Management of Patients on Insulin Therapy

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Learning Outcomes

❖Different types of insulin and how they work

❖Insulin regimens



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Insulin regimens

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- Once-daily/twice-daily intermediate- or long-acting
- ❖ Once-/twice-/three-times daily premixed insulin
- ❖ Basal-bolus therapy
- ❖ Mealtime rapid-acting insulin

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Insulin Game



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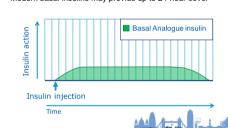
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Once-daily basal insulin

✓ Exact duration depends on the insulin type and dose ✓ Modern basal insulins may provide up to 24-hour cover



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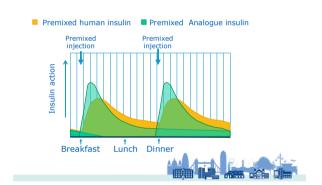
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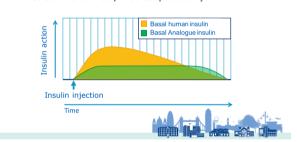
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✓ Intermediate human insulin preparations may only be active for ~8 hours and have a more pronounced peak activity



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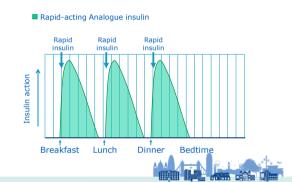
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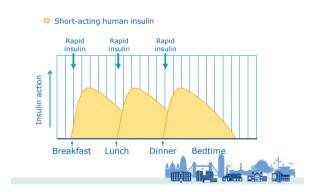
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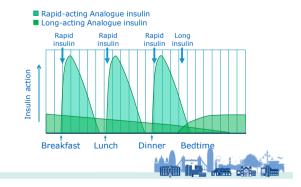


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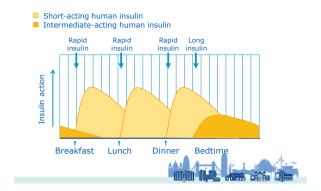


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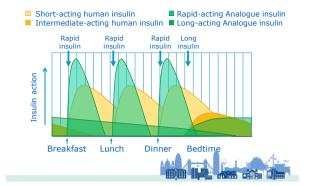


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