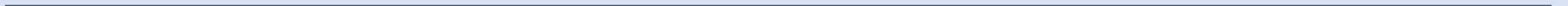




# Diabetes Management

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# Objectives

- List goals of care for diabetes management
- Describe a person-centered approach to diabetes management
- Provide education on foundational knowledge for patients living with diabetes



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**Three quarters** of people with diabetes live in low and middle income countries



<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/diabetes>  
<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/diabetes/1/rural-concerns>  
<https://www.worldlifeexpectancy.com/belize-diabetes-mellitus>



Obesity

Lack of  
transport

Poor diet

*With all of this in mind, we must remember that ...  
**Diabetes belongs to the patient ...**  
And we can seek to provide person-centered care*

Cost  
concerns

Provider  
shortage

Low health  
literacy

DECISION

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**REVIEW AND AGREEMENT**

- Review management
- Mutually agree on
- Ensure agreed mo in a timely fashion
- Undertake decision
- Operate in an inter

**PROVIDE ONGOING MONITORING (**

- Emotional w
- Lifestyle and
- Tolerability (
- Biofeedback weight, step

**IMPLEMENTATION**

- Encouraging
- Monitoring
- Support



# GOALS OF CARE

- Prevent complications
- Optimize quality of life



**IMPACT CHOICE**

goals  
cardiorenal protection

mode of administration)  
on use

n, and lifestyle choices

**Figure 4.1**—Decision monitoring; BP, blood pressure; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c; HF, heart failure; DSMES, diabetes self-management education and support; HF, heart failure.

M, blood glucose  
ovascular disease;



## ASSESS KEY PERSON CHARACTERISTICS

- The individual's priorities
- Current lifestyle and health behaviors
- Comorbidities (i.e., CVD, CKD, HF)
- Clinical characteristics (i.e., age, A1C, weight)
- Issues such as motivation, depression, cognition
- Social determinants of health

Are they using any plant medicines?

## CONSIDER SPECIFIC FACTORS THAT IMPACT CHOICE OF TREATMENT

- Individualized glycemic and weight goals
- Impact on weight, hypoglycemia, and cardiorenal protection
- Underlying physiological factors
- Side effect profiles of medications
- Complexity of regimen (i.e., frequency, mode of administration)
- Regimen choice to optimize medication use and reduce treatment discontinuation
- Access, cost, availability of medication, and lifestyle choices



## **UTILIZE SHARED DECISION-MAKING TO CREATE A MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Ensure access to DSMES
- Involve an educated and informed person (and the individual's family/caregiver)
- Explore personal preferences
- Language matters (include person-first, strengths-based, empowering language)
- Include motivational interviewing, goal setting, and shared decision-making

## **AGREE ON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Specify SMART goals:
  - **Specific**
  - **Measurable**
  - **Achievable**
  - **Realistic**
  - **Time limited**

## **IMPLEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

- Ensure there is regular review; more frequent contact initially is often desirable for DSMES

## REVIEW AND AGREE ON MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Review management plan
- Mutually agree on changes
- Ensure agreed modification of therapy is implemented in a timely fashion to **avoid therapeutic inertia**
- Undertake decision cycle regularly (at least once/twice a year)
- Operate in an integrated system of care

## PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT AND MONITORING OF:

- Emotional well-being
- Lifestyle and health behaviors
- Tolerability of medications
- Biofeedback including BGM/CGM, weight, step count, A1C, BP, lipids

# Person-centered approach in steps

1. Assess key person characteristics
2. Consider specific factors that impact choice of treatment
3. Utilize shared decision-making to create a management plan
4. Agree on management plan
5. Implement management plan
6. Review and agree on management plan
7. Provide ongoing support and monitoring

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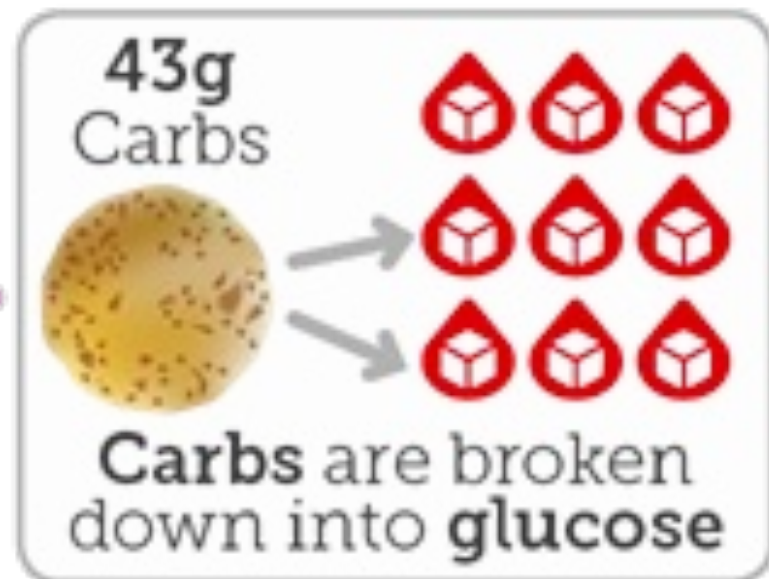
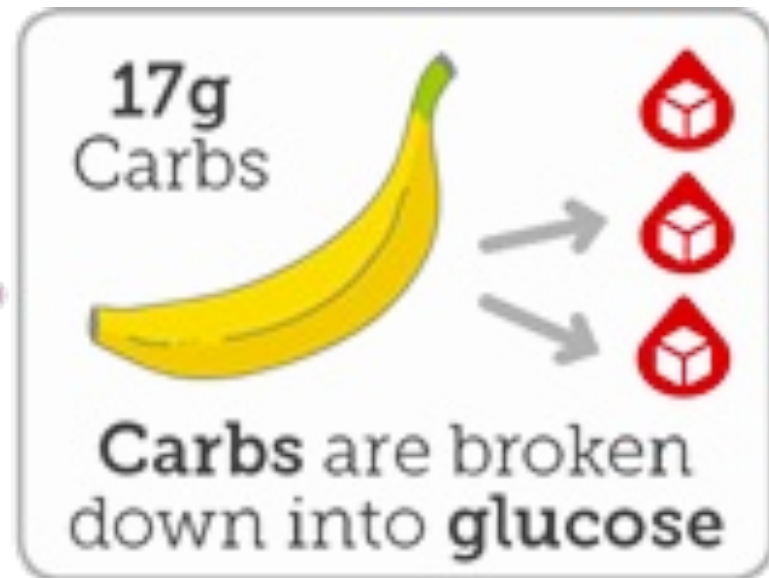


# Foundational knowledge

1. What is diabetes?
2. Complication risk & prevention
- 3. Nutrition**
- 4. Exercise**
- 5. Medications**
6. Monitoring
7. Low blood sugar management
8. Support

# What is diabetes?







1

The sugar (glucose) contained in food is absorbed into the blood-stream and carried to the liver, and then half of it is transported to the entire body.

