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Weight Loss Medications

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# The role of anti-obesity medications in T2DM management

## Michigan Collaboration for Type 2 Diabetes

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# Overview

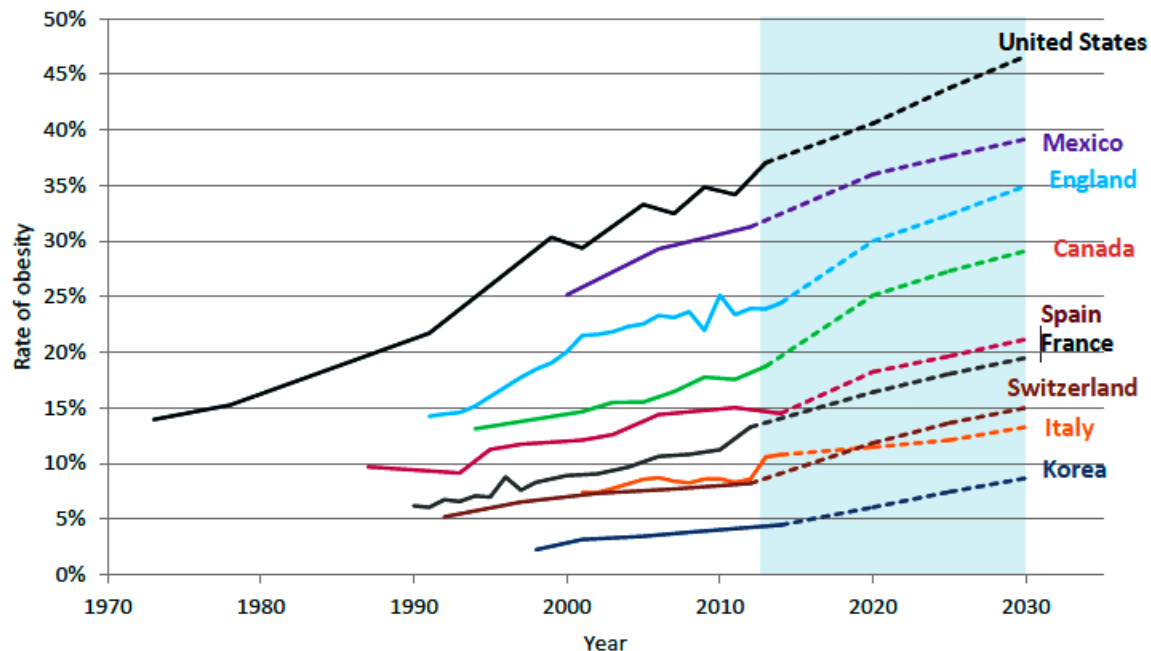
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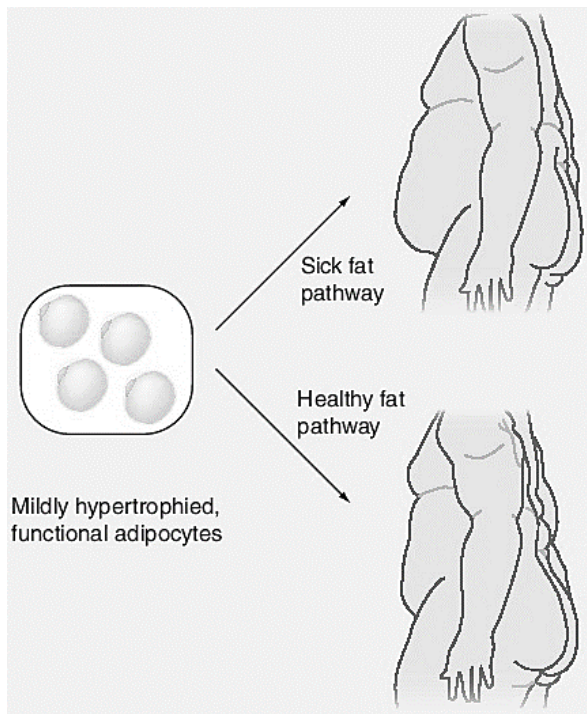
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# Obesity is a public health crisis

## Projected global increase in obesity



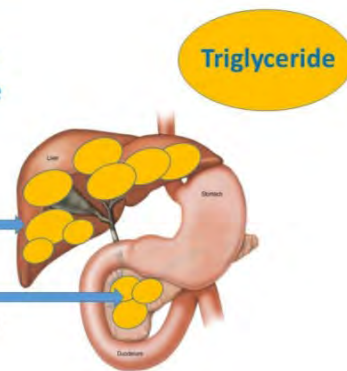
# Pathophysiologic link between obesity and T2DM



Type 2 diabetes results in part from accumulation of fat in the liver and pancreas

**Liver fat:** linked to insulin resistance

**Pancreatic fat:** inhibits B cell function - cannot produce enough insulin





# Heterogeneity of obesity and its consequences

Visceral fat → metabolic dysfunction

Visceral fat (relative to BMI)

- Increased in South Asians
- Decreased in blacks

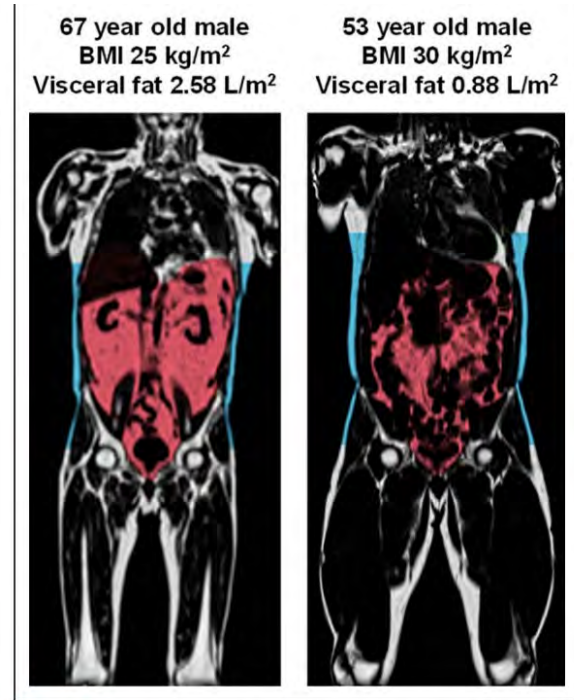
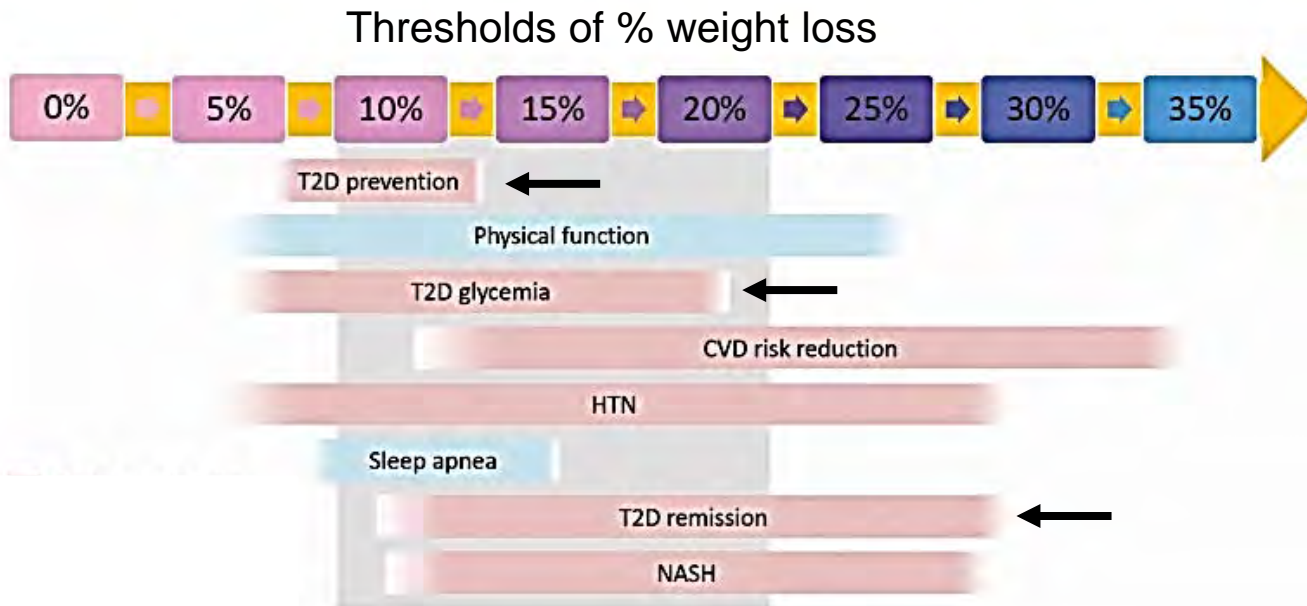


Figure 1. Extreme variation in abdominal fat distribution.

