



48 M admitted for  
preoperative optimization  
prior to weight-loss surgery

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# HPI:



- 48 M with obesity (BMI 50)
  - Obesity since childhood with resultant complications:
  - DM2, HTN, dyslipidemia, HF, arthritis, gout, GERD, OSA, hepatic steatosis
  - >20 admissions in past few years for HF and other obesity-related comorbidities.
- Diabetes history:
  - Diagnosed in 2000, on insulin since 2006 and on a pump since 2007
  - Failed multiple oral medications (metformin – fluctuating renal function, glipizides, thiazolidinediones, DPP4s. Recently started on GLP1RA and SGLT2 by PCP in addition to pump therapy)
- Prior attempts at weight loss:
  - Exercise + Sibutramine – centrally-acting serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI), now off the market due to association with increased CV events.
  - Nadir 88kg (195#) but regained weight following knee injury

## More history:



- ROS: notable for DOE, LE edema, back pain, dizziness/weakness.
- PMH: hypothyroidism, ankylosing spondylitis (HLA B27+, iritis), hypogonadism
- PSH: None
- Soc: EtOH – none, never smoker, Computer science degree, previously working at Lowe's
- FH: Brother and Sister with T2DM
- Current meds: ?**abiglutide, dapagliflozin, insulin pump**, levothyroxine, calcium carbonate, cholecalciferol, allopurinol, hydroxychloroquine, ASA, atorvastatin, eplerenone, lisinopril, metoprolol, torsemide, pantoprazole, dicyclomine, pregabalin, sildenafil.

# Physical Exam



- VS: T 36.1C, BP 120/63, P 73, RR 16, SpO2 98% RA, Ht 162.6 cm, Wt 132.9 kg, **BMI 50.3 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**
- Constitutional: Morbidly obese Asian M in no distress, pleasant, mobile about room.
- Head: Normocephalic and atraumatic.
- Eyes: Conjunctivae are normal. Pupils are equal, round, and reactive to light.
- Neck: Normal range of motion. Neck supple. No thyromegaly present (limited).
- Cardiovascular: Normal rate and regular rhythm, no murmurs **+Bilateral 1-2+ LE edema**
- Pulmonary/Chest: Effort normal and breath sounds normal.
- Abdominal: Soft. Bowel sounds are normal.
- Musculoskeletal: No deformities or joint swelling.
- Neurological: AOx4, no focal deficits.
- Skin: Skin is warm and dry. No rashes. **+acanthosis nigricans, skin tags**
- Psychiatric: Normal mood and affect. Behavior is normal. Judgment and thought content normal.

Labs:



5/9/2016

139	100	18
3.6	26	0.8

108

Ca 9.4

8.3	4.0
0.6	
33	46
122	

HbA1c: 7.3 %

TSH: 0.52

10.2	14.9	204
	45.8	

# Insulin pump settings on admission:



- U500 Insulin
- Basal Rates
  - 12AM: 2.0 (10 U/hr U100)
  - 06AM: 4.0 (20 U/hr)
  - 09AM: 3.0 (15 U/hr)
  - 12:30PM: 2.5 (12.5 U/hr)
- Total daily basal: 62 (310 Units /day)
- I:C 2.5 (1U for 0.5g carbs)
- ISF 37 (7.4)

## 6PM Page:



"Patient is running low on insulin, does not have supplies or home insulin at bedside, please advise"

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# What would you like to do?



05/18 0700 - 05/19 0659					
2146	2220	0528	0628	0922	1334
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		71	97	122	129
61			92		

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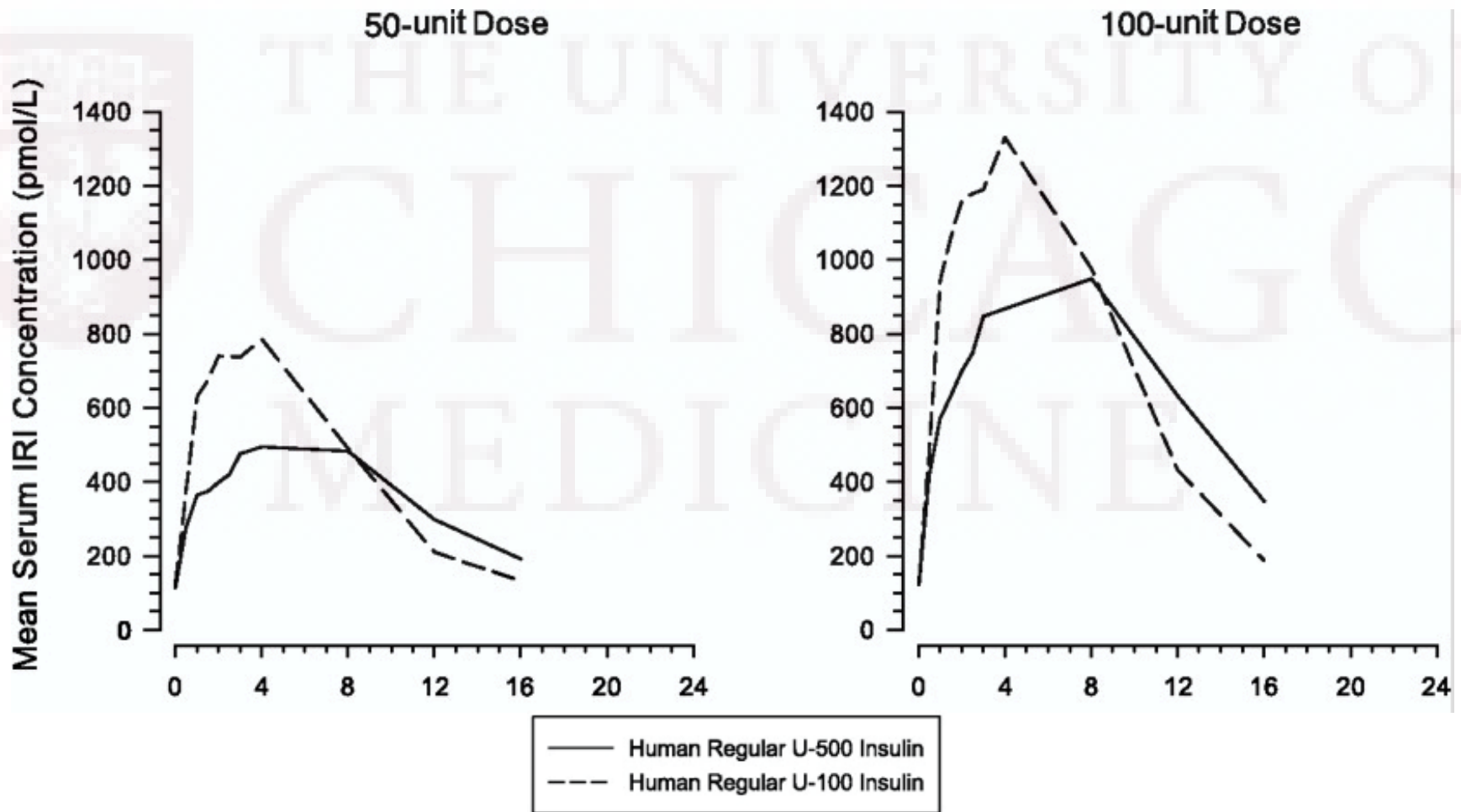


# U500



- In the process of making U500 available by special request in the pharmacy
- Requirements
  - Endocrine consult
  - Pharmacy must draw up each dose
- Regular U-100 insulin: peaks at 2–4 h, duration of action is 5–7 h.
- Regular U-500 more closely resembles NPH with a flatter peak 4-10 h and a more prolonged duration of action of 10-18 h and up to 24 h

# U500 vs U100



# A little more history...

- 3/2015 Endocrine visit – U500 pump settings adjusted:

Time	Old Rate (U/hr)	New Rate (U/hr)
0:00	2.5	3.5
7:00	6.0	7.0
9:00	7.5	8.5
18:00	6.5	7.5
21:00	6.35	7.5

**TDD: 677.75 Units**

**TDD: 800 Units**

- Prior hospitalization several years ago, pt was on ~ 800 Units of insulin/day. Recs:
  - Lantus 200 Units BID (given in 100 U injections)
  - 75 Units of Novolog TIDAC + 4:50>130

# 6PM Page: Our plan



- Reduce basal settings by ~20% due to lows
- Stop bolusing from pump for meals, start Novolog 2 Units for every 1 g carbs + 5:50>150 high blood sugar correction
- **If no pump supplies by 10PM**, start Lantus 90 Units (given in two 45 Unit injections) Q12 hours and discontinue pump
  - Total basal dose reduction of 25% from lowest basal rate

# Transition from U-500 to U-100 in the inpatient setting is safe



- Retrospective review of inpatients on U-500
  - N=27 patients
  - 62 separate admissions.
  - Patients:
    - 64.4 years
    - BMI 38.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
    - HgbA1c of 8.7% (eAG 234 mg/dL)
  - All patients converted from U-500 to U-100 on admission
  - Average TDD of insulin was 91 units inpatient vs. 337 units as outpatients ( $p < 0.001$ )
  - Overall, 89% of patients received  $\leq 50\%$  of their outpatient TDD.
  - The average inpatient glucose was slightly higher than the outpatient eAG, 234 mg/dl vs. 203 mg/dl ( $p = 0.003$ ).
- Tripathy et al. compared patients maintained on U-500 continued on 85% TDD vs. 35% TDD in those switched to U-100
- How did these patient do on return to the outpatient setting?



Diet: diabetic

Day	Basal
5/18	313
5/19	255



05/19 0700 - 05/20 0659					
0922	1334	2012	2144	2238	2321
122	129	74	52	62	70

20% reduction in basal dose

More accurate carb counting?

