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**“Facilitating the add-on moment for T2DM patients. What after metformin?”**

**ANDY COLLIER,  
SCOTLAND**

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## University Hospital Ayr



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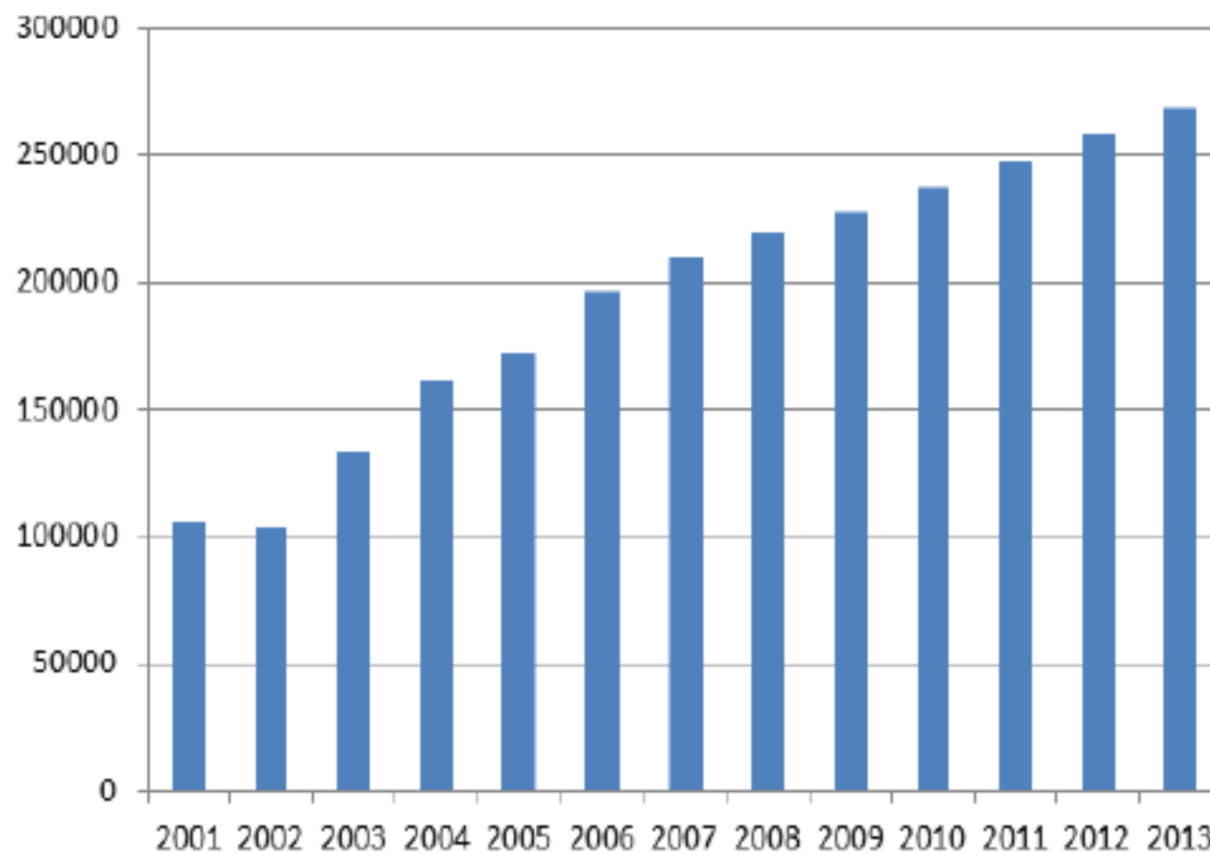
**Scotland 3**  
**Spain 1**

