

# Continuous Glucose Monitoring & Insulin Pump Update

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# Objectives

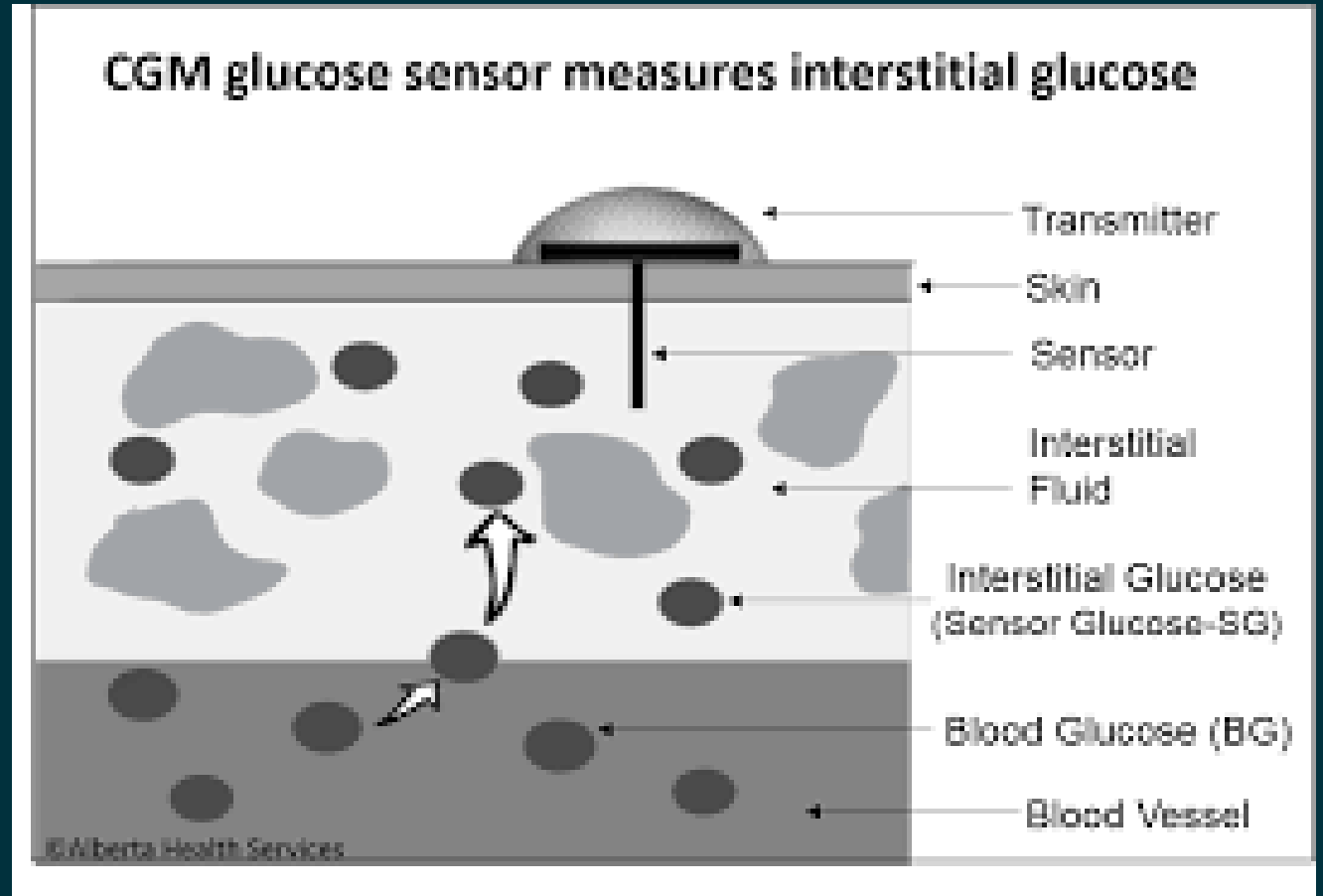
- By the end of the presentation, attendees will understand updates to continuous glucose monitoring therapy.
- By the end of the presentation, attendees will be familiar with new insulin pump options and features.

