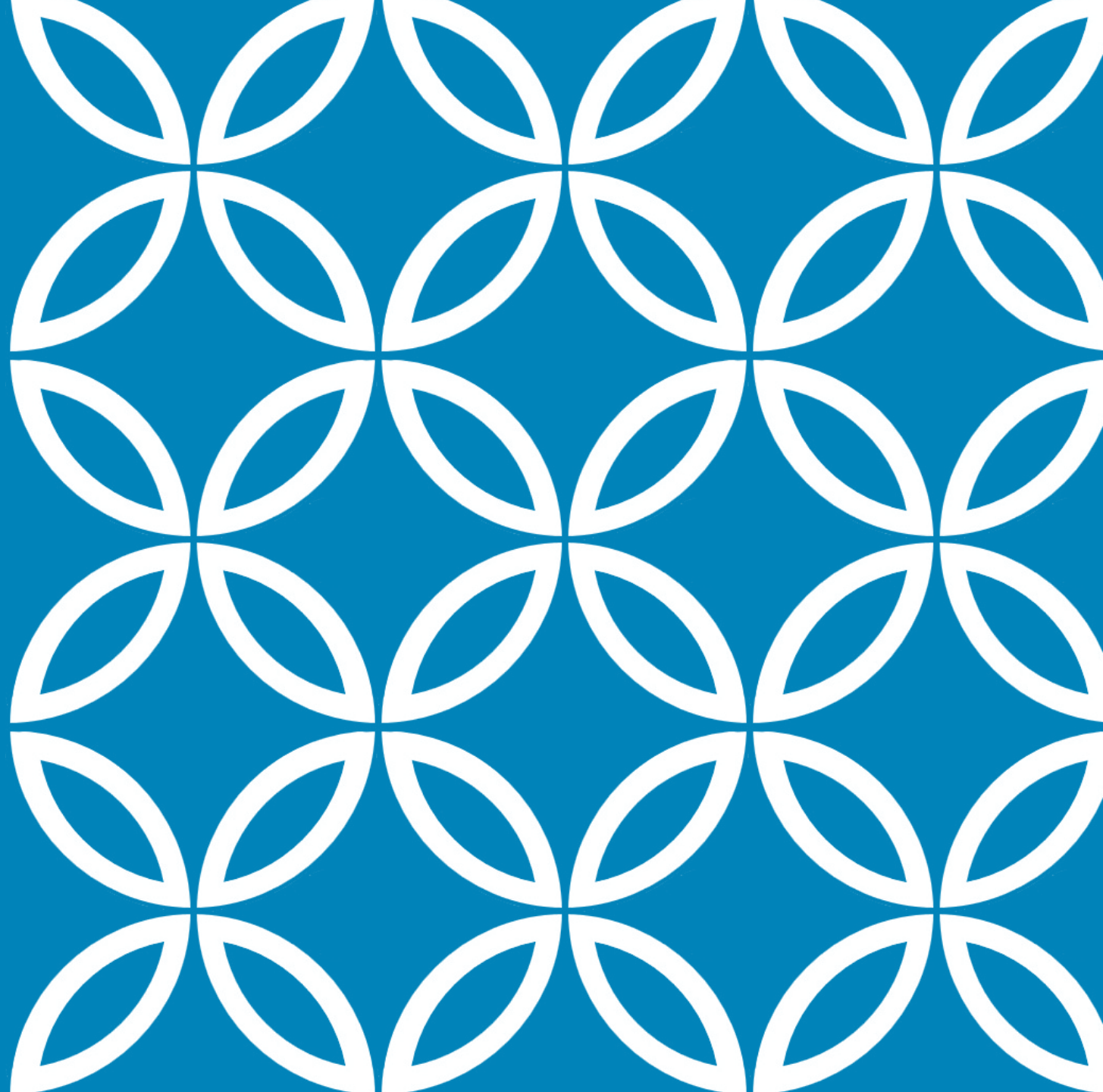


# IS THERE A ROLE FOR CGM IN PREGNANT PATIENTS WITH DIABETES?

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# OBJECTIVE

Describe emerging use of continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) in diabetes and pregnancy.

