

# In the Range: Real Talk on Diabetes Monitoring Best Practices

## Episode 4: CGM in the Real T2D World



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# CGM in T2D: Where Are the Gaps?

## Access and Coverage

- Underutilized in real world practice, especially outside endocrinology<sup>1,2</sup>
- Cost and insurance barriers persist<sup>3</sup>
- Coverage does not fully align with evidence in non-insulin treated T2D<sup>2,3</sup>

## Equity

- Lower use in Black, Hispanic, uninsured, and non-English preference populations<sup>1,4</sup>

## Implementation

- Primary care barriers, time, workflow, training, infrastructure<sup>3</sup>
- Prescription does not equal successful use<sup>4</sup>

## Education and Interpretation

- Difficulty translating CGM data into action for both patients and clinicians<sup>2,3</sup>

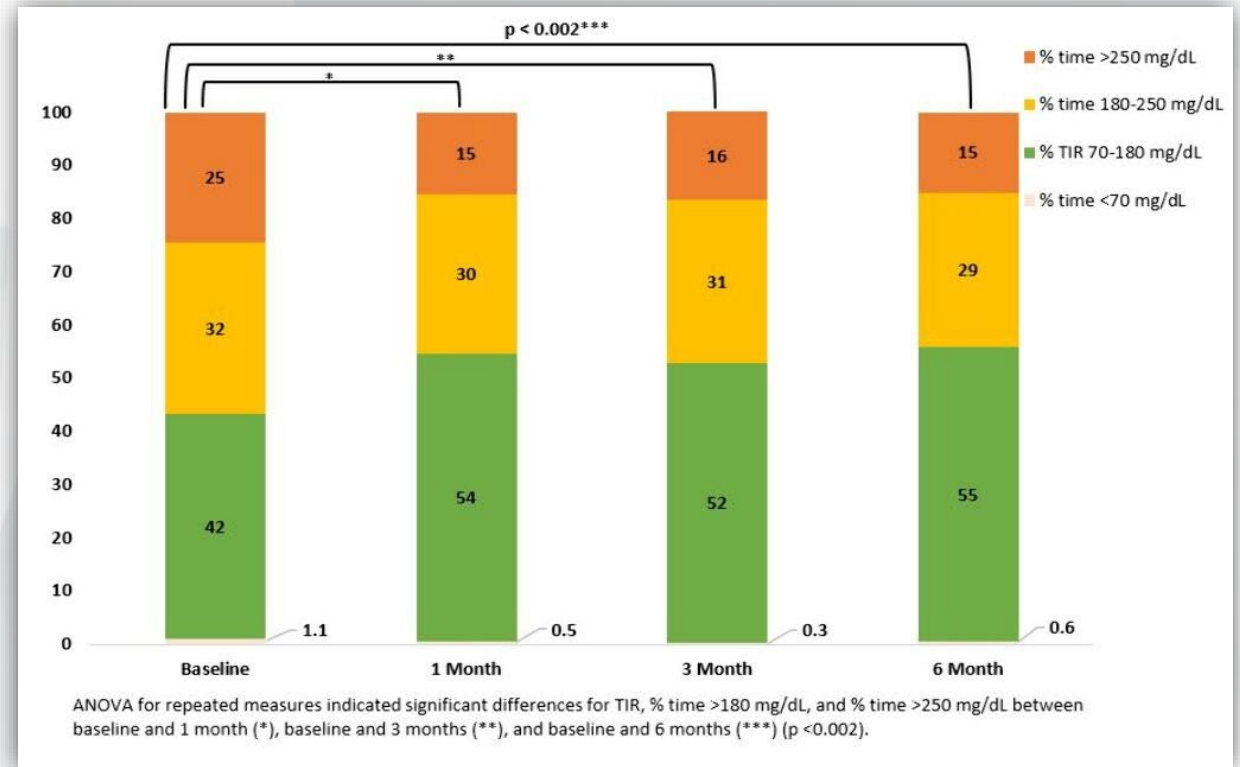
## Persistence and Experience

- Outcomes depend on sustained wear, often inconsistent<sup>2</sup>
- Device burden, skin issues, and usability challenges limit continuation<sup>2,3</sup>

# CGM in Older Adults- Benefits Seen in First Month

Older adults with insulin-treated diabetes and CGM naïve (N=59, mean age 71+/-5 years, mean duration 24+/-12 years, 24% with T1D)

Intervention included remote education pertaining to CGM use, tailored to address age-specific barriers encountered by older adults.