Pump suspended temporarily for persistent lows overnight



Day	Basal
5/18	313
5/19	255
5/20	135



Diet: diabetic

05/20 0700 - 05/21 0659					
0747	1253	1726	1749	1941	2038
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139	75	55	133	75	106

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40% reduction in basal dose

Go back to the way you were counting carbs at home



Day	Basal
5/18	313
5/19	255
5/20	135
5/21	135

Diet: diabetic

05/21 0700 - 05/22 0659						
0844	1138	1303	1348	1427	1630	1932
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156	57	78	105	83	114	108

Carb ratio: 2.5→5 (1U/1g)

Pump suspended temporarily overnight due to lower BGs





Day	Basal
5/18	313
5/19	255
5/20	135
5/21	135
5/22	120

Diet: clears→NPO for procedure overnight

05/22 0700 - 05/23 0659				
0806	1210	1903	1950	2341
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134	118	60	125	85

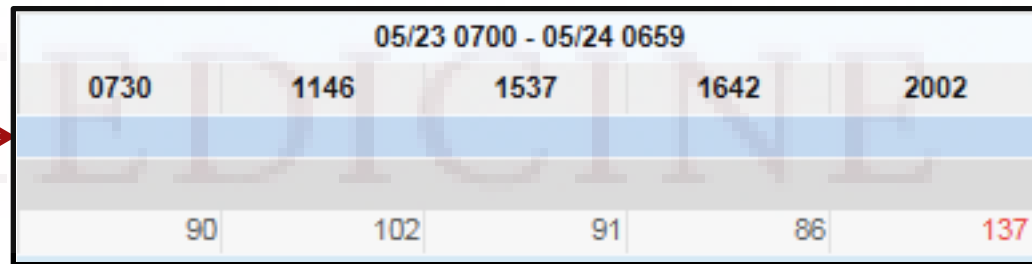
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10% reduction in basal dose



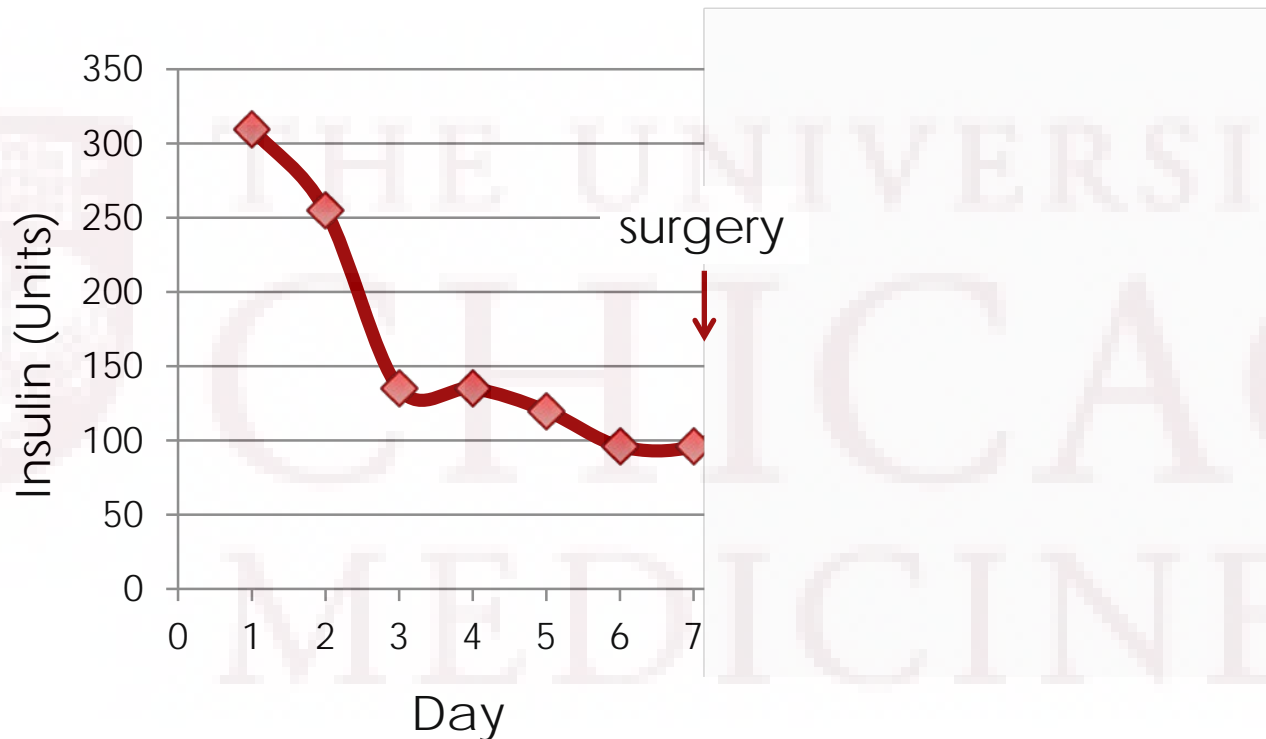
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5/23	96

Diet: NPO most of the day for procedure



Suspend pump for procedure

# Overall decline in total daily basal insulin



- Why were we able to reduce the dose so much prior to surgery?



Any thoughts on potential contributors / mechanisms?

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# What is insulin-mediated insulin resistance?



- Chronic exposure to insulin promotes insulin resistance
- First proposed by James Gavin III in 1974
  - Exposed human lymphocytes to 10 M insulin
  - Decreased insulin receptor concentration in chronically exposed (5-16 hours) but not acutely exposed (0-2h) cells
- Subsequent mouse and human data demonstrates chronic hyperinsulinemia leads to insulin resistance

Gavin JR 3<sup>rd</sup> et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 1974 Jan;71(1):84-8.

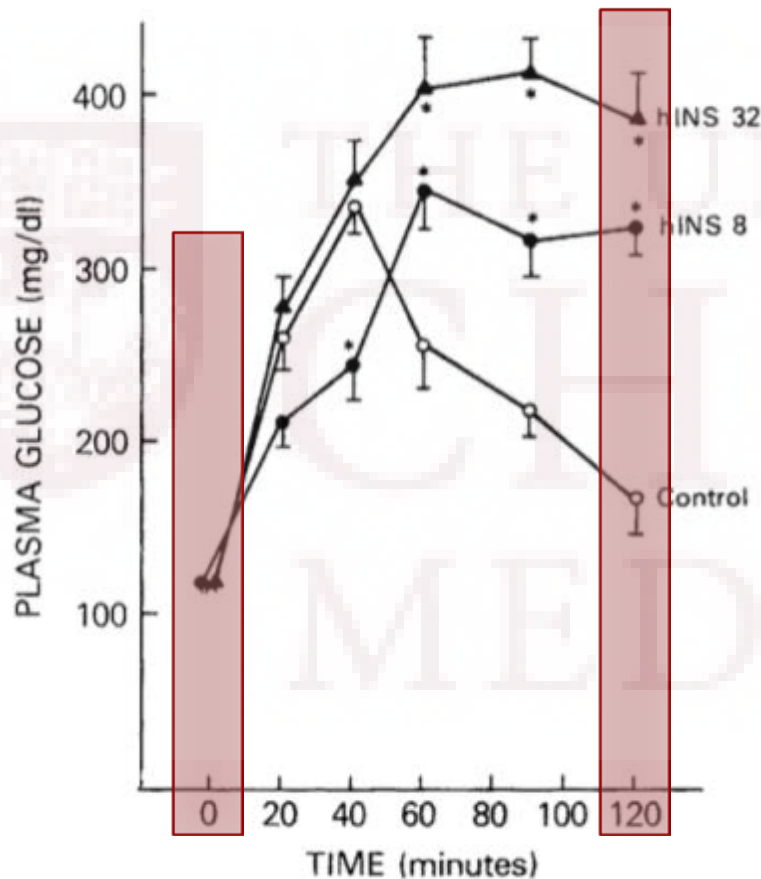
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# Animal models of chronic hyperinsulinemia show impaired glucose regulation



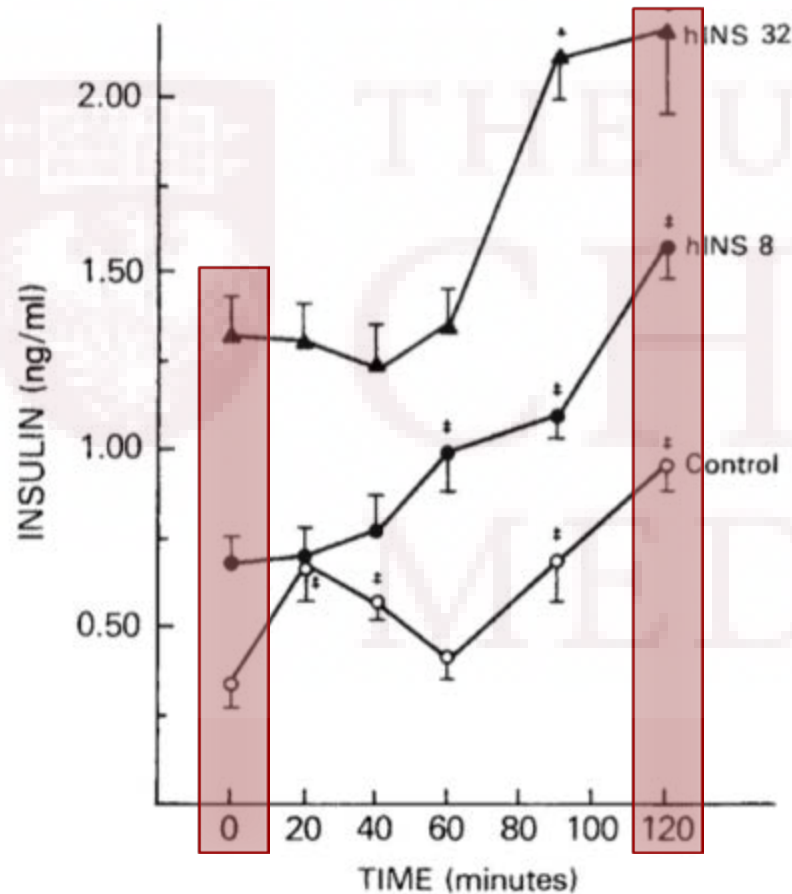
- 1) Transgenic mice with **0, 8, or 32** extra copies of the human insulin gene
  - Achieved **two and four times** higher than normal basal plasma insulin levels
  - **Normal body weight, normal fasting glucose**
- 2) Mice treated with exogenous insulin (NPH)