# Conflicts

- No conflicts of interest to report

# What is Continuous Glucose Monitoring?

- Automatically tracks glucose data either continuously or intermittently depending on the device
- Measures an interstitial glucose & transmits data to receiver or phone that patient can view [1]



# Benefits of CGM Therapy

- A1c does not always tell the whole story
- Elevated blood sugar readings & high A1c associated with increased risk of complications
- Glucose variability also associated with complications
- CGM helps “fill in the gaps of the story” to allow for tighter insulin titration & improved glycemic control
- Glucose alerts & ease of checking glucose gives patients & caregivers peace of mind
- Allows patients to see impact of food choices & exercise on blood sugar readings which can lead to healthier lifestyle changes

## More Benefits of CGM Therapy

- Changed every 7-14 days
- Can be used with or without an insulin pump
- May alarm when glucose is too high or too low
- Data can be downloaded & reviewed by health care provider or family
- Empowers the patient with active knowledge

# Drawbacks to CGM Therapy

- Alarm fatigue
- Discrepancy between CGM & finger stick glucose reading “lag time”
- Still important to confirm with finger stick blood glucose if symptoms do not match sensor glucose
- Allergies to adhesive, wearing a constant device
- Expense
- Acetaminophen, aspirin, or vitamin C interference

# Ideal Patients for CGM

- Type 1 diabetics not meeting glycemic targets
- Patients on multiple daily insulin injections
- Frequent hypoglycemia & hypoglycemia unawareness
- Pregnant women with type 1 diabetes
- Patients requiring frequent glucose testing
- Patients on insulin who live alone
- Patients who struggle with dietary choices



## Commonly used types of CGM at Monument Health

- Dexcom G6
- Freestyle Libre 2 and Libre 3
- Medtronic Guardian

# Therapy Goals

- A1c 7.0%
- Time below 54 mg/dL (less than 1%)
- Time below 70 mg/dL (less than 4 %)
- Time in range (70-180 mg/dL), target greater than 70%
- Less stringent goals depending upon life expectancy, safety <sup>[3]</sup>

# Dexcom G6

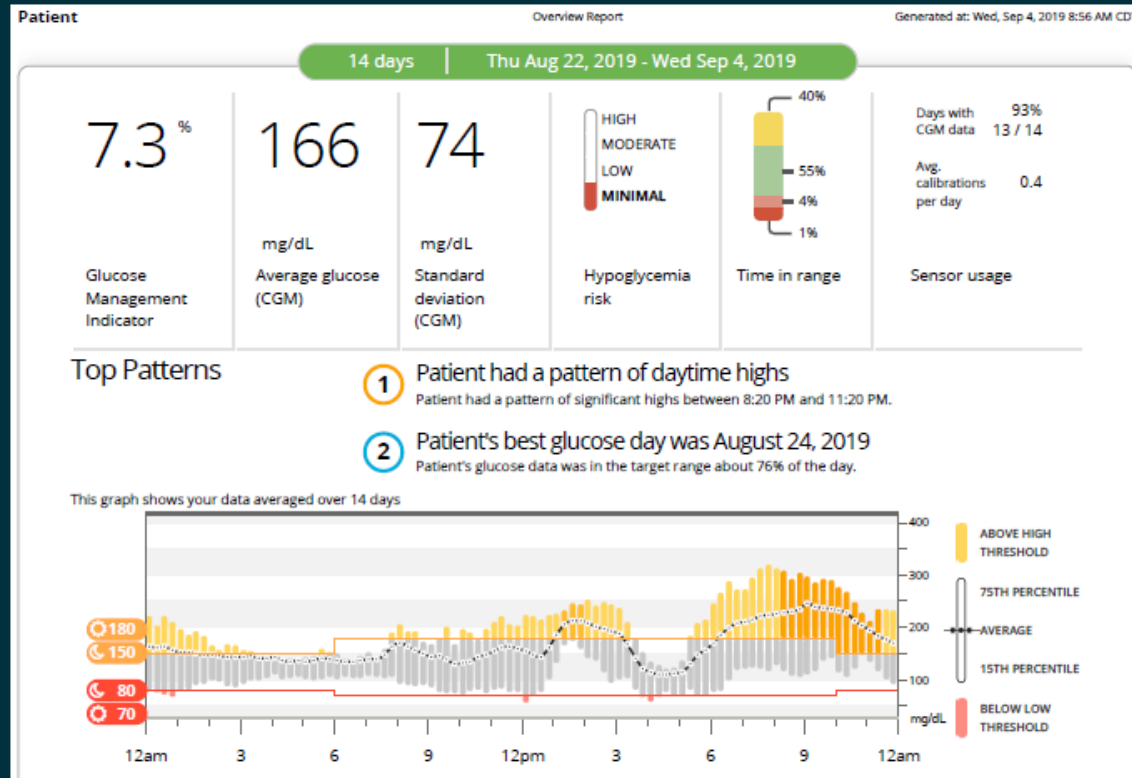
- No finger stick calibrations required
- New glucose reading every 5 minutes
- Requires 2 hour “warm up” time
- Data automatically transmits to receiver or Smartphone app
- Shareable data with up to 10 people
- Customizable alerts
- Sensors last 10 days, transmitter 3 months
- No interference with acetaminophen up to 1,000 mg every 6 hours
- Insurance and medicare coverage continues to improve
- Coordinates with T-slim insulin pump, “Control IQ”
- Dexcom G6 features an overall MARD of 9.0. [4]