# CGM Improved Glycemic Control without Any Significant Change to TBR

- Multicenter, parallel design, two-phase (32 weeks in total), RCT conducted in 24 UK sites (FREEDM2)
- Sensor-based outcomes assessed at baseline, 16 weeks and 32 weeks.
- At 16 weeks, significant improvements in mean glucose (adjusted difference -1.1mmol/L,  $p < 0.0001$ ), time in range (TIR) 3.9-10.0mmol/L (10.0%,  $p = 0.0001$ ), time above range (TAR)  $> 10.0$ mmol/L (-9.8%,  $p = 0.0002$ ) and  $> 13.9$ mmol/L (-9.5%,  $p < 0.0001$ ) and standard deviation (SD) of glucose (-0.4mmol/L,  $p < 0.0001$ ) were observed in the FSL3 group, compared with the SMBG group.
- Time below range (TBR) was low and comparable between groups. (No severe hypoglycemia)

Parameter	Baseline mean $\pm$ SD		16 weeks mean $\pm$ SD		Difference in adjusted means (vs control) mean $\pm$ SE	P value (vs control)
	FSL3 (N=198)	SMBG Control (N=105)	FSL3 (N=198)	SMBG Control (N=105)		
<b>n, non-missing</b>	189	87	189	87		
Mean glucose, mmol/L	11.6 $\pm$ 2.3	11.4 $\pm$ 2.4	10.2 $\pm$ 2.0	11.2 $\pm$ 2.8	-1.1 $\pm$ 0.26	<0.0001*
TIR (3.9–10.0mmol/L), %	39.5 $\pm$ 22.0	42.5 $\pm$ 22.9	53.9 $\pm$ 21.9	45.2 $\pm$ 24.6	10.0 $\pm$ 2.55	0.0001*
TAR ( $> 10.0$ mmol/L), %	60.0 $\pm$ 22.5	57.0 $\pm$ 23.3	45.7 $\pm$ 22.1	54.2 $\pm$ 25.1	-9.8 $\pm$ 2.59	0.0002*
TAR ( $> 13.9$ mmol/L), %	25.6 $\pm$ 19.7	24.1 $\pm$ 19.7	14.9 $\pm$ 15.6	23.8 $\pm$ 22.0	-9.5 $\pm$ 2.03	<0.0001*
TBR ( $< 3.9$ mmol/L), %	0.5 $\pm$ 1.2	0.5 $\pm$ 1.2	0.4 $\pm$ 1.2	0.6 $\pm$ 1.4	-0.2 $\pm$ 0.16	0.2657
Episodes $< 3.9$ mmol/L, number per day <sup>^</sup>	0.1 $\pm$ 0.2	0.1 $\pm$ 0.2	0.1 $\pm$ 0.2	0.1 $\pm$ 0.2	0.0 $\pm$ 0.03	0.2352
TBR ( $< 3.0$ mmol/L), %	0.1 $\pm$ 0.3	0.0 $\pm$ 0.1	0.0 $\pm$ 0.2	0.1 $\pm$ 0.2	0.0 $\pm$ 0.03	0.5803
SD glucose, mmol/L	3.3 $\pm$ 0.9	3.3 $\pm$ 0.9	2.9 $\pm$ 0.8	3.3 $\pm$ 1.0	-0.4 $\pm$ 0.09	<0.0001*
CV glucose, %	29.0 $\pm$ 6.4	29.4 $\pm$ 5.9	28.6 $\pm$ 5.7	29.8 $\pm$ 6.1	-0.9 $\pm$ 0.54	0.0907

**Table: Change in CGM-based metrics from baseline to 16-weeks.** \*:  $p < 0.05$ ,  
<sup>^</sup>: Events  $\geq 15$  minutes duration, TIR: time in range, TAR: time above range, TBR: time below range, SD: standard deviation, CV: coefficient of variation.