**EPIDEMIOLOGY**

# CURRENT STATISTICS

Among births occurring at Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California from 1999-2005:

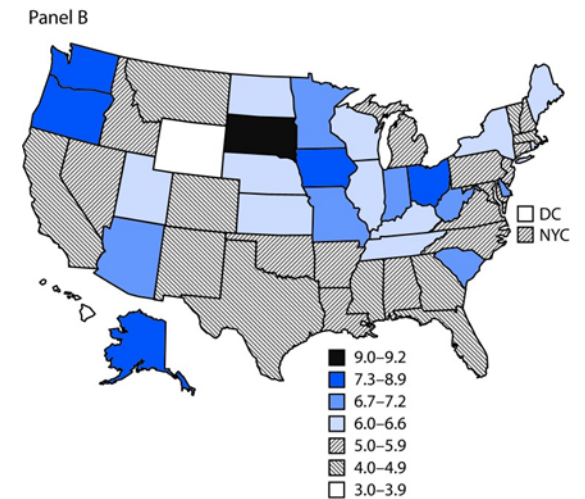
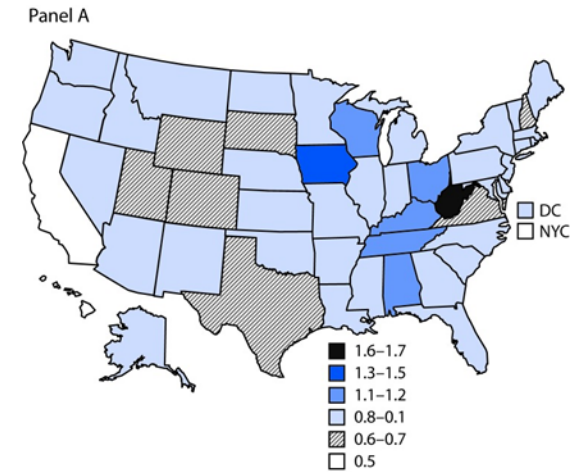
- Preexisting diabetes complicated approximately 0.8% of pregnancies in 1999;
- Increased to 1.82% in 2005 ( $p < 0.001$ );
- Among deliveries to women with diabetes, 10% are due to preexisting diabetes in 1999;
- Increased to 21% of deliveries to women with diabetes in 2005.

# CURRENT STATISTICS

- Preexisting diabetes complicates 1.5% of pregnancies
- Half of these are secondary to Type 1 DM and half to Type 2 DM
- Prevalence of Type 1 DM among young people is increasing rapidly

Feig et al. Trends in incidence of diabetes in pregnancy and serious perinatal outcomes. Diabetes Care. 2014.

Patterson et al., Incidence trends for childhood type 1 diabetes. Lancet. 2009.



Standardized prevalence of preexisting (panel A) and gestational (panel B) diabetes among women who had a live birth — United States, 2016

Abbreviations: DC = District of Columbia; NYC = New York City.

\* Standardized to age and race/ethnicity distribution of U.S. resident mothers delivering in 2012.

# CURRENT STATISTICS

- Improvements in stillbirth in pregnancies complicated by Type 1 DM;
- Improvements in congenital abnormalities in pregnancies complicated by Type 1 DM;
- No improvement in other complications associated with maternal hyperglycemia such as LGA, NICU admission, or preterm delivery.

# CURRENT STATISTICS

Glucose excursions *not adequately evaluated* by FSBG can affect both maternal and fetal wellbeing

- Postprandial hyperglycemia is associated with macrosomia
- Nocturnal and pre-prandial hypoglycemia can increase hypoglycemia unawareness and put pregnant women at risk of trauma, seizures, and death



# LONG-TERM VERSUS SHORT-TERM GOALS

# LONG-TERM GOALS

- Avoid long-term complications of diabetes;
- Avoid hypoglycemia and associated complications;
- Avoid development of hypoglycemia unawareness.



# SHORT-TERM GOALS

- Achieve tight blood glucose control to create a healthy hormonal and nutritional milieu for the developing fetus;
- Avoid hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia and the associated complications for the fetus, child, and adult.



# MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS — DIABETES

Miscarriage

Hypertensive disorders  
of pregnancy

Preterm delivery

Macrosomia

Polyhydramnios

Trauma to pelvic floor

Operative delivery

Hemorrhage

Infectious morbidity

# FETAL COMPLICATIONS — DIABETES

Miscarriage  
Congenital abnormalities  
Macrosomia  
NICU admission  
Hypoglycemia  
Hyperbilirubinemia  
RDS

Operative delivery  
Shoulder dystocia  
Birth trauma  
Stillbirth  
Childhood/adult obesity  
Childhood/adult Type II  
diabetes

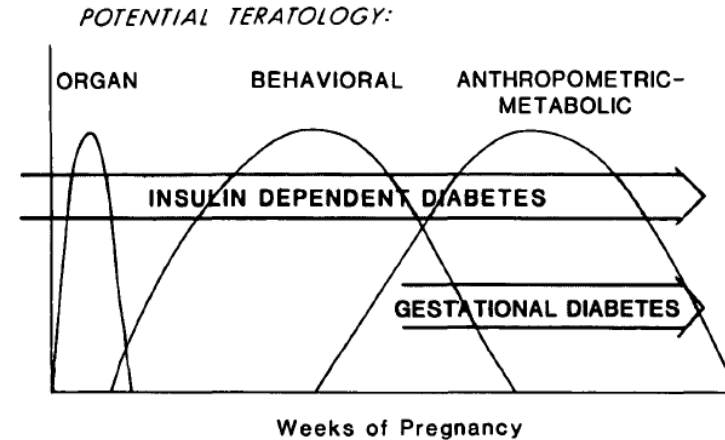
# FETAL PROGRAMMING

# FREINKEL, BANTING LECTURE 1980

“...might not one effect possibly permanent changes in habitus (that is, anthropometric modifications) or in endocrine or neuroendocrine metabolism by abnormal fuel presentations during the period of intrauterine development for the terminally differentiated cells that determine these functions?”

DIABETES, VOL. 29, DECEMBER 1980

**FIGURE 12.** Potential long-range effects upon the fetus of altered interactions in maternal fuels during pregnancy. Fuel-mediated teratogenesis as the basis for long-range anatomic and functional changes.



# BARKER HYPOTHESIS OF FETAL PROGRAMMING

“...nutritional (and other environmental) exposures during critical developmental windows may induce changes in tissue development and function that contribute to long-term chronic disease risk.

“effects may be mediated through epigenetic changes in the  $\beta$ -cells, liver, and insulin target tissues, along with the hypothalamic appetite signaling, the gut microbiome, plasma metabolites, and other factors.”

