Getting Glucose to GOAL In the Hospital – Frontline Nursing Training



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Getting Glucose to GOAL In the Hospital

Objectives:

- * Discuss the importance of inpatient glucose control.
- * Describe the goals of care
- Describe basal bolus insulin therapy
- Discuss appropriate insulin therapy considerations for a variety of situations.

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Glucose Management and Hospitalized Patients



In hospitalized patients with critical illness, hyperglycemia is a signal that warrants our attention.

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Hospitals and Hyperglycemia What's the Big Deal?

- Hyperglycemia is associated with increased morbidity and mortality in hospital settings.
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 - Acute Myocardial Infarction
 - Stroke
 - Cardiac Surgery
 - Infection
 - Longer lengths of stay



Stress response and hyperglycemia

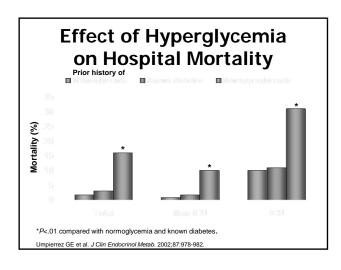
- * Decreased WBC's
- Catabolism
- * Abnormal inflammatory response
- * Endothelial cell dysfunction
- * Increased clotting, blood viscosity
- * Tissue breakdown
- * Inflammatory changes
- * Increased blood pressure, pulse

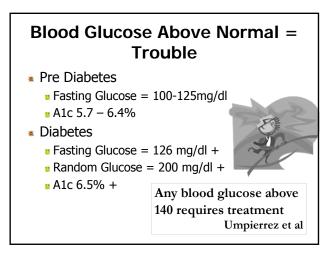
Leads to: Longer lengths of stay, complications, death

Diabetes Care, v. 27, #2, Feb 2004

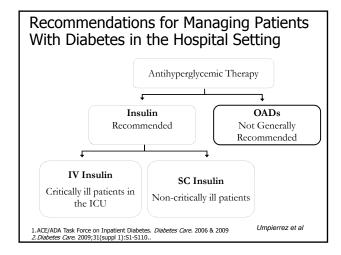
Hyperglycemia*: A Common Comorbidity in Medical-Surgical Patients in a Community Hospital 12% 26% □ Normoglycemia □ Known Diabetes □ New Hyperglycemia □ New Hyperglycemia □ New Hyperglycemia □ Tasting BG ≥ 126 mg/dl or Random BG ≥ 200 mg/dl × 2 Umpierrez et al

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A1c and Estimated Avg Glucose (eAG) 2008 A1c (%) eAG Order teaching 97 tool kit free at 126 6 diabetes.org 154 8 183 9 212 10 240 269 11 298 12 eAG = 28.7 x A1c-46.7 ~ 29 pts per 1% Translating the A1c Assay Into Estimated Average Glucose Values - ADAG Study Diabetes Care: 31, #8, August 2008



Management of Hyperglycemia and Diabetes

- * Non-ICU
 - Basal/bolus therapy (MDI)
 - NPH and Regular insulin
 - Long-acting and rapid-acting insulin
 - Premixed insulin
- * ICU and Critical Care
 - Insulin Drips
 - Basal /Bolus

ADA/AACE Goals and Treatments For Hospitalized Patients

Critically III pts

- Start insulin therapy no later than BG 180
- · Once insulin started, glucose goal 140-180
- · Insulin drip preferred treatment

Non Critically III patients

- · Blood glucose goals:
 - Premeal <140
 - Post meal <180
- · Basal /bolus Insulin preferred treatment

Consensus: Inpt Hyperglycemia, Endocr Pract. 2009;15 (No.4)

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Insulin – the Ultimate Hormone Replacement Therapy

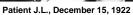
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- •Discuss the actions of different insulins
- •Describe using pattern management as an insulin adjustment tool



The Miracle of Insulin







February 15, 1923

Type 1 in Hospital

- * 43 yr old admitted to evaluate angina.
- * Morning blood sugar is 142.
- * You walk in with his insulin dose.
- The patient says, "I will bottom out if I take that much insulin."
- * "That dose won't touch my blood sugar"

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What do you say?