# Dexcom G6



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# Dexcom G6 example



# Freestyle Libre 2

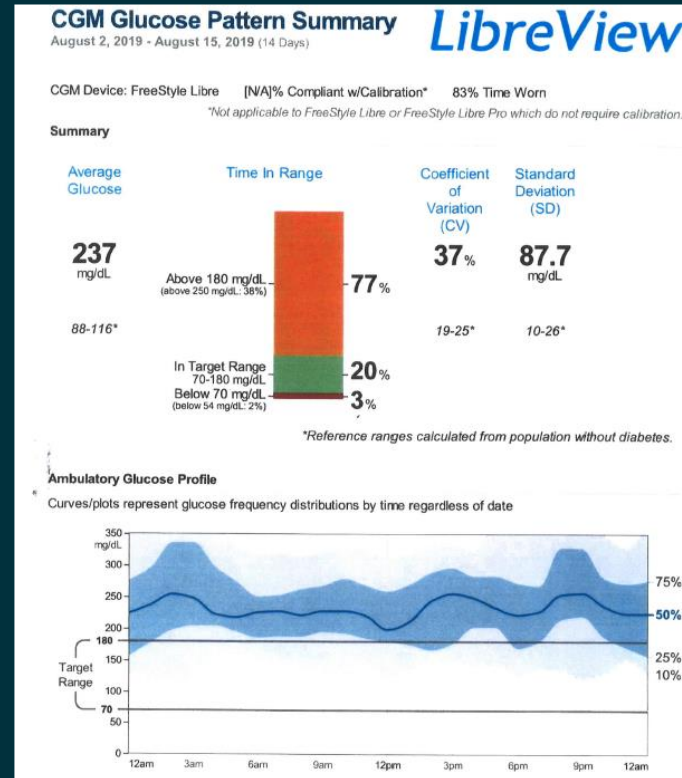


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# Freestyle Libre 2

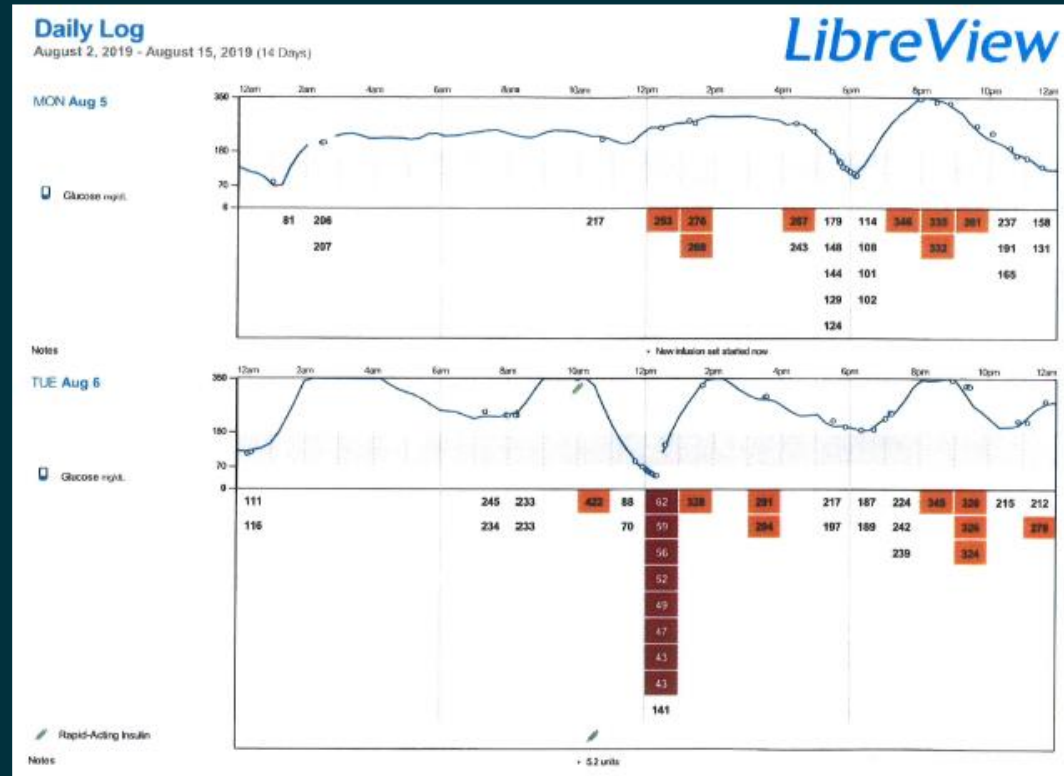
- Ability to alert patients to high & low glucose readings (still need to scan)
- iOS compatibility
- Android compatibility (not all phones)
- High levels of vitamin C can cause false readings
- Recommend double checking hypoglycemic readings with a fingerstick blood glucose
- Cost effective
- Overall MARD 9.2%<sub>[7]</sub>

