

Initiating and Monitoring Insulin Therapy

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Historical Perspective on Intensive Diabetes Management

Insulin
Delivery



Smart
pump

1978

Insulin pump

CLOSED LOOP:

- Artificial beta cell
- Mechanical system
- Stem cell

Glucose
Monitoring



1970

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ood test

Retrospe

CGM



Advances in Glucose Monitoring Have Driven Improvements in Insulin Therapy

Technology

Therapeutic potential

Urine testing



Reduce severe
hyperglycemia

Intermittent capillary
blood monitoring



Intensive
diabetes management

Continuous interstitial
monitoring



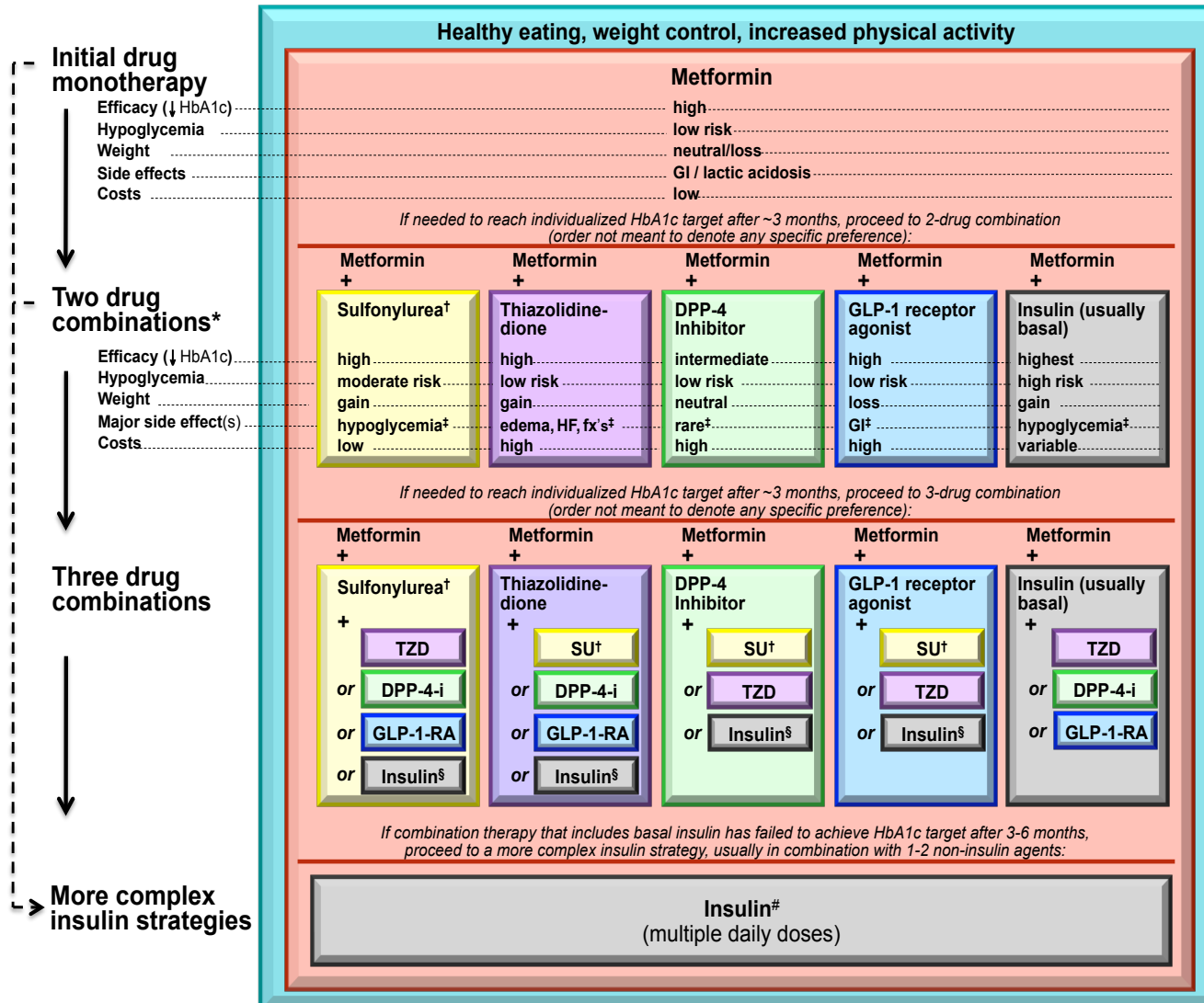
Intensive
diabetes management
with **less**
hypo- and hyper-
glycemia

Presentation Outline

- Initiating Insulin Therapy:
Physiologic and Practical Considerations
- Monitoring Insulin Therapy:
Avoiding the extremes of Hyper- and Hypo-glycemia
 - New insights about the effect of dietary macronutrients on postprandial hyperglycemia
 - New approaches to identify and minimize hypoglycemia risk

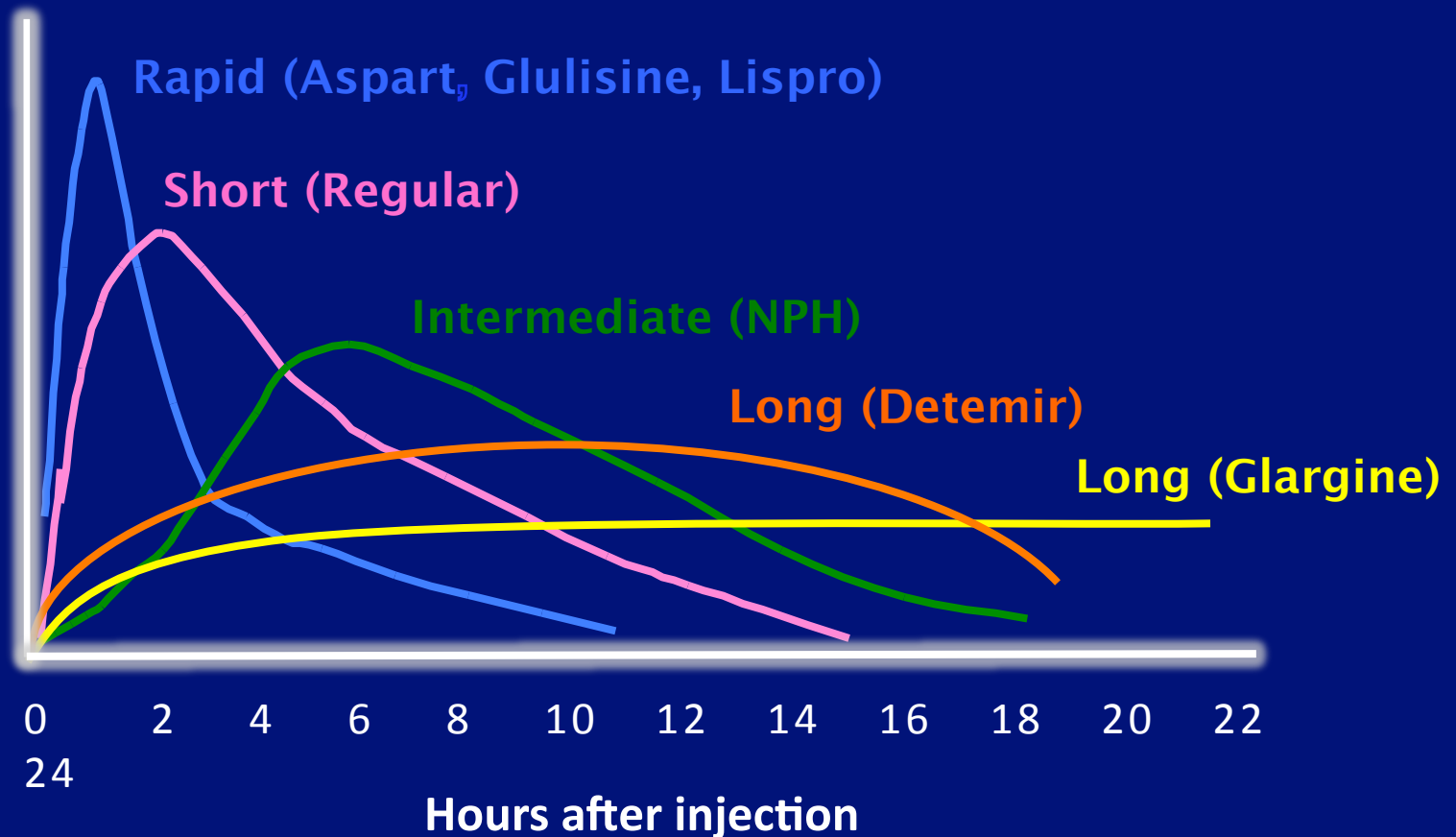
Management of Hyperglycemia in Type 2 Diabetes: A Patient-Centered Approach

Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes

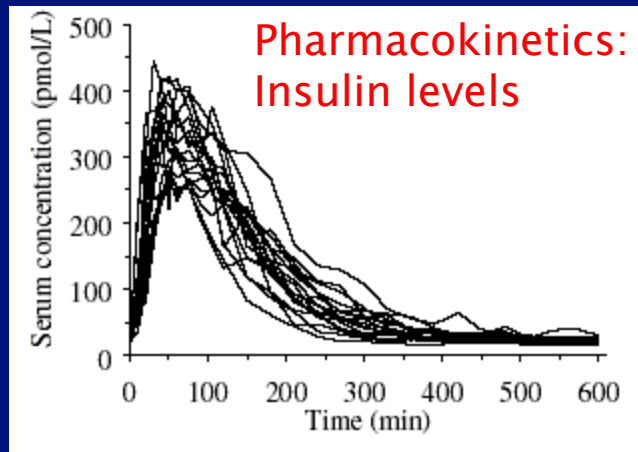


Diabetes Care 2012;35:1364-1377
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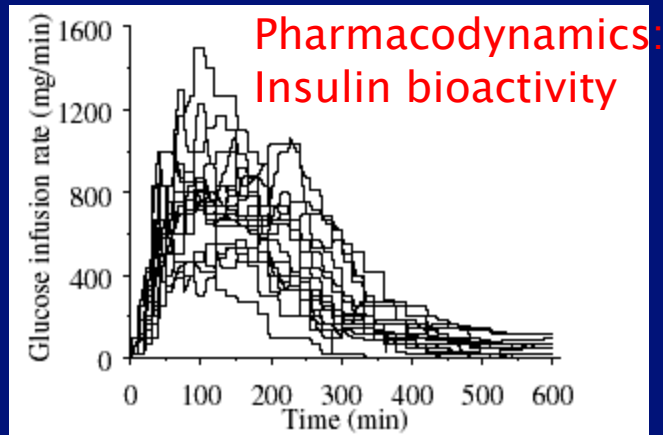
Therapeutic Options: Insulin



Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Aspart Insulin



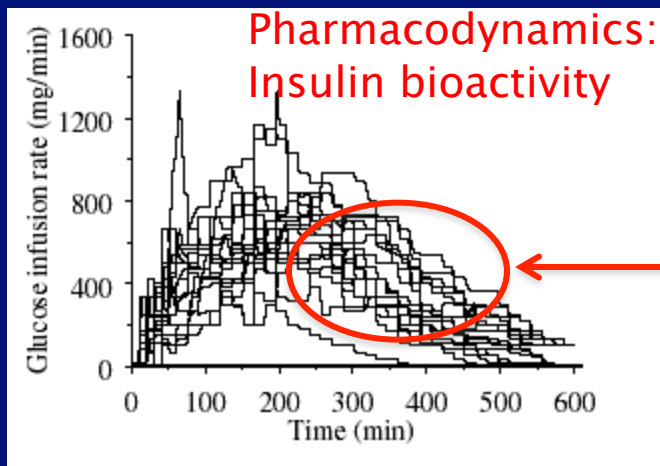
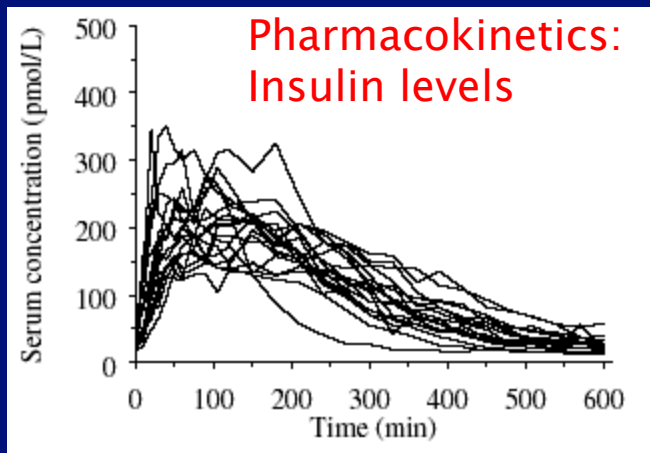
Pharmacokinetic data (package inserts) is misleading about insulin action profile



