# Simple steps to Meet Inpatient Glycemic Control Goals

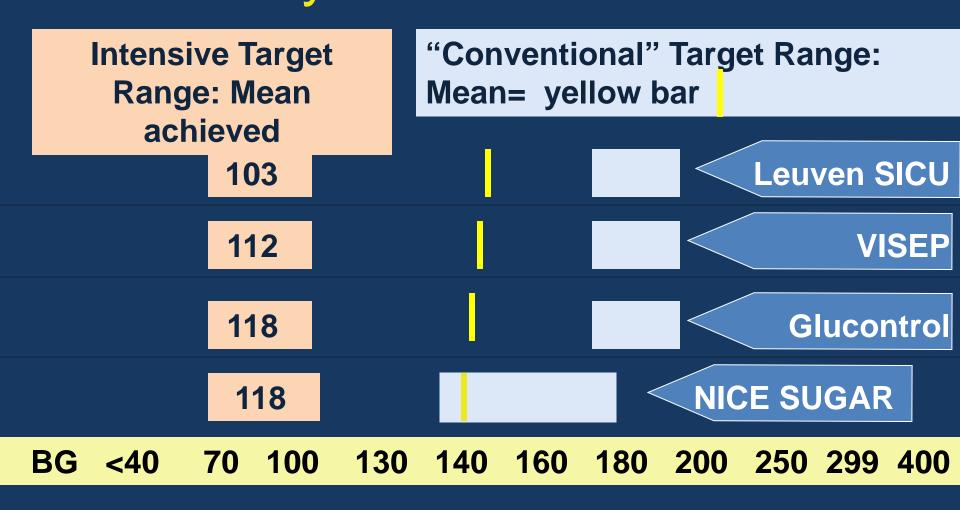
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#### Overview

- 1. Know the blood glucose targets for hospitalized adults with hyperglycemia.
- 2. Explain the reasons why basal/bolus/correction insulin is the preferred inpatient regimen for hospitalized adults.
- 3. Know the different types of insulin and their time of onset and action.
- 4. Calculate a patient's initial doses of basal/bolus insulin and know how to make daily adjustments based on their blood sugar values.
- 5. Know how to manage a patient's blood sugars while they are NPO or when tube feeds are initiated.
- 6. Know when and how to make adjustments to the home regimen based on their blood glucose control prior to admission, resources and hospital requirements.

# Know the blood glucose targets for hospitalized adults with hyperglycemia.

## RCT Glycemic Control Targets in Critically III Patients \*References on final slide



#### NICE-SUGAR Study: Design

6104 ICU patients

"Conventional"
IV insulin if BG >180 mg/dL
Target: 140-180 mg/dL

69% insulin BG = 144 mg/dL "Intensive"
IV insulin if BG >108 mg/dL
Target: 81-108 mg/dL

97% insulin BG = 115 mg/dL

#### **NICE-SUGAR**

- Intensive control vs conventional control
  - Mortality 27.5% vs 24.9%; P = 0.02
  - ARR=27.5%-24.9%= 2.6% → NNH = 38
  - Severe hypoglycemia (BG ≤40 mg/dl)
     6.8% vs 0.5%; P<0.001</li>
- No significant difference between the two treatment groups in the median number of days in the ICU or hospital

# Current Recommended Targets for ICU= 140-180 mg/dL



#### American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists and American Diabetes Association Consensus Statement on Inpatient Glycemic Control

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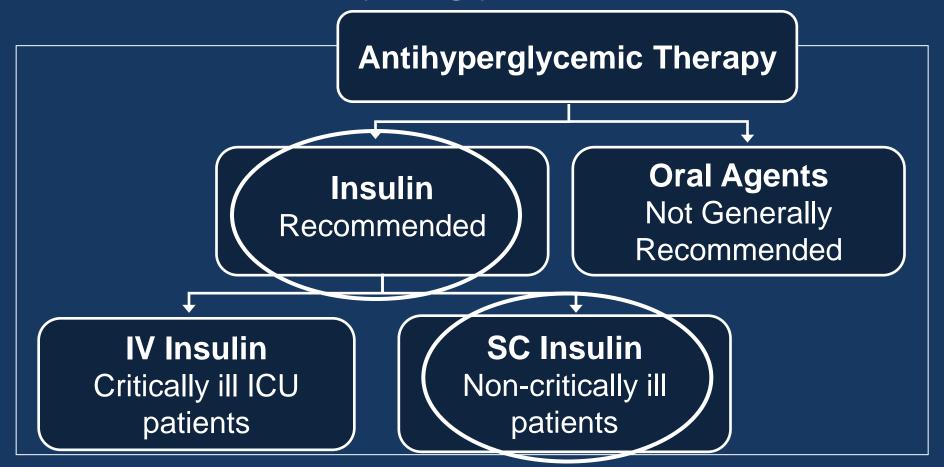
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Management of Hyperglycemia in Hospitalized Patients in Non-Critical Care Setting: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline

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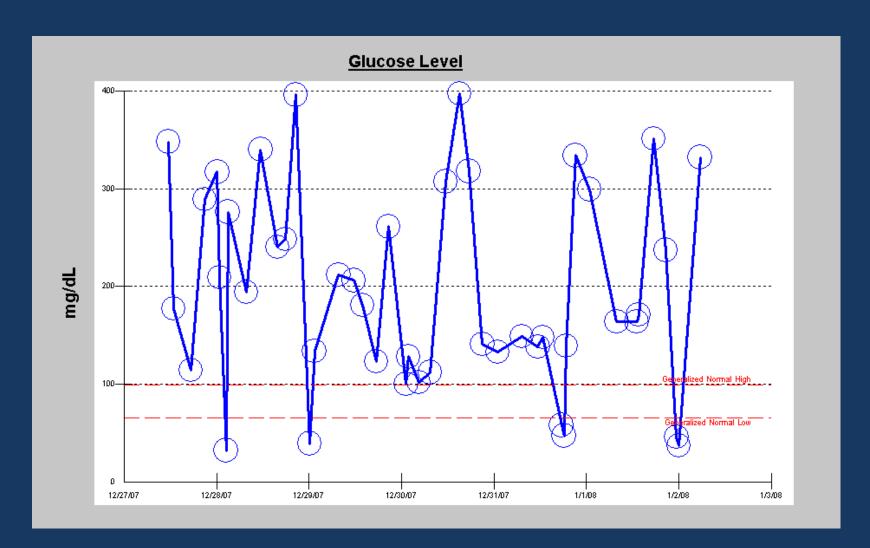
 "For the majority of noncritically ill patients treated with insulin, the premeal BG target should generally be <140 mg/dl in conjunction with random BG <180 mg/dl.</li>

### Recommendations for Managing Inpatient Hyperglycemia



Clement S, et al. *Diabetes Care.* 2004; Moghissi ES, et al. *Endocr Pract.* 2009.

#### Does this look familiar?



Reviews/Commentaries/ADA Statements

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 Non-critically ill patients: "Scheduled subcutaneous administration of insulin, with basal, nutritional, and correction components, is the preferred method for achieving and maintaining glucose control."

-DIABETES CARE, VOLUME 32, NUMBER 6, JUNE 2009

# Know the different types of insulin and their time of onset and action.

#### **Human Insulins and Analogs**

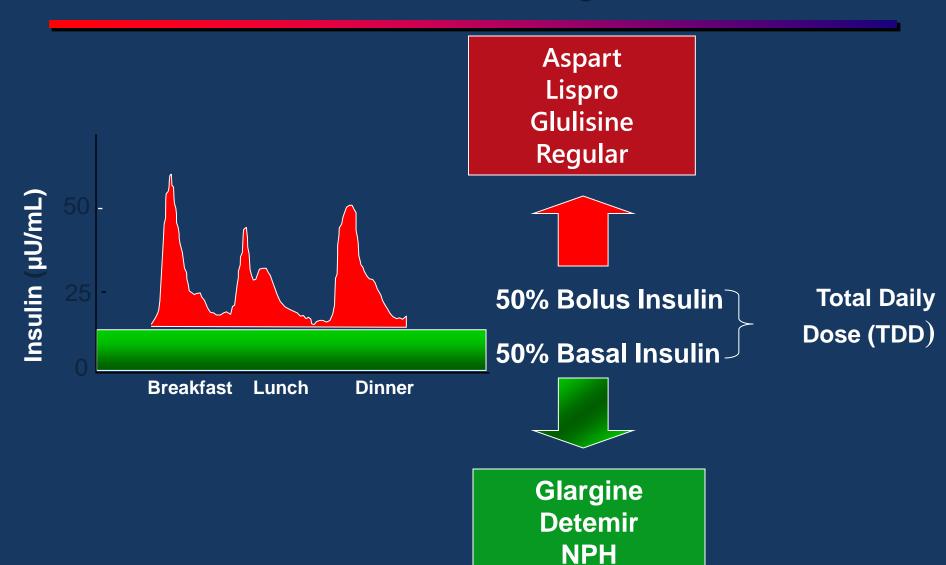
Insulin type	Onset	Peak	Duration
Rapid acting: Lispro (humalog) Aspart (novolog) Glulisine (apidra)	~15 minutes	1-2 hours	4-6 hours
Short acting: Human regular novolin-R humulin-R	30-60 minutes	2-4 hours	6-8 hours
Intermediate: Human NPH novolin-N humulin-N	2-4 hours	8 hours	12-20 hours
Long acting Glargine Detimir*	2-4 hours	minimal peak	~24 hours

### Human Insulins and Analogs Typical Times of Action

Insulin type	Onset	Peak	Duration
Lispro (humalog) Aspart (novolog) Glulisine (apidra)	~15 minutes	1-2 hours	4-6 hours
Human regular novolin-R humulin-R	60 minutes	2-4 hours <b>20/30</b>	6-8 hours
Human NPH novolin-N 70%	4 hours	4-10 hours	12-20 hours
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Explain the reasons why basal/bolus/correction insulin is the preferred inpatient regimen for hospitalized adults.