# Freestyle Libre





# Freestyle Libre



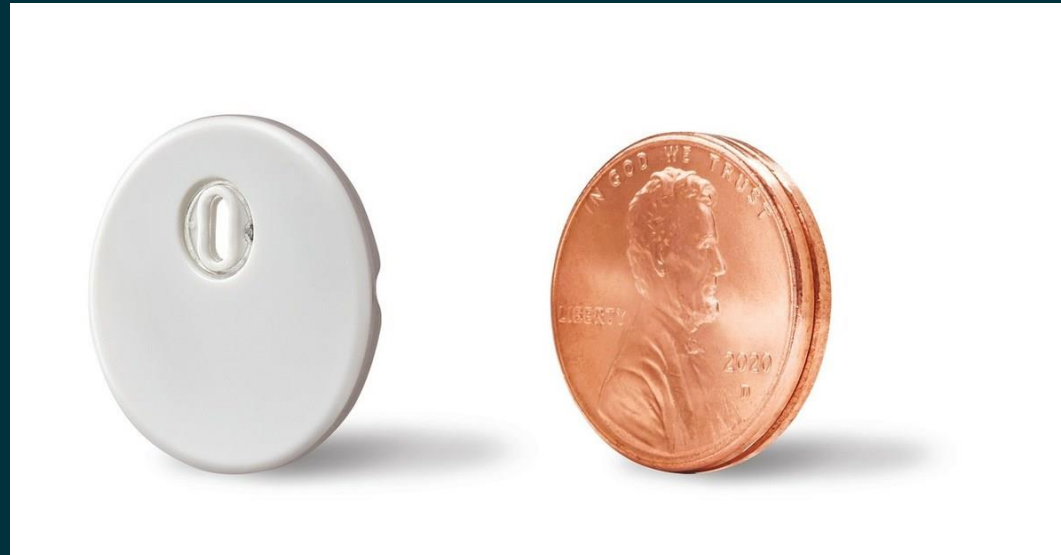
# Freestyle Libre 3

- No need to scan
- New reading every minute
- 7.9% overall MARD
- No reader, so need to have compatible cell phone
- Only for commercial insurance patients
- Smaller than Libre 2
- Easier application, low cost

FreeStyle Libre 3 User's Manual.

Alva, Shridhara, Timothy Bailey, Ronald Brazg, Erwin S. Budiman, Kristin Castorino, Mark P. Christiansen, Gregory Forlenza, Mark Kipnes, David R. Liljenquist, and Hanqing Liu. "Accuracy of a 14-day factory-calibrated continuous glucose monitoring system with advanced algorithm in pediatric and adult population with diabetes." *Journal of Diabetes Science and Technology* 16, no. 1 (2022): 70-77.

# Freestyle Libre 3



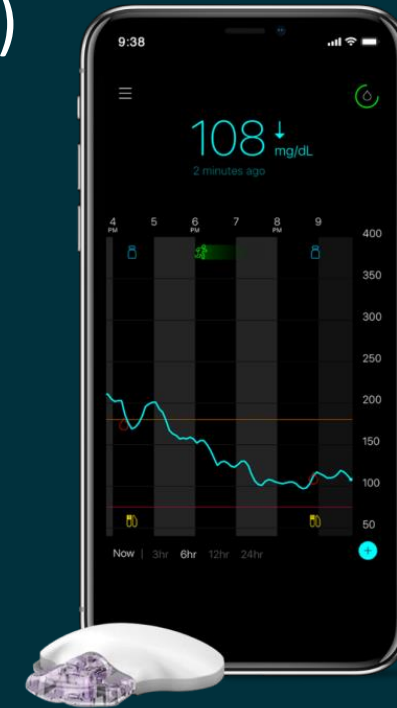
<https://abbott.mediaroom.com/2020-09-28-Abbotts-FreeStyle-R-Libre-3-System-Receives-CE-Mark-Features-Worlds-Smallest-Thinnest-Sensor-with-Best-in-Class-Performance-at-the-Same-Low-Cost-for-People-with-Diabetes>

# Medtronic Guardian 3

- Requires at least 2 finger stick calibrations daily
- Lasts up to 7 days of wear
- Up to 2 hour “warm up” period
- Alerts to hypo & hyperglycemia
- Shareable data
- Smartphone compatibility
- Acetaminophen use can affect readings
- iOS and Android
- SUGAR.IQ diabetes assistant app [8]

# Medtronic Guardian 3

- MARD 8.79% (arm) or 9.84% (3-4 calibrations/day)
- MARD 9.14% (arm) or 10.46% (2 calibrations/day)



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# Professional CGM

- Blinded or unblinded
- Covered by insurance (may need a prior-auth)
- Can choose to have interpretation done by endocrinology
- Helps detect trends in type 1 and type 2 diabetes, especially overnight trends and postprandial
- Investigate hypoglycemia

# Insurance Coverage

- Can be costly
- Medicare previously required 3 times daily injections (requirements changing)
- Medicaid covers for type 1 or pregnancy (30 days of testing 4x/day)
- Commercial insurance coverage varies
- Other supporting data (hypoglycemia, third party intervention, ect.)