Marked inter- and intra-individual variability

Aspart (NovoLog) insulin

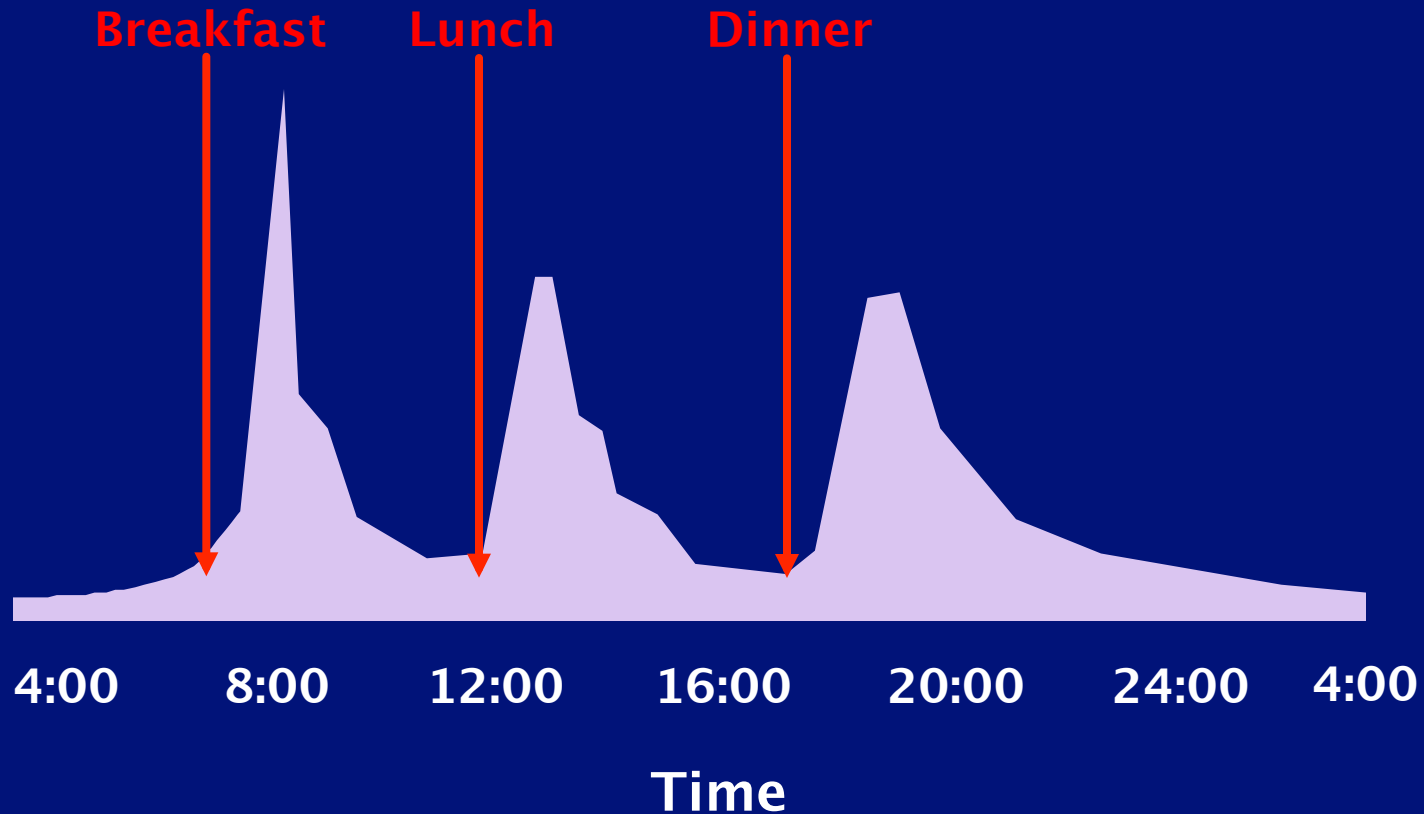
Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Human Regular Insulin



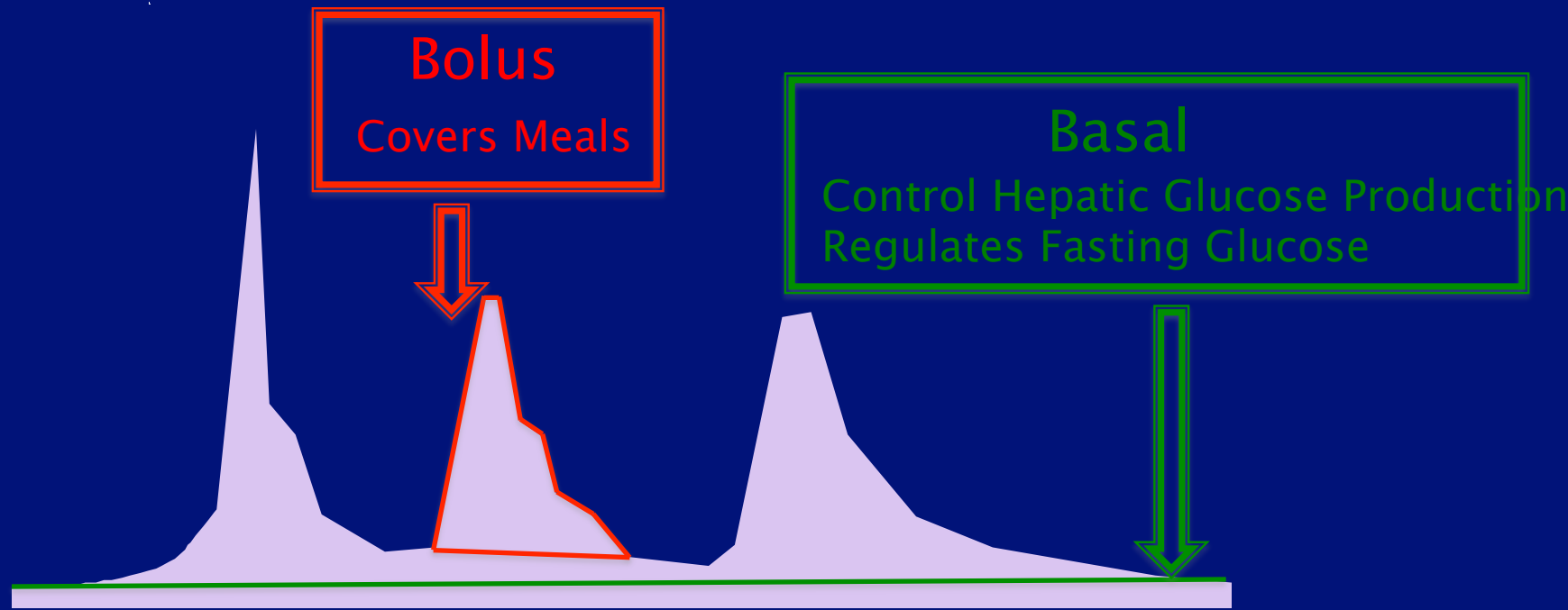
Insulin “tail”: Risk for late post-prandial hypoglycemia

Human Regular insulin

Insulin Levels in Non-Diabetic Individual

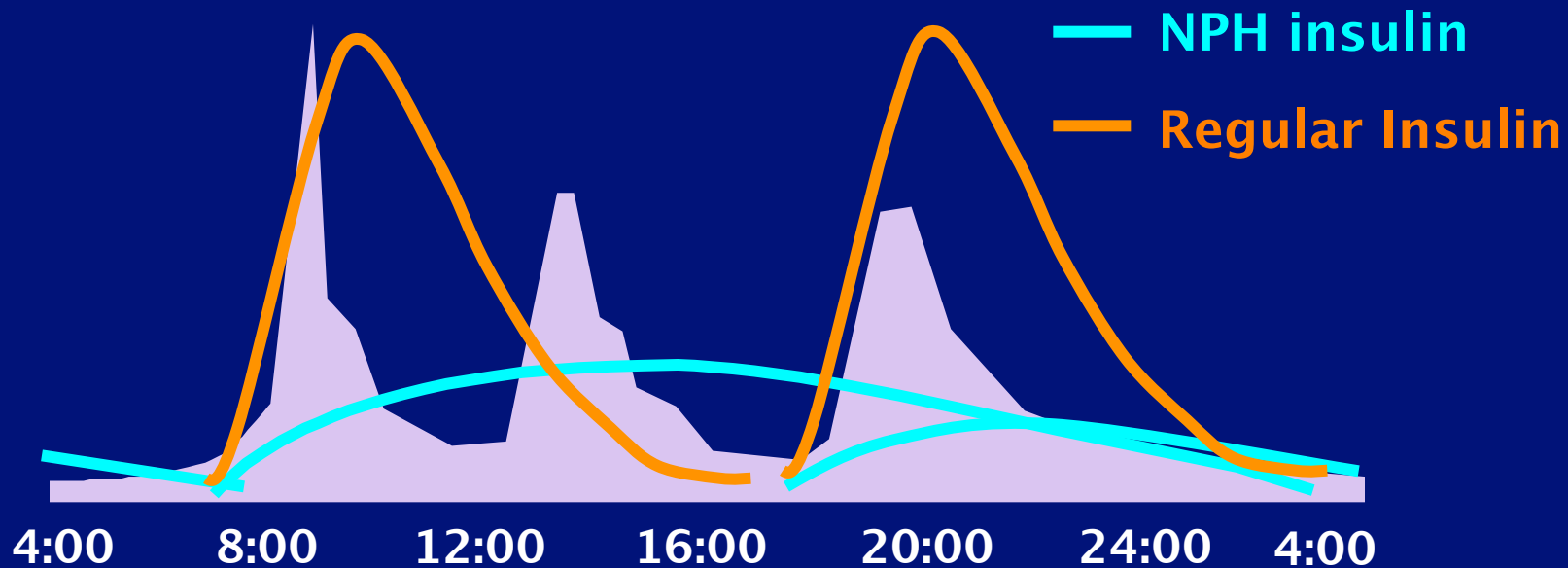


Insulin Replacement Therapy: Mimicking “Normal” Insulin Levels



Basal insulin dose titrated to ensure that glucose is stable overnight and fasting glucose is in target range

Pre-Mixed Insulin Regimens with Regular Humulin 70/30, Novolin70/30

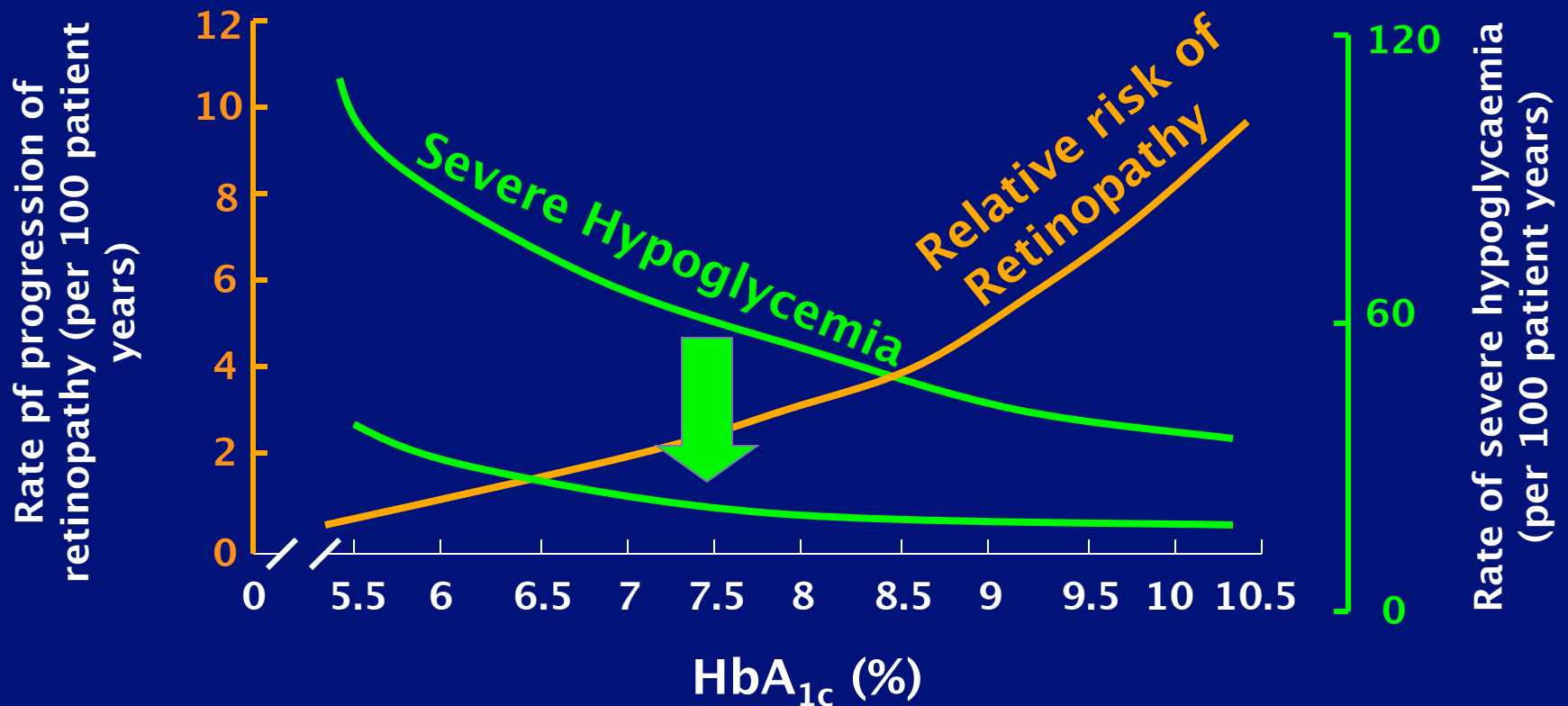


Benefits: Fewer injections, simpler (fixed doses)

Limitations: Need to eat on schedule around the insulin profiles:
missed meal/snack > hypoglycemia, excessive food intake > hyperglycemia

Patients starting on pre-mixed insulin regimens
Should be referred to RD for structured meal plan

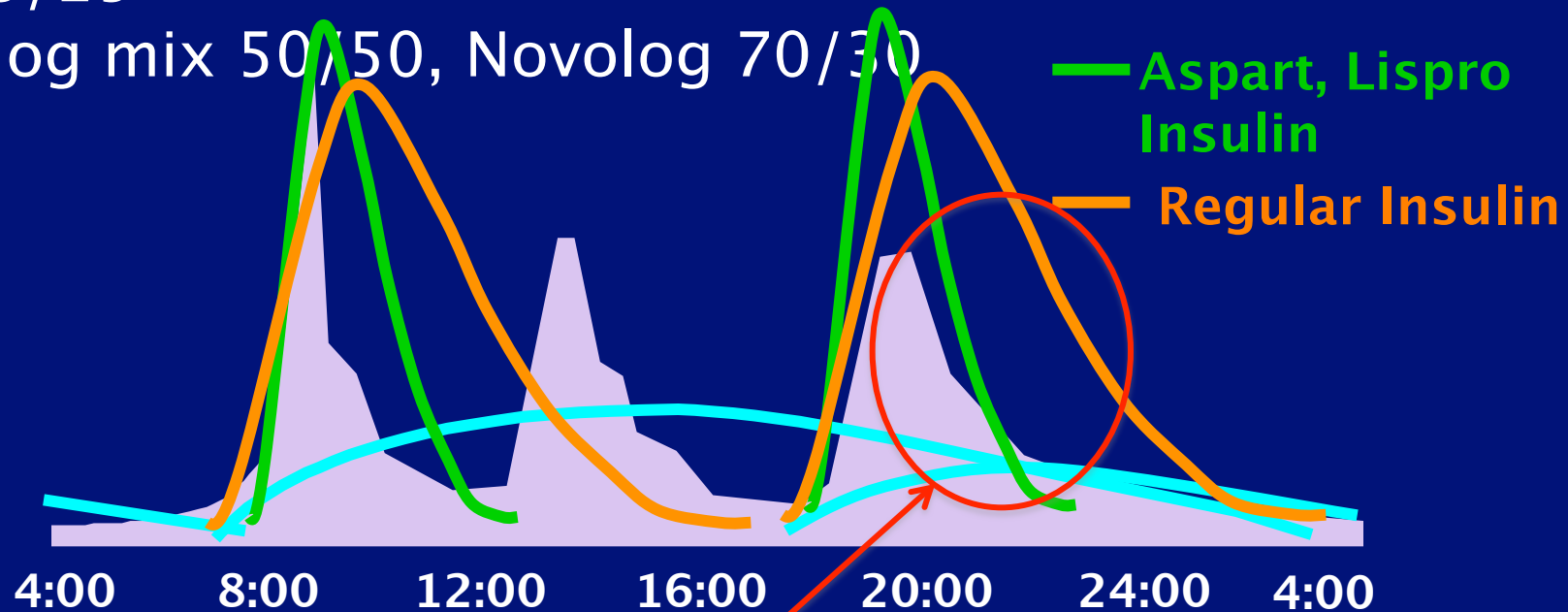
Trade-off between Hyperglycemia and Hypoglycemia



