



T1D
Exchange

QI Collaborative Call, Adults

7/26/22



Welcome & introductions

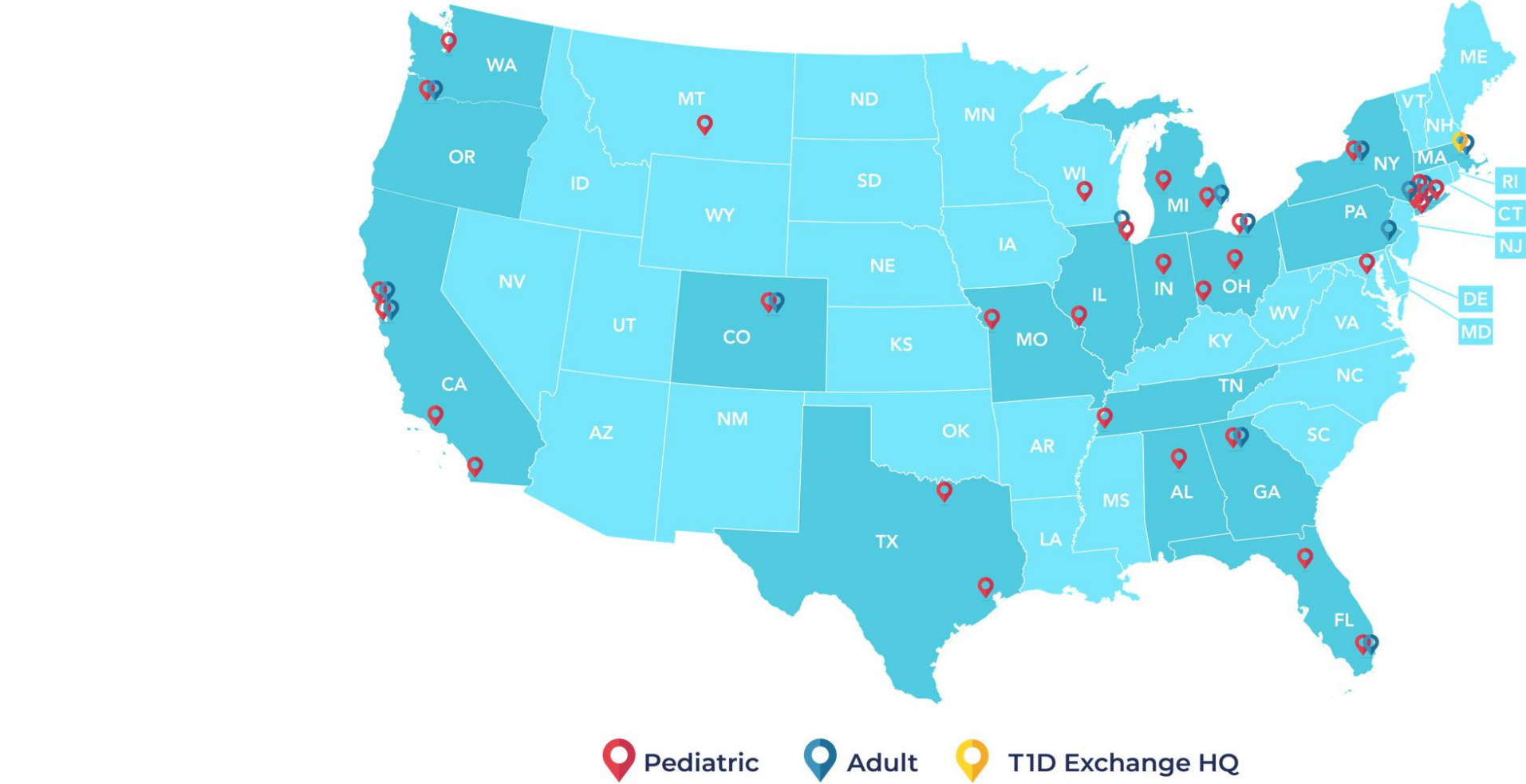
Agenda

- Collaborative updates
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 - New T1DX-QI Team member
 - New measures for the 2023-2025 period
 - Annual survey
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- July Collaborative member presentations
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 - Alisha Virani, RD, CDCES, Grady Memorial
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T1D Exchange Updates

T1D Exchange Quality Improvement Collaborative: Accelerating Change through Benchmarking and Improvement



Priya Prahalad, Nicole Riales et al. T1D Exchange Quality Improvement Collaborative: Accelerating Change through Benchmarking and Improvement. Science for People with Type 1 Diabetes. Journal of Diabetes. November 2021



18 adult clinics – caring for 26,000+ patients with T1D



49 Participating Clinics, 31 Pediatric & 18 Adult

Pediatric Clinics	Lurie Children's Naomi Fogel MD	Adult Clinics Albert Einstein Shivani Agarwal MD MPH	Pediatric and Adult Clinics
Children's Mercy Hospital Mark Clements MD PhD	Mott Children's Joyce Lee MD	Billings Clinic Haleigh James MD	Cleveland Clinic, Pratibha PR Rao MD MPH & Andrea Mucci MD MASc
Children's Hospital Los Angeles Brian Miyazaki, MD	Nationwide Children's Manu Kamboj MD	Boston Medical Center Devin Steenkamp MD	Mount Sinai Carol Levy MD & Robert Rapaport MD
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Sarah Corathers MD	Rady Children's, Carla Demeterco Berggren MD PhD	Grady Memorial Hospital Sonya Haw MD	NYU Langone: Lauren Golden MD & Siham Accacha MD. Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Mary Pat Gallagher MD
CHOA Kristina Cossen MD	Seattle Children's Hospital, Faisal Malik MD, MSHS and Alissa Roberts MD	Northwestern Medicine Grazia Aleppo MD	Oregon Health & Science University Andrew Ahmann and Ines Guttmann- Bauman MD
Cohen Children's Medical Center, Northwell Health, Jennifer Sarhis MD & Allison Mekhoubad MD	Texas Children's, Daniel DeSalvo MD	Penn Medicine Ilona Lorincz MD	Stanford University Marina Basina MD & Priya Prahalad MD
Cook Children's Paul Thornton MD & Susan Hsieh	University of Florida Laura Jacobsen, MD	Washington University Alexis McKee MD	SUNY, Pediatrics and Adult Ruth Weinstock MD PhD Roberto Izquierdo MD
Helen Devos Children's Donna Eng MD	University of Alabama Mary Lauren Scott MD	Wayne State University, Berhane Seyoum MD & Elizabeth Morrison MD	UCSF, Pediatrics and Adult, Umesh Masharani MD & Jenise Wong MD
Indiana University Health Anna Neyman MD	University of Wisconsin, Madison Liz Man MD	Pediatric and Adult Clinics	University of Miami, Francesco Vendrame, MD PhD & Janine Sanchez MD
Le Bonheur Children's, UTN Grace Bazan MD	Weill Cornell Alexis Feuer MD	Barbara Davis Center Halis Akturk MD & Todd Alonso MD	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Jason Ng, MD & Alissa Guarneri MD

Washington University in St. Louis

Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism & Lipid Research

Multidisciplinary Team Members	Patient Demographics	Contact Names
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 attending faculty• 2 attending inpatient only faculty• 8 fellows• 3 NPs• 5 CDCES• 1 Foot RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ~ 8-10 newly dx T1DM patients per month• ~ 1500 established patients with T1DM• 60% commercial insurance• 40% Medicare/Medicaid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Site PI Alexis M.McKee, MD, CDCES ammckee@wustl.edu• Site Coordinator Becky Sidberry, NP rebeccas@wustl.edu

Welcome two new University of Pittsburgh Medical Center clinics!



Adult PI: Jason Ng, MD
UPMC

T1DX-QI welcomes a new team member!



Data Integration Manager
Jesse Cases-Villablanca, MS,
MPA

New measures for the Collaborative

- New measures will be circulated in early August
- Separate measures and definitions for Adult and Pediatric centers
- Google link will be share for a 30-day comment period
- After your feedback is collected and definitions are finalized, final measures will be distributed in October so that your analysts have 90 days to review and update/create new reports for the measures
- New measures go live Jan 1, 2023 and will remain in use until Dec 31, 2025

T1DX-QI Annual Survey

- A new survey link will be shared on Qualtrics for the T1DX-QI Annual Survey
- Survey link will be live 8/15-9/15
- Each clinic is being asked to complete 1 survey
 - Ideally you will review with your internal team members to have knowledge/consensus for your responses
 - A PDF of the survey will be shared so that you can review before answering the questions. PDF will be accessible on the T1D-QI member website
- Topics
 - LGBTQ+
 - Equity
 - Transitions
 - Staffing



Friday 7/29 is deadline to RSVP for Learning Session

- Last day to RSVP for the November Learning Session is Friday 7/29
- Email your response to QI@t1dexchange.org so that we know who is attending in person or virtually/through Zoom
- Details for the event:
 - 2-day learning session: Monday November 7-Tuesday November 8
 - Activities begin by 8am on 11/7, so in person attendees are encouraged to fly in on Sunday 11/6
 - Activities end by 3pm on 11/8 so that you can fly home Tuesday evening
 - Activities will have CME/CEU credits
 - T1D Exchange will cover costs for:
 - Two team member flights and hotels for two nights (We book the hotel. You book flights and we reimburse for the flights.)
 - If you wish to bring a 3rd team member, communicate that to T1DX-QI. Those expenses will need to be covered by your institution
 - Our reimbursement form/details can be found on the T1D Exchange website, using this [link](#)

Friday 7/29 is deadline for Learning Session Abstracts

- Due COB Friday
- Abstracts should be sent to QI@t1dexchange.org
- Review process led by Publications Co-Chairs
- Accepted abstracts will be published in the *Journal of Diabetes*
- Accepted abstracts will be presented during the November Learning Session


T1DX-QI August Newsletter is released on Monday, 8/1

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Are you interested in helping to change diabetes care experiences for people with type 1 diabetes?

Take part in our research study to help determine if an educational video intervention is effective to raise awareness of issues around the use of effective language in diabetes care.

Register here or here!



https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3VmVBRxLEjpMwCO

You are eligible to participate if you:

- Currently work as a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant)
- Regularly provide care for young adults with type 1 diabetes
- Have access to a computer, tablet, smartphone with internet access and a microphone. A camera is optional

Compensation: \$40 Amazon gift card or \$40 donated to the ADA or the T1D Exchange.

