engineering wherein the <u>amino acid</u> sequence in human insulin is changed to <u>alter its pharmacokinetics</u>. However, they bind to insulin receptors in the same way as human insulin and produce similar effects

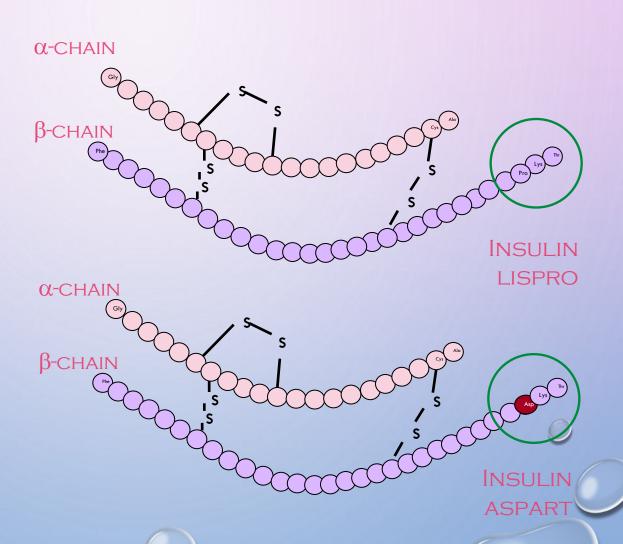
Also termed as:



Designer Insulins
Insulin receptor ligands
Democratic insulins

## WHAT ARE ANALOGUE INSULINS?

- ANALOGUE
   (OR MODERN)
   INSULINS ARE
   FORMED BY
   MODIFYING HUMAN
   INSULIN
   MOLECULES
- LIKE SOLUBLE
  HUMAN INSULIN,
  ANALOGUE
  INSULINS ARE
  PRODUCED BY
  RECOMBINANT DNA
  TECHNOLOGY



#### **CLASSIFICATION**

#### **INSULINS**

#### **Short acting**

- Regular

#### Intermediate acting

- NPH / Isophane

Pre-mix insulins of NPH/Regular insulins



#### **INSULIN ANALOGUES**

#### Ultra-short acting/Rapid acting

- Lispro
- Aspart
- Glulisine

#### Long acting

- Glargine
- Detemir
- Degludec

\*\* Protaminated lispro – NPL Protaminated Aspart – NPA

Pre mix analogues of NPL with Lispro (50/50 &75/25)

Pre mix analogues of NPA with Aspart (70/30)

### TYPES OF INSULIN

- RAPID-ACTING INSULIN— WORKS VERY RAPIDLY TO LOWER THE BLOOD SUGAR
- NAMES: INSULIN LISPRO (HUMALOG ®)
- INSULIN ASPART (NOVOLOG ®)
- INSULIN GLULISINE (APIDRA®)
- BEGINS WORKING: 10-15 MINUTES
- STRONGEST EFFECT (PEAK): 1-2 HOURS
- ALL GONE 3-4 HOURS
- THIS INSULIN WORKS VERY FAST AND SHOULD BE GIVEN NO EARLIER
  THAN 20 MINUTES BEFORE A MEAL. IT MAY BE GIVEN IN A SYRINGE
  OR BY PEN, AND MAY BE GIVEN BY ITSELF OR IN COMBINATION WITH
  AN INTERMEDIATE OR LONG

- INTERMEDIATE ACTING INSULIN WORKS MORE SLOWLY AND LAST LONGER
- NAME: NOVOLIN NPH
- HUMULIN NPH
- BEGINS WORKING: 1- 1 ½ HOURS
- STRONGEST EFFECT (PEAK) 6-8 HOURS
- ALL GONE 8-16 HOURS
- MAY BE GIVEN BY PEN OR SYRINGE, AND MAY BE COMBINED WITH A RAPID-ACTING INSULIN
- THIS INSULIN IS CLOUDY AND MUST BE ROLLED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE USING IT

- LONG-ACTING INSULIN WORKS UP TO 24HOURS AS A BACKGROUND OR "BASAL" INSULIN
- NAME: INSULIN GLARGINE (LANTUS®)
- INSULIN DETEMIR (LEVEMIR®)
- BEGINS WORKING: 2-4 HOURS
- STRONGEST EFFECT (PEAK): NO PEAK
- ALL GONE 14-24 HOURS
- MUST BE GIVEN BY ITSELF BY PEN OR IN A SYRINGE, NOT MIXED WITH ANY OTHER INSULINS
- SOME PEOPLE NEED ONLY ONE DOSE PER DAY, OTHERS NEED TO HAVE
   TWO INJECTIONS PER DAY

#### CLASSIFICATION

## Insulin and analogue preparations

**Short acting** 

- Regular
- Lispro
- Aspart
- Glulisine

Long acting

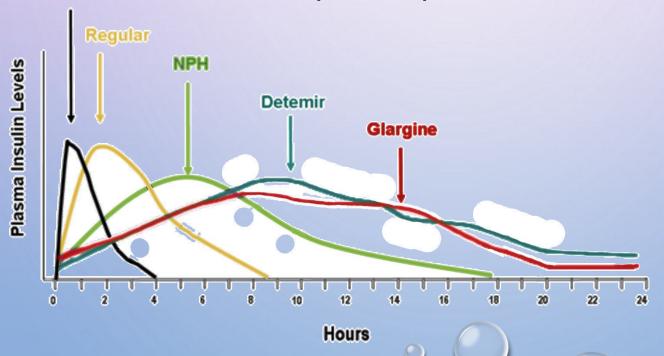
- NPH
- Glargine
- Detemir
- Degludec

#### **INSULIN TYPES**

RAPID-ACTING - HUMALOG ®, NOVOLOG ®, APIDRA

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- SHORT-ACTING REGULAR
- INTERMEDIATE NPH
- LONG-ACTING GLARGINE (LANTUS), DETEMIR (LEVEMIR)



Aspart, lispro, glulisine

## INSULINS

 Regular insulins form hexamers which dissociate slowly into monomers thus delaying absorption.



