

# AACE/ACE Comprehensive Type 2 Diabetes Management Algorithm



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# Principles of the AACE/ACE Comprehensive Type 2 Diabetes Management Algorithm



1. Lifestyle modification underlies all therapy (e.g. weight, exercise, sleep, etc.)
2. Avoid hypoglycemia
3. Avoid weight gain
4. Individualize all glycemic targets (A1c, FPG, PPG)
5. Optimal A1c is  $\leq 6.5\%$ , or as close to normal as is safe and achievable
6. Therapy choices are affected by initial A1c, duration of diabetes, and obesity status
7. Choice of therapy reflects cardiac, cerebrovascular, and renal status
8. Comorbidities must be managed for comprehensive care
9. Get to goal as soon as possible – adjust at  $\leq 3$  months until at goal
10. Choice of therapy includes ease of use and affordability



# Lifestyle Therapy

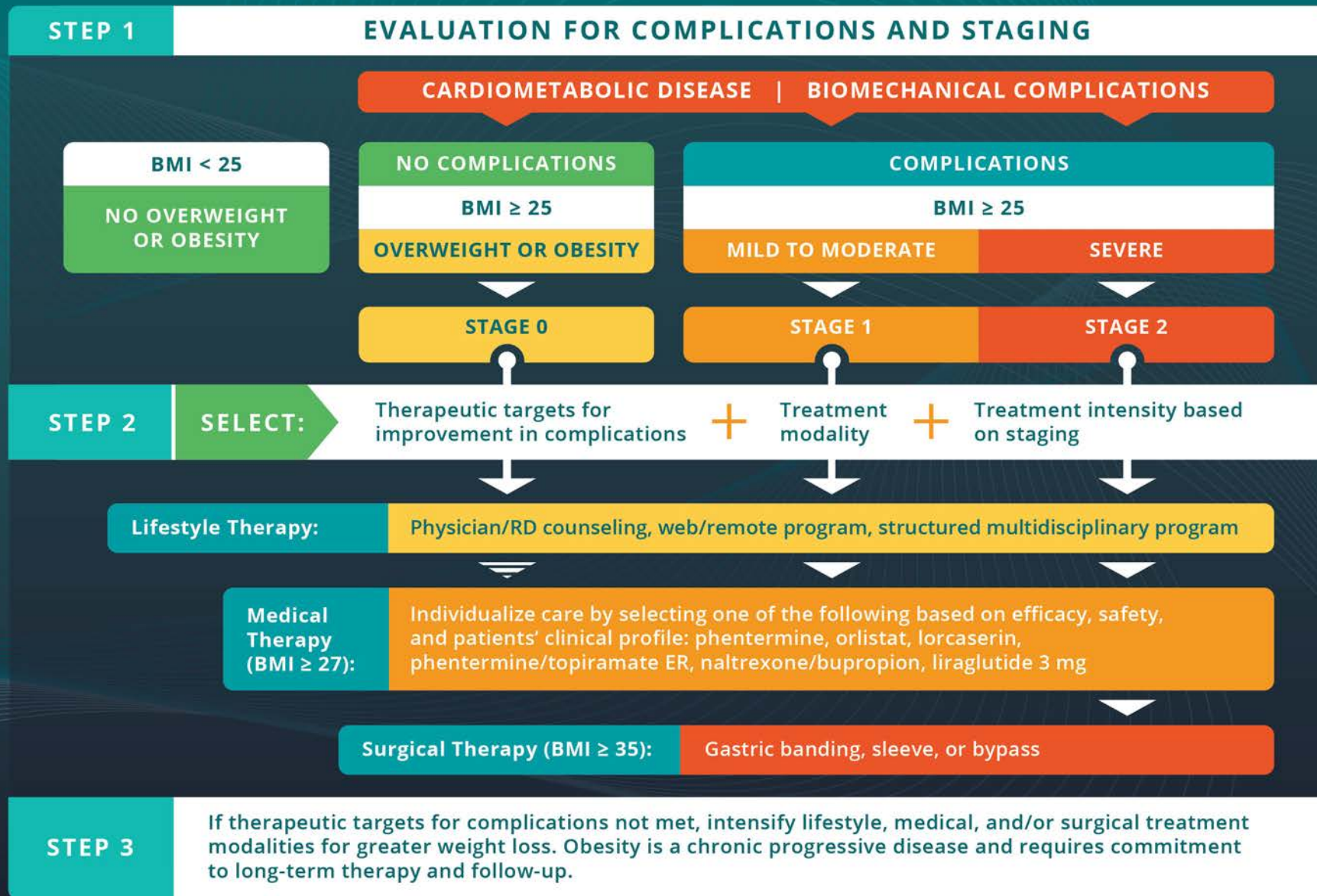
## RISK STRATIFICATION FOR DIABETES COMPLICATIONS



### INTENSITY STRATIFIED BY BURDEN OF OBESITY AND RELATED COMPLICATIONS

<b>Nutrition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain optimal weight</li> <li>Calorie restriction (if BMI is increased)</li> <li>Plant-based diet; high polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid <i>trans</i> fatty acids; limit saturated fatty acids</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structured counseling</li> <li>Meal replacement</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150 min/week moderate exertion (eg. walking, stair climbing)</li> <li>Strength training</li> <li>Increase as tolerated</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structured program</li> <li>Wearable technologies</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical evaluation/clearance</li> <li>Medical supervision</li> </ul>
<b>Sleep</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About 7 hours per night</li> <li>Basic sleep hygiene</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screen OSA</li> <li>Home sleep study</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral to sleep lab</li> </ul>
<b>Behavioral Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community engagement</li> <li>Alcohol moderation</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss mood with HCP</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal behavioral therapy</li> </ul>
<b>Smoking Cessation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No tobacco products</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicotine replacement therapy</li> </ul>	+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referral to structured program</li> </ul>