Questions? Contact Mackenzie Adams at mpadams@umich.edu

Study ID: 00219915 IRB: Health Science and Behavioral Sciences Date: 6/27/22



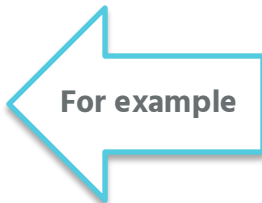
Be sure to check out the newsletter next Monday



Resources, links, reminders, deadlines, highlights are all featured



If you have something that you would like to announce from your clinic, we'd be happy to highlight it on a newsletter



T1D Exchange Website



For People with T1D

For Researchers

For Clinics

For Partners

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Stronger Clinical Partnerships

Promoting collaboration and improvement at the front lines of T1D care.

We use the protected space to:

- Share work in progress, including emerging case studies and interventions
- Ask questions to the Collaborative network with the ability to view archived threads and responses



How to join website: 3 easy steps

1. Visit registration page: <https://t1dx-qi.t1dexchange.org/register/>
2. Register with name, title, email information. Create a password.
3. T1DX-QI team gets pinged to ensure that newly registered members are affiliated with the Collaborative- and you're in!

SPECIAL PROJECTS RESTRICTED CONTENT REGISTER LOGIN

Register [Home » Register](#)

First Name

Last Name

Title

E-mail Address

Display Name



What you will find on the website



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qi@t1dexchange.org

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Welcome to the T1DX-QI Collaborative! We are so excited to partner with you and work together to better improve diabetes care. In this section you will be able to learn how to get engaged by joining a committee, involve your patients with advice from our parent





Clinical Presentation: Stanford

QI PROJECTS

MARINA BASINA, MD

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, DIVISION OF ENDOCRINOLOGY

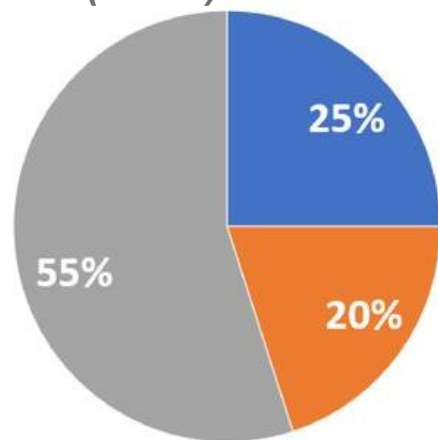


TROUBLE SHOOTING OF INSULIN PUMP MALFUNCTION



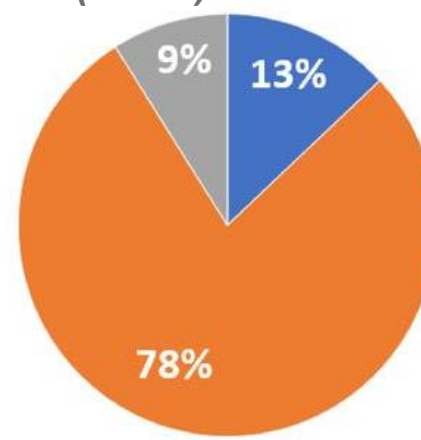
PUMP MALFUNCTION IS A LEADING CAUSE OF DKA AMONG INSULIN PUMP USERS

Etiology of DKA in CSII Patients
N = 20 (46.5%)



■ Infection ■ Non-adherence ■ Pump/tubing

Etiology of DKA in MDII Patients
N = 23 (53.5%)



■ Infection ■ Non-adherence ■ Other

*“...most of the patients [55%] had been using insulin pumps for at least 5 years, 75% knew about their settings, and **76% recognized malfunction**. These data are less suggestive of a lack of expertise but instead the problem seems to rely on the lack of knowledge regarding **further actions after recognizing a pump malfunction.**”*

Stanford Endocrine Clinic Data

Estimated total number of patients on an insulin pump using STARR cohort discovery:

At least 1,150 patients on insulin pump

Search criteria: Encounter with “Endocrine clinic” or “Hover clinic” over past 2 years, Active Rx for Aspart, Lispro, or Glulisine, Any clinical document containing keywords “Insulin pump” AND either “Omnipod,” “Tandem,” or “Medtronic.”

Comfort level of clinic staff with guiding patients is sub-optimal

Brief survey to endocrinology clinic nurses; n = 5 responses

- All participating RNs interact with patients with DM regularly, 80% (4/5) >50% of the time
- 60% (3/5) felt not at all or only slightly confident in helping patients troubleshoot pumps over the phone
- All reported receiving multiple calls per month regarding insulin pump malfunction, median 3-5 calls per month
- Calls can take 10 to >20 min each, median 10-15 min
- Estimated percent that required contacting a physician: $26 \pm 16\%$
- Estimated percent ultimately *not* able to be handled over the phone: $31 \pm 25\%$

IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES AND GOALS

- Older/outdated materials
- No systematic approach, taking longer to search for issue or make plan over the phone
- Over-reliance on patients to know what to do
- Patients get frustrated on the phone
- Generic advice for patients after encounter, not targeted to specific patient

Create protocol that structures approach to patients calling with concern about insulin pump malfunction in order to:

1. Increase confidence among nursing staff in managing pump malfunction over the phone
2. Limit average call time to 10 min or less
3. Provide patients with targeted summary/recommendations at encounter end
4. Better capture/track data and outcomes

DOT PHRASE:“.PUMPFAIL”

Encounter for insulin pump malfunction

- A. Initial assessment (always completed, details on next slide)
- B. Persistent hyperglycemia (Requests completion if question 3 from part A is answered, “yes.” Otherwise, auto-populates, “ – none” here.)
- C. Pump troubleshooting: “Instructions – type “NA” if step is not applicable. Otherwise use dotphrase, “.PUMPTROUBLE” to complete.” ***
- D. Action plan, Summary, and Recommendations: “Instructions – Use dotphrase, “.PUMPACT” to complete. Copy and paste into patient instructions for encounter” ***

A. INITIAL ASSESSMENT

1. Pump/system: (Select Tandem, Medtronic, or Omnipod) – Automated? Yes/No

2. Current glucose and recent trend

- **Glucose *** mg/dl, checked at *****
- **Checked by continuous glucose monitor? yes/no**
 - **If yes --> Select type**
 - **Dexcom --> Select one from associated column on table to the right**
 - **Medtronic --> Select one from associated column on table to the right**
 - **Abbot/Libre --> Select one from associated column on table to the right**
 - **Eversense --> Select one from associated column on table to the right**
 - **Other --> Current trend is ***.**

Dexcom	Medtronic	Abbot/Libre	Eversense
Rising rapidly – double up arrow (>3 mg/dl/min)	Rising rapidly – triple up arrow (>3 mg/dl/min)		
Rising – single up arrow (2-3 mg/dl/min)	Rising – double up arrow (2-3 mg/dl/min)	Rising – up arrow (>2 mg/dl/min)	Rising – up arrow (>2 mg/dl/min)
Rising slowly – oblique up arrow (1-2 mg/dl/min)	Rising slowly – single up arrow (1-2 mg/dl/min)	Rising slowly – oblique up arrow (1-2 mg/dl/min)	Rising slowly – oblique up arrow (1-2 mg/dl/min)
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3. Has there been persistent hyperglycemia? Yes/No

- Glucose >250 mg/dL >2 hours after last meal bolus
- Glucose not corrected by ≥ 50 mg/dl one hour after last correction bolus

B. PERSISTENT HYPERGLYCEMIA: ASSESS SYMPTOMS AND KETONES

I. Symptoms and ketones assessed, as below

- Minor symptoms: Patient reports Thirst, Frequent urination, Nausea (uses check boxes, not drop down multi-select)
- Major symptoms: Patient reports Vomiting, Blurry vision, Confusion, Weakness, Tiredness, Labored or rapid deep breathing
- Ketones were [select from single-selection drop down: “checked” OR “not checked.”]
Result: (If “checked” --> select “Blood” and/or “Urine”; If “not checked” --> populate “NA, not checked because ***”)
 - If “Blood” selected, add “ – *** mmol/L” to the right
 - If “Urine” selected, add “ – ***” to the right

2. Hyperglycemia managed per clinic algorithm

ALGORITHM, FOR REFERENCE (NOT INCLUDED IN DOT PHRASE)

Ketones	Symptoms
Urine: Neg-Trace Blood: <0.6 mmol/L	None

Ketones	Symptoms
Urine: Small Blood: 0.6-1.5 mmol/L	Thirst, Frequent urination, Nausea

Ketones	Symptoms
Urine: Mod-Large Blood: >1.5 mmol/L	Vomiting, Blurry vision, Confusion, Labored or rapid deep breathing, Severe weakness/tiredness

1 Perform pump troubleshooting
Exchange indicated components
Use dot phrase, .PUMPTROUBLE

2 Give correction dose using insulin pump with current BG

3 Document action plan
Use dot phrase, .PUMPACT

4 Monitor
Drink water (1-2 glasses per hour)
Recheck glucose in 2 hours
Check ketones in 2 hours (if glucose not improving)
Call back clinic if no improvement or rising ketones

No improvement

1 Give manual subQ injection (with syringe/pen)
Use pump calculator for dose

2 Perform complete exchange of infusion site/pod, tubing, reservoir, and insulin

3 Document action plan
Use dot phrase, .PUMPACT

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No improvement

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Use pump calculator for dose

2 Contact MD or Refer to ER (depending on symptom severity)

3 Document action plan
Use dot phrase, .PUMPACT

Note: When giving manual subQ injection, bolus should also be programmed and given via pump *while pump is disconnected* so it is counted toward "insulin on board." Advise patient to do this if not already done.

C. PUMP TROUBLESHOOTING (APPEARS WITH “.PUMPTROUBLE”)

1. Verify most recent bolus delivery. Give correction bolus if missed bolus is identified.

- When/how long ago was the last bolus?
- How many units was the last bolus?
- Was there any missed bolus?

