

Advanced Concepts: Diabetes, Pumps and Monitors - Oh My!

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Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate understanding of available technology for monitoring and treating Type 1 Diabetes.
2. Interpret glycemic variability given a continuous glucose monitor (CGM) report.
3. Evaluate patients' and families' coping skills and adherence who use technology to manage Type 1 Diabetes.

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Audience Engagement System



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Insulin Administration and Monitoring

	Glucometer	Continuous Glucose Monitor
MDI		
Infusion pump		

- Mutually exclusive events for managing Type 1
- You can pick your preferred method of insulin administration and preferred method of monitoring
- Pros and Cons to each

Poll Question #1

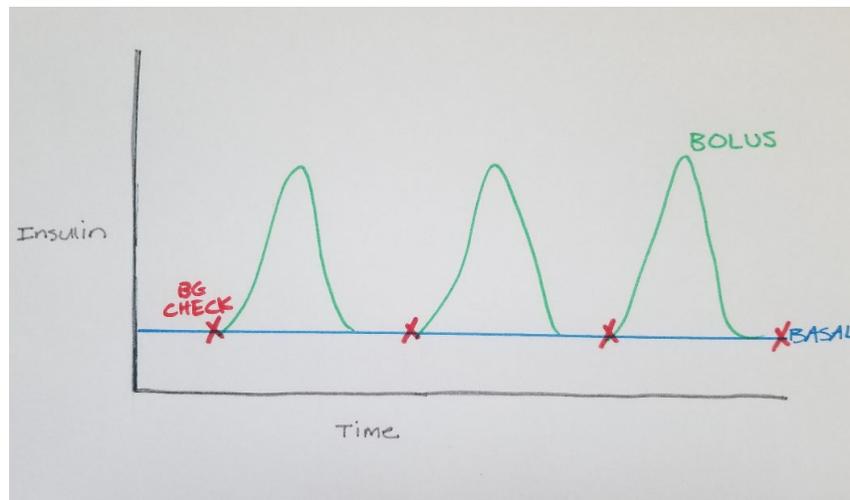
The preferred initial insulin regimen for the management of Type 1 Diabetes in children is:

- A. Regular insulin with NPH
- B. Premixed insulin (i.e. 70/30)
- C. Long-acting basal with rapid-acting bolus
- D. Rapid-acting boluses

Insulin Regimens

- Conventional: regular insulin with NPH
- Intensive: rapid-acting and long-acting
 - Multiple daily injections (MDI)
 - Continuous infusion pump

Multiple Daily Injections



Multiple Daily Injections

- Basal injections once a day lasting 24 hours
- Bolus injections with every meal and before snacks
- Bolus before bedtime
- Bolus to correct for hyperglycemia

Multiple Daily Injections

- Lower mean fasting
- Lower pre- and post-breakfast
- Lower pre- and post-lunch
- Lower incidence of nocturnal hypoglycemia

[Murphy NP, Keane SM, Ong KK, et al. Randomized cross-over trial of insulin glargine plus lispro or NPH insulin plus regular human insulin in adolescents with type 1 diabetes on intensive insulin regimens. Diabetes Care 2003; 26:799.](#)

Continuous Infusion Pumps



Poll Question #2

How often does the insulin and infusion site need to be changed when using continuous infusion pumps?

- A. Every day
- B. Every 2-3 days
- C. Once a week
- D. Once a month

Continuous Infusion Pumps-What

- Subcutaneous cannula that is replaced every 2-3 days
- Site rotation to prevent lipohypertrophy
- Use rapid or short-acting insulin
- Need to keep emergency kit for MDI in case of pump failure

Continuous Infusion Pumps-Who

- Recurrent severe hypoglycemia
- Wide fluctuations in blood glucose levels regardless of A1C
- Suboptimal diabetes control
- Microvascular complications and/or risk factors for macrovascular complications
- Good metabolic control, but insulin regimen that compromises lifestyle

[Phillip M, Battelino T, Rodriguez H, et al. Use of insulin pump therapy in the pediatric age-group: consensus statement from the European Society for Paediatric Endocrinology, the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, and the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes, endorsed by the American Diabetes Association and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes. Diabetes Care 2007; 30:1653.](#)

Continuous Infusion Pumps-Pros

- Pre-programmed by endocrinology with carb ratios, sensitivity factors, basal rates
- Can suspend insulin delivery
- Can program alarms/reminders
- Better than MDI for glycemic control and avoiding hypoglycemia with less total daily insulin

[Weintrob N, Benzaquen H, Galatzer A, et al. Comparison of continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion and multiple daily injection regimens in children with type 1 diabetes: a randomized open crossover trial. Pediatrics 2003; 112:559.](#)

Continuous Infusion Pumps-Cons

- Cost
- Pump failure
 - Rapid rise in BG can lead to DKA
 - Back-up supplies
- Superficial infection risk at infusion site

Continuous Infusion Pumps



Continuous Glucose Monitors



Poll Question #3

Where would be an appropriate site to place a continuous glucose monitor (CGM)?

