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# WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear faculty and delegates,

Every person with diabetes has a unique set of risk factors which the care team has to systematically measure, manage and monitor in order to prevent premature death and disabilities for preserving the quality of life.

The most challenging aspect in managing diabetes is to help patients manage their disease for the rest of their life and to personalize treatment choices at different stages of the disease.

The DPP Forum is an annual meeting which aims to foster collaborations amongst relevant stakeholders to develop care models which can bring out the best of our expertise and technologies in order to make chronic care accessible, sustainable and affordable.

To this end, we have invited a faculty of experts and thought leaders with a diversity of experiences who will share with us their views and insights into this health care challenge.

We hope you will enjoy this meeting and that you will continue to be part of this growing network in pursuit of prevention and control of diabetes and chronic disease.

Best regards,



Professor Juliana Chan  
*Chairman*



Professor Alice Kong  
*Co-chairman*



Professor Andrea Luk  
*Co-chairman*

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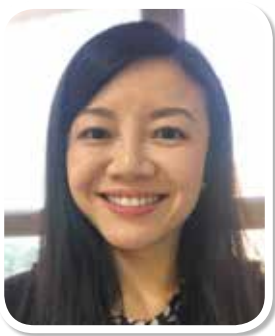


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Dr. Tong Wei Yew is committed to exploring innovative methods of delivering person-centred diabetes care. He leads programs to transform clinic consultations into meaningful conversations for better patient engagement in specialist and primary care settings. He was lead investigator for the SMART-GDM study, a randomised control trial that showed improved glycaemia and neonatal outcomes among women with gestational diabetes using a smartphone app. He is Consultant at the Division of Endocrinology, National University Hospital, and Assistant Professor in Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore.

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For Ms. Katy Wilkens, the primary role of the renal dietitian is to teach, whether it is writing, speaking at events, educating peers, students, TV demonstrations, developing patient education materials or sitting down with one of her dialysis patients. She is the Nutrition Manager of Northwest Kidney Centers, where she oversees the care of over 2,000 dialysis patients. She is the author of the renal chapter in the internationally recognized "Food, Nutrition and Diet Therapy". In 2019, Ms. Wilkens was awarded the Joel Kopple Award by the NKF in appreciation of outstanding service and dedication to renal nutrition. In 2020, she was awarded a Medal of Excellence from the American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP).



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# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

## 2 May 2021 (Sunday)

08:45 – 09:25	Registration	
09:25 – 09:30	Welcome remarks	Juliana Chung Ngor Chan, Hong Kong

### Symposium 1 (supported by Abbott Laboratories Ltd.)

**Co-chairs: Harriet Chung & Alice Kong**

09:30 – 10:00	Nutritional management of diabetic patients with chronic kidney disease	Katy Wilkens, U.S.A.
10:00 – 10:30	Can good diabetes care prevent osteoporosis and fracture	Elaine Yun-ning Cheung, Hong Kong
10:30 – 10:45	Break	

### Symposium 2 (supported by Sanofi Hong Kong Ltd.)

**Co-chairs: Juliana Chan & Victor Hung**

10:45 – 11:15	Celebrating insulin 100: Basal Insulin as cornerstone of diabetes treatment	Alice Y.Y. Cheng, Canada
11:15 – 11:45	Timely simultaneous intensification with fixed ratio combination of basal insulin and GLP-1 RA	Ronald Ching Wan Ma, Hong Kong

### Symposium 3 (supported by Merck Pharmaceutical (HK) Ltd.)

**Co-chairs: Jenny Leung & Risa Ozaki**

11:45 – 12:15	The economic burden of type 2 diabetes in Hong Kong	Rohini Omkar, Singapore
12:15 – 12:45	Trends of diabetes care in Hong Kong – where are the unmet needs	Andrea On Yan Luk, Hong Kong
12:45 – 13:45	Break	

### Symposium 4 (supported by Novo-Nordisk Hong Kong Ltd.)

**Co-chairs: Rose Ting & Man Wo Tsang**

13:45 – 14:25	Role of incretin-based therapy in COVID-19	Soo Lim, Korea
14:25 – 14:45	Co-formulation of insulin analogues – Review of evidence	Kitty Kit Ting Cheung, Hong Kong

### Symposium 5

**Co-chairs: Alvin Chan & Wing-ye So**

14:45 – 15:15	Use of metformin in patients with advanced chronic kidney disease	Elaine Yee Kwan Chow, Hong Kong
15:15 – 15:45	Vitamins and trace elements in cardiometabolic disease	Kenneth Ka Hei Lo, Hong Kong
15:45 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Smart-phone based lifestyle intervention in gestational diabetes	Tong Wei Yew, Singapore

### Symposium 6

**Co-chairs: Sarita Chan & Mary Kwong**

16:30 – 16:45	Screening for blood glucose and lipids in a Chinese general population	Martin Chi Sang Wong, Hong Kong
16:45 – 17:00	Role of District Health Centre in prevention of NCD	Jimmy Yeung-key Wu, Hong Kong
17:00 – 17:20	Complexity of diabetes – learning from patients during clinical trials	Elaine Yee Kwan Chow & Andrea On Yan Luk, Hong Kong
17:20 – 17:30	Panel discussion	All
17:30 – 17:35	Closing remarks	Andrea On Yan Luk, Hong Kong





# ACADEMIC ACCREDITATIONS

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Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine	6
Hong Kong College of Paediatricians	6
Hong Kong College of Physicians	6.5
Hong Kong College of Radiologists	6.5
Hong Kong Dietitians Association	0.5 core & 4.5 non-core
Hong Kong Nutrition Association Limited	4
Hong Kong Physiotherapy Association Limited	5
Hong Kong Podiatrists Association	3
International Podiatrists Association of Hong Kong	10
MCHK CME Programme	5
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Pharmacy Central Continuing Education Committee	6
The College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong	6.5
The College of Surgeons of Hong Kong	6
The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists	6.5
The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians	5
The Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	6.75
The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons	Pending
The Hong Kong College of Otorhinolaryngologists	3.5
The Hong Kong College of Pathologists	6.5
The Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists	6

