## **Emerging Challenges in Primary Care: 2017**



**GLP-1 Receptor Agonists: New Insights and New Strategies for Successful Long-Term Diabetes Management Final Outcome Report for 4 Cities - Lilly Grant A-20785** 

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## Emerging Challenges in Primary Care Update 2017 Conference Schedule

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# Emerging Challenges in Primary Care Update 2017 Conference Schedule

City	Date
Miami, FL	April 29, 2017
Baltimore, MD	May 6, 2017
St. Louis, MO	May 13, 2017
Birmingham, AL*	May 20, 2017
Atlanta, GA	June 3, 2017
Raleigh, NC*	June 10, 2017
Cleveland, OH	June 17, 2017
Tampa, FL	June 24, 2017
Anaheim, CA*	August 12, 2017
San Francisco, CA	August 19, 2017
Troy, MI*	August 26, 2017
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	September 9, 2017
Nashville, TN*	September 16, 2017
San Antonio, TX	September 23, 2017
Uniondale, NY	October 7, 2017
Denver, CO	October 14, 2017
Houston, TX	October 21, 2017
San Diego, CA*	October 28, 2017

#### \*Simulcast and Live Conference

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Bolded cities are where the lecture was given Enduring Webcast launch date - July 27, 2017 - July 26, 2018





Enduring Webcast: http://naceonline.com/CME-Courses/course info.php?course id=882

# **Learning Objectives**



Discuss the role of postprandial hyperglycemia in the pathogenesis of diabetic complications.



Incorporate GLP-1 RA therapy into practice to reduce post-prandial hyperglycemia and decrease glycemic variability.



Compare GLP-1 RAs for glycemic efficacy and differential impact on postprandial glycemic control.



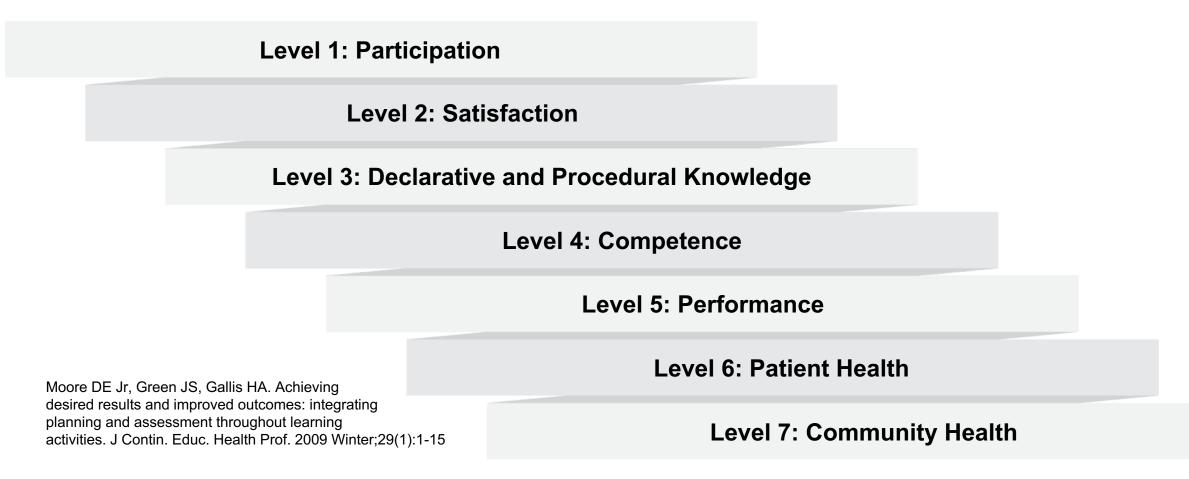
Discuss various GLP-1 RA combination strategies with or as a possible alternative to basal insulin in the diabetic patient not at glycemic target.





# **Levels of Evaluation**

Consistent with the policies of the ACCME, NACE evaluates the effectiveness of all CME activities using a systematic process based on Moore's model. This outcome study reaches Level 5.