Blood sugar level increases

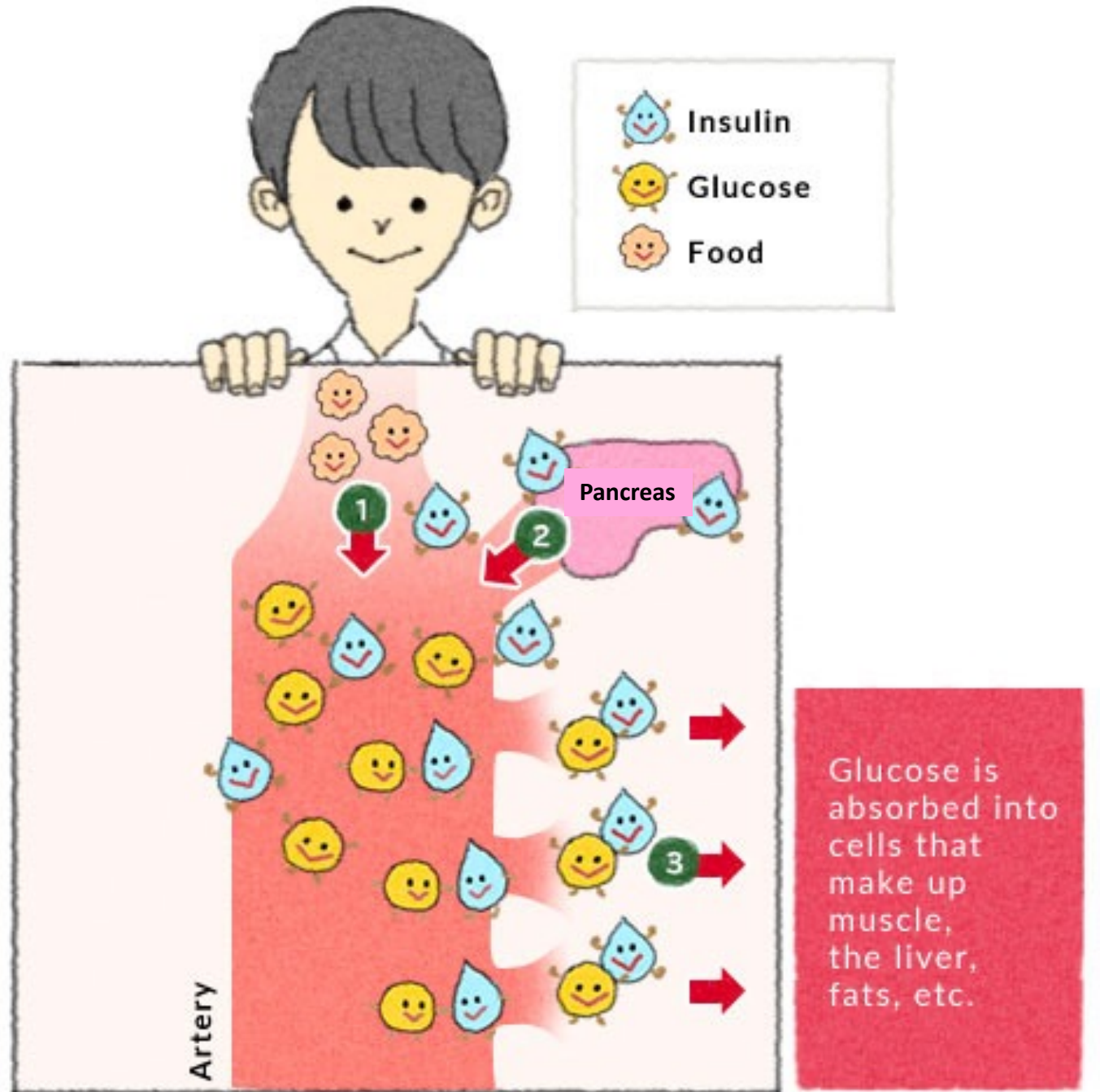
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The pancreas releases insulin in reaction to the increase of sugar in the blood

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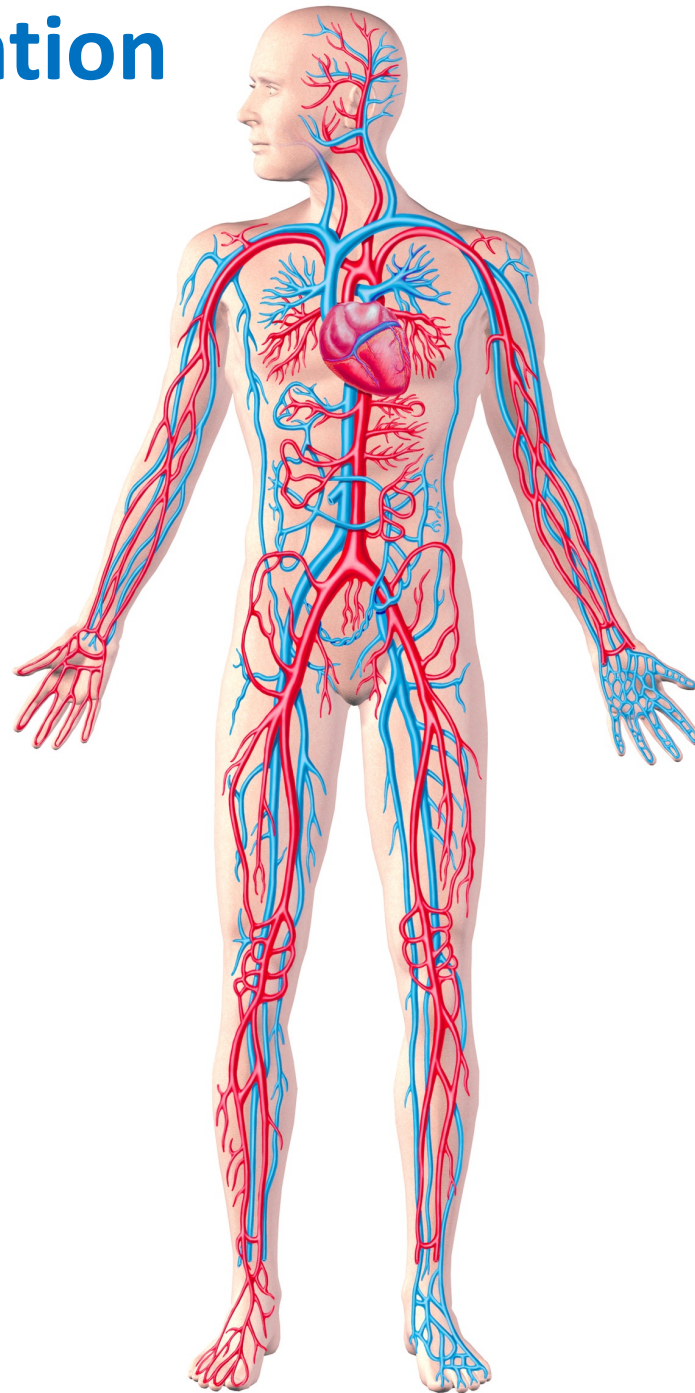
Insulin transports glucose to cells throughout the body that absorb and use it. Glucose can also be stored by insulin.