Delayed onset of action (1/2 to 1 hr) —— Post prandial hyperglycemia

Prolonged time of peak action (2 to 3 hrs)

Duration of action (5 to 8 hrs)

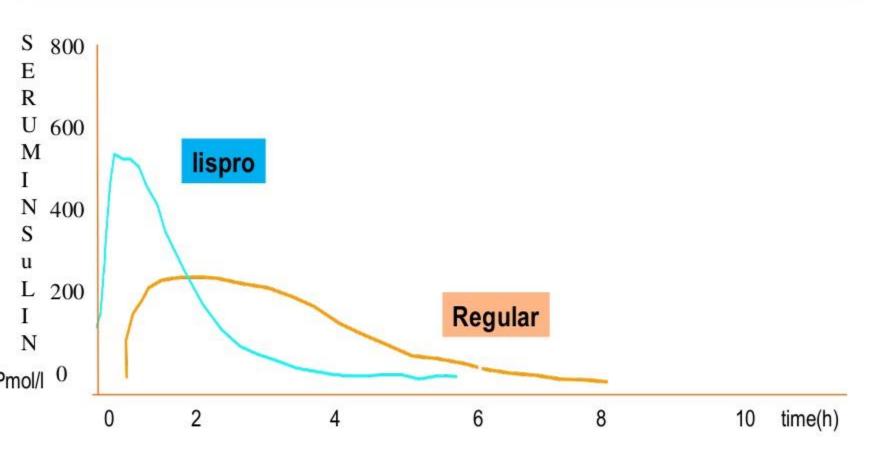
Hence regular insulins cause a mismatch between need & availability of bolus insulin and do not ideally mimic physiological bolus secretion of insulin.

Late post prandial hypoglycemia

## OTHER LIMITATIONS OF REGULAR INSULINS

- Regular insulin has to be administered <u>30-45mins before meal</u> dose of insulin cannot be adjusted according to size of meals.
- Time of onset, peak action & duration of action is dose dependent (increases with dose)
- Absorption varies with injection site & exercise (variability of absorption as much as 25%)

### LISPRO VS REGULAR



## LONG ACTING INSULIN ANALOGUES

Glargine

Detemir

Degludec

#### LIMITATIONS OF NPH INSULINS

- Doesn't mimic physiological basal insulin secretion
- Peak action 5 to 7hrs after administration (risk of nocturnal hypoglycemia (if administered at bedtime)
- Duration of <u>action not long</u>(~20hours) enough to cover insuling requirements of the whole day with <u>a single injection</u>.
- Action profile depends on dose.
- Variability of absorption with site/exercise/variation in mixing of suspension (50%variability). Highly unpredictable action profile.

#### **GLARGINE**

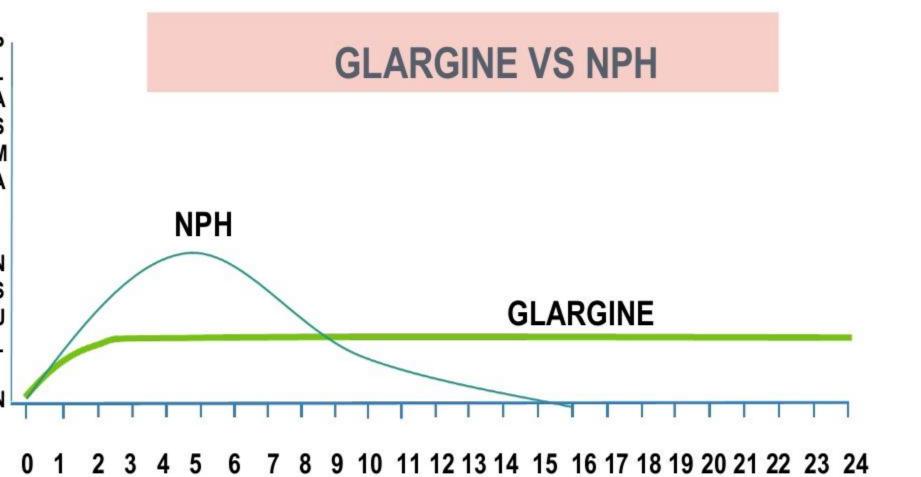
Action prolonged by changing isoelectric point in glargine.

Glargine available as a clear solution at pH 4 but precipitates at neutral pH in subcutaneous tissue.

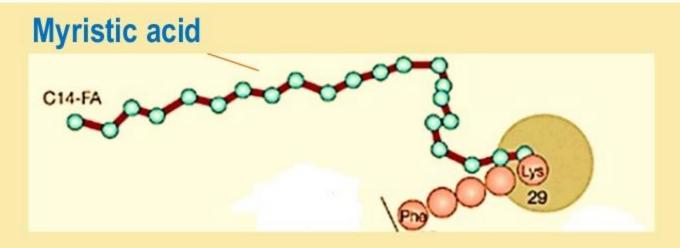
Precipitate slowly dissociates to release monomers which are absorbed slowly providing prolonged, uniform action.

