

# Technology and T1 Diabetes Care

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# Agenda

- Partha Kar           Where are we now and how did we get here?
- Iain Cranston       Technology “Nuts & Bolts”
- All                    Discussion



Where are we now?

Partha Kar

## August 2017



- Total Libre uptake: 0%
- Total CGM uptake: 4%
- Pump uptake: Children 30%; Adults: 9%



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- Socioeconomic gaps
- Ethnicity gaps



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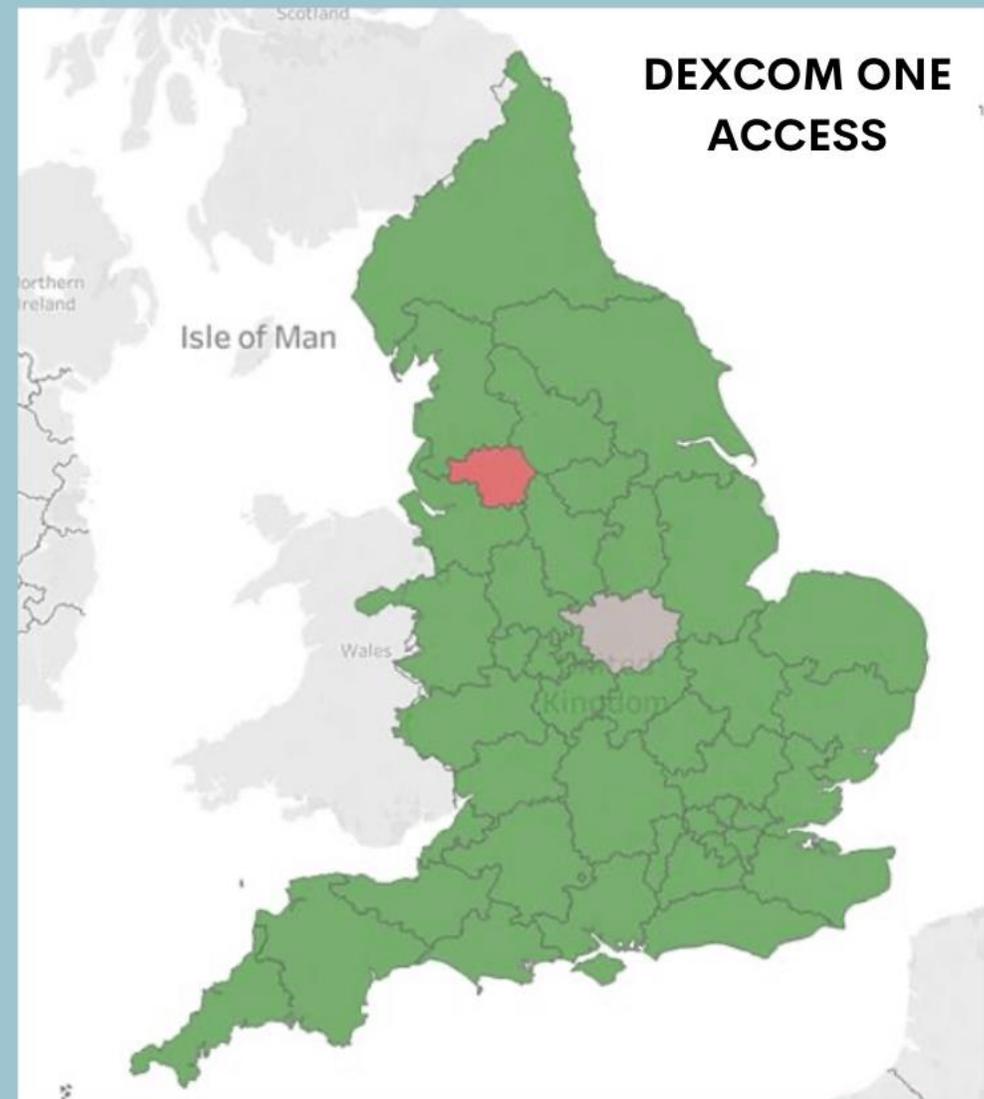
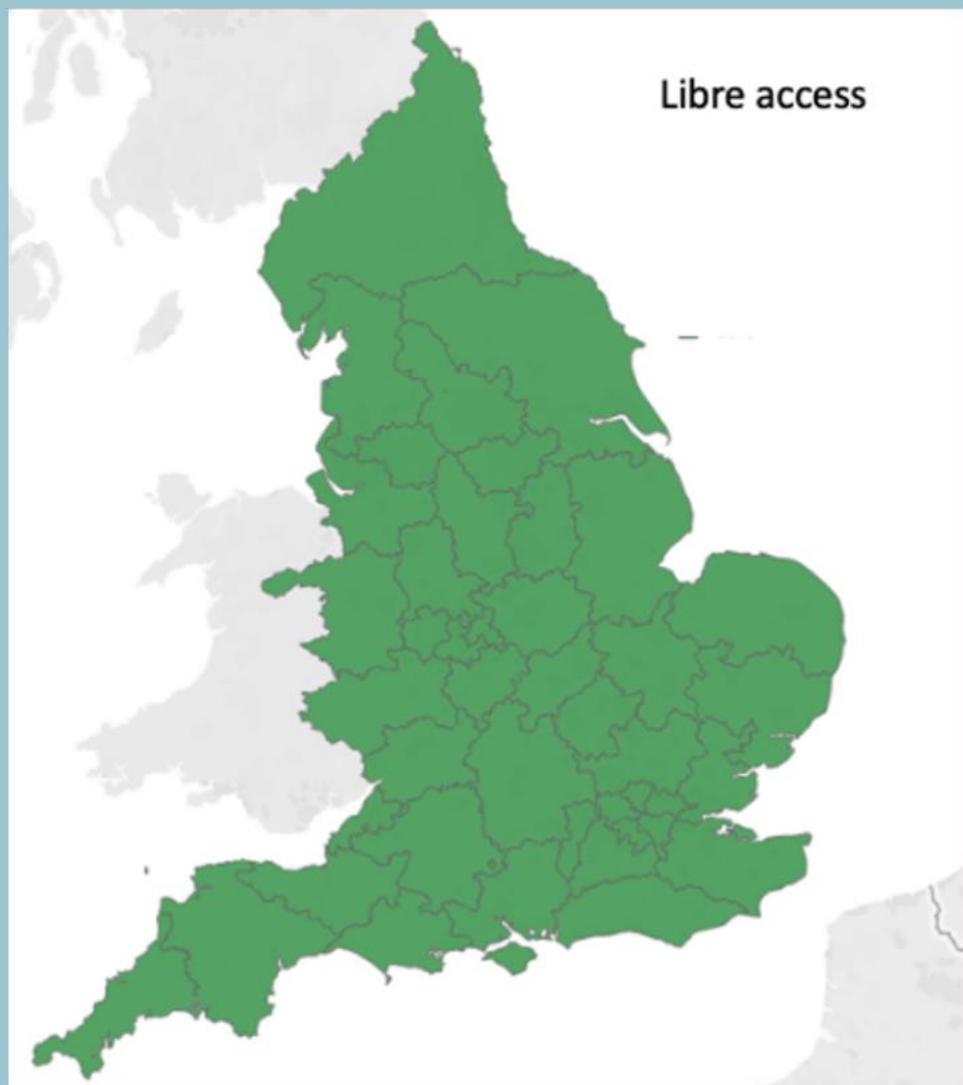
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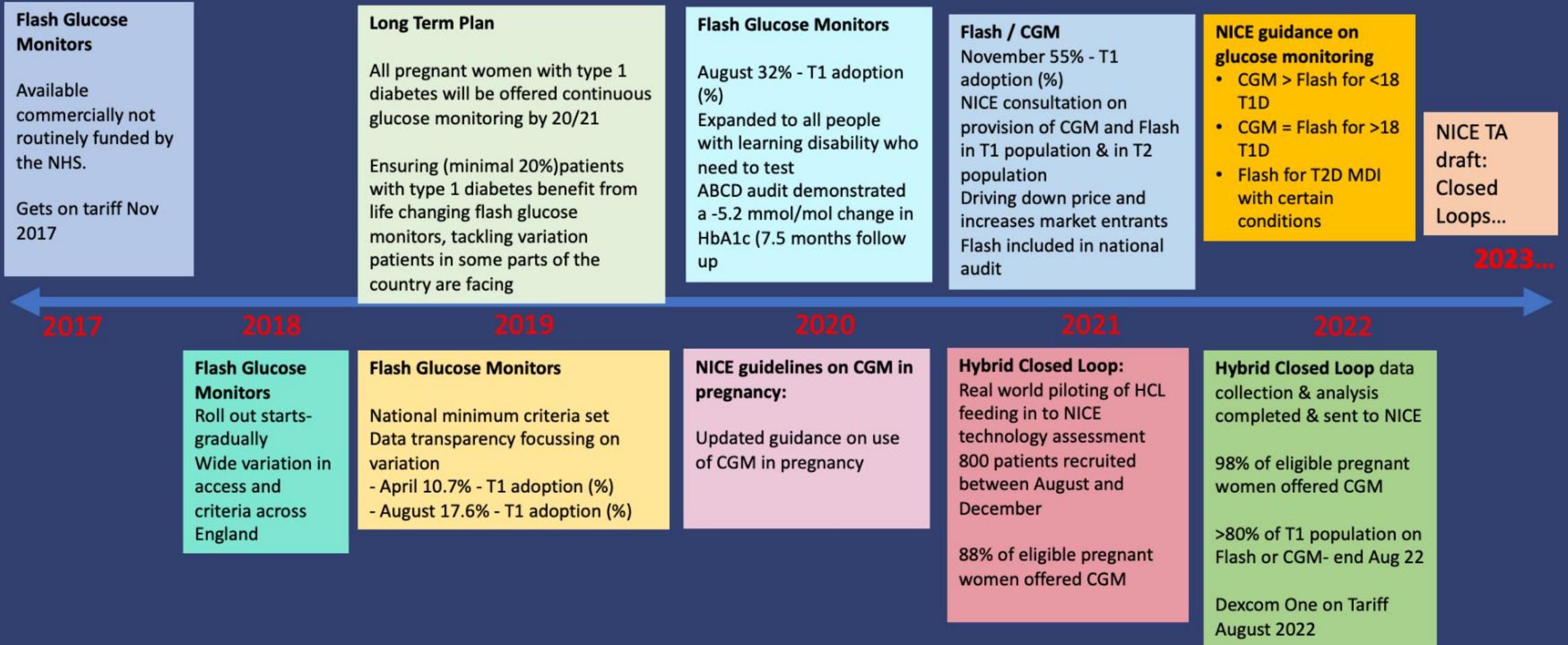
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# ACCESS...WITHOUT VARIATION