# Weight loss improves health



*"the essential goal of weight loss therapy is not the quantity of weight loss as an end unto itself but rather **the prevention and treatment of complications** to enhance health and **mitigate morbidity and mortality**.*

# AOMs are one option to support weight loss

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**AND**

Non-achievement of weight or health goals with lifestyle change

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Generally, **≤ 5% weight loss** after 3 months on max dose is an indication to stop the medication and **try something else**

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# What are incretin hormones?








Nutrient-stimulated gut hormones

Stimulate insulin secretion in response to a meal

Two key hormones:








1. Glucagon-like peptide-1 (**GLP-1**)
2. Glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide (**GIP**)

# Mechanism of action

GLP-1						
No prominent effect	Increase insulin Decrease glucagon	Decrease gastric emptying	Increase HR Cardio-protection	Increase meal-associated bone remodeling	Decrease caloric intake	Decrease sodium excretion
						
ADIPOCYTES	PANCREAS	STOMACH	HEART	BONE	CNS	KIDNEYS



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<u>Increase glucose and TG uptake</u> <u>Increase TG storage</u>	Increase insulin <u>Increase glucagon</u>	No prominent effect	Increase HR	Increase meal-associated bone remodeling	<u>Uncertain</u>	No prominent effect
GIP						

# GLP-1 (and GIP) receptor agonists for T2DM

Generic drug name (brand name)	Dosing frequency
Exenatide (Byetta)	Twice daily
Exenatide extended release (Bydureon)	Weekly
<b>Liraglutide</b> (Victoza)	Daily
Dulaglutide (Trulicity)	Weekly
<b>Semaglutide</b> (Ozempic, Rybelsus)	Weekly, Daily
<b>Tirzepatide*</b> (Mounjaro)	Weekly

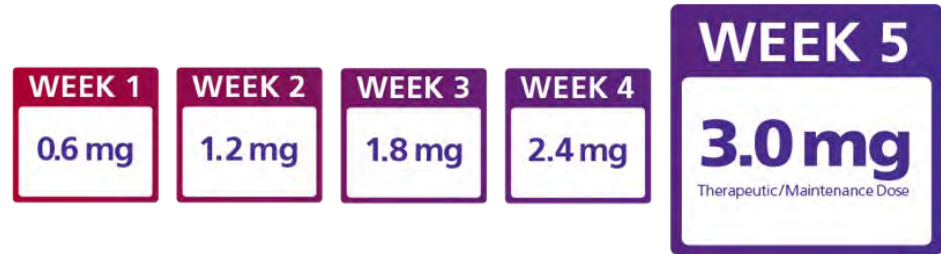
**BOLD**=higher doses FDA-approved for weight management

\*Dual GLP/GIP receptor agonist

# GLP-1 receptor agonists for weight management

Liraglutide (Saxenda)

- **Once daily injection**
- Titrated **weekly**



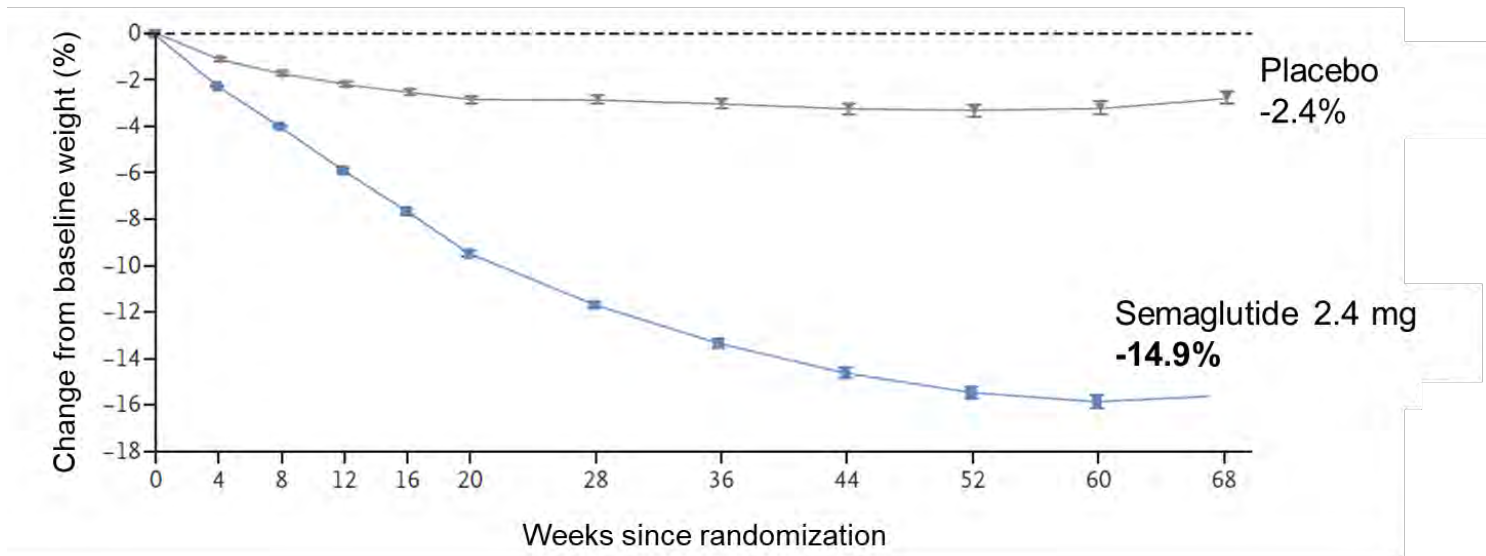
Semaglutide (Wegovy)

- **Once weekly injection**
- Titrated **monthly**



# Semaglutide 2.4 mg among patients with obesity (STEP 1 trial)

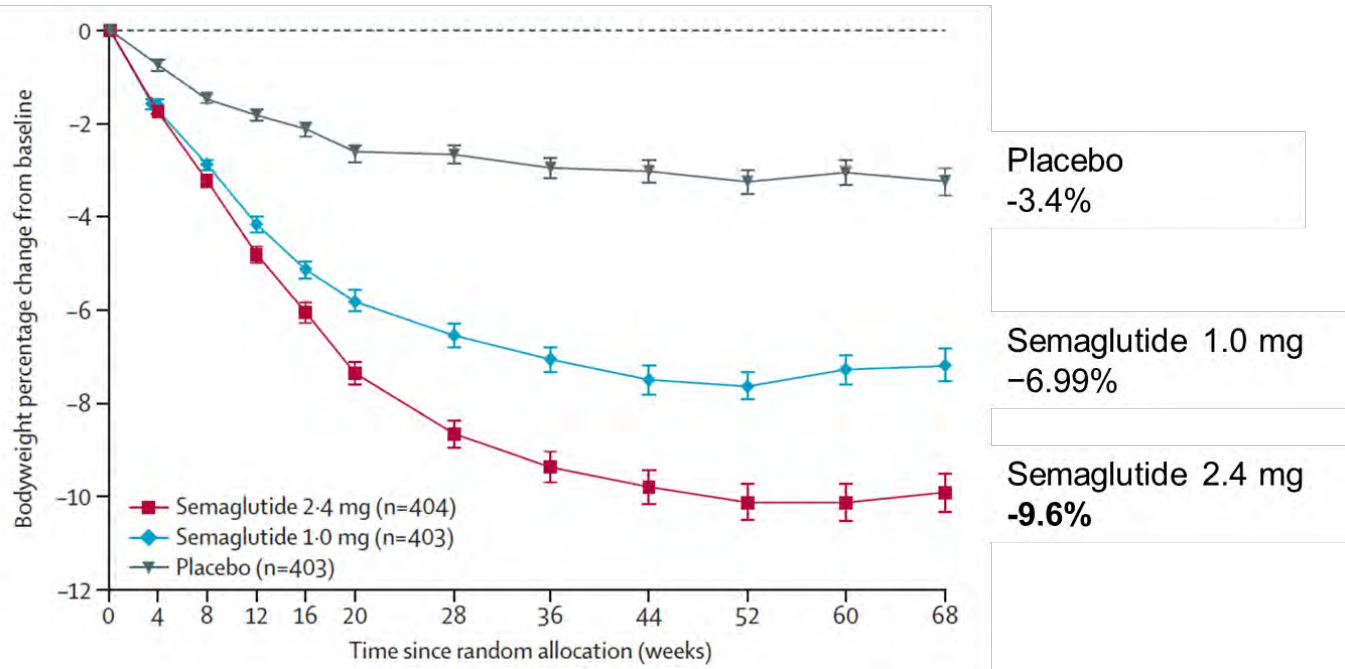
## Mean % weight loss from baseline to 68 weeks (n=1961)