#### ADVANTAGES OF GLARGINE OVER NPH

- Low insulin levels maintained uniformly for 24hrs with <u>no peak</u>(<u>mimics</u> <u>physiological basal insulin secretion</u>)
  - Decreased risk of nocturnal hypoglycemia
  - Fasting & interdigestive blood glucose levels effectively controlled throughout the day irrespective of the time of injection
  - Suitable for once daily dosing.
  - Predictable absorption independent of dose/site of inj/exercise/mixing
- Wt gain reported less with glargine.



#### DETEMIR



Smooth time action profile with no peak.

Glycemic control similar to NPH but produces less hypoglycemia than NPH

Onset of action is dose dependent

Duration of action slightly less than 24 hrs & may require twice daily dosing.

#### **DEGLUDEC**

- Ultralong acting insulin analogue in the process of development.
- Suitable for thrice weekly administration

#### INSULIN DELIVERY METHODS

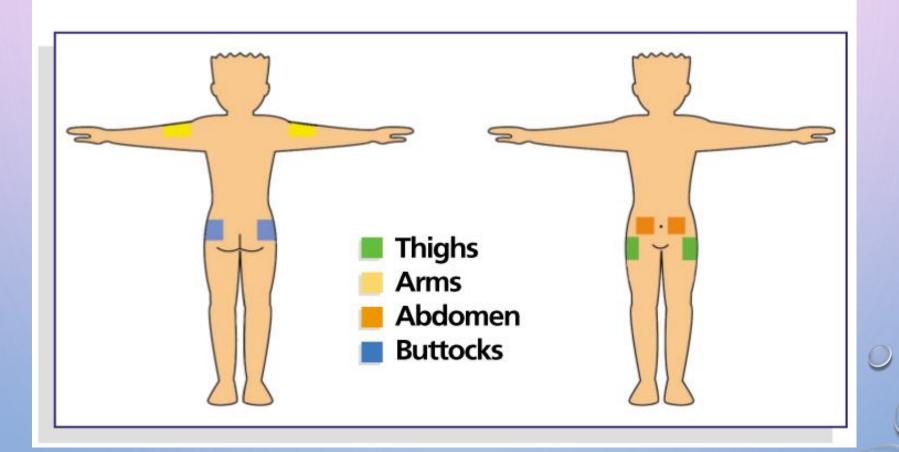
- INSULIN SYRINGE
- INSULIN PEN
- INSULIN PUMP OR POD
- JET INJECTOR

#### STORING INSULIN

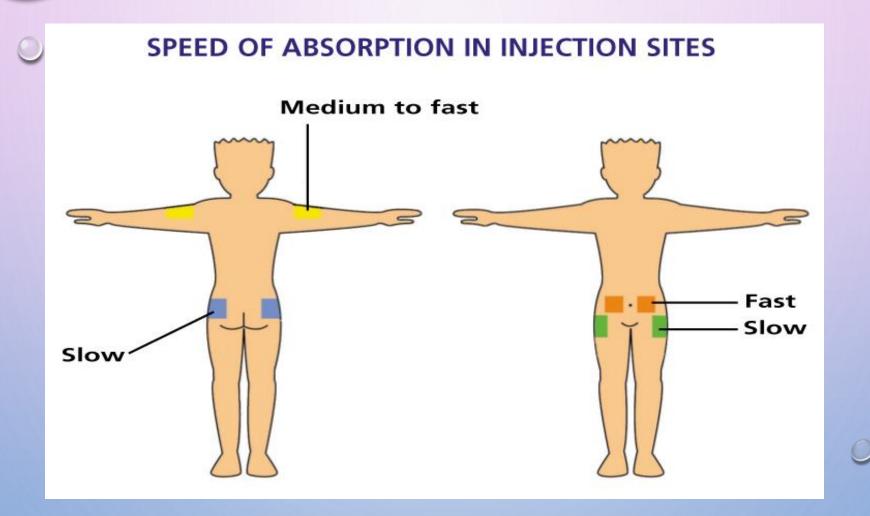
- REVIEW THE PRODUCT STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE
- GENERALLY STORE AT ROOM TEMPERATURE LESS THAN 86 DEGREES
- REFRIGERATE UNOPENED VIALS AND INSULIN PENS
- BE CAREFUL NOT TO FREEZE

## INJECTION TECHNIQUE

#### **INJECTION SITES**

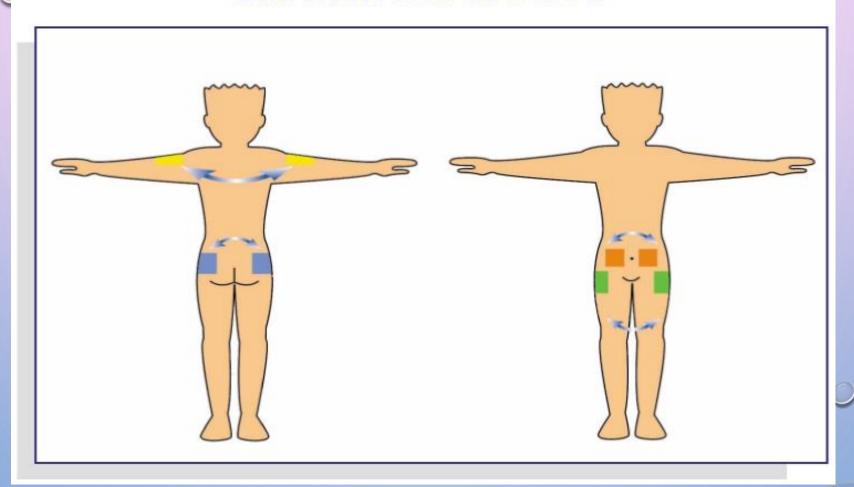


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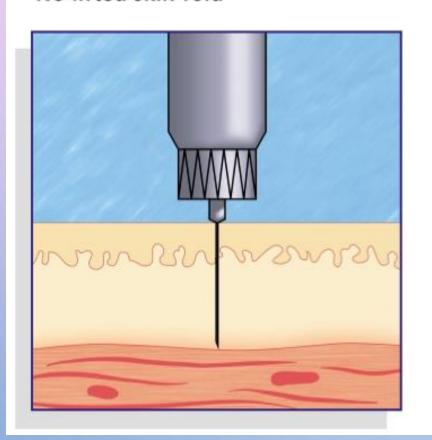
## INJECTION TECHNIQUE