# EVOLUTION OF TECHNOLOGY PROVISION

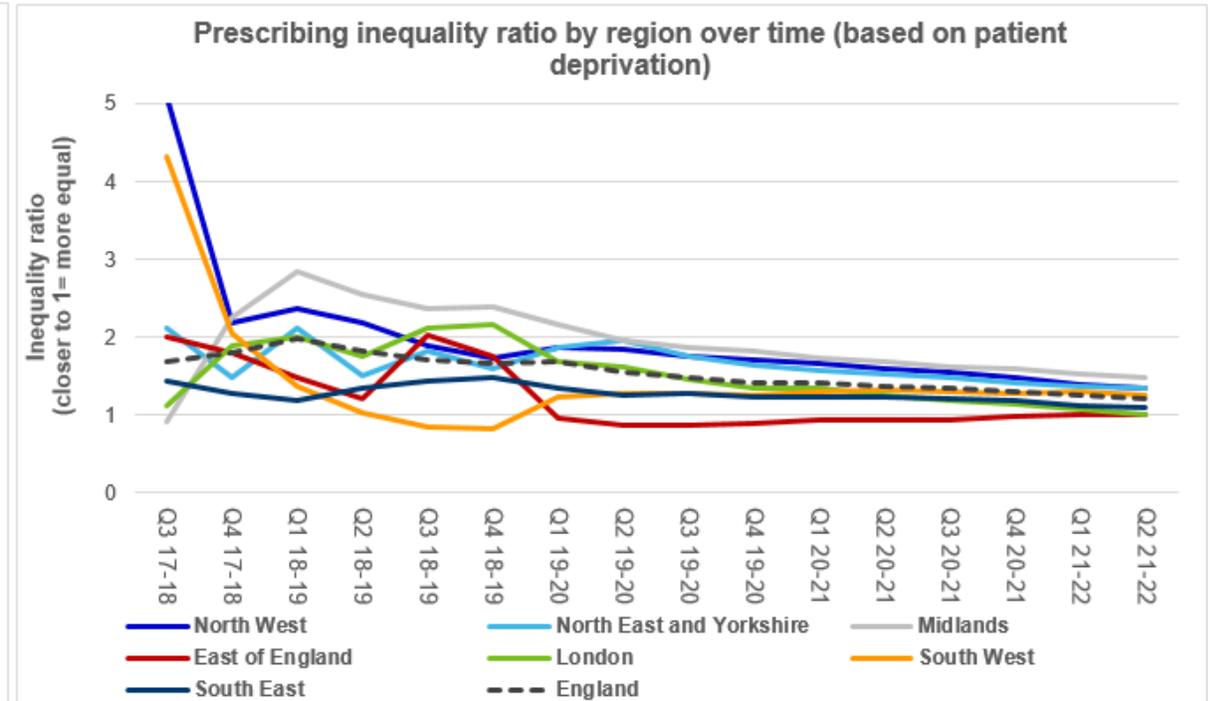
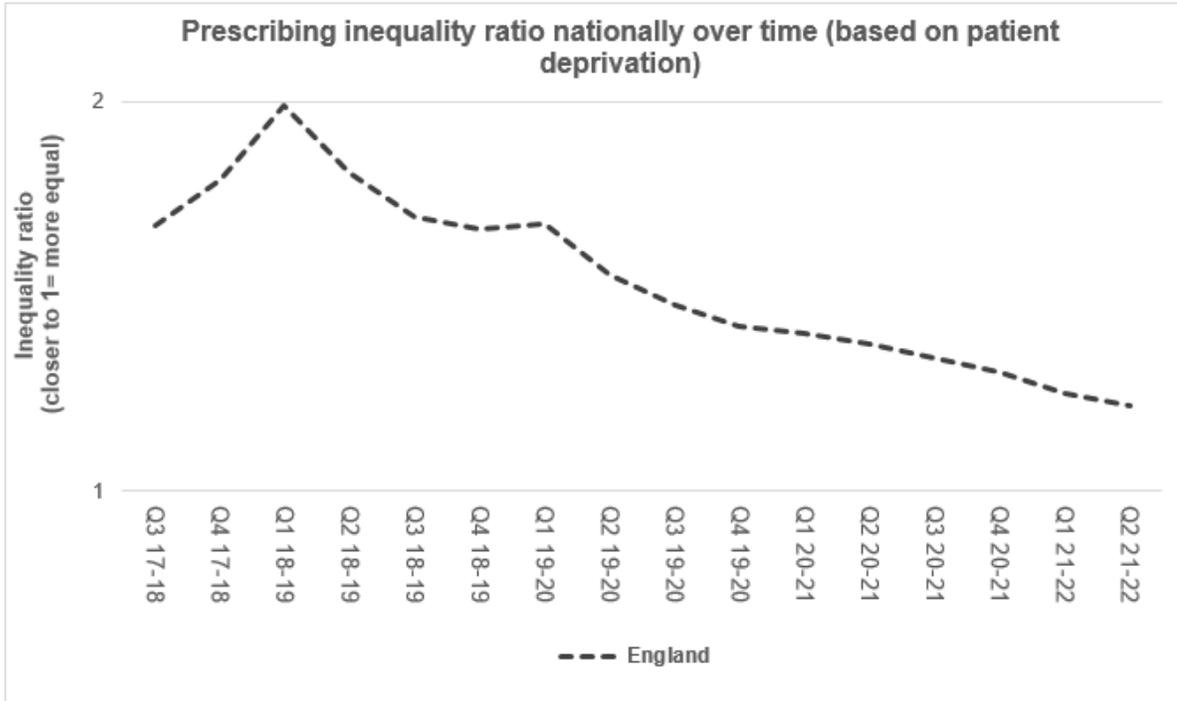