Among participants receiving semaglutide,  
**69% lost  $\geq 10\%$  body weight and 32% lost  $\geq 20\%$  body weight**

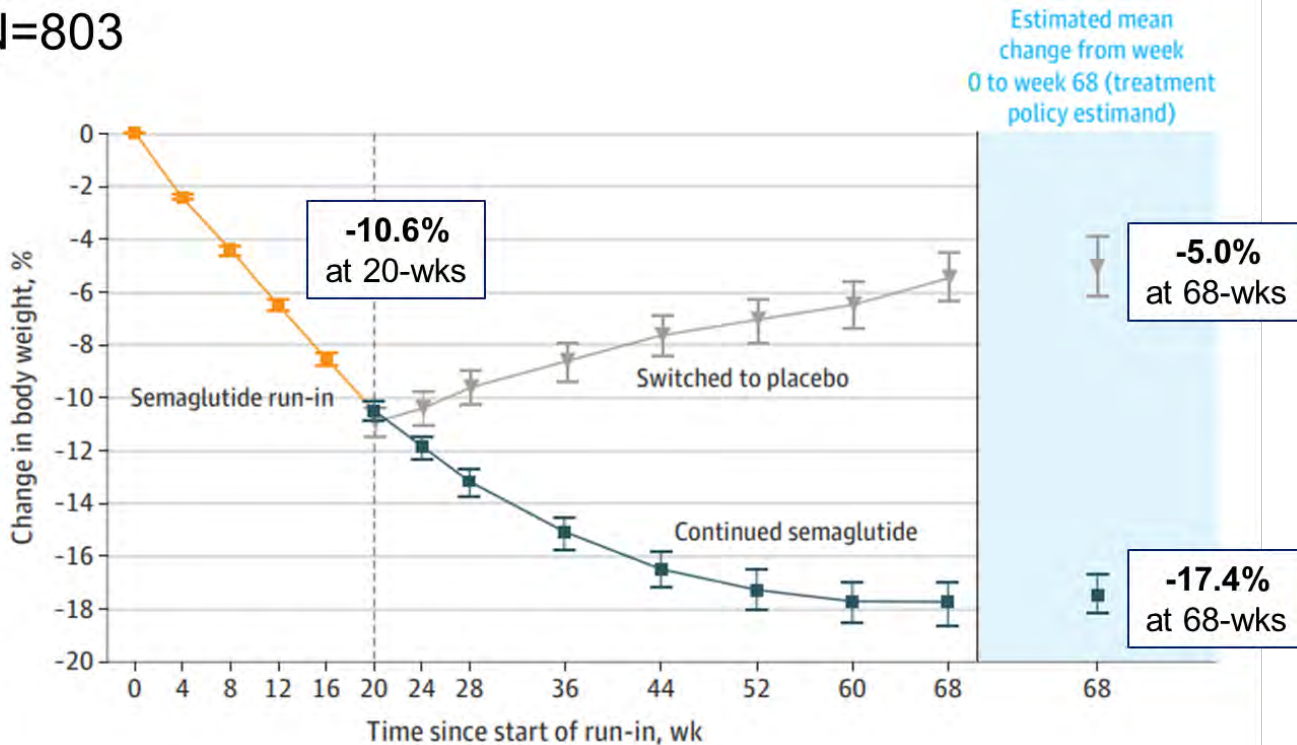
# Semaglutide 2.4 mg among patients with T2DM (STEP 2 trial)

Mean % weight loss from baseline to 68 weeks (n=1210)



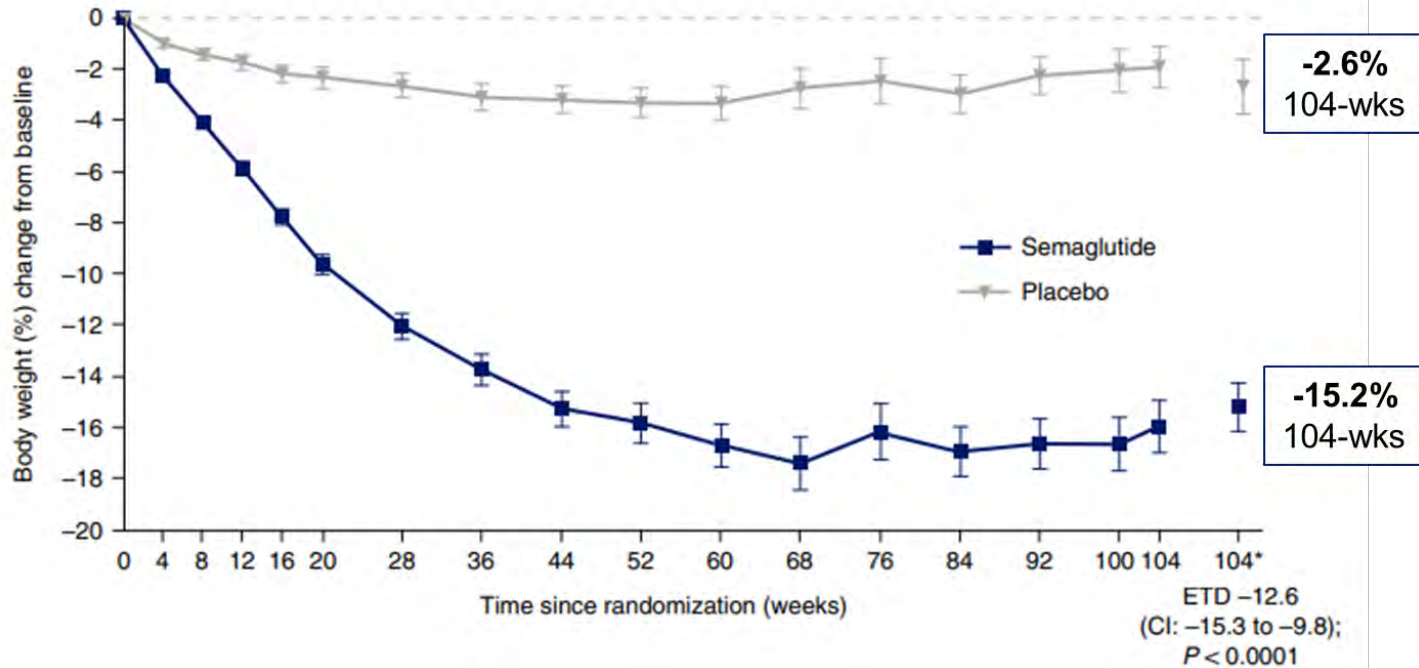
# Weight regain with discontinuation (STEP 4 trial)

N=803



# Long-term efficacy (STEP 5)

N=304

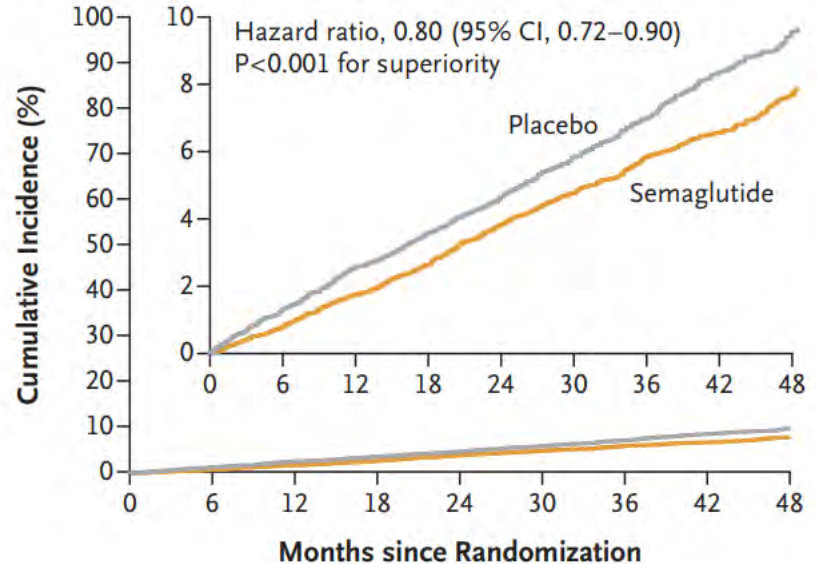


# Cardiovascular benefit

## SELECT trial

- N=17,604 (41 countries)
- BMI  $\geq 27$ , CVD, no T2DM
- Semaglutide 2.4 mg vs. placebo
- Followed for 5 years
- Primary end point: composite of death from CV causes, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke

A Primary Cardiovascular Composite End Point



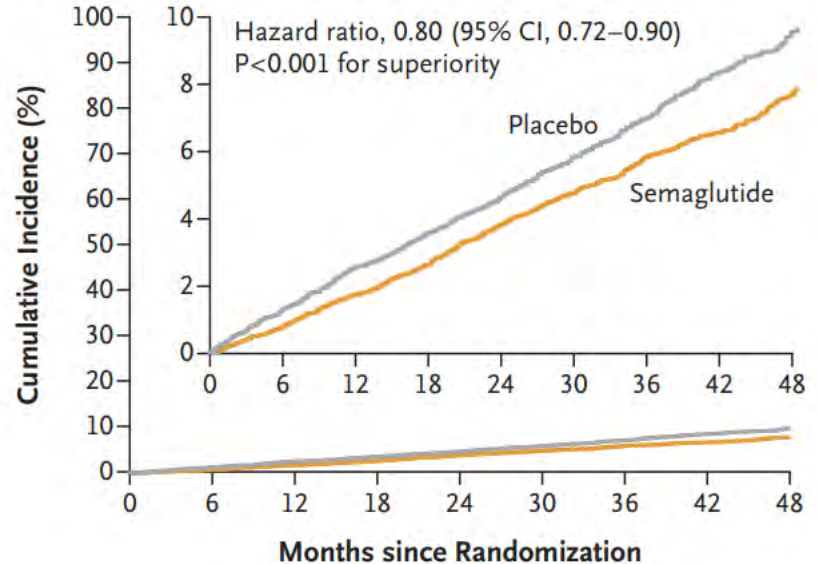


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Consistent with outcomes from SUSTAIN-6 trial (CVD + T2D)

# Renal benefit

## FLOW trial\*

- N=3,534 (28 countries)
- T2DM + CKD
- Semaglutide 1.0 mg vs. placebo
  
- Primary end point: kidney failure or initiation of chronic kidney replacement therapy, persistent  $\geq$  50% reduction in eGFR, or death from kidney or CV causes

\*Trial pending publication

## Novo Nordisk stops trial of Ozempic in kidneys as interim analysis shows success

Novo Nordisk already has a strong presence in the type 2 diabetes (T2D) and obesity markets.

GlobalData | GlobalData Healthcare | October 17, 2023



# Contraindications

**WARNING: RISK OF THYROID C-CELL TUMORS**

*See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*

- In rodents, semaglutide causes thyroid C-cell tumors at clinically relevant exposures. It is unknown whether WEGOVY® causes thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans as the human relevance of semaglutide-induced rodent thyroid C-cell tumors has not been determined (5.1, 13.1).
- WEGOVY® is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of MTC or in patients with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2). Counsel patients regarding the potential risk of MTC and symptoms of thyroid tumors (4, 5.1).

Avoid in specific populations  
(MTC / MEN 2)

Benefits generally outweigh  
risks, as weight loss supports  
reduction in many other  
cancers

# Warnings / Precautions

- Acute pancreatitis
- Acute gallbladder disease
- Hypoglycemia
- Acute kidney injury
- Increased heart rate
- Suicidal behavior / ideation
- Hypersensitivity reactions
- Diabetic retinopathy\*



\*Risk of retinopathy elevated among patients with T2DM if: baseline retinopathy and/or on insulin with suboptimal glycemic control.  
*FOCUS trial (NCT03811561) pending.*

# Side effects

<b>Adverse Events</b>	<b>Semaglutide (n=1306)</b>	<b>Placebo (n=655)</b>
Any adverse event	89.7%	86.7%
Serious adverse event	9.8%	6.4%
Serious AEs leading to discontinuation	7%	3.1%
<b>Adverse events reported in <math>\geq 10\%</math> of participants</b>		
Nausea	44.2%	17.4%
Vomiting	31.5%	15.9%
Diarrhea	22%	19%
Headache	15.2%	12.2%
Abdominal pain	10%	5.5%
Constipation	23.4%	9.5%

# Tirzepatide (GIP/GLP-1 RA)

FDA NEWS RELEASE

## FDA Approves New Medication for Chronic Weight Management

For Immediate Release: November 08, 2023



# Tirzepatide (GIP/GLP-1 RA)

FDA-approved for  
treatment of T2DM  
since 2022

Acts at receptors for  
GLP-1 & GIP



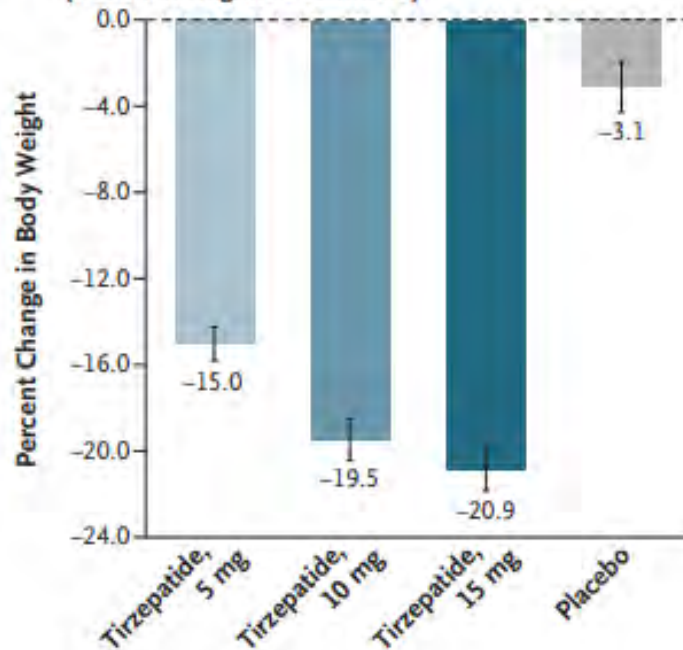
# Tirzepatide (GIP/GLP-1 RA) for obesity

N=2,539

BMI  $\geq 30$  or  $\geq 27$   
+ weight-related condition  
(not T2DM)

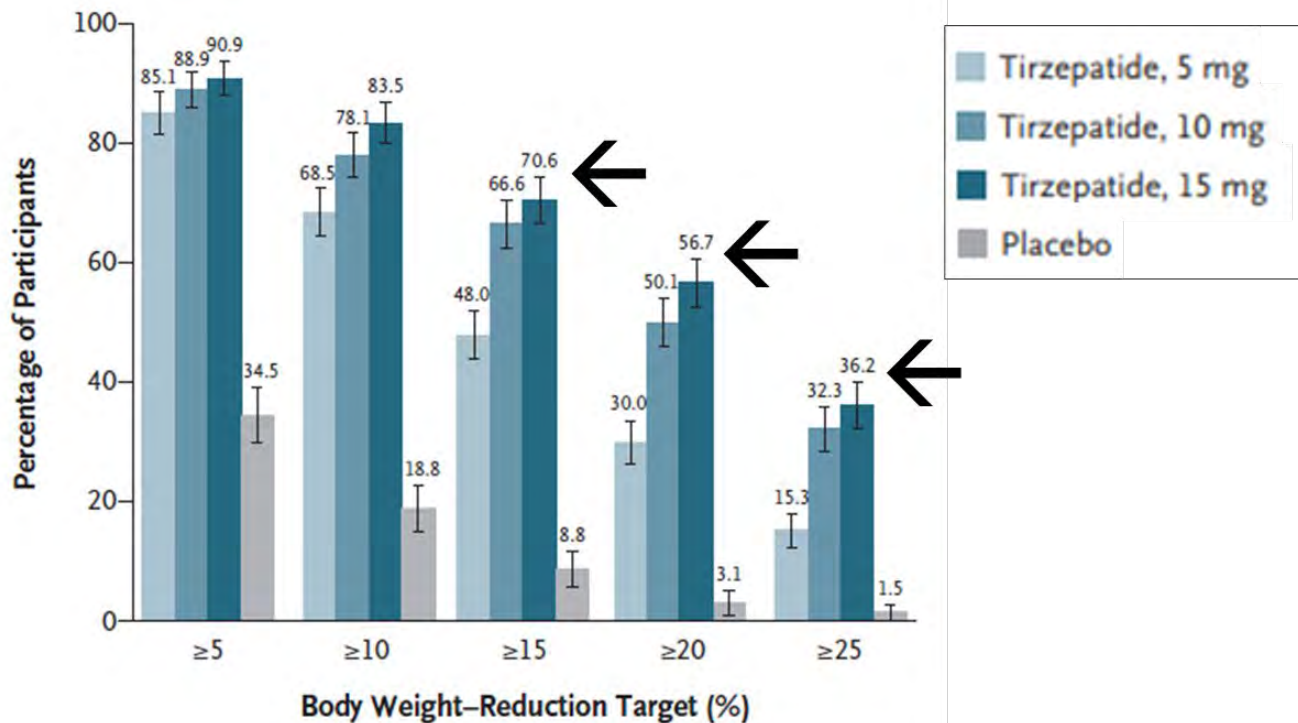
Mean baseline BMI=38.0

A Overall Percent Change in Body Weight from Baseline (treatment-regimen estimand)