Pre-Mixed Insulin Regimens: Replacing Premeal Regular with Analog Insulin

Humalog
mix 75/25

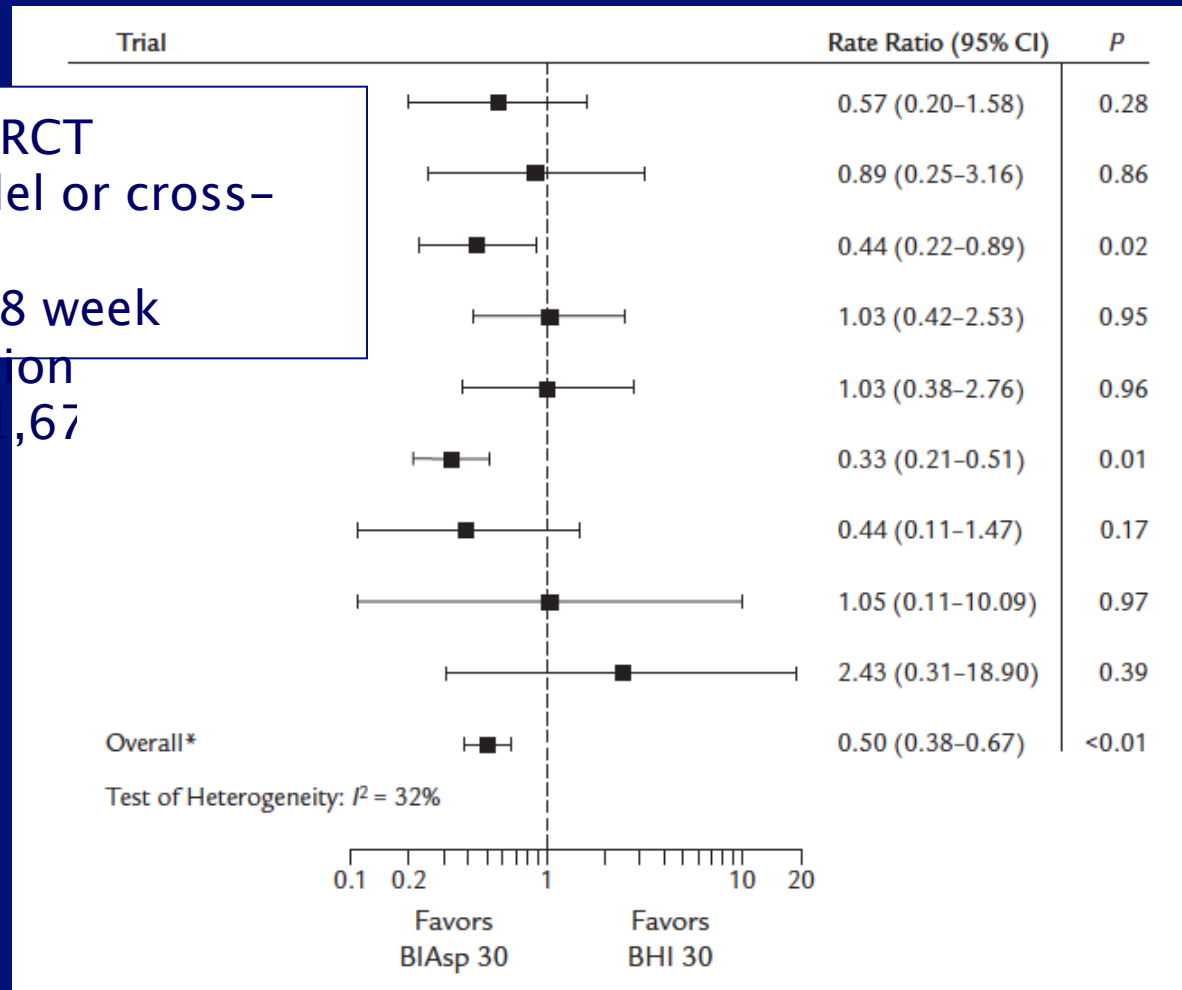
Humalog mix 50/50, Novolog 70/30



Pre-supper injection of analog insulin has shorter
“tail” than regular insulin
> Less risk for early nocturnal hypoglycemia

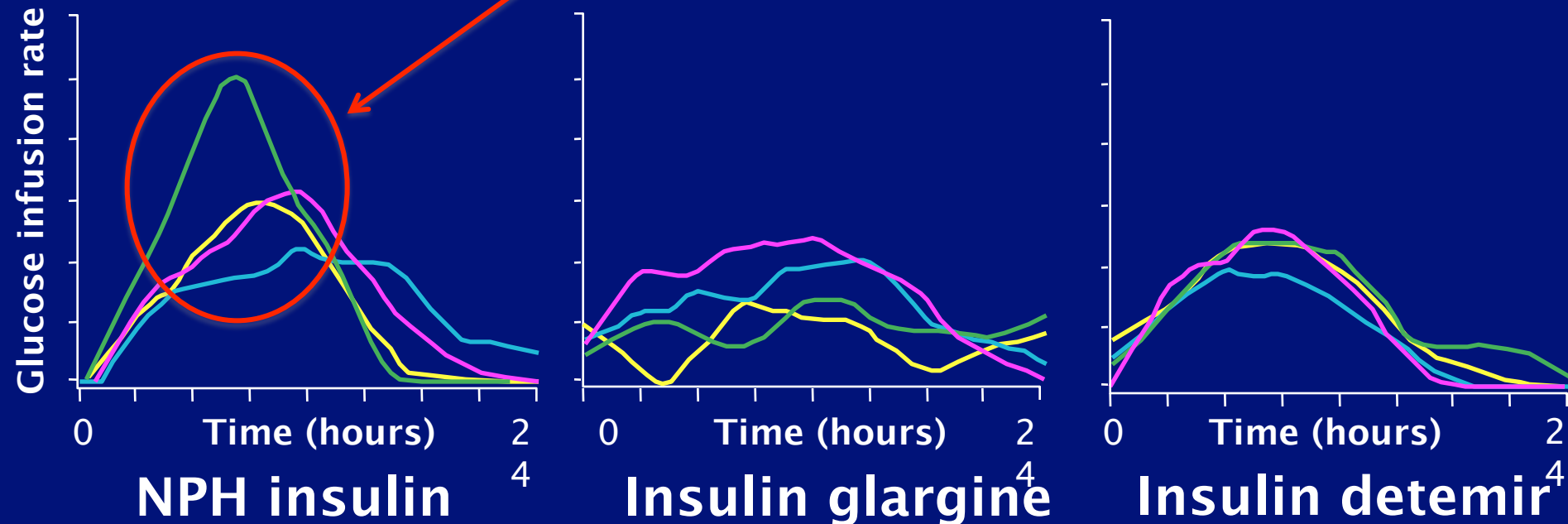
Meta-analysis: Risk for Nocturnal Hypoglycemia with Premixed Aspart 30 vs Premixed Regular 30 in Type 2 Diabetes

Nine RCT
Parallel or cross-
over
12-48 week
duration
N = 1,67



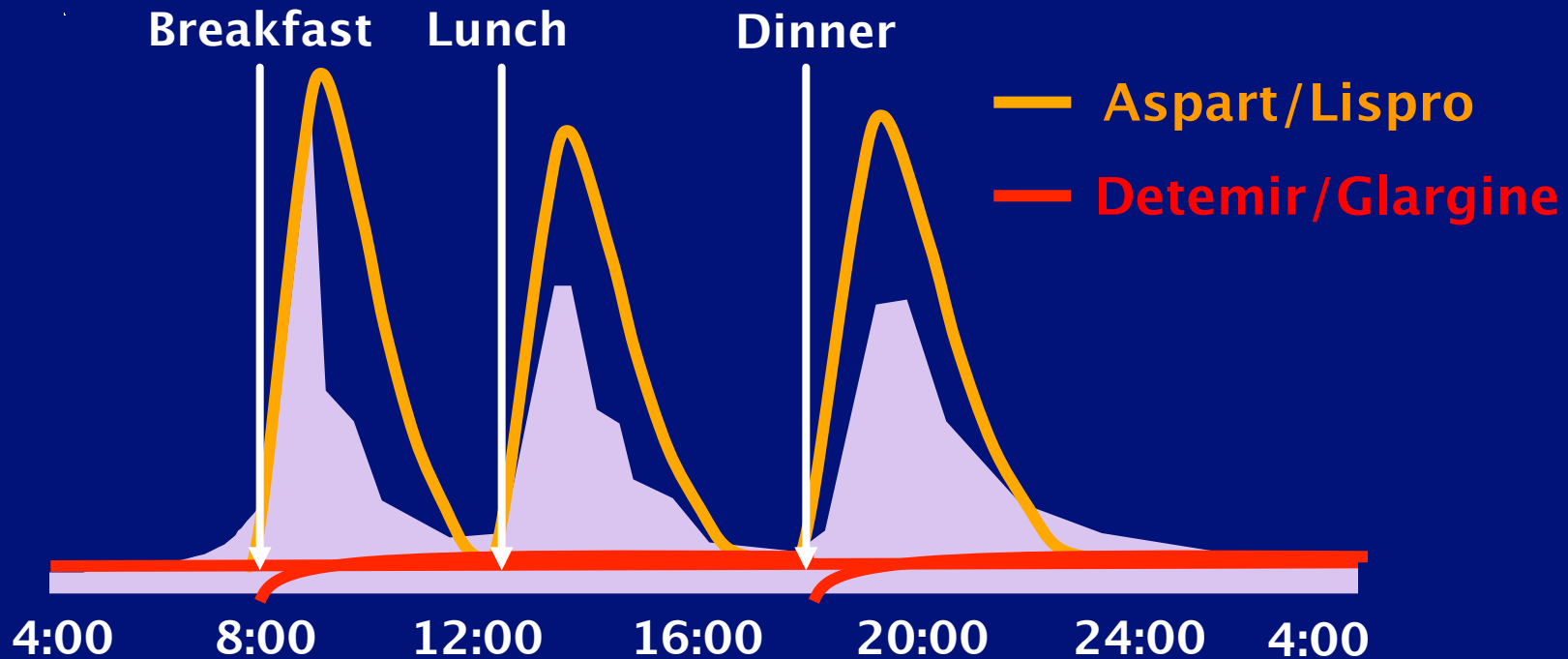
Pharmacodynamics of Basal Insulins

Increases risk for hypoglycemia due to day-to-day variability in insulin action



Glucose infusion rate profiles following four non-consecutive injections of identical doses (0.4U/kg, thigh) in the same patient

Basal with Prandial Bolus Insulin



Benefits:

- More predictable insulin kinetics → less potential risk for hypoglycemia
- No need for fixed meal plan → Increased lifestyle flexibility → often better adherence

Time

Limitations: More injections/complexity

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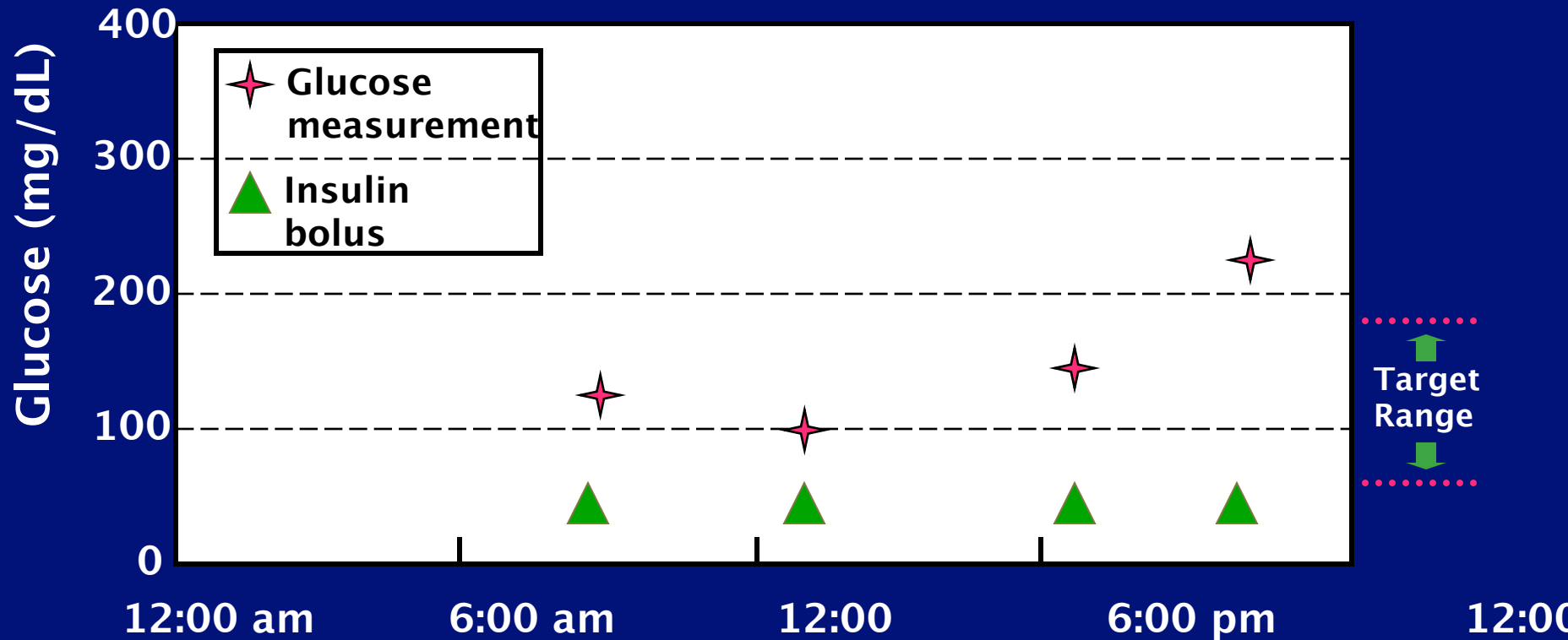
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Continuous Glucose Monitoring: Device Features