#### INJECTION SITE ROTATION

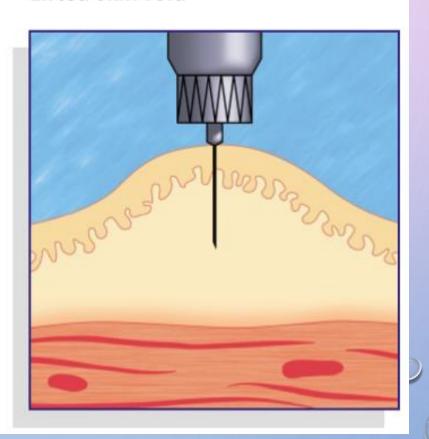


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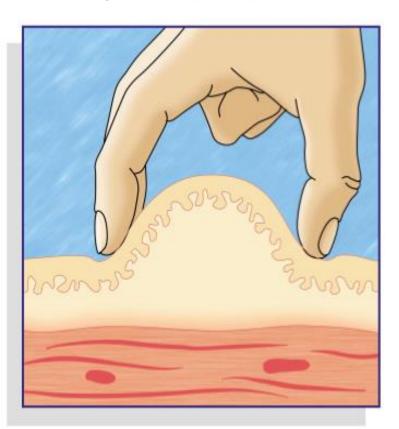


#### Lifted skin fold

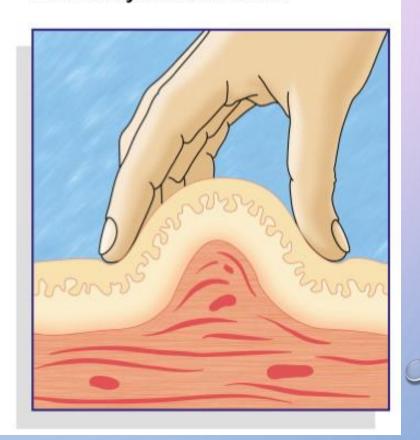


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#### Correctly lifted skin fold

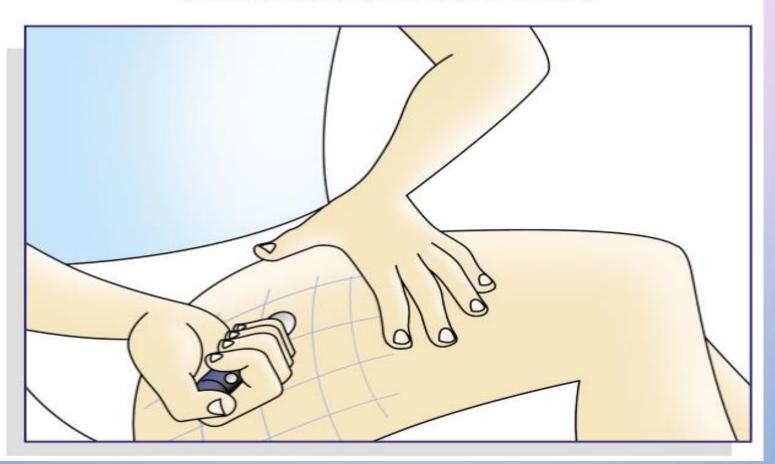


#### Incorrectly lifted skin fold



## INJECTION TECHNIQUE

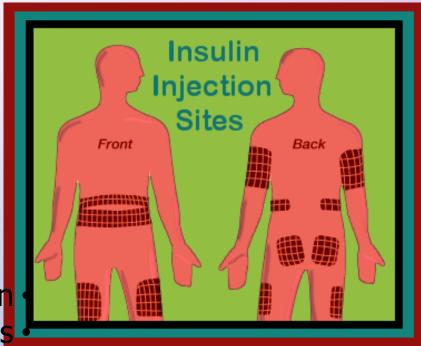
#### **INJECTION SITE ROTATION**



## WHERE TO GIVE INSULIN: ON TARGET!



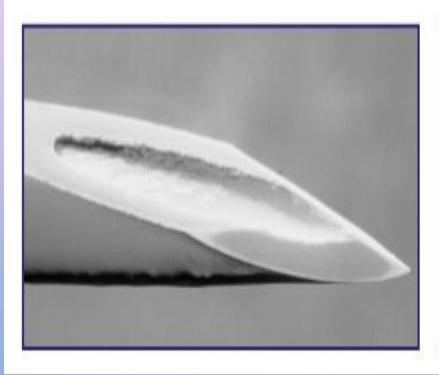
Inject into fat layer under skin Rotate sites



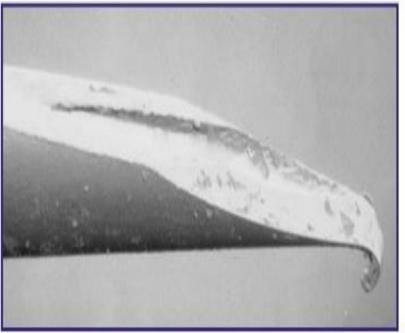
Common sites: abdomen, • thigh buttocks, upper asms