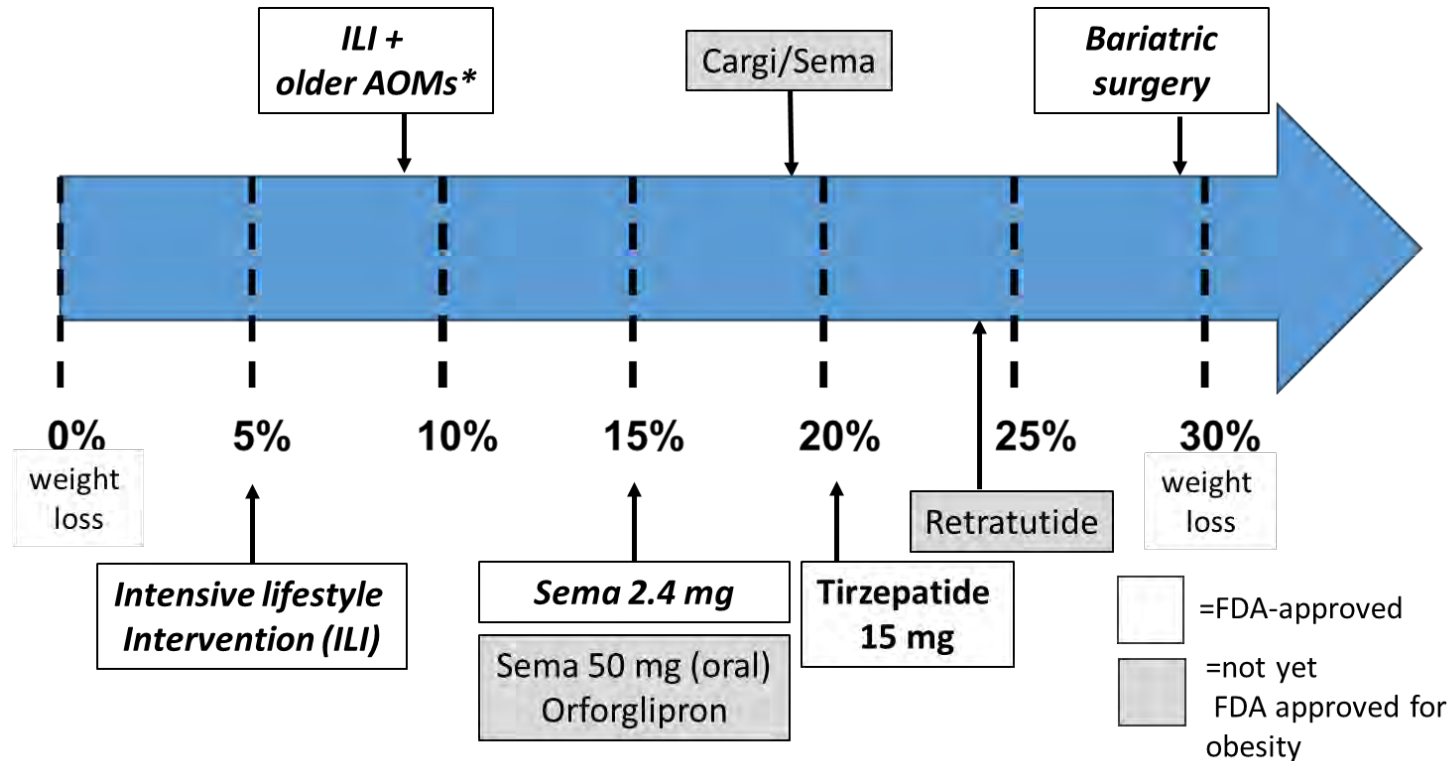




# Achievement of weight loss thresholds



# Closing the weight management treatment gap



# Challenges to use of injectable AOMs

1. Limited insurance coverage
2. High out-of-pocket cost
3. Drug shortages / limited availability

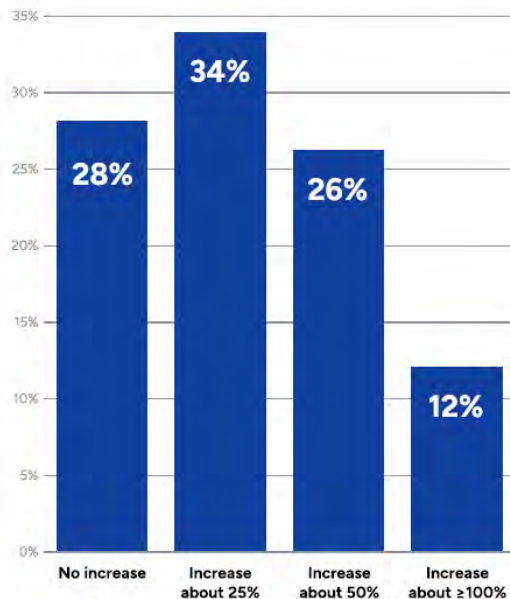
# Limited insurance coverage

## 72% of health plan leaders expect GLP-1s to grow by 25% or more in 2023

Health plan leaders are already seeing the impact of increased GLP-1 utilization with 72% saying they expect a 25% or more increase in 2023 alone. **This could upend an organization's cost of care models, significantly increase pharmacy costs and threaten profitability and growth for the next decade.**

Pharmaceutical manufacturers, like Pfizer, have even more ambitious predictions, saying, "We're going full guns on this" (Bill Sessa, chief scientific officer at Pfizer's Internal Medicine Research Unit<sup>1</sup>). New oral GLP-1s are entering the drug pipeline in order to capitalize on growing market share. And Bank of America analyst, Geoff Meacham, predicts that **GLP-1 Mounjaro could be the first \$100 billion drug, which is 4-5x the current best selling drug, Humira.<sup>2</sup>**

Expected Increase in Utilization of GLP-1 Prescriptions for Obesity and Weight Loss in 2023 (n=80)



A typical employer's drug spending could increase by more than 50% if half of employees who were eligible for Wegovy were to take it,

<sup>1</sup> Reuters, "Novo Nordisk rivals see room to compete in \$100 billion weight-loss drug market," May 4, 2023

<sup>2</sup> Market Watch, "Bank of America: Lilly's tirzepatide could be the first \$100 billion drug," October, 2022.

# Limited insurance coverage

## PRIVATE PLANS COVERAGE for Anti-Obesity Meds

	<b>SAXENDA</b> Liraglutide <i>Injectable - Daily</i>	<b>WEGOVY</b> Semaglutide <i>Injectable - Weekly</i>	<b>PHENTERMINE</b> Generic - High Dose <i>Oral - Daily w/ Meals</i>	<b>LOMAIRA</b> Phentermine 8 Low Dose <i>Oral - Daily w/ Meals</i>	<b>QSYMIA</b> Phentermine Topiramate <i>Oral - Daily</i>	<b>CONTRAVE</b> Naltrexone HCl - Bupropion HC <i>Oral - 2x Daily</i>
<b>AETNA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered
<b>BCBSM*</b>	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred	Non-Preferred	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>
<b>EXPRESS SCRIPTS</b> National Preferred	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred <b>PA</b>	Preferred	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>
<b>HAP</b>	Not Covered	Not Covered	Preferred	Not Covered	Non-Preferred <b>PA</b>	Not Covered
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Prior Auth

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Step Therapy

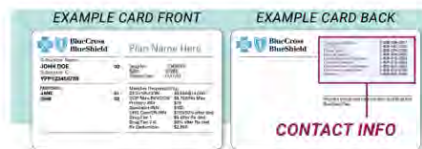
See last page of guide for links to available prior auth and step therapy documentation

## Affording your Weight Loss Medication

Weight loss medications can be expensive and not covered by health insurance. If you have a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, some of the medications may be more affordable. If you do not have a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes, please complete this worksheet and return it to Dr. Oshman. You can return this as an attachment on the portal.