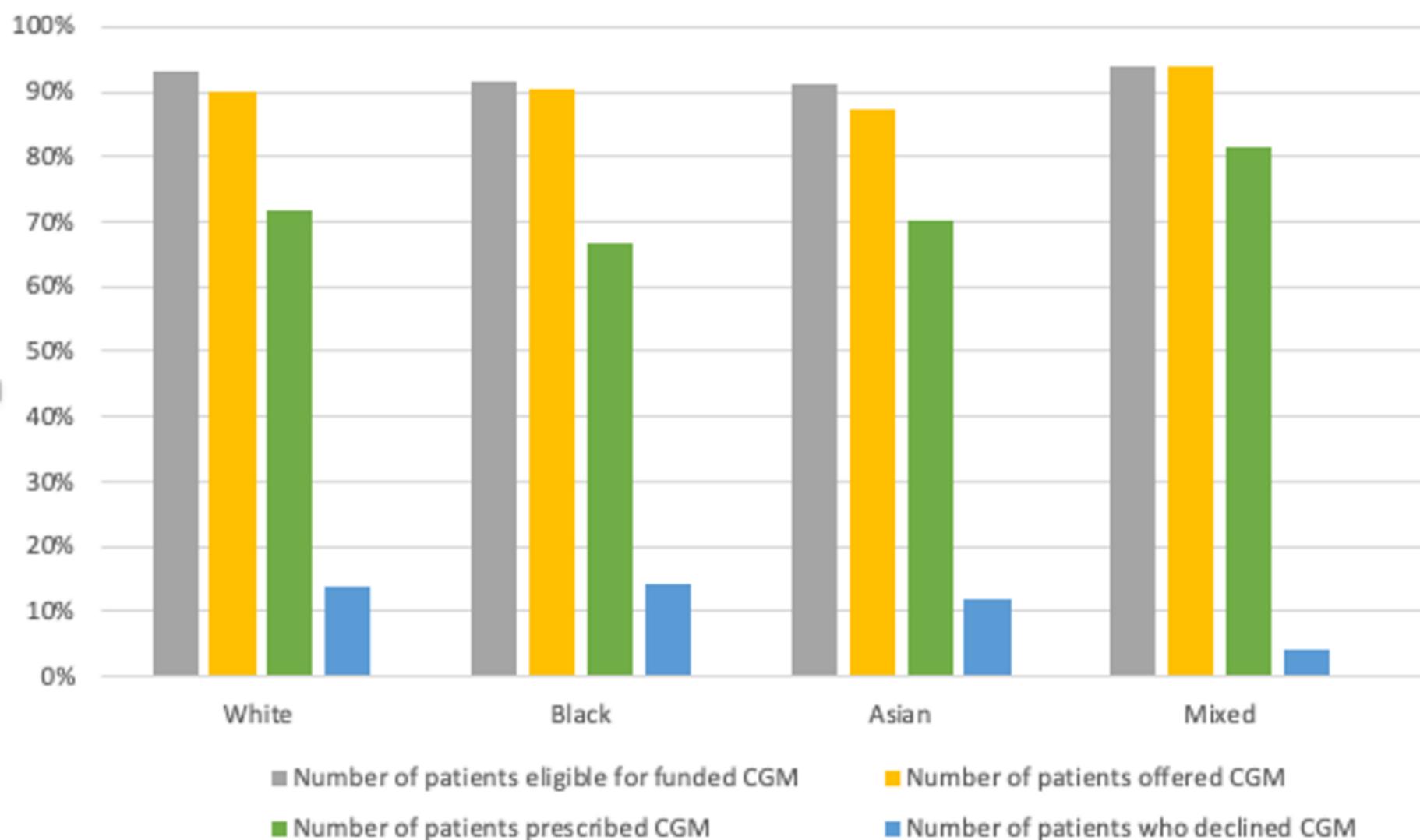
# AUGUST 2023

- 94 % of all type 1 diabetes on CGM
- 98% of type 1 diabetes pregnancy offered CGM
- Pediatric type 1 diabetes audit: best A1c achievement < 7.5% since records began
- Adult type 1 diabetes audit: Best 1c achievement < 7.5% since records began
- DKA rates in type 1 diabetes dropping

# Is it possible?



Proportion of CGM Activity split by ethnicity, England





# New “artificial pancreas” technology set to change the lives of people having difficulty managing their type 1 diabetes

Around 105,000 people with type 1 diabetes could benefit from NICE’s draft recommendation

10 January 2023

# Real world data...working WITH NICE

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**DiABETES UK**  
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RESEARCH: Healthcare Delivery

## Real world use of hybrid-closed loop in children and young people with type 1 diabetes mellitus—a National Health Service pilot initiative in England

Sze May Ng ✉, Neil P. Wright, Diana Yardley, Fiona Campbell, Tabitha Randell, Nicola Trevelyan, Atrayee Ghatak, Peter C. Hindmarsh