# SYMPOSIUM 1

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09:30 – 10:00

## **Nutritional management of diabetic patients with chronic kidney disease**

*Katy Wilkens*

*Nutrition & Fitness Manager, Nutrition & Fitness Services, Northwest Kidney Centers, U.S.A.*

New international guidelines for the care of diabetic patients with chronic kidney disease have been released by the KDIGO workgroup. KDIGO is the global nonprofit organization developing and implementing evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in kidney disease. A brief review of the prevalence CKD in diabetic patients and their unique nutrition risks will be presented. Ms. Wilkens will review the guidelines, discuss their applicability and what the general practitioner can do to help facilitate education and adherence to the nutritional and lifestyle recommendations made in the guidelines. The role of Medical Nutrition Therapy, (MNT), will be discussed, with data showing effectiveness of nutrition interventions. Recommendations for the diabetic diet, protein and sodium recommendations will be reviewed, with practical suggestions that you can include in your discussion with patients to help them be successful. Other lifestyle modifications will be discussed, as well as utilization of nutrition professionals to enhance the team approach and help prevent progression of renal disease.



## Can good diabetes care prevent osteoporosis and fracture

Elaine Yun-ning Cheung

Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, Hong Kong Institute of Diabetes and Obesity, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Fracture risk is increased in patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetes. These patients also have worse outcome after fracture compared with other patients without diabetes. While type 1 diabetes (T1D) is likely associated with low bone mineral density (BMD), BMD in patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D) is not reduced but bone quality is not good. Bone fragility progressed with longer duration of diabetes and is associated with micro-vascular complications and use of certain drugs especially thiazolidinediones. In this lecture, we will explore whether good glycaemic control can prevent osteoporosis and fracture in our patients with diabetes.

Poor glycaemic control with the associated increase in advanced glycation end-products (AGEs) will affect bone quality. Poor glycaemic control is also associated with low bone turnover. High HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time is associated with higher chance of development of microvascular complications. In subjects with poor glycaemic control, we may need to start our patients on medications such as insulin with associated risk of hypoglycaemia. Presence of microvascular complications and hypoglycaemia predispose our patients to increase fall risk and fractures.

In patients with T1D, it has been shown that there was a positive correlation between HbA<sub>1c</sub>, AGEs and degree of mineralization, giving risk to less flexible bone and tendency toward fracture. However, BMD and fracture risk were only found to correlate with glycaemic control in some but not all studies conducted in patients with T1D.

T2D is a state of low bone turnover. Hyperglycaemia with associated increase in sclerostin and inhibition of RANKL, insulin resistance with the associated low grade inflammatory state all contribute to this low bone turnover. Multiple prospective population-based studies as well as large retrospective cohort studies showed that poor glycaemic control was associated with increased risk of clinical fracture and hip fracture. Bone fragility in patients with T2D with poor glycaemic control can result from micro-crack accumulation and cortical porosity, reflecting impaired bone repair.

On the other hand, too tight glycaemic control with HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 7% in elderly subjects aged around 77 was associated with increased risk of hip fracture in one case control study. HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 6.5% was associated with higher risk of clinical fracture and hip fracture among men with a mean age of 76 especially if they were using insulin. The increase in fracture risk after switching to insulin was especially high within the first 2 months. Along this line, one retrospective study showed that frequent episodes of severe hypoglycaemia were associated with risk of hip fracture among subjects with mean age of 70. Usage of insulin secretagogues was also associated with increased risk of hip fracture.

So not only is HbA<sub>1c</sub> important, how to arrive at that HbA<sub>1c</sub> is also important. Recent publications showed that HbA<sub>1c</sub> variability and fasting glucose variability were predictors for hip fractures in Chinese patients with T2D.

In conclusion, stable glycaemic control is important for prevent of fracture and HbA<sub>1c</sub> target should be individualized. Poor glycaemic control is associated with increased risk of fracture. However too tight control in elderly subjects with diabetes also increase risk, especially for those on medications which can predispose them to hypoglycaemia and fall.

# SYMPOSIUM 2

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10:45 – 11:15

## **Celebrating insulin 100: Basal Insulin as cornerstone of diabetes treatment**

*Alice Y.Y. Cheng*

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Since the discovery of insulin 100 years ago at the University of Toronto, its use has evolved tremendously in terms of its time-action profile, safety and delivery. From a basal perspective, they have become flatter and longer with less hypoglycaemia. The next generation of basal insulin analogues have continued that journey. However, despite advances in other aspects of diabetes management, insulin will always remain as a cornerstone of therapy.





## Timely simultaneous intensification with fixed ratio combination of basal insulin and GLP-1 RA

Ronald Ching Wan Ma

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There is an epidemic of diabetes in Asia, with increasing proportion of young-onset diabetes. Recent studies have highlighted the glycaemic burden among individuals with young-onset and long duration of diabetes, as well as the problems with glycaemic progression and oral drug failure. In our recent analysis of the Hong Kong Diabetes Register, among 7,091 insulin-naïve Chinese patients with mean age of T2D onset of 51 years, during a median follow-up period of 8.8 years, around 35% of patients were started on insulin, with incidence of glycaemic progression estimated at 48 per 1,000 person-years. There was also a significant lag in insulin initiation.