Blood sugar level then drops

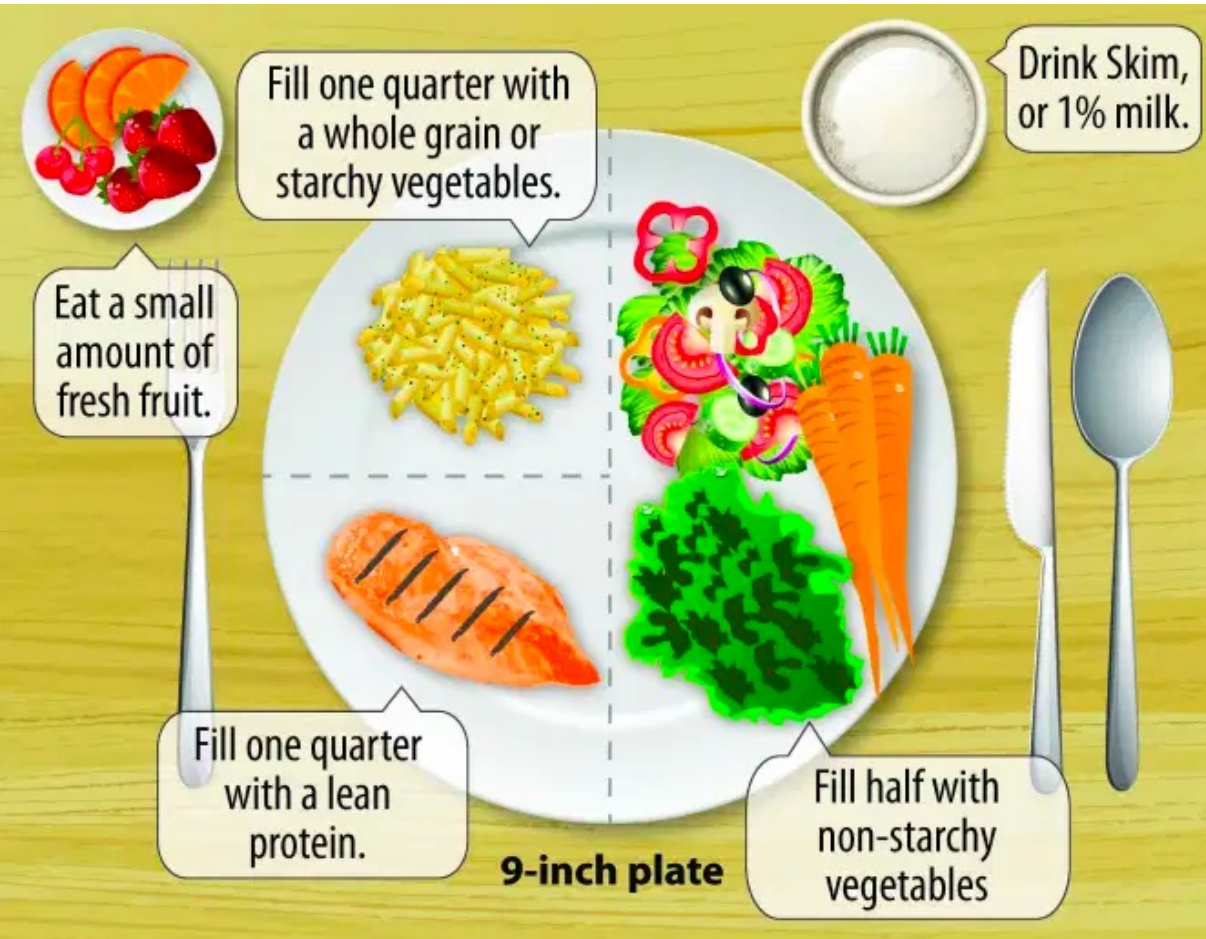


# Complication risk & prevention

What part of comprehensive care & complication prevention can a variety of interprofessional team members help with?



# Nutrition



How can patients work through cost or access challenges?

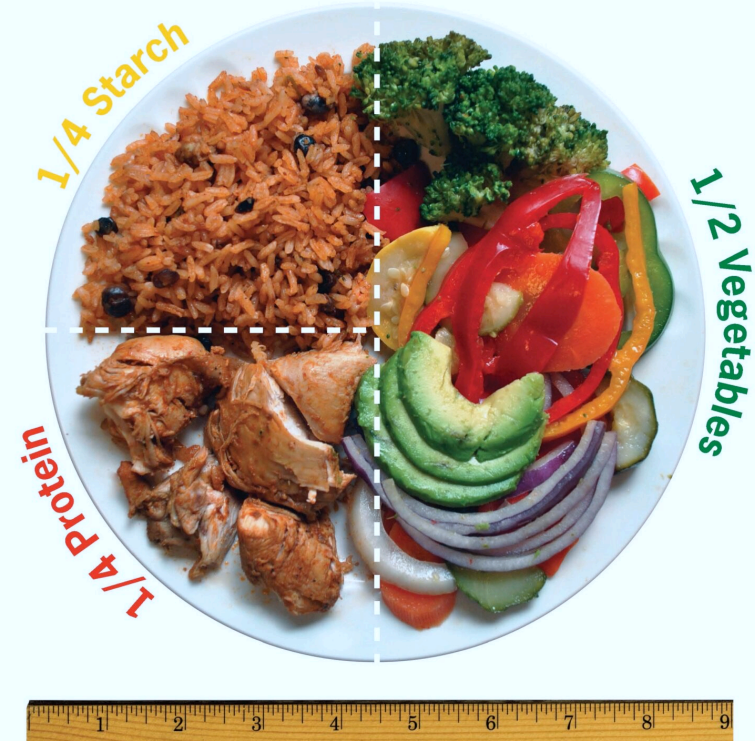
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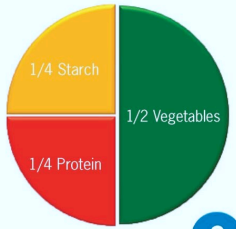
# My Healthy Plate



Water is the best drink for you.