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## Diabetes in Scotland



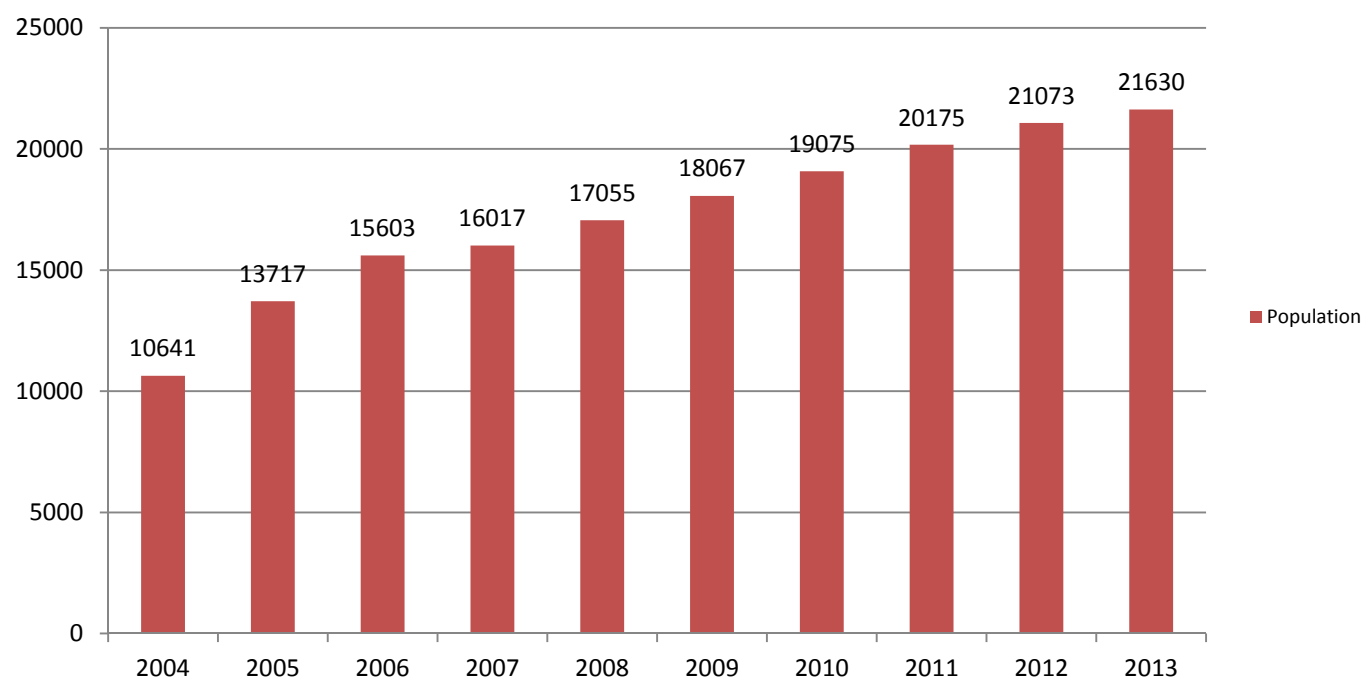
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## Diabetes in Ayrshire and Arran

### Population

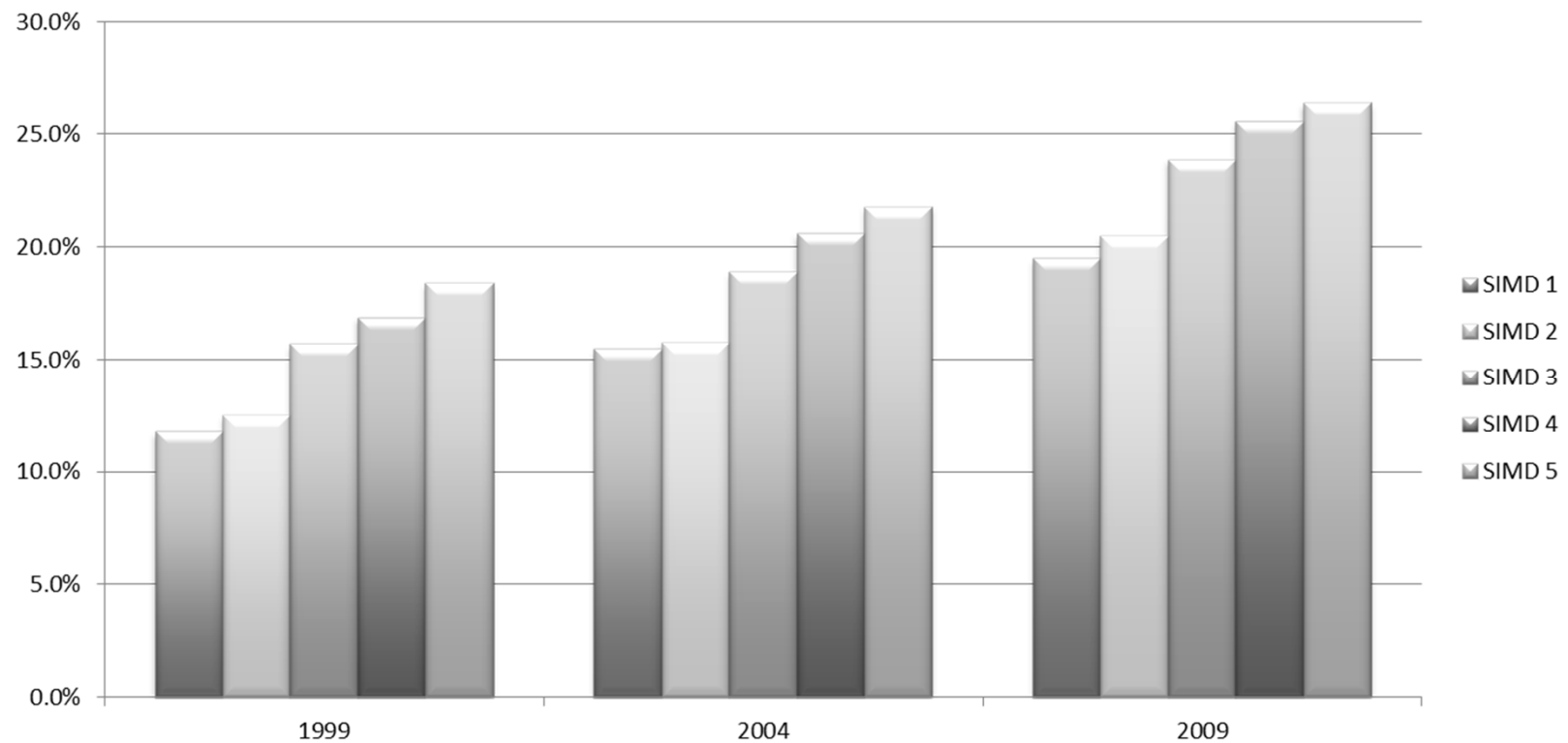


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## Obesity and deprivation in A&A