# Complications-Centric Model for Care of the Patient with Overweight/Obesity

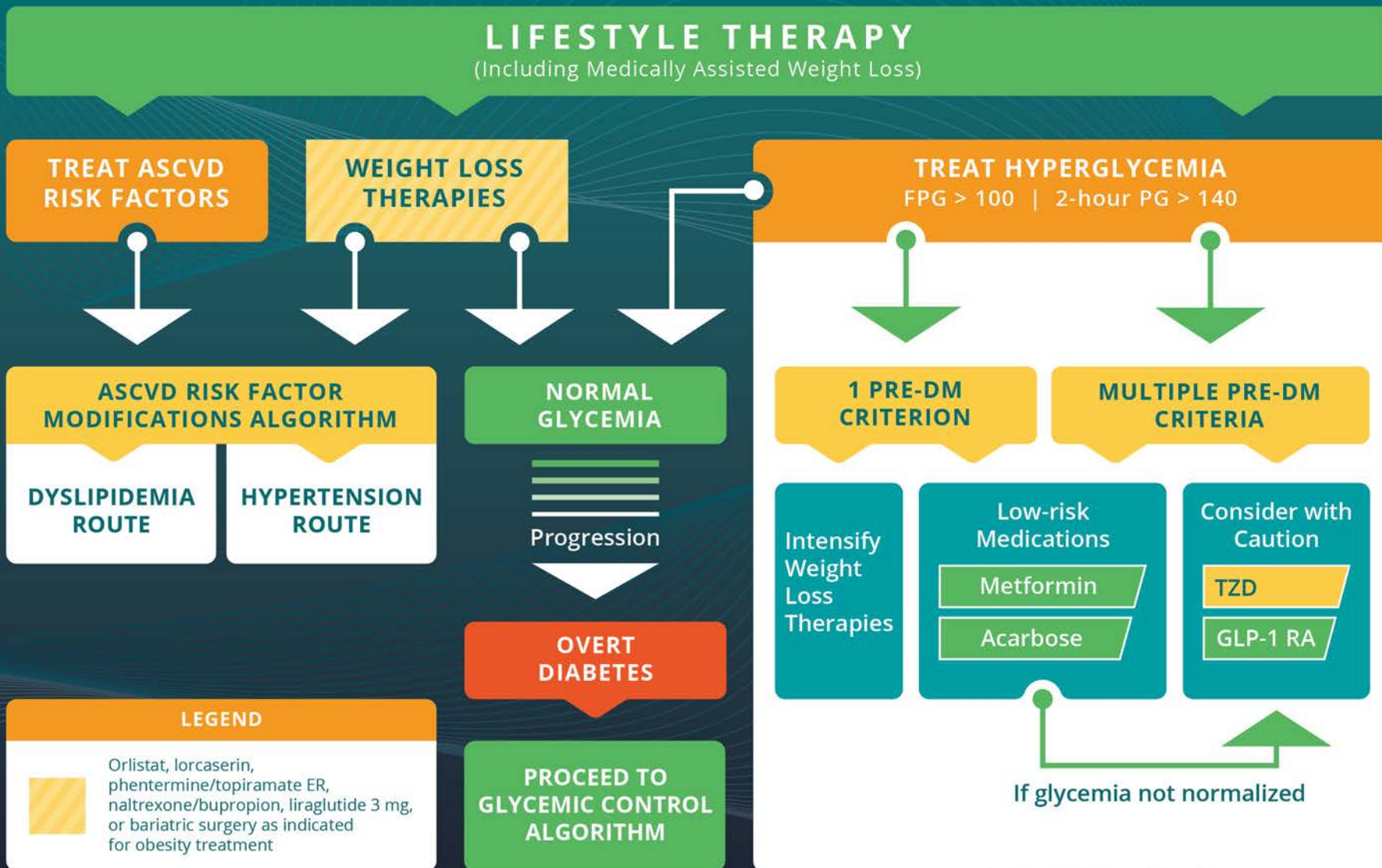




# Prediabetes Algorithm



IFG (100–125) | IGT (140–199) | METABOLIC SYNDROME (NCEP 2001)



# ASCVD Risk Factor Modifications Algorithm



## DYSLIPIDEMIA

**LIFESTYLE THERAPY** (Including Medically Assisted Weight Loss)

**LIPID PANEL: Assess ASCVD Risk**

### STATIN THERAPY

If TG > 500 mg/dL, fibrates, Rx-grade omega-3 fatty acids, niacin

If statin-intolerant

Try alternate statin, lower statin dose or frequency, or add nonstatin LDL-C- lowering therapies

Repeat lipid panel; assess adequacy, tolerance of therapy

Intensify therapies to attain goals according to risk levels

RISK LEVELS	HIGH	VERY HIGH	EXTREME	RISK LEVELS:
	DESIRABLE LEVELS	DESIRABLE LEVELS	DESIRABLE LEVELS	
LDL-C (mg/dL)	<100	<70	<55	■ <b>HIGH:</b> DM but no other major risk and/or age <40
Non-HDL-C (mg/dL)	<130	<100	<80	■ <b>VERY HIGH:</b> DM + major ASCVD risk(s) (HTN, Fam Hx, low HDL-C, smoking, CKD3,4)*
TG (mg/dL)	<150	<150	<150	■ <b>EXTREME:</b> DM plus established clinical CVD
Apo B (mg/dL)	<90	<80	<70	

**If not at desirable levels:**

Intensify lifestyle therapy (weight loss, physical activity, dietary changes) and glycemic control; consider additional therapy

**To lower LDL-C:**  
**To lower Non-HDL-C, TG:**  
**To lower Apo B, LDL-P:**  
**To lower LDL-C in FH:\*\***

Intensify statin, add ezetimibe, PCSK9i, colesevelam, or niacin  
Intensify statin and/or add Rx-grade OM3 fatty acid, fibrate, and/or niacin  
Intensify statin and/or add ezetimibe, PCSK9i, colesevelam, and/or niacin  
Statin + PCSK9i

Assess adequacy & tolerance of therapy with focused laboratory evaluations and patient follow-up

## HYPERTENSION

**GOAL: SYSTOLIC <130, DIASTOLIC <80 mm Hg**

**ACEi or ARB**

For initial blood pressure >150/100 mm Hg:  
**DUAL THERAPY**

**ACEi or ARB**

Calcium Channel Blocker ✓  
β-blocker ✓  
Thiazide ✓

If not at goal (2–3 months)