# Insulin over-expressing mice have normal fasting plasma glucose but impaired response to glycemic challenge



- IP injection of glucose
- BG and insulin measured every 20 minutes

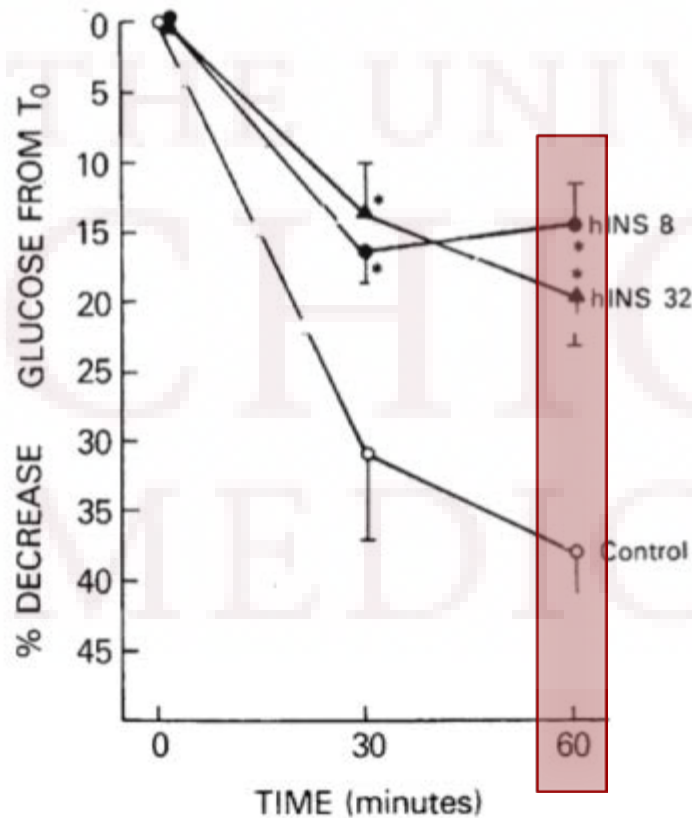
...and this is in spite of an exaggerated insulin response



- Fasting hyperinsulinemia
- Delayed secretion
- Ineffective glucose disposal in spite of higher levels of insulin

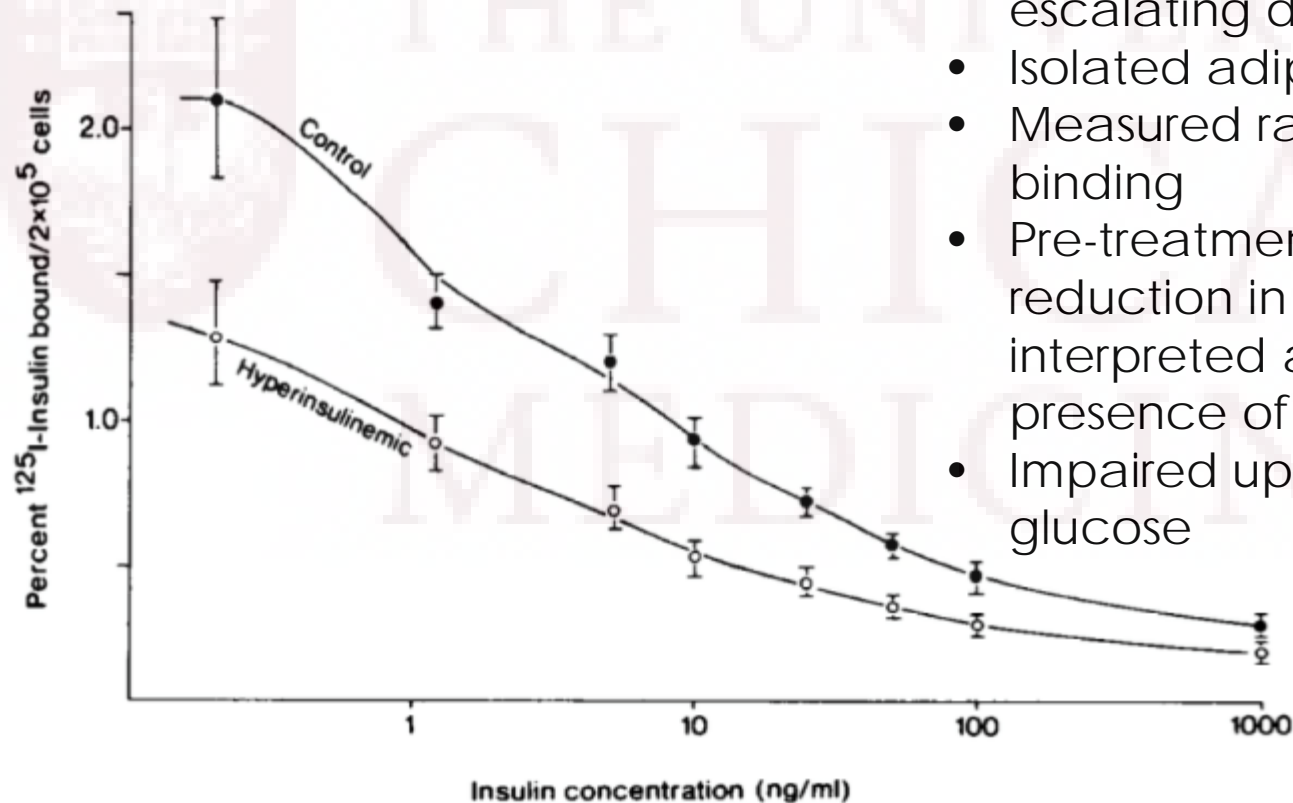


# Hyperinsulinemic mice also have impaired glucose disposal during insulin tolerance test



- IP injection of insulin
- Reduction in BG from baseline measured at 30 and 60 minutes

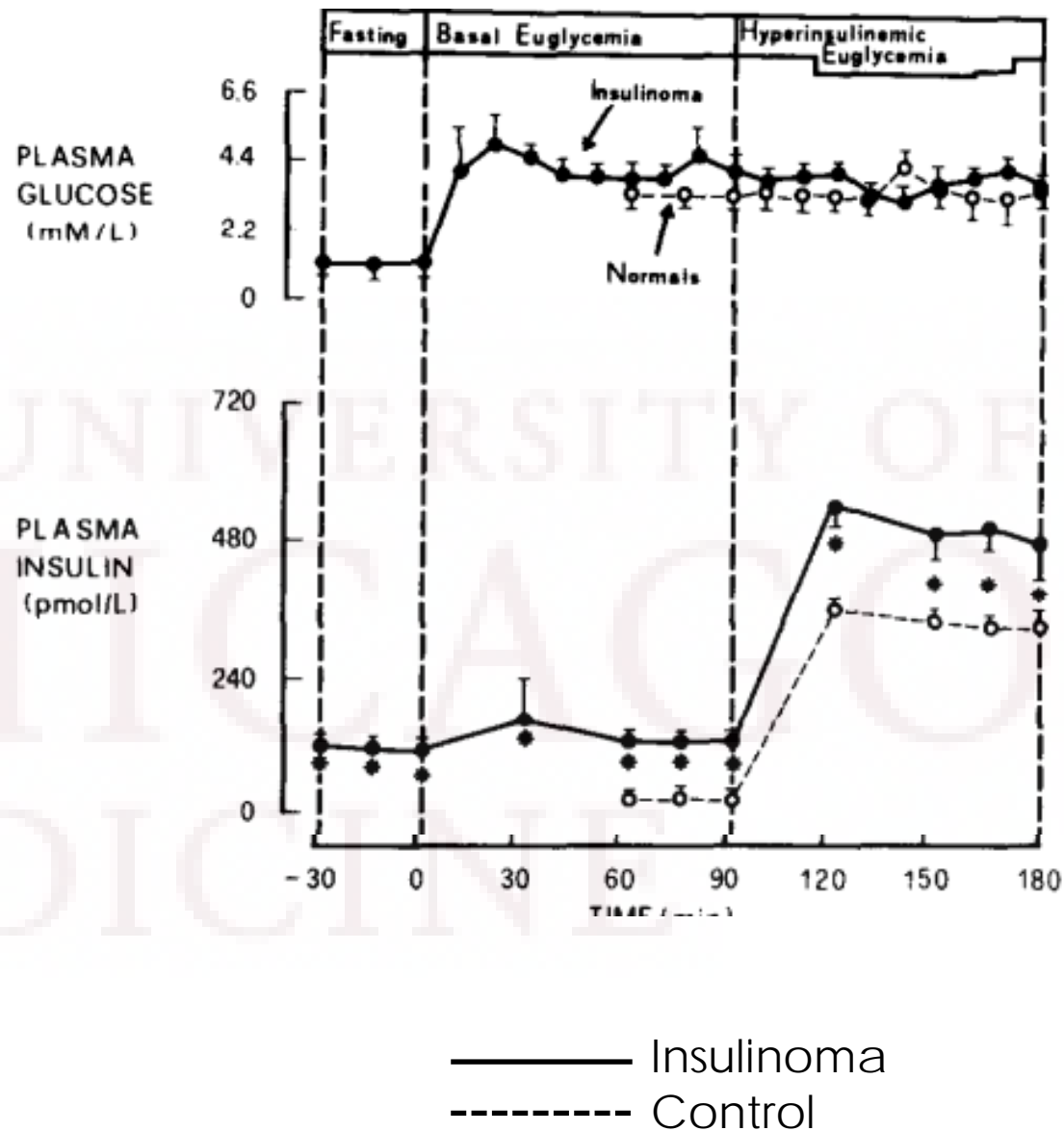
# Hyperinsulinemia from exogenous insulin causes reversible downregulation of insulin receptors on adipocytes



- NPH injected into rats at gradually escalating doses for 14 days
- Isolated adipocytes at day 15
- Measured radiolabeled insulin binding
- Pre-treatment with insulin led to 40% reduction in insulin binding, interpreted as a reduction in presence of insulin receptors
- Impaired uptake of radiolabeled glucose

