#### Diabetes physiology and inpatient Hospital Care

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#### Έλλειψη Ινσουλίνης και περίσσεια Γλυκαγόνης

Ελαττωμένη πρόσληψη γλυκόζης από τα κύτταρα

Υπεργλυκαιμία, γλυκοζουρία, ωσμωτική διούρηση, ηλεκτρολυτικές δ.

Αυξημένος καταβολισμός πρωτεϊνών

Των αμινοξέων στο πλάσμα & απώλεια αζώτου στα ούρα **Αυξημένη** Λιπόλυση

↑ των FFA στο πλάσμα, κετογένεση, κετονουρία, κετοναιμία

Αφυδάτωση, οξέωση

Κώμα, Θάνατος

#### Κετόνες ή κετονικά σώματα

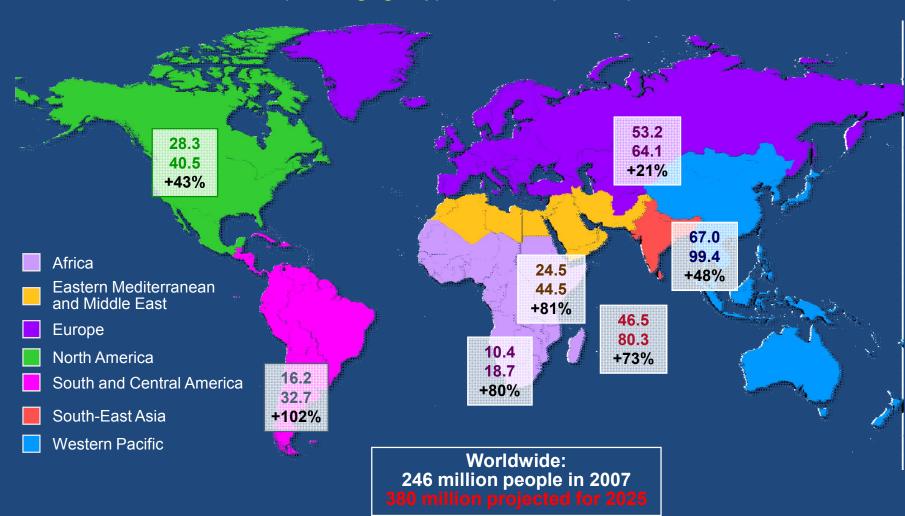
- Ακετόνη, ακετοξεικό & β-υδροξυβουτυρικό
- Είναι πηγή ενέργειας, σημαντική ενίστε
- Η ακετόνη αποβάλλεται δια της αναπνοής & των ούρων
- ★ Όταν η ικανότητα των ιστών για τον μεταβολισμό τους σύντομα υπερκεράζεται, οδηγούμεθα σε κέτωση και κετοξέωση (πτώση του ρΗ <7.35)
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## Η σημασία του μεταβολικού ελέγχου

" Ο Σ. Διαβήτης χαρακτηρίζεται από την ανεπάρκεια του συστήματος ελέγχου του μεταβολισμού της γλυκόζης, οδηγώντας σε χρόνια αύξηση των επιπέδων γλυκόζης αίματος"

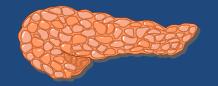
#### Diabetes is an increasing healthcare epidemic throughout the world

Global projections for the number of people with diabetes (20–79 age group), 2007–2025 (millions)





#### Εισαγωγή



#### Το έργο της ινσουλίνης είναι

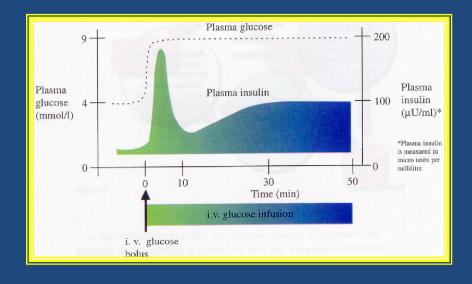
- ✓ Η ανταπόκριση στις μεταβολές των επιπέδων γλυκόζης αίματος
- ✓ Η διατήρηση των επιπέδων γλυκόζης εντός
   φ.ο. σχετικά στενών (70-110 mg/dL ή 3-6 mmol/L)
- Η μακροχρόνια διατήρηση του γλυκαιμικού ελέγχου