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## Mean BMI in A&A (2013)

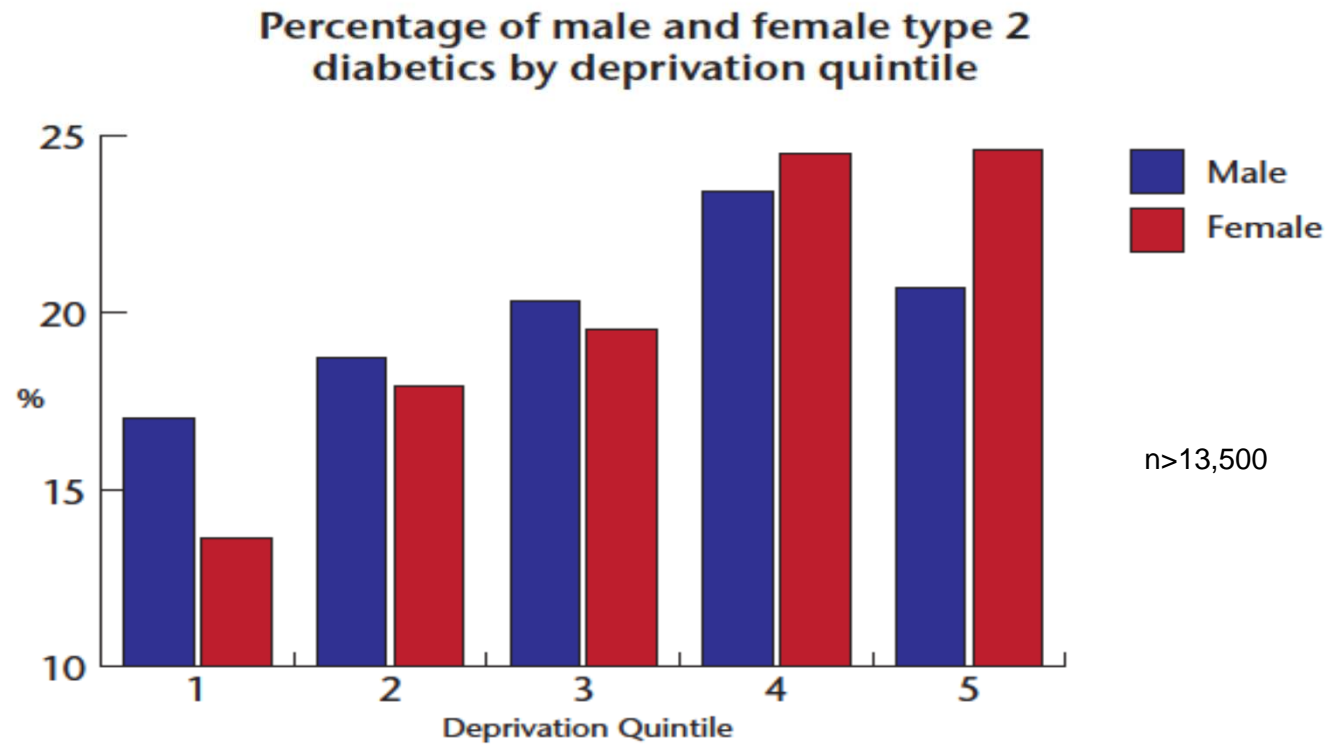
	Non-diabetes	Type 2 diabetes
Males	26.1 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	31.4 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Females	26.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	32.4 kg/m <sup>2</sup>

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## Type 2 diabetes in A&A



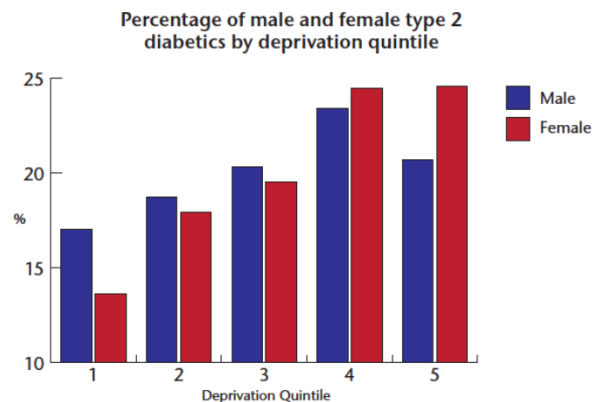
Collier et al, 2014

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- There was no association between glycaemic control and socioeconomic status ( $p = 0.12$ ).