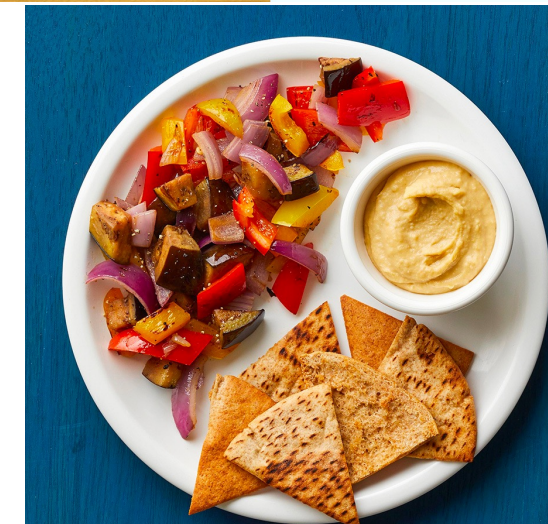
Plan the portions on your plate.



Fruit or Dairy

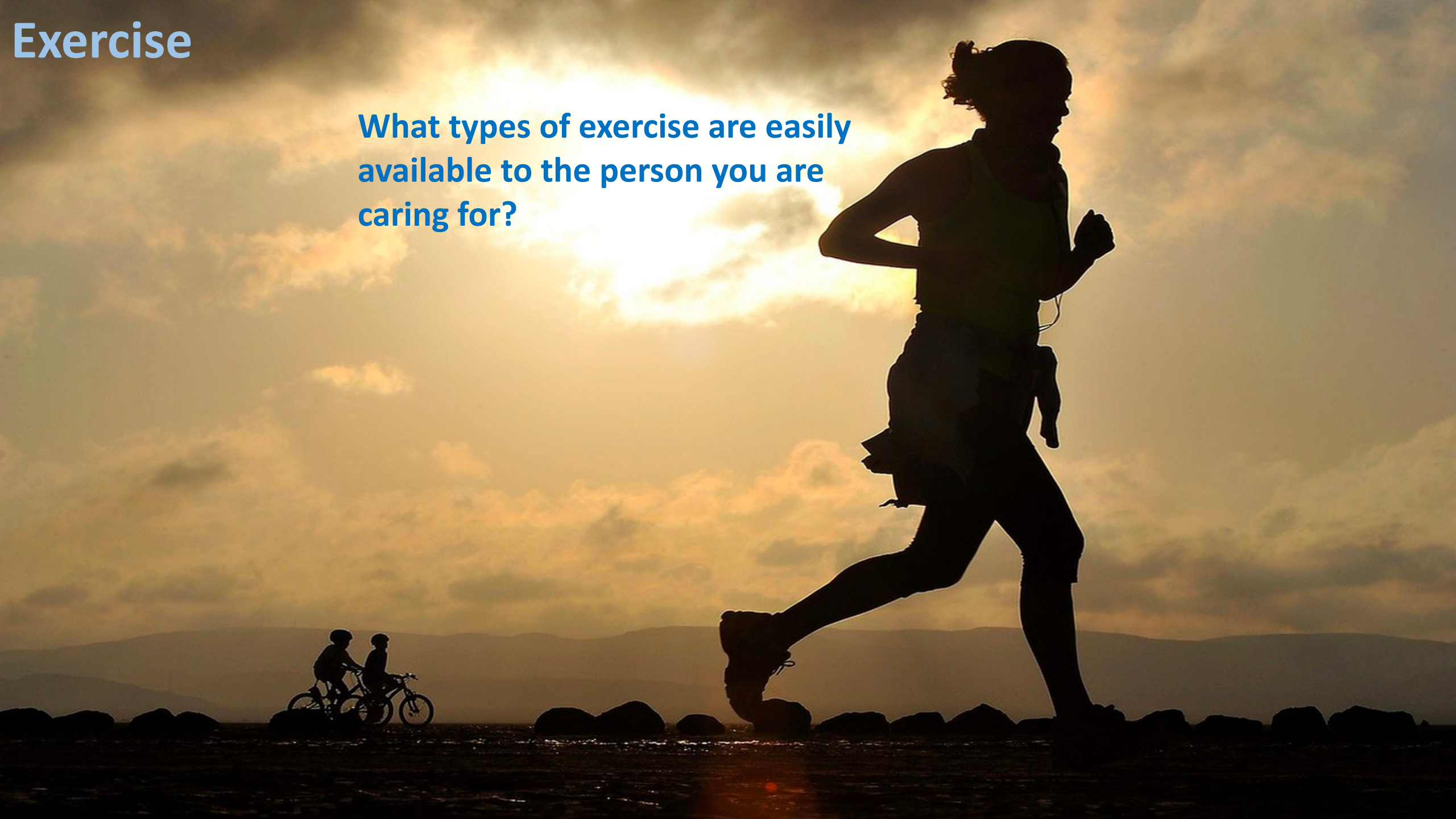
Ask your nutritionist if you should eat fruit or dairy with your meals.