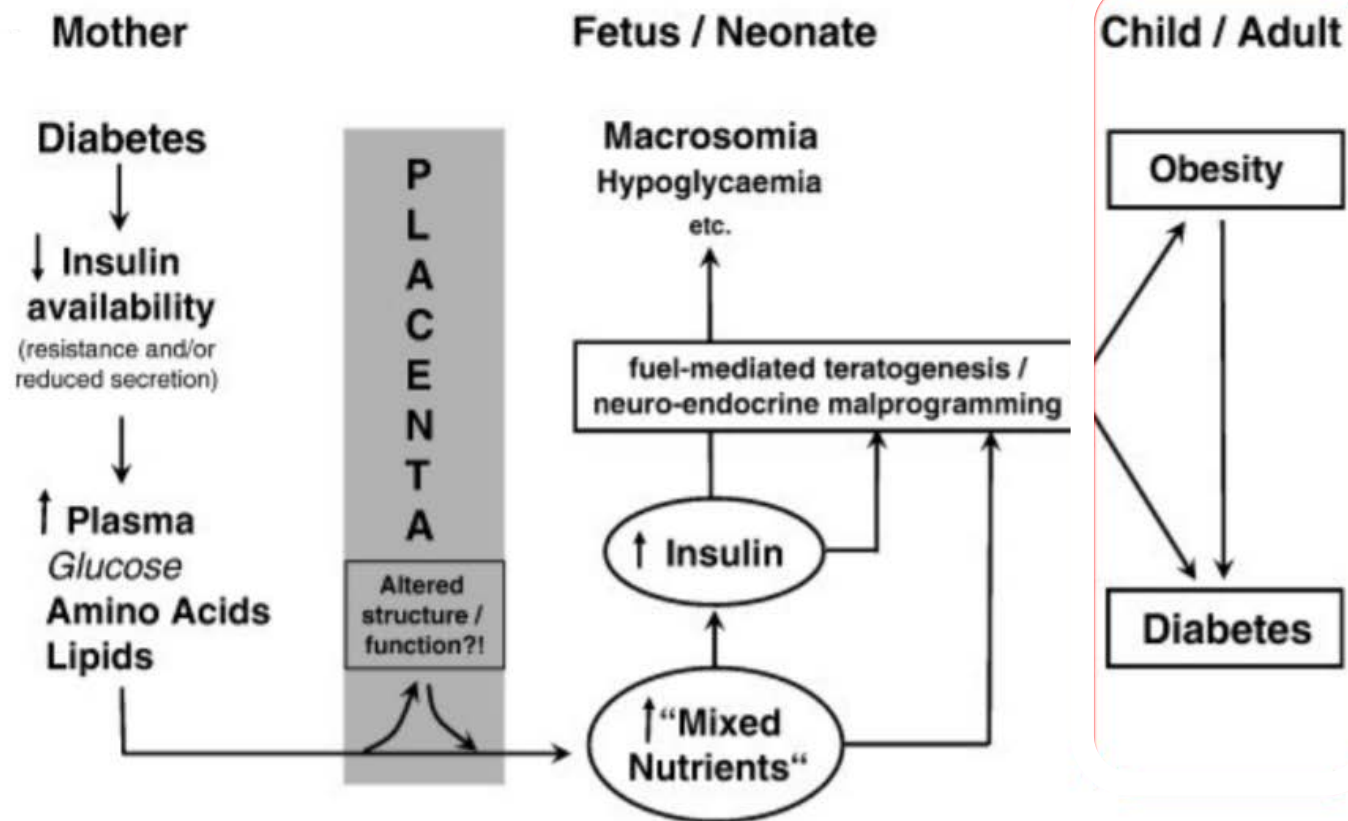


# BARKER HYPOTHESIS/DOHAD

Fetal environment either nutritionally deprived or over-rich increases risk for child and adult obesity and its sequelae (Catalano, 2003; Oken & Gillman, 2003; Ehrenberg et al., 2004)

Developmental Origins of Adult Health and Disease (DOHAD) (Gluckman et al 2005; Taylor & Poston, 2007)



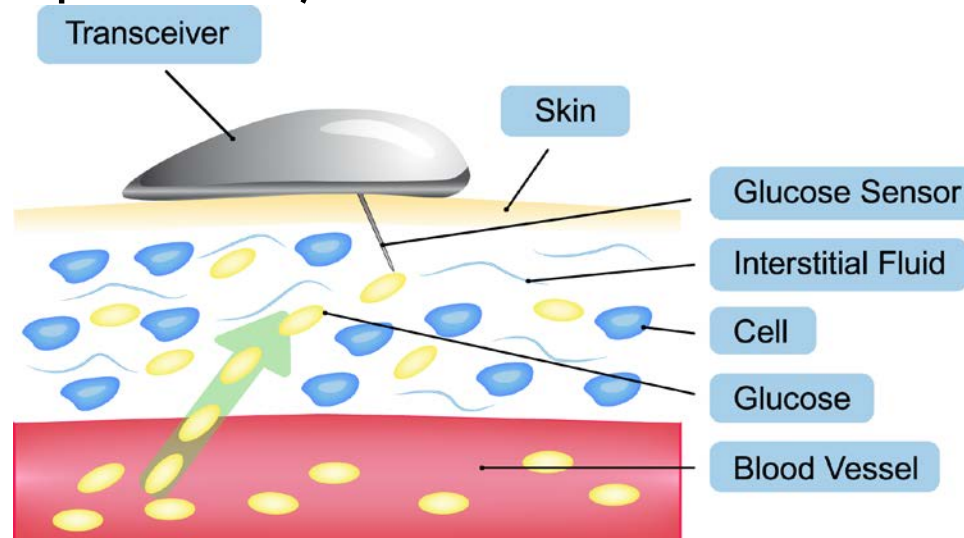


Pedersen et al. "Blood Sugar in Newborn Infants of Diabetic Mothers" *Acta Endocrinol* 1954  
 Freinkel N. "Of pregnancy and progeny. Banting lecture 1980. *Diabetes* 1980  
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**CGM VS. SMBG VS. HBA1C**