## INJECTION TECHNIQUE

#### New needle



#### Reused needle



### Lipoatrophy





### Lipohypertrophy







#### **NSULIN REGIMES WITH INSULIN ANALOGUES**

- Basal regime: Glargine once daily at bedtime or Detemir twice daily.
  - May be used when starting insulin in type 2 DM (along with OHA)
  - Used when there is dependence on others for injection.
- Conventional split dose regimes: Pre-mix analogues injected twice a day (pre-breakfast & pre-evening meal).
  - -Type 1 & 2 diabetes
  - -Simplify dosing & decreases no. of injections.
- Basal bolus regimen (intensive regimes): Glargine at bedtime to cover basal insulin secretion + short acting analogue to cover mealtime
  - Type 1 usually (Type 2 at times)
  - Analogues preferred in intensive regimes due to decreased risk of hypoglycemia with their use.

### Continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII) through pumps

- Most physiological method of insulin delivery
- Preferred in patients uncontrolled on multiple injections
  - & those needing excellent control(pregnancy)
- -Specially suitable for patients with risk of hypoglycemia, uncertain lifestyles, meal times.
- Consists of insulin reservoir, program chip, keypad& screen. Insulin infused through plastic tubings connected to s/c inserted infusion set .



- NSULIN DELIVERY short acting insulin analogues like Aspart(lispro) used.

  Provides constant basal infusion of insulin & patient can activate pre-meal poluses.
- Pumps can be discontinued for short periods for activities like exercise
  Pump can be pre-programmed to compensate for nocturnal & early morning plucose fluctuation.

### Advantages

- Rate of insulin absorption more predictable than multiple injections
- Risk of hypoglycemia less

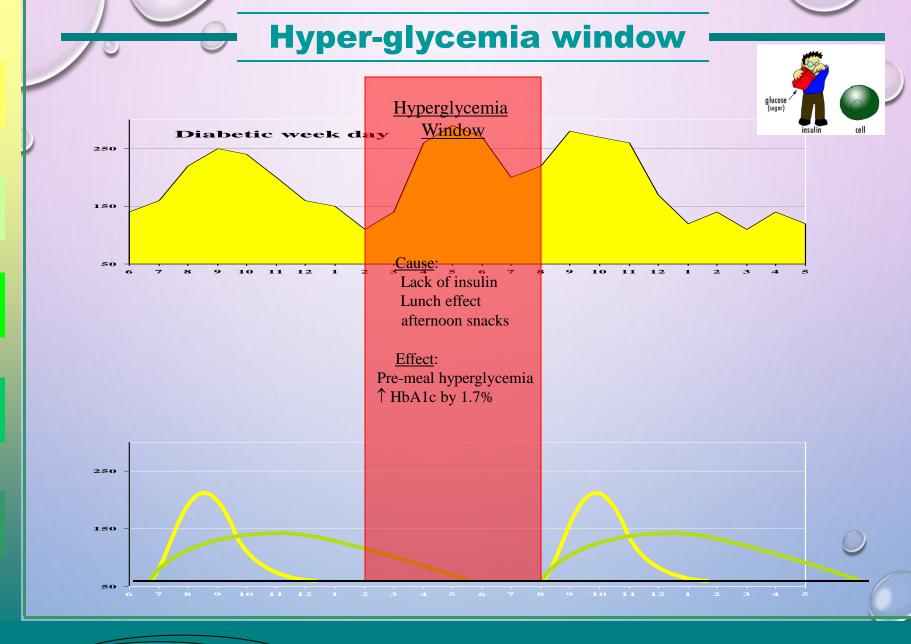
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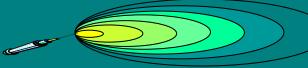
- Pump failure -→ketoacidosis
- Injection site abscess
- Only motivated & committed patients can use it.

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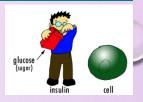




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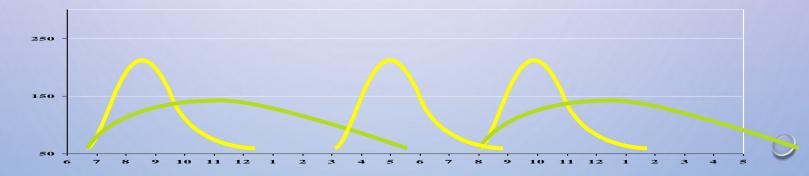
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Treat by adding regular dose pre-lunch



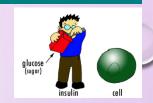


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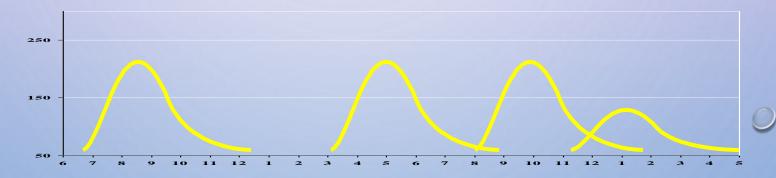
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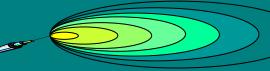
### **Hyper-glycemia window**