# Level 1 (Participation)

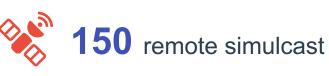
**Practice** 

specialty

70% PCPs
4% Cardiologist
2% Endocrinologist
24% Other or did not respond











92%

Provide direct patient care



## Level 2 (Satisfaction)



99% rated the activity as excellent



99% indicated the activity improved their knowledge



97% stated that they learned new and useful strategies for patient care



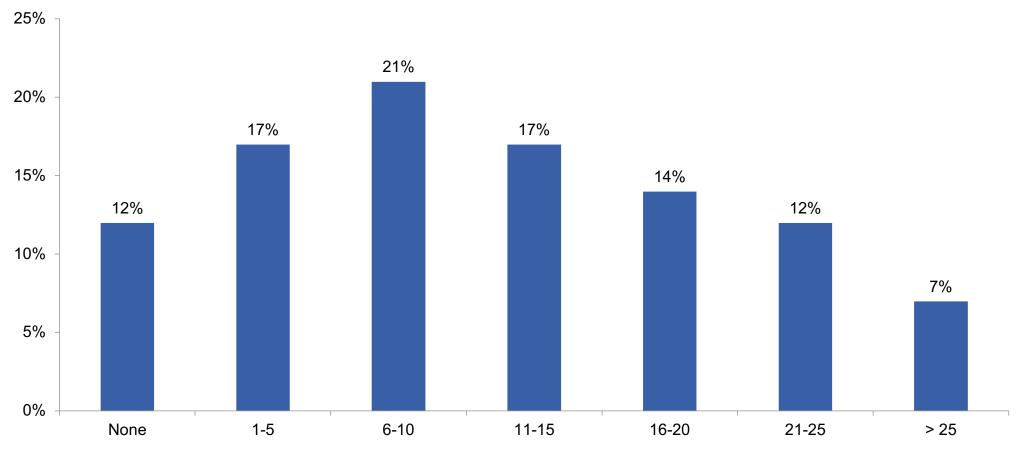
91% said they would implement new strategies that they learned



100% said the program was fair-balanced and unbiased



# Patients visits with diabetes seen each week in a clinical setting:



Sample Size: N = 800

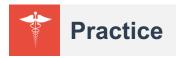


# **Key Findings**



## Knowledge/Competence

Improvement in all questions regarding the use of GLP-1 RAs in the management patients with diabetes, 3 of which achieved statistical significance.



32% improvement in willingness to use GLP-1 receptor agonists in combination with basal insulin after the program (71-94%) which was maintained after 4 weeks



## Confidence

The majority of learners rated themselves as having moderate confidence in their ability to utilize GLP-1 RAs for treating patients with diabetes prior to the activity. most of the learners showed significant gains in confidence after the program.



### **Change of Practice Behavior**

94% of learners who responded to our four week survey indicated that they had changed their practice behavior to implement the learning objectives of this program within four weeks after attending the activity.