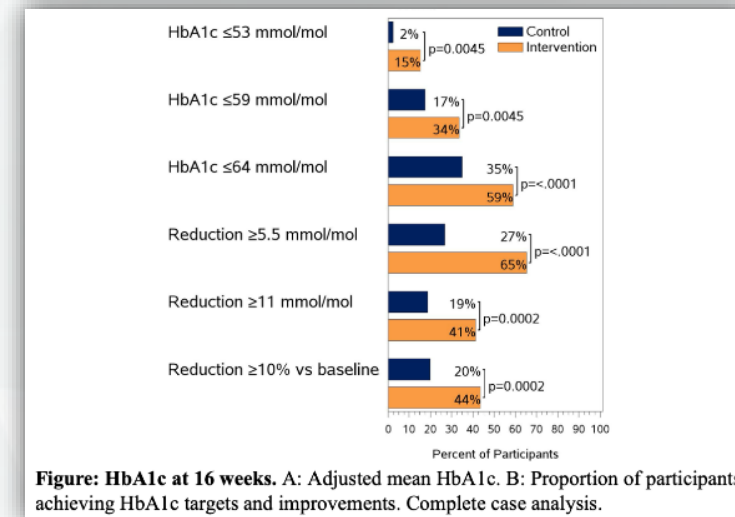
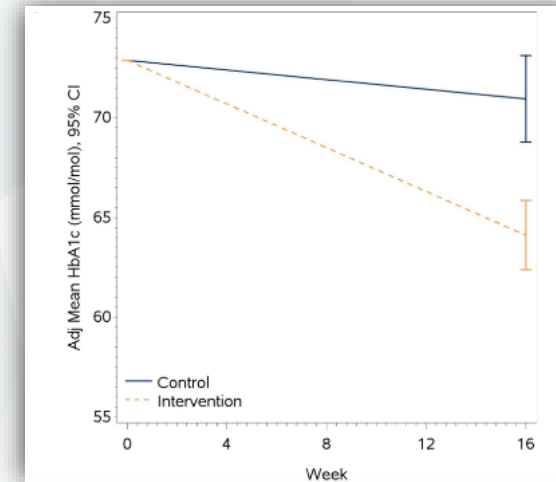
# CGM Use in People with T2D on Basal Insulin + SGLT2 Inhibitor/GLP-1 Agonist

Multicentre, parallel design, two-phase (32 weeks total), RCT conducted in 24 UK sites (FREEDM2)

- Phase 1 focused on self-management, including basal insulin self-titration

## Results:

- Mean HbA1c changed from 73mmol/mol at baseline to 64mmol/mol at 16 weeks in the FSL3 group and from 73mmol/mol to 71mmol/mol in the SMBG group (adjusted difference, -7mmol/mol (-0.6%) [95% CI, -9mmol/mol to -4mmol/mol];  $p < 0.0001$ ).
- There was a greater proportion of participants in the FSL3 group achieving HbA1c targets of 53, 59, and 64mmol/mol as well as achieving HbA1c reductions of  $\geq 5.5$ mmol/mol,  $\geq 11$ mmol/mol and  $\geq 10\%$  from baseline.



**Figure: HbA1c at 16 weeks.** A: Adjusted mean HbA1c. B: Proportion of participants achieving HbA1c targets and improvements. Complete case analysis.

