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# The "weight" of weight loss in diabetes treatment

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## Outline

- 1. WHY?
- 2. WHEN?
- 3. HOW MUCH?

### HOLISTIC PERSON-CENTRED APPROACH TO T2DM MANAGEMENT



1 = American Diabetes Association Professional Practice Committee. 10. Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes-2022. Diabetes Care. 2022 Jan 1;45(Suppl 1):S144-74.

ACEI, Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor; ARB, Angiotensin Receptor Blockers; ASCVD, Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease; BP, Blood Pressure; CKD, Chronic Kidney Disease; CV, Cardiovascular; eGFR, Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate; GLP-1 RA, Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonist; HF, Heart Failure; SGLT21, Sodium–Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibitor; T2D, Type 2 Diabetes.





# Weight loss has dose-dependent and tissue-dependent effects

### Effects of progressive weight loss on metabolic function and adipose tissue biology in humans with obesity

	5% Weight loss	11% Weight Loss	16% Weight Loss
Intrahepatic triglyceride content	0		000
Intra-abdominal adipose tissue volume	0		
Adipose tissue insulin sensitivity	<b>Ø</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>(</b> )
Liver insulin sensitivity	<b>O</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Ø</b>
Muscle insulin sensitivity	<b>O</b>		000
Beta cell function	3		
Adipose tissue biology*		<b>3</b>	00
Inflammatory markers			Ø

\*Upregulation of genes involved in cholesterol flux, downregulation of genes involved in lipid synthesis, ECM remodeling and oxidative stress. ECM, extracellular matrix

# Weight loss has 'upstream' benefits in T2D



# When?





vs standard lifestyle + placebo or metformin 850 mg twice daily

Primary outcome: diagnosis of T2D



### Short duration T2D: REMISSION

# Primary care-led weight management for remission of type 2 diabetes (DiRECT): an open-label, cluster-randomised trial

Lancet 2018; 391: 541-51

Michael E J Lean\*, Wilma S Leslie, Alison C Barnes, Naomi Brosnahan, George Thom, Louise McCombie, Carl Peters, Sviatlana Zhyzhneuskaya, Ahmad Al-Mrabeh, Kieren G Hollingsworth, Angela M Rodrigues, Lucia Rehackova, Ashley J Adamson, Falko F Sniehotta, John C Mathers, Hazel M Ross, Yvonne McIlvenna, Renae Stefanetti, Michael Trenell, Paul Welsh, Sharon Kean, Ian Ford, Alex McConnachie, Naveed Sattar, Roy Taylor\*

*Aim*: to assess whether intensive weight management within primary care would achieve remission of T2D

Inclusion: 20-65yo + BMI 27-45 kg/m<sup>2</sup> + T2D <6y duration + no insulin

Intervention: withdrawal of T2D and HT meds + total diet replacement (825–853 kcal/day for 3–5 months) + stepped food reintroduction (2–8 weeks) + structured support (up to 52 weeks) vs standard care as per guidelines

Co-primary outcomes: weight loss of 15 kg or more + remission of diabetes from baseline to 12 months (HbA1c <6.5% [48 mmol/mol] after ≥2 months off medications)



### Longstanding T2D: IMPROVEMENT

### Metabolic surgery versus conventional medical therapy in patients with type 2 diabetes: 10-year follow-up of an open-label, single-centre, randomised controlled trial

Geltrude Mingrone, Simona Panunzi, Andrea De Gaetano, Caterina Guidone, Amerigo Iaconelli, Esmeralda Capristo, Ghassan Chamseddine, Stefan R Bornstein, Francesco Rubino

*Aim*: to compare metabolic surgery with medical therapy for the treatment of type 2 diabetes in people with obesity

*Inclusion:* 30-60yo + BMI >35 kg/m<sup>2</sup> + T2D >5y + HbA1c >7.0%

*Intervention*: lifestyle modification and target-driven adjustment of T2D medications vs RYGB or BPD

*Primary outcome*: T2D remission at 2 years (fasting glucose <100 mg/dL [5.6 mmol/L] and HbA1c <6.5% for >1y without medication)

10-year durability (n=58 of original 60 participants)



### Longstanding T2D: PREVENTION OF COMPLICATIONS





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Meta-analysis, 3 RCTs, 9 cohort studies, follow-up 1-15 years

# How much?

### **Glycaemic outcomes**



### Improvement HbA1c<sup>2</sup>







### Benefits beyond glycaemia



# Summary

- obesity/adiposopathy causes both insulin resistance and beta cell dysfunction
- weight loss
  - is beneficial regardless of stage of T2D
  - is beneficial even at <5%
  - >10% weight loss is disease-modifying and has wide-ranging impact
  - has upstream benefits on health and quality of life