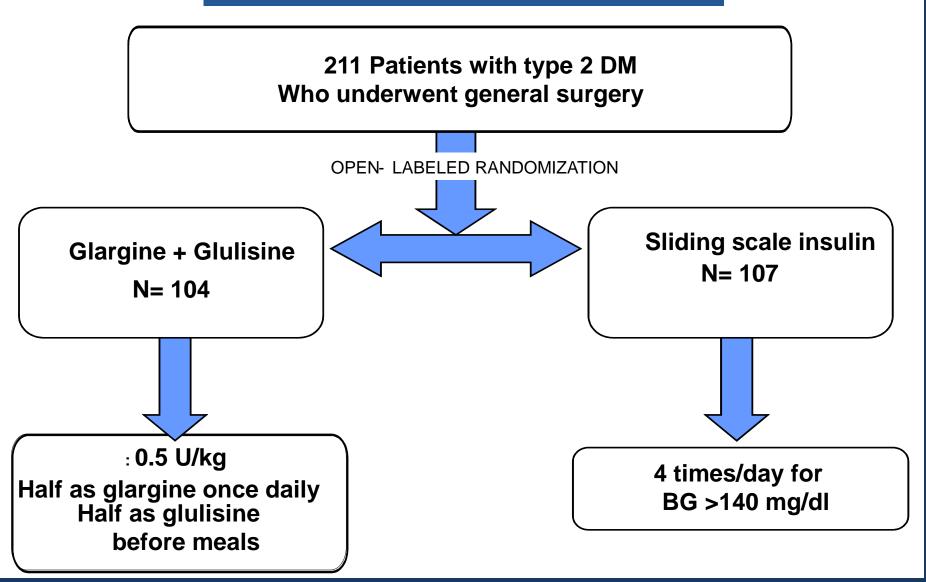
#### Physiologic Insulin Replacement: Basal – Bolus Regimens



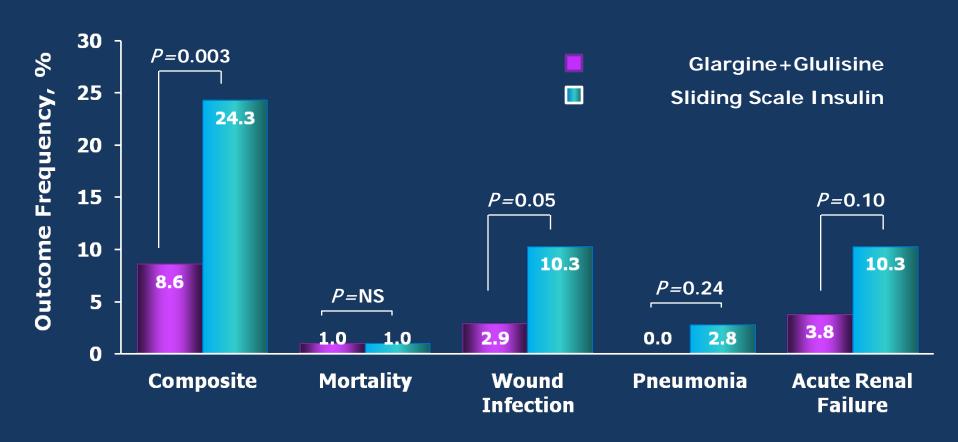
#### RABBIT-2 Trial: Basal / Bolus arm

- Patients: Type 2 DM, non-surgical X at least 3 months on diet or orals (aka "insulin naïve")
- Regimen: D/C oral antidiabetic drugs on admission
- Starting total daily dose (TDD):
  - 0.4 U/kg/d x BG between 140-200 mg/dL
  - 0.5 U/kg/d x BG between 201-400 mg/dL
- TDD adjusted daily +/- 20% for BG >140 or < 70</li>
- 50% of TDD as insulin glargine and half as rapid-acting insulin (glulisine)

#### Rabbit 2 Surgery Trial



#### Postoperative Complications



<sup>\*</sup> Composite of hospital complications: wound infection, pneumonia, respiratory failure, acute renal failure, and bacteremia.

Umpierrez et al, Diabetes Care 34 (2):1-6, 2011

#### **Correction only:**

- Controlled BG on admit with:
  - Low dose oral agents at home
  - Hypoglycemia at home
  - Worsening liverand renal function.

OR

### Basal +bolus (Nutrition +correction):

- 1. On insulin at home
- 2. Uncontrolled DM (admission BG, history at home ORHgbA1c
- 3. Not at goal on slidingscale

Calculate a patient's initial doses of basal/bolus insulin and know how to make daily adjustments based on their blood sugar values.

# 3 Steps to using basal/bolus insulin in the hospital

- Determine total daily insulin dose
- 2. Divide up to 50% basal insulin, 50% bolus
- 3. Adjust daily

### Step 1: Calculate Starting total daily dose (TDD):

- 1. IV requirements
- 2. Home dose— (consider reduction by 25%)
- 3. Weight based 0.2-0.5 units/kg/day
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### Step 2: Divide into Scheduled Basal vs. Nutritional Insulin

40-50% should generally be basal

Remaining 50-60% divided evenly and given to cover nutritional intake

#### **Steroids**

- If IV continous will be high all day, once a day po, high late afternoon/evening
- Keep thinking TDD
  - Cause more post prandial hyperglycemia
  - Change ratio to 30% basal/70% nutritional

### Step 3: Adjust Doses DailyDaily Adjustment

- Blood glucose targets can only be achieved via continuous management of the insulin program
- There is no "autopilot" insulin regimen for a hospitalized patient!

### RABBIT 2 Surgery Titration

Fasting BG	Adjustment
100-140 mg/dL	No change
140-180 mg/dl	Increase TDD by 10% daily
>180 mg/dl	Increase TDD by 20% daily
70-99 mg/dl	Decrease TDD by 10%
<70 mg/dl	Decrease by 20%

<sup>\*</sup> Note: only increase the doses if NONE were <100mg/dl.

#### My Suggestions for Daily Adjustment

- 1. Any less than 100 mg/dL or > 180?
- 2. Add up previous day's TDD
  - Include amount given as supplemental insulin
  - Adjust up or down by depending on degree of hypoand hyperglycemia
  - Adjust for other factors (renal function, steroid dose, nutritional intake, severity of illness)
- 3. Divide new TDD into basal and nutritional components
  - Split 50/50 OR
  - Adjust basal and nutritional separately, depending on AM fasting vs. late day sugars
  - Watch out for too much basal

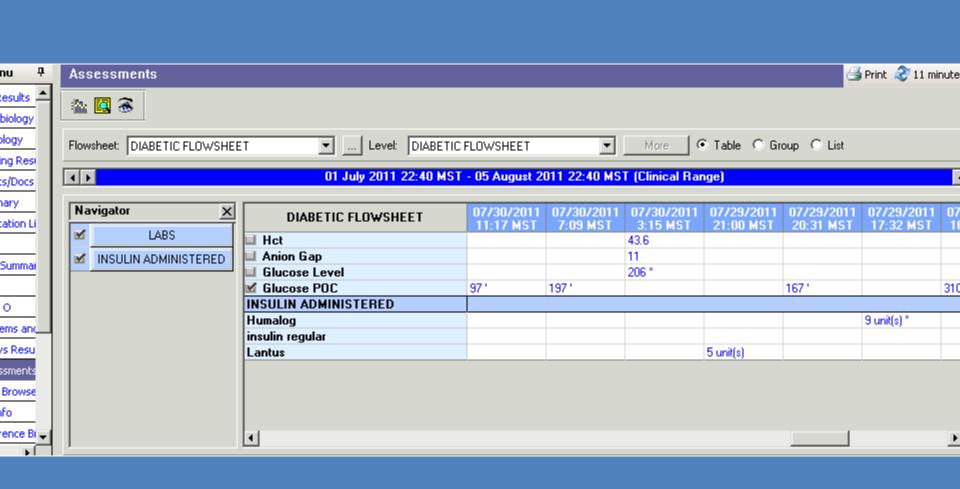
#### Case 1

- 72 y.o. woman admitted with pneumonia. BMI 23, weight 57 kg Cr 2.7. BG high at home, no lows. At home on Glargine 5 units q hs admission BG 267 mg/dL (didn't take her insulin today) with recent HbA1c 10.9, What are your admission orders?
  - A. sliding scale
  - B. TDD of 5, glargine 3 units and humalog 1 with meals
  - C. Glargine 5 units + ss
  - D. Weight based 0.3 units/kg/day= TDD 17 units a day with 8 glargine and 3 humalog with meals