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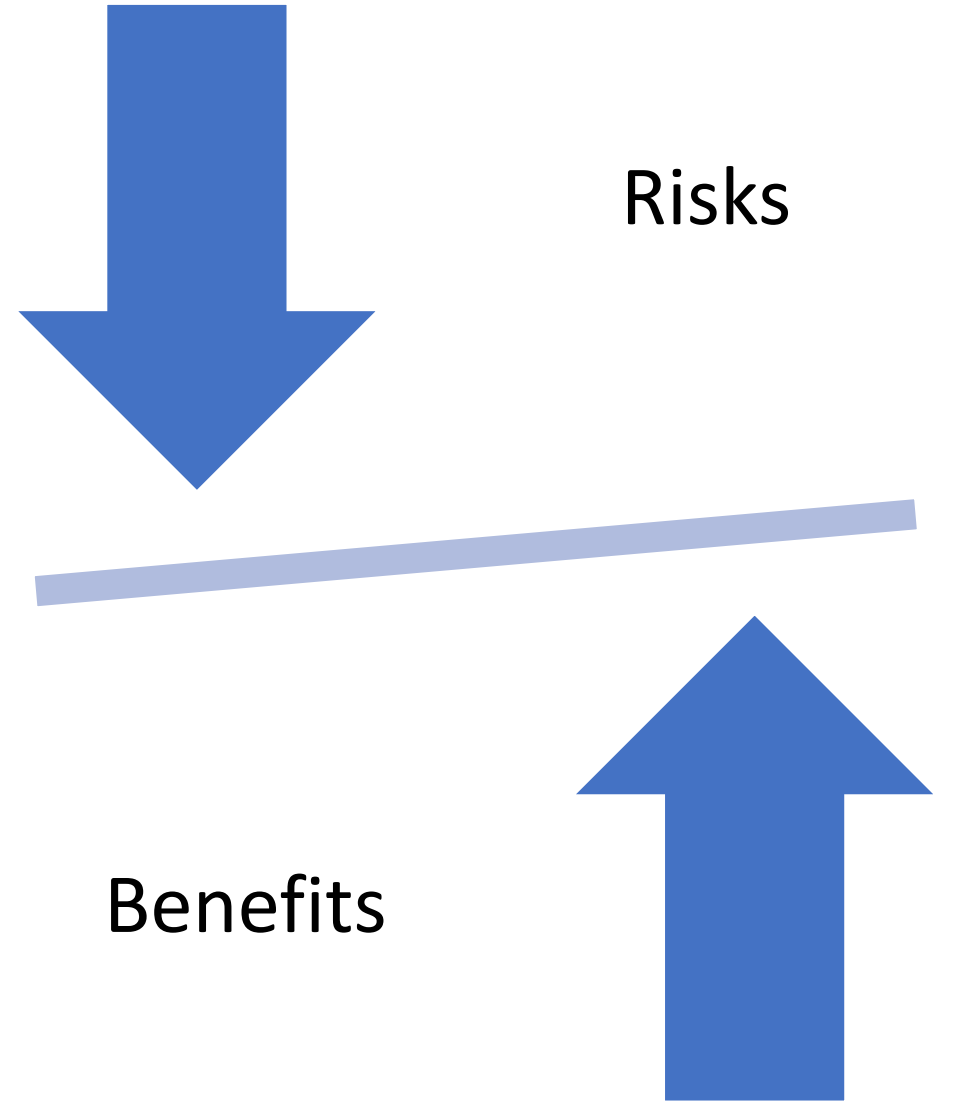
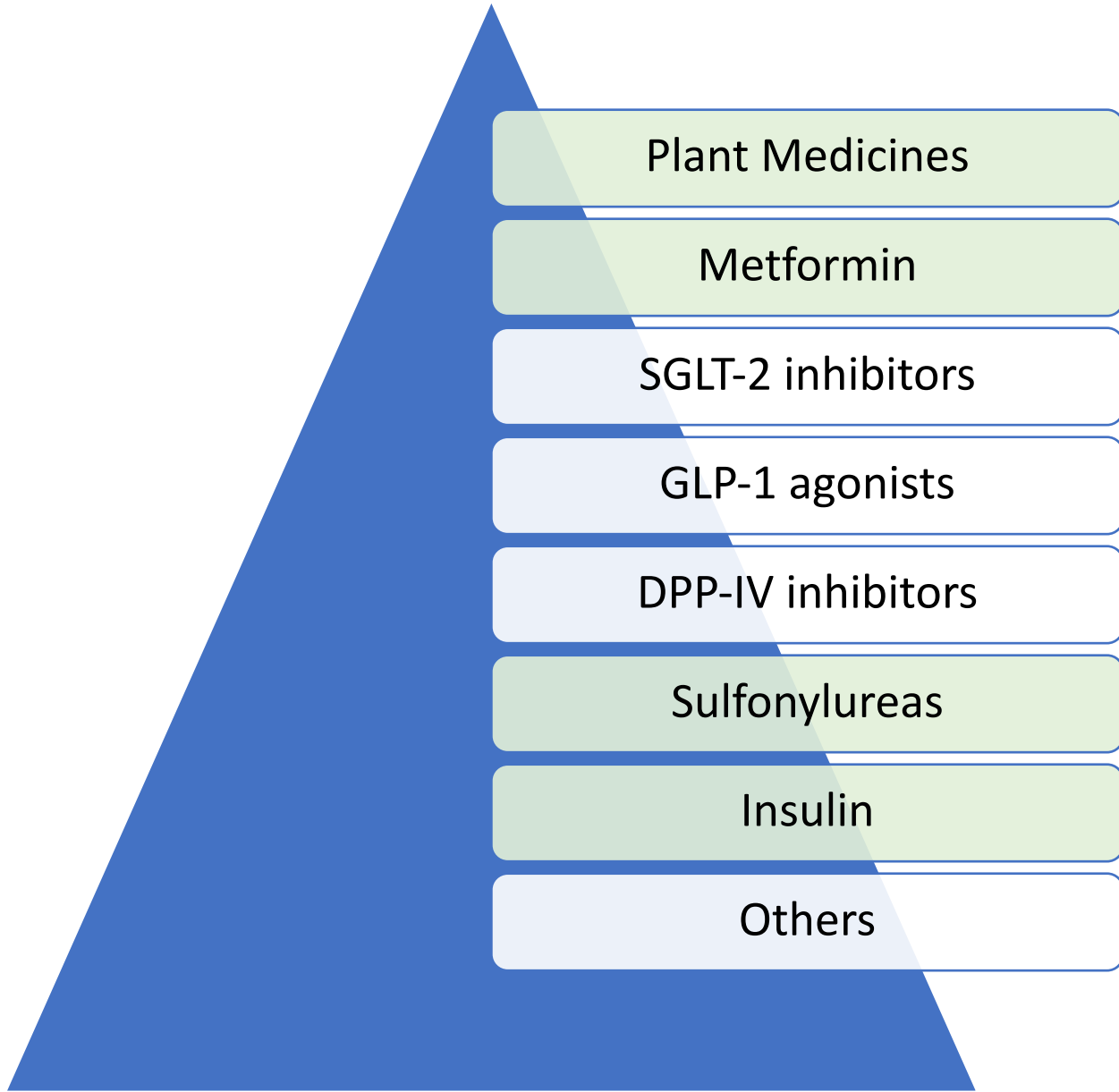
# Exercise