Collier et al, 2014

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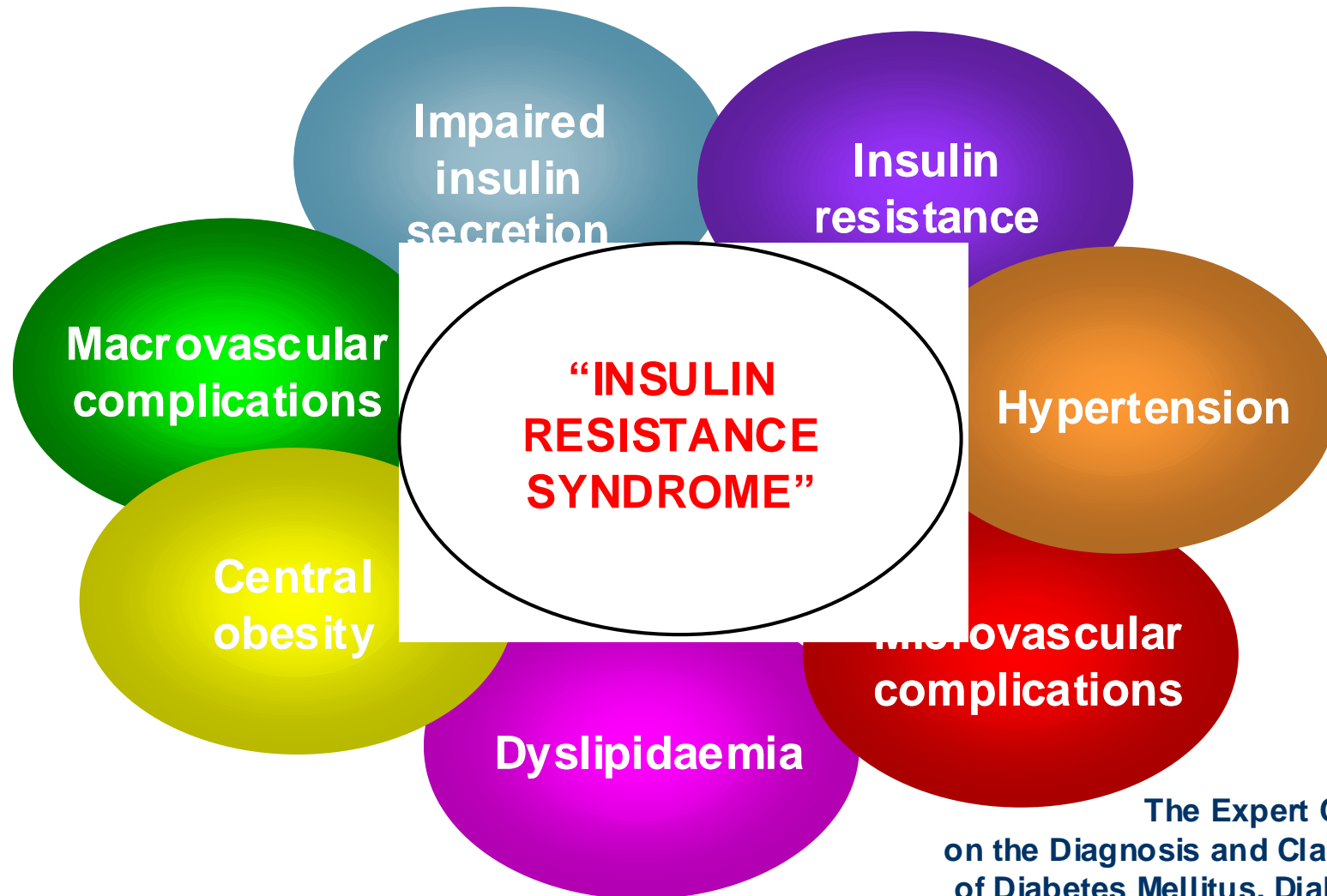


## We know:

### Type 2 diabetes

- Linked to obesity
- Obesity is becoming more prevalent
- Diabetes is becoming more prevalent
- Obesity and type 2 diabetes are linked to socioeconomic status.

# Type 2 Diabetes: A Complex Metabolic Disorder



The Expert Committee  
on the Diagnosis and Classification  
of Diabetes Mellitus. *Diabetes Care*  
1997; 20 (7): 1183–1203.