Treatment of T2D recommend a stepwise approach to reach glycaemic targets which may result in uncontrolled high HbA<sub>1c</sub> between steps. In people with T2D inadequately controlled on OADs, treatment intensification should be considered. One retrospective analysis has demonstrated that initiating GLP-1 RA and basal insulin within close proximity three months can provide greater improvement in glycaemic control, compared with sequential initiation 91-360 days apart. Asian T2D patients have unique features such as impaired beta-cell function, high carbohydrate intake and high PPG excursion, so a single injectable that only cover FPG might not be enough. Furthermore, Asians appear to have greater HbA<sub>1c</sub> lowering compared to Europeans from therapies targeting the incretin pathway.

iGlarLixi, an FRC of the basal insulin glargine 100 U/mL and the GLP-1 RA, lixisenatide, is approved for use in people with T2D, and can simultaneously provide two complementary mechanism of action of GLP-1 RA and basal insulin. Their complementary mechanisms of action are an effective approach to improving glycaemic control, including FPG and PPG. FRC of basal insulin and GLP-1 RA can also mitigate the weight gain associated with basal insulin alone, with no additional risk of hypoglycaemia, and improved gastrointestinal (GI) tolerability compared with GLP-1 RA alone. From Lixilan-O, results showed that iGlarlix achieved greater HbA<sub>1c</sub> reduction when compared to insulin glargine or Lixisenatide, with comparable hypoglycaemia risk to basal insulin but lower GI side effect to GLP-1-RA. From Lixilan-L study, iGlarlix was found to lead to greater reduction in HbA<sub>1c</sub> compared to insulin glargine, with less weight gain and similar hypoglycaemia risk.

In this lecture, the importance of early treatment intensification and the utility of fixed ratio combination of basal insulin with GLP1-RA will be discussed.

# SYMPOSIUM 3

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11:45 – 12:15

## The economic burden of type 2 diabetes in Hong Kong

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**Background:** Pre-diabetes is an intermediate state of hyperglycaemia with glycaemic parameters above normal but below the threshold for diabetes. Diabetes is a growing health challenge and up to 70% of people with prediabetes progress to diabetes in their lifespan. Diabetes accounts for 11% of global medical expenditures, exerting significant pressure on the healthcare system. However, proactive interventions and lifestyle changes among those with pre-diabetes have shown a 40-70% relative reduction in onset of diabetes. This study aims to quantify the economic impact of delaying the onset of diabetes in people with prediabetes in Hong Kong.

**Method:** We developed a Markov cohort simulation model that tracks how a patient cohort evolves along the diabetes pathway, from normoglycaemia to death, from 2021-2050. Using model parameters derived from peer-reviewed research and the best available data, we forecast cost savings in diabetes health resource use in Hong Kong if evidence-based interventions were introduced in 2021, 2025 and 2030 vs a baseline scenario of inaction. Starting with a patient population whose disease states are distributed according to the current prevalence rates, our model simulated a patient's progression from normoglycaemia through prediabetes and T2D in a forecast to 2050.

**Results:** Our forecasts indicate that implementing a series of interventions that could delay Type 2 diabetes by 5 years in 2021 would result in a saving of USD \$42.5 billion by 2050. By 2030, such interventions are forecast to result in a saving of USD \$4.62 billion.

**Conclusion:** Intervening at the prediabetic stage to delay type 2 diabetes offers a significant opportunity for Hong Kong to improve health outcomes and reduce healthcare costs. Prioritising the prevention of diabetes can be justified based on these data that quantifies the benefits in economic terms and provides a broad agenda for action.



## Trends of diabetes care in Hong Kong – where are the unmet needs

Andrea On Yan Luk

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The Hong Kong Hospital Authority (HA) provides health care to about 90% of Hong Kong residents. The Hong Kong Diabetes Surveillance Database was curated using the HA electronic medical record system and captured clinical information of 780,000 people with diabetes during the period 2000-2016. Using this territory-wide database, we examined the temporal trends in the incidence rates of 1) type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes, 2) diabetes-related complications including coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, lower-extremity amputation, hyperglycaemic crisis and infection, and 3) all-cause and cause-specific mortality. The rates were separately tested in men and women, and in different age categories. In the general population, the incidence rates of type 2 diabetes stabilised in people aged  $\geq 40$  years but increased in those  $< 40$  years. Among people with diabetes, the rates of most diabetes-related complications and all-cause mortality significantly declined, with the declines observed in people aged  $\geq 45$  years but not in the younger group. Changes in the healthcare system, reorganisation of delivery of diabetes care and advances in diabetes pharmacotherapeutics contributed to the encouraging trends. However, the lack of improvements in young people with diabetes, who are also contributing to an enlarging pool of the diabetes population, calls for novel strategies to improve disease control in this group.

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# SYMPOSIUM 4

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13:45 – 14:25

## Role of incretin-based therapy in COVID-19

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Based on the data from previous basic and clinical studies and the most recent information available from current publications, we propose some guidelines for the use of glucose-lowering medications in patients with diabetes mellitus (DM) and COVID-19, according to the clinical status of COVID-19, which is based on the WHO clinical progression scale. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to be prepared to observe acute hyperglycaemia (exacerbated by inflammation-associated insulin resistance). We recommend DPP4 inhibitors and GLP1 analogues for patients with mild to moderate symptoms, because these agents have proven glucose-lowering efficacy in hospital settings as well as outpatient clinics.

The anti-inflammatory actions of such agents suggest the need for clinical trials with DPP4 inhibitors or GLP1 analogues in patients with DM and COVID-19. Therapy with most Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP1) analogues reduced the rate of major adverse cardiac events in recent cardiovascular (CV) outcome trials. In humans, GLP1 and GLP1 analogues were shown to be beneficial for the treatment of chronic inflammatory diseases, such as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, atherosclerosis, and neurodegenerative disorders and this seems to be primarily mediated by a reduction in inflammatory pathways. People with CV or kidney disease show a worse prognosis during the course of COVID-19. Given that beneficial roles of GLP1 analogues for the prevention of CV and kidney disease have been well established, they could be an ideal option for the treatment of patients with DM at such risk.