- A. Upper arm
- B. Abdomen
- C. Thigh
- D. Buttock
- E. All of the above

Continuous Glucose Monitors-What

- Subcutaneous microfilament reads interstitial glucose concentrations every 5 minutes
- Usually place on abdomen or arm
- Variable need to calibrate with traditional fingerstick

Continuous Glucose Monitors-Who

- Poorly controlled A1C
- Wide fluctuations in blood glucose levels
- Non-adherence with traditional glucometer use

Continuous Glucose Monitors-Pros

- Fewer fingersticks
- Waterproof
- ONSET Study:
 - Lower glycemic variability
 - No severe hypoglycemia

[Kordonouri O, Pankowska E, Rami B, et al. Sensor-augmented pump therapy from the diagnosis of childhood type 1 diabetes: results of the Paediatric Onset Study \(ONSET\) after 12 months of treatment. Diabetologia 2010; 53:2487.](#)

Continuous Glucose Monitors-Cons

- Cost
- Skin reaction to adhesive
- Adhesive augmentation with swimming

Continuous Glucose Monitors



Pump with CGM

- Partially closed-loop: suspends insulin delivery if senses low or rapidly dropping BG
- Hybrid closed-loop: + auto-adjusts basal rates
- Complete closed-loop: + auto boluses for correction

Pump with CGM

- More likely to achieve goal A1C
- Fewer hyperglycemic episodes
- Lower glycemic variability
- 2-fold reduction in hypoglycemic events

[Slover RH, Welsh JB, Criego A, et al. Effectiveness of sensor-augmented pump therapy in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes in the STAR 3 study. *Pediatr Diabetes* 2012; 13:6.](#)
[Abraham MB, Nicholas JA, Smith GJ, et al. Reduction in Hypoglycemia With the Predictive Low-Glucose Management System: A Long-term Randomized Controlled Trial in Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes. *Diabetes Care* 2018; 41:303.](#)