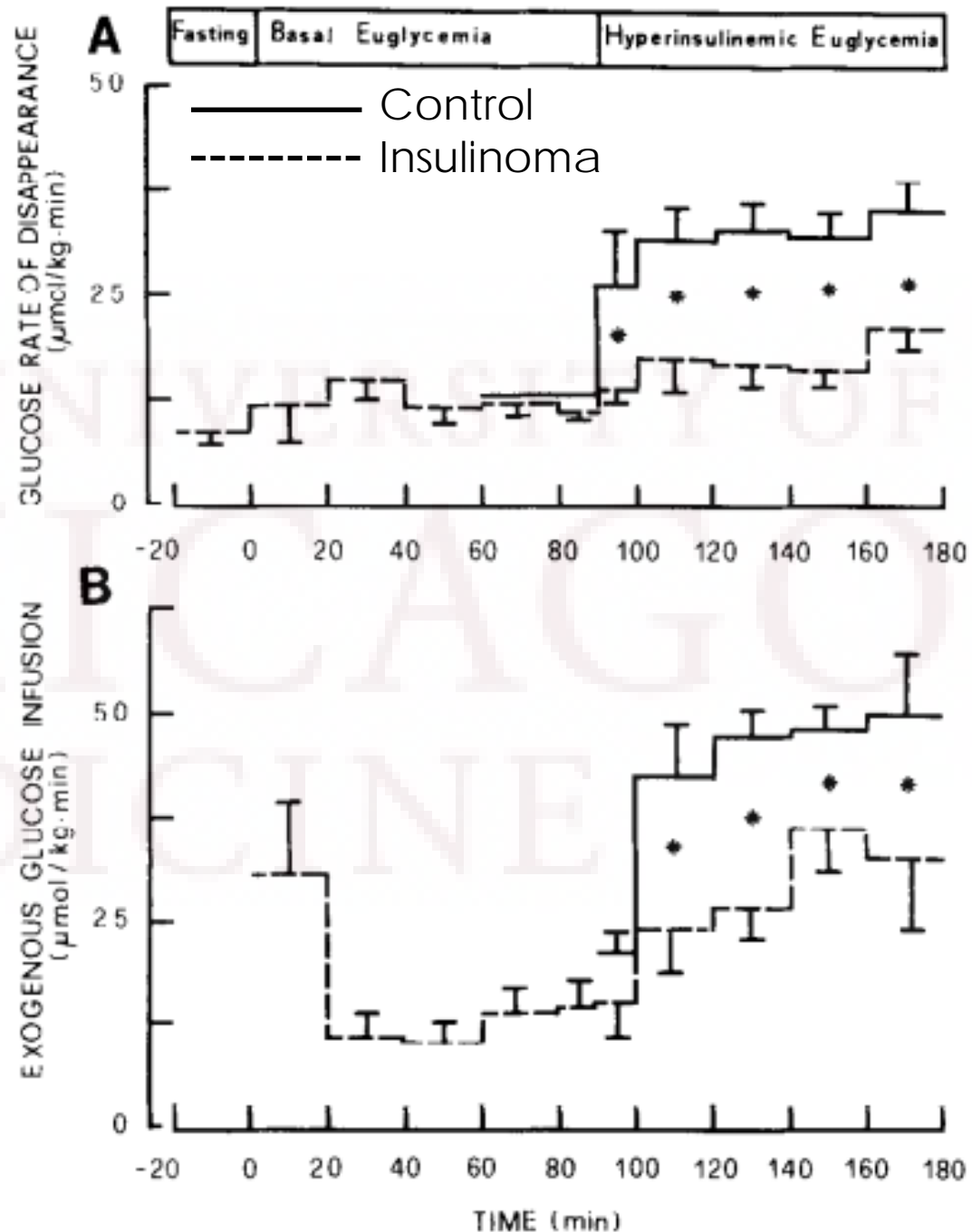
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- Hyperinsulinemic, euglycemic clamp
- Insulinoma patients have higher levels of insulin

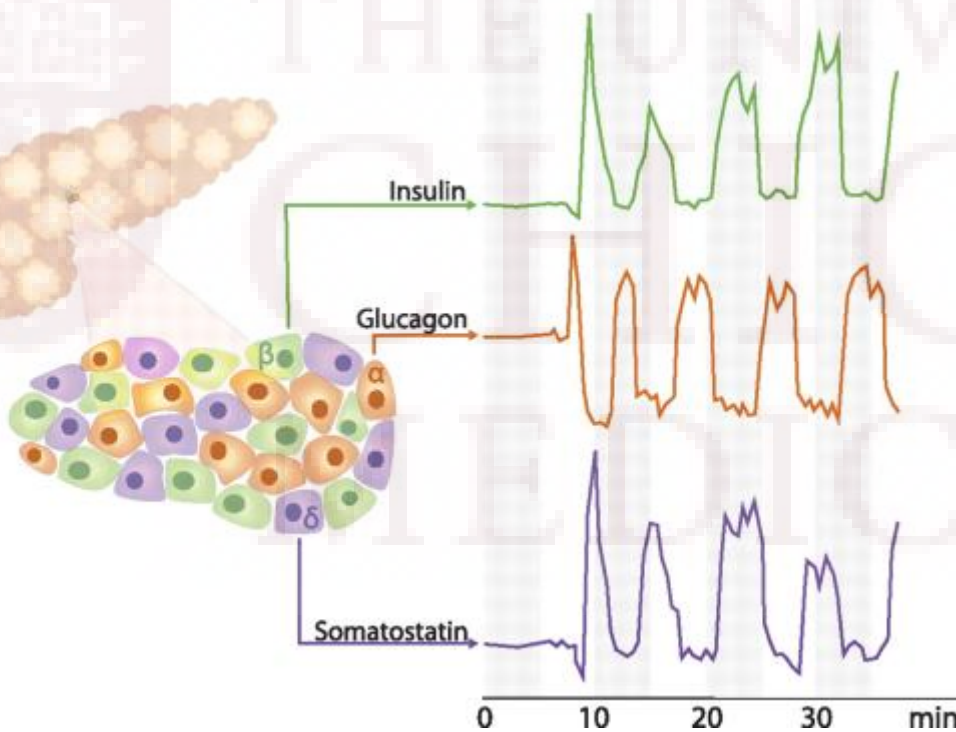


## Patients with chronic hyperinsulinemia due to insulinomas are insulin resistant

- Insulinoma patients have reduced glucose disposal and require a lower glucose infusion rate (in spite of higher levels of insulin)

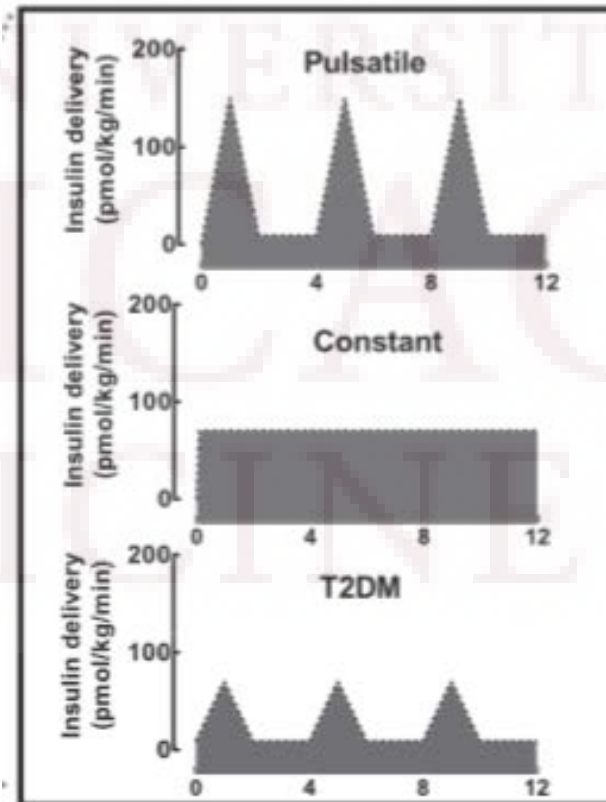
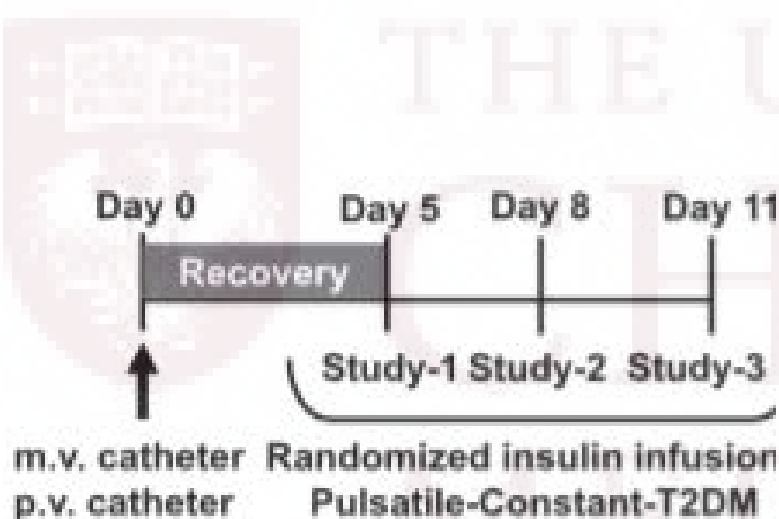
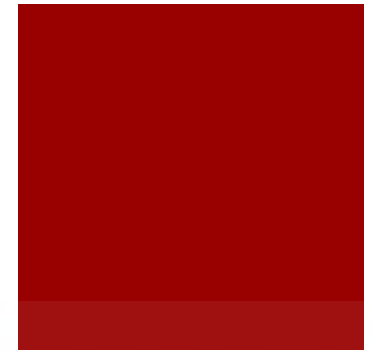