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 diet & exercise/lifestyle change

 metformin

 combination of metformin + secretagogue

 more and more

– triple oral therapy in patients

– bedtime insulin + OHA

 multiple insulin injections + metformin ( $\pm$ pio/SGLT2i)



progressive  $\beta$ -cell failure

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## **Management of Hyperglycemia in Type 2 Diabetes: A Patient-Centered Approach Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) June 2012**

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## ANTI-HYPERGLYCEMIC THERAPY

### Glycemic targets

- **HbA1c < 7.0%** (8.3-8.9 mmol/l)
- Pre-prandial PG <7.2 mmol/l)
- Post-prandial PG <10.0 mmol/l
- **Individualization** is key:
  - Tighter targets (6.0 - 6.5%) - younger, healthier
  - Looser targets (7.5 - 8.0%+) - older, comorbidities, hypoglycemia prone, etc.
- Avoidance of hypoglycemia

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## Assuming

- Lifestyle advice
- Metformin as first line
- “start low, go slow”
- Better tolerance
  
- → sulphonylurea (cost)



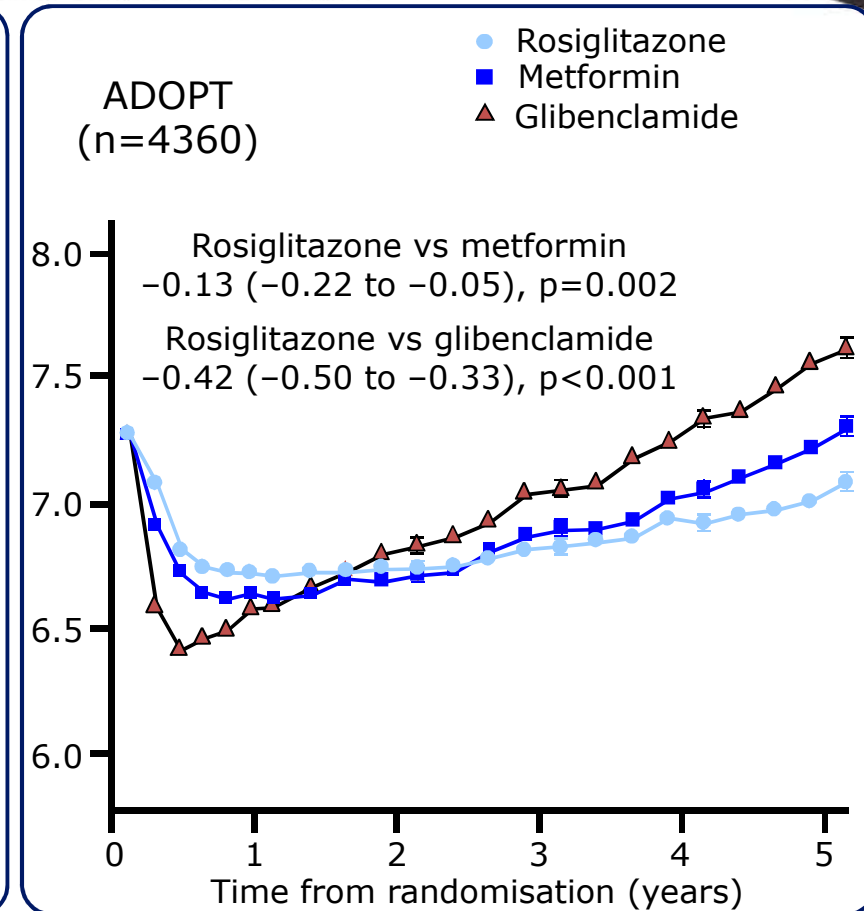
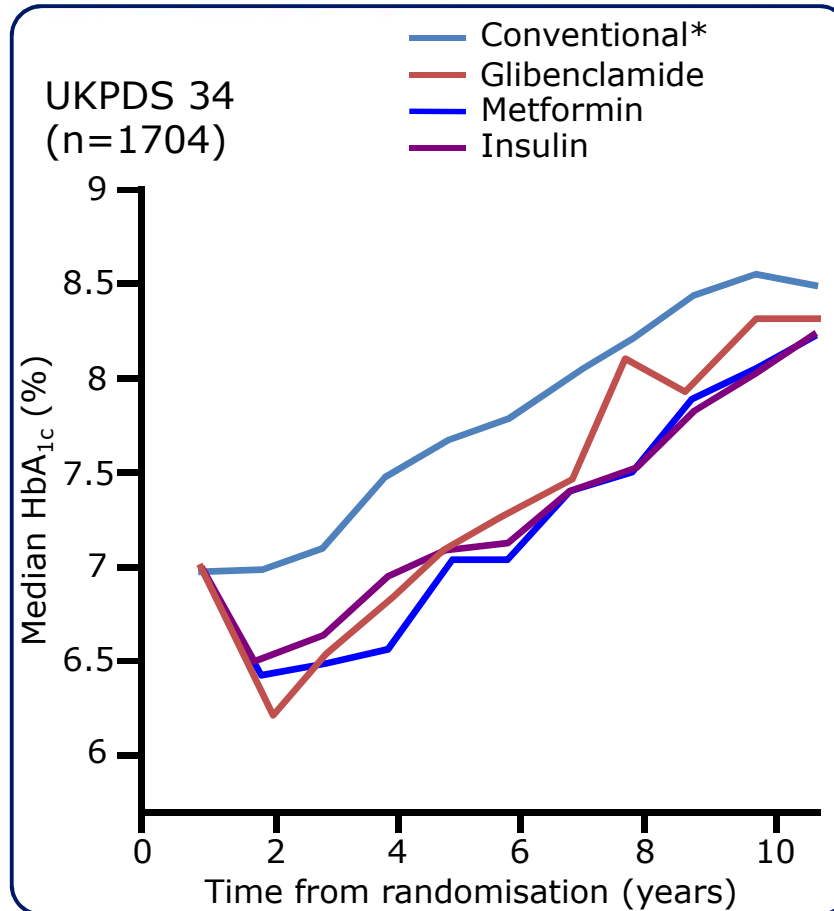
# Why do we continue to use a class of drugs?