#### Η παραγωγή και απελευθέρωση της ινσουλίνης

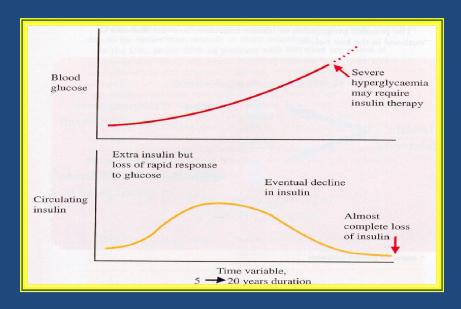
- Η ινσουλίνη είναι μια ορμόνη που παράγεται από τα β κύτταρα του παγκρέατος με την μορφή πρόδρομου μορίου, της προϊνσουλίνης
- Η προϊνσουλίνη στη συνέχεια *αποδομείται* προς ινσουλίνη και ένα μικρότερο μόριο, που ονομάζεται *C-πεπτίδιο*
- >> Στη συνέχεια και τα δυο, ινσουλίνη και C- πεπτίδιο, αποθηκεύονται εντός κοκκίων που βρίσκονται στα β κύτταρα του παγκρέατος
- Τα βασικά επίπεδα ινσουλίνης που απαιτούνται για τη διατήρηση των φυσιολογικών επιπέδων γλυκόζης ( ευγλυκαιμία ), αναλογούν περίπου στο ήμισυ της συνολικής ποσότητας ινσουλίνης που εκκρίνεται σε μια περίοδο 24 ωρών
- Η υπόλοιπη ποσότητα παραγόμενης ινσουλίνης προορίζεται για την ανταπόκριση του οργανισμού *στις μεταγευματικές αυξήσεις* των επιπέδων γλυκόζης αίματος (δηλαδή μετά την πρόσληψη τροφής)

#### Η παραγωγή και απελευθέρωση της ινσουλίνης στον ΣΔ τ. 2

Στα μη Διαβητικά άτομα η έκκρισηαπελευθέρωση ινσουλίνης λαμβάνει χώρα σε 2 φάσεις: μια πρώτη ταχεία και βραχυχρόνια & μια δεύτερη φάση, πιο βραδείας ανόδου αλλά πιο παρατεταμένη



Στα Διαβητικά άτομα τ.2 η πρώτη ταχεία και βραχυχρόνια φάση έχει απωλεσθεί & έτσι δεν υφίσταται ταχεία ανταπόκριση στην αύξηση της γλυκόζης. Η δεύτερη φάση, στα πρώϊμα στάδια του ΣΔ τ.2 είναι αυξημένη, σε ανταπόκριση της απώλειας της 1ης φάσης, αλλά γίνεται σταδιακά μικρότερη καθώς προχωρά η έκπτωση των β-κυττάρων, με αποτέλεσμα υπεργλυκαιμία





#### ADA Guidelines: Criteria for Diabetes Diagnosis

A1C ≥6.5%\*†

OR

FPG<sup>‡</sup> ≥126 mg/dL (7.0 mmol/L)<sup>†</sup>

OR

2-hr plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) during OGTT (75-g)<sup>†</sup>

OR

Random plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L)\*\*

\*Perform in lab using NGSP-certified method and standardized to DCCT assay; †In the absence of unequivocal hyperglycemia, result to be confirmed by repeat testing; ‡Fasting defined as no caloric intake for ≥8 hrs; \*\*in persons with symptoms of hyperglycemia or hyperglycemic crisis



#### ADA Guidelines: Common Comorbidities Associated With Diabetes

Consider assessment and treatment for common diabetes-associated comorbidities in patients with risk factors, signs, or symptoms of

- Certain cancers
- Cognitive impairment
- Depression
- Dyslipidemia
- Fatty liver disease
- Fractures

- Hearing impairment
- Hypertension
- Low testosterone (men)
- Obesity
- Obstructive sleep apnea
- Periodontal disease



#### ADA Guidelines: Criteria for Diabetes Testing in Asymptomatic Adults

- Consider testing for diabetes in all adults with BMI\* ≥25 kg/m² and ≥1 additional risk factor
  - In the absence of risk factors, testing should begin no later than age 45
- If results are normal, repeat testing in ≥3-year intervals
  - More frequent testing may be done depending on initial test results and presence of risk factors

#### Diabetes Risk Factors

- Physical inactivity
- First-degree relative with diabetes
- High-risk race/ethnicity
- Women who delivered a baby
   9 lb or were diagnosed with GDM
- HDL-C <35 mg/dL and/or TG >250 mg/dL
- Hypertension (≥140/90 mm Hg or on therapy)
- A1C ≥5.7%, IGT, or IFG on previous testing
- Conditions associated with insulin resistance: severe obesity, acanthosis nigricans, PCOS
- History of cardiovascular disease