2. Assess current infusion site/pod, replace if persistent hyperglycemia or if any of the below are present.

- Does the cannula appear dislodged?
- Is there ANY redness/swelling at the site?
- Is there scar tissue at the site? (Skin feels thicker, more rubbery, lumpier around site)
- Is there leaking at the site? (Inspect site for wetness (especially at/in adhesive) or smell of insulin)
- Has there been a recent “Occlusion” (Tandem/Omnipod) or “Insulin flow blocked” (Medtronic) alarm?
- Also document, approximately how old is the current infusion site?
- If removed, was the cannula kinked?

3. Assess insulin in pump reservoir/pod and replace if answers to any of the following are “yes”

- Was the pump reservoir/pod filled >3 days ago?
- Has the pump/pod been exposed to abnormally high or low temperatures (e.g. in the sun at the beach)?

4. Replace insulin in the pump using a NEW insulin vial if answers to any of the following are “yes”

- Has the vial been inconsistently refrigerated?
- Was the vial dropped or damaged?
- Has the vial expired? Expiration date ____

5. Assess tubing and connections (Medtronic & Tandem only), disconnect and “fill tubing” (Tandem) or “prime” tubing Medtronic if answers to any of the following are yes

- Are there air bubbles/visible spaces in the tubing?
- Is the reservoir or any connector loose?

****if possible, only *completed* entries remain in note**

D.ACTION PLAN, SUMMARY, & RECOMMENDATIONS (APPEARS WITH “.PUMPACKT”)

On our call today we, (copy & paste to patient instructions) (select from all that apply multi-select drop down)

- Discussed recommendation to go to ER
- Contacted MD
- Gave a manual subcutaneous insulin injection:*** units
- Performed targeted pump troubleshooting, which resulted in the following actions:***
- Performed a complete exchange of infusion site/pod, tubing, reservoir, and insulin
- Gave a correction dose with the insulin pump:*** units
- Reviewed that if blood sugar is **not** decreasing and you have moderate to high ketones, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing, or other worsening symptoms, you should go immediately to the EMERGENCY ROOM.

Please call back with any further questions: 650.721.1300

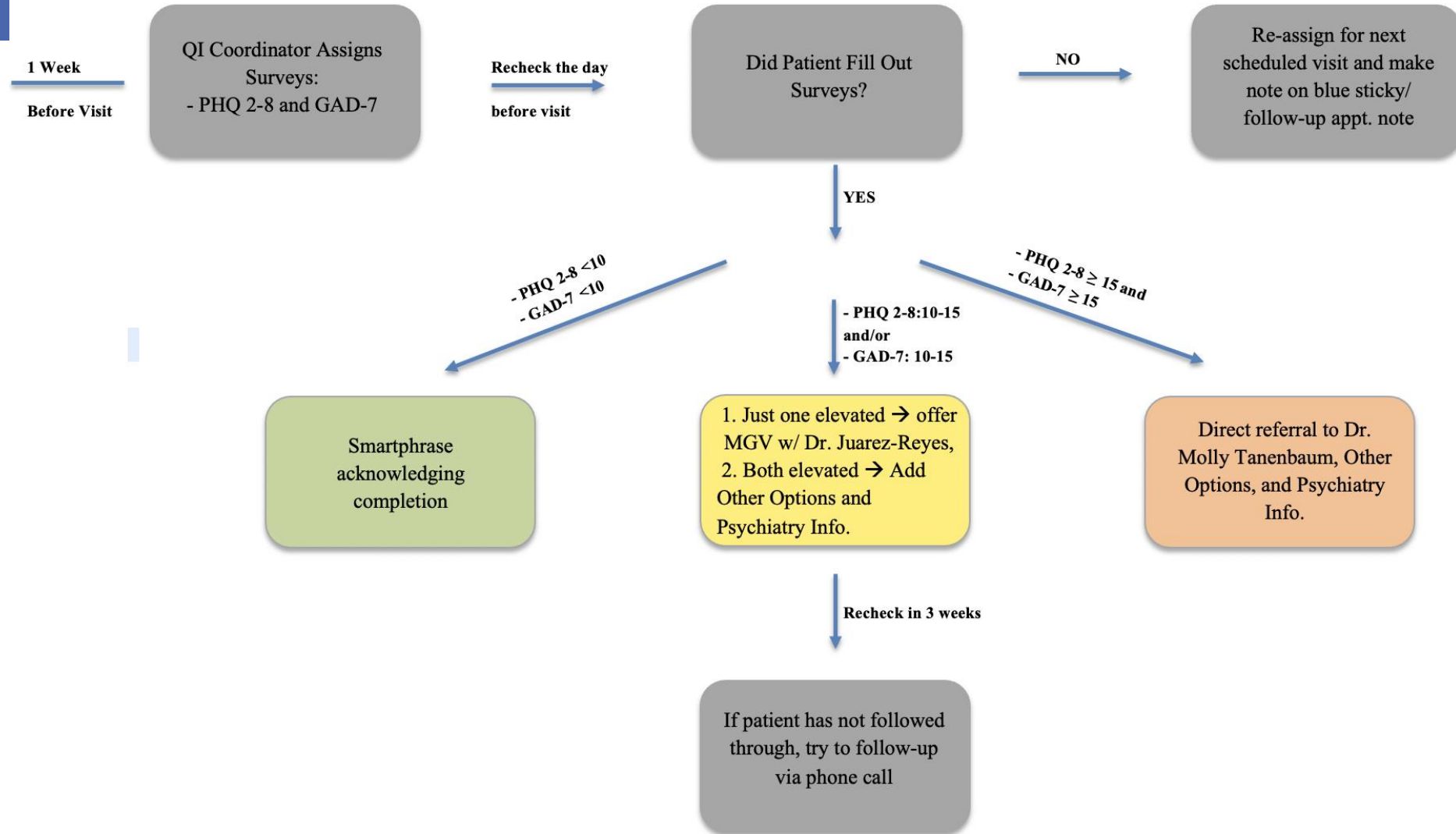
Call time: ***

Patient verbally confirmed completion of the above actions and acknowledged understanding of the above recommendations.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS

- Implement and track usage for 6 months
- In 6 months
 - Survey nursing staff: satisfaction with protocol, confidence with pump malfunction management and troubleshooting over the phone
 - Review encounters: Number of calls, Call time, MD calls, ED visits, Hospitalizations, Number of call backs, Causes of malfunction, Inadequate supplies (e.g. ketone meter)
- If successful, create integrated patient handout based on clinic protocol to facilitate self-management and education

OTHER CURRENTLY ONGOING PROJECTS



- Standardized note template for insulin pump/CGM/Closed loop reporting

- Implementation of universe psychological screening with PHQ2-8 and GAD7 in adult Endocrinology Clinic

LONG ACTING GLP-1 SAFETY AND EFFICACY INTID

PRESENTED AT ENDO SOCIETY AND ADA 2022
ANNUAL MEETINGS

EVALUATING THE EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF LONG-ACTING GLP-1 RECEPTOR AGONIST IN T1DM PATIENTS

Deene Mohandas, BA; Catherine Gao, MS; Jamie Calma, BA; Marina Basina, MD

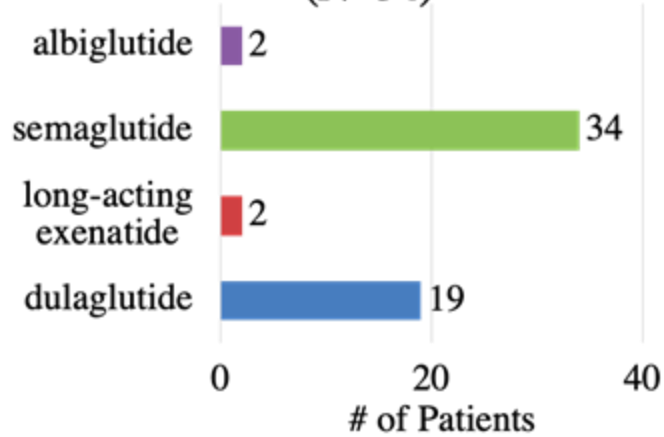
Division of Endocrinology, Gerontology and Metabolism, Department of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California

- GLP-1 receptor agonist (RA) is a class of therapeutic agents that mimic the endogenous incretin hormone GLP-1. GLP-1 medications are not approved for T1DM patients due to concern of increased diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) risk, but long-acting GLP-1 medications are commonly prescribed as adjunct therapies, off-label.
- Only one study assessing the impact of a long-acting GLP-1 in 11 T1DM patients showed no increased risk of DKA and no significant difference in time in range (Traina et al, *Can J Diabetes*. 2014;38(4):269-272. doi:10.1016/j.jcjd.2013.10.006)
- **In our study, we aim to evaluate the safety and efficacy of long-acting GLP-1 medications in a larger cohort of T1DM patients.**
- retrospective chart review using an Electronic Health Record system (EPIC)

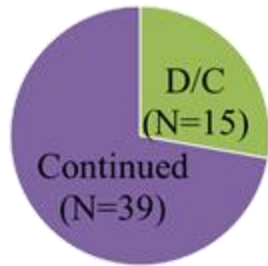
METHODS

- Search parameters: ICD-10 code E10 for Type 1 diabetes mellitus, abnormal A1c, abnormal c-peptide, Diabetes Autoimmune Profile (includes ICA-512/IA-2 AB, GAD-65 AB and insulin AB), and celiac disease screen
- **Inclusion criteria:** adults diagnosed with T1DM, on a long-acting GLP-1 for ≥ 6 months
- **Exclusion criteria:** pregnancy, concurrent steroid use
- 54 participants met the study criteria
- Average of 2-year data prior to initiation of GLP-1 compared with data on GLP-1
- **Statistical analysis** was conducted using paired t-tests on R and Excel to compare baseline and post GLP-1 values
- Mean participant age: 41.54 years \pm 13.89
- Average time since T1DM diagnosis: 16.37 years \pm 12.92
- **Mean duration on a long-acting GLP-1:** 23.85 months \pm 15.46

Long Acting GLP-1 Type (N=54)