## Sulfonylureas

- Lead to further weight gain
- Efficacy falls away

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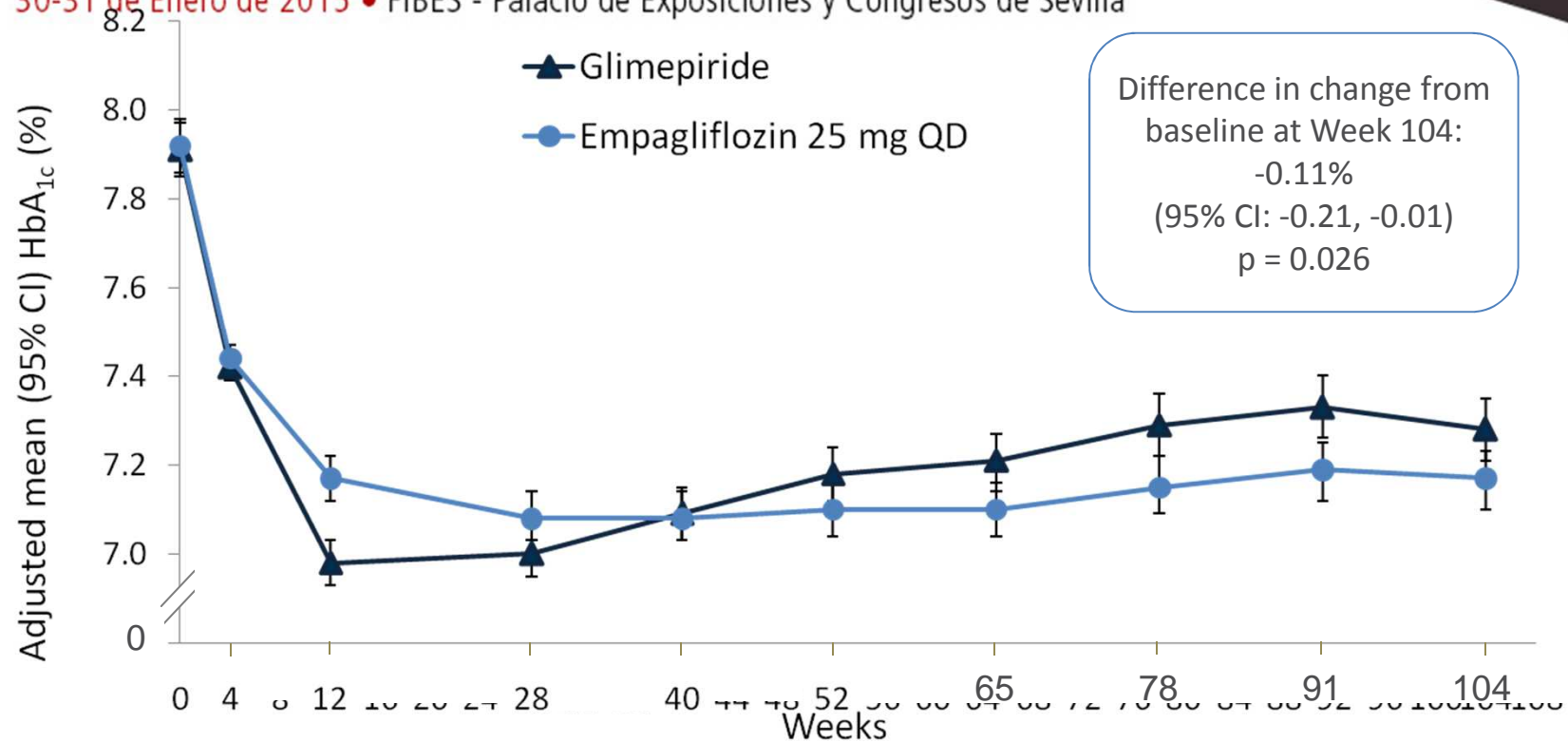


\*Diet initially then sulphonylureas, insulin and/or metformin if fasting plasma glucose >15 mmol/L

**Over time, glycaemic control deteriorates.**

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## Analysed patients

Glimepiride	761	758	738	699	660	609	562	524	494	461
Empagliflozin	759	751	734	702	672	646	624	593	568	548

## Empagliflozin versus glimepiride change in HbA<sub>1c</sub>

CI, confidence interval; H2H, head-to-head; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated haemoglobin; QD, once daily.