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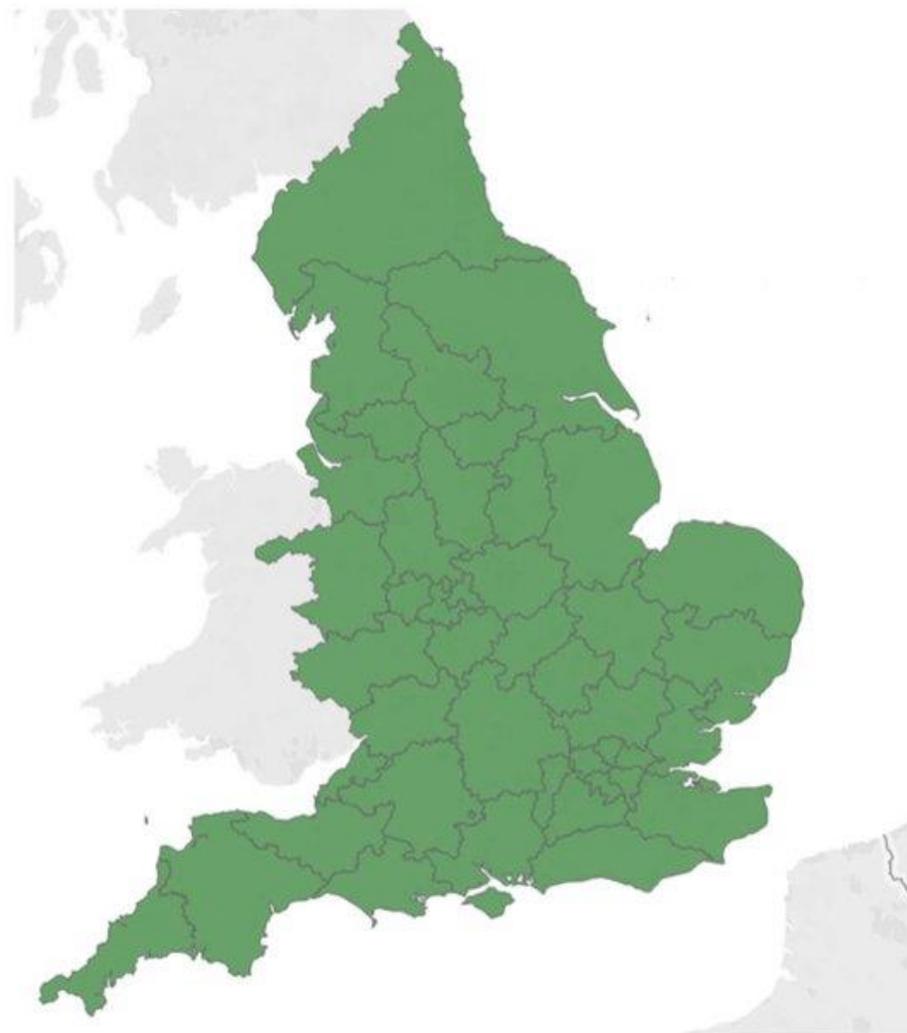
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CGM access /  
Dexcom One /  
Freestyle  
Libre





# Diabetes Tech “Nuts & Bolts”

Iain Cranston

# GLUCOSE CONTROL IN T1 DIABETES IS THE MOST CHALLENGING TASK IN ALL CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT

## 42

### Factors That Affect BG

Food	Biological
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑↑ 1. Carbohydrate quantity</li> <li>→↑ 2. Carbohydrate type</li> <li>→↑ 3. Fat</li> <li>→↑ 4. Protein</li> <li>→↑ 5. Caffeine</li> <li>↓↑ 6. Alcohol</li> <li>↓↑ 7. Meal timing</li> <li>↑ 8. Dehydration</li> <li>? 9. Personal microbiome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ 20. Insufficient sleep</li> <li>↑ 21. Stress and illness</li> <li>↓ 22. Recent hypoglycemia</li> <li>→↑ 23. During-sleep blood sugars</li> <li>↑ 24. Dawn phenomenon</li> <li>↑ 25. Infusion set issues</li> <li>↑ 26. Scar tissue and lipodystrophy</li> <li>↓↓ 27. Intramuscular insulin delivery</li> <li>↑ 28. Allergies</li> <li>↑ 29. A higher glucose level</li> <li>↓↑ 30. Periods (menstruation)</li> <li>↑↑ 31. Puberty</li> <li>↓ 32. Celiac disease</li> <li>↑ 33. Smoking</li> </ul>
Medication	Environmental
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→↓ 10. Medication dose</li> <li>↓↑ 11. Medication timing</li> <li>↓↑ 12. Medication interactions</li> <li>↑↑ 13. Steroid administration</li> <li>↑ 14. Niacin (Vitamin B3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ 34. Expired insulin</li> <li>↑ 35. Inaccurate BG reading</li> <li>↓↑ 36. Outside temperature</li> <li>↑ 37. Sunburn</li> <li>? 38. Altitude</li> </ul>
Activity	Behavioral & Decision Making
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→↓ 15. Light exercise</li> <li>↓↑ 16. High-intensity and moderate exercise</li> <li>→↓ 17. Level of fitness/training</li> <li>↓↑ 18. Time of day</li> <li>↓↑ 19. Food and insulin timing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↓ 39. Frequency of glucose checks</li> <li>↓↑ 40. Default options and choices</li> <li>↓↑ 41. Decision-making biases</li> <li>↓↑ 42. Family relationships and social pressures</li> </ul>



## How can technology help?

# What Technology is there?

- **Glucose Monitoring Technology**
  - CGM / Flash (isCGM)
- **Insulin Delivery Technology**
  - Connected Pens / Insulin Pumps / Patch Pumps
- **Insulin Technology**
  - New longer-acting basal insulins / New Shorter-acting meal-time insulins
- **Other Stuff (mainly computer or phone-related!)**
  - AI-influenced dosing algorithms → Closed Loop Algorithms
  - Data Projection Software / Educational On-line Materials
  - Bolus Calculators

# Smart Phones and diabetes tech

A phone is central to most of modern diabetes tech, so encourage your consultees to learn about the communications features of their device, if they are to benefit. Some common useful tips are...

**Leave the app running in the background – don't shut it down!**



**Settings**

Bluetooth (NFC) 'always on'  
Battery saving 'off'  
buy a back-up charger! SAVE  
passwords !!!



**Wi-Fi**

When entering the hospital,  
encourage to join NHS wifi as  
a routine



**Security**

Location 'always allow'  
generally required to set up  
device links



# What is technology for?

Simplicity

or

*Performance*



**or does it vary from person to person?**

# Is all technology the same?

- Appearances can be deceptive
- Testing in practice is critical
- What features do I want?
- How do I use it?
- Do I need a PhD to understand it?
  
- Choices Matter!