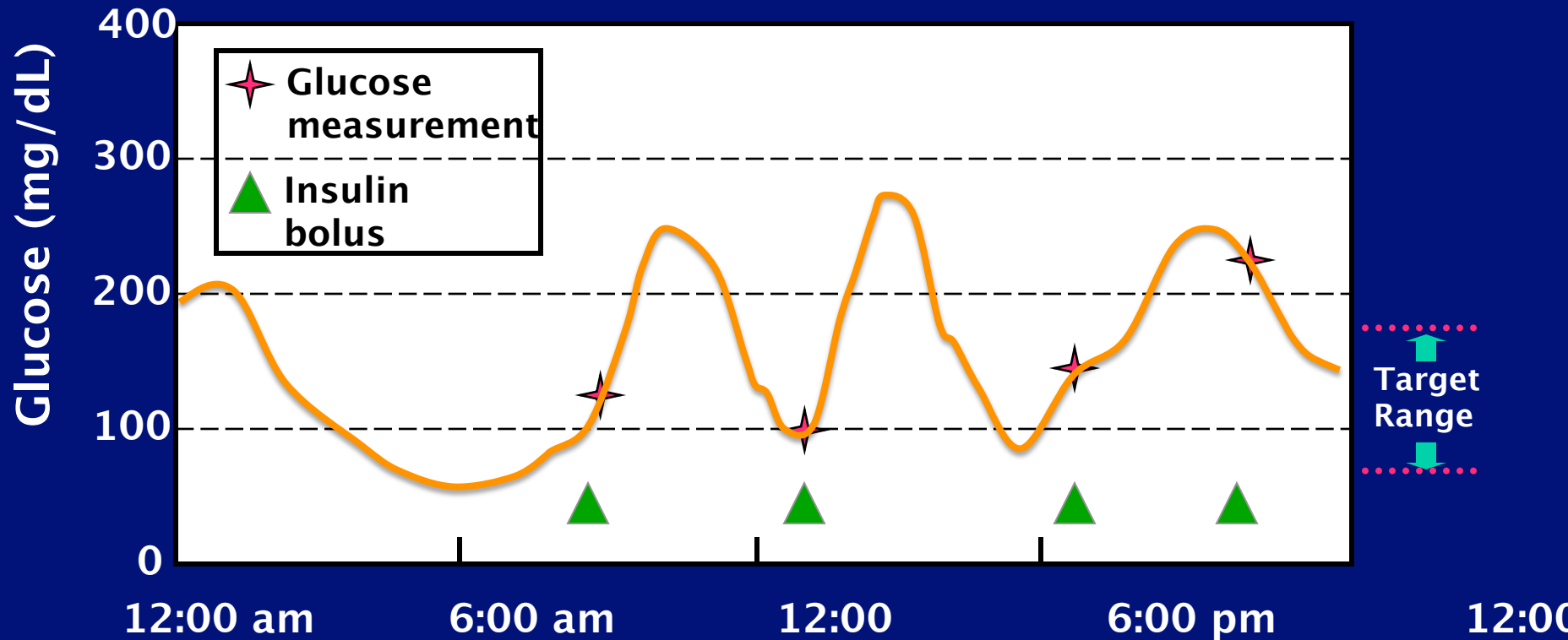


- Glucose alarms – threshold & predictive
- Glucose trend/rate of change
- More complete picture of glucose patterns than intermittent, capillary blood glucose monitoring

Fingerstick Blood Glucose Monitoring Provides a Limited Picture of Glucose Patterns



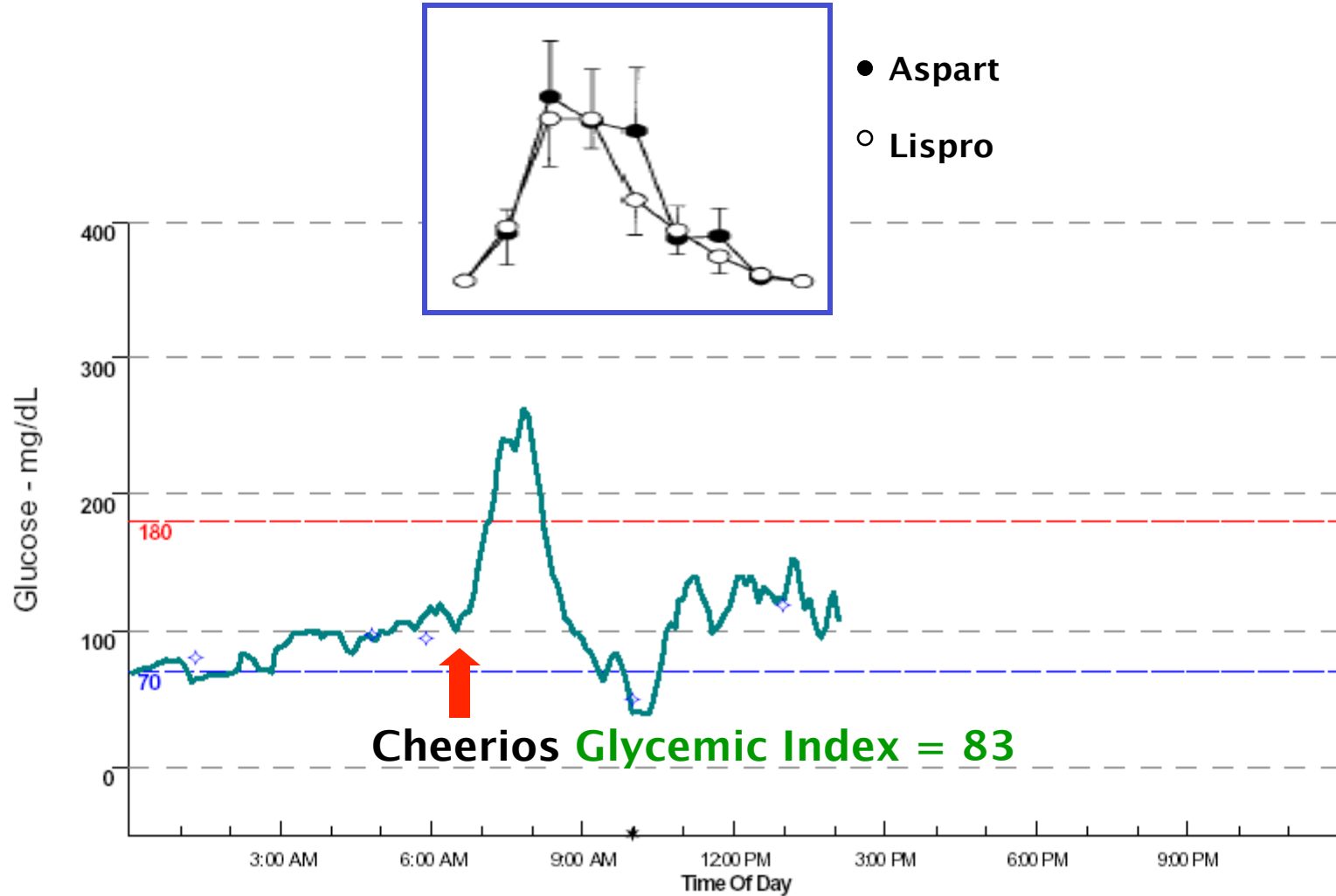
Continuous Glucose Monitoring uncovers Hyper- and Hypo-glycemic Excursions



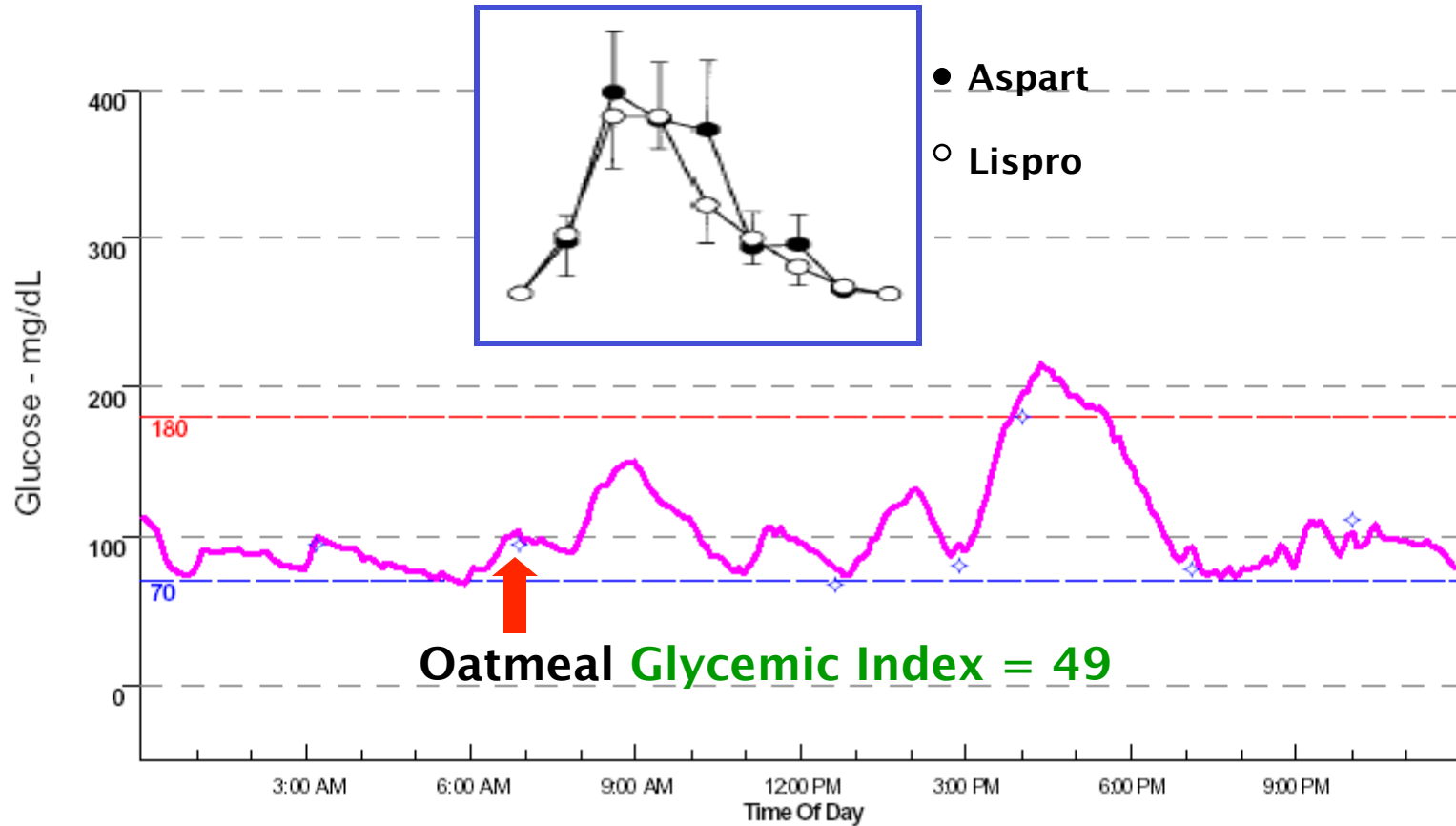
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Insulin Pharmacodynamics



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Practical Implication

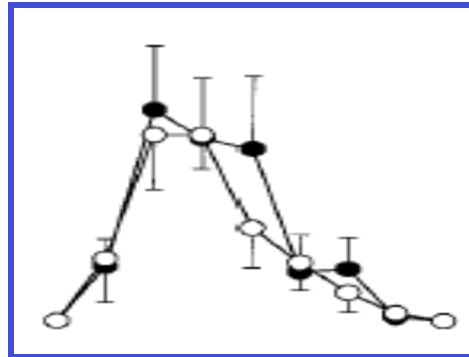
Current focus:

Match insulin bolus with carbohydrate intake

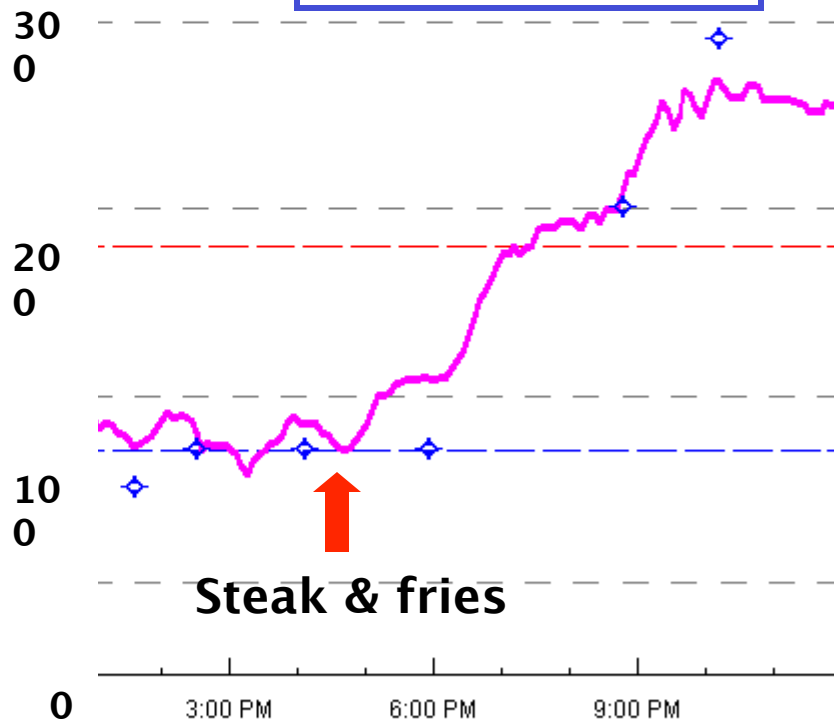
CGM indicates that to optimize postprandial glucose control need to:

Match insulin action with carbohydrate absorption

Insulin Pharmacodynamics

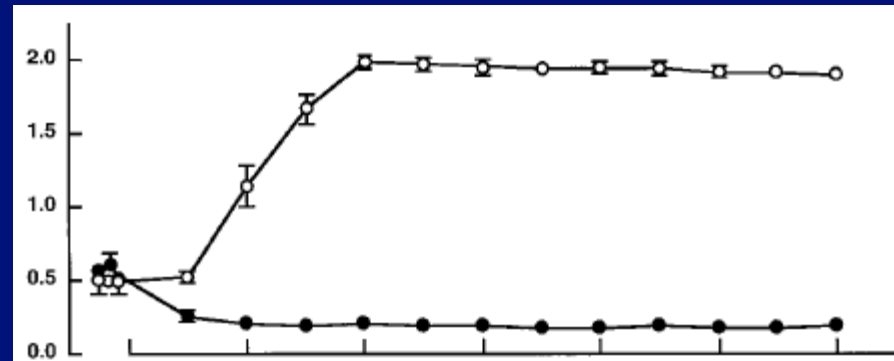


- Aspart
- Lispro

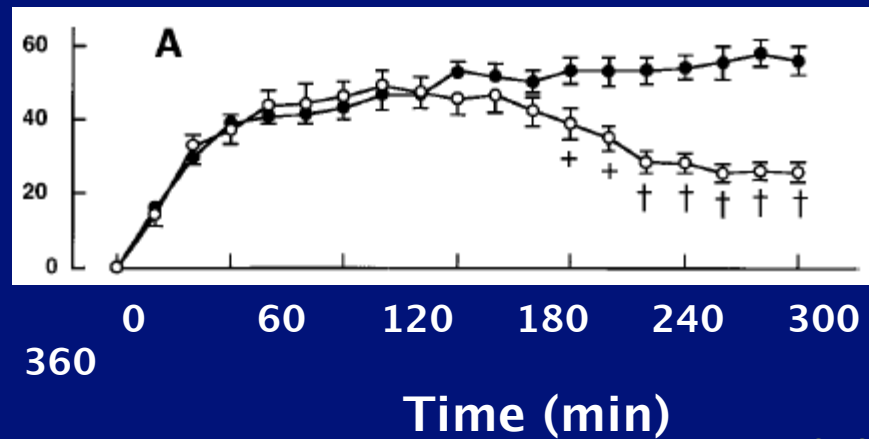


Free Fatty Acids Induce Insulin Resistance

Plasma FFA
(mmol/L)



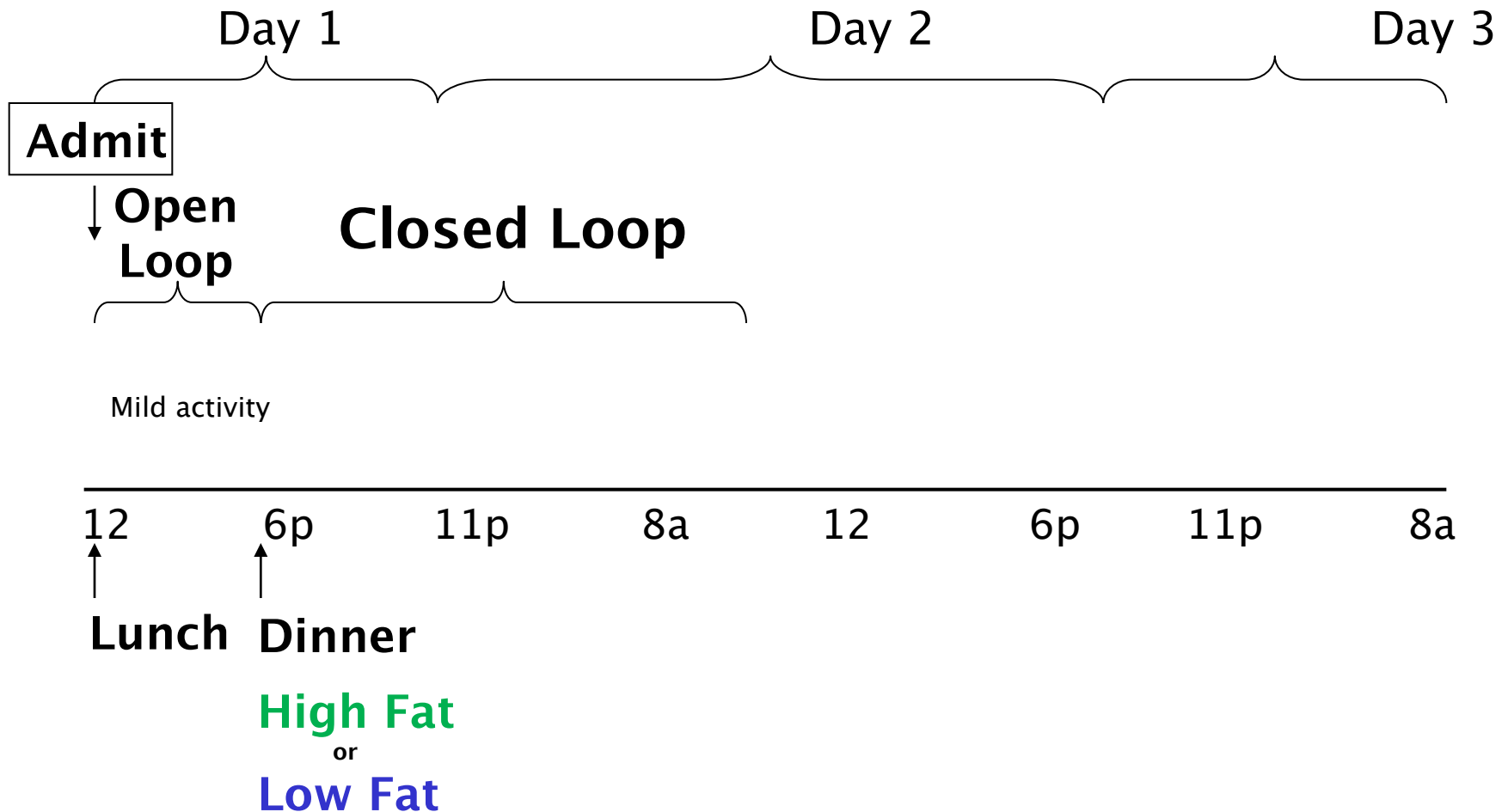
Glucose infusion
rate
($\mu\text{mol}/[\text{kg} \cdot \text{min}]$)



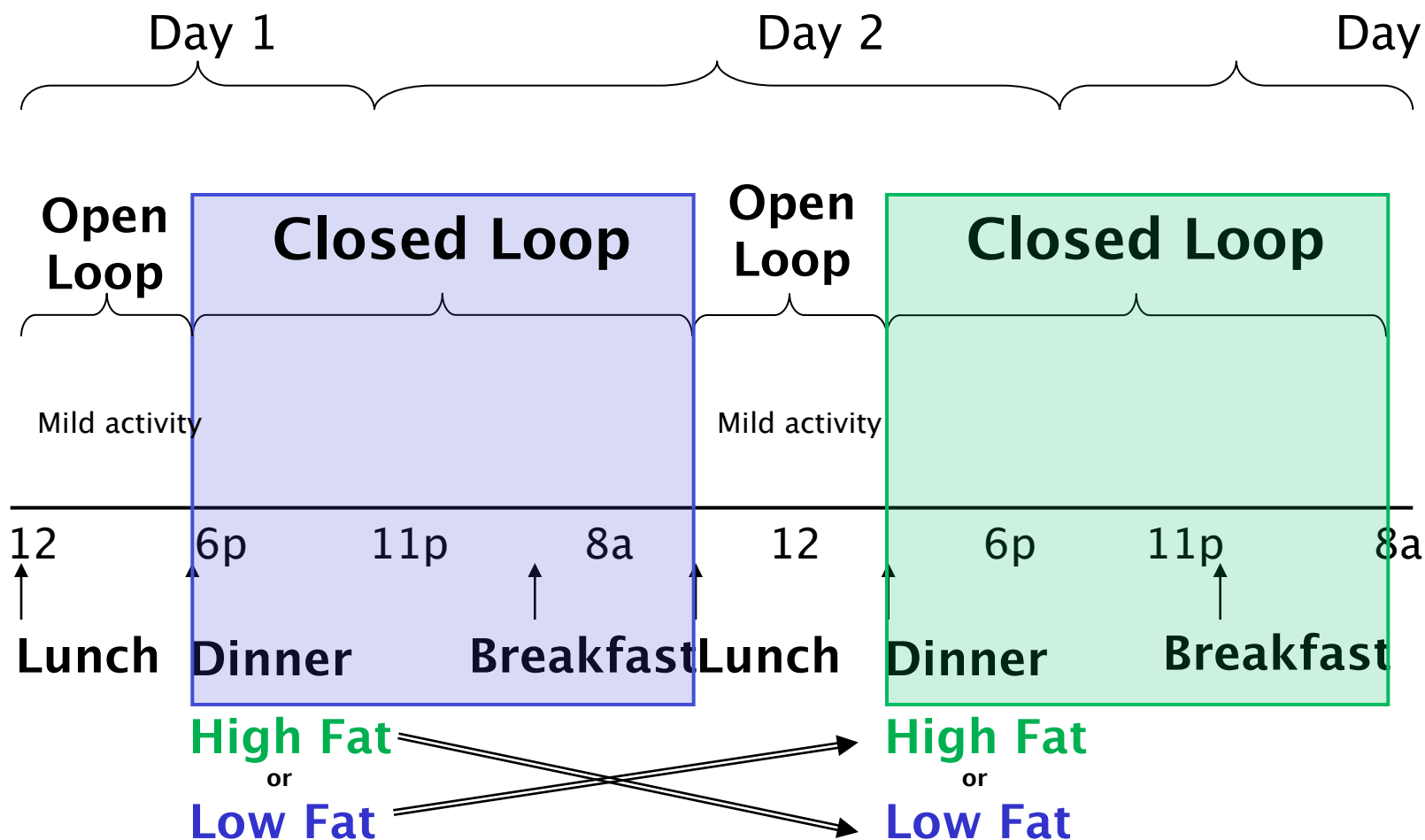
+ $p < 0.01$

† $p < 0.001$

Closed Loop Protocol in CRC

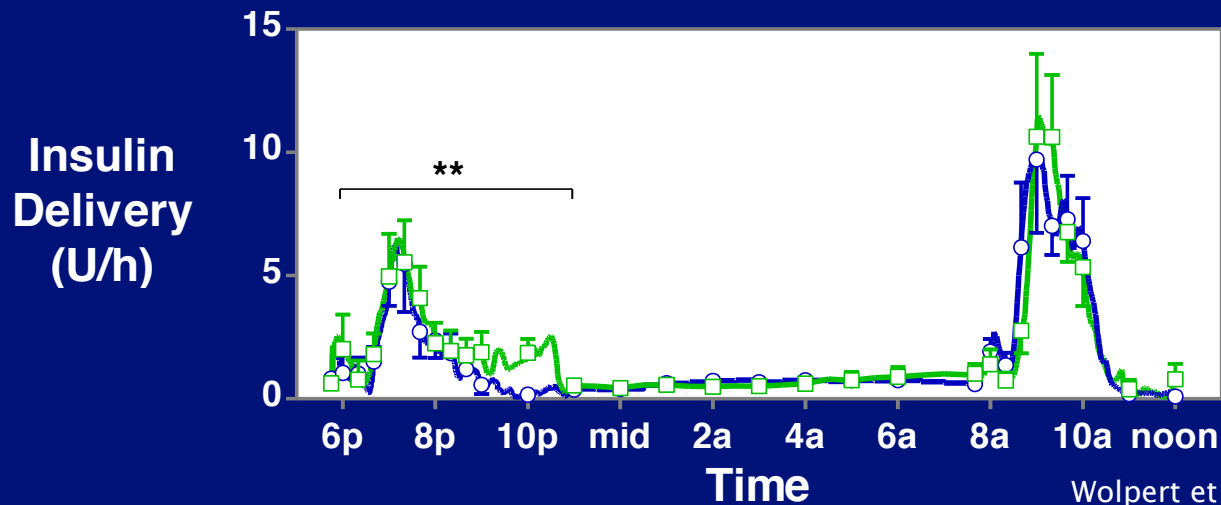
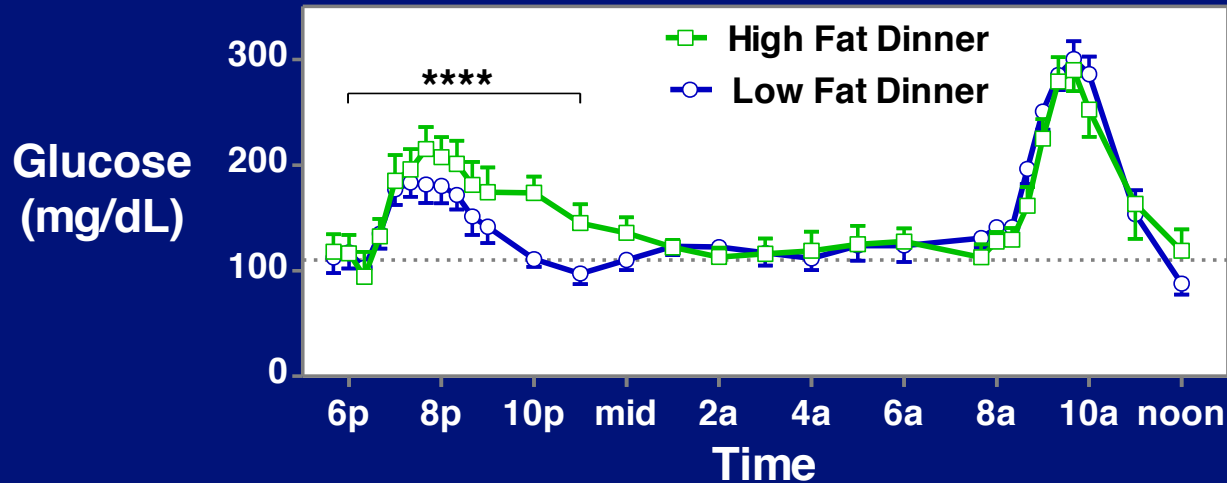


Closed Loop Protocol in CRC



Dietary Fat Acutely Increases Glucose Concentrations and Insulin Requirements in Patients With Type 1 Diabetes

Implications for carbohydrate-based bolus dose calculation and intensive diabetes management



Practical Implications – Nutrition

Attention to dietary fat intake is an important nutritional consideration in individuals striving for tight glycemic control

Carbohydrate counting/meal exchanges are the foundation for calculating meal-time insulin doses. However, to achieve optimal glycemic control there needs to be:

- 1) Specific focus directed at identifying whether higher fat (or high glycemic index) meals are contributing to glycemic fluctuations, in conjunction with
- 2) Individualized guidance about changing to alternative meal/food choices with less glycemic impact

Practical Implications – Insulin dosing

These studies highlight the limitations of the carbohydrate counting–based method for calculating meal–time insulin dosage

Higher fat meals require alternative dosing algorithms with an altered insulin delivery pattern and dose

However:

Ø Marked inter–individual differences, so fixed dosing increase for higher fat meals will not be safe/effective

Ø Different fat types have different effect on insulin sensitivity: Saturated vs monounsaturated, palmito–oleic acid

Ø Dose response vs threshold effect ?