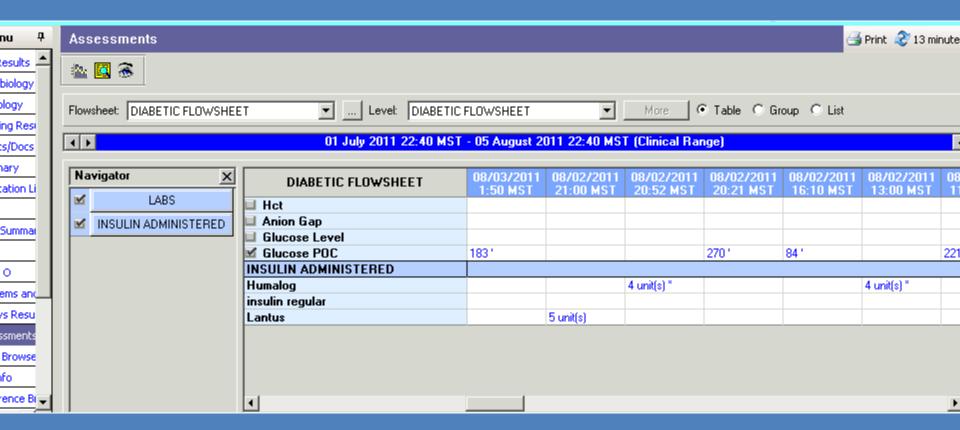
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#### Sliding scale + 5 units glargine for 5 days.



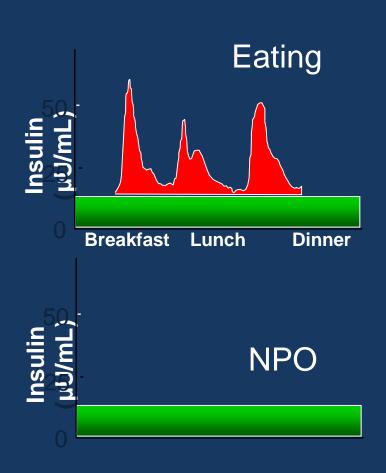
### Case 1 Learning points

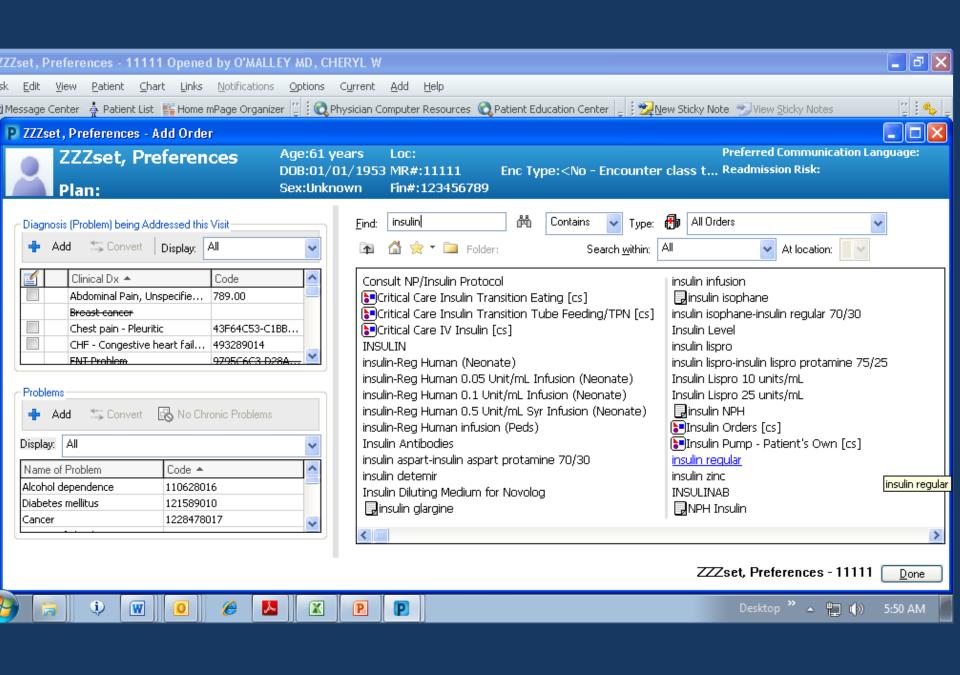
- If the home TDD is really only 5, ok to start there
- Use HbA1c to know if home dose was right
- Increase the doses daily!
- 0.3 X 57=17→8 glargine, 3 lispro with each meal

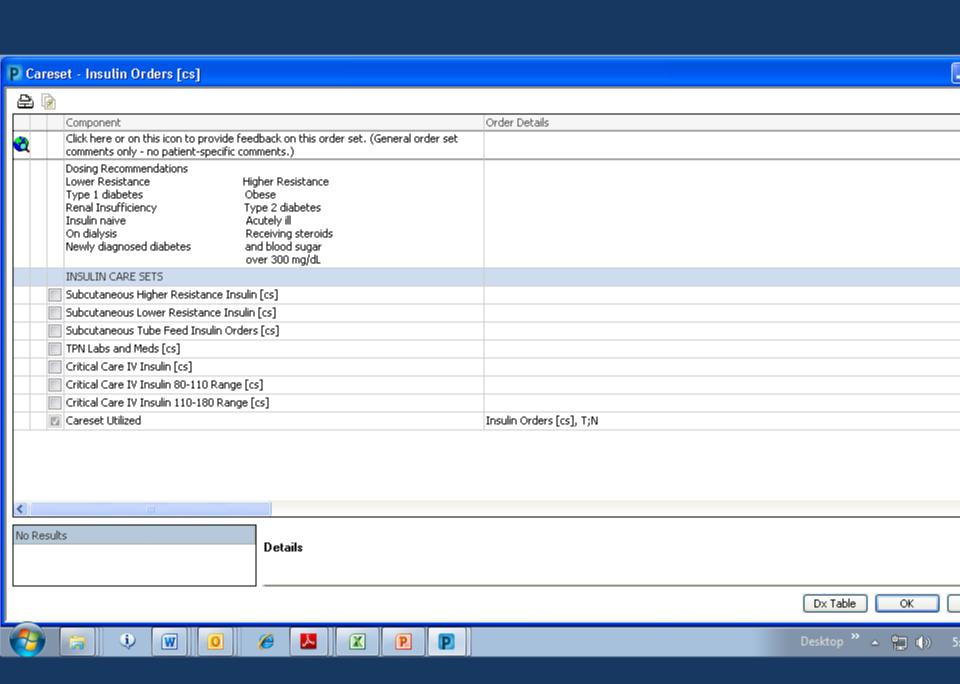
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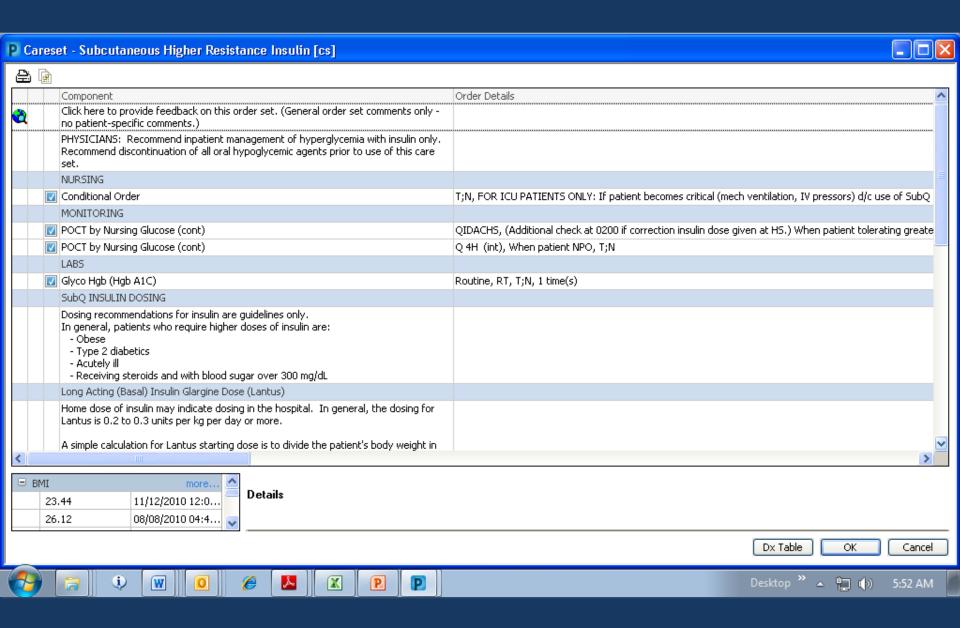
### Notes on being NPO