# Settings Recommendations

- Patient should choose alerts that will help them the most, but not be burdensome
- Low alert usually set at 70, repeat at 15 minutes
- High alert can start at 250, repeat at 1 hour

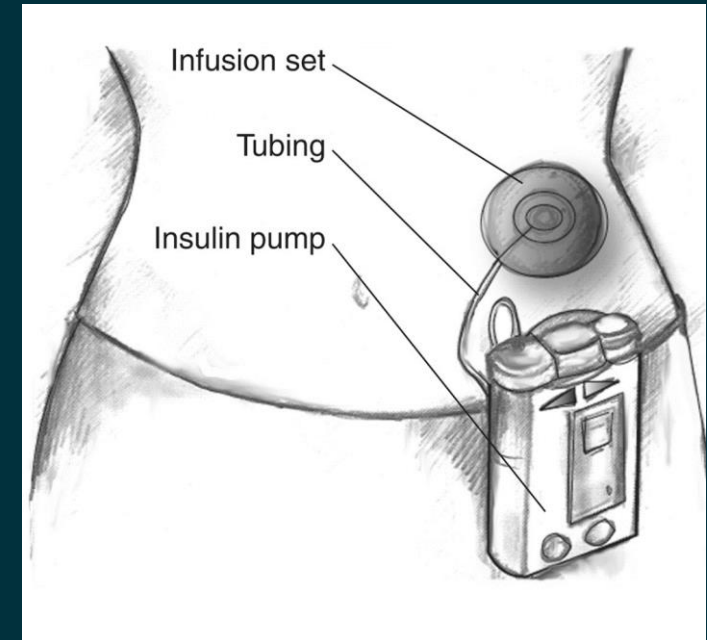


## CGM programs to download data

- Programs vary, depending on device
- If cell phone compatible, easy to get reports
- Medtronic: Carelink
- Dexcom: Clarity
- Libre: LibreView

# Insulin Pump Therapy

- Small device that administers insulin via small cannula in the sub-q tissue
  - Insulin stored in reservoir or pod
  - Cannula inserted via needle that is then removed
  - Infusion set or pods changed every 2-3 days



# Insulin Pump Therapy

- Uses rapid-acting insulin
- Pump contains pre-set basal rates, carb ratios, insulin sensitivity factor, glucose target, & active insulin time
  - Basal rates deliver small amount of rapid-acting insulin every hour to replace need for long-acting insulin
  - Carb ratio determines how many units of insulin are needed for amount of carbs eaten
  - Insulin sensitivity = how many mg/dL 1 unit of insulin drops blood glucose to get to glucose target
  - Active insulin time = how long insulin stays active in body once administered

# Benefits of Insulin Pump Therapy

- Minimizes number of injections
- Can allow for more precise delivery of insulin
- Can temporarily adjust or suspend insulin delivery
  - Helpful for exercise or change in activity
- Possibility of integrating with CGM
- Detailed reports

# Drawbacks of Insulin Pump Therapy

- Skin infections
- Risk of DKA from pump malfunction or absorption issues
- Cost
- Feeling of being attached to a device

# Ideal Patients for Pump Therapy

- Able to carb count
- Check blood glucose 4x/day or use a CGM
- Type 1 and type 2 diabetes
- Thorough understanding of disease state
- Pregnancy and requiring insulin

# Medtronic 770G

- SmartGuard™ tech. Increases or decreases insulin delivery, every five minutes per the CGM readings
  - Can predict hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia in advance.
- Bluetooth connectivity allows for automatic upload of data to Carelink [9]