**What types of exercise are easily available to the person you are caring for?**



# Medications

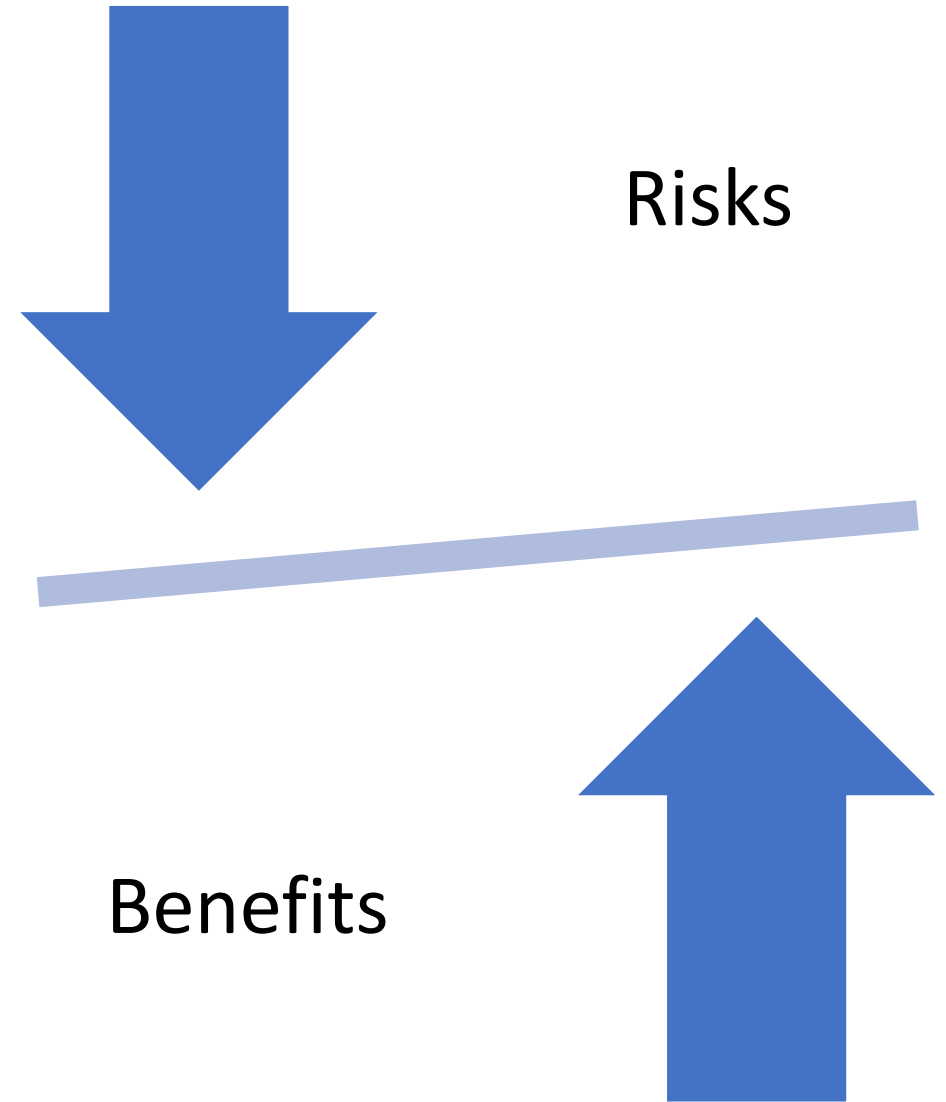




	Efficacy <sup>1</sup>	Hypoglycemia	Weight change <sup>2</sup>	CV effects		Renal effects		Oral/SQ	Cost	Clinical considerations	
				Effect on MACE	HF	Progression of DKD	Dosing/use considerations*				
<b>Metformin</b>	High	No	Neutral (potential for modest loss)	Potential benefit	Neutral	Neutral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contraindicated with eGFR &lt;30 mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	Oral	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GI side effects common; to mitigate GI side effects, consider slow dose titration, extended release formulations, and administration with food</li> <li>Potential for vitamin B12 deficiency; monitor at regular intervals</li> </ul>	
<b>Sulfonylureas (2nd generation)</b>	High	Yes	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glyburide: generally not recommended in chronic kidney disease</li> <li>Glipizide and glimepiride: initiate conservatively to avoid hypoglycemia</li> </ul>	Oral	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FDA Special Warning on increased risk of CV mortality based on studies of an older sulfonylurea (tolbutamide); glimepiride shown to be CV safe (see text)</li> <li>Use with caution in persons at risk for hypoglycemia</li> </ul>	
<b>Insulin</b>	<b>Human</b>	High to very high	Yes	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower insulin doses required with a decrease in eGFR; titrate per clinical response</li> </ul>	SQ; inhaled	Low (SQ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Injection site reactions</li> <li>Higher risk of hypoglycemia with human insulin (NPH or premixed formulations) vs. analogs</li> </ul>
	<b>Analog</b>								SQ	High	

## Plant Medicines

- Used by 85.7% of patients with T2DM
- Only 1 out of 30 disclose use to providers
- Benefits
  - Cultural safety
  - Locally accessible
  - Low cost
- Risks
  - Lack of disclosure
  - Unknown interactions or adverse effects





**Table 2. Plants found in Belize that are used for type 2 diabetes self-management.**

Common name	Scientific name	Part used
Aloe vera	<i>Aloe socotrina</i>	leaf
Aloe vera	<i>Aloe barbadensis</i>	leaf
Bitterbark	<i>Alstonia constricta</i>	bark
Cinnamon	<i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i>	bark
Coconut	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>	nut, meat, milk
Fever grass	<i>Cymbopogon densiflorus</i>	leaf
Ginger	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	root
Gumbolimbo	<i>Bursera simaruba</i>	bark, leaf
Jackass bitters	<i>Neurolaena lobata</i>	leaf, root
Lime	<i>Citrus aurantifolia</i>	leaf, seed
Mango	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	bark, leaf
Moringa	<i>Moringa oleifera</i>	leaf
Neem	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	bark, leaf
Noni	<i>Morinda citrifolia</i>	leaf, root
Oil nut	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	leaf, seed
Okra	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i>	leaf, seed
Papaya	<i>Carica papaya</i>	fruit, leaf, seed, root
Sage	<i>Salvia officinalis</i>	leaf
Sour sop	<i>Annona muricata</i>	fruit, leaf
Tumeric	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	root
Vervain	<i>Verbana hastat</i>	leaf
Vervain	<i>Stachytarpheta jamaicensis</i>	leaf