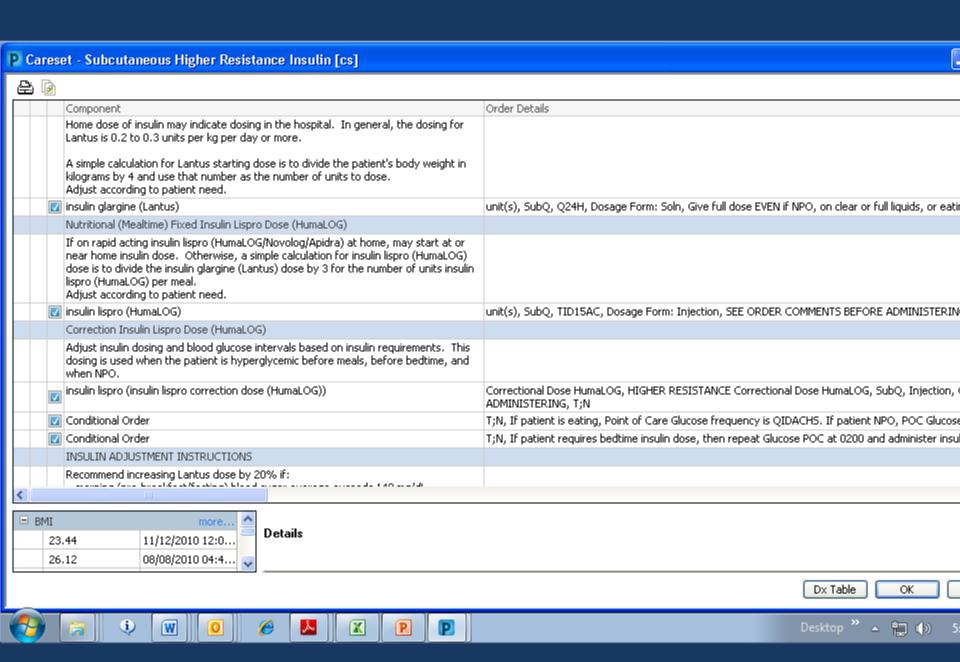
- If NPH is your basal, need to reduce dose by 50% to avoid hypoglycemic from the insulin peak
- If glargine is your basal AND it is dosed at 50% of the TDD then NO NEED TO ADJUST for NPO
- Meal insulin orders instruct RN to hold if eating <50% of the meal or on full liquids. No need to hold back ordering.





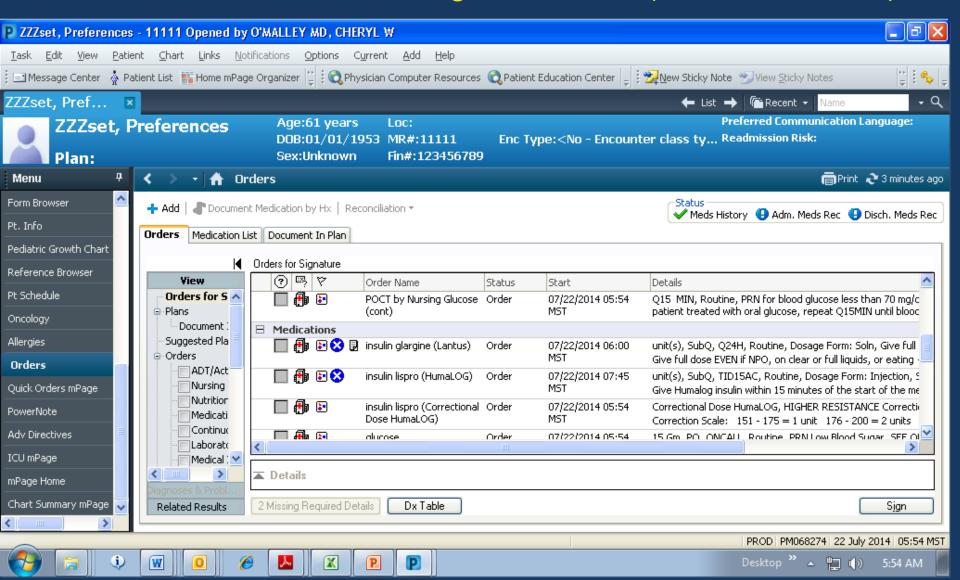




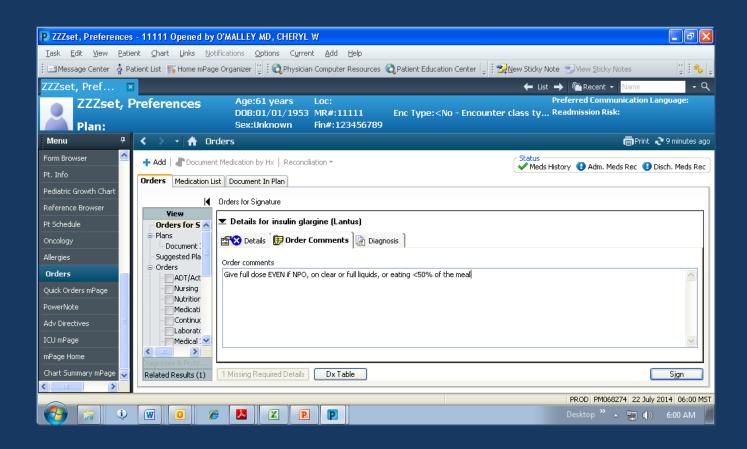


# Much easier to order initial meal doses at time of order set initiation:

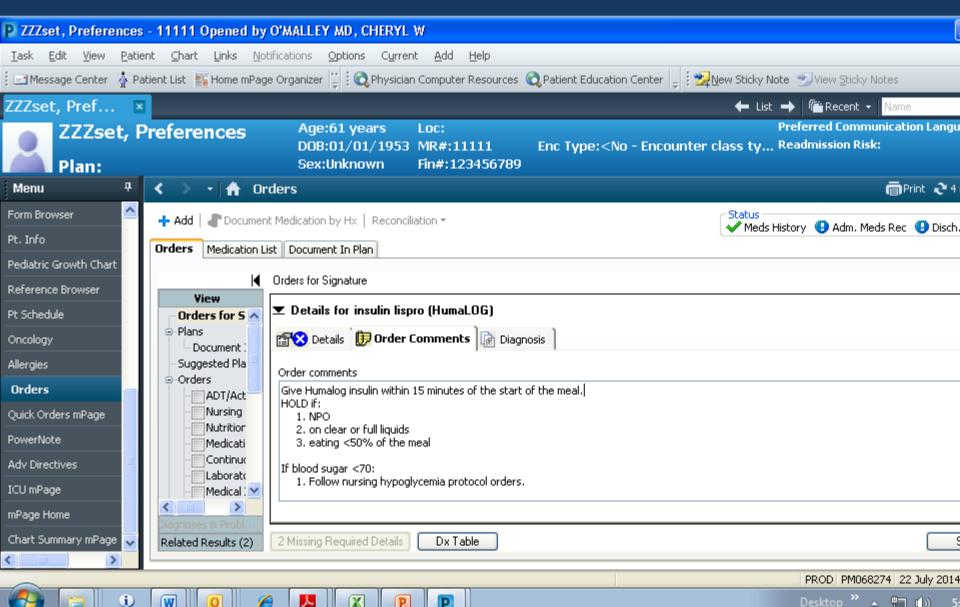
\*\*Doses held if NPO or eating <50% meal (order comments)



# Glargine full dose given if NPO



# Standing orders to adjust if NPO



### Case 6

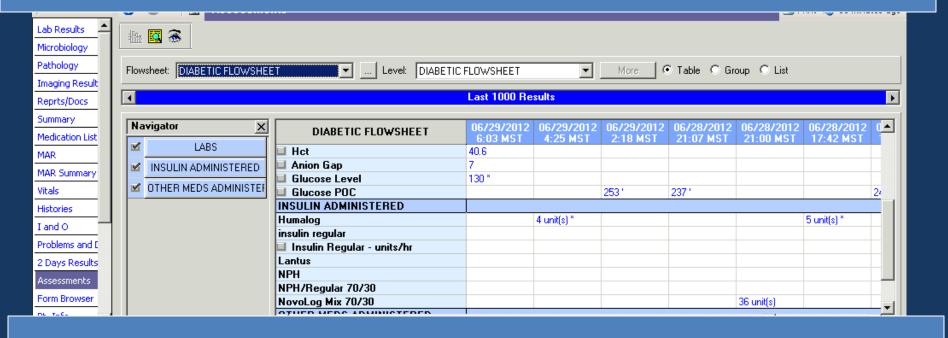
- 59 y.o. 90 kg, BMI 39, s/p renal transplant admitted with emesis, diarrhea and sepsis from a urinary source. BG 230. Admitted to med-surg.
- Home med: 70/30 50 units qam and qpm.
   Well controlled, no lows. Last HbA1c 7
- A. sliding scale for high resistance for 24 hours
- B. Glargine 50 units + high resistance
- C. TDD 100 units > 50 glargine 16 humalog AC
- D. Continue 70/30 50 units bid

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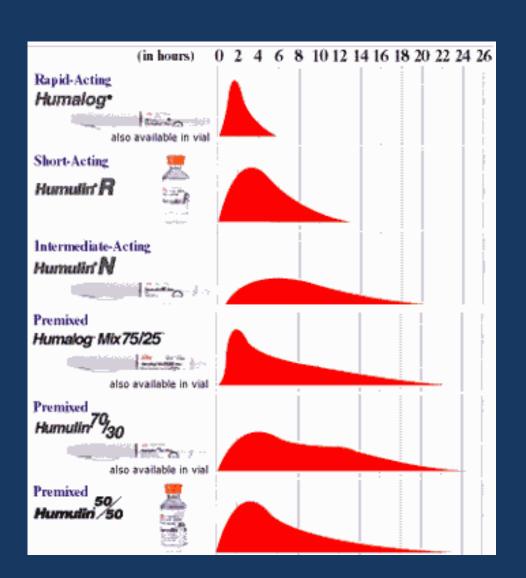
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# Case 7: How many units of rapid acting insulin did he get at bedtime?