# Endogenous Insulin is released in a pulsatile fashion

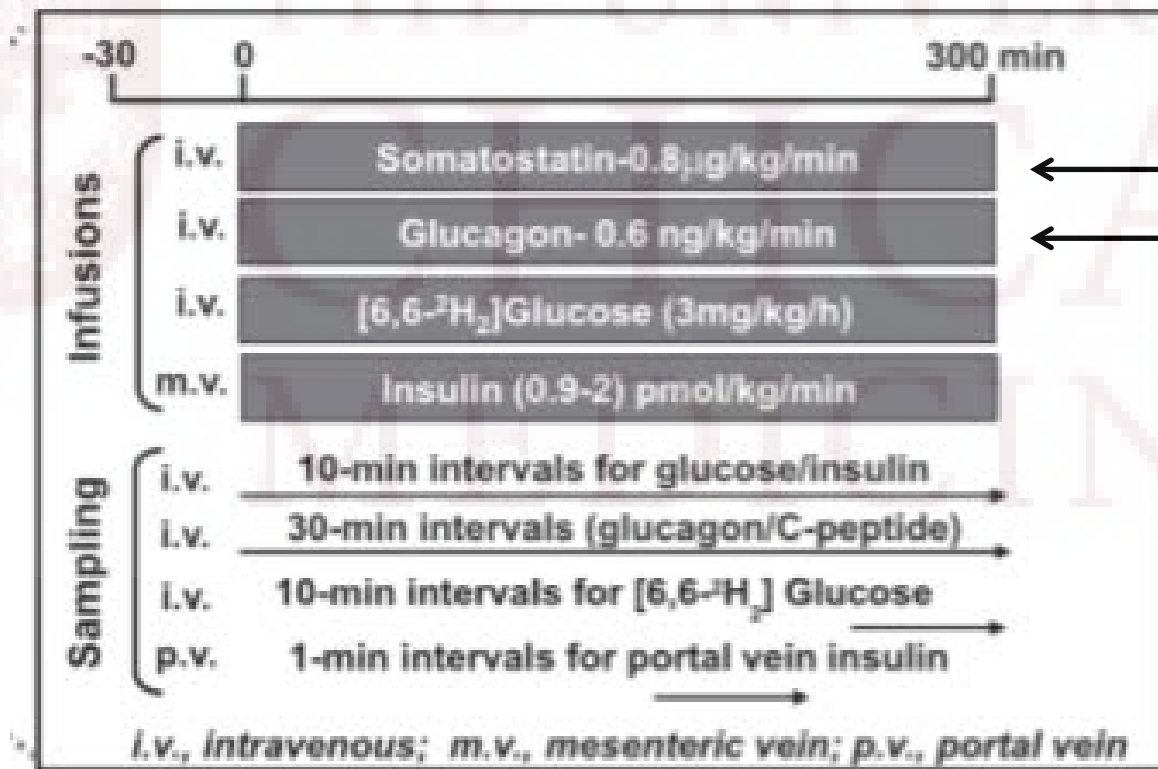


- Insulin secreted into hepatic portal vein every 5 minutes
- Increased amplitude with meals (0.5-1 nmol/L fasting  $\rightarrow$  5 nmol/L with meals)
- Pulsatile insulin delivery is disrupted in diabetes
- Similar to other hormones (GH, GnRH, PTH)

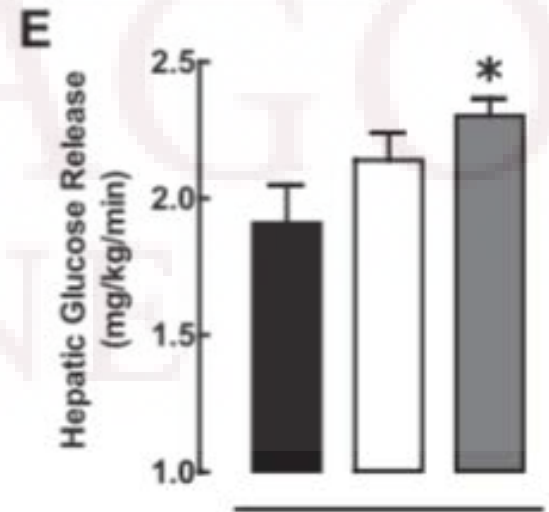
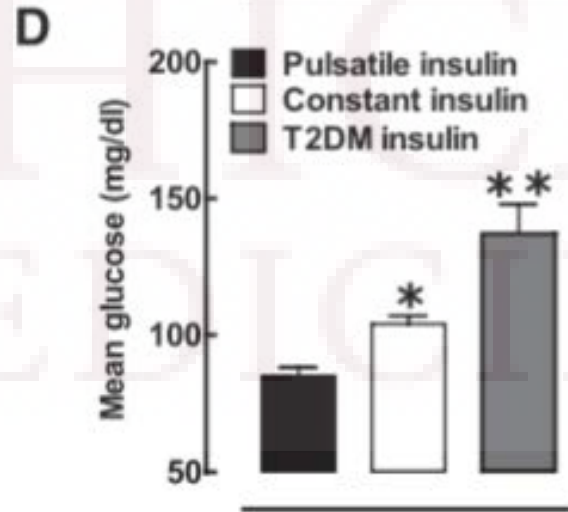
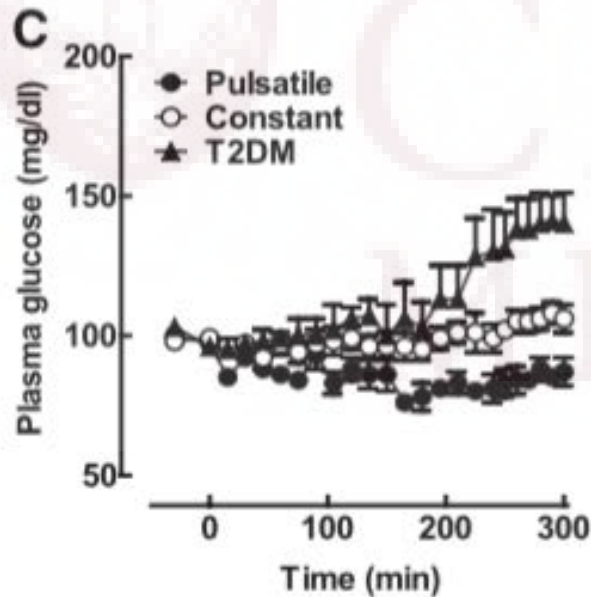
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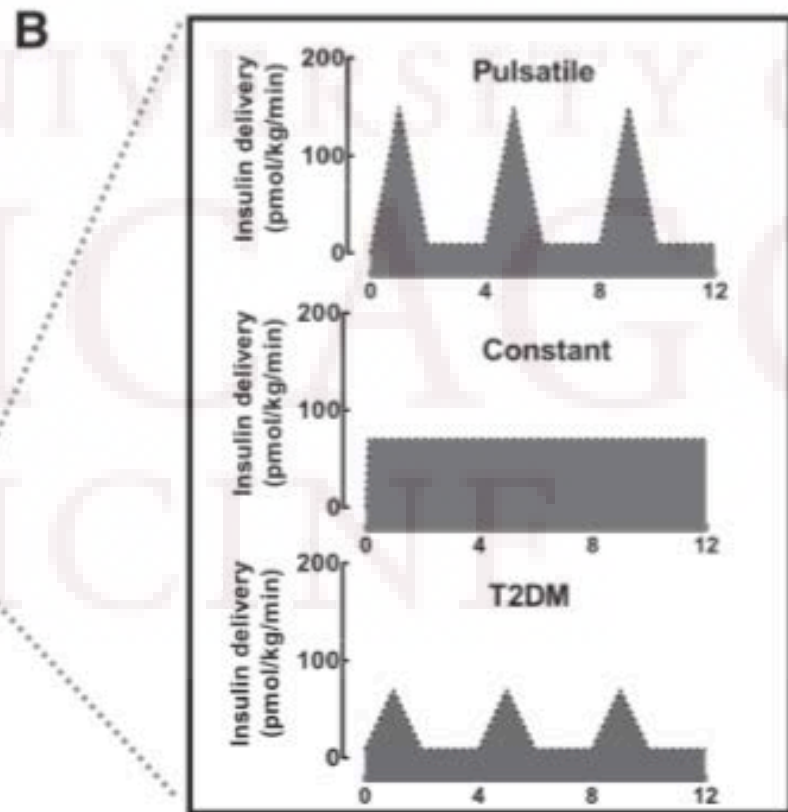
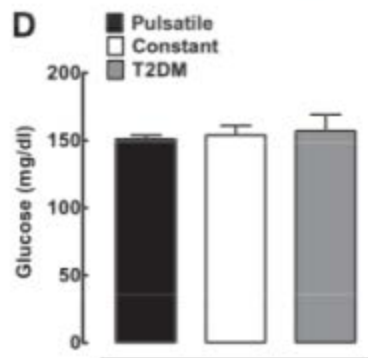
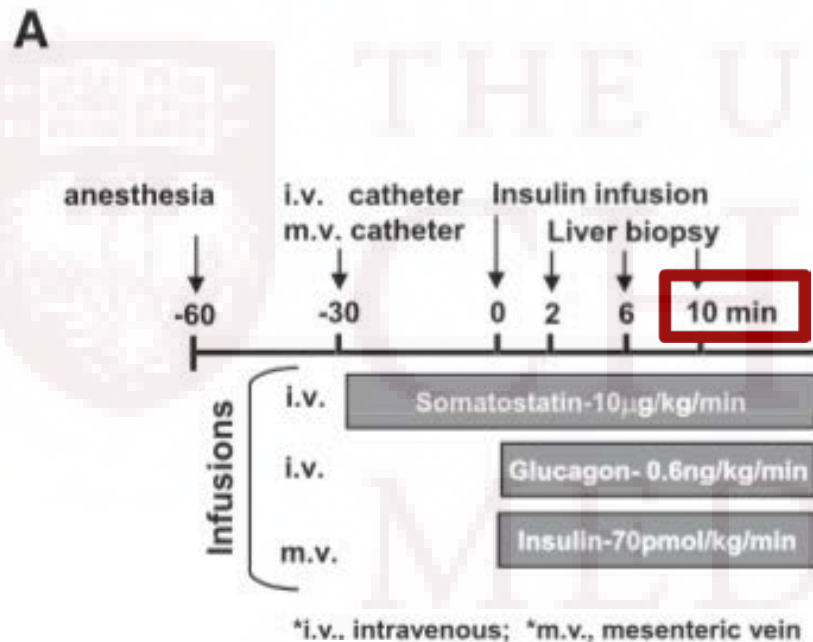