In conclusion, COVID-19 is a global pandemic and poses considerable health hazards, especially for patients with DM. Under these circumstances, patients with DM should make a concerted effort to maintain a healthy lifestyle and to decrease potential risk factors. and lipid-lowering medications) is an important topic for current and future research.

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## Co-formulation of insulin analogues – Review of evidence

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The prevalence of type 2 diabetes is rising in Asia, and the burden of this disease on our healthcare system is getting heavier each year and is reflected by the alarming morbidity and mortality associated with it. Insulin has a significant role in the management of selected patients with type 2 diabetes. However, currently available insulin preparations have their limitations. New insulin preparations, such as co-formulation of insulin analogues are now available for use and show promising results in clinical trials. The major benefits of co-formulation of insulin analogues are the reduction of injection frequency and risk for hypoglycaemia and will be discussed in this talk. With so many insulin options becoming available in the market, physicians have to be reminded that the ultimate treatment regime should be based on efficacy, side-effect profiles, patients' options and cost-effectiveness of the drugs. The importance of individualized risk stratification and personalized care should always be kept in mind.

## Use of metformin in patients with advanced chronic kidney disease

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Metformin was originally introduced as an anti-influenza drug and discovered to have glucose lowering properties. Metformin remains the first line oral glucose lowering drug in the treatment of type 2 diabetes. In recent years, pleiotropic effects of metformin are increasingly recognised with potential anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer properties. One of the adverse effects of metformin is the potential risk of lactic acidosis which is increased in patients with renal impairment. However, some groups have called for a re-classification of so-called “Metformin-associated lactic acidosis (MALA)” as in fact, lactic acidosis that is primarily attributed to increased metformin concentrations without other contributory conditions is exceedingly rare. The 2020 Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) guidelines recommended continuation of metformin with dose reductions in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) stage 3b and discontinuation when eGFR is below 30 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.

In this presentation, we will review real-world evidence for the safety, efficacy and cardio-renal outcomes with metformin use in CKD stages 1-4 based on data from Hong Kong and worldwide.



## Vitamins and trace elements in cardiometabolic disease

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How vitamins and trace elements may relate to cardiometabolic health has attracted attentions from researchers throughout the previous decades. Using two of my previous publications as examples, I will discuss how the biological benefits of nutrients can be quantified in a population level.

The first project to discuss is the analysis on Women's Health Initiative, a cohort study that was conducted among postmenopausal women in United States. We examined the association between dietary manganese intake and the risk of type 2 diabetes and determined whether this association was mediated by circulating markers of inflammation. When compared with the lowest intake category, participants in the highest quintile of manganese intake had a 30% risk reduction of type 2 diabetes. In the nested case-control study, 19% and 12% of type 2 diabetes risk due to manganese were mediated through interleukin 6 and high-sensitivity C-reactive protein, respectively. In other words, higher intake of manganese was associated with a lower type 2 diabetes risk independent of known risk factors, while this association might be partially mediated by inflammatory biomarkers.

The second project is the analysis on National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, a repeated cross-sectional study to assess the health and nutritional status of general population in the United States. We evaluated the association between abnormal sleep pattern and cardiometabolic disease, and whether the odds were differed by the level of serum vitamin D. Results have shown that the magnitude of the association between sleep complaint and hypertension was stronger in participants with the lowest level of serum vitamin D levels than in the participants with the highest levels. Our observation might provide a hypothesis that is worth verifying in future prospective studies.

In addition to the evidence generated by conventional epidemiological studies, as stated by 2020-2030 Strategic Plan for National Institutes of Health Nutrition Research, the future research projects will strive to approach nutrition in a holistic manner and are suggested to connect an understanding of nutritional pathways, body functions and dietary patterns to the conditions unique to individuals. Several relevant examples will be discussed in the final part of presentation.

## Smart-phone based lifestyle intervention in gestational diabetes

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A significant proportion of pregnant women are affected by gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM). GDM is associated with maternal and neonatal complications, and good glycaemic control has been shown to reduce complications. Avoiding excessive gestational weight gain (EGWG) may be another important goal.

Traditional face-to-face consultations and lifestyle intervention programs are resource-intensive, do not allow for learning to be spaced out over a period of time to facilitate better encoding and information retention, or for patients to revisit information at their preferred time. Additionally, patient support and feedback typically occur only during consultations and may not be delivered in a timely manner. The use of mobile technologies could fill these gaps. Women with GDM are generally highly-motivated, driven by concern for the well-being of their babies. The short-lived and finite intervention period (from the diagnosis of GDM until delivery) also reduces the likelihood of technology fatigue.

SMART-GDM is the largest randomized controlled trial (RCT) to date using smartphone app in GDM. In the study, we showed that when added to usual care, the use of a largely automated smartphone app-based lifestyle coaching program resulted in better maternal glycaemic control and composite neonatal outcomes, but did not reduce EGWG among women with GDM.



## SYMPOSIUM 6

16:30 – 16:45

### Screening for blood glucose and lipids in a Chinese general population

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There are generally no symptoms or signs associated with diabetes and dyslipidemia in their early stage. These disorders are recognized as important risk factors for cardiovascular diseases, stroke and total mortality, highlighting the importance of their early detection and timely intervention through screening. A large body of evidence supports screening as a simple and effective measure for earlier diagnosis of diabetes and lipid disorders, which could save costs for the general population and the healthcare system. The benefit of screening also includes a reduced incidence of cardiovascular events. For example, a large-scale Anglo-Danish-Dutch Study of Intensive Treatment in People with Screen-Detected Diabetes in Primary Care (ADDITION) found that the risk of CVD and mortality were lower among individuals with diabetes in the screening group compared with those with diabetes in the no-screening group in the Danish population. Evidence has also pointed to screening relating to lower CVD risk through detecting diseases in earlier stages and promoting healthy changes in lifestyle habits. Further, a cost-related study on ADDITION found that the cost of screening/person discovered to have developed diabetes was offset within 2 years by savings in the healthcare system.