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Life Study - Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones is 62 years old, a little heavy and complains of feeling tired and urinating several times a night. She is admitted with a urinary tract Infection. Her WBC is 12.3, glucose 237. She is hypertensive with a history of gestational diabetes. No ketones in urine.

- What risk factors and signs of diabetes does she have?
- * What type of diabetes does she have?

Life Study - Mrs. Jones

* How would we manage her BG in hospital?



Physiologic Insulin Secretion: 24-Hour Profile 50 Insulin Bolus Insulin 25 (µU/mL) Basal Insulin Breakfast Lunch 150 Mealtime Glucose Glucose 100 (mg/dL) 50 Basal Glucose 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A.M. P.M. Time of Day

Insulin Action Teams

- * Bolus: lowers after meal glucose levels
 - Rapid Acting
 - Aspart, Lispro, Glulisine
 - Short Acting
 - Regular
- * Basal: controls glucose between meals, hs
 - Intermediate
 - NPH
 - Long Acting
 - Detemir (Levemir)
 - Glargine (Lantus)



Analog* Insulin Clarification

- * If you see
 - Humulin
 - Made by Lilly
 - Can be regular, NPH, 70/30 etc.
 - Novolin
 - Made by Novo Nordisk
 - Can be regular, NPH, 70/30 etc.
- •Analog = insulin created by recombinant dna therapy .

- * If you see
 - Humalog (Lispro)
 - Made by Lilly
 - Rapid acting Analog
 - May also appear as Humalog 70/30.
 - Novolog (Aspart)
 - Made by Novo Nordisk
 - Rapid acting Analog
 - May also appear as Novolog 70/30
 - Apidra (Glulisine)

Bolus Insulins (1/2 of total daily dose ÷ meals)

<u>Name</u>	Onset	Peak Action
Lispro (Humalog)Aspart (NovoLog)Glulisine (Apidra)	5-15 min	0.5 -1.5 hrs
* Regular	30 -60 min	2 - 3 hrs

Bolus Insulin Summary

- * Regular, Novolog, Humalog, Apidra,
- * Starts working fast (15-30 mins)
- * Gets out fast (3-6 hours)
- * Post meal BG reflects effectiveness
- * Should comprise about ½ total daily dose
- * Covers food or hyperglycemia.
 - 1 unit
 - Covers ≈ 10 -15 gms of carb
 - Lowers BG ≈ 30 50 points

Bolus Insulin Timing

- * How is the effectiveness of bolus insulin determined?
 - Before next meal blood glucose
- Inpt Glucose goals (ADA) may be modified by provider/pt
 - 1-2 hours post meal <180
 - Before next meal 70 140



Bolus – Insulin Sliding Scale Starts at 150, 2 units for every 50 mg/dl >150

	Break	Lunch	Dinner	HS
Day 1	94	212	148	254
	no insulin	4 uR	no insulin	6 uR
Day 2	243	254	201	199
	4uR	6 uR	4uR	2 uR
Day 3	189	243	162	244
	2uR	4uR	2uR	4uR
Day 4	194	287	144	272
	2uR	6uR	none	6uR

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Bolus Basics

- * Carbohydrate/ Prandial Coverage
 - Match the insulin to the carbohydrates
 - 1 unit for 15 gms Common starting point
- * Correction Bolus targets hyperglycemia
 - 1 unit for every 30-50 points over target
- Adjust ratios depending on sensitivity and response

Carbohydrate Ratio How does that work?