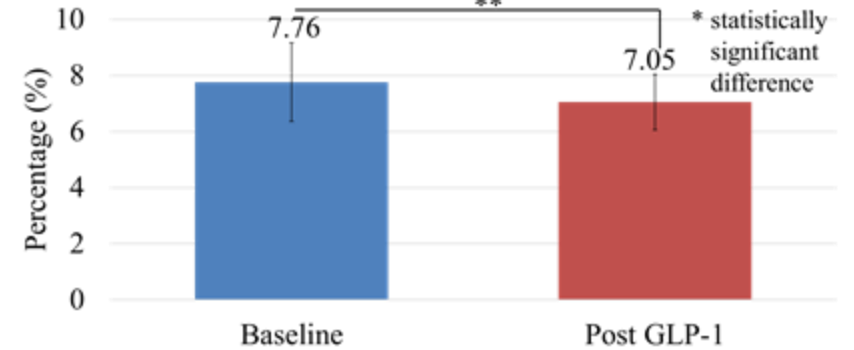
Percentage of Patients Discontinued (D/C) Long Acting GLP-1 (N=54)



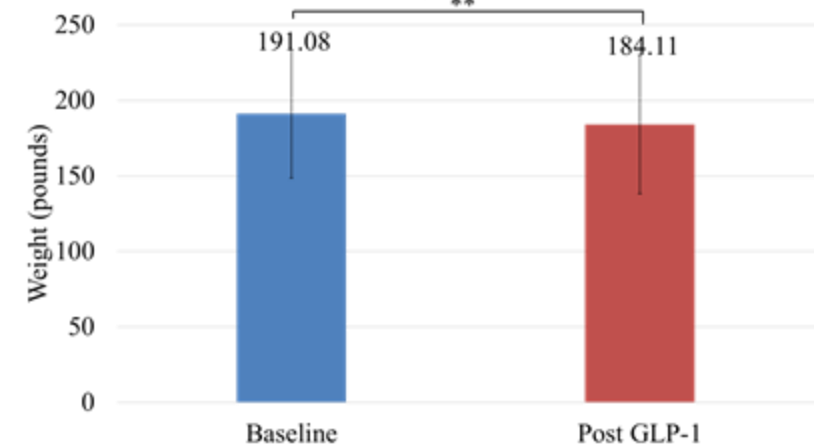
Reasons for discontinuation included:

- GI side effects
- Minimal or no impact on glycemic control
- Minimal or no impact on weight loss
- Lack of insurance coverage
- Unknown

Change in A1c Baseline and Post GLP-1 (N=43)

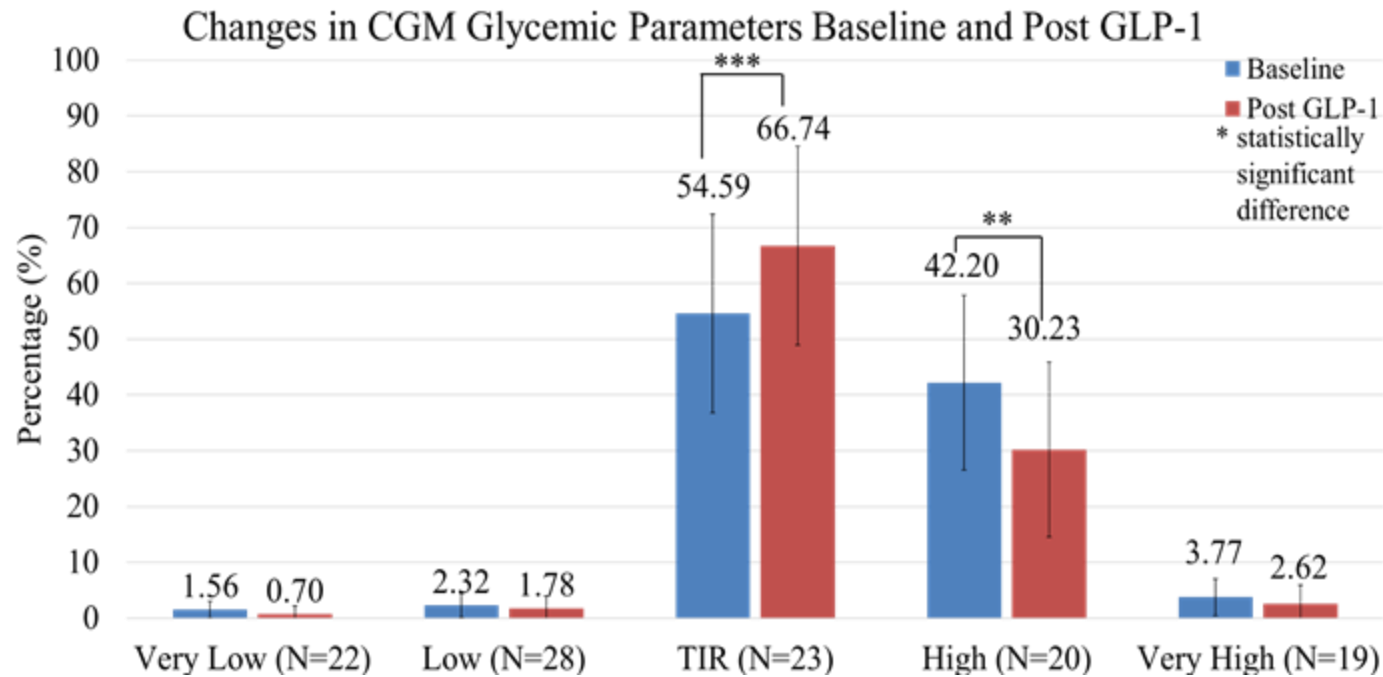
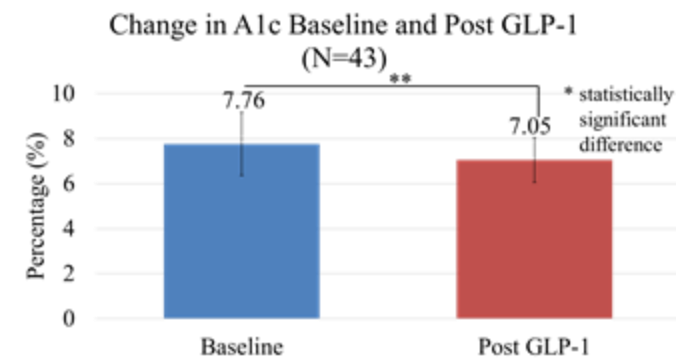
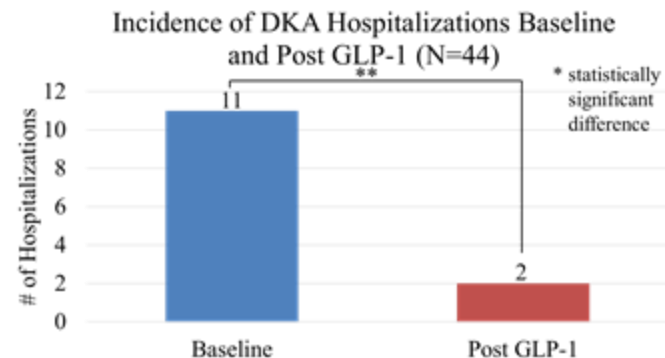


Change in Weight Baseline and Post GLP-1 (N=36)



RESULTS

Parameter	Mean Difference	p-value ($\alpha = 0.05$)
A1c (N=43)	-0.71%	0.002
DKA (N=44)	-9 incidents	0.02
CGM TIR (N=23)	+12.15%	0.0009
CGM Highs (N=20)	-11.97%	0.006
14-Day Average BG (N=27)	-19 mg/dL	0.01
14-Day SD (N=17)	-8.45 mg/dL	0.007
Weight (N=36)	-6.97 lbs	0.007



CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

- There is an urgent need for strategies to improve glycemic control and reduce morbidity and mortality in T1DM.
- Our study is the first to demonstrate significant A1c reduction and TIR increase without increased hypoglycemia and DKA risk in 54 T1DM patients on long-acting GLP-1 receptor agonists treated for an average of almost 2 years.
- In addition to improved glycemic control and reduced glycemic variability, there was a significant decrease in weight.
- The study represents real-world experience.
- As more data emerges on cardiovascular and renal benefits of GLP-1 receptor agonists in type 2 diabetes, this class may represent a promising adjunct therapy to insulin in individuals with type 1 diabetes





Clinical Presentation: Grady Memorial

Pre/Post learning



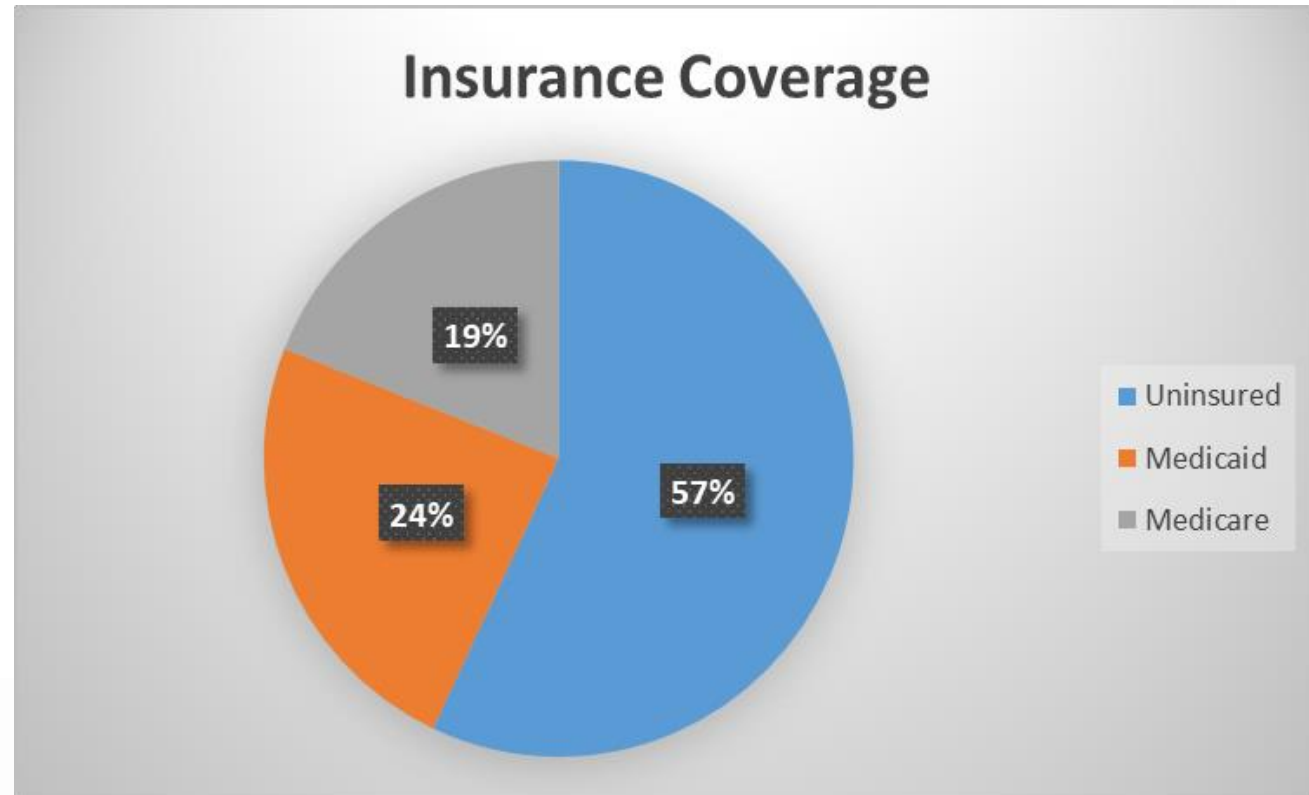
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CGM Utilization