The Hong Kong Reference Framework for Preventive Care for Older Adults in Primary Care Settings, the Primary Health Care Office of the Department of Health has produced guidelines on screening of diabetes and lipid disorders, where individuals aged 45 years and 50 years or above, respectively, should receive three-yearly screening. Nevertheless, there is a scarcity of studies that have examined screening uptake and the factors associated with screening participation. We have performed a population-based telephone survey in the general population, including 2,044 randomly selected residents in Hong Kong to evaluate their screening uptake rate. Their attitude, perception, barriers and facilitators of diabetes and lipid disorder screening were examined.

In this seminar, the preliminary findings of this telephone survey and their associated implications on clinical practice and public health policies will be reported. We aim to identify potential gaps that need to be addressed to ensure successful implementation of the screening initiatives.

## Role of District Health Centre in prevention of NCD

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Non-communicable diseases (NCD) compounded by population ageing create major problem to the healthcare system, particularly to a developed city like Hong Kong. As the leading cause of death globally, NCD kill up to 40 million people each year, equivalent to 70% of all deaths globally. The problem will continue to grow if nothing will be done.

NCD do not only cost life, they also compromise quality of life of the people. There is clear and strong evidence that preventive interventions and improved access to healthcare can reduce the burden of NCD, disability and mortality.

To ensure the long term sustainable development of the Hong Kong healthcare system and safeguard the health of its people, the Government has committed to improve the healthcare system and services, including actively promoting primary healthcare. The Steering Committee on Primary Healthcare Development was established in 2017 to comprehensively review the existing planning of primary healthcare services and draw up a development blueprint. The first District Health Centre (DHC) with a brand new operation mode was set up in Kwai Tsing District and commenced service in 2019. Under the DHC scheme, DHCs will be launched in all 18 districts in Hong Kong.

The objectives of setting up the DHC are, through providing primary / secondary / tertiary prevention programmes, to:

- encourage the people establishing a healthy life style
- enhance disease prevention
- early identification of chronic diseases
- properly manage chronic diseases
- enhance the self-care capability through community rehabilitation programmes





## Complexity of diabetes – learning from patients during clinical trials

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Diabetes is a complex and heterogeneous condition. Each patient is unique and represents a complex interplay of genetic and environmental factors, differences in lifestyles and behaviours, health beliefs and attitudes. This is exemplified in the challenge of managing patients with young onset diabetes. Clinical trials provide an opportunity to closely examine these factors at play and act as a testbed for new ideas and interventions.

In this talk, we will describe our experience in the “Precision Medicine to Redefine Insulin Secretion and Monogenic Diabetes (PRISM) in Chinese Patients with Young Onset Diabetes” trial. Through a series of case studies, we will illustrate how advances in technology and use of biogenetic markers can help sub-phenotype and personalise treatment strategies. However, we cannot improve outcomes without concurrently addressing patient’s expectations and their psychosocial needs. We will reflect on what we can learn from each patient journey in a clinical trial and implications for our daily practice.

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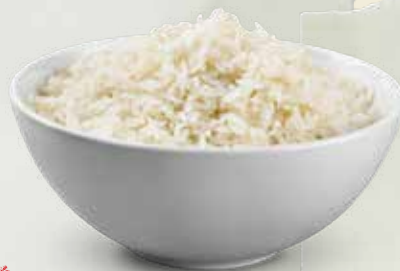
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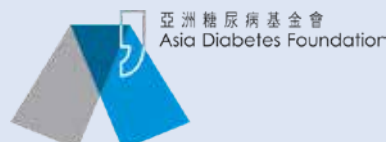
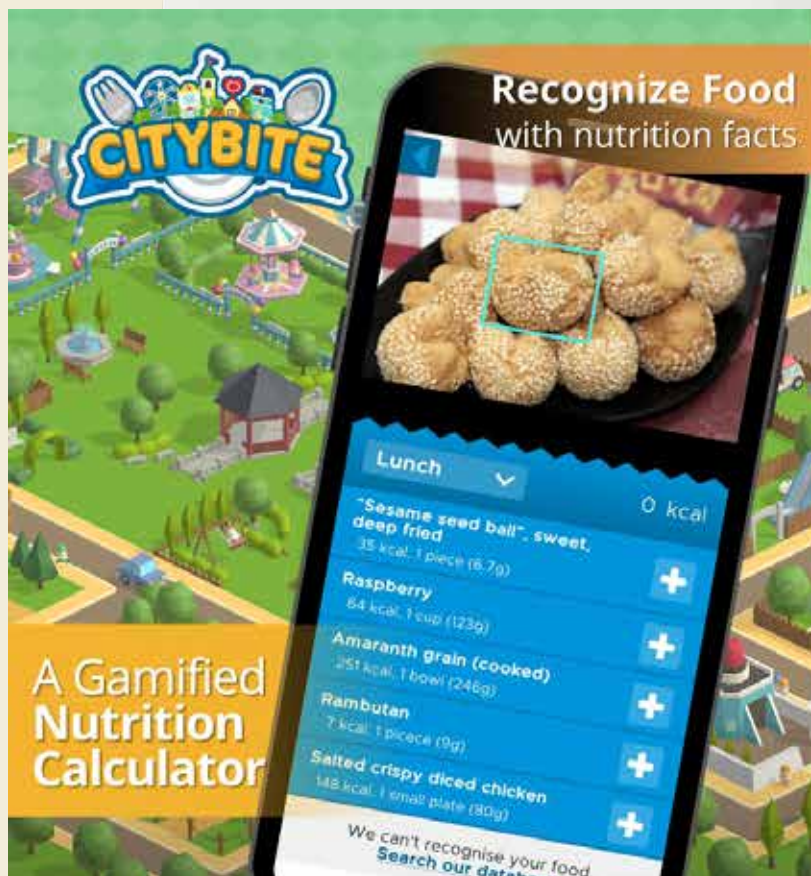
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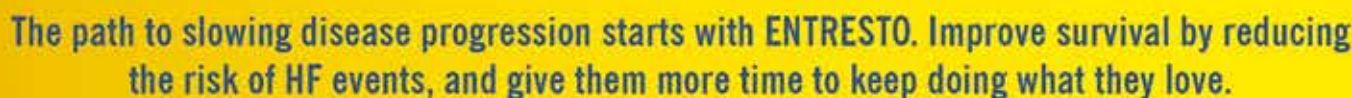
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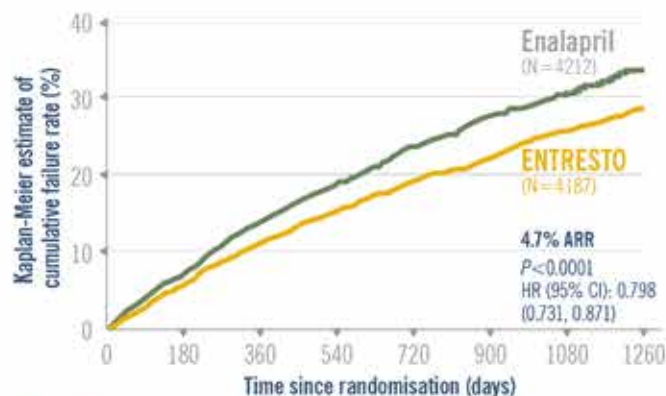
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↓ 16% fewer CV hospitalisations ( $P < 0.001$ )