\*At-risk BMI may be lower in some ethnic groups
BMI=body mass index; GDM=gestational diabetes mellitus;
HDL-C=high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; IFG=impaired fasting glucose; IGT=impaired glucose tolerance;
PCOS=polycystic ovarian syndrome; TG=triglycerides



#### ADA Guidelines: Categories of Increased Risk for Diabetes (Prediabetes)

FPG 100 mg/dL–125 mg/dL (5.6 mmol/L–6.9 mmol/L)

Impaired Fasting Glucose

OR

2-hr PG on 75-g OGTT 140 mg/dL–199 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L–11.0 mmol/L) Impaired Glucose Tolerance

OR

A1C 5.7%-6.4%

- For all tests, risk is continuous, extending below lower limit of range and becoming disproportionately greater at higher ends of range
- IFG and IGT should be viewed as risk factors for diabetes and CVD

CVD=cardiovascular disease; FPG=fasting plasma glucose; OGTT=oral glucose tolerance test; PG=plasma glucose



#### ADA Guidelines: Primary Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes With Medical Nutrition Therapy

#### Individuals at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes:

- Begin a structured program emphasizing lifestyle changes, including:
  - Moderate weight loss (7% body weight)
  - Regular physical activity (150 min/wk) with dietary strategies, incl reduced calories and dietary fat intake
- Achieve USDA recommendation for dietary fiber (14 g/1,000 kcal) and foods containing whole grains (50% of grain intake)
- Limit intake of sugar-sweetened beverages

USDA=U.S. Department of Agriculture



#### ADA Guidelines: Diabetes Care in the Hospital (1 of 2)

- Clearly document diabetes in medical record
- Order blood glucose monitoring for all patients
  - Results available to healthcare team
- Goals for blood glucose levels in critically ill patients
  - Initiate insulin for treatment of persistent hyperglycemia starting at threshold of ≤180 mg/dL (10.0 mmol/L); once insulin is started, 140–180 mg/dL (7.8–10.0 mmol/L) is recommended range for most patients
  - More stringent goals may be appropriate for certain patients
  - IV insulin protocol with demonstrated efficacy, safety in achieving glucose targets with no increased hypoglycemia risk
- Goals for blood glucose in non–critically ill patients
  - No clear evidence for specific goals
  - Insulin-treated: premeal target <140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) with random blood glucose <180 mg/dL (10.0 mmol/L)</li>
  - More or less stringent targets may be appropriate for certain patients

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#### ADA Guidelines: Diabetes Care in the Hospital (2 of 2)

- Preferred method for achieving/maintaining glucose control in non–critically ill patients
  - Scheduled subcutaneous insulin with basal, nutritional, and correction components
- Monitor glucose in nondiabetic patients receiving therapy associated with high risk for hyperglycemia
  - Consider treating to same goals as patients with known diabetes
- Establish hypoglycemia management protocol and create a plan for each patient for treating and preventing hypoglycemia
  - Track all hypoglycemia episodes
- Consider obtaining A1C for
  - Patients with diabetes if no previous test results from last 2–3 mos available
  - Patients with risk factors for undiagnosed diabetes who exhibit hyperglycemia
- Patients with hyperglycemia with no prior diabetes
  - Plan for follow-up testing and care documented at discharge

#### Hospital System Enhancements for Safe Insulin Use

• Standardized protocols promote the safe use of insulin in hospitals

• Complicated insulin regimens can lead to confusion and medication errors,

• it is recommended to simplify insulin regimens as much as possible.

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- Simplification of the hospital insulin formulary is the first step, limiting clinicians to a single basal insulin and a single rapid-acting insulin choice.
- Monitoring and documentation of insulin administration and glucose measurement should be together as a single document (either paper flow sheet or a single EMR screen).

 a stepped implementation of SC insulin protocols (paper-based or via electronic medical record [EMR]) leading to mandatory use of basal/bolus insulin on a hospital-wide basis is optimal.

#### Hospital Blood sugar controls

- from 31 U.S. hospitals. more than 1.5 million blood sugars
- showed an average per patient-day mean glucose of 151.8 mg/dL in ICU patients and 152.7 mg/dL in non-ICU patients.
- Outside the ICU, a mean target glucose of 70–149 mg/dL was achieved in 55.8% of the patients, and 9.5% of patient-days had at least 1 hypoglycemic episode

#### Data derived from surgical and medical intensive care units

- Observational studies have documented that hyperglycemia after cardiothoracic surgical procedures is associated with higher rates (approximately twofold) of wound infection
- Interventions to reduce hyperglycemia in this setting with IV insulin therapy decrease infection rates and cardiac-related mortality in comparison with historical control subjects.