# Can technology sometimes be a barrier?

Technology is now involved in all aspects of diabetes care, from information gathering to effector medication administration

## Inputs

### Smart Watch

Heart Rate  
Activity  
Note-keeping

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### Medical Device

CGM device  
SMBG data  
Alarms  
Atrial ECG sensor

## Analytics and decisions



## Outputs

### Medical Device

Insulin Pump  
Pacing Wire  
Connected Pen  
Bolus Advisor

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### Consultation

Assessment of Progress  
Change Strategies  
Didactic Therapy Advice

**Human vs Algorithmic vs Machine Learning**

# Where can I find information?

# ABCD.care



**BEST PRACTICE GUIDE:**  
Using diabetes technology in pregnancy



**On Demand DTN-UK Educational Webinar: Getting the best from Hybrid closed loop systems – tips for optimisation**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)
- Education
- Webinar

**Clinical area**

- Diabetes technology
- Pumps and pump technology

**On Demand Webinar: Hybrid-closed loop Part 3 of 3: Reviewing data and troubleshooting hybrid closed loops**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)
- Education
- Webinar

**Clinical area**

- Diabetes technology
- Treatments for diabetes

**Virtual Consulting: Apps and Resources**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)
- Education

**Clinical area**

- Unclassified

**Virtual Consulting: Starting diabetes technology remotely**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)
- Education

**Clinical area**

- Unclassified

**ABCD and ABHI Position on Insulin Pumps**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)
- Position Paper

**Clinical area**

- COVID-19
- Diabetes technology
- Pumps and pump technology

**DTN-UK Guideline: The commencement of continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII) and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) remotely**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)
- Guidelines

**Clinical area**

- Diabetes technology
- Pumps and pump technology

**Top Tips: Using Dexcom G6 Real-time CGM in Pregnancy**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)

**Clinical area**

- Diabetes technology

**Top Tips for Optimising Glucose Levels in Pregnancy**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)

**Clinical area**

- Diabetes technology
- Gestational Diabetes
- Pumps and pump technology

**Continuous insulin infusion (CSII) in adult diabetes**

**Resource type**

- Diabetes Technology Network (DTN-UK)

**Clinical area**

- Gestational Diabetes

**Best Practice Guide: Using diabetes technology in pregnancy**

**Resource type**

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**Clinical area**

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**Healthcare Professional Education Academy**

The educational platform for diabetes technology, certified by the Association of British Clinical Diabetologists.



**TOP TIPS FOR OPTIMISING GLUCOSE LEVELS IN PREGNANCY**



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**Clinical area**

- Pumps and pump technology

# What is CGM? (& how does it work?)

ALL systems have 4 main components:

*most commonly the 'receiver' is now a smart phone*

Receiver **3**

CGM transmitter **2**

CGM sensor **1**

Skin

Subcutaneous fatty tissue

Blood capillary

Glucose

Glucose

**4** A software platform to view data in detail on a PC



Dexcom (rt-CGM)



Medtronic (rt-CGM)

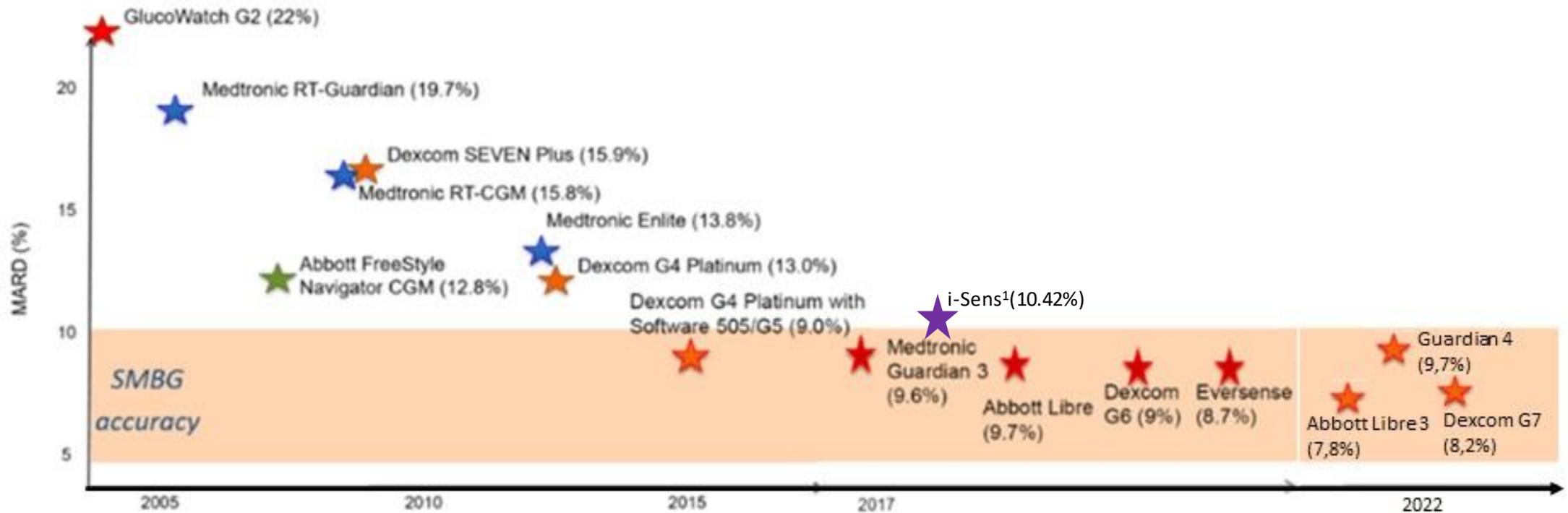


FreeStyle Libre (flash)



FreeStyle Libre 2 (flash)

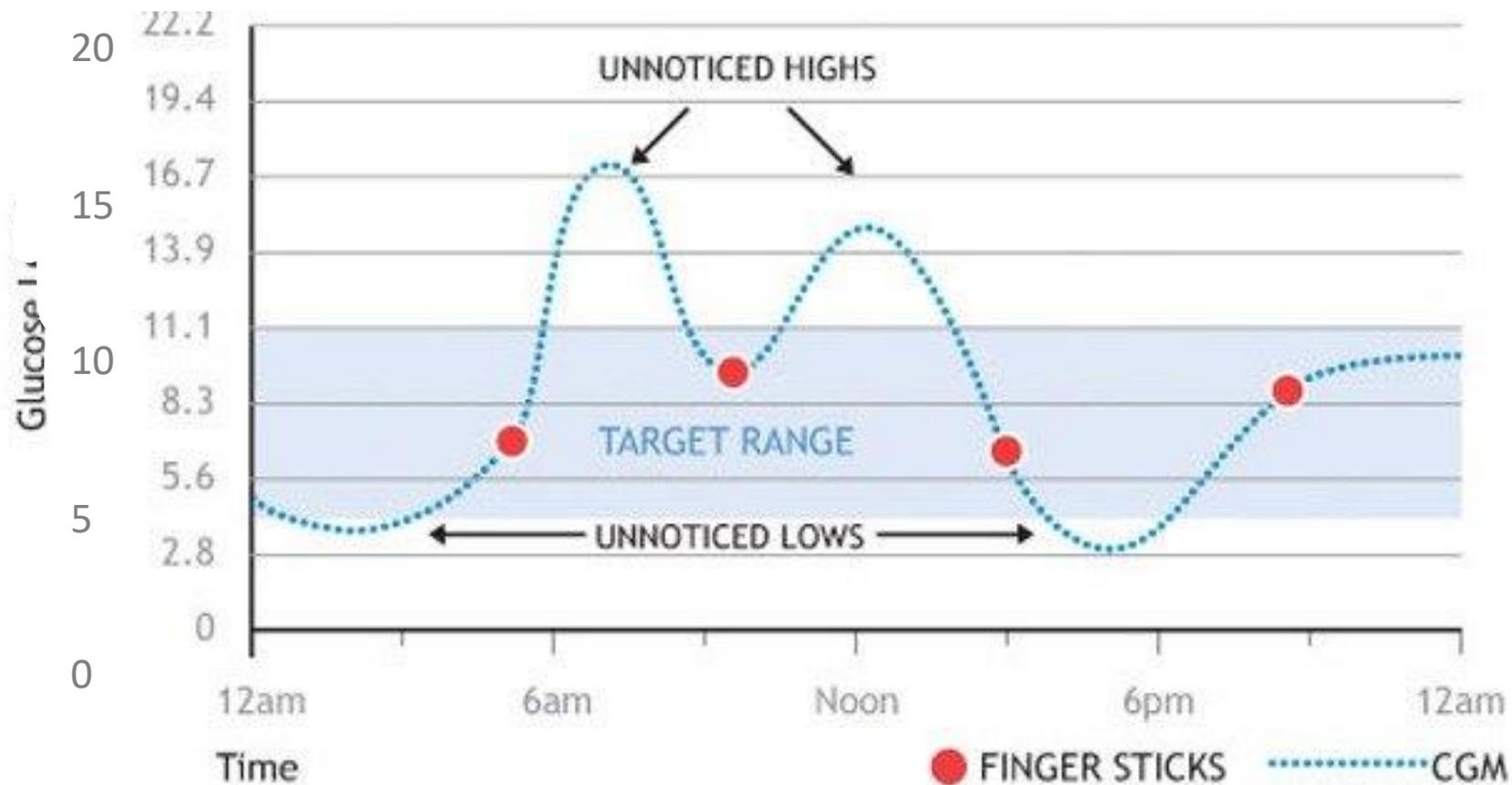
# CGM accuracy has improved over the last 15 years and is now similar to SMBG accuracy\*