Rapid/Fast Acting Insulin

- Dinner (60 gms cho)
 - Lemon Chicken
 - 1 cup rice pilaf (45 gms cho)
 - Asparagus
 - Dinner Roll
 (15 gms cho)

Blood Glucose 165mg/dl

Serving Size	Gms CHO	<u>Insulin</u>
1	15 gms cho	1 unit
2	30 gms cho	2 units
3	45 gms cho	3 units
4	60 gms cho	4 units

Carbohydrate Needs for Most Adults

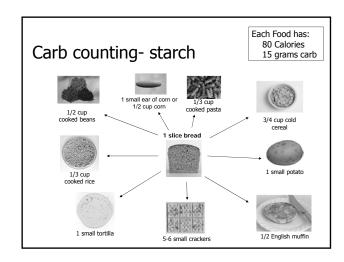
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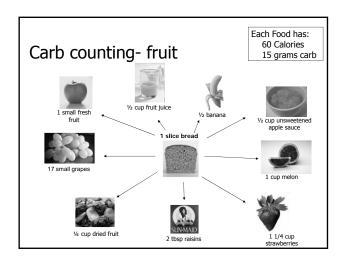
 Each Meal
 45-60 gm
 3 - 4

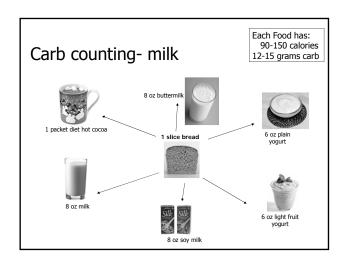
 Snacks
 15-30 gm
 1- 2



RDA 130 gm carbohydrate per day







Now What?

Nurse had an emergency and pt already ate lunch?



- Nurse administered insulin and pt only ate a few bites of turkey and drank non sugar tea?
- You just gave 3 units of Novolog and patient needs to go to OR NOW!

Now that we covered food, what about BG > 150?

That's where the Correction Bolus comes into play.



General Correction Bolus

Rapid/Fast Acting Insulin (1 unit:50 mg/dl>150)

70 or less	Subtract 1 unit
71-150 mg/dl	0 units
151-200 mg/dl	1 unit
201-250 mg/dl	2 units
251-300 mg/dl	3 units
301-350 mg/dl	4 units
351-400 mg/dl	5 units

Basal Insulins (1/2 of total daily dose)

Intermediate Acting Peak Action Duration

* NPH 4-10 hrs 10-16

Long Acting Peak Action Duration

* Detemir (Levemir) No peak 6 - 24 hrs

* Glargine (Lantus) No peak 20- 24 hrs

Fasting BG reflects efficacy of basal

Basal Insulin Summary

- * NPH, Levemir, Lantus
- * Covers in between meals, through night
- * Starts working slow (4 hours)
- * Stays in long (12-24 hours)
 - NPH 12 hrs
 - Levemir, Lantus 20-24 hrs
- Fasting blood glucose reflects effectiveness



Combination SQ Insulin

Insulin Type	Onset	Duration
Humalog Mix 75/25: 75% NPL, 25% lispro 50/50: 50% NPL, 50% lispro	5-15 min	10-16 hrs
NovoLog Mix 70/30: 70% NPA, 30% aspart	5-15 min	10-16 hrs
NPH + Reg Combo 70/30: 70%N /30%R 50/50: 50%N /50%R	30 – 60 min	10-16 hrs

Considerations:

 $_{\mbox{\tiny 3}}$ Pre-mixed, difficult to fine tune therapy

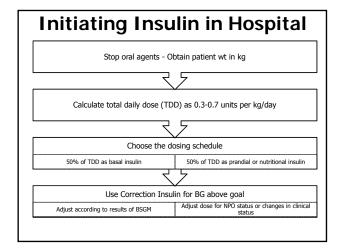
Insulin Therapy Components

- Basal insulin long acting insulin covers between meals and through night
- Prandial or meal insulin a bolus insulin that covers food, IV dextrose, enteral nutrition, TPN or other nutritional supplements
- Correction insulin bolus insulin dosed to correct for hyperglycemia that occurs despite use of basal and nutritional insulin
 - Usually given before meals w/ prandial insulin

How Much Insulin Does a Patient Need?