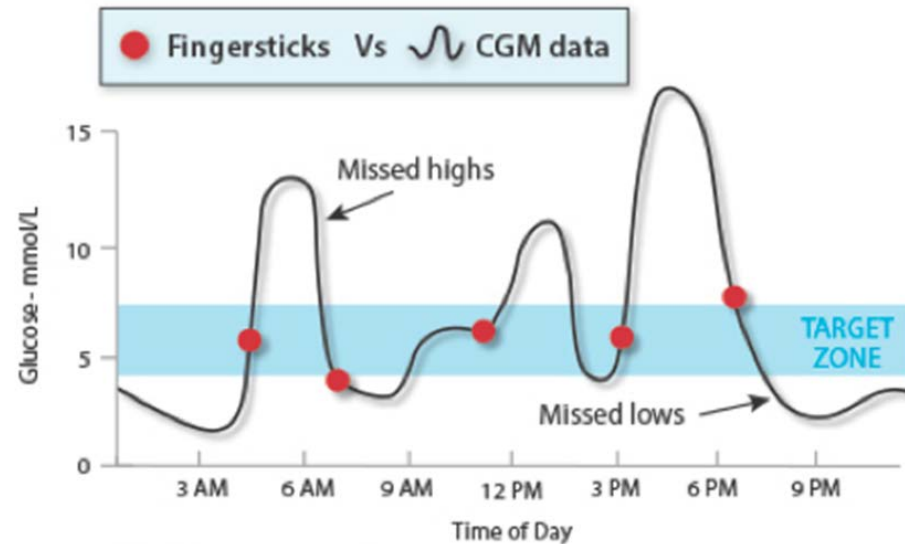
# CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR (CGM)

“a system that measures interstitial glucose levels on a continuous basis throughout the day and night.” (L. Hieronymus. Diabetes Self Management. March/April 2019)



# SELF-MONITORED BLOOD GLUCOSE

- Fingerstick BG data misses significant highs and lows that have consequences for both mom and fetus



\*Illustration purposes only

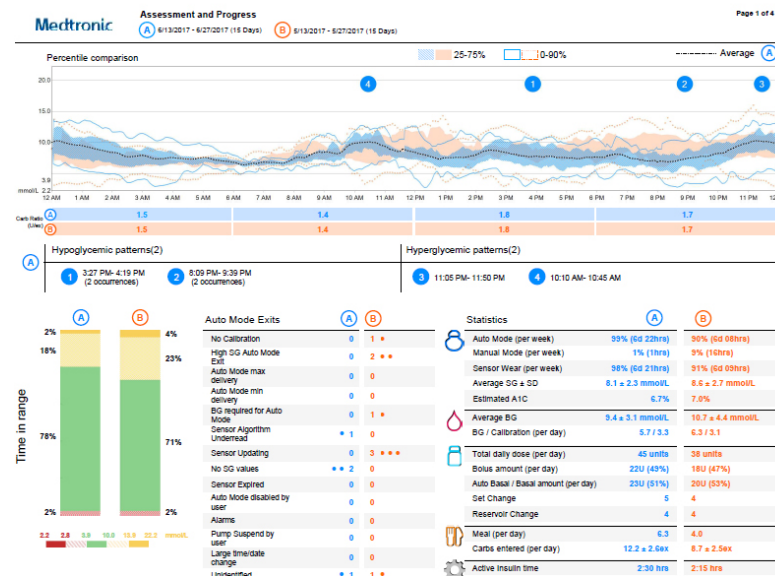
# HbA1c

HbA1c is not a helpful measure of blood glucose control in pregnancy:

- HbA1c normally decreases in pregnancy due to physiologic changes of pregnancy;
- HbA1c is an average and does not adequately reflect the blood glucose variability.

# CGM DATA

CGM “allows for unprecedented characterization of the day-to-day, within-day, and between-day glycemic variability.”