MMRM. FAS (OC).

Ridderstråle M, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2014;2:691-700.



## Why do we use a drug?

- Leads to further weight gain
- Efficacy falls away
- Gliclazide – too large a dose!
- Contentious cardiovascular data (UGDP-1971)
- Increases the risk of hypoglycaemia
- Downstream costs are high
- Increases patients risk of needing to go onto insulin.



# Diabetes Prescribing Strategy 2014 to 2016 (Scotland)

Sulfonylureas:

- “recognised as second-line agents in patients who are not overweight “
- “first-line agent for those who are intolerant of, or have contra-indications to, metformin”
- “reduce clinically important microvascular complications”
- “they remain the least expensive second line agent”
- >70% of type 2 patients on MF + SU





# Diabetes Prescribing Strategy 2014 to 2016

- “Self Blood Glucose Monitoring (SBGM) is not suitable or recommended for all those with type 2 diabetes”
- “there are clear recommendations for specific groups of patients. SBGM is essential for people with type 2 diabetes.....
- who are at risk of hypoglycaemia due to sulfonylurea”.



# Diabetes Prescribing Strategy 2014 to 2016

- Cheap drug
- Self Blood Glucose Monitoring
  - a. Expensive
  - b. Quality of life
  - c. Patient satisfaction
  - d. Anxiety scores

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**Sulfonylureas**

**Thiazolidinediones**

**DPP-4 inhibitors**

**SGLT-2 inhibitors**

**Meglitinides**

**$\alpha$ -glucosidase  
inhibitors**

**Bile acid sequestrants**

**Dopamine-2 agonists**

**Amylin mimetics**

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**Mono-therapy**

Efficacy\*  
Hypo risk  
Weight  
Side effects  
Costs



**Dual-therapy†**

Efficacy\*  
Hypo risk  
Weight  
Side effects  
Costs



**Triple therapy**



**Combination injectable therapy‡**

**Healthy eating, weight control, increased physical activity & diabetes education**

**Metformin**

high efficacy  
low risk  
neutral/loss weight  
GI / lactic acidosis side effects  
low costs

*If HbA1c target not achieved after ~3 months of monotherapy, proceed to 2-drug combination (order not meant to denote any specific preference – choice dependent on a variety of patient- & disease-specific factors):*

Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +
<b>Sulfonylurea</b>	<b>Thiazolidinedione</b>	<b>DPP-4 inhibitor</b>	<b>SGLT2 inhibitor</b>	<b>GLP-1 receptor agonist</b>	<b>Insulin (basal)</b>
high efficacy moderate risk weight gain hypoglycemia low costs	high efficacy low risk weight gain edema, HF, fxs low costs	intermediate efficacy low risk neutral weight rare side effects high costs	intermediate efficacy low risk weight loss GU, dehydration high costs	high efficacy low risk weight loss GI side effects high costs	highest efficacy high risk weight gain hypoglycemia variable costs

*If HbA1c target not achieved after ~3 months of dual therapy, proceed to 3-drug combination (order not meant to denote any specific preference – choice dependent on a variety of patient- & disease-specific factors):*

Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +	Metformin +
Sulfonylurea + TZD or DPP-4-i or SGLT2-i or GLP-1-RA or Insulin <sup>§</sup>	Thiazolidinedione + SU or DPP-4-i or SGLT2-i or GLP-1-RA or Insulin <sup>§</sup>	DPP-4 Inhibitor + SU or TZD or SGLT2-i or Insulin <sup>§</sup>	SGLT-2 Inhibitor + SU or TZD or DPP-4-i or Insulin <sup>§</sup>	GLP-1 receptor agonist + SU or TZD or Insulin <sup>§</sup>	Insulin (basal) + TZD or DPP-4-i or SGLT2-i or GLP-1-RA

*If HbA1c target not achieved after ~3 months of triple therapy and patient (1) on oral combination, move to injectables, (2) on GLP-1 RA, add basal insulin, or (3) on optimally titrated basal insulin, add GLP-1-RA or mealtime insulin. In refractory patients consider adding TZD or SGL T2-i:*

Metformin +

**Basal Insulin + Mealtime Insulin or GLP-1-RA**

*Diabetes Care 2015;38:140-149; Diabetologia 2015;10.1077/s00125-014-3460-0*

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## Type 2 diabetes

- progressive disease
- $\beta$ -cell failure
- development of complications
- medications at diagnosis
- medications later in disease process
- co-morbidities.