4 Weeks Post N= 96

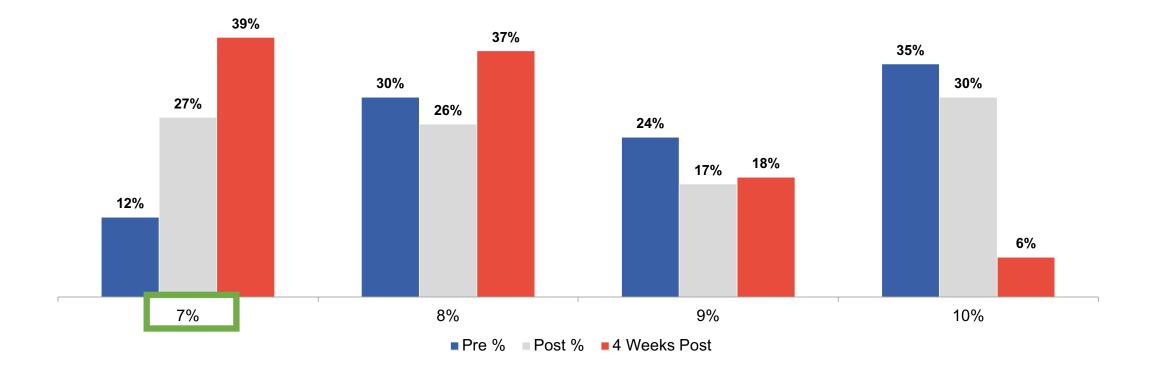


#### Knowledge Assessment

## At about what level of A1C does postprandial glucose account for >50% of total A1C?

(Learning Objective 1)

P Value: <0.001 – Significant



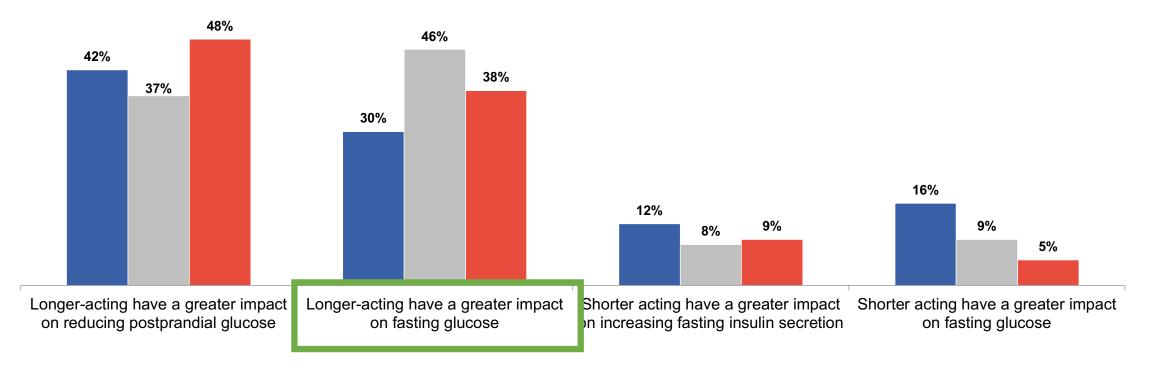


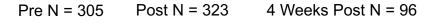
#### Knowledge Assessment

# Comparing the differences between shorter- and longer-acting GLP-1 receptor agonists, which of the following statements is true?

(Learning Objective 2 and 3)

P Value: <0.001 – Significant





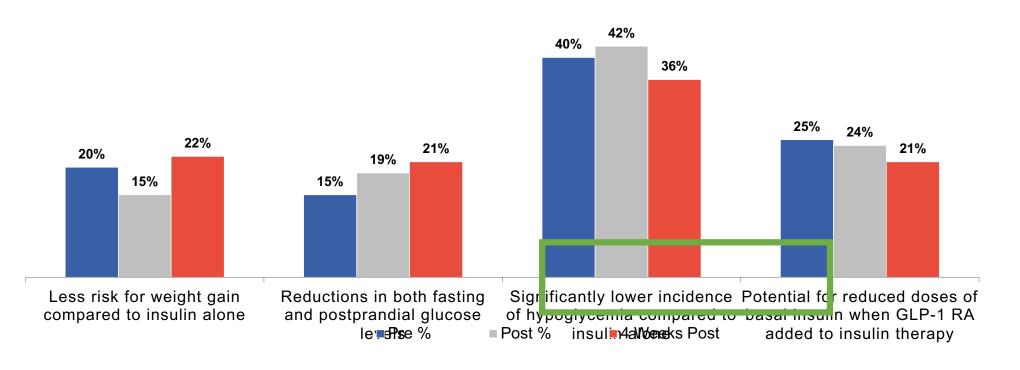


### Knowledge Assessment

# The advantages of combining GLP-1 receptor agonists with basal insulin include all of the following, EXCEPT:

(Learning Objective 2 and 4)