↓ 30% lower rate of ED visits ( $P=0.017$ )

↓ 16% less likely to require intensification of outpatient HF therapy



**70%** of patients were NYHA Class II<sup>2</sup>

**By slowing disease progression, ENTRESTO helps keep HF patients out of the hospital and living longer.**

ARR = absolute risk reduction; EF = ejection fraction; ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB = angiotensin receptor blocker; HF = heart failure; HF/EF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction.

PARACORD-HF was a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, active-controlled, cross-over study of the long-term efficacy and safety of enalapril and ENTRESTO in 2442 patients in HF with chronic symptomatic HFrEF and LVEF  $\leq 40\%$ . This was changed to  $\leq 35\%$  by the FDA. In the protocol on 15 December, 2010, Patients were required to discontinue ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy and entered a washout period (mean washout period was 10.6 months) prior to randomization with enalapril 10 mg twice daily followed by ENTRESTO 495 mg, or enalapril 10 mg twice daily, increased to 20 mg twice daily, followed by the double-blind period of the study to receive either ENTRESTO 495 mg (N=1221) or 10 mg twice daily (N=1221). At the end of the 10-month washout period, 8 to 8.3 years, with a mean duration of follow-up of 27.6 months, 2711 patients were included for efficacy analysis. This post hoc analysis of PARACORD-HF examined the effect of ENTRESTO treatment on usage of death in HF patients. In total of 1546 patients died, including 711 in the ENTRESTO group and 835 in the enalapril group (47% and 68% of total patients, respectively). The majority of deaths were cardiovascular (88.9% - 1261), and the majority of these CV deaths were categorized as sudden (44.8%) or HF related (25.5%).<sup>13</sup> This post hoc analysis of PARACORD-HF examined the risk of the primary outcome based on presence of and time from a prior HF hospitalization as a measure of clinical stability. Patients having their most recent HF hospitalization within 3 months of screening ( $n=1571$ ) were defined as least stable, while patients who had no prior HF hospitalizations ( $n=3125$ ) were defined as the most stable. Compared to patients in the enalapril group, patients in the ENTRESTO group, regardless of presence of and time from a prior HF hospitalization, had a reduction of all-cause mortality in the risk of a primary and post-event.<sup>14</sup> This post hoc analysis of PARACORD-HF focused on prespecified secondary outcomes. For example, fewer ENTRESTO patients required intravenous medical treatment for HF (520 for ENTRESTO vs 604 for enalapril, HR, 0.88, 95% CI, 0.74-1.04,  $P=0.003$ ) or an ED visit for worsening HF (66.95% CI, 0.62-0.85,  $P=0.001$ ).<sup>14</sup>