# STUDIES OF CGM IN PREGNANCY



# MURPHY ET AL., 2008

## Effectiveness of Continuous glucose monitoring in pregnant women with diabetes: randomized clinical trial

- 71 women with Type 1 DM (n=46) or Type 2 DM (n=25) allocated to antenatal care plus CGM monitoring or to standard antenatal care
- CGM was worn for up to 7 days at intervals of 4-6 weeks between 8- and 32-weeks gestation

# MURPHY ET AL., 2008

Women randomized to CGM had:

- Lower mean HbA1c levels from 32 to 36 weeks gestation
  - 5.8% (SD 0.6) v 6.4% (SD 0.7)
- Decreased median birthweight centiles
  - 69% v 93%
- Reduced risk of macrosomia
  - Odds ratio 0.36 (CI 0.13 to 0.98)

# SECHER ET AL., 2013.

The effect of real-time continuous glucose monitoring in pregnant women with diabetes: a randomized controlled trial

- 123 women with Type 1 and 31 women with Type 2 diabetes;
- Randomized to intermittent real-time CGM for 6 days on 5 occasions (at 8, 12, 21, 27, and 33 weeks gestation) versus usual care;
- HbA1c and SMBG compared at each time period, prevalence of LGA and other neonatal outcomes were compared at delivery.

# SECHER ET AL., 2013.

Women using intermittent real-time CGM had:

- Equivalent HbA1c to usual care patients
  - 6.1% vs 6.1%,  $p=0.39$
- Equivalent frequency of severe hypoglycemia
  - 16% vs 16%,  $p=0.91$
- Statistically equivalent incidence of LGA
  - 45% vs 34%,  $p=0.19$

# FEIG ET AL, 2017

Continuous glucose monitoring in pregnant women with type 1 diabetes (CONCEPTT): a multicenter international randomized controlled trial

- 215 pregnant women, 108 assigned to CGM intervention and 107 assigned to control
- CGM's were worn approximately 6 days per week
- HbA1c was measured at randomization, 24 weeks, and 34 weeks gestation

# FEIG ET AL, 2017

Women randomized to the CGM group had:

- Greater change in HbA1c from baseline to 34 weeks;
- Spent increased time in recommended glucose control target range;
  - 68% vs 61%, ( $p=0.0034$ )
- Reduced time above the target range;
  - Without increased maternal hypoglycaemia
- Decreased proportion of large for gestational age infants
  - Odds ratio 0.51, CI 0.28 to 0.90, ( $p=0.0210$ )

# FEIG ET AL, 2017

Infants of mothers randomized to CGM:

- Fewer NICU admissions  $> 24$ hrs;
- Fewer incidences of neonatal hypoglycaemia;
- Reduced total length of hospital stay.

Number of pregnant women needed to treat with CGM to prevent one NICU admission or LGA infant is six.

# SUMMARY



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- No clear-cut advantage to intermittent and retrospective use of CGM;
- Some evidence to support real time use of CGM for neonatal outcomes;
- More research needed on continuous real time use of CGM;
- More research needed on optimal glucose goals for pregnancy and diabetes.

# SUMMARY (MY THOUGHTS)

- Use of CGM during pregnancy is preferred because it allows for increased capture of episodes of hyper- and hypoglycemia, allowing us to address them with medication changes, and achieve tighter blood glucose control benefitting the fetus and neonate while decreasing the risk of hypoglycemia to the mother.