Food Surveys Research Group
Dietary Data Brief No. 11
February 2014

Consumption of Pizza

What We Eat in America, NHANES 2007-2010

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On any given day, roughly 13 percent of the U.S. population, or more than 1 in 8 Americans, consumes pizza

In pizza-eaters:

- Pizza accounts for 25% (among kids) and 29% (among adults) of daily food energy intake
- Pizza accounts for 33% (among kids) and 39% (among adults) of daily saturated fat intake

Influence of Pure Protein on Postprandial Blood Glucose in Individuals with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus

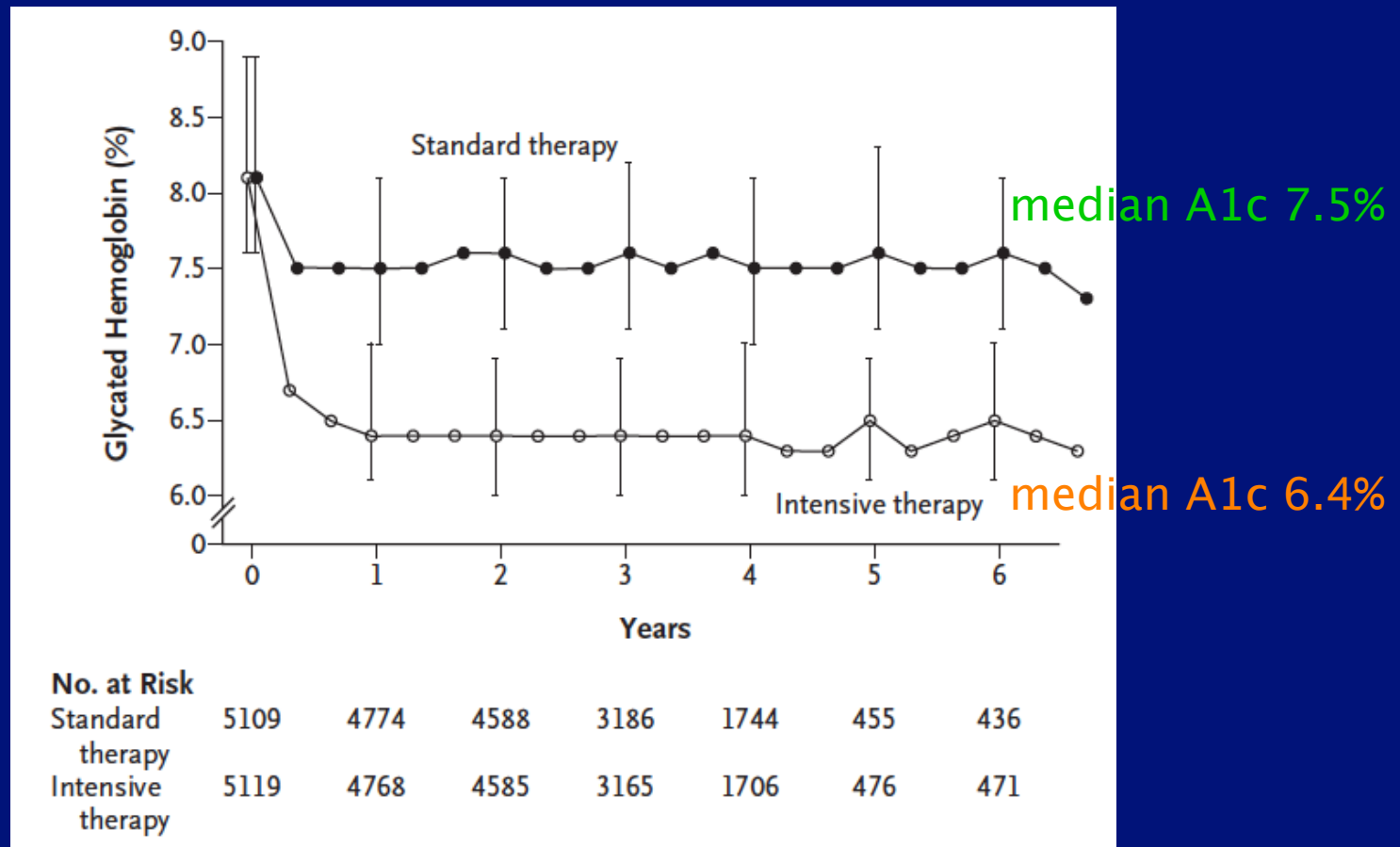
MEGAN A. PATERSON, CARMEL SMITH, BRUCE KING, MCEL DUFF, PRUDENCE LOPEZ, CLAIRE MORBEY. JOHN ATTIA, BRUCE KING, Newcastle, Australia

- T1DM, aged 7–40 years, fed several test meals:
- Varying amounts pure protein – 12.5g, 25g, 50g, 75g and 100g
- Two pure glucose powder test meals (10g and 20g) for comparison
- No insulin was given for test meals
- Postprandial glycemia assessed for 5 hours
- Protein amounts of **0–50g > NO effect** on glucose
- Protein amounts of **75 & 100 g > increase in glucose starting at 100 minutes**, equaling rise with the 20g glucose test meal
- Equivalent to consuming an 8oz steak

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 - Hypoglycemia: the downside of insulin therapy
New approaches to identify and minimize
hypoglycemia risk

Glycemic Control in Accord Study



Accord Study

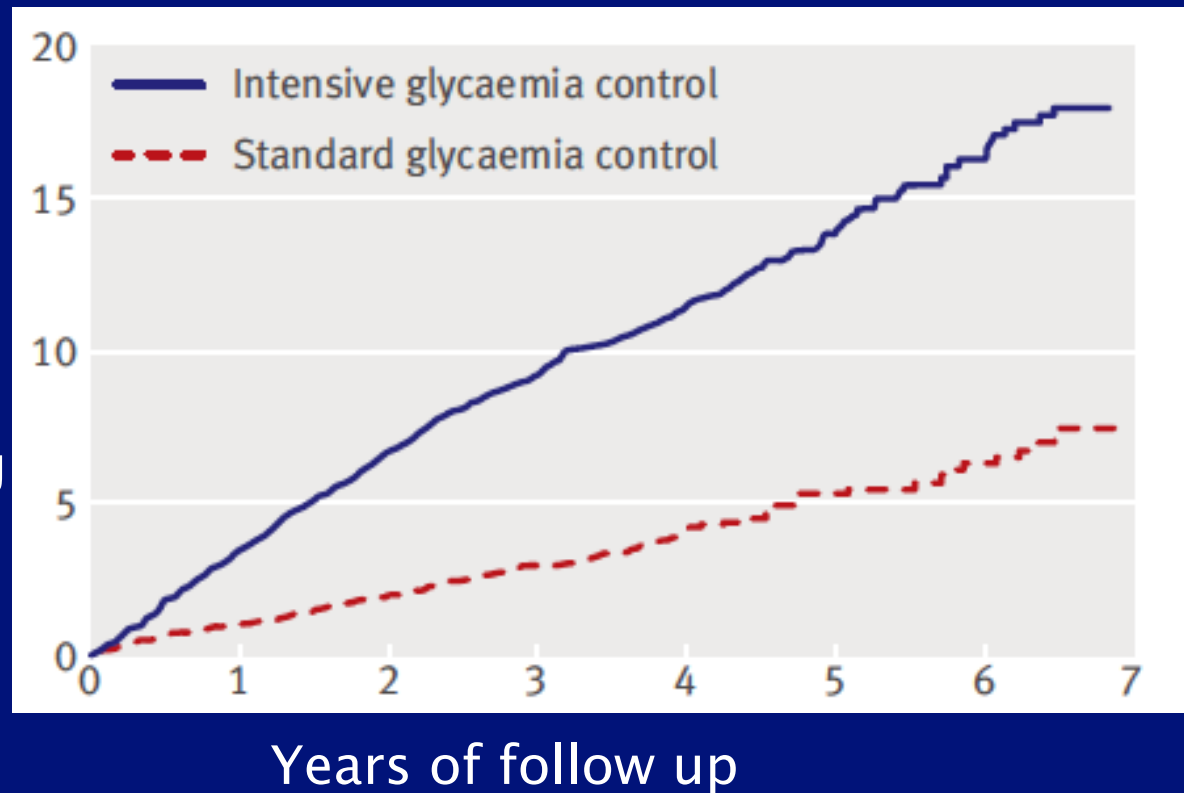
Increased all-cause and CV mortality

	Unadjusted HR intensive vs standard (CI)	P-value
All-cause mortality	1.19 (1.03–1.38)	0.02
Primary endpoint CV death, MI, stroke	0.091 (0.81–1.03)	0.12
CV death	1.29 (1.04–1.60)	0.02
Non-fatal MI	0.82 (0.70–0.96)	0.01
Non-fatal stroke	0.87 (0.65–1.17)	0.35

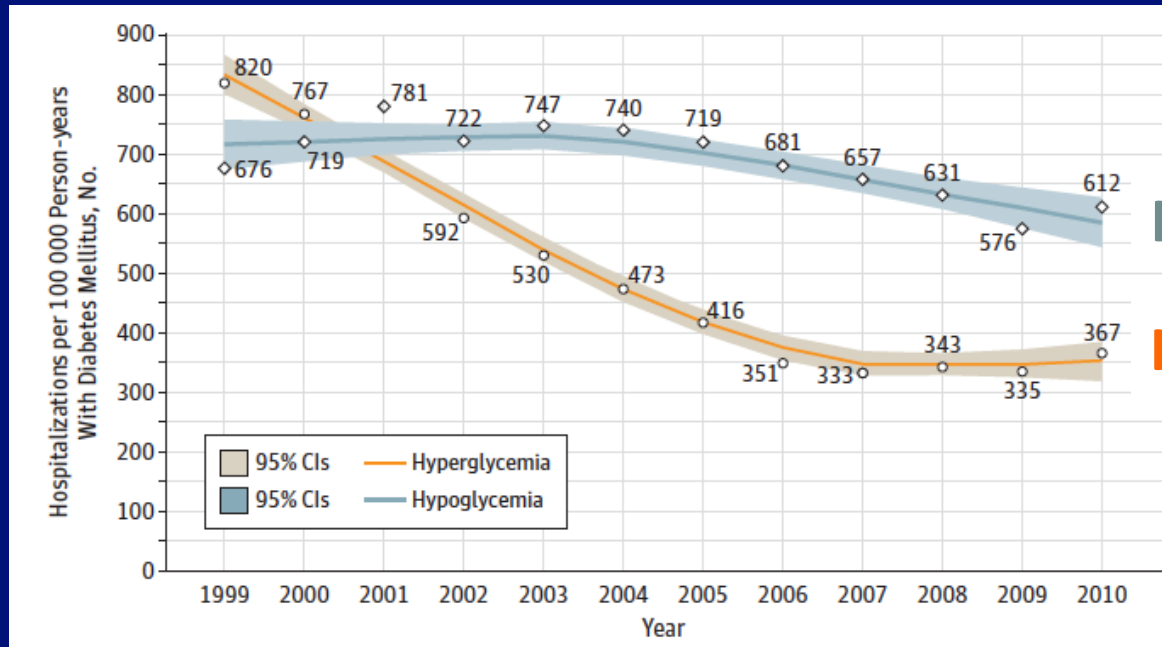
Why the Added Mortality with Intensive Therapy ?

Severe Hypoglycemia in Treatment Groups

Percentage of subjects with hypoglycemic events requiring assistance



Hospital Admissions for Hyperglycemia and Hypoglycemia among Medicare Beneficiaries, 1999 – 2011



Hypoglycemia

Hyperglycemia

- Hypoglycemia rates 2-fold higher for older patients (≥ 75 years) compared to younger patients (65–74 years)
- Admission rates for both hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia were 4-fold higher for black patients compared to white patients

Total Charges for Severe Hypoglycemia Hospitalizations in the US

Type 2 Diabetes

Total hospitalizations = 248,422

Charges per hospitalization = \$48,569

Total charges = \$12.07 billion

Type 1 Diabetes

Total hospitalizations = 20,839

Charges per hospitalization = \$46,039

Total charges = \$0.96 billion

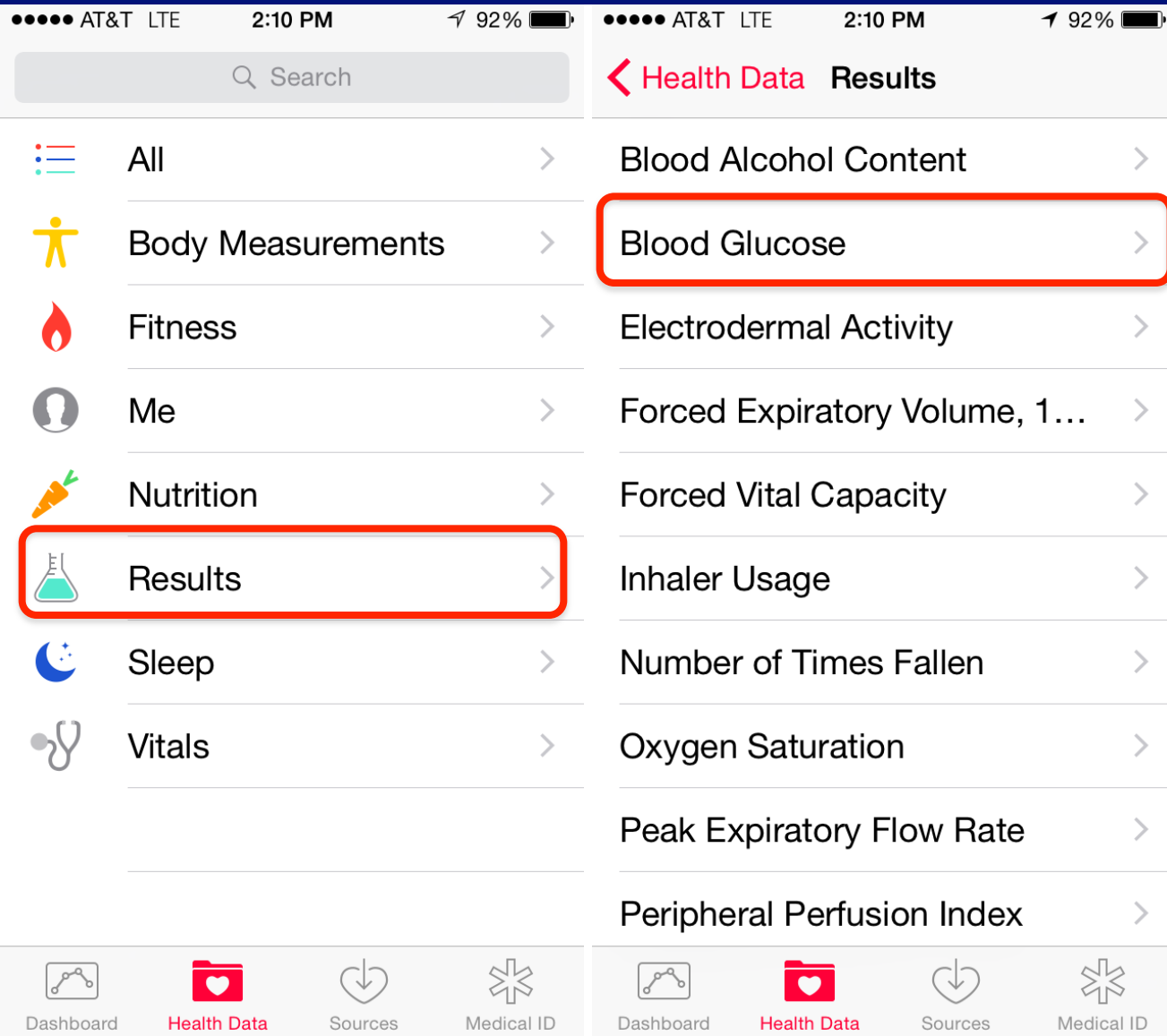
Average charge of US All-Cause Hospitalization =
\$33,232