# Insulin types and action



# Insulin types are confusing

- Look them up
- Verify the name with the pharmacy
- Does it make sense
- Don't use them in the hospital...use the ones the nurses know
- Think about the discharge plan for discharge, NOT for there regimen inpatient!

# Take home points

- DO NOT USE split mixed insulins in the hospital!
- DO NOT use regular insulin subcutaneous here at BGSMC (probably not at the VA either)
- If you EVER use anything other than glargine + humalog you better have a plan, know the action

Know when and how to make adjustments to the home regimen based on their blood glucose control prior to admission, resources and hospital requirements

But my patient won't be able to afford/manage/comply/etc with basal/bolus as an outpatient

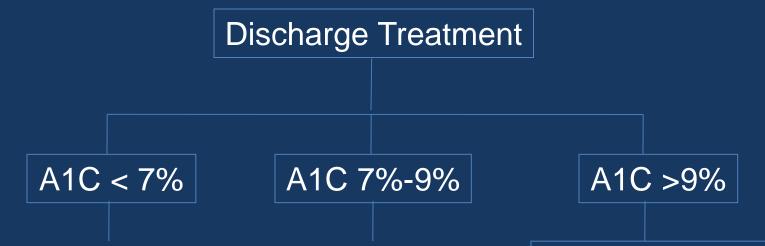
# Achieving safe and effective transitions to home

- The admission HbA1c to indicate the patient's glycemic status before they became ill
  - ≤ 5.7 = normal glucose metabolism
  - -5.7 6.4 = `pre-diabetes'(high risk for DM)
  - $\ge 6.5 = diabetes$
  - ≥ 8.0 = poorly controlled diabetes

# Factors Used for Selecting Discharge Therapy for Patients with Known Diabetes

- Control at home and admission HbA<sub>1C</sub>
- Home regimen prior to admission
- Admission reason: Hypoglycemia, Acute MI, Related to hyperglycemia (DKA, HHS, etc.)
- Physical limitations
- New co-morbidities that may limit prior oral therapy
- Hypoglycemia risk factors
- Treatment goals (I.e. hospice)
- Frequency of self monitoring
- Financial \$\$\$\$

#### Discharge Treatment Algorithm: AACE



Re-start
outpatient
treatment
regimen
(OAD and/or
insulin)

Re-start
outpatient oral
agents and D/C
on glargine once
daily at 50-80% of
hospital dose

D/C on basal bolus at same hospital dose.

Alternative: re-start oral agents and D/C on glargine once daily at 50-80% of hospital dose

http://resources.aace.com/pages.asp.29.ht<del>ml</del>

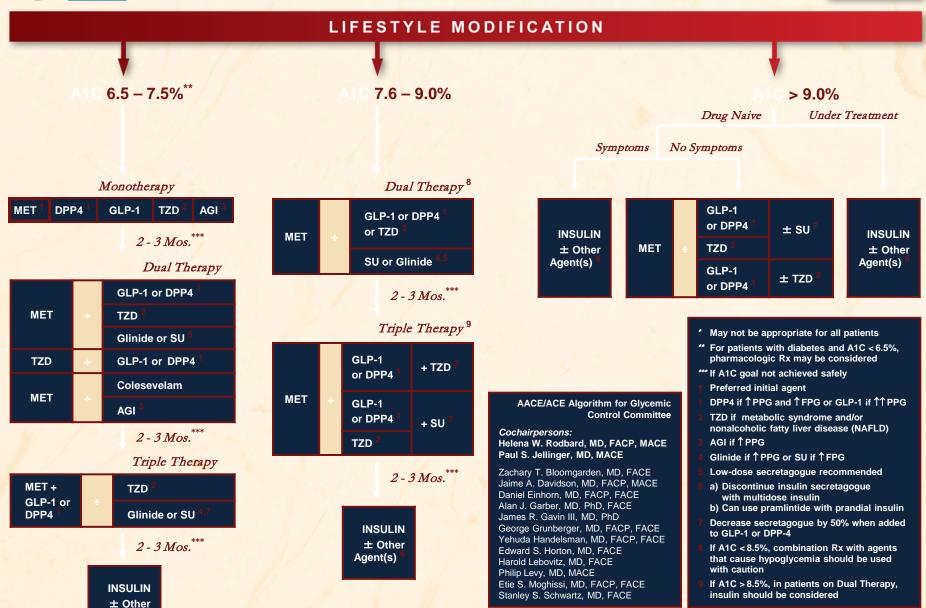




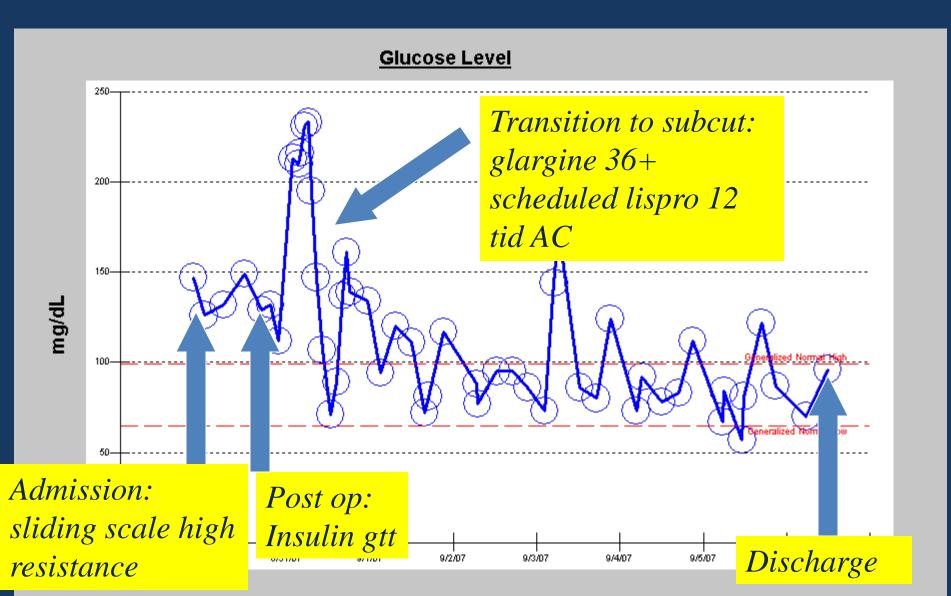
Agent(s)

#### AACE/ACE DIABETES ALGORITHM For Glycemic Control

A1C Goal ≤ 6.5%\*



## Case 8



# Case 8 Follow Up

- HgbA1c 13.4%
- Discharged on
  - Metformin 500 bid, instructed to increase to 1000 mg bid in one week if not too much gi side effects
  - Glipizide 5 mg bid
  - Glargine 30 units q hs
  - Diabetes education given
- HgbA1c 6.8% 2.5 months later!

## Selecting Discharge Therapy Take Home Messages

- Good to do something but don't get too aggressive because the time after discharge is high risk for hypoglycemia
- Once daily basal insulin with or without oral agents is a good initial strategy
- Keep metformin and get to goal dose unless contraind
- Tailor glycemic target to individual
- Endocrine is a great help

# Why basal/bolus/correction?

- Achieves better glycemic control than sliding scale (RABBBIT trials)→ Improved surgical outcomes
- More flexible for
  - Rapid changes in eating status
  - Varying insulin resistance
- Order sets can/are built to improve safety
- Nurses and staff will know 2 types of insulin really well
- We aren't using their d/c regimen while inpatient anyway

# Additional Resources for Physician Education

- American Association of Clinical Endocrinology Inpatient glycemic control resource center:https://www.aace.com/education/igrc
- Society of Hospital Medicine Glycemic Control Resource Room: http://www.hospitalmedicine.org/ResourceRoomRedesign/ GlycemicControl.cfm
- Johns Hopkins Consultative Medicine Essentials for Hospitalists: <a href="http://www.jhcape.com">http://www.jhcape.com</a> or shmconsults.com
- Quantia MD What is involved in the practical management of blood sugars postoperatively?
  - http://quantiamd.com/player/rqdjtgk?cid=53
- Quantia MD What is involved in the practical management of insulin preoperatively?
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## Questions

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# Practice, Practice, Practice