Treat by adding regular dose pre-meals and small one before sleep



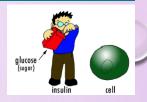




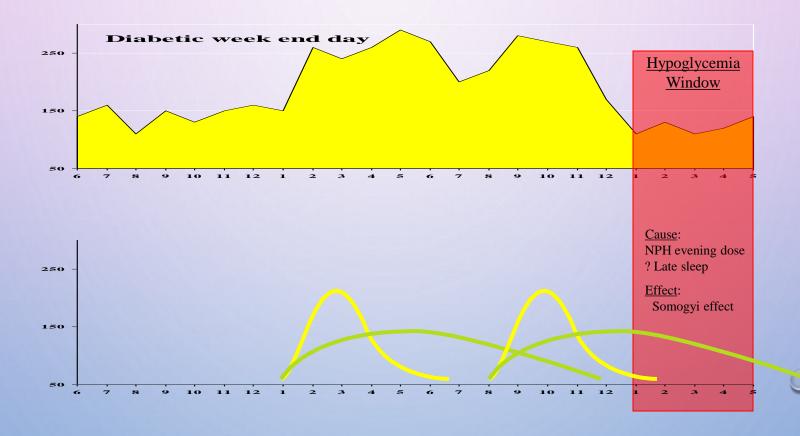
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#### Week end Problem

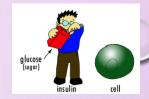


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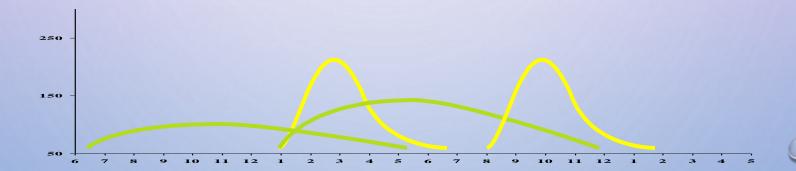
### **Hypo-glycemia window**



Treat by moving am dose late and regular dose pre-supper and NPH at







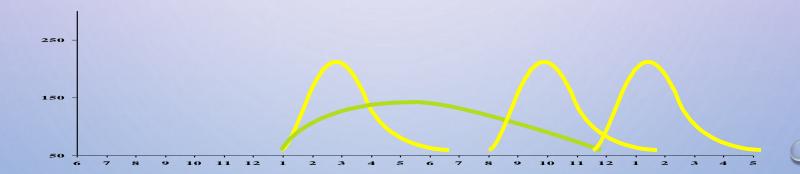
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Treat by moving am dose late and regular dose pre-supper and another dose pre bed





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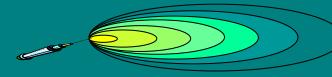
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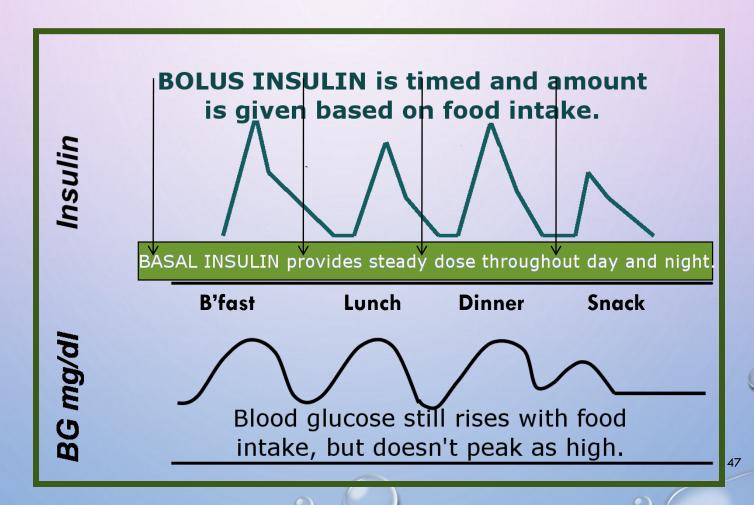


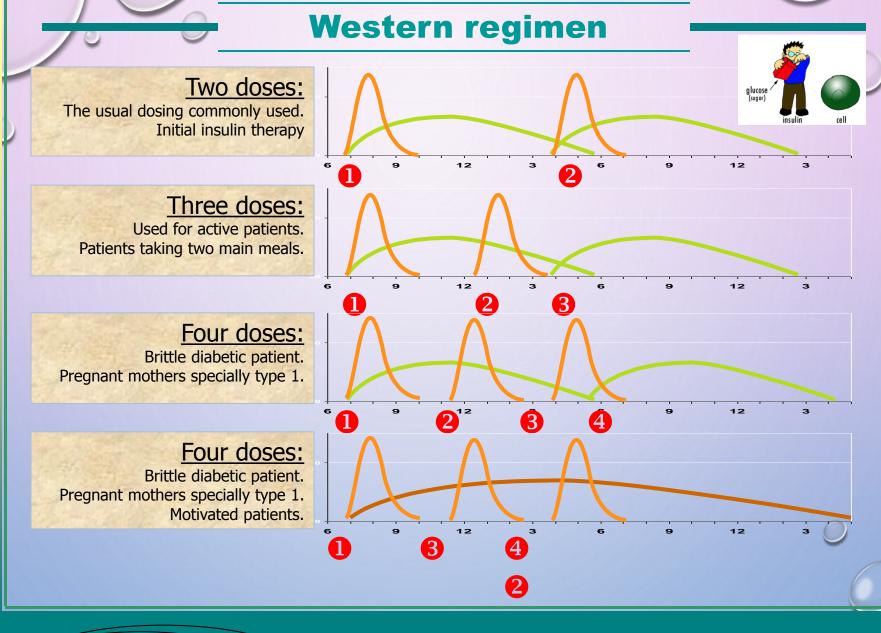
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### **Basal and Bolus Insulin**