Find your insurance company contact information on the back of your insurance card.

If you cannot locate your card, you can search the web for your insurance companies phone number.



### Basic information

Do I have prescription drug coverage?  Yes  No

Do I have a deductible for medications?  Yes  No

If yes, what is my yearly deductible? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much of my deductible has been met? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For each medication answer the following questions:

Medication name	Covered?	Preferred?	Co-pay?
<input type="checkbox"/> Wegovy (semaglutide)	Y or N	Y or N	Y or N
<input type="checkbox"/> Saxenda (semaglutide)	Y or N	Y or N	Y or N
<input type="checkbox"/> Contrave (bupropion/naltrexone)	Y or N	Y or N	Y or N
<input type="checkbox"/> Qsymia (phentermine/topiramate)	Y or N	Y or N	Y or N
<input type="checkbox"/> Adipex-P (high dose phentermine)	Y or N	Y or N	Y or N
<input type="checkbox"/> Generic phentermine	Y or N	Y or N	Y or N
<input type="checkbox"/> Lomaira (low dose phentermine)	Y or N	Y or N	Y or N

Disclaimer: Information based on general formularies, unless otherwise noted and may not reflect employer-group specific policies and plans with pharmacy carve out.

\*\*Priority coverage for Qsymia determined by: "Employers plan rider determines weight loss coverage"




# High out-of-pocket cost

GoodRx

### Local pharmacy prices

Choose a pharmacy to get a coupon

Ann Arbor, MI Lowest price ▾

 Rite Aid	\$1,781 retail Save 26%	<b>\$1,313</b>	<a href="#">Get free savings</a>
 Meijer Pharmacy	\$1,653 retail Save 19%	<b>\$1,333</b>	<a href="#">Get free savings</a>
 CVS Pharmacy	\$1,599 retail Save 12%	<b>\$1,391</b>	<a href="#">Get free savings</a>

Tirzepatide for weight management (Zepbound) list price: \$1059.87  
Approximately 20% less than semaglutide 2.4 mg.

# Drug shortages

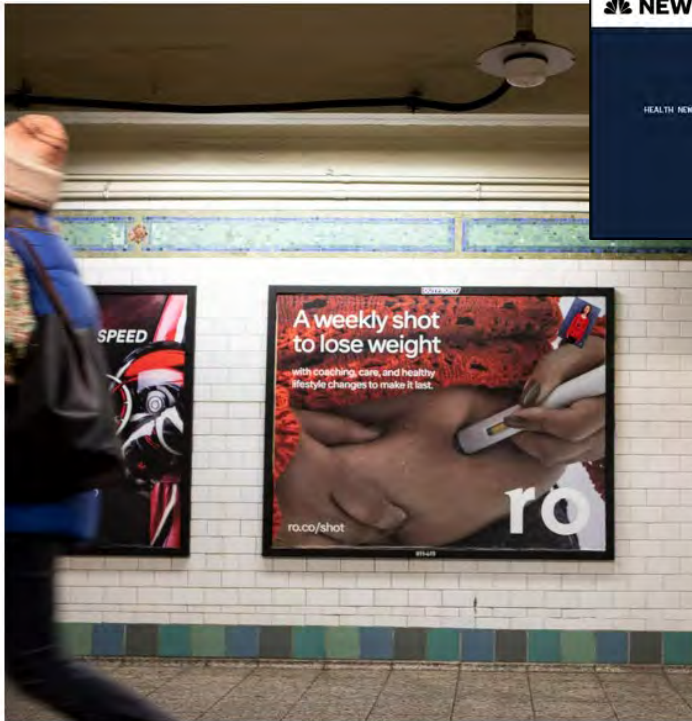


Photo by Amelia Holowaty Krales / The Verge

**NEWS** People with diabetes struggle to find Ozempic as it soars in popularity as a weight loss aid

HEALTH NEWS

## People with diabetes struggle to find Ozempic as it soars in popularity as a weight loss aid

FIRST OPINION

## How the Wegovy shortage is making life impossible for my patients — and for me

By Jody Dushay Sept. 16, 2023 [Reprints](#)

**CNN** health Life, But Better Fitness Food Sleep Mindfulness Relationships

## Ozempic prescriptions can be easy to get online. Its popularity for weight loss is hurting those who need it most

By Annette Choi and Han Yu, CNN  
Published 7:47 AM EDT, Fri March 17, 2023

# Compounded semaglutide

Compounding is legal when drugs are on shortage

Safety concerns relate to unauthorized use of salt vs. base form of semaglutide.

Patients who choose to use compounded semaglutide should obtain the medication **from state-licensed pharmacies** and informed of **potential limitation** of compounded peptides.

Obesity Medicine Association Issues a Position Statement on Compounded Peptides

Published Date: March 30, 2023



Know the risks: Before buying prescription medicine online, visit [www.FDA.gov/BeSafeRx](http://www.FDA.gov/BeSafeRx).



**BeSafeRx**  
Know Your Online Pharmacy





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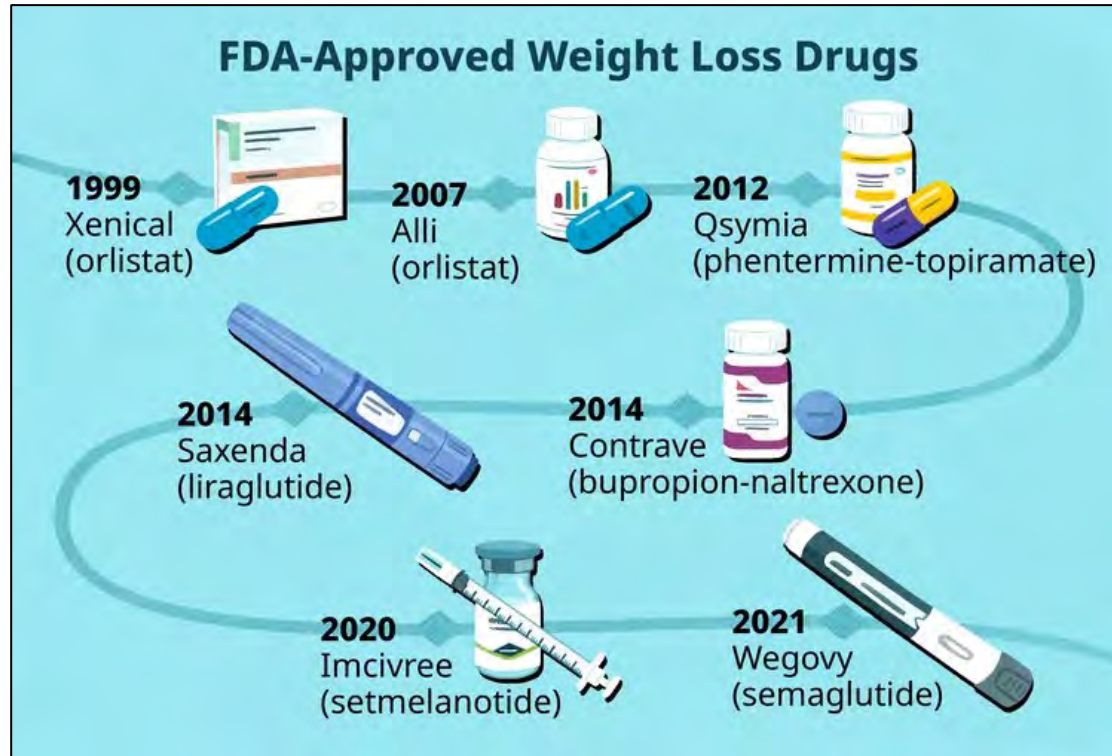
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# Patient-centered obesity treatment