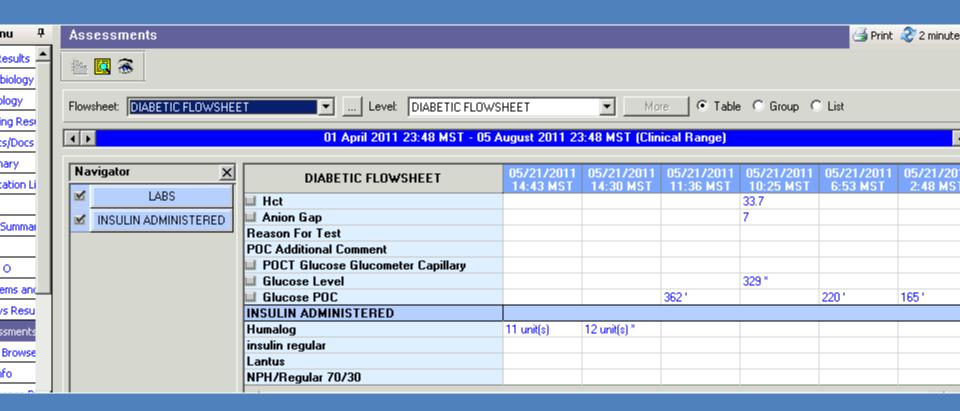
### Case 2

- 46 y.o. 95 kg, BMI 35, Admitted for diabetic foot ulcer, Cr 1.5, no recent hypoglycemia at home, no recent HgbA1c. Admit BG 215 didn't take meds today
- Home med : glargine 52 units daily + Glipizide 10 mg daily. Hold glipizide and ....
- A. Sliding scale for BMI >30 until determine his dose
- B. Glargine 52 units + ss high resistant
- C. TDD 52 units → 25 glargine 8 humalog AC
- D. TDD 18 units (0.2 units/kg) -> glargine 9, 3 humalog AC
- E. Glargine 10 units + ss high resistant

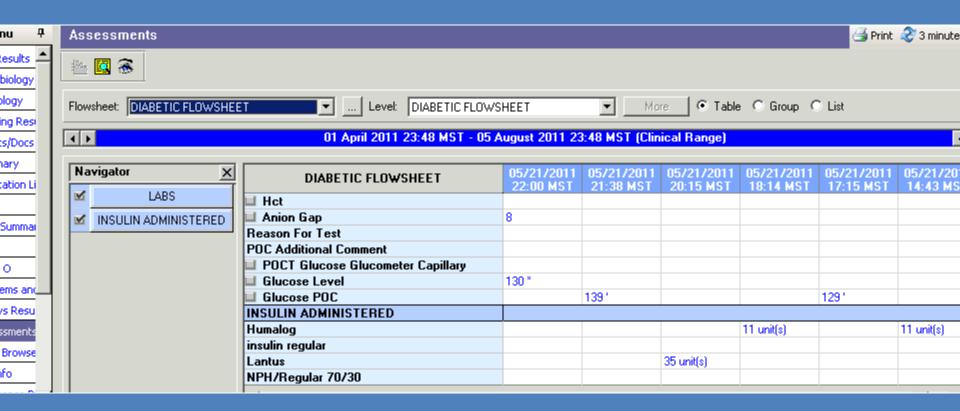
#### Answer

- Answer c.
- Her home TDD is 52 units and she has no risk factors for hypoglycemia
- By doing 50/50 you will build in a cushion in case the 52 is an overestimate.

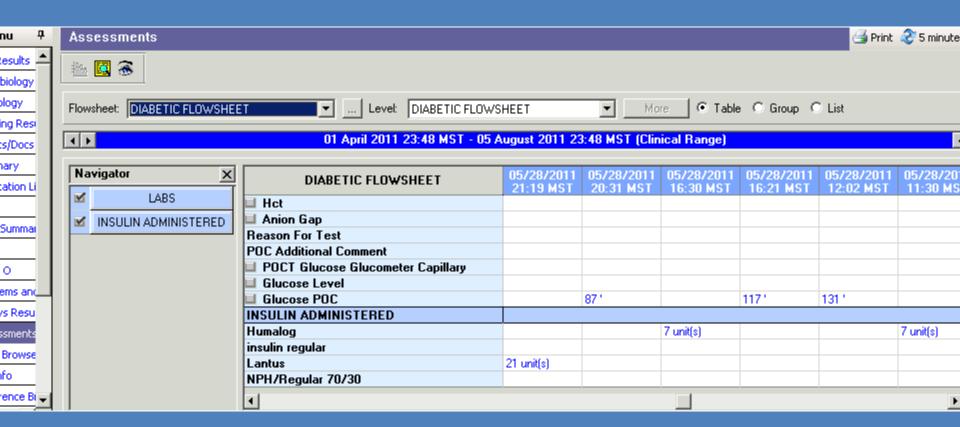
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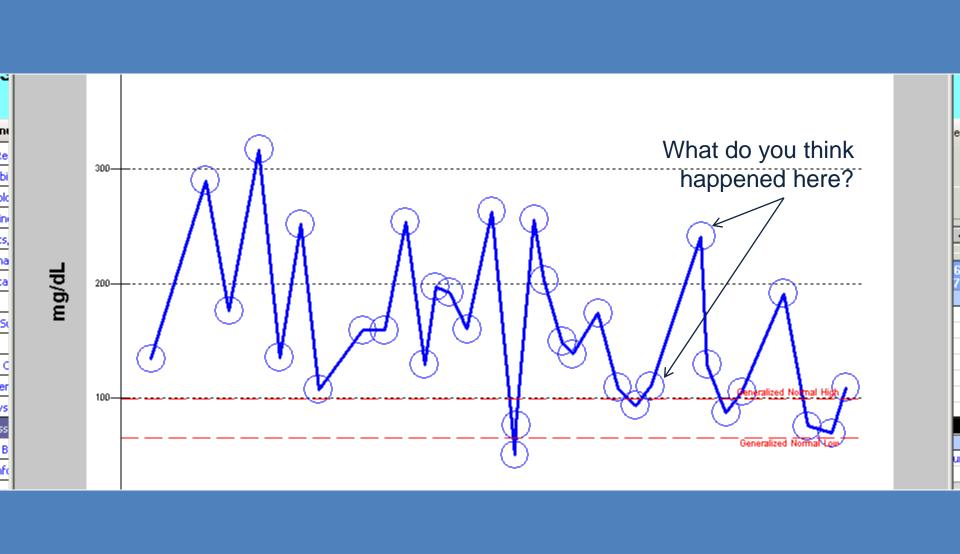


#### Basal/Bolus



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#### Answer

- Scheduled nutritional insulin was held inappropriately
- Based on this review, you wouldn't want to increase the insulin the next day, just to reinforce why we are giving it in a scheduled rather than reactive manner.

### Case 2.5

- 46 y.o. 95 kg, BMI 35,
   "placed in obs" for Chest pain.
- Cr 1.5, no recent hypoglycemia at home, no recent HgbA1c. Admit BG 215 didn't take meds today
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### Answer

 B or C are acceptable with the plan to resume home regimen at d/c. Since very short stay with obs, is eating and no new contraindication, can keep home regimen

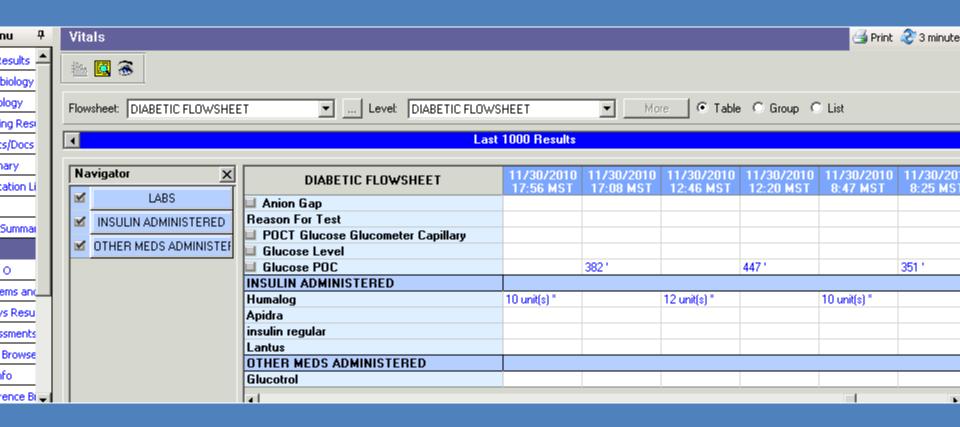
### Case 3

- 55 y.o.
- 50 kg, BMI 20, Cr 3.5
- Home med glipizide 5 mg po daily no hypoglycemia, BG running high
- Admitted for renal transplant rejection and planning on treatment with solumedrol

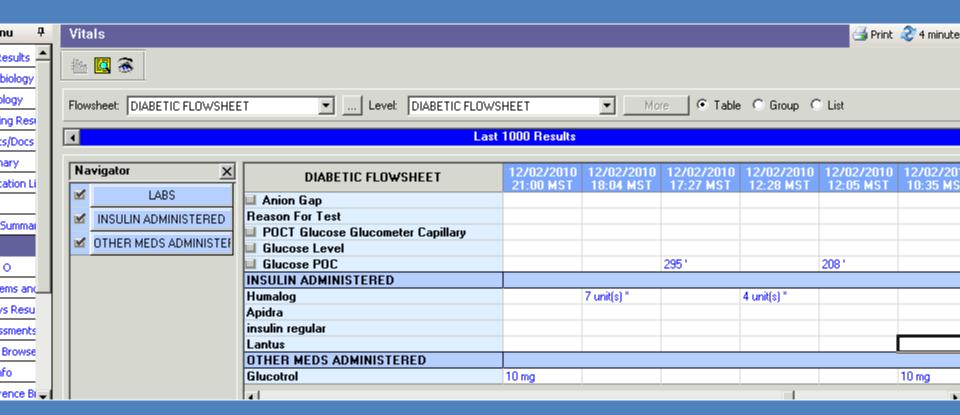
#### Answer

- Recommended starting dose would be 0.2-0.3 units/kg, she weighs 50 kg→10-15 units TDD
- 50/50 basal/nutritional = 5-7 unit glargine + 2 units with meals
- 30% basal/70% meal → for hyperglycemia with steroids this is an option