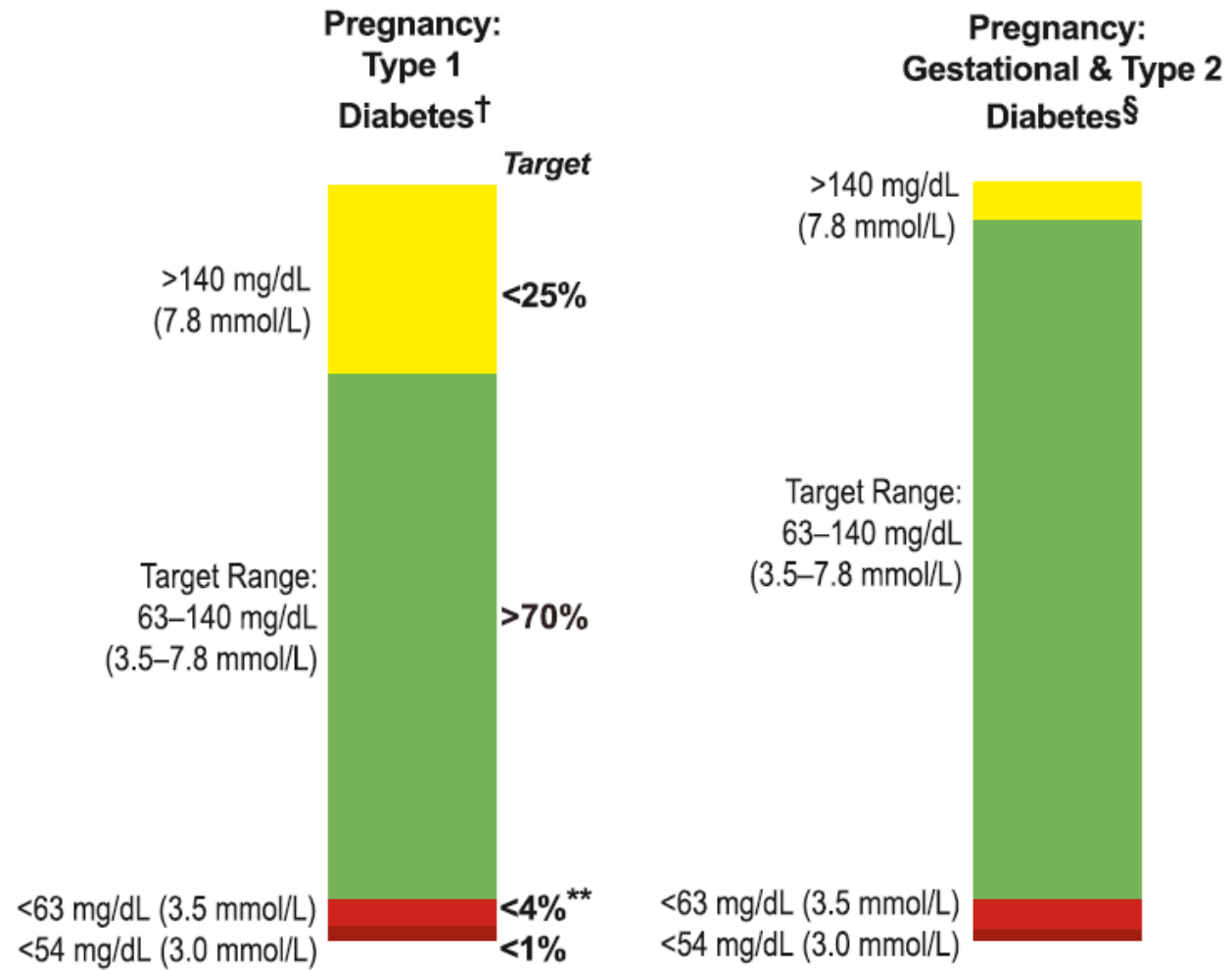
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**Table 4—Guidance on targets for assessment of glycemic control during pregnancy**

Diabetes group	TIR		TBR		TAR	
	% of readings; time per day	Target range	% of readings; time per day	Below target level	% of readings; time per day	Above target level
Pregnancy, type 1§	>70%; >16 h, 48 min	63–140 mg/dL† (3.5–7.8 mmol/L†)	<4%; <1 h <1%; <15 min	<63 mg/dL† (<3.5 mmol/L†) <54 mg/dL (<3.0 mmol/L)	<25%; <6 h	>140 mg/dL (>7.8 mmol/L)
Pregnancy, type 2/GDM§	See PREGNANCY section	63–140 mg/dL† (3.5–7.8 mmol/L†)	See PREGNANCY section	<63 mg/dL† (<3.5 mmol/L†) <54 mg/dL (<3.0 mmol/L)	See PREGNANCY section	>140 mg/dL (>7.8 mmol/L)

Each incremental 5% increase in TIR is associated with clinically significant benefits for pregnancy in women with type 1 diabetes (59,60). †Glucose levels are physiologically lower during pregnancy. §Percentages of TIR are based on limited evidence. More research is needed.

# SUMMARY



THE END

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