Add calcium channel blocker, β-blocker or thiazide diuretic

If not at goal (2–3 months)

Add next agent from the above group, repeat

If not at goal (2–3 months)

Additional choices (α-blockers, central agents, vasodilators, aldosterone antagonist)

**Achievement of target blood pressure is critical**

\* EVEN MORE INTENSIVE THERAPY MIGHT BE WARRANTED \*\* FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA



# Glycemic Control Algorithm



## INDIVIDUALIZE GOALS

**A1C ≤ 6.5%** For patients without concurrent serious illness and at low hypoglycemic risk

**A1C > 6.5%** For patients with concurrent serious illness and at risk for hypoglycemia

## LIFESTYLE THERAPY (Including Medically Assisted Weight Loss)

Entry A1C < 7.5%

Entry A1C ≥ 7.5%

Entry A1C > 9.0%

### MONOTHERAPY\*

- ✓ Metformin
- ✓ GLP-1 RA
- ✓ SGLT-2i
- ✓ DPP-4i
- ! TZD
- ✓ AGi
- ! SU/GLN

If not at goal in 3 months proceed to Dual Therapy

### DUAL THERAPY\*

- MET**  
or other 1st-line agent
- +
- ✓ GLP-1 RA
  - ✓ SGLT-2i
  - ✓ DPP-4i
  - ! TZD
  - ! Basal Insulin
  - ✓ Colesevelam
  - ✓ Bromocriptine QR
  - ✓ AGi
  - ! SU/GLN

If not at goal in 3 months proceed to Triple Therapy

### TRIPLE THERAPY\*

- MET**  
or other 1st-line agent + 2nd-line agent
- +
- ✓ GLP-1 RA
  - ✓ SGLT-2i
  - ! TZD
  - ! Basal insulin
  - ✓ DPP-4i
  - ✓ Colesevelam
  - ✓ Bromocriptine QR
  - ✓ AGi
  - ! SU/GLN