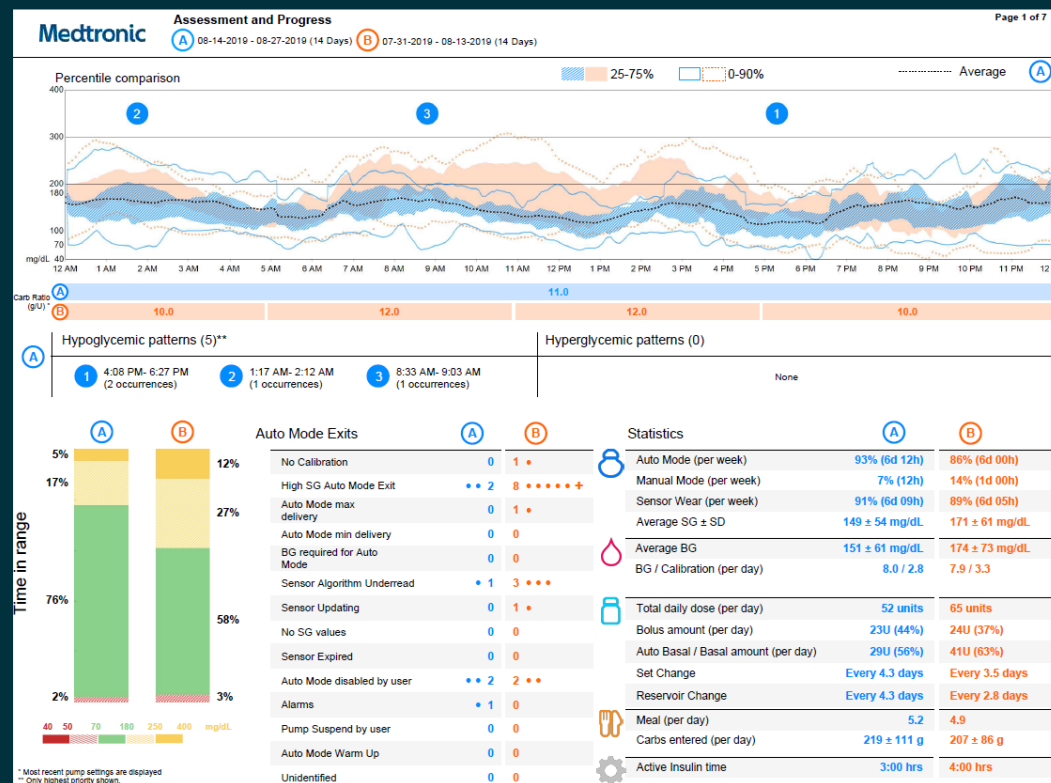
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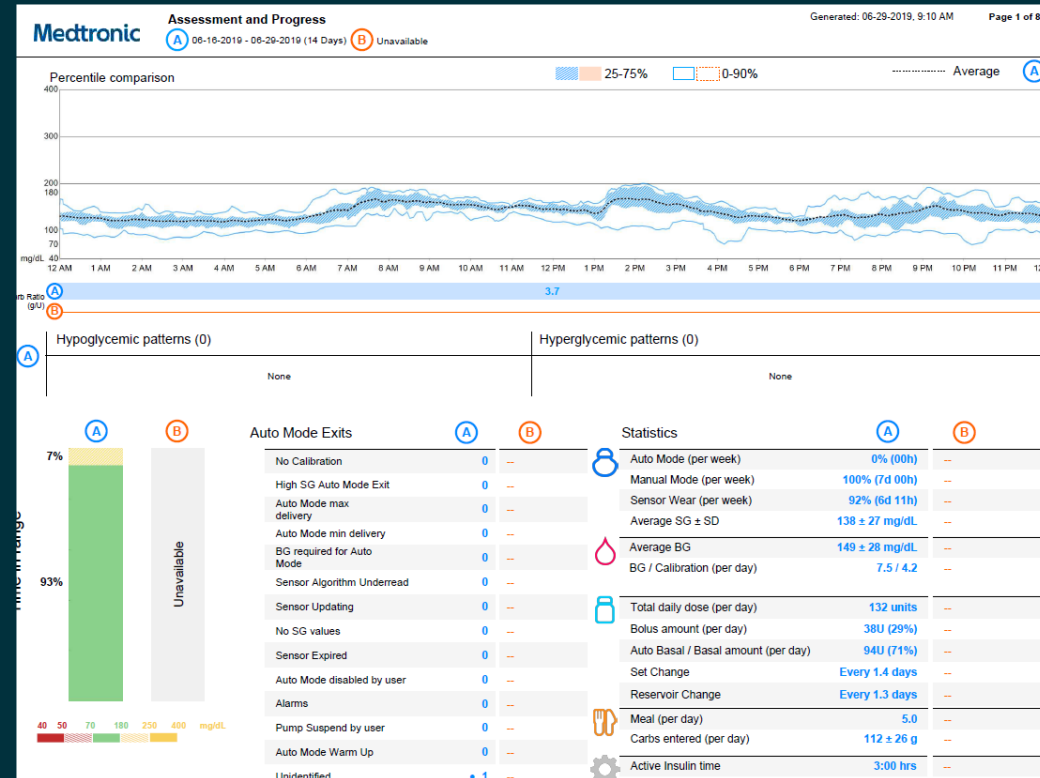
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# Auto Mode