P Value: 0.605 - Not Significant



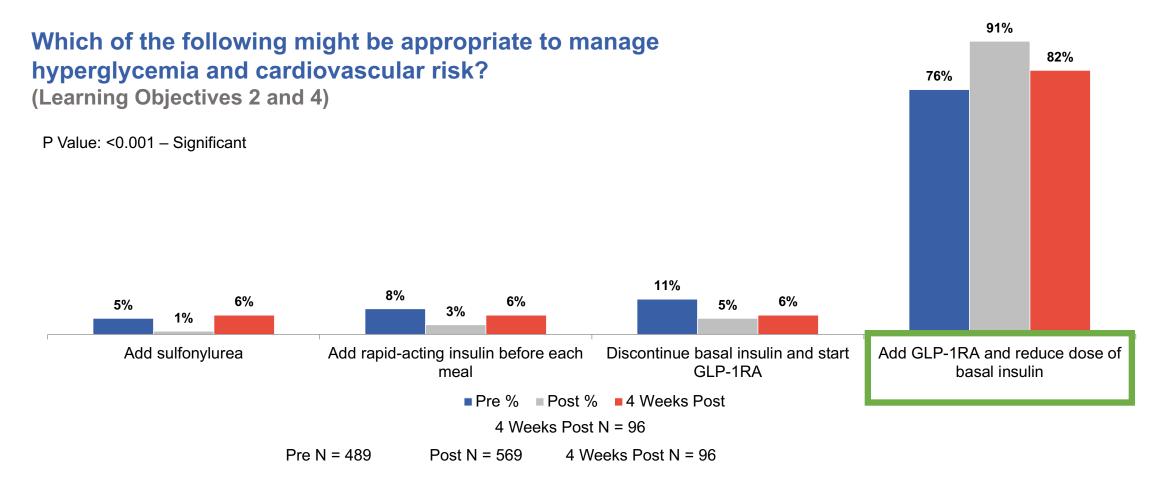
Pre N = 422 Post N = 484 4 Weeks Post N = 96

Green highlight indicates no significant difference between pre- and post-testing



**Practice Assessment** 

A 49-year-old man with 10-year history of T2DM and NSTEMI 2 years ago works on a farm and has long active days. His A1C is 7.8%, FBG 70-120 mg/dL, and PPG 180-220 mg/dL. Meds include metformin 1000 mg bid and basal insulin 38 U qam.

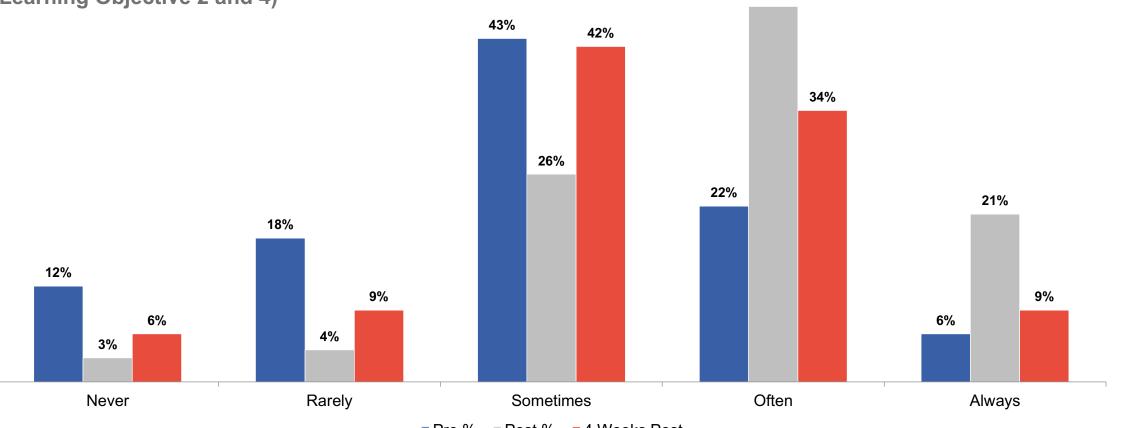


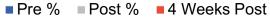


#### Practice Assessment

When adjusting therapy in patients with type 2 diabetes, how often do/will you consider using GLP-1 receptor agonists in combination with basal insulin? 47%