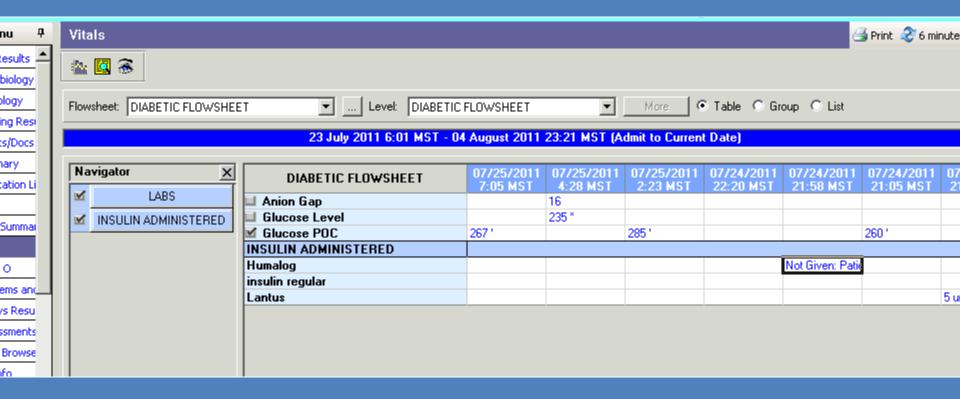
### Sliding Scale only for 4 days with BG 400s



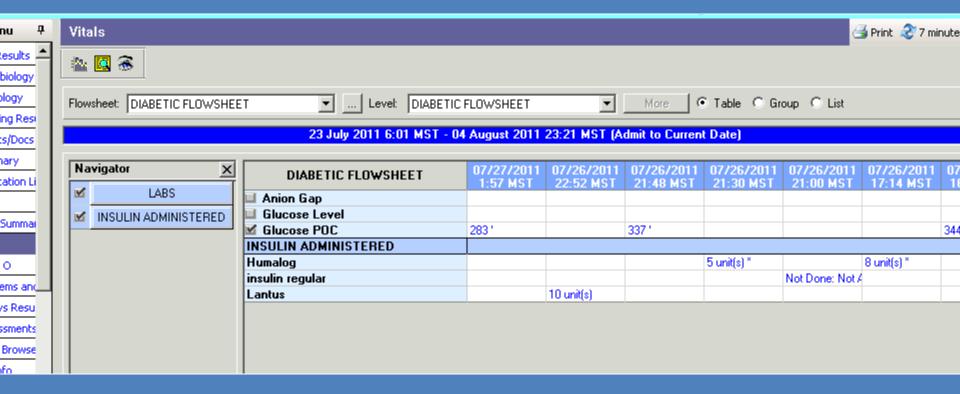
#### Sulfonylurea + ss



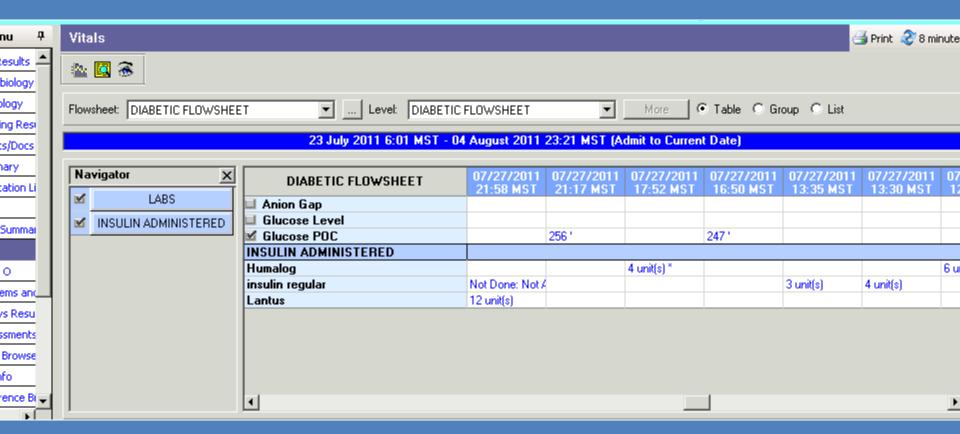
#### 5 glargine + ss



#### 10 glargine + ss



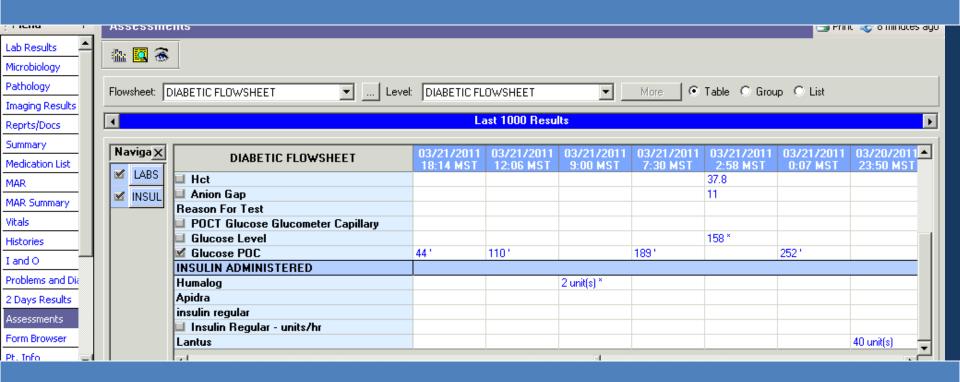
# Kept lantus 10 and added <u>regular</u> insulin with meals + <u>lispro</u> ss



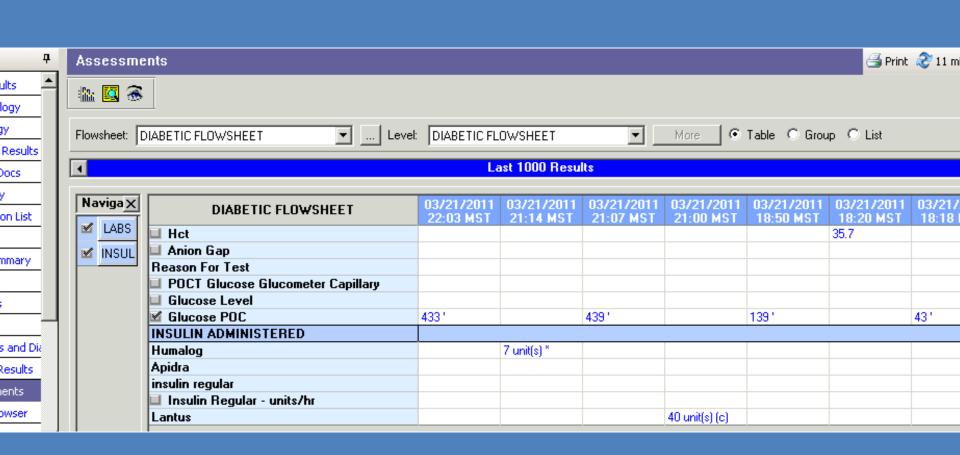
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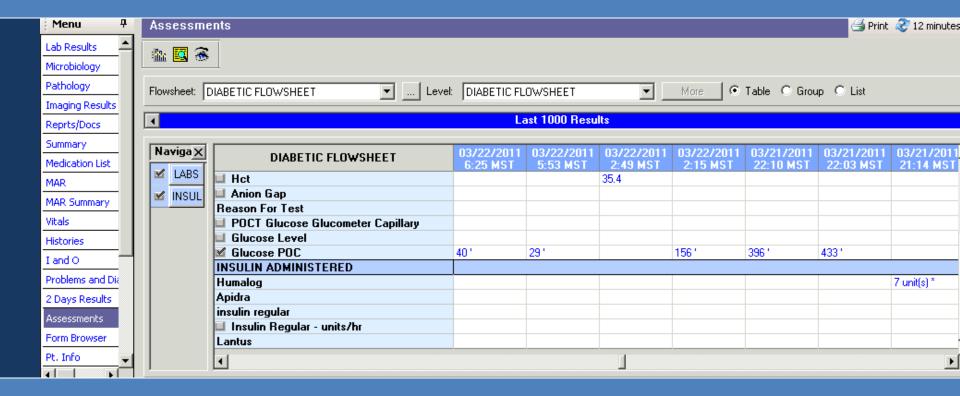
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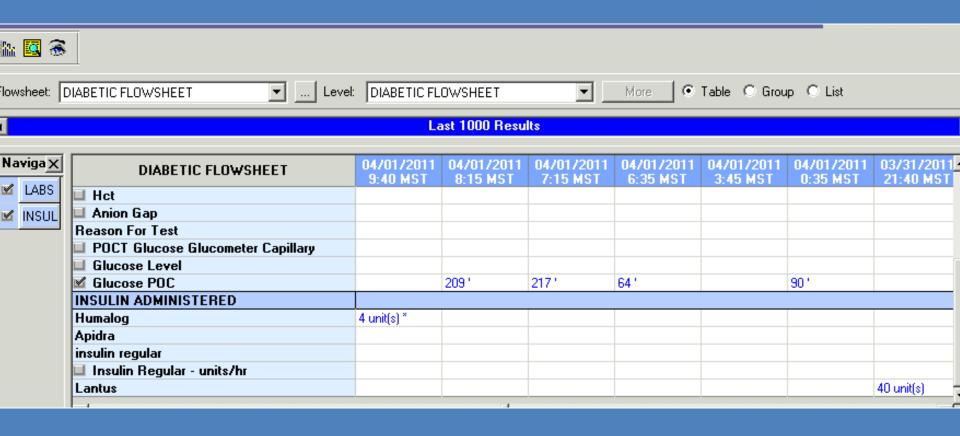
 Low because all insulin (TDD) was given as basal and she likely had unpredictable po