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# Tandem T-slim

- Color touchscreen
- Able to update via software download
- Charges via micro USB port
- Integrated with Dexcom G6 with data displayed on pump screen
- T-connect app allows for daily data upload and monitoring
- Mobile app now available to manage pump

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# Tandem T-slim

180	  <b>Delivers</b>	Delivers an automatic correction bolus if sensor glucose is predicted to be above 180 mg/dL
160	 <b>B</b> <b>Increases</b>	Increases basal insulin delivery if sensor glucose is predicted to be above 160 mg/dL
112.5	 <b>B</b> <b>Maintains</b>	Maintains active Personal Profile settings
70 mg/dL	 <b>B</b> <b>Decreases</b>	Decreases basal insulin delivery if sensor glucose is predicted to be below 112.5 mg/dL
	 <b>0</b> <b>Stops</b>	Stops basal insulin delivery if sensor glucose is predicted to be below 70 mg/dL

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# Tandem T-slim

t:slim X2™  
Insulin Pump



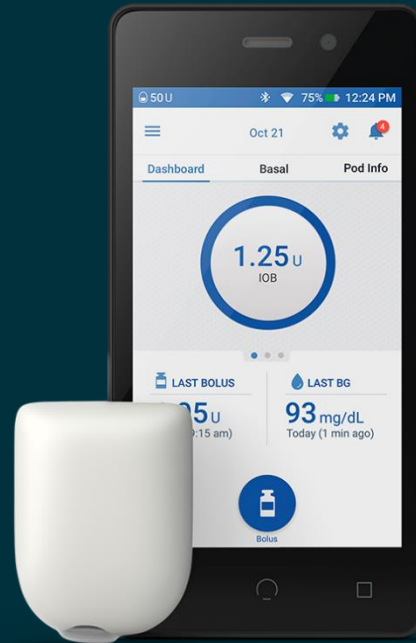
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# Omnipod

- Tubeless pump
  - Delivers insulin via pod instead of infusion set
  - Pod changed at least every 3 days
  - Good for very active people
- Use PDM to manage settings & deliver boluses
  - DASH system is touchscreen
- Some smartphone integration with compatible devices

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# Omnipod



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# Omnipod 5

- Automated mode integrated with Dexcom G6
- Compatible with certain cell phones
- Customizable glucose target
- System increases, decreases, or pauses insulin delivery every 5 minutes

<https://www.omnipod.com/what-is-omnipod/omnipod-5>



# Insurance Coverage

- Some insurances require meeting with a diabetes educator
- Type 1 diabetes covered well (cost varies)
- Type 2 diabetes if on MDI
- Medicare:
  - Generally does not cover type 2 diabetes
  - Requires fasting c-peptide & glucose
  - Requires office visit every 3 months

# Importance

- TIR 70% = A1c of 7.0%
- TIR 50% = A1c of 8.0%
- Every 10% increase in TIR = A1c decrease by 0.5%
- CGM use in pregnancy demonstrated a 13-percentage point increase in TIR (43% to 56%) 70-140 mg/dL
- Hazard rate for retinopathy progression increased by 64% for each 10% reduction in TIR
- Hazard rate for microalbuminuria development increased by 40% for each 10% reduction in TIR

(Battelino et al., 2019)

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# Questions?