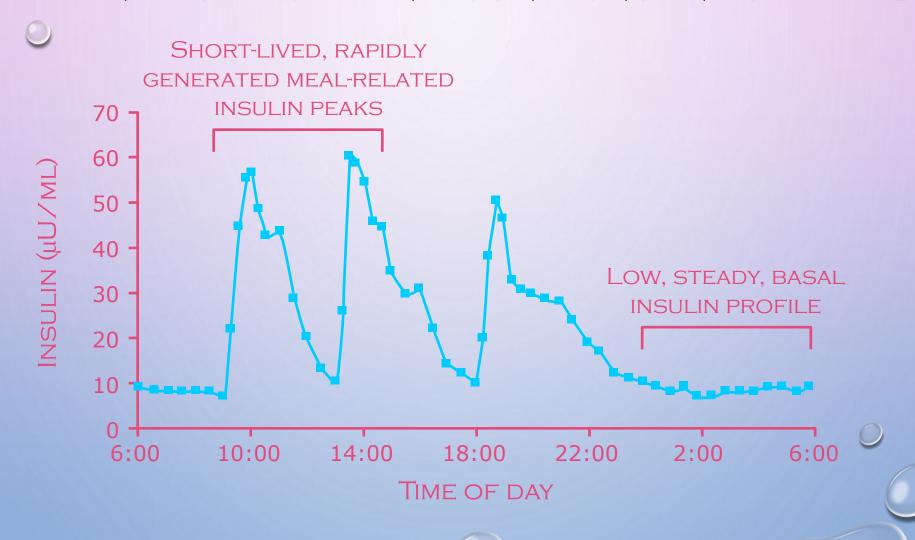


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## INSULIN TREATMENT ATTEMPTS TO MIMIC THE PATTERN OF NORMAL INSULIN SECRETION



# BENEFITS OF A BASAL-BOLUS INSULIN REGIMEN

- THIS REGIMEN PRODUCES AN INSULIN PROFILE THAT IS CLOSEST TO NATURAL INSULIN PRODUCTION BY THE BODY
- OFFERS GREATER FLEXIBILITY OVER TYPE OF FOOD AND WHEN IT CAN BE EATEN
- SUITED TO THOSE WHO ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED

### INSULIN PRACTICALITIES

### TIMING

- SOLUBLE INSULIN: 30-45 MINUTES PRE-MEAL
- SHORT-ACTING INSULIN ANALOGUES: NO MORE THAN 15 MINUTES PRE-MEAL AND CAN BE GIVEN POST-MEAL
- INTERMEDIATE- OR LONG-ACTING INSULINS DO NOT HAVE TO BE GIVEN IN RELATION TO A MEAL

### INSULIN PRACTICALITIES

### STORAGE

- ONE MONTH IN FRIDGE OR AT ROOM TEMPERATURE ONCE THE VIAL HAS BEEN OPENED
- MUST NEVER BE FROZEN
- STORE AWAY FROM SOURCE OF HEAT
- IF REFRIGERATION NOT AVAILABLE FRIO BAGS AVAILABLE
- MAY BE DAMAGED BY DIRECT SUNLIGHT OR VIGOROUS SHAKING

### **VOCABULARY**

**TARGET RANGE:** A RANGE OF NUMBERS THAT REPRESENTS AN INDIVIDUAL'S IDEAL BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL; DETERMINED BY HEALTH CARE TEAM WITH THE INDIVIDUAL (CHILD WITH DIABETES AND PARENT/GUARDIAN)

**BASAL INSULIN:** SOMETIMES CALLED "BACKGROUND" INSULIN, THE INSULIN WORKING STEADILY THROUGHOUT THE DAY

**BOLUS INSULIN:** A SINGLE DOSE OF INSULIN, GIVEN FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS:

- CARB OR MEAL/SNACK BOLUS: INSULIN DOSED WHEN FOOD IS EATEN
- CORRECTION BOLUS: INSULIN DOSED WHEN BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL IS TOO HIGH AND NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED (MADE LOWER)

### WHEN TO GIVE INSULIN

### DMMP SHOULD SPECIFY DOSING CLEARLY

### **GENERALLY:**

- BEFORE MEALS OR SNACKS
- FOR BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE TARGET RANGE
- FOR MODERATE OR LARGE KETONES

Many people believe that a diabetes meal plan means that you just have to cut back on sugar.

#### This is not true!

Carbohydrates (carbs) have the greatest effect on your blood sugar.

90 to 100 percent of the carbs you eat appear in your bloodstream as blood glucose within minutes to hours after you have eaten.

You may be asked to count the carbs that you eat.

#### The carbs you will need to count are both:

- · starches that break down slowly into sugar
- simple sugars that break down into blood glucose almost right away









### Starches include certain vegetables, all grains, and products made from grains

#### All of these foods contain starches:

Starchy Vegetables Regular and sweet potatoes, com, fresh peas and lima beans







Legumes Dried beans and peas







Grains Grains like wheat, oats, barley, and rice







Products made from grains, such as pasta, bread, rolls, bagels, crackers, cereals and baked goods









### Sugars include the natural sugars in fruit and milk, plus certain sweeteners added to prepared foods and drinks

#### All of these foods contain sugars:

Fruit and fruit juices Foods that contain fruit or fruit juices such as jams, jellies, and fruit smoothies



Sweet bakery products such as cake with icing, pie, donuts, candy, and cookies



Sugary drinks such as regular soda and fruit drinks



Sweet condiments such as barbeque sauce, relish and ketchup





Milk and yogurt







#### Sugar goes by many names...

Some of the names for sugar that you may find in the ingredients

include:

table sugar

brown sugar

molasses

honey

beet sugar

cane sugar

confectioner's sugar

powdered sugar

raw sugar

turbinado

maple syrup

high-fructose corn syrup

agave nectar

sugar cane syrup

fructose

lactose

sorbitol

xylitol

glycol

glycerol

mannitol

isomalt and other sugar alcohols



### **PASTEURIZED**

Ingredients: Filtered water, high fructose corn syrup, sucrose, lemon juice concentrate, ascorbic acid (vitamin C) and natural flavor.