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T1Dx Project Coordinator

Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta GA

- Safety Net Hospital
- 85% Black American
- 800-900 established adult patients with T1D

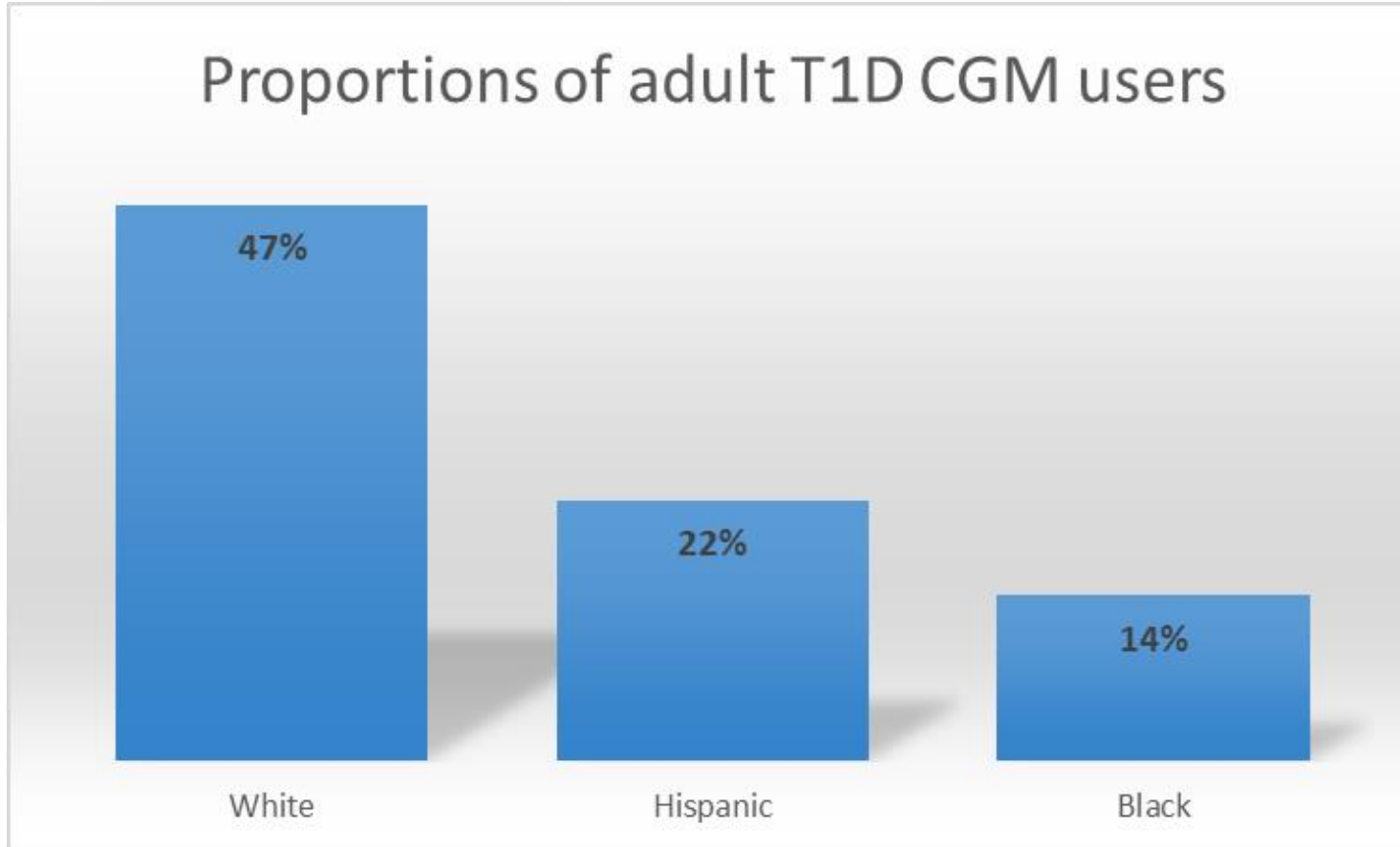


Grady Diabetes Center

- 204 T1D patients
- Staffing
 - 8 physicians
 - 1 CDCES (RN), 2 CDCES (RD)
 - 2 Podiatrists, 1 Wound Care RN
 - 1 Clinical Pharmacist, CDCES
 - Social Worker, Behavioral Counselor
 - Ophthalmic technician
 - Medication Access Coordinator

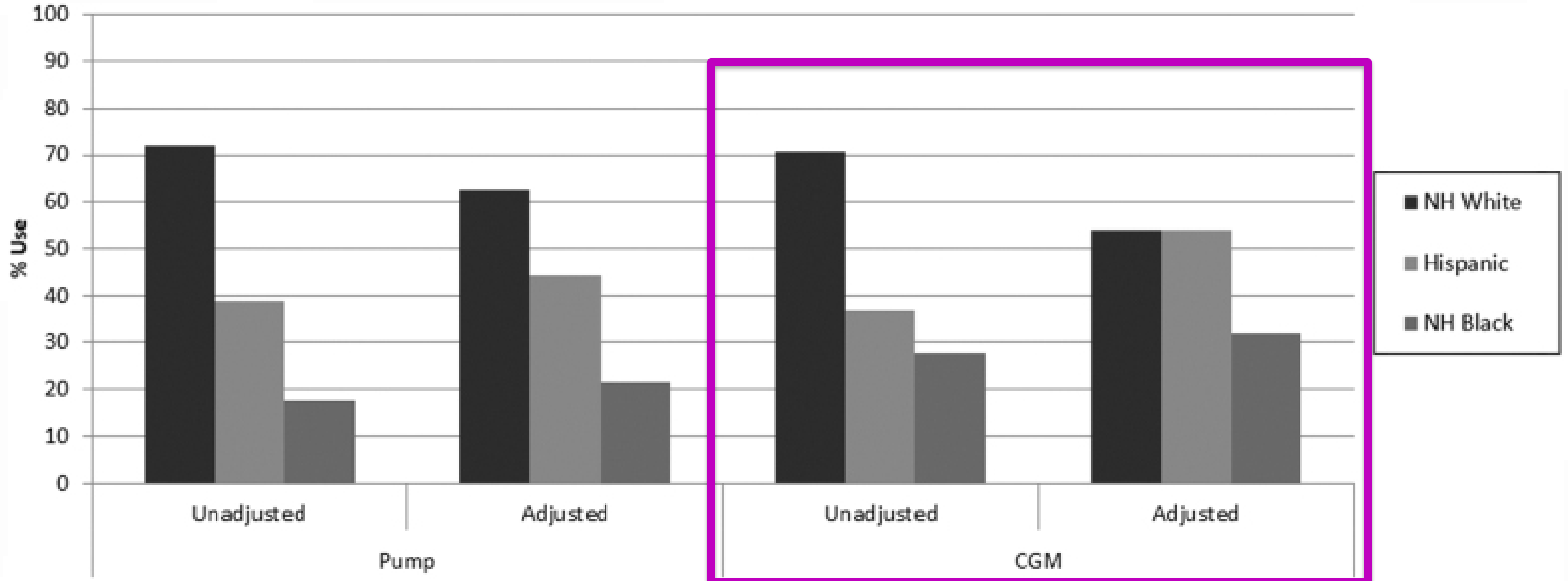


Data on Disparities in CGM Use



Wirunsawanya K: Racial differences in technology use among type 1 diabetes in a safety-net hospital. J Endocr Soc 2020;4(Suppl 1):OR30-03