- * It depends, based on:
 - Body weight
 - Overwt, normal wt, or thin
 - Frail, elderly
 - Eating status
 - Normal, poor intake or NPO
 - Renal or hepatic insufficiency
 - Type of Diabetes
 - Current meds; steroids, insulin, oral dm agents
 - Infected or Septic





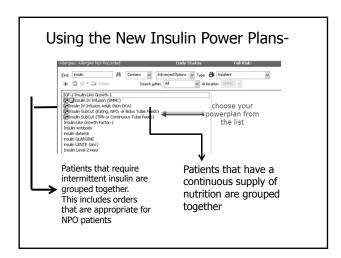
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Provider Assessments

- Nutritional Status
 - Eating, NPO, or Bolus Tube Feeds
 - TPN or Continuous Tube Feeds
- Insulin Sensitivity
 - Resistant
 - Sensitive
 - Usual/Moderate







Cerner PowerPlans Proposed * Provider picks the correct PowerPlan based on the patient's nutritional status. • Insulin SubCut (Eating, NPO, or Bolus Tube Feeds). • Insulin SubCut (TPN or Continuous Tube Feeds). • Insulin SubCut (Eating, NPO, or Bolus Tube Feeds). • Insulin SubCut (TPN or Continuous Tube Feeds) • Each PowerPlan has sections for each insulin sensitivity state • Sensitive • Usual/Moderate • Resistant

INSULIN SENSITIVITY

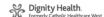
SENSITIVE: 0.3u/kg/day

 Total Daily Dose of insulin < 40 units/day, frail, thin, elderly, eating < 50%, with hepatic or renal insufficiency (CrCl < 30 ml/min)

MODERATE/USUAL: 0.5 u/kg/day

 Total Daily Dose of Insulin 40-80 units/day, average wt, good PO intake, DM Type 1

RESISTANT: 0.7 u/kg/day Total Daily Dose of Insulin > 80 units/day, obese, on steroids, or septic



Inpt Study – Mrs. Jones



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What insulin dose would we start Mrs. Jones on?

Insulin Dose - Mrs. Jones

- Moderate
 - ⊌Why?
 - Average weight, good oral intake



Basal/Bolus Insulin Dosing Strategy

50/50 Rule

- * 0.3-1.0 units/kg day
- Basal = 50% of totalGlargine at HS
 - NPH or Detemir BID
- Bolus = 50% of total
- usually divided into 3 meals

Example

- Wt 50kg x 0.5 = 25 units of insulin/day
- * Basal dose: 13 units
 - Glargine 13 units at HS
 - NPH/Detemir 6u BID
- * Bolus dose: 12 units
 - 4 units NovoLog, Apidra Humalog each meal

Basal/Bolus Insulin Dosing Strategy 0.5u/kg

50/50 Rule

- 0.3-1.0 units/kg day
- Basal = 50% of total
 - Glargine at HS
 - NPH or Detemir BID
- Bolus = 50% of total
 usually divided into 3 meals
- Example You Try
- Wt 60 kg x 0.5 = ___ units of insulin/day
- * Basal dose: ____ units
 - Glargine ____ units HS
 - NPH/Detemir _____ BID
- Bolus dose: ____ units___units NovoLog, ApidraHumalog each meal

Basal/Bolus Insulin Dosing Strategy 0.5u/kg

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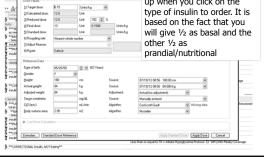
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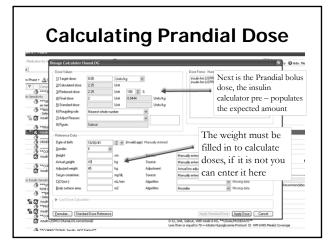
- Basal = 50% of total Glargine at HS
 - NPH or Detemir BID
- Bolus = 50% of total • usually divided into 3 <u>5</u>units NovoLog, Apidra meals