Risk Factors for Severe Hypoglycemia

Risk for severe hypoglycemia is significantly increased in:

- Patients with **hypoglycemia unawareness** (inability to recognize when glucose is going low): **up to 6 fold increase**
- **Previous severe hypoglycemic events** i.e. clusters in same individual
- Patients on intensive diabetes therapy
- Older patients

Apple iOS 8.1 Health Hub



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2 54 mg/dL 6:57 PM - 09/28/2014

How did you treat your hypo?

[select all that apply]



Juice



Food



Glucose
Tablet



Glucose Gel



None

Other



Did you require assistance?



The app:

- 1) Identifies hypoglycemic measurements ($BG \leq 70$ mg/dL),
- 2) Prompts the patient to record contextual information about the hypo event (treatment, cause, associated symptoms)

2 54 mg/dL 6:57 PM - 09/28/2014

Glucose Tablet

How many glucose tablets did...

Cancel

Save



None

1	2 ABC	3 DEF
4 GHI	5 JKL	6 MNO
7 PQRS	8 TUV	9 WXYZ
	0	

Tool to reinforce appropriate treatment of hypoglycemia:
In practice, over-treatment is a common cause of hyperglycemia following hypoglycemic events

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Glucose Tablet

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)






None

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4 GHI	5 JKL	6 MNO
7 PQRS	8 TUV	9 WXYZ
	0	

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1 37 mg/dL 12:26 AM - 09/13/2014

 Juice	 Food	 Glucose Tablet	 Glucose Gel
 None			

Other >

Did you require assistance? ☒

 Glucagon Injection	 EMT Assistance	 Emergency Room
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Anything else you want to add?

On the treatment screen, there is also an option to record if assistance was needed for treatment (i.e. severe hypo event)

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 Juice	 Food	 Glucose Tablet	 Glucose Gel
 None			

Other >

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Anything else you want to add?

Care management system notified in near real-time about severe hypo, so that clinic follow-up can be scheduled soon after the event

Patient is prompted to record symptoms associated with hypoglycemia

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Quit Next

1 58 mg/dL 8:04 PM - 10/13/2014

What symptoms did you feel?

[select all that apply]



Trembling



Nervous



Heart
Pounding



Sweating



Fatigue



Unusual
Hunger



Discomfort in
Legs



Feeling Cold



Numb Lips



Depressed



Hard to
Focus



Light Headed



Blurred Vision



Headache



Queasy
Stomach



Slurred
Speech



Patient is prompted to record symptoms associated with hypoglycemia

Patient with normal hypoglycemic warning symptoms

What symptoms did you feel?

[select all that apply]



Trembling



Nervous



Heart Pounding



Sweating



Fatigue



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Headache



Queasy Stomach



Slurred Speech



Patient is prompted to record symptoms associated with hypoglycemia

Patient with hypoglycemic unawareness i.e. no autonomic warning symptoms
Neuroglycopenic symptoms are the first indicator of hypoglycemia

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Quit Next

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What symptoms did you feel?

[select all that apply]



Trembling



Nervous



Heart
Pounding



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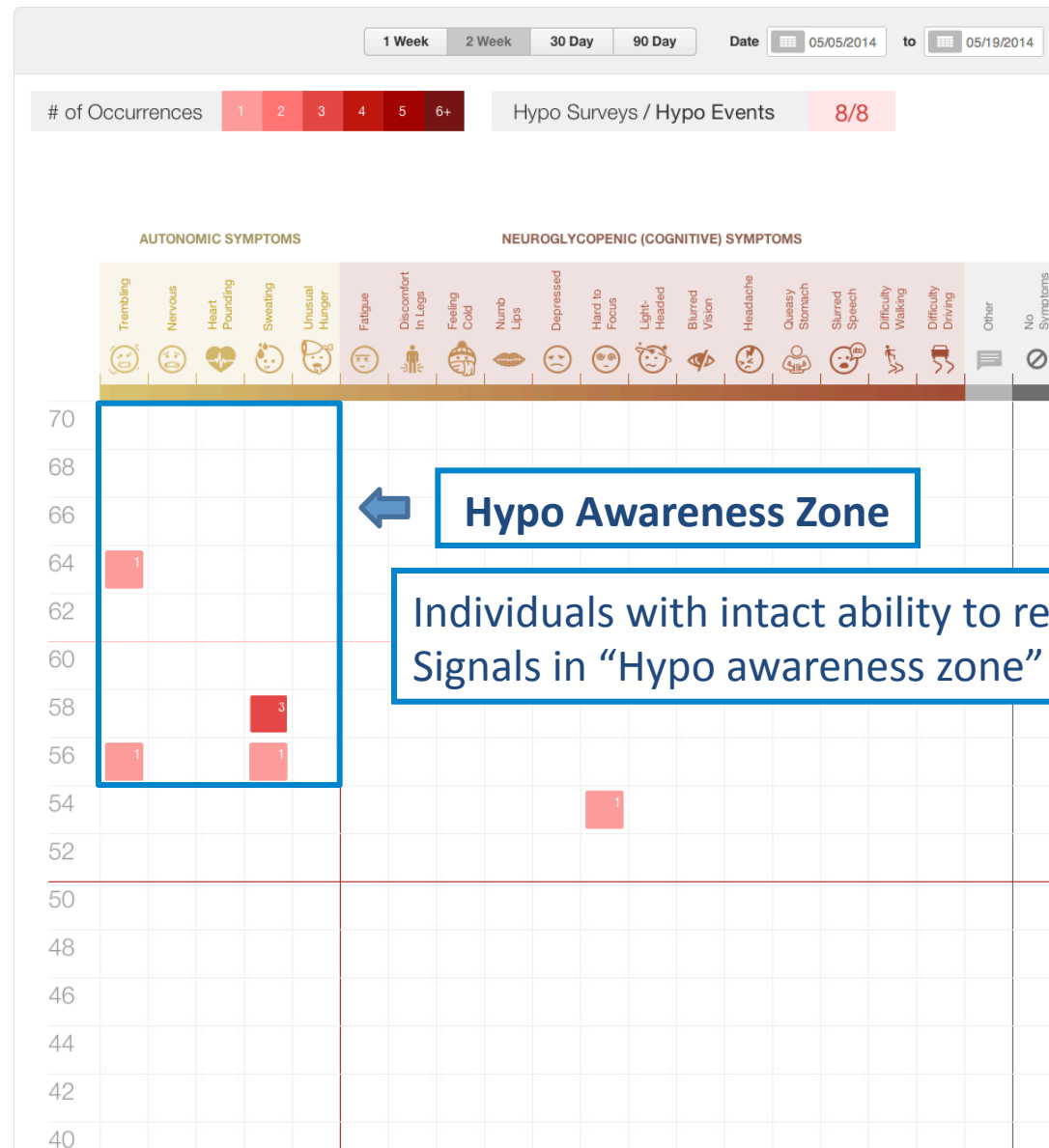


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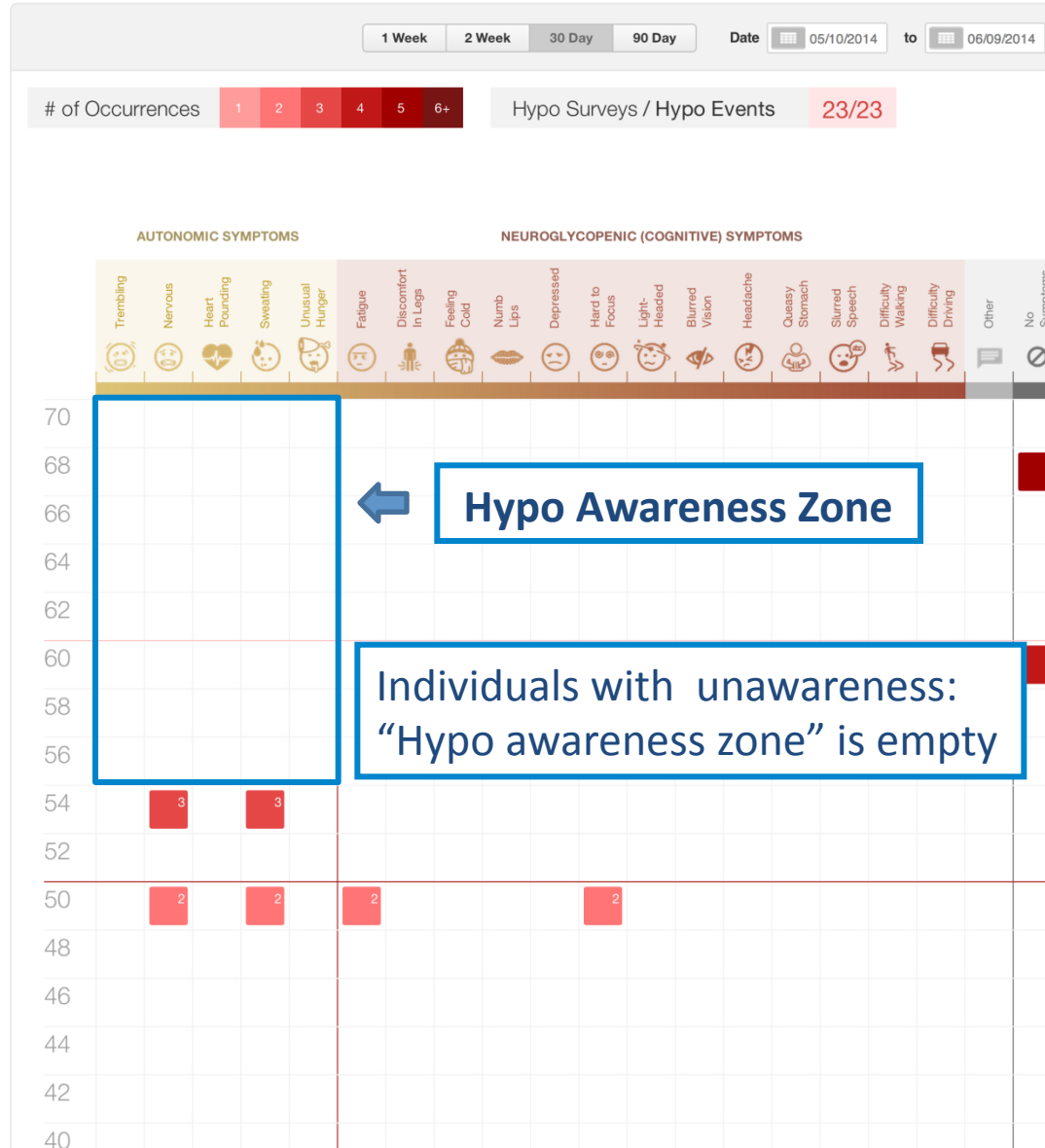


Slurred
Speech





HypoAwareness



HypoDay

BG List

Time of Day

1 Week

2 Week

30 Day

90 Day

Date

04/30/2014

to

05/30/2014

Displays collected contextual information from each hypo episode, and glucose data for 12 hours before and after the episode

PERCEIVED CAUSES

TREATMENT

12AM - 6AM

TUE
20
MAY

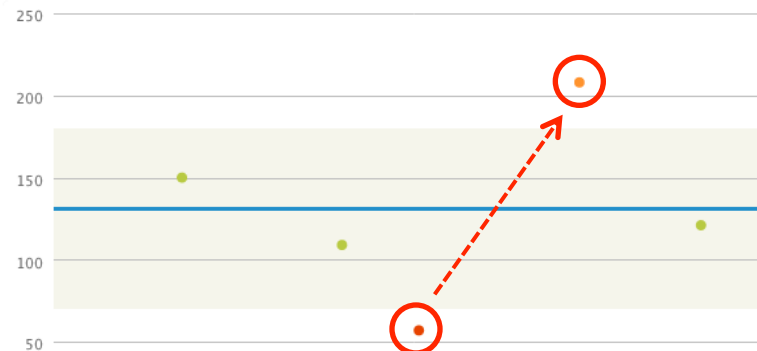
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02:40 AM

Sweating

Exercise

Juice - 8 oz orange juice



- Provides **detailed information to enhance clinical decision-making**
- Turns hypo events into '**teachable moments**' improving patient insights into how to prevent and treat hypos