(Learning Objective 2 and 4)



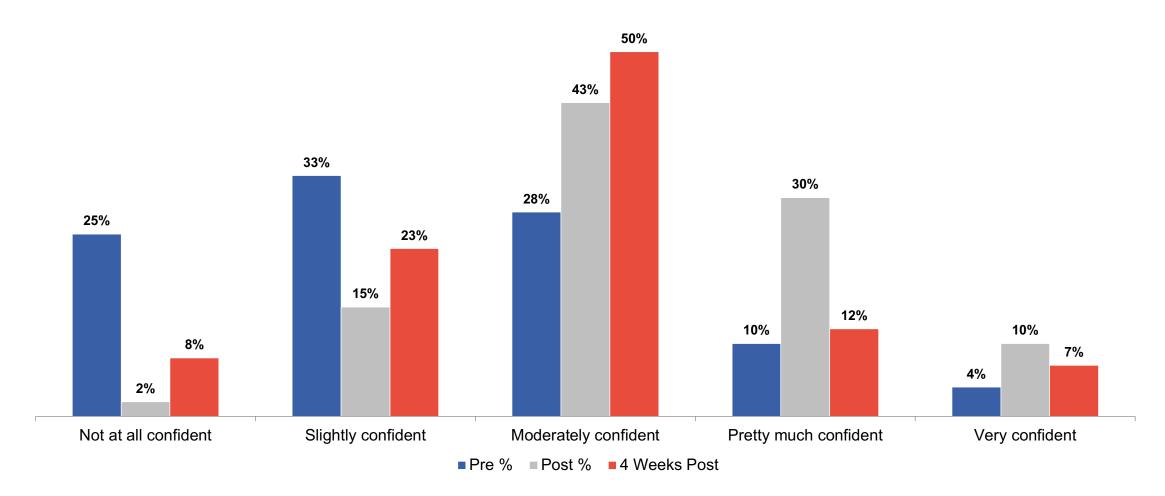


Pre N = 502 Post N = 5694 Weeks Post N = 96



#### **Confidence Assessment**

## Please rate your confidence in your ability to use GLP-1RAs in clinical practice:



Pre N = 523 Post N = 526 4 Weeks Post N = 96



## **Persistent Educational Gaps After 4 Weeks**

Impact of post-prandial glucose on A1C

Pharmacologic differences of different GLP-1 RAs and selecting the most appropriate agent based on a patient's physiologic needs

The role of combination insulin and GLP-1 RA therapy

Appropriate strategies of care to reach glycemic targets while minimizing hypoglycemia risk





# **New Specific Behaviors Reported at 4 weeks**



I am optimizing glucose control and reducing the risk of hypoglycemia and weight gain with GLP-1 RAs

I consider GLP-1 RA more often to reduce postprandial hyperglycemia

I am prescribing GLP-1 to patients already on basal insulin to achieve better control of the postprandial glucose