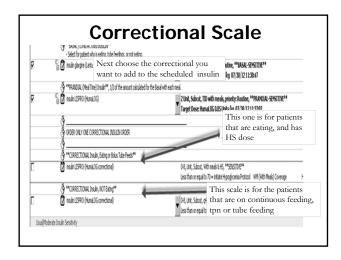
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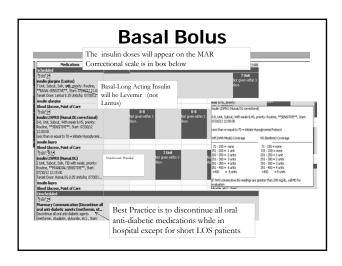
- * Wt 60 kg x 0.5 = 30units of insulin/day
- * Basal dose: 15 units Glargine <u>15</u> units HS
 - NPH/Detemir 7 BID
- * Bolus dose: 15 units Humalog, Reg each meal

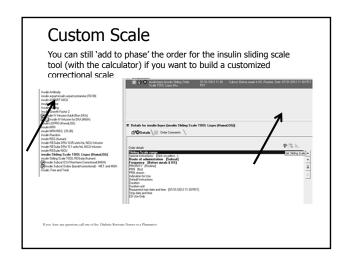
PowerChart Insulin Calculator The insulin calculator will pop up when you click on the type of insulin to order. It is based on the fact that you will give 1/2 as basal and the other 1/2 as











Usual Correction Bolus

Rapid/Fast Acting Insulin

70 or less	Treat for hypo, hold dose
71-150 mg/dl	0 units
151-200 mg/dl	1 unit
201-250 mg/dl	4 units
251-300 mg/dl	6 units
301-350 mg/dl	8 units
351-400 mg/dl	10 units
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Mrs. Jones - Pattern 5 unit meal bolus + Correction 15 unit Lantus hs

	Break	Lunch	Dinner	HS
Day 1	admit	219	243	219
Day 2	129	197	184	195 - NPO
Day 3	67	gone	119 clear liquids	104
Day 4	73	81	119	d/c

Preparation for Surgery

- Try to schedule surgery in am, resume meds/insulin when eating and stable.
- Oral medications: In am, hold all diabetes oral medications
- * Basal Insulin: Night before
 - type 2s, give 50% of usual am basal dose for
 - type 1s give up to 100% of basal dose.
- Bolus insulin: may need mild insulin bolus coverage for type 1 and type 2's
- Have D5 or D10 IV bags available in case of hypo

BG Running Low?

- * Possible Causes
 - Too much insulin
 - Premeal bolus
 - HS basal
 - Glucose toxicity improving
 - Infection improving
 - Stopped/lowered steroids
 - Poor kidney function
 - Skipped meal, poor PO intake
 - Not eating enough carbs



Hypoglycemia Symptoms

- Autonomic
 - Anxiety
 - Palpitations
 - Sweating
 - Tingling
 - Trembling

 - Hypoglycemic Unawareness
- Neuroglycopenia
 - → Irritability
 - → Drowsiness
 - → Dizziness
 - → Blurred Vision
 - → Difficulty with speech
 - Confusion
 - → Feeling faint

BG Too Low? Insulin Adjustment Guidelines

- * Before meal Blood glucose <70?
- Implement hypoglycemia protocol
 - Evaluate cause and make needed adjustments
 - Missed meal?
 - Too much insulin?
- ★ Morning blood glucose < 90?
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 - Decrease evening Lantus by 10%
- * Evaluate trends, provide feedback

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HS Correction Bolus for ALL levels – Prevents HS Hypo Rapid/Fast Acting Insulin

Less than 70	Treat for hypo, hold dose
71-150 mg/dl	0 units
151-200 mg/dl	1 unit
201-250 mg/dl	2 units
251-300 mg/dl	3 units
301-350 mg/dl	4 units
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Treatment of Hypoglycemia