6:00 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM

Tuesday
05/20/14

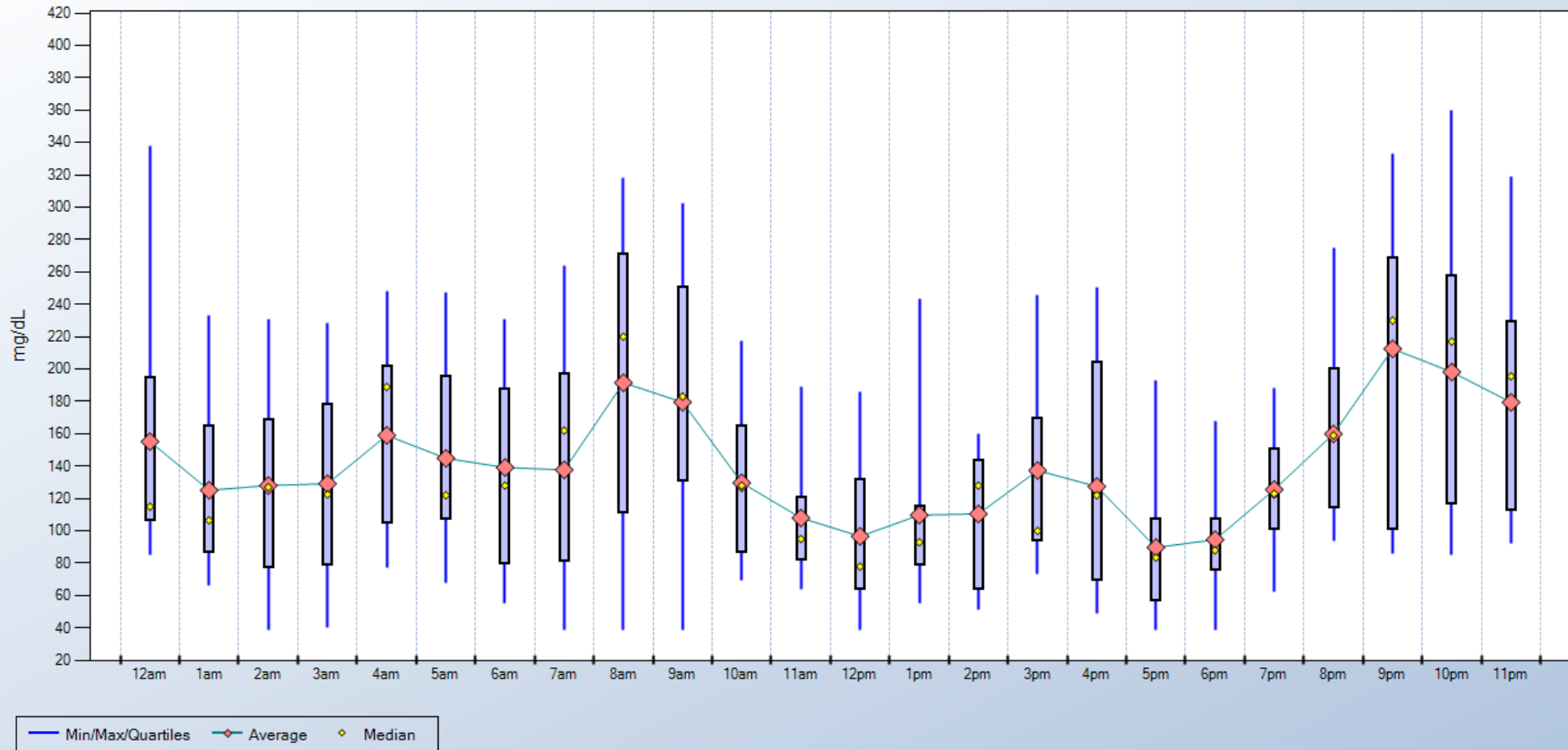
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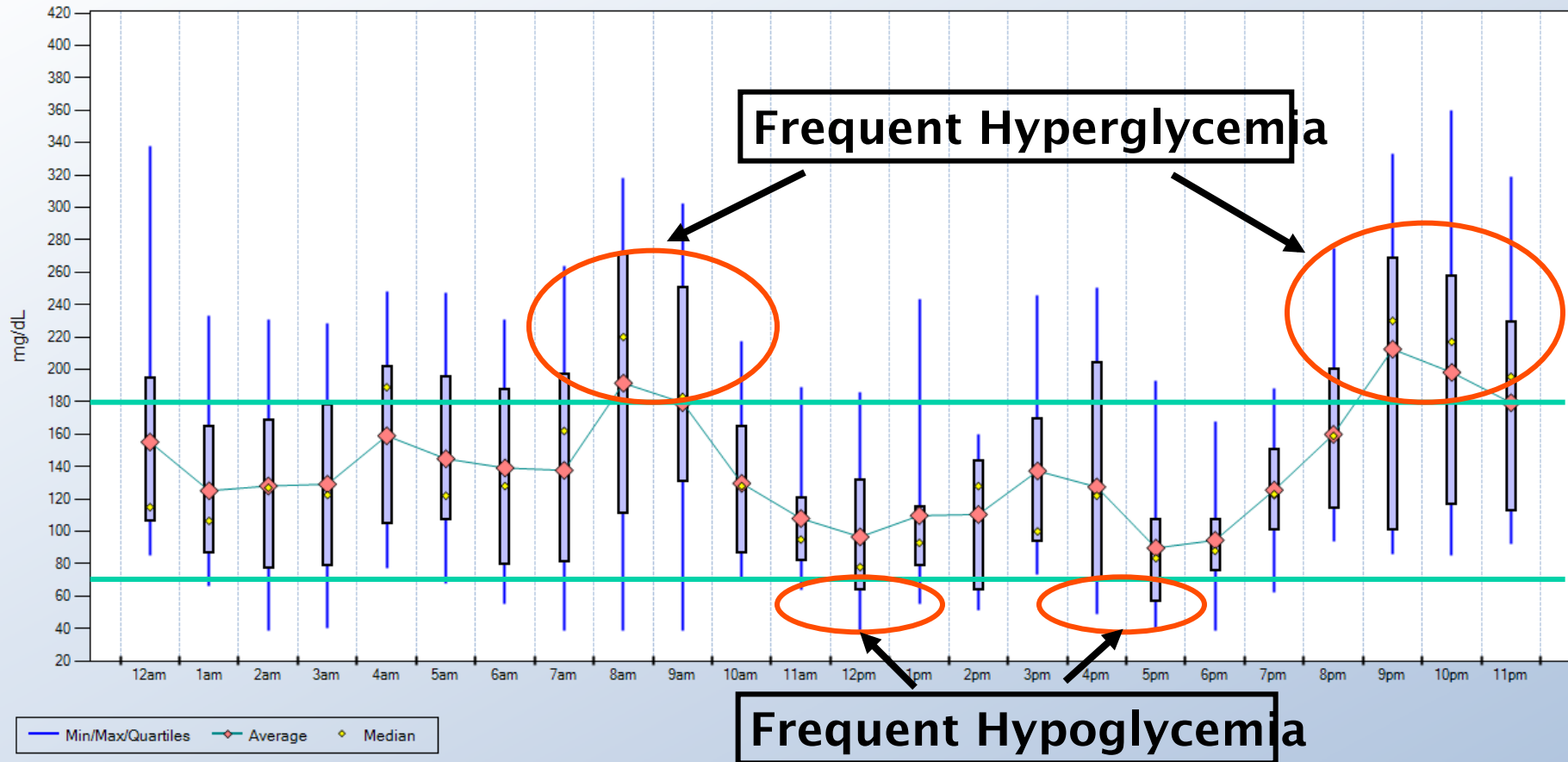
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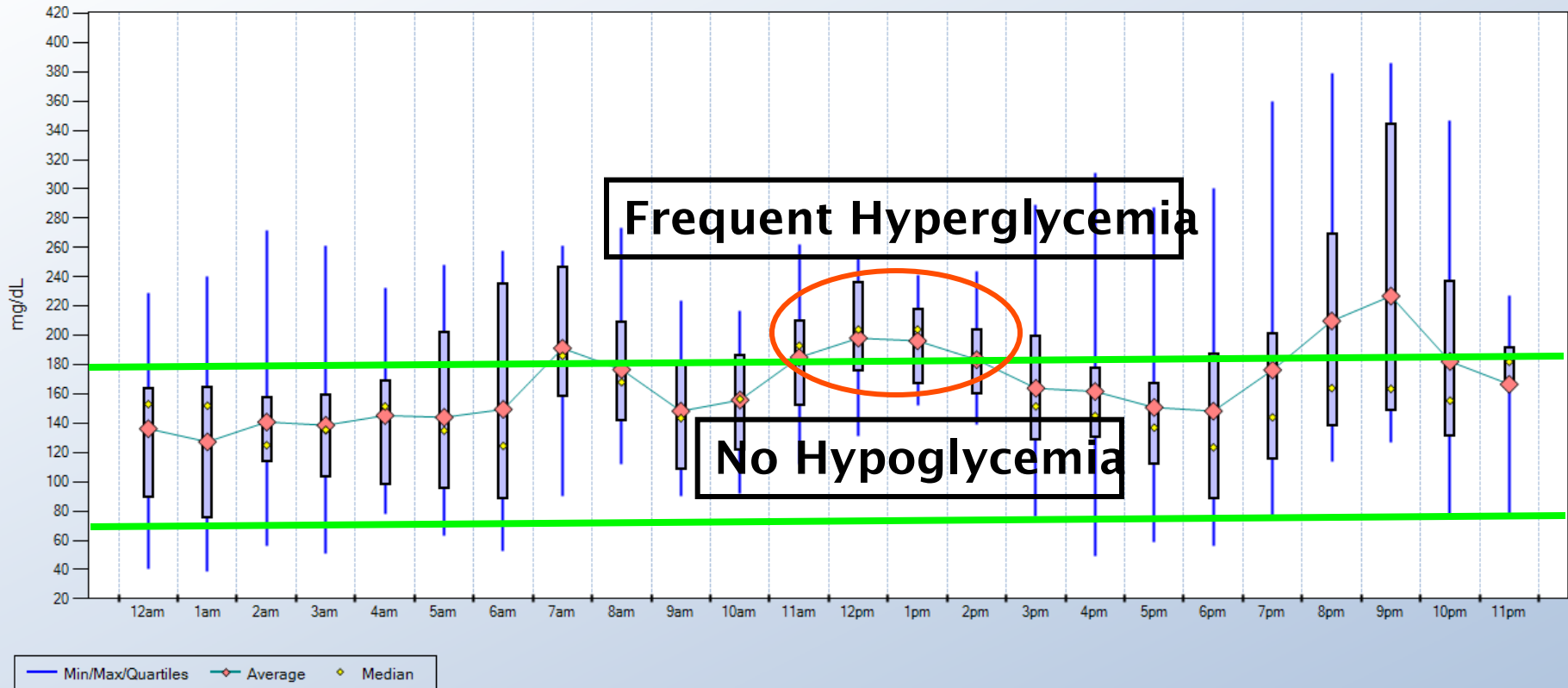
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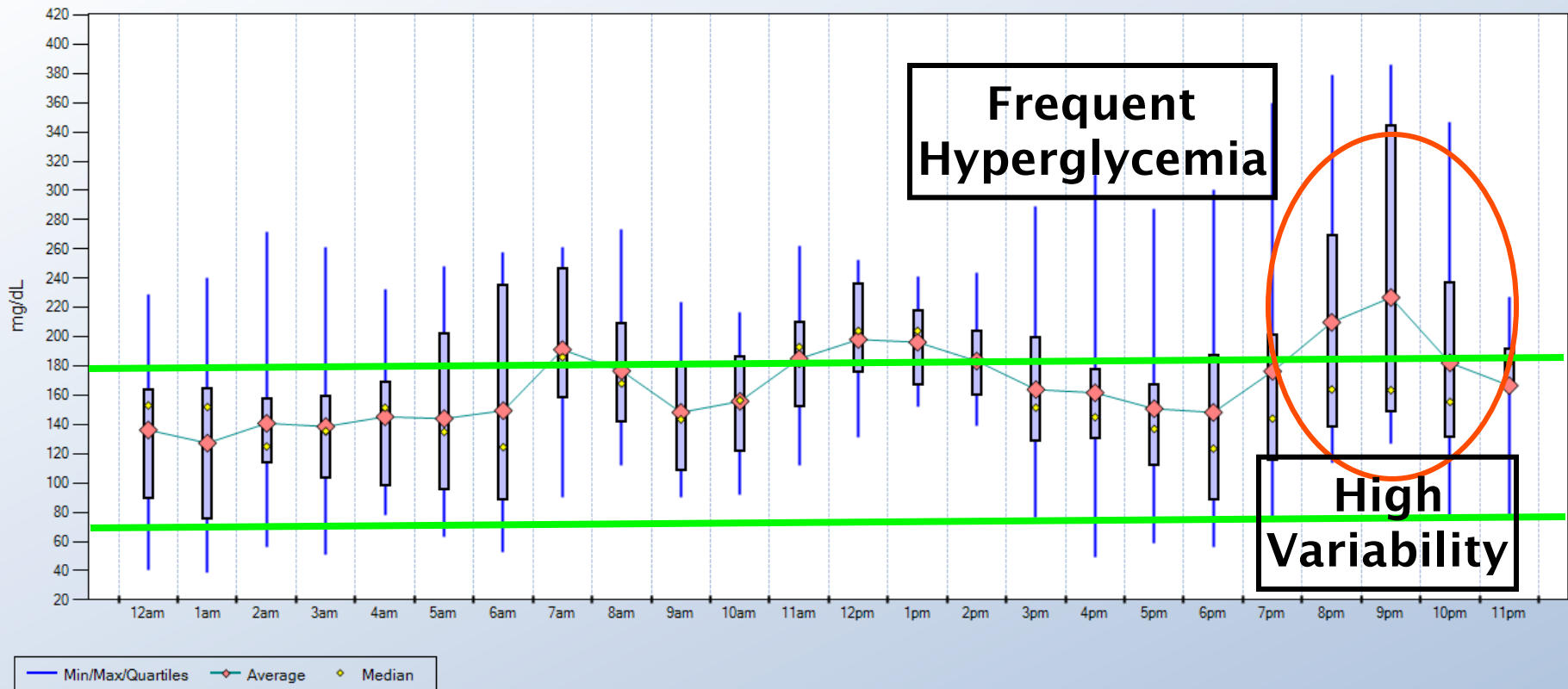
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Summary

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- Importance of matching insulin action and food intake to
avoid hyper- and hypo-glycemia
- More predictable kinetics of analog insulin with less risk for hypoglycemia

Monitoring Insulin Therapy:

- To avoid the extremes of hyper- and hypo-glycemia often need to do more than just adjust insulin doses
- Assess if dietary macronutrients (including fat) are impacting on postprandial glucose fluctuations