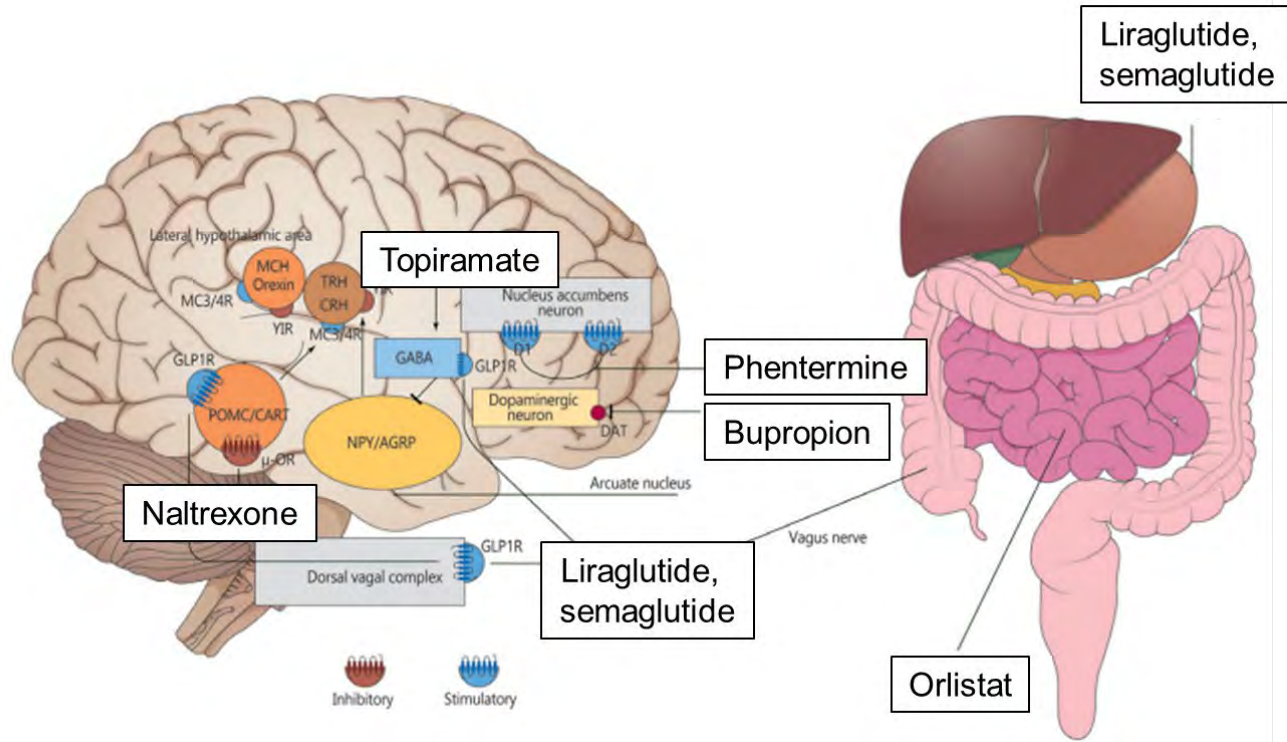
No one-size-  
fits-all obesity  
treatment



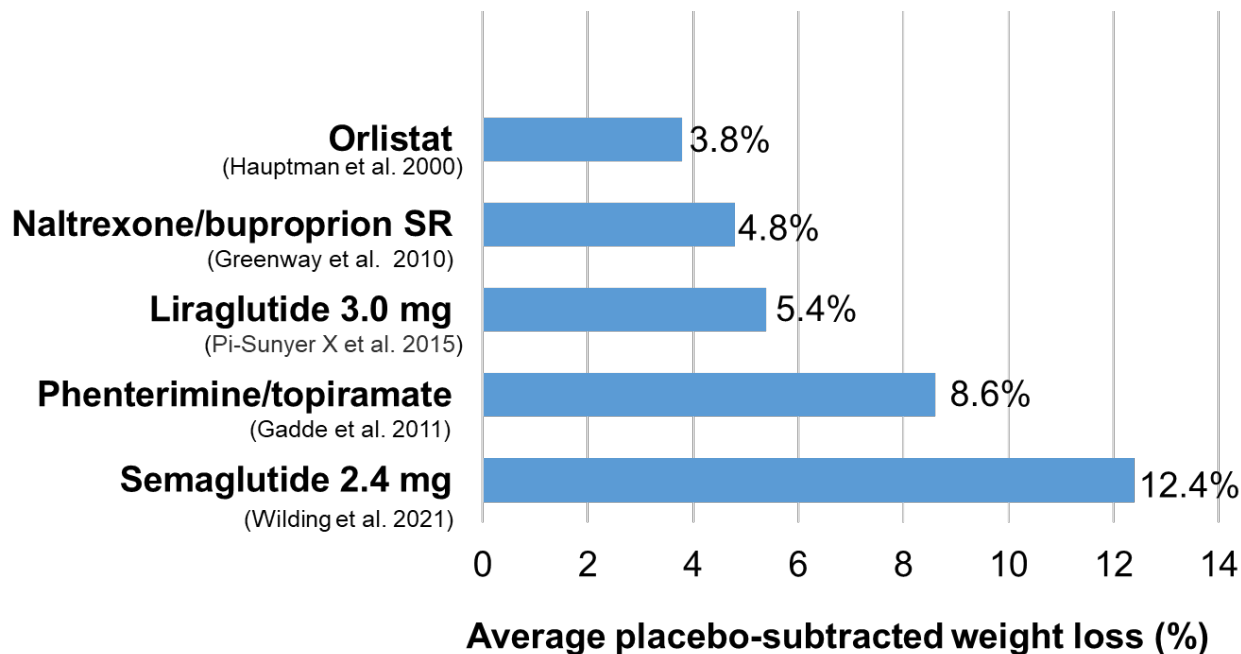
# Older AOMs may be ideal for some patients



# Mechanisms of actions



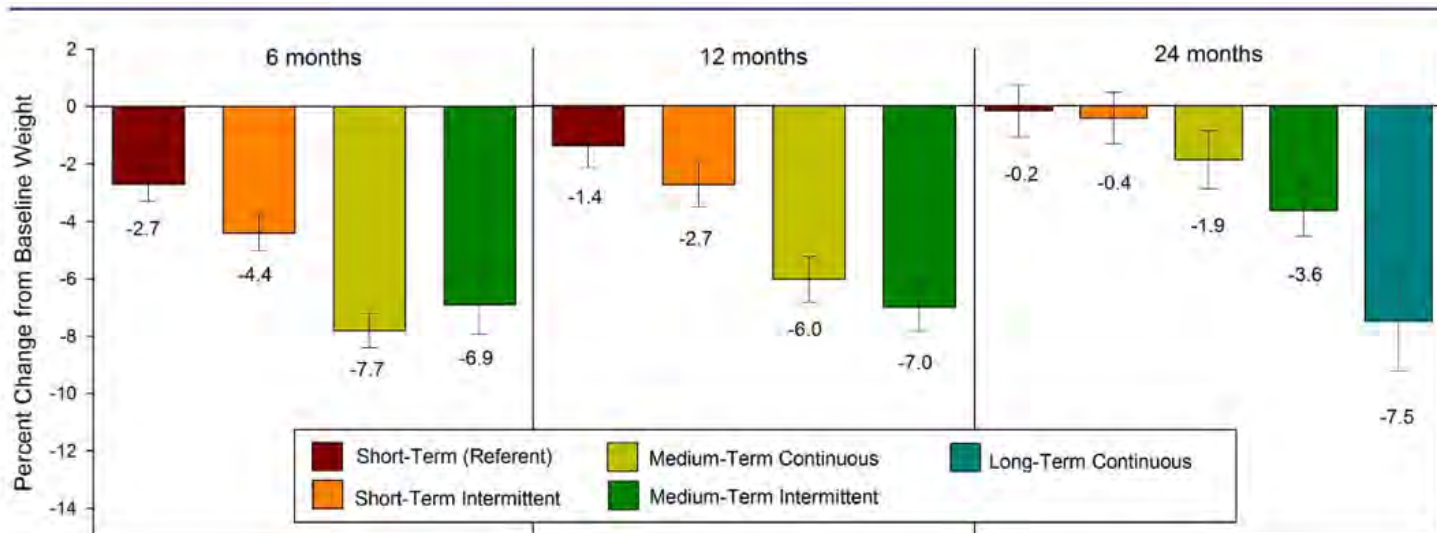
# Average efficacy of AOMs at 1 year\*



\*At max dose among patients *without* T2DM

# Phentermine monotherapy

N=13,972



**Observational data suggests effective and safe long-term;  
know state prescribing law and document off-label use**

# All AOMs can support $\geq 5\%$ and $\geq 10\%$ weight loss

Anti-obesity medication	$\geq 5\%$ weight loss
Tirzepatide 15 mg <sup>1</sup>	91%
Semaglutide 2.4 mg <sup>2</sup>	86.4%
Phentermine/topiramate <sup>3</sup>	70%
Liraglutide <sup>4</sup>	63%
Naltrexone/bupropion <sup>5</sup>	48%
Phentermine <sup>6</sup>	46%
Orlistat <sup>7</sup>	25%