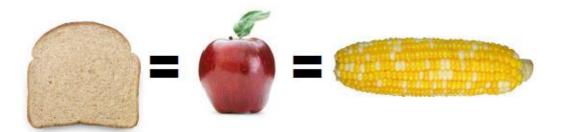
#### **Carb Counting**

Being more aware of the carbohydrates you eat, or counting the carbs in your meals, can help you match your medication or activity levels to the food you eat. This can help you to better control your blood glucose.

One serving of carbohydrate is measured as 15 grams.

A food that contains 15 grams of carbohydrate is called "one carb serving".

For example, one slice of bread, a small piece of fruit, or a ear of corn each have around 15 grams of carb. Each of these equals one carb serving.









### **Carb Counting**

Here are examples of the carb amounts in specific foods:

1 cup cooked pasta or 1 cup cooked rice	45g carbohydrate
Whole English muffin	30g carbohydrate
3 cups popped popcorn	15g carbohydrate
Medium potato	30g carbohydrate
1 cup corn or peas	30g carbohydrate
1½ cups veggies (green beans, broccoli, or carrots, cooked)	15g carbohydrate
Small fruit (apple, orange, nectarine)	15g carbohydrate
17 grapes, 12 cherries, ½ cup applesauce	15g carbohydrate
1 cup milk	12g carbohydrate
1 container (6oz.) yogurt, flavored, artificially sweetened	12g carbohydrate
1/2 cup vanilla ice cream	15g carbohydrate
1/2 cup sherbet	30g carbohydrate
2 small cookies	15g carbohydrate







### "Sugar-free" and "no sugar added" foods may still contain a large amount of carbs.



Sugar-free apple pie has carbohydrates from the apples and the pie crust.

This sugar-free pudding contains 8 grams of carb per ½ cup serving:



Sugar-free pudding has carbohydrates from the milk.

#### **Nutrition Facts**

Serving Size:	1/2 cup • 11g
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Amount Per Serving	
Calories 80	Calories from Fat 0
and the second	% DV
Total Fat Og	096
Saturated Fat Og	0%
Trans Fat Dg	
Cholesterol amg	0%
Sodium 300mg	12%
Total Carbohydrate 8g	3%
Dietary Fiber <1g	0%
Sugars Og	- I from the
Protein <1g	0%
Vitamin A 4%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 15%	Iron 4%

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Percent of Calones from: Fat-0% Carb-40% Protein-0% (Total may not equate 100% due to rounding.)

Percent Daily Values (DY) are based on a 2,000 caloire diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs;

Nutrient		Calculax	Calutes	
Total Fat	less than	65 g	80 g	
Saturated Fat	less than	20 g	25 g	
Cholesterol	less than	300 mg	300 mg	
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#### All carbohydrates affect blood sugar in the same way.

It is the amount of carb you eat that is important, not the type of carb.

A serving of ice cream does not raise blood sugar higher than one equal carb serving of potatoes, rice, or pasta. This is true whether you have type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

For example: These three foods will all raise your blood sugar by the same amount:

- 1 cup of vanilla ice cream that has 30 grams of carbs
- · A 2 oz. roll that has 30 grams of carbs
- · 2/3 cup of spaghetti that has 30 grams of carbs

### Same impact on blood sugar:



30 grams of carb 1 cup serving



30 grams of carb 2 oz. roll



30 grams of carb 2/3 cup







#### **Basic Carb Counting Using Grams**

Your meal plan may call for you to eat a specified amount of carbohydrate at each meal or snack.

You do not have to eat the same foods everyday. Your food choices can change from day to day as long as the total carbs specified for each meal and snack stay about the same.

Being consistent is the key to successful carb counting.

For example, if you need to eat around 45 grams of carb for breakfast, here are two different breakfasts that each total around 45 grams of carb:

2 slices of whole wheat toast	30 grams
1 tablespoon jam	15
Egg substitute or egg whites	0
Black coffee with sugar substitute	0
Total grams of carbohydrate:	45 grams
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¾ cup of bran cereal	23 grams
½ cup of milk	6
½ banana	15
Black coffee with sugar substitute	0
Total grams of carbohydrate:	44 grams







#### Portion Sizes Matter, so Read Food Labels!

What you think of as a portion may actually count as several carb servings.

#### For example:

One carb serving of cooked pasta is 1/3 cup, which equals 15 grams of carb.





If you eat 1 cup of cooked pasta, your portion is actually 3 carb servings, totaling 45 grams of carb.

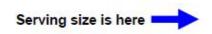


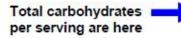




#### Reading the Food Label

You will find the serving size and the grams of carbohydrate per serving on food labels:





Calories 80  Total Fat Og  Saturated Fat Og  Trans Fat Og  Cholesterol Omg	Calories from Fat 1 % D 09
Saturated Fat Og Trans Fat Og Cholesterol Omg	09
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Trans Fat Og Cholesterol Omg	09
Cholesterol Omg	
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Sodium 300mg	129
Total Carbohydrate 8g	39
Dietary Fiber <1g	
Sugars Dg	
Protein clg	09
Vitamin A 4%	Vitamin C 09
Calcium 15%	Iron 49
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Percent of Calo Fat-0% Carb-40% (Total may not equate 10)	Protein-0%
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TotalFat less than	
Saturated Fat Less than Chollestanol less than	