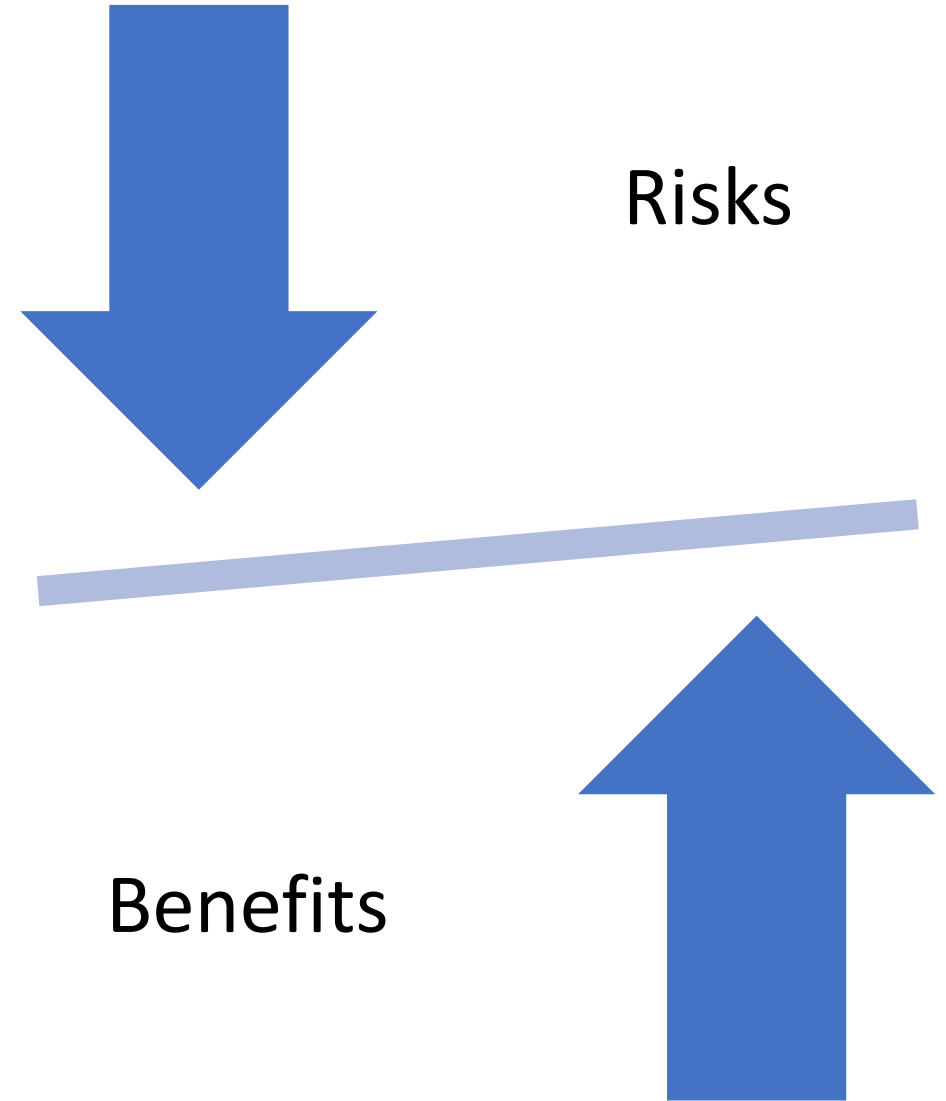
## Metformin

- Benefits

- 1-2% A1c reduction
- Morbidity/mortality benefits

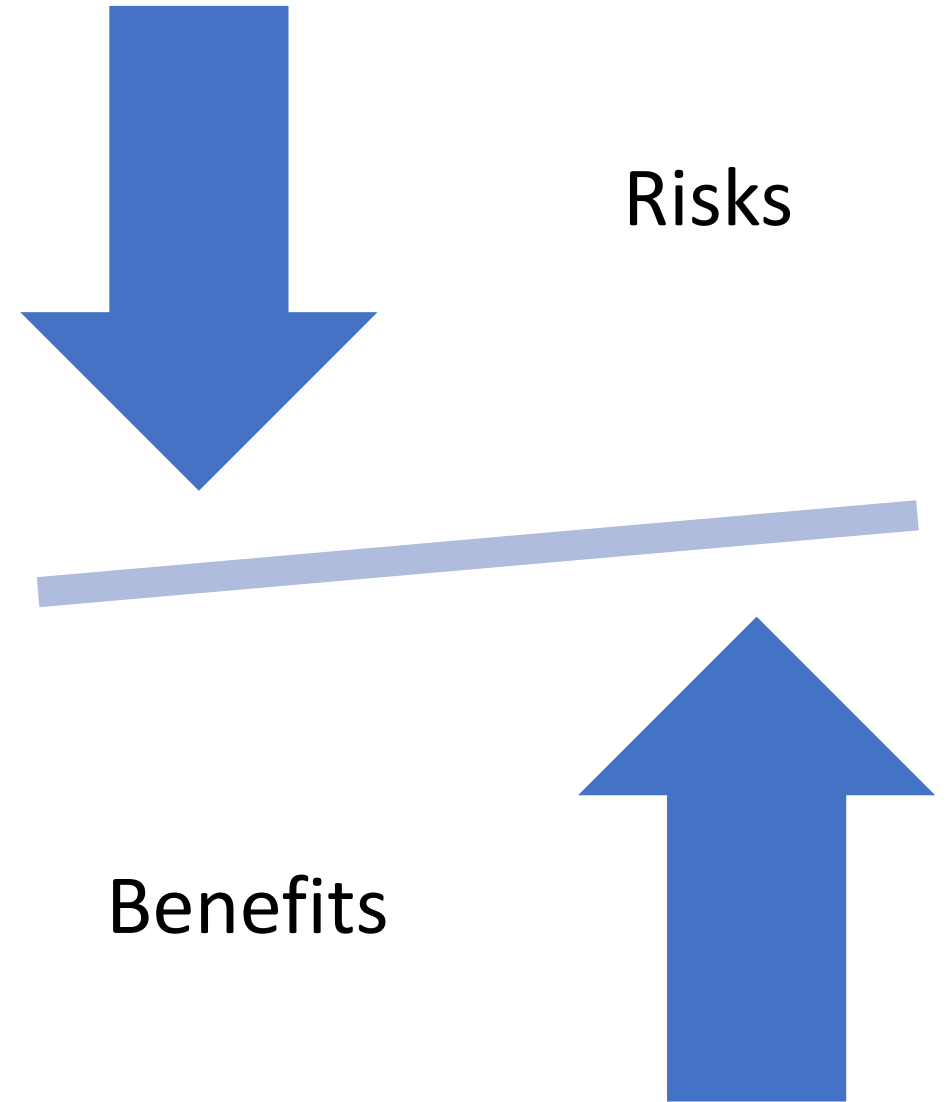
- Risks

- Gastrointestinal side effects
- Vitamin B12 deficiency longterm
- Contraindicated  $< 30$  mL/min eGFR