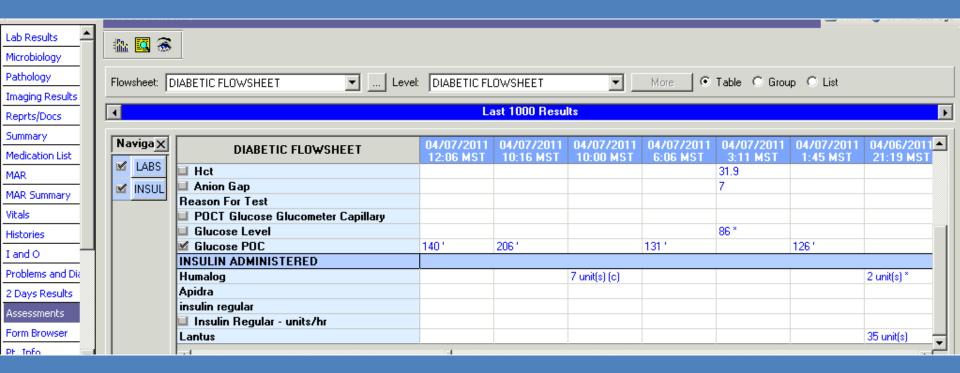
# Do you see a pattern?



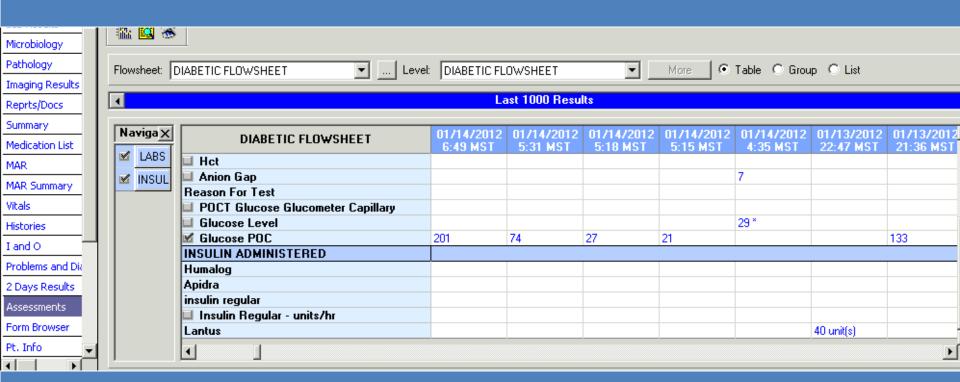
## Repeat X 12 days



## Reduce Basal + nutritional



## Same problem, different year...



#### Case 5

- 47 y.o. admitted with pyelonephritis and perinephric abcess. Wt 140 kg. Cr 1.5. doesn't check BG at home, no hypoglycemia symptoms
- Home meds: metformin 500 bid.
- BG at transferring facility 323 and then 280 What do you want to order?
- A. sliding scale because only on one oral agent
- B. TDD 70, glargine 35, humalog 12 tidac + correction
- C. Glargine 10 units + sliding scale

- B based on 0.5 units/kg X 140 kg= TDD of 70 units and then 50/50.
- If he has poor po then the order set includes to hold if eat < 50% of meal or nPO

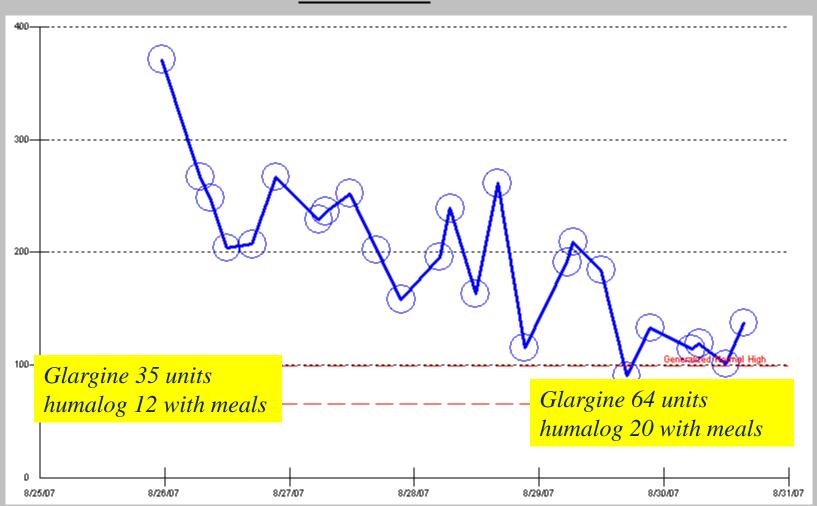
#### Case 5

- 47 y.o. admitted with pyelonephritis and perinephric abcess. you start: TDD 70, glargine 35, humalog 12 tidac + correction
- All doses given and 20 extra units of correctional > TDD 90 units in the last 24 h and BG 240-400
- What are your new insulin orders?
- A. TDD 90 with 45 glargine, 15 humalog with meals
- B. TDD 108 (90 + 20%)= 54 glargine +18 humalog with meals.
- C. No change, it has only been 24 h

- A or B would be acceptable. BG are still very high, no lows
- Either increase TDD by 20% (option A)
- Add all that needed yesterday (new TDD) and then add another 20% (option B)

## Case 5

#### **Glucose Level**



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Fasting BG	Adjustment
100-140 mg/dL	No change
140-180 mg/dl	Increase TDD by 10% daily
>180 mg/dl	Increase TDD by 20% daily
70-99 mg/dl	Decrease TDD by 10%
<70 mg/dl	Decrease by 20%

<sup>\*</sup> Note: only increase the doses if NONE were <100mg/dl.

## My Suggestions for Daily Adjustment

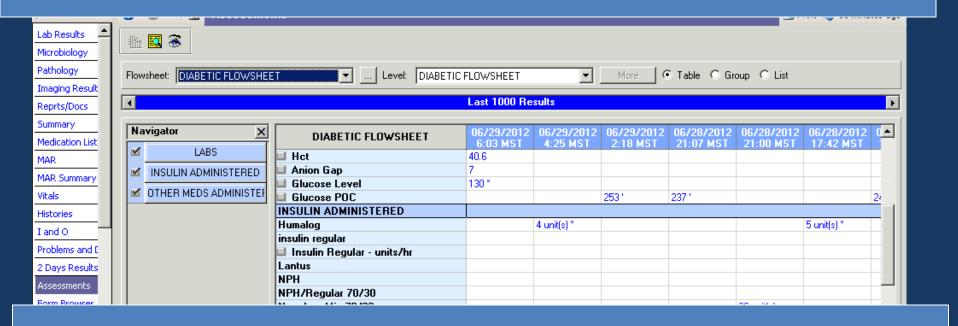
- 1. Any less than 100 mg/dL or > 180
- 2. Add up previous day's TDD
  - Include amount given as supplemental insulin
  - Adjust up or down by depending on degree of hypoand hyperglycemia
  - Adjust for other factors (renal function, steroid dose, nutritional intake, severity of illness)
- 3. Divide new TDD into basal and nutritional components
  - Split 50/50 OR
  - Adjust basal and nutritional separately, depending on AM fasting vs. late day sugars
  - Watch out for too much basal

#### Case 6

- 59 y.o. 90 kg, BMI 39, s/p renal transplant admitted with emesis, diarrhea and sepsis from a urinary source. BG 230. Admitted to med-surg.
- Home med: 70/30 50 units qam and qpm.
   Well controlled, no lows. Last HbA1c 7
- What will your admit orders be
- A. sliding scale for high resistance for 24 hours
- B. Glargine 50 units + high resistance
- C. TDD 100 units > 50 glargine 16 humalog AC
- D. Continue 70/30 50 units bid

- C add together all of the home insulin to determine TDD (70/30 50 units bid = TDD of 100)
- 50% basal and 50% nutritional (will be held if doesn't eat)
- Note- since patient has good control at home and no new contraindication, can go back to 50 units bid of 70/30 at d/c.
- Should not use fixed split in hospital because of variable oral intake and lack of familiarity by nursing.

# Case 7: How many units of rapid acting insulin did he get at bedtime?



 About 12 units. If he would have had a normal BG going in, then would be low unless eating a meal

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