# Hypoglycemia insights





Use of CGM like Dexcom G7 is beneficial and recommended for individuals at high risk for hypoglycemia. (A)<sup>1,1</sup>



CGM is highly recommended to assist people with diabetes in reaching goals safely.<sup>2</sup>



Hypoglycemia is often the major limiting factor in the management of diabetes. Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) can be a valuable tool in the detection and prevention of hypoglycemia.<sup>1</sup>

#### HYPOGLYCEMIA CLASSIFICATION<sup>1</sup>

Glycemic criteria/description	
Level 1	Glucose <70mg/dL (<3.9mmol/L) and $\geq$ 54 mg/dL ( $\geq$ 3.0mmol/L)
Level 2	Glucose <54 mg/dL (<3.0 mmol/L)
Level 3	A severe event characterized by altered mental and/or physical status requiring assistance for treatment of hypoglycemia, irrespective of glucose level



Hypoglycemia prevention is a critical component of diabetes management.<sup>1</sup>

#### **ASSESS RISK FACTORS OF HYPOGLYCEMIA**

Especially in those treated with insulin, sulfonylureas, or meglitinides<sup>1</sup>

#### Clinical/biological:

- Recent level 2 or level 3 hypoglycemia
- Impaired hypoglycemia awareness
- · Cognitive impairment or dementia
- Multiple recent level 1 hypoglycemia
- Older age, female sex
- High glycemic variability
- Polypharmacy
- CVD, CKD, neuropathy, and retinopathy
- Major depressive disorder

# Social, cultural and economic:

- Food insecurity
- Low-income status
- Homelessness
- Fasting for religious or cultural reasons
- Low health literacy
- Alcohol or substance use disorder



Real-time CGM (RT-CGM) like Dexcom G7 is recommended for people with diabetes who are treated with insulin, or who have a high risk of hypoglycemia and/or hypoglycemia unawareness.<sup>3</sup>

#### ASSESS HYPOGLYCEMIA AT EVERY ENCOUNTER

Utilize a patient questionnaire1



## Ask patients about specific glucose values

Example: Have you ever had a glucose value <70 mg/dL? <54 mg/dL?



# Ask about common hypoglycemic symptoms and fear of hypoglycemia

Example: Do you ever feel shaky, dizzy, or sweaty without knowing why? What concerns you the most about hypoglycemia?



#### Screen for impaired hypoglycemia awareness

Example: Do you ever have low glucose (<70mg/dL) without feeling symptoms?



### Discuss frequency/circumstance of hypoglycemia event(s)

Example: How many times does your glucose go below 70 mg/dL per week? Do you know the reason why? Have there been any changes in your nutrition, activity, medications, health/illness, etc.?



## Assess the severity of the hypoglycemia event(s)

Example: Have you had a hypoglycemia event for which you needed someone's help and were unable to treat yourself?



Hypoglycemia is only assessed in ~24% of primary care clinic visits for at-risk patients.<sup>2</sup> Thus, without CGM, a large proportion of the actual burden of hypoglycemia can be missed in clinical care.

# KEY FEATURES OF DEXCOM G7 THAT HELP MINIMIZE THE RISK OF HYPOGLYCEMIA"

#### Dexcom Follow app for friends & family

- Dexcom CGM Systems and Dexcom-powered automated insulin delivery (AID) systems allow users to have up to 10 Followers<sup>1,11</sup>
- People with Followers reported experiencing fewer episodes of severe hypoglycemia<sup>14</sup>
- Dexcom users with Followers report that data sharing gives them greater peace of mind and helps them feel less alone with their diabetes<sup>14</sup>

#### **Urgent Low Soon alert**

- Provides an actionable alert in advance of predicted hypoglycemia<sup>11</sup>
- Helps patients spend less time in hypoglycemia and rebound hypoglycemia<sup>1,13</sup>

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Smart device sold separately.<sup>†</sup>

#### **HEALTH BENEFITS OF DEXCOM RT-CGM**

#### Clinically proven to:

- Reduce hyper- and hypoglycemia<sup>3-8</sup>
- Increase time in range3-8
- Improve quality of life3-8

- Lower A1C3-8
- Reduce hypoglycemia-related emergency visits or hospitalizations<sup>9,10</sup>

This resource is intended for healthcare professionals only

Rebound hyperglycemia events were defined as series of one or more sensor glucose values >180 mg/dL starting within 2 hours of a sensor glucose value <54 mg/dL. \*Separate Dexcom Follow app and internet connection required. Users should always confirm readings on the Dexcom G6/G7 app or receiver before making treatment decisions.

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