## Comorbidities

- **Coronary Disease**
- **Heart Failure**
- **Renal disease**
- **Liver dysfunction**
- **Hypoglycemia**

- Metformin: CVD benefit (UKPDS)
- Avoid hypoglycemia
- ? SUs & ischemic preconditioning
- ? Pioglitazone & ↓ CVD events
- ? Effects of incretin-based therapies

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- Metformin: May use unless condition is unstable or severe
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- Increased risk of hypoglycemia
- Metformin & lactic acidosis
  - US: stop @SCr  $\geq 1.5$  (1.4 women)
  - UK: half-dose @GFR  $< 45$  & stop @GFR  $< 30$
- Caution with SUs (esp. glibenclamide)
- DPP-4-i's – dose adjust for most (not linagliptin)
- Avoid exenatide if GFR  $< 30$
- SGLT2 inhibitors @GFR  $< 60$

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- Most drugs not tested in advanced liver disease
- Pioglitazone may help steatosis
- Insulin best option if disease severe





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- Emerging concerns regarding association with increased morbidity / mortality
- Proper drug selection is key in the hypoglycemia prone

#  
Injections

1

2

3+

Complexity

low

mod.

high

## Basal Insulin

(usually with metformin +/- other non-insulin agent)

- **Start:** 10U/day or 0.1-0.2 U/kg/day
- **Adjust:** 10-15% or 2-4 U once-twice weekly to reach FBG target.
- **For hypo:** Determine & address cause; ↓ dose by 4 units or 10-20%.

If not controlled after FBG target is reached (or if dose > 0.5 U/kg/day), treat PPG excursions with meal-time insulin. (Consider initial GLP-1-RA trial.)

### Add 1 rapid insulin\* injections before largest meal

- **Start:** 4U, 0.1 U/kg, or 10% basal dose. If A1c<8%, consider ↓ basal by same amount.
- **Adjust:** ↑ dose by 1-2 U or 10-15% once-twice weekly until SMBG target reached.
- **For hypo:** Determine and address cause; ↓ corresponding dose by 2-4 U or 10-20%.

### Change to premixed insulin\* twice daily

- **Start:** Divide current basal dose into 2/3 AM, 1/3 PM or 1/2 AM, 1/2 PM.
- **Adjust:** ↑ dose by 1-2 U or 10-15% once-twice weekly until SMBG target reached.
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If not controlled, consider basal-bolus.

### Add ≥2 rapid insulin\* injections before meals ('basal-bolus'†)

- **Start:** 4U, 0.1 U/kg, or 10% basal dose/meal.‡ If A1c<8%, consider ↓ basal by same amount.
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- **Two clinical cases**



## Busy, active mother of three

Age: 45

- Office administrator
- Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes three years ago
- Drives to work and 'ferries' children every day
- Attended a structured education programme last year
- Joined a slimming club but still struggling to find time to plan healthier meals that the whole family will eat
- Hesitant to take add-on therapy - *"I'm very young to be on all these medications"*
- Weight gain over last 2 years - BMI: 29 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- BP: 132/83 mmHg
- HbA<sub>1c</sub>: 8.1%
- Normal renal function
- Currently on metformin: 1 g bd (the maximum dose tolerated, adherence confirmed)



## Busy, active mother of three

Age: 45

### Management review

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> 8.1% - requires additional control
- Attended structured education programme last year
- Struggling to improve diet
- Recent weight gain

### Treatment options


- A sulphonylurea (e.g. gliclazide)
- A DPP-4 inhibitor (gliptin)
- A thiazolidinedione (glitazone)
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## 45 years old

- Further lifestyle advice
- Gliclazide 80  160 mgs twice daily



## 48 years old – 3 years later

- 5kgs heavier
- BMI > 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- HbA<sub>1c</sub> 8.6%

### Treatment options

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## 48 years old – 3 years later

- Reduce or stop gliclazide
- Gliptin
- SGLT2 inhibitor
- Pioglitazone
- (GLP1 analogue)
- Reinforce lifestyle advice
- Cardiovascular risk factors
- Insulin therapy





## A.S. 59 year old male

Travelling salesman – driving every day

Diet is poor and sporadic

Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes three years ago

Offered structured education programme and declined

Recently cut his work hours and general activity due to ill health, consequently gained weight

A smoker: concerned about further weight gain if he gives up smoking

Co-morbidity: COPD (managed with appropriate inhalers)

BMI: 36 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

BP: 136/78 mmHg

HbA<sub>1c</sub>: 8.9%

eGFR: normal

“does not want injections”

Currently on metformin 1 g bd (the maximum dose tolerated)



## A.S. 59 year old male

### Lifestyle advice

- Smoking cessation programme enrolment
- Participation in structured education 'refresher'
- Driving is part of his business

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## KEY POINTS

- Glycemic targets & BG-lowering therapies must be individualized.
- Diet, exercise, & education: foundation of any T2DM therapy program
- Unless contraindicated, metformin = optimal 1st-line drug - “start low, go slow”.
- Progressive disease:
  - β-cell failure
  - increased weight → further insulin resistance
  - development of complications
  - impact on management

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## KEY POINTS

- After metformin, data are limited. Combination therapy with 1-2 other oral / injectable agents is reasonable; minimize side effects.
- Ultimately, many patients will require insulin therapy alone / in combination with other agents to maintain BG control.
- All treatment decisions should be made in conjunction with the patient (focus on preferences, needs & values.)
- Comprehensive CV risk reduction - a major focus of therapy.

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- **Thank you**
- **Any questions?**



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