\* although now similar overall, the *sources* of inaccuracy are different between SMBG and CGM

# What additional data can CGM offer over SMBG?

CGM devices show a full pattern across the day AND can give information regarding which way the glucose is going



# Using CGM to create benefit...

## Immediate benefit

- More frequent scanning
- using the arrows &..
- using the line – to predict change
- setting alarms to warn regarding extremes of glucose
- avoiding admissions!

**“reactive action”**

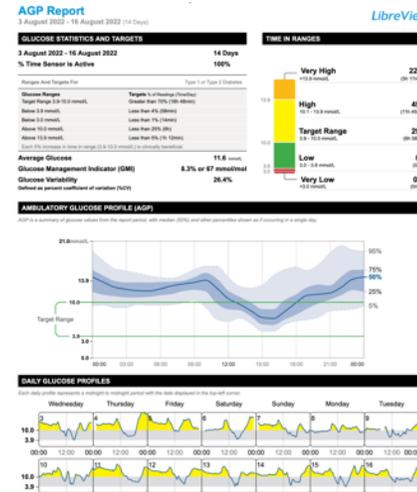


Alarms

Alarms are only available when you start a FreeStyle Libre 2 Sensor with this device.

- Low glucose alarm  
Below 3.9 mmol/L On >
- High glucose alarm  
Above 17.0 mmol/L On >
- Signal loss alarm On >

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## Long-term benefit

- using display software at home and in consultations to review previous patterns and plan changes
- progressively altering my targets to achieve more time in range and less time below range

**“pro-active action”**

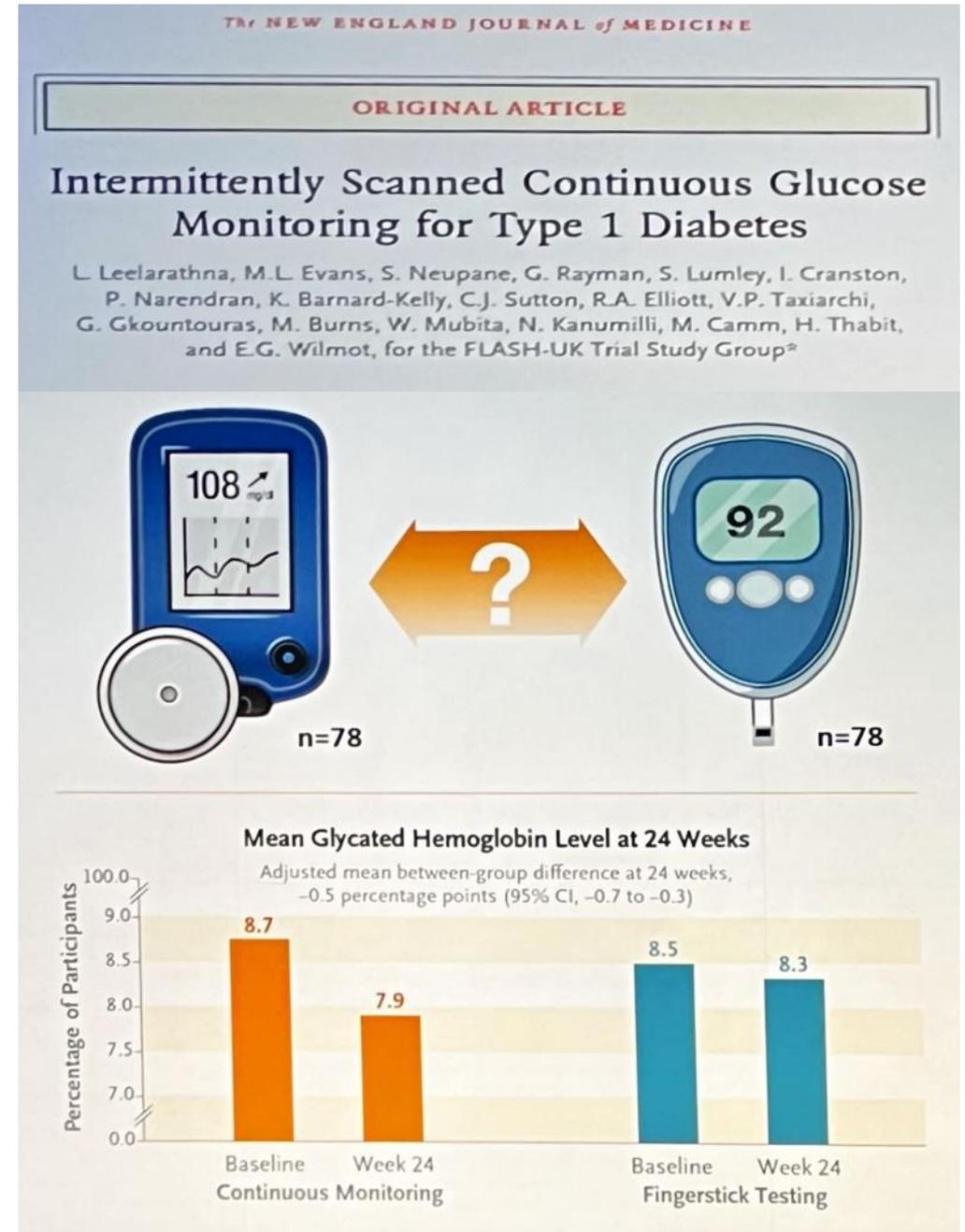
# What do the arrows mean?