# CGM Use in People with T2D on Basal Insulin

Adults aged 18-75 years from 8 Italian centers (N=88)

Parameter	Baseline	3 months	Change from Baseline	P value
Average glucose, mmol/L	9.4 ± 2.1	8.7 ± 1.6	-0.7 ± 2.0	<b>0.0031*</b>
TIR (3.9–10.0mmol/L), %	62.1 ± 22.8	72.6 ± 20.5	10.5 ± 20.5	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
TAR (>10.0mmol/L), %	36.6 ± 23.8	27.0 ± 20.5	-9.7 ± 22.1	<b>0.0004*</b>
TAR (>13.9mmol/L), %	9.9 ± 14.8	5.0 ± 9.8	-4.8 ± 13.9	<b>0.0040*</b>
TBR (<3.9mmol/L), %	1.3 ± 4.1	0.4 ± 1.0	-0.9 ± 4.2	0.3604
TBR (<3.0mmol/L), %	0.04 ± 0.14	0.03 ± 0.13	-0.00 ± 0.2	0.4240
SD glucose, mmol/L	2.5 ± 0.8	2.2 ± 0.7	-0.3 ± 0.8	<b>0.0008*</b>
CV glucose, %	27.1 ± 6.2	25.3 ± 5.8	-1.8 ± 5.7	<b>0.0078*</b>
IGMSS, mean score	3.5 ± 1.0	4.6 ± 0.5	1.1 ± 1.1	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>Total daily insulin dose, units</b>				
All participants	22.8 ± 13.1	23.8 ± 13.3	1.0 ± 7.5	0.2504
Excluding 8 participants who started bolus insulin	22.9 ± 13.6	22.6 ± 13.1	-0.4 ± 5.9	0.6003

**Table: Changes to CGM-based metrics, IGMSS and insulin dose.** Data expressed as mean ± SD. \*:p<0.05, TIR: time in range, TAR: time above range, TBR, time below range, SD standard deviation, CV: coefficient of variation.

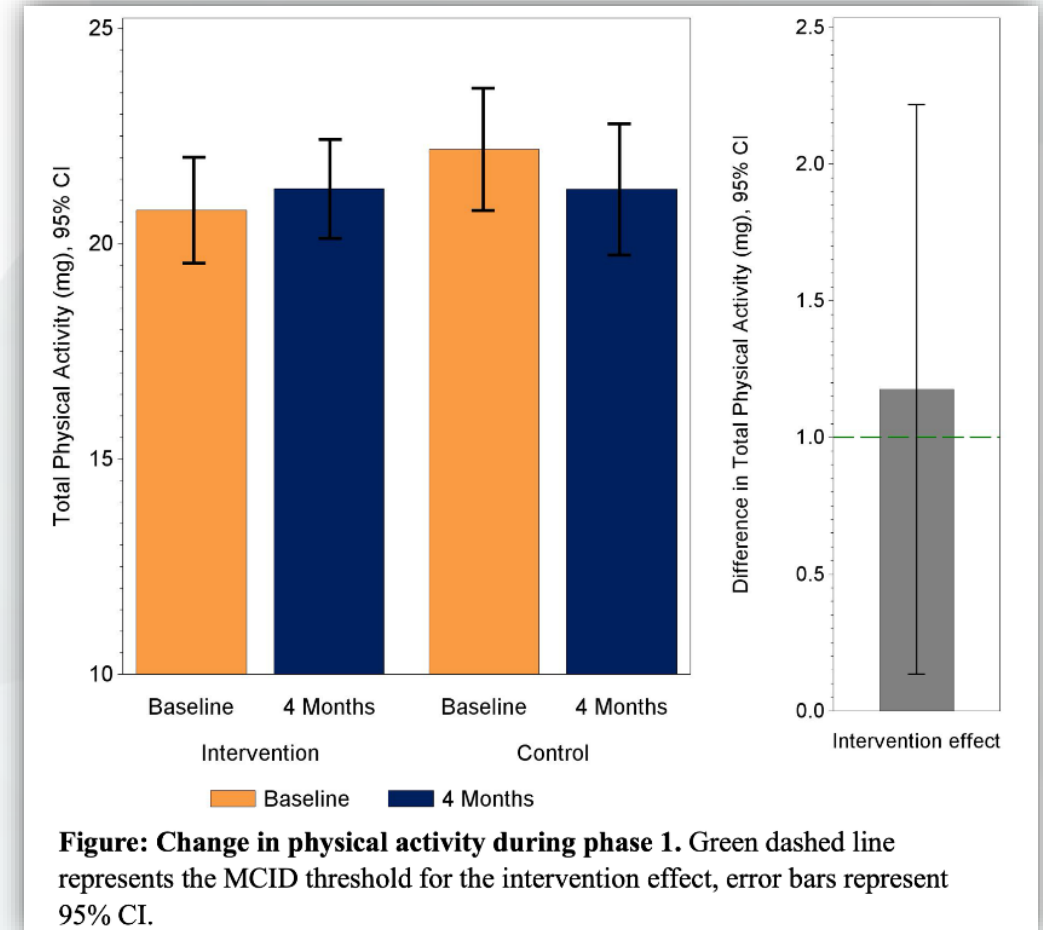
# CGM Increases Physical Activity in People with T2D