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**Abbreviated prescribing information Ozempic® (semaglutide).** Ozempic 0.25 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen; Ozempic 0.5 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen; Ozempic 1 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen. **Consult Summary of Product Characteristics before prescribing.** **Presentation:** Ozempic 0.25 mg and 0.5 mg solution for injection: Each pre-filled pen contains 2 mg semaglutide in 1.5 ml solution, Ozempic 1 mg solution for injection: One pre-filled pen contains 4 mg semaglutide in 3.0 ml solution. **Uses:** Ozempic® is indicated for the treatment of adults with insufficiently controlled type 2 diabetes mellitus as an adjunct to diet and exercise as Monotherapy, when metformin is considered inappropriate due to intolerance or contraindications. Combination therapy: In addition to other medicinal products for the treatment of diabetes, for study results with respect to combinations, effects on glycaemic control and cardiovascular events, and the populations studied, see the full Summary of Product Characteristics. **Dosage and administration:** The starting dose is 0.25 mg Ozempic® once weekly. After 4 weeks the dose should be increased to 0.5 mg once weekly. After at least 4 weeks with a dose of 0.5 mg once weekly, the dose can be increased to 1 mg once weekly to further improve glycaemic control. Ozempic® is to be administered once weekly at any time of the day, with or without meals. Ozempic® is to be injected subcutaneously in the abdomen, in the thigh or in the upper arm. Ozempic® should not be administered intravenously or intramuscularly. When Ozempic® is added to existing metformin and/or thiazolidinedione therapy, the current dose of metformin and/or thiazolidinedione can be continued unchanged. When Ozempic® is added to existing therapy of sulfonylurea or insulin, a reduction in the dose of sulfonylurea or insulin should be considered to reduce the risk of hypoglycaemia. **Elderly:** No dose adjustment is required based on age. Therapeutic experience in patients aged ≥75 years of age is limited. **Renal impairment:** No dose adjustment is required for patients with mild, moderate or severe renal impairment. Experience in patients with severe renal impairment is limited. Not recommended for use in patients with end-stage renal disease. **Hepatic impairment:** No dose adjustment is required for patients with hepatic impairment. Experience in patients with severe hepatic impairment is limited. Caution should be exercised when treating these patients with Ozempic®. **Paediatric population:** The safety and efficacy of Ozempic® in children and adolescents below 18 years have not yet been established. No data are available. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients. **Special warnings and precautions for use:** Ozempic® should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus or for the treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis. Ozempic® is not a substitute for insulin. There is no experience in patients with congestive heart failure NYHA class IV and Ozempic® is therefore not recommended in these patients. The possibility of gastrointestinal adverse reactions should be considered when treating patients with impaired renal function as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea may cause dehydration, which could cause a deterioration of renal function. Patients should be informed of the characteristic symptoms of acute pancreatitis. If pancreatitis is suspected, Ozempic® should be discontinued; if confirmed, Ozempic® should not be restarted. Caution should be exercised in patients with a history of pancreatitis. Patients treated with Ozempic® in combination with a sulfonylurea or insulin may have an increased risk of hypoglycaemia. Consider reducing the dose of sulfonylurea or insulin when initiating treatment with Ozempic®. In patients with diabetic retinopathy treated with insulin and Ozempic®, an increased risk of developing diabetic retinopathy complications has been observed. Caution should be exercised when using Ozempic® in patients with diabetic retinopathy treated with insulin. These patients should be monitored closely and treated according to clinical guidelines. Rapid improvement in glucose control has been associated with a temporary worsening of diabetic retinopathy, but other mechanisms cannot be excluded. **Interactions:** Ozempic® delays gastric emptying and has the potential to impact the rate of absorption of concomitantly administered oral medicinal products. Ozempic® should be used with caution in patients receiving oral medicinal products that require rapid gastrointestinal absorption. No dose adjustment of paracetamol, oral contraceptives (ethinylestradiol and levonorgestrel), atorvastatin, warfarin, digoxin or metformin is necessary when administered with Ozempic®. For further details of these interaction studies, please see the Summary of Product Characteristics. **Pregnancy and lactation:** Ozempic® should not be used during pregnancy. If a patient wishes to become pregnant, or pregnancy occurs during treatment, Ozempic® should be discontinued. Ozempic® should not be used during breastfeeding. Effect of Ozempic® on fertility in humans is unknown. **Driving or using machines:** When Ozempic® is used in combination with a sulfonylurea or insulin, patients should be advised to take precautions to avoid hypoglycaemia while driving and using machines. **Undesirable effects:** The most frequently reported adverse reactions with Ozempic® in clinical trials were gastrointestinal disorders, including nausea, diarrhoea and vomiting. Adverse reactions by system organ class and absolute frequencies identified in all phase 3a trials listed here as Very common (≥1/100): Hypoglycaemia when used with insulin or sulfonylurea, nausea, diarrhoea; Common (≥1/100 to <1/100): Hypoglycaemia when used with other OADs, decreased appetite, dizziness, diabetic retinopathy complications, vomiting, abdominal pain, abdominal distension, constipation, dyspepsia, gastritis, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease, eructation, flatulence, cholelithiasis, fatigue, increased lipase, increased amylase, weight decreased; Uncommon (≥1/1,000 to <1/100): Dysgeusia, increased heart rate, injection site reactions; Rare (≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000): Anaphylactic reaction. **References:** 1. Ozempic® packing insert. 2. Pratley RE, Aroda VR, Lingvay I, et al. Semaglutide versus dulaglutide once weekly in patients with type 2 diabetes (SUSTAIN 7): a randomised, open-label, phase 3b trial. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2018;6(4):275-286. 3. 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§ When added to SOC, which included oral antidiabetic treatment, insulin, antihypertensives, diuretics and lipid-lowering therapies.<sup>3</sup>

# Other diabetes treatments refer to sitagliptin, dulaglutide, exenatide ER, liraglutide, canagliflozin and glargine U100. Target refers to American Diabetes Association target of HbA<sub>1c</sub> <7%.

† In SUSTAIN 6, Ozempic® reduced CV risk (CV death, nonfatal myocardial infarction (MI) or nonfatal stroke) versus placebo in patients with type 2 diabetes at high CV risk treated with standard of care.<sup>1</sup>

\* Results apply to Ozempic® across SUSTAIN trials, which included placebo, DPP-4i, SGLT-2i, GLP-1 RA and basal insulin.<sup>1,2</sup>

CV=cardiovascular; CVD=cardiovascular disease; ADA=American Diabetes Association; EASD=European Association for the Study of Diabetes; GLP-1 RA=glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist.