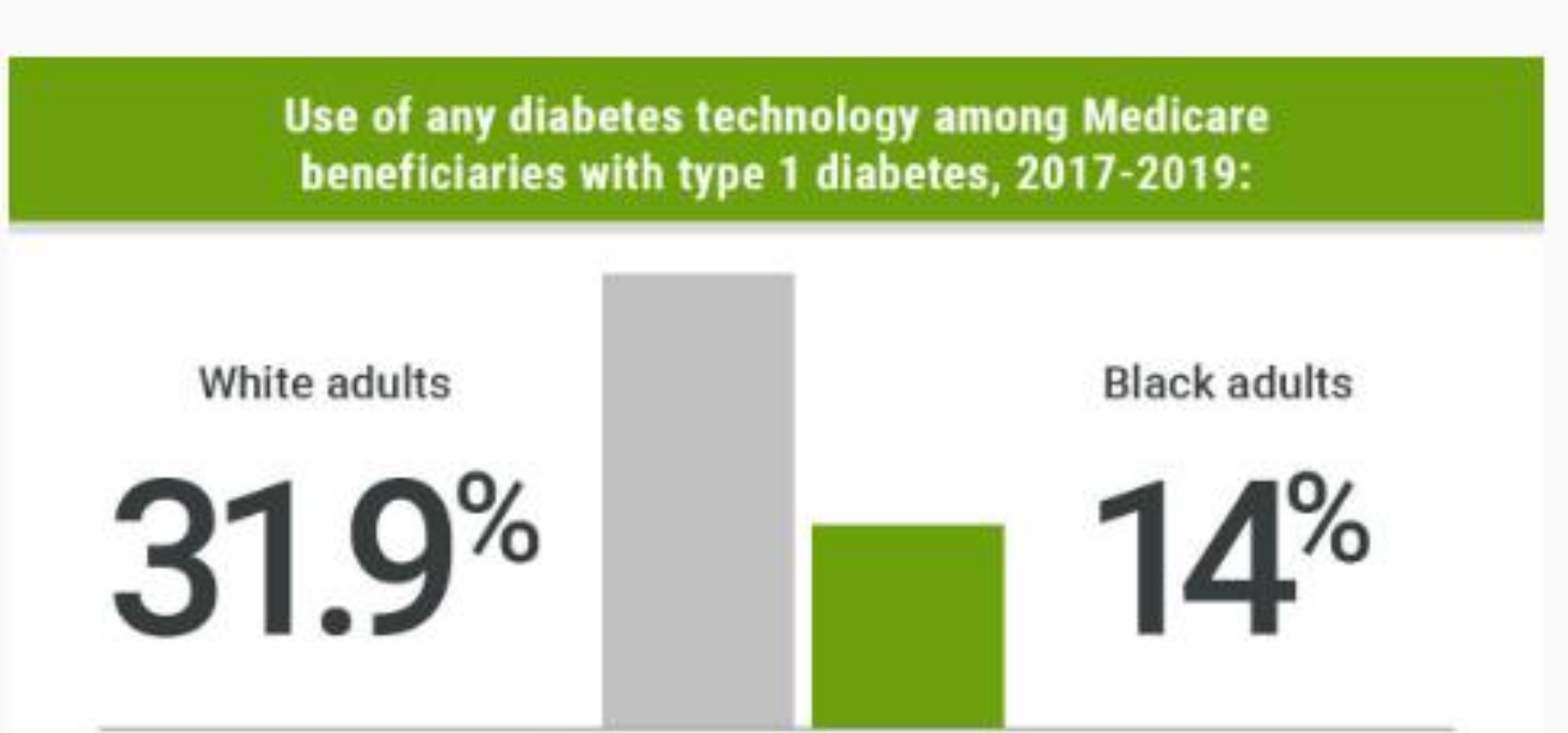
Data on Disparities in CGM Use



Percentage of YA (aged 18-28) with T1D in each racial-ethnic group using insulin pump and CGM comparing unadjusted and fully adjusted estimates. Adjustment included: demographic and clinical variables, SES, healthcare factors, and diabetes self-management. CGM, continuous glucose monitor; T1D, type 1 diabetes; YA, young adults.

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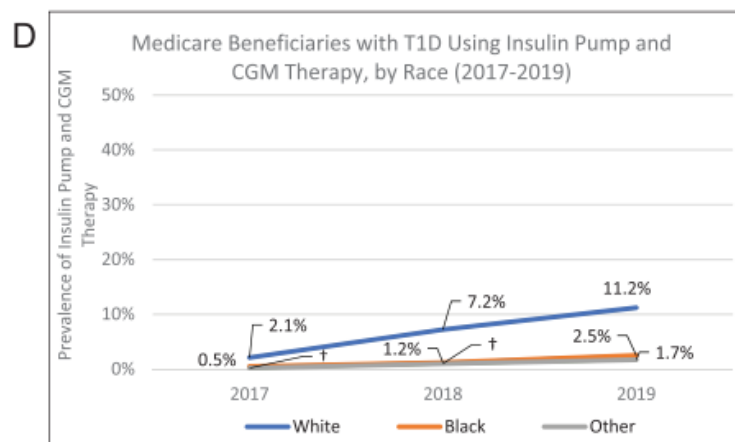
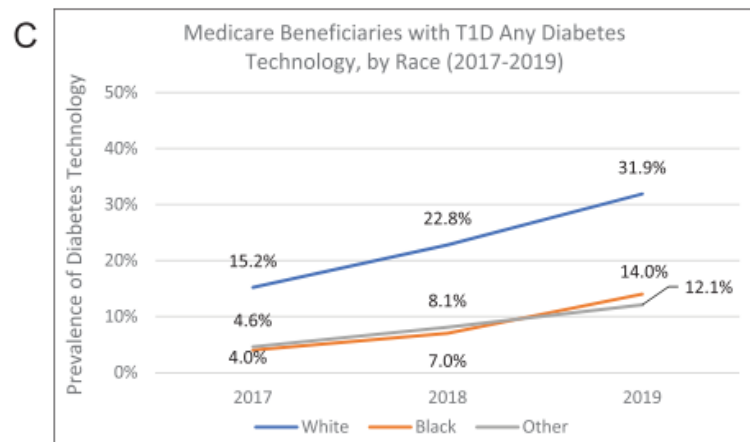
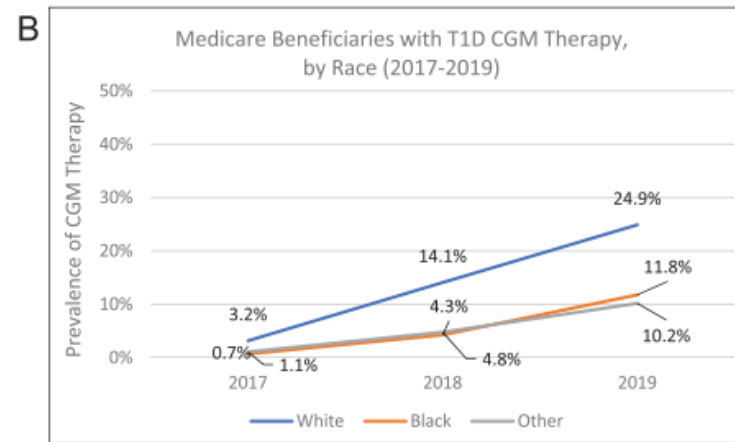
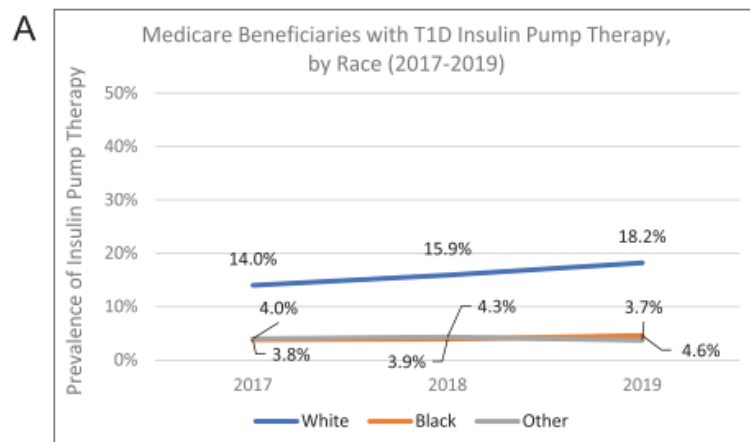
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Disparities in CGM Use Among Medicare Beneficiaries with T1D

Diabetes technology use by race (2017-2019)
 MEDICARE FFS BENEFICIARIES WITH T1D



Barriers to CGM Use- What the Data Shows

- Insurance eligibility criteria
- Patient-provider factors
 - Patient preference
 - Implicit bias
 - Structural racism
 - Patient's behavior and knowledge
 - Provider behavior
 - Patient–provider interactions
- Organizational and institutional factors
 - Institutional eligibility and allocation of diabetes technologies
 - Clinics structure decision-making processes

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Barriers to CGM Use- What the Our Clinic Shows

- Not being able to meet the criteria for coverage
 - Finger sticks 3-4 times per day for a month- Medicaid
- Out of pocket cost
- Low level of understanding on use of device
- Keep falling off (Freestyle Libre 2)
- Excessive paperwork and follow up from provider level
- Time needed from providers to educate patients on CGM

Possible Interventions To Address Disparity Gap in CGM Use

- Remove strict eligibility of insurance coverage criteria
 - Provider advocate to insurance companies
- Evaluate:
 - Clinician decision making regarding the use of diabetes technology
 - Role of communication regarding diabetes technology with patients
 - Barriers patients face after prescribing diabetes technology should be evaluated

Glycemic Optimization Clinic (GOC)

- Low technology use for patients in our clinic
 - <5% of patient come to us on technology
 - Barriers with affordability
 - Lack of proper support for those on pumps/CGMs (ie, time, resources to obtain supplies, etc)
- Development of GOC
 - Initiated as technology clinic, but evolved into clinic for people living with T1D
 - Goals:
 - Improve glycemic control and management for existing T1D clinic patients
 - Patients to prioritize
 - Those with frequent admissions, particularly recurrent DKA, hypoglycemia
 - Those currently using diabetes technology (insulin pumps, continuous glucose monitors)
 - Those with significant social obstacles impacting adherence/care
 - Multidisciplinary management is key