Multicenter, parallel design, two-phase (32 weeks in total), RCT conducted in 24 UK sites (FREEDM2)

- Phase 1: participants used CGM to aid self-management (compared to standard care glucose monitoring)

Results:

- During phase 1 (first 16 weeks), CGM use was associated with a mean  $\pm$ SE  $1.2 \pm 0.53$  mg ( $p=0.027$ ) increase in total activity due to a  $12.7 \pm 6.1$  min/day ( $p=0.039$ ) increase in light-intensity physical activity compared to control.
- There were no other changes to physical activity or sleep at 16 weeks.



# Low-Threshold CGM Intervention can Promote Meaningful and Lasting Behavior Change

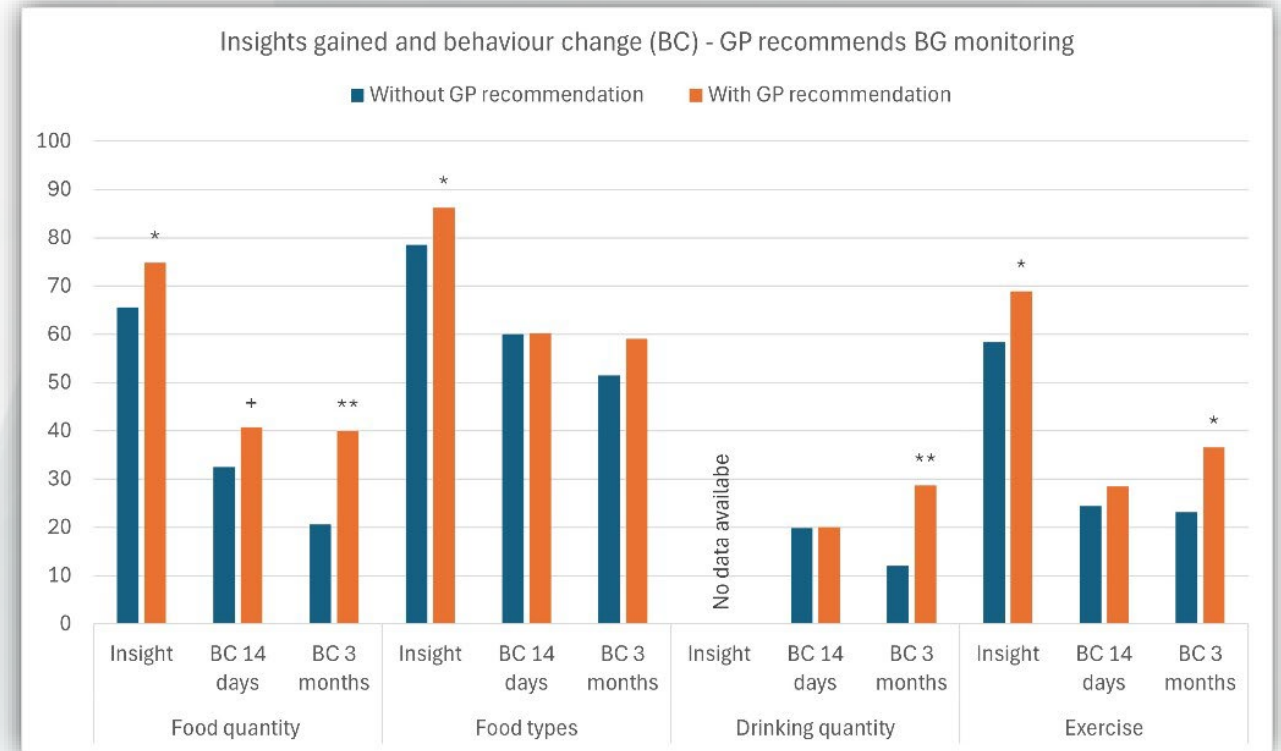
Results: Of 942 participants, 657 completed the 2-week follow-up.