If not at goal in 3 months proceed to or intensify insulin therapy

### SYMPTOMS

NO YES

DUAL Therapy

OR

TRIPLE Therapy

INSULIN  
±  
Other Agents

### ADD OR INTENSIFY INSULIN

Refer to Insulin Algorithm

### LEGEND

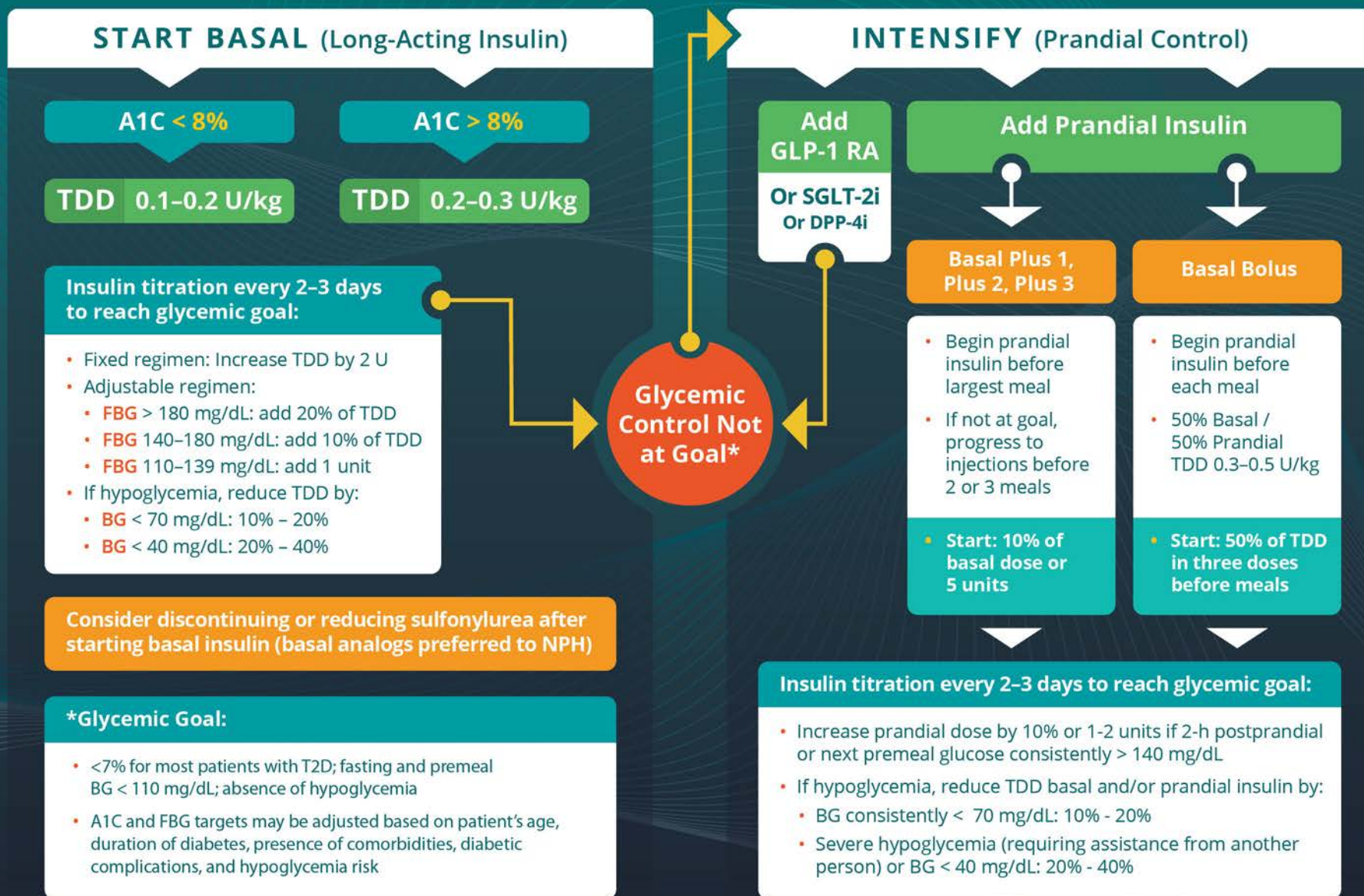
- ✓ Few adverse events and/or possible benefits
- ! Use with caution

\* Order of medications represents a suggested hierarchy of usage; length of line reflects strength of recommendation

## PROGRESSION OF DISEASE



# Algorithm for Adding/Intensifying Insulin



# Profiles of Antidiabetic Medications



	MET	GLP-1 RA	SGLT-2i	DPP-4i	AGi	TZD (moderate dose)	SU GLN	COLSVL	BCR-QR	INSULIN	PRAML
<b>HYPO</b>	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate/ Severe Mild	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate to Severe	Neutral
<b>WEIGHT</b>	Slight Loss	Loss	Loss	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Loss
<b>RENAL / GU</b>	Contra- indicated if eGFR < 30 mL/min/ 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Exenatide Not Indicated CrCl < 30  Possible Benefit of Liraglutide	Not Indicated for eGFR < 45 mL/ min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>  Genital Mycotic Infections  Possible Benefit of Empagliflozin	Dose Adjustment Necessary (Except Linagliptin)  Effective in Reducing Albuminuria	Neutral	Neutral	More Hypo Risk	Neutral	Neutral	More Hypo Risk	Neutral
<b>GI Sx</b>	Moderate	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Mild	Moderate	Neutral	Moderate
<b>CHF</b>	Neutral	See #1	See #2	See #3	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	CHF Risk	Neutral
<b>CARDIAC ASCVD</b>						May Reduce Stroke Risk	Possible ASCVD Risk	Benefit	Safe	Neutral	
<b>BONE</b>	Neutral	Neutral	Mild Fracture Risk	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate Fracture Risk	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
<b>KETOACIDOSIS</b>	Neutral	Neutral	DKA Can Occur in Various Stress Settings	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral

- Few adverse events or possible benefits
- Likelihood of adverse effects
- Use with caution

1. Liraglutide—FDA approved for prevention of MACE events.
2. Empagliflozin—FDA approved to reduce CV mortality. Canagliflozin shown to reduce MACE events.
3. Possible increased hospitalizations for heart failure with alogliptin and saxagliptin.