# Continuous insulin delivery leads to relative hyperglycemia

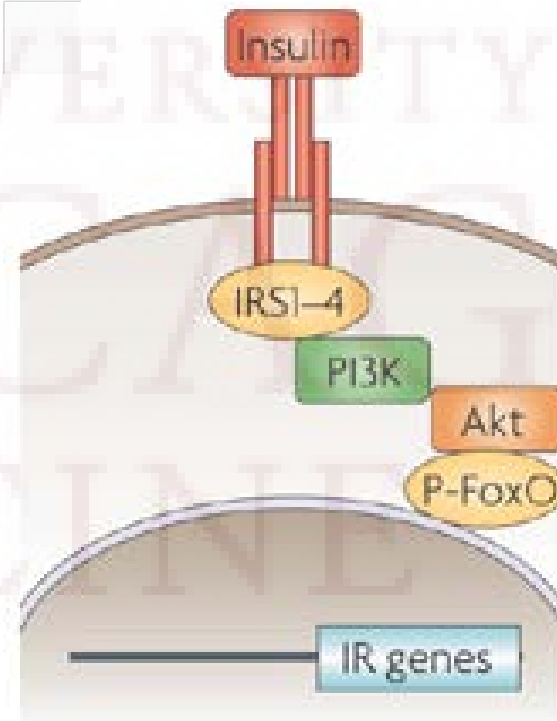
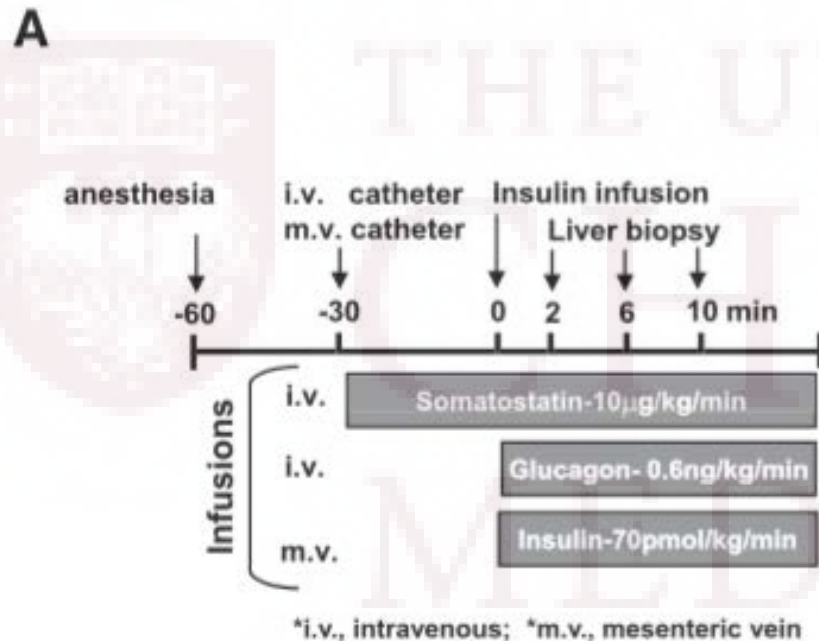




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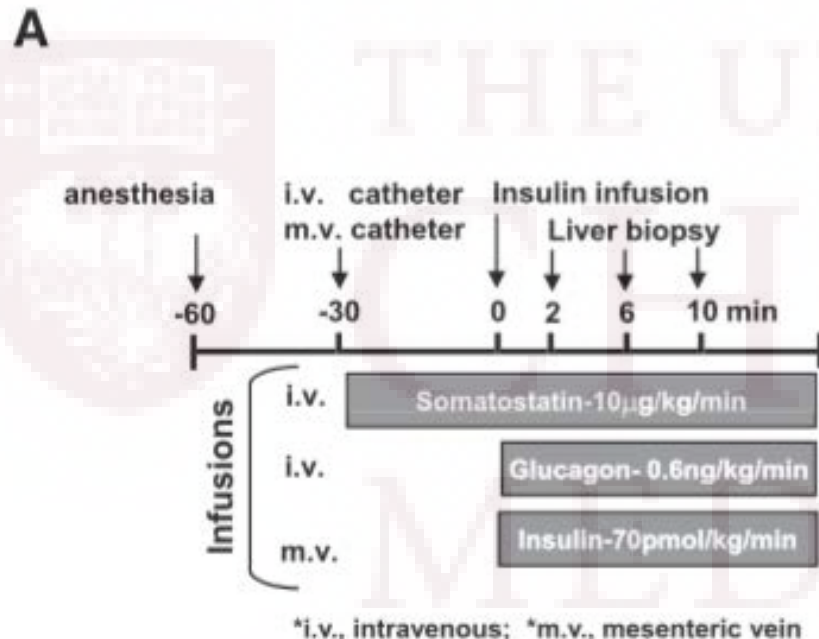
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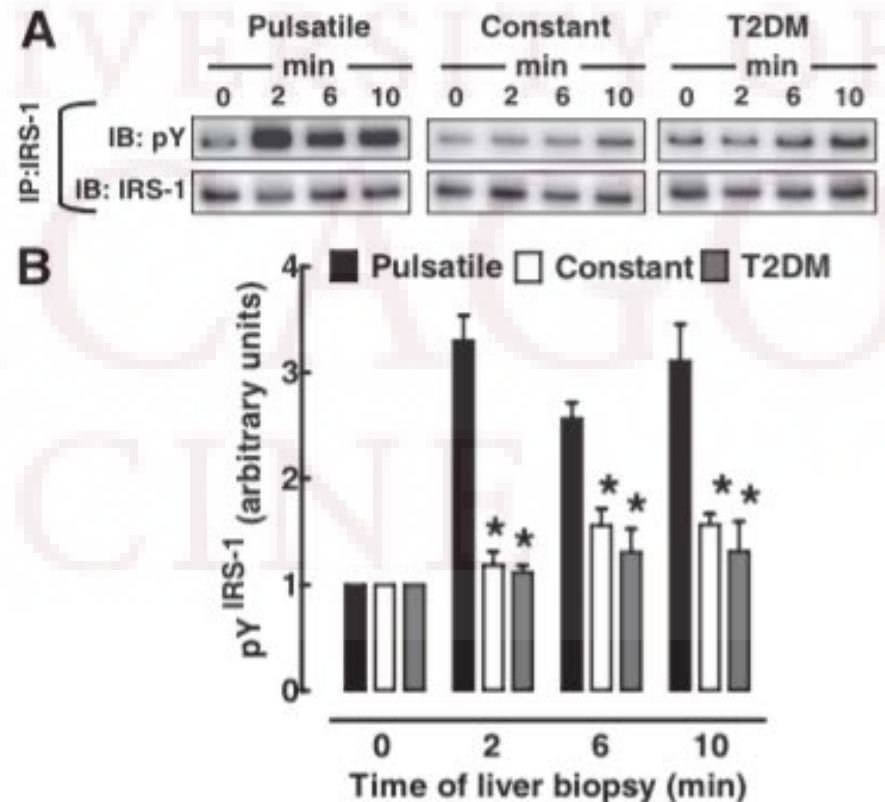
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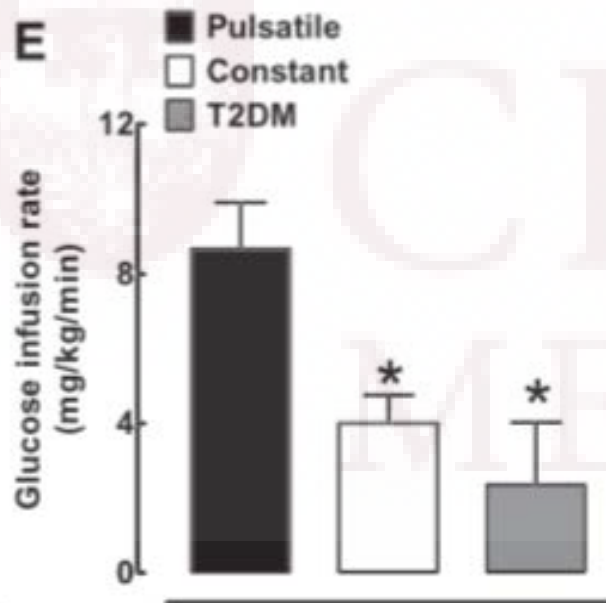


- Impaired activation of insulin signaling intermediates:
  - IRS-1 and IRS-2 associated PI3K pY and p85
  - AKT pSer 473
  - FOXO pSer 256



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## Insulin tolerance test



At 30 min, with euglycemic clamp:

- 50-70% reduction in glucose infusion rate with constant or T2DM-like insulin delivery
- Reduction in signaling activation of signaling intermediates:
  - AKT p Ser 473
  - FOXO p Ser 256
- 120 min basal + bolus (to simulate a meal) showed similar results.