- Sensor adherence was high (81.4% wore for 14 days), and 80% used the app  $\geq 6$  times/day.
- On average, participants engaged with 5.5 of 8 app features.
- At 2 weeks, >90% reported gaining at least one new insight, and ~75% made at least one behavior change, such as adjusting their diet, portion sizes, drinking quantity, or physical activity.
- At 3 months, 67% sustained at least one change.
- Greater sensor/app engagement was linked to more insights and sustained change.

# Low-Threshold CGM Intervention can Promote Meaningful and Lasting Behavior Change (cont)

## Results:

- Participants whose GPs recommended glucose monitoring reported significantly more learnings and lifestyle changes, short- and long-term.
- Prior finger-prick monitoring did not predict outcomes.



# CGM Led to Improved Satisfaction, Quality of Life, Dietary Habits, Ability to Adjust Medications, and Hypoglycemia Confidence

Multicenter, parallel design, two-phase (32 weeks in total), RCT conducted in 24 UK sites (FREEDM2)

- Phase 2: CGM was used to enable clinician-driven medical management optimization
- Participants in the FSL3 group showed improvements in GMSS (including all subscales) ( $p < 0.0001$ ), UKDDQ ( $p = 0.0051$ ) and HCS ( $p = 0.0007$ ) scores at 16 weeks compared to the SMBG group
- Changes to the HFS-II and sleep satisfaction questions did not reach statistical significance at 16 weeks
- Qualitative interviews (N=41) across both phases revealed improved self-reported QoL, greater understanding of diabetes, and ability to adjust medications compared to the SMBG group.

Parameter	Baseline mean±SD		16 weeks mean±SD		Difference in adjusted means (vs control) mean±SE	P value (vs control)
	FSL3 (N=198)	SMBG Control (N=105)	FSL3 (N=198)	SMBG Control (N=105)		
<b>n, non-missing</b>	183	94	183	94		
<b>GMSS</b>						
<b>Total scale<sup>a</sup></b>	3.2±0.6	3.3±0.7 <sup>^</sup>	4.0±0.6	3.3±0.7 <sup>^</sup>	0.8±0.08	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>Openness</b>	2.9±0.8	3.0±0.9 <sup>^</sup>	3.8±0.8	3.1±0.8 <sup>^</sup>	0.7±0.10	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>Emotional burden</b>	2.8±0.9	2.8±0.9 <sup>^</sup>	2.2±0.8	2.8±0.8 <sup>^</sup>	-0.6±0.11	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>Behavioural burden</b>	2.6±1.1	2.5±1.1 <sup>^</sup>	1.6±0.7	2.5±1.1 <sup>^</sup>	-1.0±0.10	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>Worthwhileness</b>	3.3±0.8	3.4±0.9 <sup>^</sup>	4.2±0.8	3.4±0.8 <sup>^</sup>	0.8±0.10	<b>&lt;0.0001*</b>
<b>UKDDQ, total score<sup>b</sup></b>	36.6±9.4	37.2±10.1	34.3±9.1	37.0±10.4	-2.3±0.81	<b>0.0051*</b>
<b>HCS, mean score<sup>c</sup></b>	3.1±0.7 (n=184)	3.1±0.7	3.4±0.6 (n=184)	3.2±0.7	0.2±0.07	<b>0.0007*</b>
<b>HFS-II, worry, total score<sup>d</sup></b>	16.5±16.0 (n=184)	20.4±17.3	13.9±14.2 (n=184)	17.9±16.3	-2.0±1.58	0.2080
<b>Sleep satisfaction<sup>e</sup></b>						
<b>Mean score</b>	5.7±2.4	5.5±2.2	5.9±2.2	5.5±2.3	0.2±0.22	0.2970
<b>Quantity</b>	5.9±2.5	5.9±2.5	6.1±2.3	5.9±2.5	0.1±0.24	0.7034
<b>Quality</b>	5.5±2.4	5.2±2.3	5.7±2.4	5.1±2.3	0.4±0.23	0.1175