	Rate of change	How long to change by 1 mmol/L	How much will it change in 30 mins
↑	> 0.11 mmol/L / min	Average 7 mins	at least 3 mmol/L
↗	Between 0.11 and 0.06 mmol/L / min	Average 15 mins	2-3 mmol/L
→	Less than 0.06 mmol/min	More than 20 mins	< 2 mmol/L
↘	Between 0.11 and 0.06 mmol/L / min	Average 15 mins	2-3 mmol/L
↓	> 0.11 mmol/L / min	Average 7 mins	at least 3 mmol/L

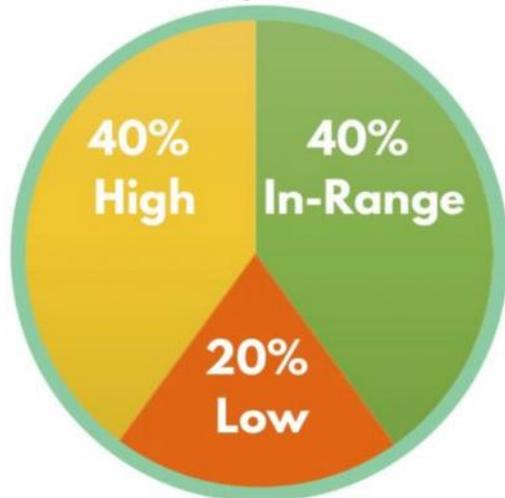
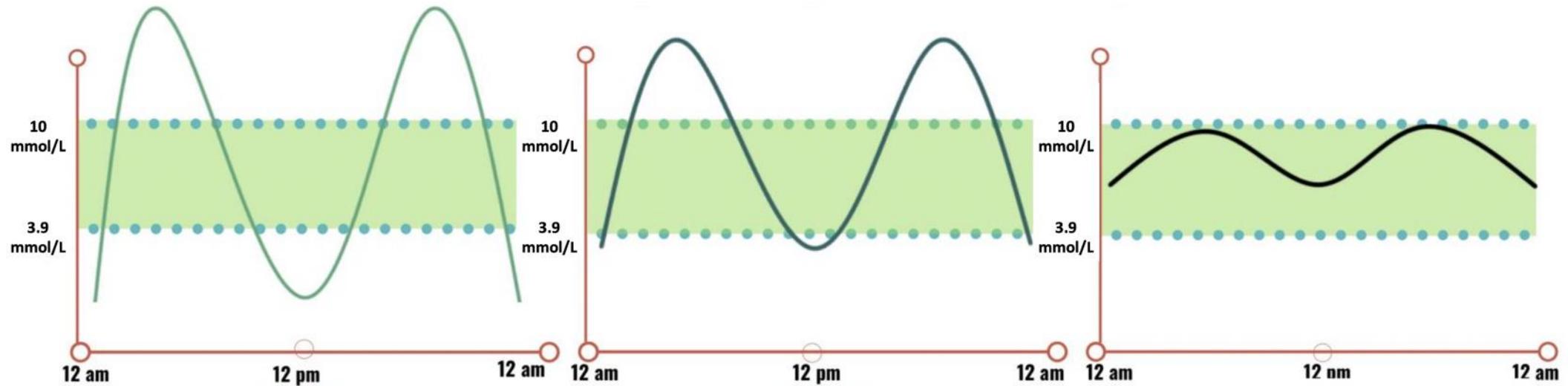
# Evidence for CGM use

Using CGM (flash and r-t) instead of SMBG has been associated with:

- reduced risk for hypoglycaemia
- improved overall control (time in range and HbA1c)
- improved well-being / confidence / treatment satisfaction
- reduced risk for hospital admission mainly in people with diabetes using multiple daily doses of insulin

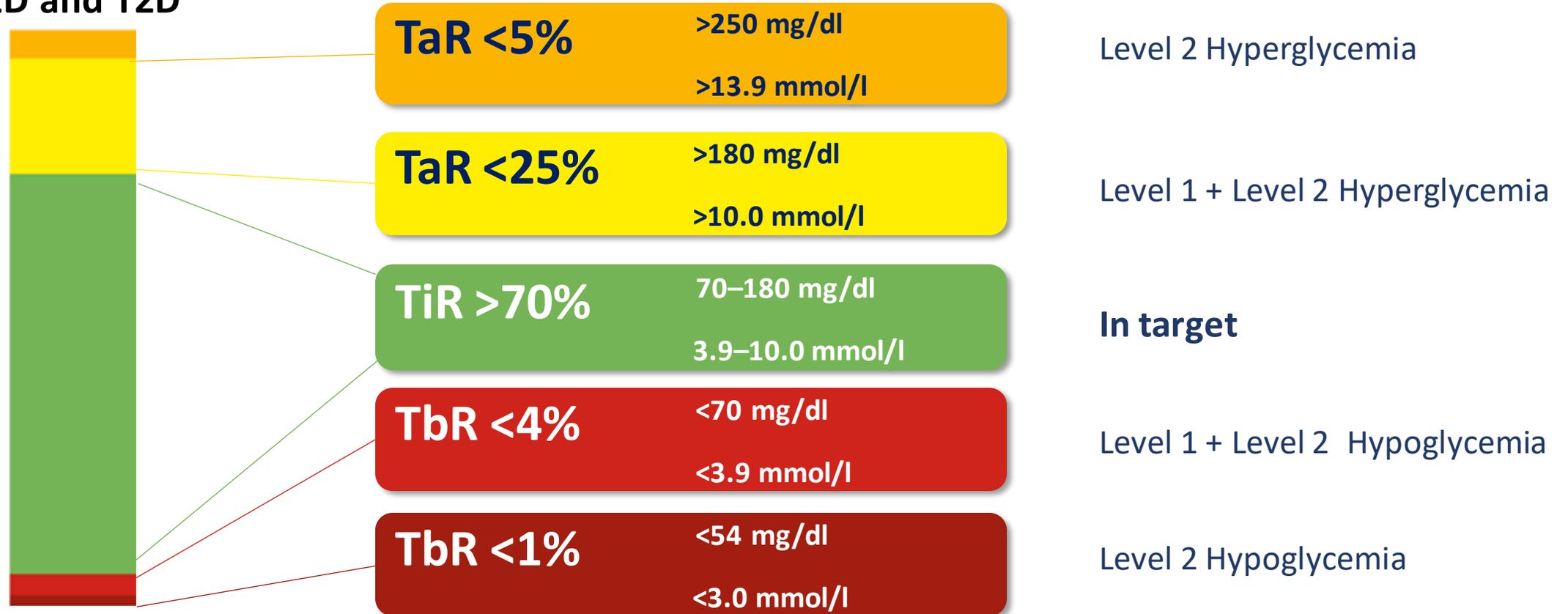


# All averages are not equal: The Time in Range Concept



# CGM TiR targets for most with T1D and T2D

T1D and T2D



High risk individuals (with complications or comorbidities & pregnancy) have different targets

Battelino T, Danne T, Bergenstal RM, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2019;42:1593–1603