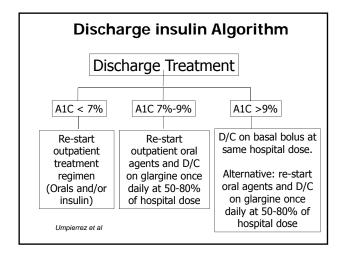
- * If BG 70mg/dl or less and pt is eating:
 - 15 gms of carb (gel, glucose tabs)
- * If BG 70mg/dl or less, pt is NOT eating
 - D50 if IV access
 - Glucagon if no IV access
- * Recheck BG every 15 minutes
- * Hold next correction insulin dose
- * Give next meal insulin and Lantus Dose

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- Mrs. Jones is improved and ready to go home.
- What glucose management strategies for home?
- * Her A1c = 8.9%

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Discharge Teaching



- What supplies will she need?
- What top 3 things do we need to teach her?
- * What resources can we provide?
- What referrals?

Top 4 Discharge Questions

- 1. Can patient perform self blood glucose monitoring? Do they need meter?
- 2. Can pt safely take meds / insulin?
- 3. Does the pt know how to treat hypo and hyper glycemia?
- 4. Does the patient know what to do on sick days?

Mr. R has Pneumonia How Much Insulin Needed?



- * Creatinine 1.6
- * 76 years old
- Not very hungry
- ∗ BMI 22
- Weighs 70kg
- Glucotrol 5mg at home
- * A1c 7.2%

Basal/Bolus Insulin Dosing Strategy 0.3u/kg

50/50 Rule

- * 0.3-1.0 units/kg day
- Basal = 50% of totalGlargine at HS
 - NPH or Detemir BID
- Bolus = 50% of totaldivided into 3 meals

Example - You Try

- Wt 70kg x 0.3 = ____ units of insulin/day
- * Basal dose: ____ units
 - Glargine __ units HS or
 - NPH/Detemir __u BID
- Bolus dose: ____ units
 - NovoLog, Apidra Humalog Reg w/meal

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Example - You Try

- * Wt 70kg x 0.3 = 21 units of insulin/day
- * Basal dose: 11 units
 - Glargine <u>11</u> units HS or
 - NPH/Detemir <u>5</u>u BID
- * Bolus dose: 10 units
 - 3 NovoLog, Apidra Humalog Reg w/meal

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Sensitive Correction Bolus

Rapid/Fast Acting Insulin

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3 days poor intake, pt started on Tube Feeding



- If on continuous tube feeding, how would this change his insulin regimen?
 - If on intermittent tube feeding, how would this change his insulin regimen?
- If patients tube feeding is interrupted, what precautions would you take?

Glycemic Management of the Patient Receiving Enteral Nutrition

Continuous enteral nutrition (EN)

- Basal insulin: 50% of daily dose twice daily
- Prandial bolus insulin: 50% given q6h

Cycled enteral nutrition

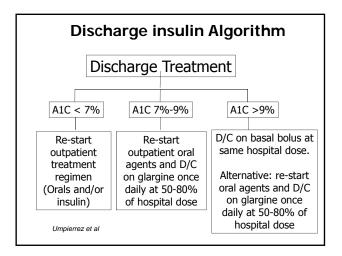
- Combination basal/bolus insulin (ie 70/30) given at the start of each tube feeding
- Bolus insulin administered q4 to 6 hours for duration of EN administration
- Correctional insulin given for BG above goal

Bolus enteral nutrition

 Rapid acting analog or short acting insulin given prior to each bolus

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Mr. R- Pattern 3 unit meal bolus + Correction 11u Lantus hs					
	Break	Lunch	Dinner	HS	
Day 1		admit	381	198	
Day 2	98	127	69	98 RN Held Lantus	
Day 3	137	67	72 tube feeding 4 times a day	207	
Day 6	142	129 NG Tube pulled	Pt feels funny BG 63	184	



Mr. R after 9 days feeling better. Eating again, regaining strength. DC today.