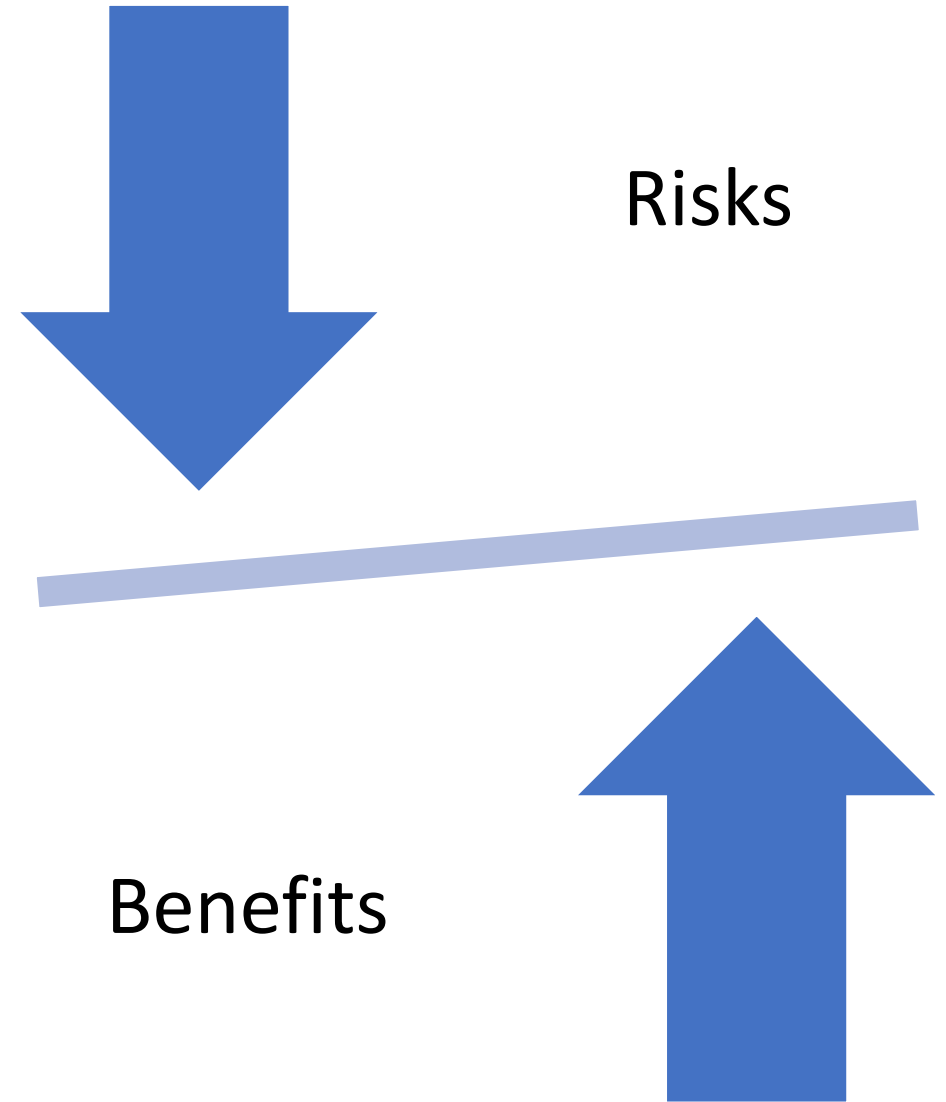
## Glibenclamide

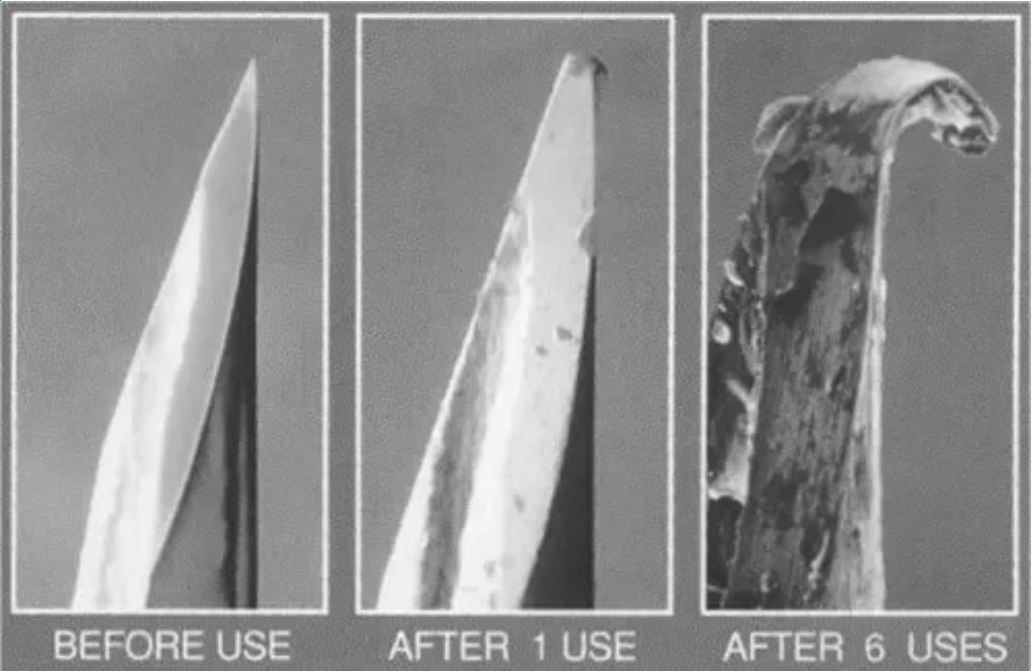
- Benefits
  - 1-2% A1c reduction
- Risks
  - Weight gain
  - Hypoglycemia
  - No morbidity/mortality
  - Secondary failure
  - Renal accumulation



## Insulin

- Benefits
  - 1-2% A1c reduction
  - Right regimen can get to goal
- Risks
  - Weight gain
  - Hypoglycemia
  - No morbidity/mortality
  - Injectable
  - Requires SMBG
  - Storage





BEFORE USE

AFTER 1 USE

AFTER 6 USES

# Isophane

- Basal
- Cloudy

# Soluble

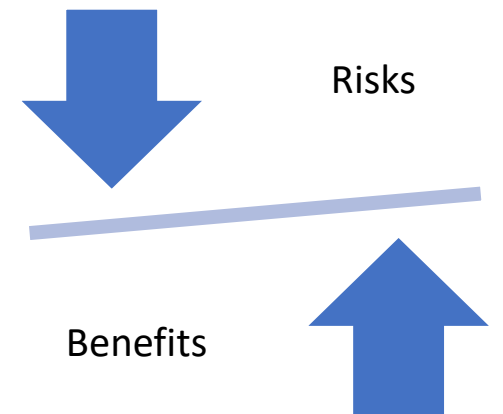
- Bolus
- Clear

70/30

- Both
- Cloudy

## Others

- Analog insulin
- SGLT2 inhibitor (Empagliflozin, etc.)
- GLP-1 receptor agonist (Dulaglutide, etc.)
- GDIP and GLP-1 RA combination (Tirzepatide, etc.)
- DPP-IV inhibitors (Sitagliptin, etc.)
- Thiazolidinediones (Pioglitazone)
- Alpha glucosidase inhibitor (Acarbose, etc.)
- Home glucose monitoring by fingerstick
- Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM)
- Continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion ("insulin pump")
- *Even more others now, historically, or to come ...*



# Monitoring





# Low blood sugar management

## RULE OF 15 FOR TREATING LOW BLOOD SUGAR

Your *blood sugar may be LOW* if you feel shaky, dizzy, hungry, anxious, irritable or have a fast heartbeat, blurry vision, or headache.



1

If you feel like your blood sugar is low, check it



2

Blood sugar less than 70mg/dL, EAT 15 grams of carbohydrates



3

WAIT 15 minutes



4

CHECK blood sugar again

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If after steps 1 2 3 4 you blood sugar reading is **STILL NOT** in NORMAL RANGE, then *repeat* steps 2 EAT 15 3 WAIT 15 4 CHECK.

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# Support







# GOALS OF CARE

- Prevent complications
- Optimize quality of life





**Knowledge is a rare thing –  
you gain by giving it away.**

Ivan Sutherland

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