 Intensive insulin therapy targeting arterial glucose levels of 80–110 mg/dl in 1,200 medical ICU patients by the same investigators in the same institution diminished morbidity but failed to reduce mortality (θνησιμοτητα).

 A sixfold increase in severe hypoglycemic events (BG <40 mg/dl [2.2 mmol/l]) was observed in the intensively treated group (18.7 vs. 3.1%),

hypoglycemia was identified as an independent risk factor for mortality

- (NICE-SUGAR), a multicenter, multinational RCT,
- tested the effect of tight glycemic control on outcomes among 6,104 critically ill participants, the majority of whom (>95%) required mechanical ventilation.

 The 90-day mortality was significantly higher in the intensively treated versus the conventionally treated group (78 more deaths; 27.5 vs. 24.9%; P = 0.02) in both surgical and medical patients

 Mortality from cardiovascular causes was more common in the intensively treated group (76 more deaths; 41.6 vs. 35.8%; P = 0.02).
 Severe hypoglycemia was also more common in the intensively treated group (6.8 vs. 0.5%; P < 0.001).</li>

 A recent meta-analysis of RCTs reported comparisons between intensive insulin therapy with glycemic targets of 80 to 110 mg/dl and less intensive therapy with targets 180 to 200 mg/dl [10.0–11.1 mmol/l]).

- Among 8,432 critically ill patients, there was no significant difference in mortality between intensive therapy and control groups (21.6 vs. 23.3%, respectively)
- A decrease in septicemia and a fivefold increase in hypoglycemia (13.7 vs. 2.5%) were observed

- In a second meta-analysis including 13,567 critically ill patients,
- a favorable effect of intensive therapy on mortality was noted only in surgical ICU patients (relative risk, 0.63; CI, 0.44 to 0.91)
- There was a sixfold increase in the rate of occurrence of hypoglycemia with use of intensive therapy in all ICU patients

 Hypoglycemic events, however, have been infrequently linked to mortality; this finding suggests that severe hypoglycemia may be a marker of more serious underlying disease

## Data derived from patients with acute myocardial infarction

- hyperglycemia is associated with adverse outcomes after acute myocardial infarction
- reduction of glycemia per se, and not necessarily the use of insulin, is associated with improved outcomes

## Data derived from patients with acute myocardial infarction

- It remains unclear, whether hyperglycemia is a marker of underlying health status or is a mediator of complications after AMI
- Non-iatrogenic hypoglycemia has also been associated with adverse outcomes and is a predictor of higher mortality

## Data derived from patients with acute myocardial infarction

- Several studies have attempted to reproduce the favorable outcomes observed with early implementation of insulin therapy reported in the first Diabetes and Insulin-Glucose Infusion in Acute Myocardial Infarction (DIGAMI) trial
- DIGAMI 2, a multicenter RCT of 1,253 patients with AMI and diabetes, failed to show a decrease in mortality with such intervention

### Data derived from other critically ill patients

- glycemia and clinical outcomes in patients
  with extensive burns, body trauma, or
  traumatic brain injury or who have undergone
  surgical treatment for cerebral aneurysms
- In patients with subarachnoid hemorrhage, hyperglycemia was associated with impaired cognition and deficits in gross neurologic function at 3 months

### Data derived from other critically ill patients

 Patients without diabetes who had severe blunt injury and hyperglycemia (BG >200 mg/dl) were found to have a 2.2-fold higher rate of mortality than those with admission glucose of <200 mg/dl</li>

### Data derived from other critically ill patients

In an RCT of tight glycemic control in 97
 patients with severe traumatic brain injury no
 significant differences were noted in
 infections, 6-month mortality, or neurologic
 outcomes. The rate of occurrence of
 hypoglycemia was twofold higher with use of
 intensive insulin therapy.

## Data derived from patients undergoing transplantation

 Diabetes in patients after transplant procedures shares many similarities with type 2 diabetes and is strongly associated with cardiovascular disease and cardiac death

### Data derived from patients undergoing transplantation

- Hammer et al. analyzed BG levels among 1,175 adult patients receiving allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplants.
- Hyperglycemia, hypoglycemia, and glycemic variability all correlated with non-relapserelated mortality within 200 days after transplantation

# Hyperglycemia in hospitalized medical and surgical patients in non-ICU settings

 No RCTs have examined the effect of intensive glycemic control on outcomes in hospitalized patients outside ICU settings

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 Several observational studies, however, point to a strong association between hyperglycemia and poor clinical outcomes, including prolonged hospital stay, infection, disability after discharge from the hospital, and death