# Is hyperinsulinemia the trigger or the response (or both)?



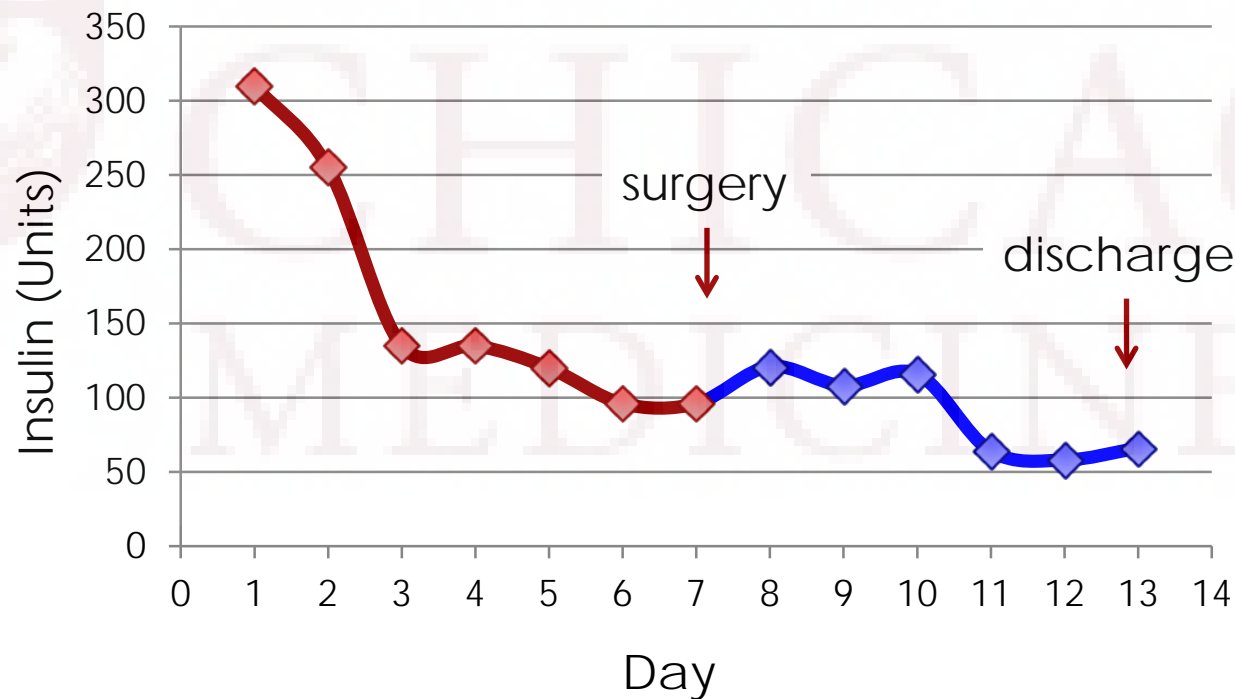
- Chronic hyperinsulinemia leads to increased insulin resistance (impaired insulin action) in mice and humans.
- Continuous insulin delivery leads to hyperglycemia and impaired insulin action, and downregulation of insulin receptor expression in experimental models
- Endogenous insulin secretion is pulsatile. Restoring pulsatile insulin delivery may be more physiologic and lead to improved insulin action

# Long and ultra-long acting insulins – are they really better (or just more expensive)?



- Deglutek U100 or U200 (Tresiba)
  - Onset 1 hour
  - Duration up to 42 hours, dose every 8-40 hours
- Glargine U300 (Toujeo)
  - Onset 6 hours
  - Duration up to 36 hours, dose once daily
- Glargine (Lantus)
  - Onset 3-4 hours
  - Duration 11-30 hours
- Detemir (Levemir)
  - Onset 3-4 hours
  - Duration 6-23 hours (dose-dependent)

Back to our patient:  
continued insulin reduction  
post-operatively



Total daily Basal  
TDD

# How does RYGB affect dysglycemia?

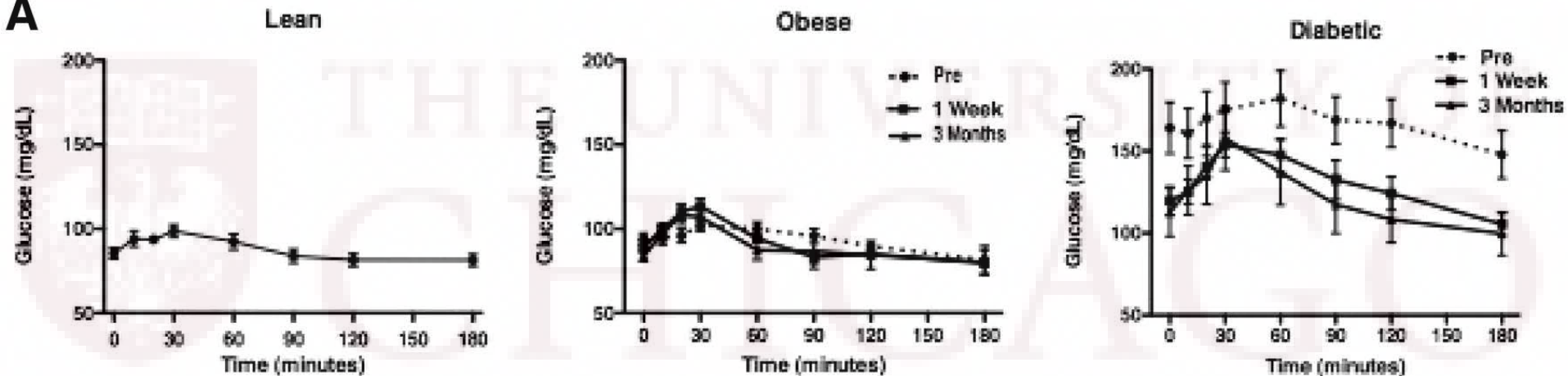


- Subjects (N=9 for each group)
  - Lean (BMI 25) – no surgery
  - Severely obese (BMI 35)
  - Severely obese with T2DM (BMI 35, A1c 8.7%)
- Assessed glucose, insulin, GLP-1
  - Preoperatively
  - 1 week post-op
  - 3 months post-op

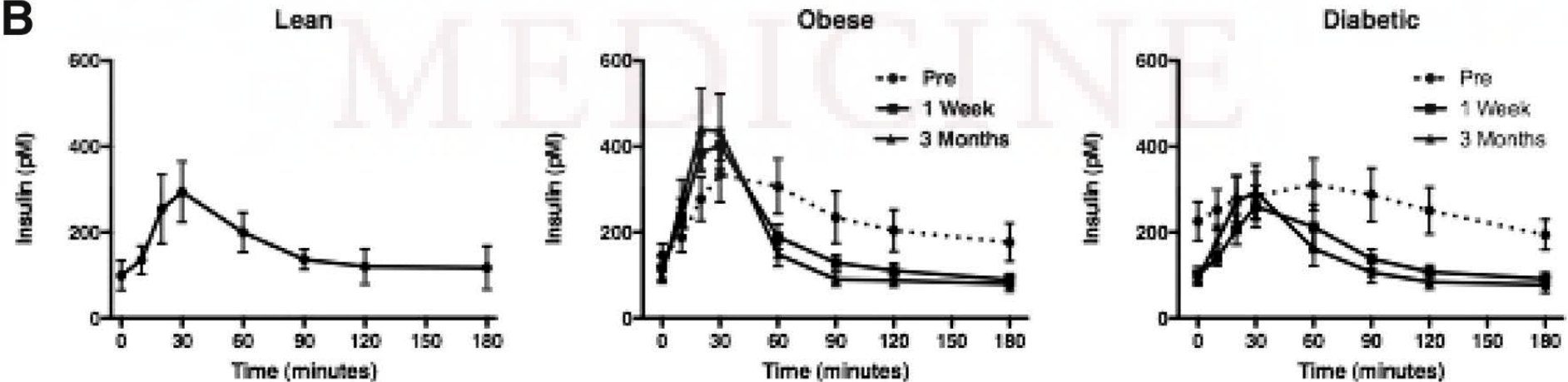


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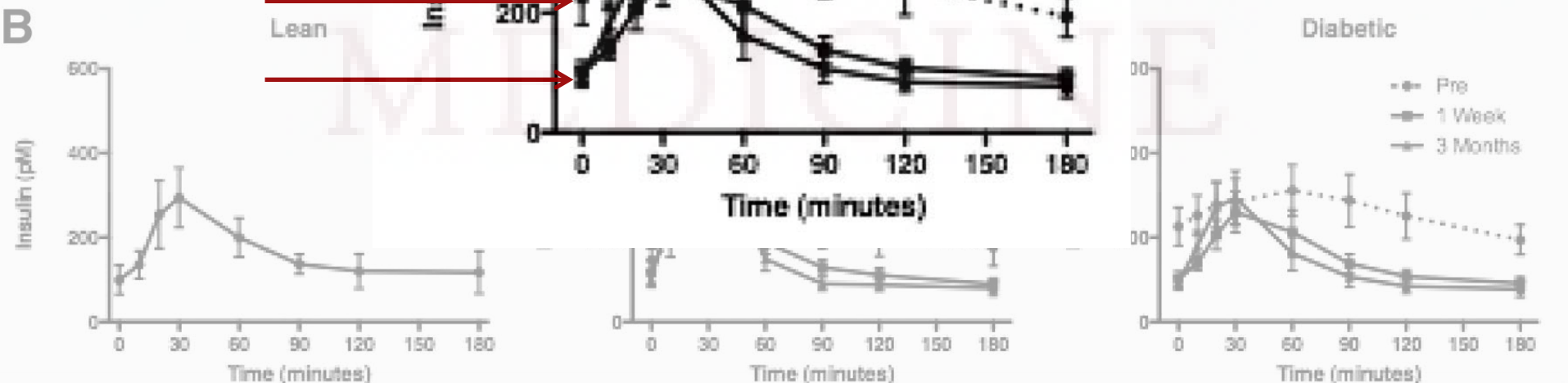