- What glucose mgmt strategy?
- What supplies will he need?
- What top 3 things do we need to teach him?
- What resources and referrals?

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Top 4 Discharge Questions

- 1. Can patient perform self blood glucose monitoring? Do they need meter?
- 2. Can pt safely take meds / insulin?
- 3. Does the pt know how to treat hypo and hyper glycemia?
- 4. Does the patient know what to do on sick days?

How Much Insulin Needed?

Mr. K





- Creat 0.9
- * Infected Foot Ulcer
- Asthma
- Meds
 - Metformin
 - Exenatide (ran out)
 - Actos (worried about ankles swelling)
- * A1c 10.8%

Basal/Bolus Insulin Dosing Strategy 0.7u/kg

50/50 Rule

- 0.3-1.0 units/kg day
- Basal = 50% of totalGlargine at HS
 - NPH or Detemir BID
- Bolus = 50% of totaldivided into 3 meals

Example - You Try

- Wt 100 kg x 0.7 = ___ units of insulin/day
- Basal dose: ____ unitsGlargine ____ units HS
 - NPH/Detemir _____ BID
- Bolus dose: ____ units___units NovoLog, ApidraHumalog each meal

Basal/Bolus Insulin Dosing Strategy 0.7u/kg

50/50 Rule

- * 0.3-1.0 units/kg day
- * Basal = 50% of total Glargine at HS NPH or Detemir BID
- Bolus = 50% of total divided into 3 meals

Example - You Try

- * Wt 100 kg x 0.7 = 70units of insulin/day
- * Basal dose: 35 units • Glargine 35 units HS • NPH/Detemir 17 BID
- * Bolus dose: 35 units
- 11 units NovoLog, Apidra Humalog each meal

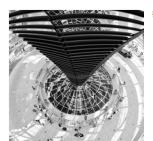
Resistant Correction Bolus

Rapid/Fast Acting Insulin

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201-250 mg/dl	6 units
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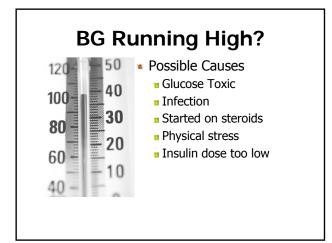
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Started on Prednisone 60mg qd for Asthma



Blood glucose levels running 300-500.

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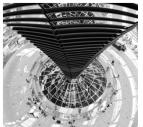
BG Too High? Insulin Adjustment Guidelines



- Meal Blood glucose too high?
 - If BG increases by 50 points from meal A to meal B
 - Increase meal A rapid acting insulin dose by 1 unit
- ★ Morning blood glucose > 140?
 - Increase evening Lantus by 10% every second day
- * If 2 consecutive BG > 200, call MD

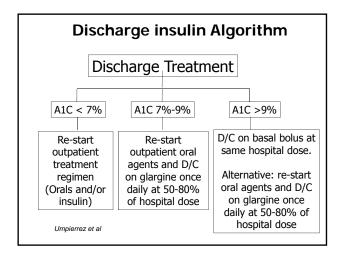
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Mr. K BG Levels Too High Insulin Drip Started



- 100 units insulin in 100 cc NS Bag
- * 1 cc = 1unit of insulin
- Started on Algorithm 2 – at 7.5 units /hr for BG of 347

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What Glucose Mgmt Strategy for Discharge?



- ★ Waistline 46"
- * Infected Foot Ulcer
- * Asthma (on pred)
- Meds
 - Metformin
 - Exenatide (ran out)
 - Actos (worried about ankles swelling)
- * A1c 10.8%

MR K. Stable, ready for discharge.

- What is your biggest concern?
- What supplies will he need?
- What top 3 things do we need to teach him?
- What resources and referrals?



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Top 4 Discharge Questions

- 1. Can patient perform self blood glucose monitoring? Do they need meter?
- 2. Can pt safely take meds / insulin?
- 3. Does the pt know how to treat hypo and hyper glycemia?
- 4. Does the patient know what to do on sick days?