I am more confident using GLP-1 RAs

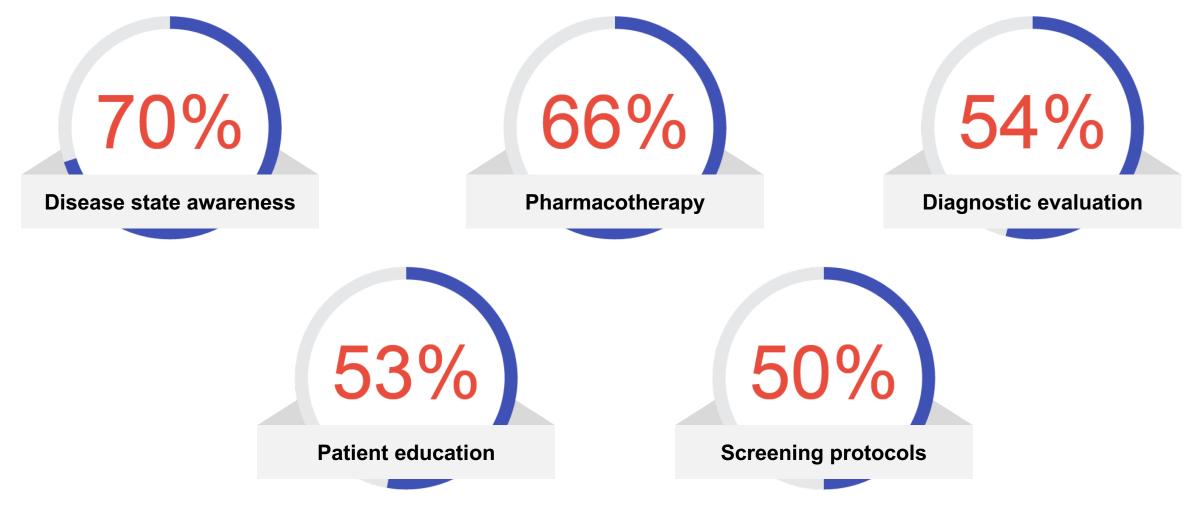


I have been more aggressive trying to lower A1C by explaining to patients the importance of treatment to decrease end organ damage



#### (4-week Post Assessment)

Please select the specific areas of skills, or practice behaviors, you have improved regarding the treatment of patients with diabetes since this CME activity. (Select all that apply.)





#### (4-week Post Assessment)

What specific barriers have you encountered that may have prevented you from successfully implementing strategies for patients with diabetes since this CME activity? (Select all that apply)





## **Participant Educational Gains**

Are more aware that post-prandial glucose accounts for more than 50% of A1C it approaches 7%

Are more competent in combining a GLP-1 RA and basal insulin to manage diabetes

Recognize that longer acting GLP-1 RAs have a greater effect on fasting than post-prandial glucose

Understand that combining a GLP-1 RA with basal insulin is more likely to result in a lower incidence of hypoglycemia than utilizing insulin alone.



# **Key Take-Home Points**

85% stated 4 weeks after program they (sometimes-always) consider GLP-1 RAs combined with basal insulin to manage diabetes, improved from 71% prior to the program

91% of participants are likely to utilize information learned from this activity in their practice

69% improvement in confidence levels in the ability to use GLP-1RAs in clinical practice 4 weeks after the activity

50% of attendees report seeing 11 or more patients with diabetes weekly; 71% see > than 5, suggesting a significant number of patients impacted



## **Discussion and Implications**

- Moderate to very confident levels in the ability to use GLP-1RAs in clinical practice rose from 42% to 83% after the activity.
- ✤ At 4 weeks, confidence levels remained above baseline at 69%, an improvement of 64%.
- Data obtained from participants 4 weeks after the program demonstrated some slippage in learning from the post-test scores for questions targeting learning objectives 2-4.
- Learners demonstrated improved awareness of the impact of postprandial glucose on A1C as it approaches 7, though post-test scores still remained under 40%.
- Participants were most competent in using basal insulin with GLP-1 RA therapy to manage hyperglycemia and cardiovascular risk
- Learners demonstrated persistent gaps in the several areas including:
  - The integration of GLP-1 RA therapy in practice
  - Differences between short and long acting GLP-1 RAs and their impact on glycemia

The post-test scores, and intent to change practice patterns regarding the use of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in the management of diabetes, signifies a clear gap in knowledge and an unmet need among primary care clinicians. It continues to be an important area for future educational programs.