Diabetes Clinic vs GOC Appointment Flow

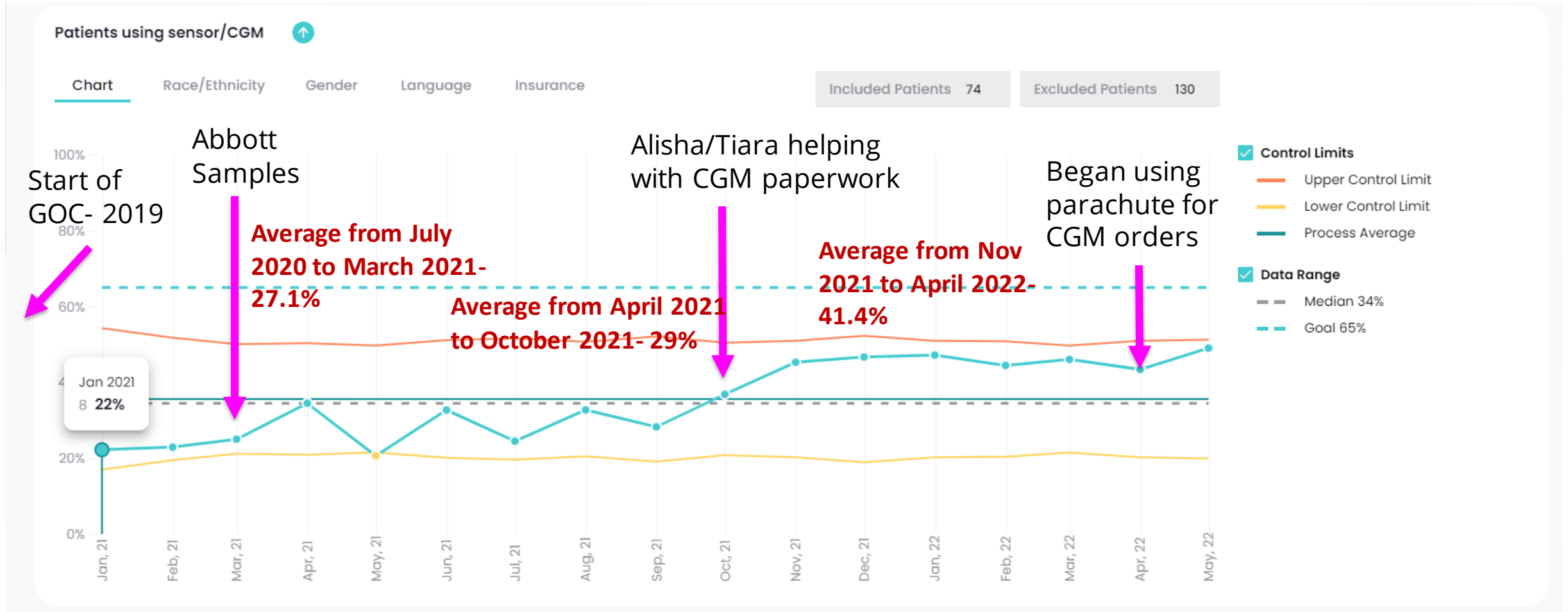
- **Diabetes Clinic**

- Patients seen by MD for medical visit
(30-minute appointments)
- Discharged by RN to go over medication changes, medication teaching, and other relevant diabetes education
- Patients assessed for other provider referrals.
Usually do not see other providers on same day of their visit
- Medication Access Coordinator

- **GOC**

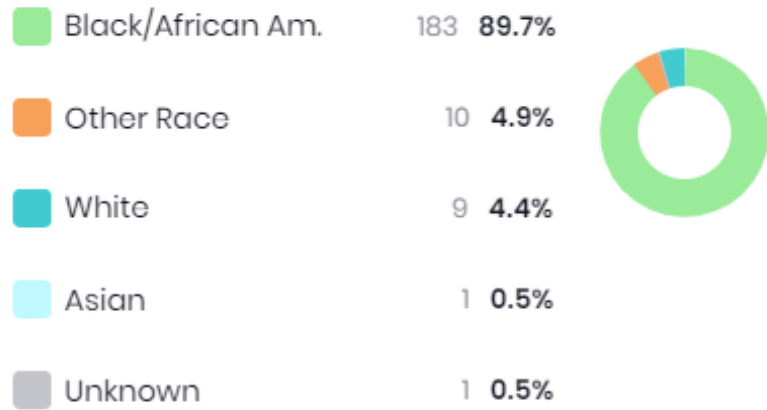
- Patient already established in diabetes center
- See MD/PharmD/RD/CDCES/Social Worker/Medication Access Coordinator- interdisciplinary approach to care
(60 to 90-minute appointments)
- Follow up in GOC tailored to patient needs
 - Carb counting
 - Medication management
 - Insulin pump education/management
 - CGM education

CGM Use Over One Year

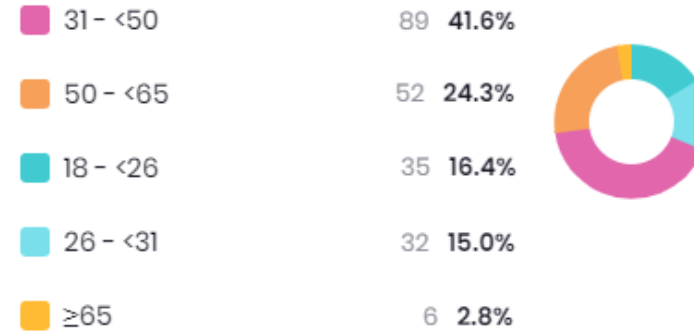


Population Analysis of Patients Using CGM

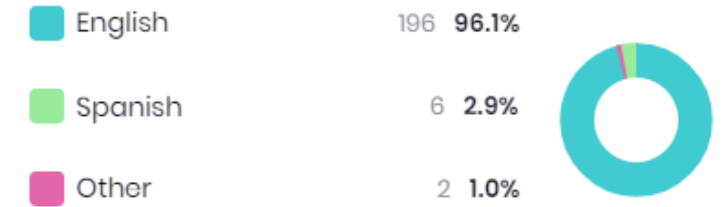
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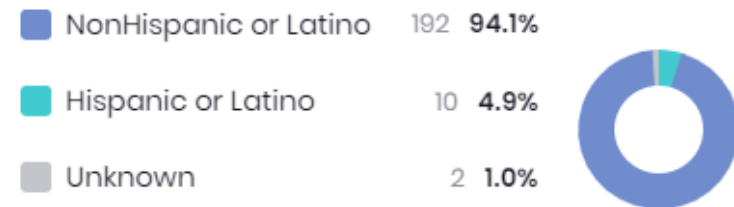
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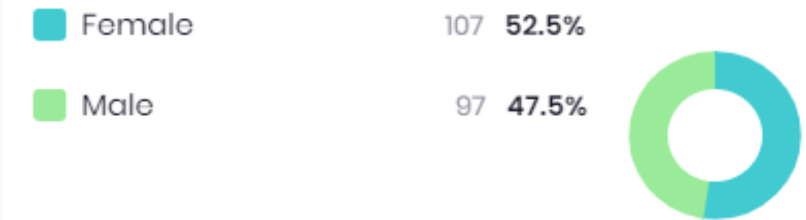
Ethnicity



Insurance



Gender



Next Steps/Future Interventions

- **CGM utilization vs CGM RX**
 - Created flowsheet
- Method of implementation to capture correct data
- Continue to streamline process with parachute and having point person that will correspond with the various DME and insurance companies
- Continue to work towards offering CGM classes to promote continued CGM utilization with patients

Insulin Types and Doses

LONG ACTING INSULIN

Long-acting insulin units at breakfast

Long-acting insulin units at lunch

Long-acting insulin units at supper

Long-acting insulin units H.S.

SHORT ACTING INSULIN

Short-acting insulin units at breakfast

Short-acting insulin units at lunch

Short-acting insulin units at supper

Short-acting insulin units H.S.

Blood Glucose History

Tests/day (download)

Tests/day (self-report)

CGM

Before breakfast

Glucose range before breakfast

Hypoglycemia before breakfast

Post-Breakfast

Glucose range after breakfast

Hypoglycemia after breakfast

Before lunch

Glucose range before lunch

Hypoglycemia before lunch

Post lunch



Glucose range post lunch



Hypoglycemia after lunch

Before dinner



Glucose range before dinner



Hypoglycemia before dinner

After dinner



Glucose range after dinner



Hypoglycemia after dinner

Bedtime



Glucose range at bedtime



Hypoglycemia at bedtime

Since last visit



Last DM Clinic Appt



ER visits for diabetes

Hospitalizations for DKA or HHS

ED Visits or Hospitalizations for Hypoglycemia

Hypoglycemia requiring help:



LOC

Feel low when BG is <60?

Interval History Comments



Insulin Regimen



Date of Insulin Pump Start

Insulin Regimen

Pump + POC (Open Loop)	Sensor augment Pump (Open...	Hybrid Closed Loop		
Low Glucose suspend	Predictive Low glucose Suspend	Other (free text)		

Brand

Medtronic 530G	Medtronic 630G	Medtronic 770G	Omnipod Dash	Omnipod 5		
T Slim X2 Basal IQ	Other (Comment)	None				

Carb Counting

I:C Ratio (e.g. 1:10)

Boluses per day

Average Bolus units per day

Active Time

% of time in closed loop

Basal Rate:



From To

Rate (Unit)

Total Daily Basal Insulin



Total Daily Basal Insulin (u/day)



T1DX-QI Publications Updates

Publications Policy



T1D Exchange Quality Improvement Collaborative (T1DX-QI) Publication Policy and Procedure

1. Objectives

This policy describes the process for T1DX-QI publications and presentations.

2. Definitions

T1DX-QI includes clinical centers participating in the collaborative that have signed data sharing agreements with T1D Exchange and share data for quality improvement/population health research.

3. Publications

A publication is any document submitted to a professional journal with regional or national circulation. Approval of publications may be withheld until such time as deemed appropriate by the Publication Committee. Prior publications and presentations can be found [here](#).