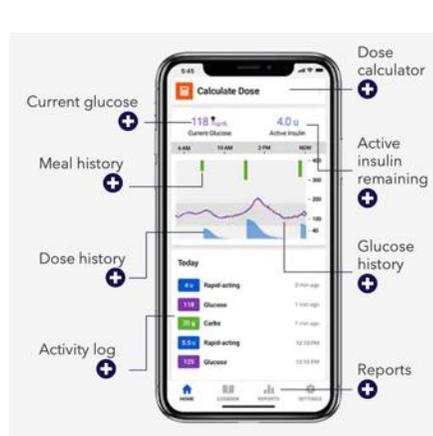
TaR = Time Above Range

TiR = Time In Range

TbR = Time Below Range

# Connected Pens (as Available 2023)

## Medtronic InPen



Bluetooth Connections

Bespoke App  
For use with Medtronic CGM  
Bolus Calculator  
CareLink

## NovoPen 6 / EchoPlus



Widely available in UK  
NFC connection  
Glooko / LibreLink compatible

# Putting it All together – ‘UK loops evidence’

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## Inclusion

Pump therapy

FreeStyle Libre

HbA<sub>1c</sub> > 8.5%



Any commercially available HCL in the U.K.



31 centers



N=520

## Methods



6-month follow-up



Pragmatic real world design



Outcomes

HbA<sub>1c</sub>  
GMI  
TIR  
TBR  
TAR

Weight  
DDS Score  
Gold Score  
Acute Events  
User Opinion

## Key Results

Improved TIR



+27.6%

% with Diabetes Distress (DDS ≥ 3)



69.2% → 22.8%

Reduction in HbA<sub>1c</sub>

-1.7%



Increased numbers meeting recognized glucose and HbA<sub>1c</sub> targets



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# Are all loops the same?

Table 5 DTN Best Practice Guide (ABCD.care)

HCL system	SmartGuard	Tandem Control IQ	CamAPS FX
Pump	Medtronic MiniMed™780G	Tandem T: Slim	Dana RS/ Dana I Compatible YpsoMed pump
CGM	Medtronic Guardian sensor 3 and 4	Dexcom G6	Dexcom G6/Libre 3
License	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7–80 years</li> <li>TDD 8–250 units/day</li> <li>Weight 10–300 kg</li> <li>Rapid acting insulins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;6 years</li> <li>TDD 10–100 units/day</li> <li>Weight 25–140 kg</li> <li>Rapid acting insulins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥1 year</li> <li>Pregnancy</li> <li>TDD 5–350 units/day</li> <li>Weight 10–300 kg</li> <li>Rapid and ultra-rapid acting insulins</li> </ul>
Bolus route	Via pump	Via pump	Via pump or android app
<i>Calculate</i>			
Parameters for automated basal insulin delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses total daily insulin calculated from last 2–6 days to determine algorithm parameters</li> <li>Ongoing adjustment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires 'Personal Profile' (which includes basal, IC and ISF)</li> <li>Uses weight and total daily insulin input by user to determine algorithm parameters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uses weight and total daily insulin input by user to determine algorithm parameters</li> <li>Ongoing learning</li> </ul>
Target glucose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.5 (default)</li> <li>6.1 or 6.7 mmol/L</li> </ul>	Range: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.25–8.9 mmol/L daytime; Control-IQ</li> <li>6.25–6.7 mmol/L sleep; Sleep Activity</li> <li>7.8–8.9 mmol/L exercise; Exercise Activity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personalised target: 4.4–11.0 mmol/L – default 5.8 mmol/L</li> <li>Can be changed across 24 h (in 30 min intervals)</li> </ul>
Logic for insulin adjustments (simplified)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automated basal insulin delivery (au-to-basal) with auto-correction bolus if glucose &gt;6.7 mmol/L and at maximum 'auto-basal' delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automated basal insulin delivery, which increases or decreases programmed basal rates, and auto-correction bolus if glucose predicted to be &gt;10 mmol/L during Control-IQ (60% of calculated dose, 1 per hour maximum)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automated basal insulin delivery via extended bolus functionality of pump. Basal shut off when closed-loop running</li> </ul>
Basal adjustments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basal insulin adjusted every 5 min</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basal insulin adjusted only if SG predicted to exit range</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basal insulin set to zero: extended bolus given every 10–12 min</li> </ul>

HCL system	SmartGuard	Tandem Control IQ	CamAPS FX
Manual mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on last programmed basal</li> <li>Can be used with predictive low glucose suspend (if CGM active)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on active 'personal profile'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on last programmed basal</li> <li>Can still bolus via CamAPS FX app in manual mode</li> </ul>
<i>Education</i>			
HCP education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company-delivered HCP training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company-delivered HCP training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>E-learning platform</li> </ul>
User education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-Learning platform</li> <li>Company provided training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-Learning platform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e-Learning platform</li> </ul>
<i>Share</i>			
User interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Android phone</li> </ul>
Smartphone integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View only (Android and Apple)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only in U.S. at present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Android</li> </ul>
Remote follower function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carelink Connect App—real-time and notifications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CGM via Dexcom Share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SMS alarms and alert—need SIM card, mobile signal and data on phone for Dana users. Internet access for Ypso users as SMS sent via cloud</li> <li>Diasend (5–10 mins time delay)<sup>a</sup></li> <li>CamAPS Fx Companion App—Follow app that links with the user's app and shows insulin and glucose data in real time on the guardian's phone but is unable to influence insulin delivery (bolus, boost, ease-off etc. blocked). The CamAPS companion can have different alerts to the ones set on the person's own CamAPS Fx app if appropriate</li> </ul>
Data platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CareLink personal (manual or smartphone upload)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glooko or T:Connect (manual upload)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diasend (via smartphone)<sup>a</sup></li> </ul>
<i>Adjust</i>			
Adjustable parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I:C ratios</li> <li>Active insulin time (2–8 h)</li> <li>Target glucose as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I:C ratios</li> <li>Basal rate</li> <li>Insulin sensitivity factor</li> <li>Target glucose as above</li> <li>Body weight</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I:C ratios</li> <li>Target glucose as above</li> <li>Body weight</li> <li>Add meal—hypo notification, snacking or splitting of larger meals with or without high fat and high protein</li> </ul>
Overrides	Temp Target (fixed at 8.3 mmol/L)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sleep and exercise modes</li> <li>'Sleep Activity'</li> <li>'Exercise Activity'</li> <li>Alter Personal Profiles (e.g. template for sick day or exercise)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boost or Ease off modes</li> </ul>
<i>Revert</i>			
Revert to manual mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of CGM data</li> <li>Sensor integrity concerns (e.g. insufficient calibration [only with Guardian 3 sensor])</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of CGM data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of CGM data</li> <li>Loss of connection with pump</li> </ul>

NO!

# Summary

- Technology in diabetes (as in other aspects of our lives) is all around us (and is increasingly tied to smart phone use)
- Which devices (and how) we choose to use depends on a range of personal factors
- For the first time technology in diabetes care has been focused on reducing burden / workload rather than just biomedical targets
- Combining CGM and insulin pump technologies intelligently offers the possibility for both improved outcomes and reduced self-management burden
- Effective use of technology requires us to understand and work with it

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# Questions / Discussion