<sup>1</sup>Jastrebroff et al. *NEJM*. 2022

<sup>2</sup>Wilding et al., *NEJM*, 2021

<sup>3</sup>Gadde et. al, *Lancet*, 2011

<sup>4</sup>Greenway et. al, *Lancet*, 2010

<sup>5</sup>Pi-Sunyer, *NEJM*, 2015

<sup>6</sup>Bays et al, *Obesity Pillars*. 2022

<sup>7</sup>PI\_Xenical-brand\_FINAL.PDF

# All AOMs can support $\geq 5\%$ and $\geq 10\%$ weight loss

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Liraglutide <sup>4</sup>	63%	33%
Naltrexone/bupropion <sup>5</sup>	48%	25%
Phentermine <sup>6</sup>	46%	21%
Orlistat <sup>7</sup>	25%	17%

<sup>1</sup>Jastrebroff et al. *NEJM*. 2022

<sup>2</sup>Wilding et al., *NEJM*, 2021

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# Consider co-morbidities

<b>Co-morbidity</b>	<b>AOM option</b>
Depression Substance use disorder	Bupropion/naltrexone
Migraines Seizures	Phentermine/topiramate
ADD/ADHD	Phentermine
T2DM Prediabetes Cardiovascular disease HFpEF	GLP-1 (GIP) RA

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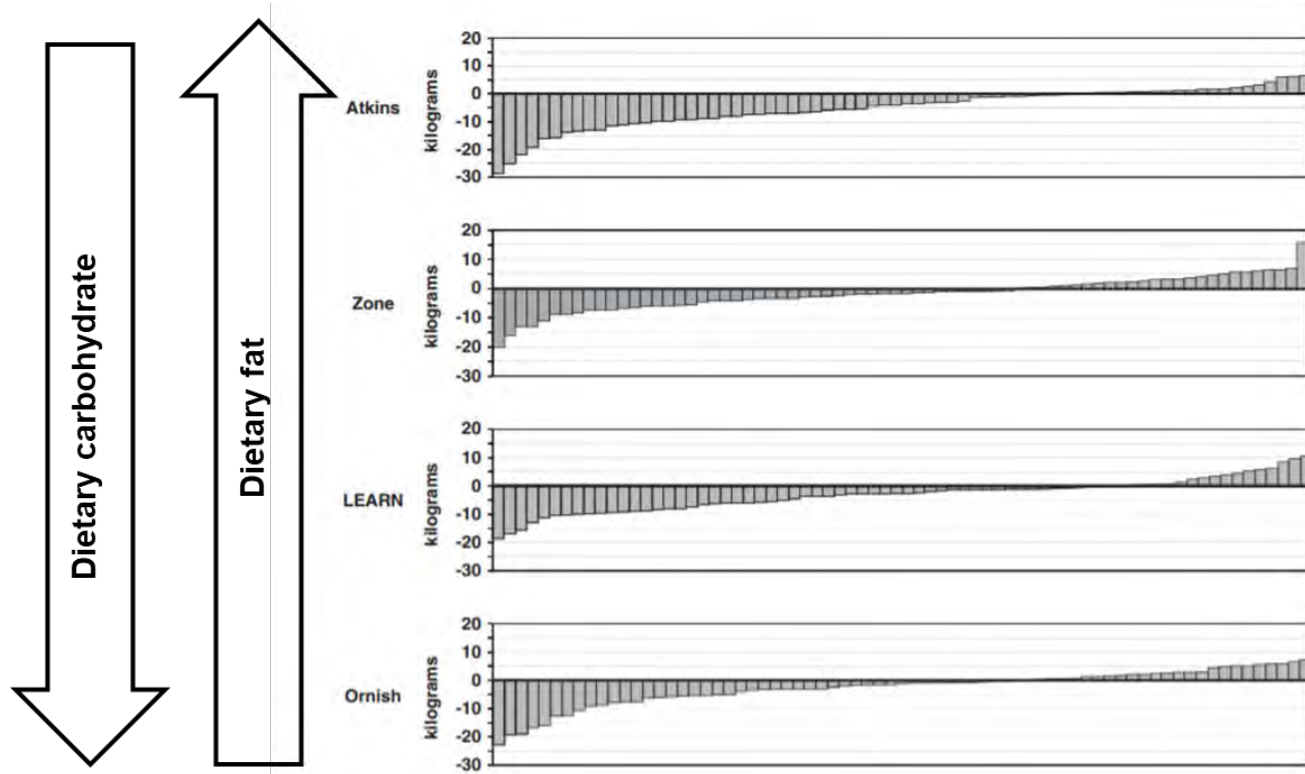
# Case: Mr. C

- 65-year-old male w/ obesity (BMI 51), T2DM (on glipizide, HbA1c 7.5%), HTN & history of gastric sleeve
  - Highest pre-surgical weight: 385 lb.
  - Weight at time of surgery: 301 lb.
  - Post-surgical weight target: 238 lb.
  - Post-surgical weight nadir: 280 lbs.
- Current weight: 354 lb.
- Patient-reported barriers:
  - Shame and sense that he's disappointing others
  - Diet high in processed carbohydrates and fast food
  - Eating many small low-fat meals / snacks throughout the day to control
  - Food cravings

# Case: Mr. C

- Address and minimize shame
- Stop obesogenic obesity treatments
- Develop individually-tailored dietary plan
- Select medication

# There is no “one-size-fits-all” diet



# Example low-carbohydrate meal plan

## Modified Ketogenic Diet Meal Planning: Plan Your Plate

### The Basics:

- 1) Fill half the plate with non-starchy vegetables.
- 2) Cook vegetables in healthy fats or use a fatty dressing or sauce.
- 3) Add 3-5 ounces of protein.
- 4) Other foods to include in moderate amounts with meals or snacks:
  - a. Nuts and seeds (see below for total carbs in each)
  - b. Small amounts of certain fruit
  - c. Full fat dairy
  - d. Sauces and condiments (choose low carb versions)
  - e. Lots of herbs and spices
  - f. Small amounts of keto-friendly sweeteners
- 5) Drink plenty of water and other carbohydrate free beverages.



(1)



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# Initiated and titrated liraglutide

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dose</b>
1	0.6 mg
2	1.2 mg
3	1.8 mg
4	2.4 mg
5 +	3.0 mg

# 3-month follow-up

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- 298 lb. (←354 lb.); **16% weight loss**
- Improved mood, self-confidence, and mobility
- Expressed desire to lose an additional 60 lbs.
- Switched from liraglutide (Saxenda) to semaglutide (Wegovy)

# Switching between GLP-1 RAs

**Weekly** to **daily** medication: advise patient to take first dose of the daily medication **7 days** after the last dose of the weekly medication.

**Daily** to a **weekly** medication: advise patient to take the first dose of the weekly medication one day after the last dose of the daily medication.

Choose equivalent or a lower dose when switching to avoid side effects.

Agent	Frequency	Equivalent Doses						
Dulaglutide	Weekly		0.75 mg	1.5 mg	3.0 mg	4.5 mg		
Semaglutide	Weekly		0.25 mg	0.5 mg	1.0 mg	2.0 mg		
Liraglutide	Daily	0.6 mg	1.2 mg	1.8 mg	2.4 mg	3.0 mg		
Oral Semaglutide	Daily	3 mg	7 mg	14 mg				
Tirzepatide	Weekly		2.5 mg	5.0 mg	7.5 mg	10 mg	12.5 mg	15.0 mg

# 6-month follow-up

- 268 lb. (← 298 lb. ← 354 lb.); **24 % weight loss**
- Waxing and waning motivation adhere to low-carb, despite high enjoyment of the eating pattern
- Food costs = primary barrier
- Discussed budget-friendly low carb foods/meals

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# Summary

- Weight loss can improve glycemic control among patients with T2D
- GLP-1 RAs and dual GLP-1 / GIP agonists are the most effective options, on average, for medical weight management
- All AOMs can be highly effective for many patients and can be used as part of patient-centered care
- Ensure patients understand the need for lifestyle change and need for life-long use



**THANK YOU**

**Questions?**

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# Weight-centric approach to chronic disease management

	T2D	Hypertension	CVD	ABCD/obesity
Biomarker target	HbA <sub>1c</sub>	Blood pressure	LDL cholesterol	% weight loss
Reason for target	Prevent complications			
Complications	CKD, retinopathy, neuropathy, CVD	CHF, stroke, CKD	MI, stroke, amputation	T2D, HTN, NAFLD/NASH, CVD risk, CKD, sleep apnea, osteoarthritis

\*May require tailoring to patients' preferences