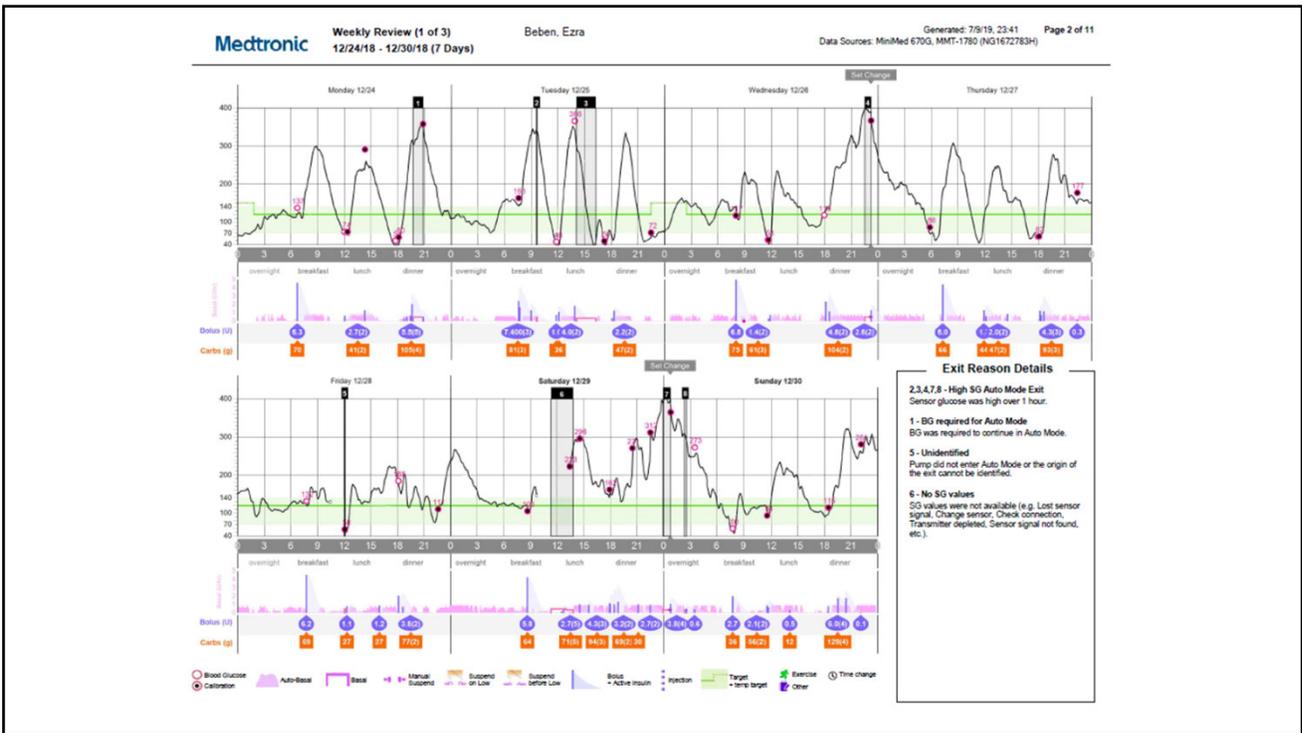
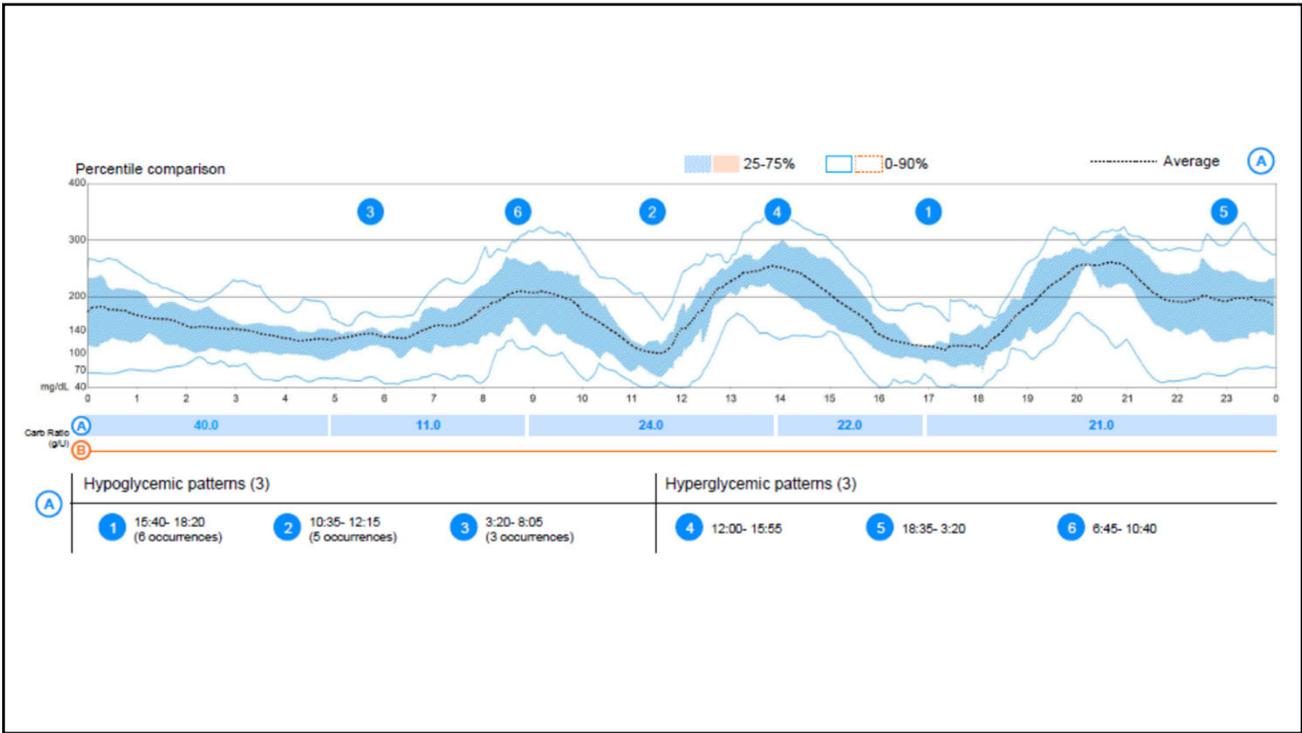
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Poll Question #4

What kind of information can you get from looking at a continuous glucose monitor report?

- A. How often they check their blood sugar
- B. What type of insulin is in use
- C. If/when the patient disconnects his/her pump
- D. When the patient is exercising



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Evaluating Adherence

- Ask patients about pump and CGM use
- Ask if they download their data
- Ask how often they're seeing endocrinology
- Ask about their latest A1C

Evaluating Coping Skills

- Ask patient and/or family to show you where sites are and what they're using
- Ask about triumphs and struggles
- Determine insight by asking about reasons why sugars are high or low
- Who do they call for help?

Practice Recommendations

- Ask patients and families what technology they are using to manage their Type 1 Diabetes.
- Offer support for lifestyle interventions to help manage glycemic variability.
- Know who to contact to help patients and families troubleshoot any technologic difficulties.

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