**Table: Patient reported outcome measures.** GMSS: Glucose Monitoring Satisfaction Survey, UKDDQ: UK Diabetes & Diet Questionnaire, HCS: Hypoglycaemia Confidence Scale, HFS-II Hypoglycaemia Fear Survey. <sup>a</sup>Higher score indicates greater satisfaction; <sup>b</sup>Lower score indicates healthier behaviours; <sup>c</sup> Higher score indicates greater confidence; <sup>d</sup>Lower score indicates less fear; <sup>e</sup>Scored from 1 (least) to 10 (most) satisfied. <sup>^</sup>:n=92, \*: p<0.05.

# Consistent CGM Use Improved TIR and Empowers Patients

Surveyed US-based Dexcom G7 users with T1D and T2D on CGM use, wear gaps, and perceived impacts. Sensor glucose data were analyzed over 12 months, and a subset of participants completed qualitative interviews, thematically analyzed.

**Table.** CGM metrics by self-reported gap presence and diabetes status (N= 532).

	Type 2 Diabetes, No Insulin		Type 2 Diabetes, Insulin		Type 1 Diabetes	
	Self-reported gaps	No self-reported gaps	Self-reported gaps	No self-reported gaps	Self-reported gaps	No self-reported gaps
N	101	24	130	43	174	60
Time in Range 70-180 mg/dL, %	76 ± 21	79 ± 18	62 ± 20	67 ± 18	<b>65 ± 16</b>	<b>73 ± 15</b>
Mean glucose, mg/dL	154 ± 31	148 ± 26	173 ± 33	163 ± 27	<b>163 ± 28</b>	<b>152 ± 25</b>

Mean ± SD shown. CGM metrics are aggregates over 12 months of users' CGM wear tenure. **Bold** represents p < 0.05 between self-reported gap status within a diabetes status group (Wilcoxon rank test for time in range. T-test for mean glucose).

# Interprofessional Team Overview

Nurse coordinators

Social workers

Psychologists

Advanced practice  
providers

Dieticians

School nurses



# CGM in T1D and Impaired Awareness of Hypoglycemia (IAH)

Assessed by Clarke, Gold and Pedersen-Bjergaard methods, IAH =  $\geq 2$  positive measures.

Participants reported hypoglycaemic episodes over 14 days, including detection method (asymptomatic with alarm, symptomatic with alarm, symptomatic without alarm, coincidence, or unknown), independent of glucose level.

Results (N=205, median age 59 years, 67% men, with 85% using low glucose alarms

- Of these, 72% had normal (NAH), 18% intermediate and 10% impaired awareness.
- Median self-reported hypoglycaemic episodes did not differ between the awareness groups.
- The proportion of asymptomatic episodes detected by alarm was higher in IAH (74%) than in NAH (23%,  $p < 0.0001$ ) whereas symptomatic episodes without alarm were lower (3% vs. 32%,  $p = 0.0002$ )