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### Abbreviated Prescribing Information

**Presentation:** Tablets 15mg or 30mg of tolvaptan. **Indication:** SAMSCA is indicated for the treatment of clinically significant hypervolemic and euvolemic hyponatremia (serum sodium  $<125\text{mEq/L}$  or less marked hyponatremia that is symptomatic and has resisted correction with fluid restriction), including patients with heart failure and Syndrome of Inappropriate Antidiuretic Hormone (SIADH). **Dosage:** To be initiated in hospital due to need for evaluation of therapeutic response. The usual starting dose for SAMSCA is 15mg administered once daily without regard to meals. Increase the dose to 30mg once daily, after at least 24 hours, to a maximum of 60 mg once daily, as needed to achieve the desired level of serum sodium. Limit treatment duration to 30 days. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to any component of Samsca. Urgent need to raise serum sodium acutely. Anuria. Hypovolaemic hyponatremia (worsening). Hyponatremia. Patients who cannot perceive or appropriately respond to thirst. Concomitant use of strong CYP3A inhibitors. Pregnancy. Breastfeeding. **Warnings and precautions:** Tolvaptan should be initiated and re-initiated in patients only in a hospital where serum sodium can be monitored closely. Tolvaptan has not been in a setting of urgent need to raise serum sodium acutely. For such patients, alternate treatment should be considered. Osmotic demyelination syndrome is a risk associated with too rapid correction of hyponatremia (e.g.,  $>12\text{mEq/L/24 hours}$ ). Osmotic demyelination results in dysarthria, mutism, dysphagia, lethargy, affective changes, spastic quadriparesis, seizures, coma and death. Caution should be exercised to ensure patients have adequate access to water and not become overly dehydrated. Urinary outflow must be secured to avoid risk of developing acute urinary retention. If hepatic injury is suspected, discontinue SAMSCA. Avoid use in patients with underlying liver disease. Concomitant use of SAMSCA with other treatments for hyponatremia or other medicinal products that increase serum sodium concentration may result in a higher risk for developing rapid correction of serum sodium and is therefore not recommended. **Drug interactions:** Caution with: co-administration with CYP3A inhibitors, inducers and substrates. P-gp inhibitors, and digoxin. Concomitant use with hypertonic saline is not recommended. The effect of vasopressin analogues such as desmopressin may be attenuated in patients using such analogues to prevent or control bleeding when co-administered with SAMSCA. **Adverse reactions:** The following adverse reactions were reported ( $>2\%$ ) in clinical trials in hyponatremia: Dry mouth, constipation, thirst, asthenia, pyrexia, hyperglycemia, anorexia, pollakiuria or polyuria. See full package insert for further details and other undesirable effect. **Overdosage:** If overdose occurs, estimation of the severity of poisoning is an important first step. Treatment should involve symptomatic and supportive care, with respiratory, ECG and blood pressure monitoring and water/electrolyte supplements as needed. A profuse and prolonged aquaresis should be anticipated. Please refer to full package insert for further details.

#### References:

1. 2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure – Web Addenda.
2. Samsca® package insert.

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**Presentation:** 100 IU/ml insulin glargine solution for injection. **Indications:** For the treatment of adults, adolescents and children aged 2 years and above with diabetes mellitus. **Dosage:** Once daily (at the same time every day), with adjusted individual dosage. **Administration:** Subcutaneous injection. Lantus is NOT INTENDED FOR INTRAVENOUS USE since it could result in severe hypoglycaemia. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to insulin glargine or to any of the excipients. **Precautions:** Lantus has not been studied in children below the age of 2 years. Elderly: progressive deterioration of renal function may lead to a steady decrease in insulin requirements. Renal impairment: insulin requirements may be diminished due to reduced insulin metabolism. Hepatic impairment: insulin requirement may be diminished due to reduced capacity for gluconeogenesis and reduced insulin metabolism. Hypoglycaemia. Intercurrent illness. Combination of Lantus with pioglitazone. **Fertility, pregnancy and lactation:** Animal studies do not indicate direct harmful effects with respect to fertility and reproductive toxicity. The use of Lantus may be considered during pregnancy if clinical needed. It is unknown whether insulin glargine is excreted in human milk. **Overdose:** Insulin overdose may lead to severe and sometimes long-term and life-threatening hypoglycaemia. Mild episodes of hypoglycaemia can usually be treated with oral carbohydrates. More severe episodes with coma, seizure or neurologic impairment may be treated with glucagon (intramuscular or subcutaneous) or concentrated glucose solution (intravenous). **Interactions:** Effects enhanced by oral antidiabetics, ACEI, disopyramide, fibrates, fluoxetine, MAOIs, pentoxifylline, propoxyphene, salicylates, sulfonamide antibiotics. Effects reduced by corticosteroids, danazol, diazoxide, diuretics, glucagons, isoniazid, oestrogens and progestogens, phenothiazine derivatives, somatropin, sympathomimetics, or thyroid hormones, atypical antipsychotics and protease inhibitors. Beta-blockers, clonidine, lithium or alcohol may either potentiate or weaken the effects of insulin. Pentamidine may cause hypoglycaemia, followed by hyperglycaemia. The signs of adrenergic counter-regulation may be reduced or absent under the influence of sympatholytic medicinal products such as Beta-blockers, clonidine, guanethidine and reserpine. **Undesirable effects:** Hypoglycaemia. Lipohypertrophy. Injection site reactions. Lipodystrophy. Allergic reactions. Visual impairment, Retinopathy, Oedema, Dyslipidaemia, Myalgia. **Storage:** Before first use: Store in a refrigerator (2°C - 8°C). Do not freeze. After first use: Store below 30°C. Use within 28 days. Away from direct heat or light. Preparations Lantus SoloStar 5 x 3ml (300IU) pre-filled pens. Lantus Vial One 10ml (1000IU) vial per box. **Legal Classification:** Part 1 Poison. Full prescribing information is available upon request. API-HK-GLA-17.03.

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