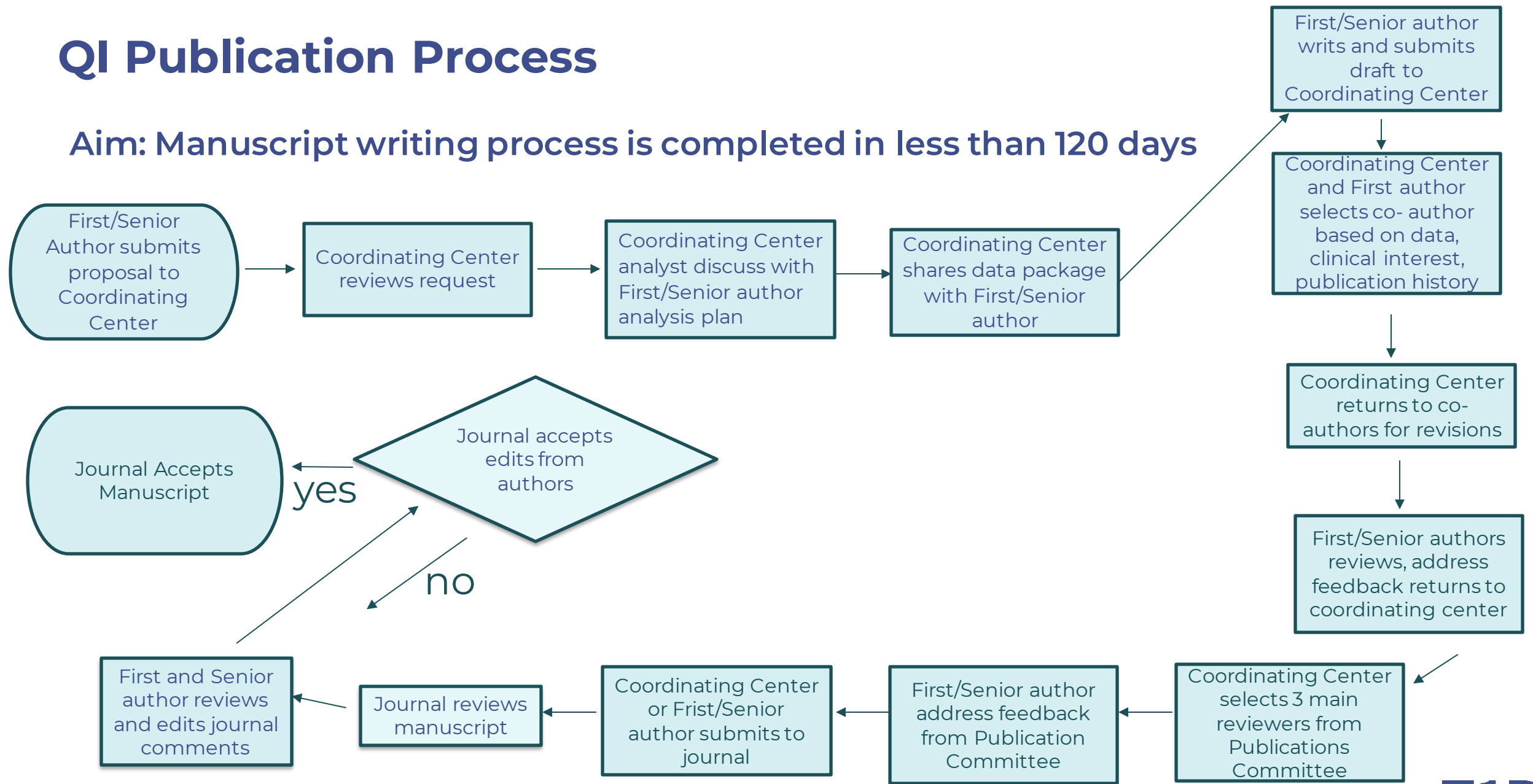
A. Projects can be proposed by completing the [application form](#).

B. Workflow process:

1. First/Senior author submits proposal/manuscript idea to Coordinating Center

QI Publication Process

Aim: Manuscript writing process is completed in less than 120 days



T1DX-QI HEALTH EQUITY STUDY IS ONE OF TOP TEN DISPARITIES ABSTRACT PRESENTED AT ADA 2022 SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE



June 1, 2022

Dear Dr. Osagie Ebekoziien,

On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on having been selected as a recipient of the National Health Disparities Committee's Top 10 Recommended Abstracts for the following abstract:

Abstract #4224

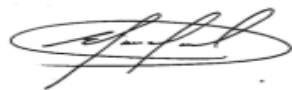
Inequities in Glycemic Outcomes for Patients with Type 1 Diabetes: Six-Year (2016–2021) Longitudinal Follow-Up by Race and Ethnicity of 36,390 Patients in the T1Dx-QI Collaborative

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Once again, congratulations on this much-deserved recognition for your significant contributions to the diabetes community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Caballero'.

Dr. A. Enrique Caballero
Harvard Medical School
Chair, National Health Disparities Committee



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RESEARCH LETTER |  [Free Access](#)

Increased DKA at presentation among newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes patients with or without COVID-19: Data from a multi-site surveillance registry

Kara Beliard, Osagie Ebekoziem, Carla Demeterco-Berggren, Guy Todd Alonso, Mary Pat Gallagher, Mark Clements, Robert Rapaport

Journal of Diabetes | Pages: 270-272 | First Published: 7 December 2020

TABLE 1 Patient demographic and clinical indicators of newly diagnosed T1D and COVID-19 (April-August 2020)

Category	Positive COVID-19 test (n = 24)	Negative COVID-19 test (n = 124)	P value
Mean age at diagnosis (SD)	15.64 (15.35)	10.84 (5.43)	.14
Age categories			
0-10 y/o	7 (29)	59 (48)	.11
11-19 y/o	15 (63)	64 (52)	.37
>19 y/o	2 (8)	1 (1)	.06
Gender			
Female	13 (54)	59 (48)	.65
Race/ethnicity			
NH White	3 (13)	75 (60)	<.001
NH Black	7 (29)	0 (0)	<.001
Hispanic	10 (42)	26 (21)	.03
Other/unknown	4 (17)	23 (19)	1
Median HgA1C (IQR)	12.4 (2.9)	13.1 (2.7)	.55
Insurance*			
Public	18 (75)	48 (39)	.001
Private	6 (25)	71 (57)	.006
Uninsured	0 (0)	5 (4)	1
DKA on presentation			
Yes	16 (67)	77 (62)	.81
No	8 (33)	47 (38)	.81

Note: Data are represented as mean, median (SD), and n (%).
Abbreviations: COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; DKA, diabetic ketoacidosis; HbA1c, glycosylated hemoglobin; IQR, interquartile range; NH, non-Hispanic; SD, standard deviation; T1D, type 1 diabetes.
*Public insurance is subsidized or paid for by government funds, while private insurance is paid for by the individual.

Highlights

- Our multicenter study reports a higher proportion of diabetic ketoacidosis presentation of over 60% in newly diagnosed patients with type 1 diabetes with or without confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) at diagnosis.
- This finding is suggestive of delays in seeking care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Sian A. Bradley, Maciej Banach, Negman Alvarado, Ivica Smokovski, Sonu M. M. Bhaskar

Journal of Diabetes | Pages: 144-157 | First Published: 23 December 2021

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Time-limited diets and the gut microbiota in cardiometabolic disease

Karina Ratiner, Hagit Shapiro, Kim Goldenberg, Eran Elinav

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New-onset diabetes in “long COVID”

Thirunavukkarasu Sathish, Mary Chandrika Anton, Tharsan Sivakumar

Journal of Diabetes | Pages: 693-694 | First Published: 23 April 2021

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Guy Todd Alonso, Osagie Ebekozien, Mary Pat Gallagher, Saketh Rompicherla, Sarah K. Lyons, Abha Choudhary, Shideh Majidi, Catherina T. Pinnaro, Sadana Balachandar, Mariam Gangat, Alissa Jeanne Curda Roberts, Brynn E. Marks, Ana Creo, Janine Sanchez, Tossaporn Seeherunvong, Jose Jimenez-Vega, Neha S. Patel, Jamie R. Wood, Liana Gabriel, Kathryn M. Sumpter, Meredith Wilkes, Robert Rapaport, Anna Cymbaluk, Jenise C. Wong, Srinath Sanda, Anastasia Albanese-O'Neill

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QI Portal Updates

QI Portal – April – July 2022 updates

Expanded Health Equity features!

QI Portal – April – July 2022 updates

New notification bell!

- Notifications for new:
 - QI Portal features
 - Clinic data
 - Library article
- Change notification type in Settings

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Show Favourites

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New feature! Receive notifications via email and notification bell of new clinic data; visit settings to adjust your notification options.

Jul 22, 2022



New feature! Add comments and tag users on Library resources.

Jul 22, 2022



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Jul 22, 2022



New article has been added to HbA1c > 9%, Telemedicine.

Jul 18, 2022



New article has been added to Quality Improvement.

Jun 13, 2022



QI Portal – April – July 2022 updates

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New library comments!

CGM use

Optimizing Glucose Meter Downloads at Parkland Diabetes Clinic

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SUCCESS STORY

Optimizing Glucose Meter Downloads at Parkland Diabetes Clinic

Isabel Wren, Uma Ganasekarar, and Luigi Meneghini

Quality Improvement Success Stories are published by the American Diabetes Association in collaboration with the American College of Physicians and the National Diabetes Education Program. This series is intended to highlight best practices and strategies from programs and clinics that have successfully improved the quality of care for people with diabetes or related conditions. Each article in the series is reviewed and follows a standard format developed by the editors of Clinical Diabetes. The following article describes a project aimed at increasing the number of patients who bring their glucose meters to their appointments for downloading at a diabetes specialty clinic with a diverse patient population in Dallas, TX.

Describe your practice setting and location.

This project took place at the Diabetes & Foot Wound (DFW) Clinic of the Parkland Health & Hospital System, the public health system serving residents of Dallas County, TX. Both foot wound and diabetes specialty services are located in the clinical space. The diabetes clinic serves as the specialty training site for endocrine fellows on 1 half-day per week and is staffed by advanced practice providers 5 days per week. One to three attending physicians oversee clinical activities, and one to three advanced practice care providers see patients on a daily basis. The staff also comprises two registered nurses, three licensed vocational nurses, two medical assistants, three clerical staff members, one social worker, and one unit manager. The clinic is also supported by a dietitian and a nurse who is a certified diabetes care and education specialist.

The clinic has roughly 500 patients and provider encounters per month. Patients attending the clinic comprise an ethnically diverse (50% Hispanic/Latino, 30% Black, and 15% non-Hispanic White) and socioeconomically underserved (50% receive charity care and <10% have commercial insurance) population.

The DFW Clinic is a tertiary referral site that accepts patients with type 1 diabetes, patients with advanced complications or complex disease, and patients with uncontrolled type 2 diabetes despite being prescribed insulin therapy. More than 95% of individuals seen by the diabetes specialist are on insulin therapy.

Describe the specific quality gap addressed through the initiative.

Review of blood glucose data are essential to understand how to adjust treatment for hyperglycemia, especially in patients who are on more complex insulin regimens. However, not all patients attending the clinic bring their glucose meters to their appointments, considerably limiting the ability of the health care team to make informed recommendations for changes or adjustments to their diabetes therapy.

The aim of this quality improvement (QI) project was to increase the number of patients who bring their glucose meters to their clinic appointments. Data from meters that are brought in are uploaded to a Glooko software platform residing in the clinic, and that information is made available at the point of care to health care professionals for review and discussion with patients. We sought to increase the number of glucose meters downloaded into Glooko from a baseline of slightly >50% (as of June 2019) to a target of 60% by May 2020. The rationale for choosing this goal was to balance a substantial and meaningful improvement in the activity against the limited time frame

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Seize the Data! Contest – September 2022

Explore the QI Portal and win a prize!

From 9-1 through 9/30, T1DX-QI will host a Seize the Data! Contest!

Weekly awards will be given for:

- Highest # of logins
- Each login = one chance to win
- Bonus chances to win if access all four QI Portal tabs