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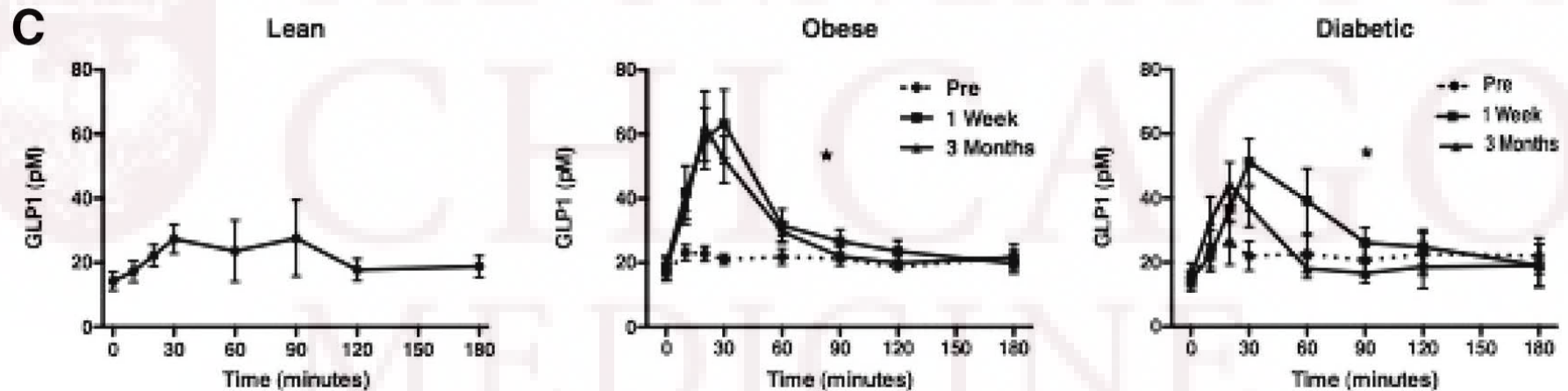
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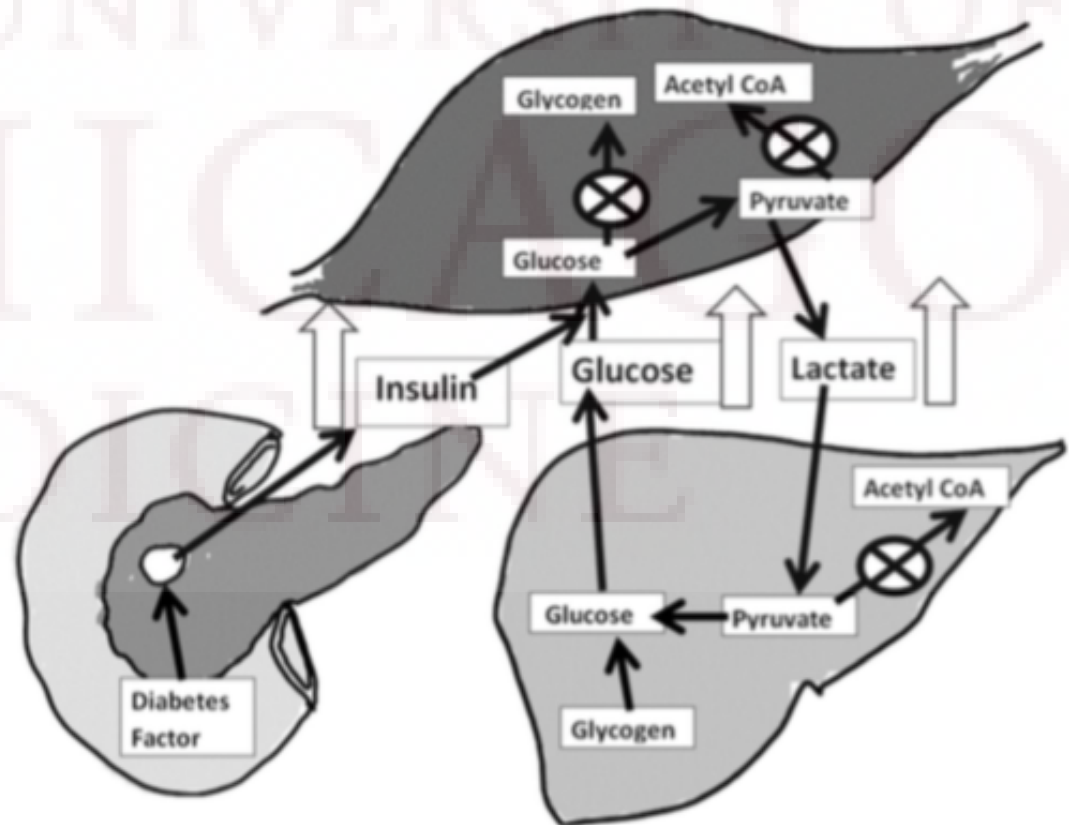


# GLP1 response is also restored following RYGB



# Does the foregut provide a stimulus for hyperinsulinemia?

- Pories et al. proposed a GI-centric hypothesis:
- Diabetogenic signal from the foregut → islet → chronic basal hyperinsulinemia
- + Muscle insulin resistance
- → Impaired glucose disposal
- Overnight fasting → increased gluconeogenesis in the face of high basal insulin





## Diabetes could be halted by tiny balloon that burns the gut - helping the body absorb sugar again

- Patients with type 2 diabetes are being recruited to a revolutionary new trial
- Test will see whether the treatment could help them come off medication
- Doctors insert tube down throat with deflated silicone balloon on the end

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### HOW BAD CELLS ARE BURNED AWAY

**1** Thin tube inserted down throat with small deflated silicone balloon at end

**2** When it reaches duodenum the balloon is inflated and heated with hot water

Small intestine

Stomach

Duodenum

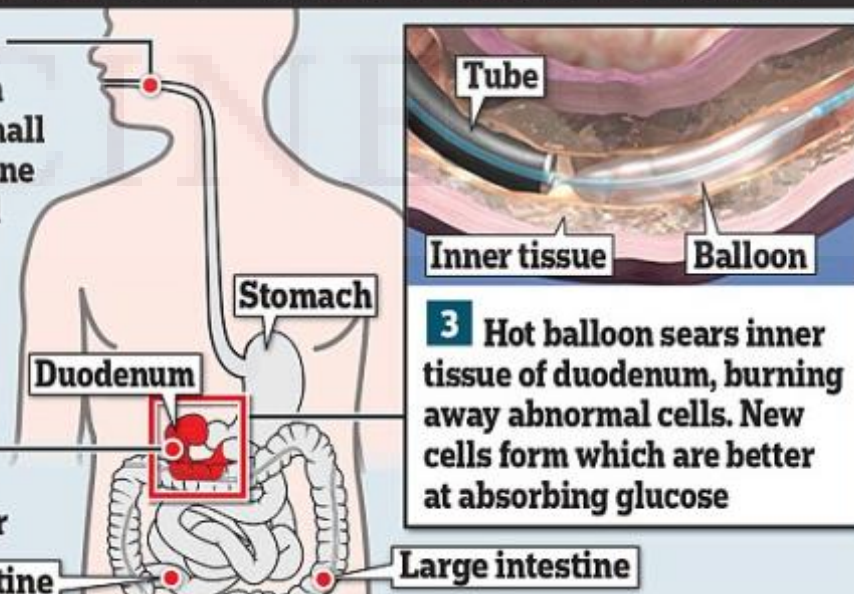
Tube

Inner tissue

Balloon

**3** Hot balloon sears inner tissue of duodenum, burning away abnormal cells. New cells form which are better at absorbing glucose

Large intestine

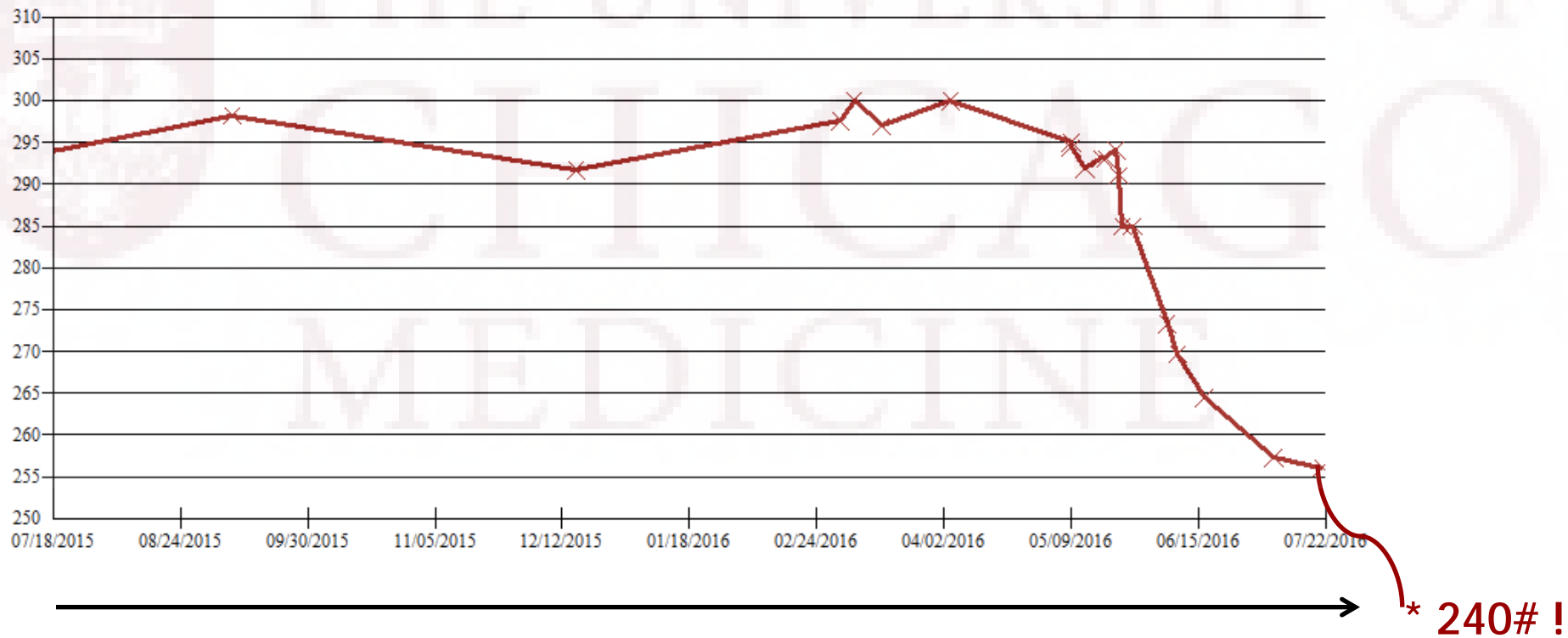


# Endoscopic duodenal mucosal resurfacing



- N=39 patients
  - T2 DM (A1c 9.5%) on oral meds
  - BMI 31 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - N=28 → long duodenal segment ablated (9.3 cm)
  - N=11 → short duodenal segment ablated (3.4 cm)
  - Complications: duodenal stenosis (3)
- HbA1c reduction at 6 mo by 1.2% overall
  - LS 2.5% at 3 mo, 1.4% at 6 mo
  - SS 1.2% at 3mo, 0.7% at 6 mo

# Pt's course: Post-op weight trend





# Pt's course continued: Post-op insulin requirement



- Diet: 90g carbs per day
- Exercise: 1:30-6PM every day (pool and gym); pump suspended
- **Basal rates: U-100**
  - 12A 3.1
  - 7A 3.75
  - 7P 3.0
- TDD 80 units (65 units), 86% basal, 14% bolus.
- **Carb ratio: 7**
- **Sensitivity: 20**

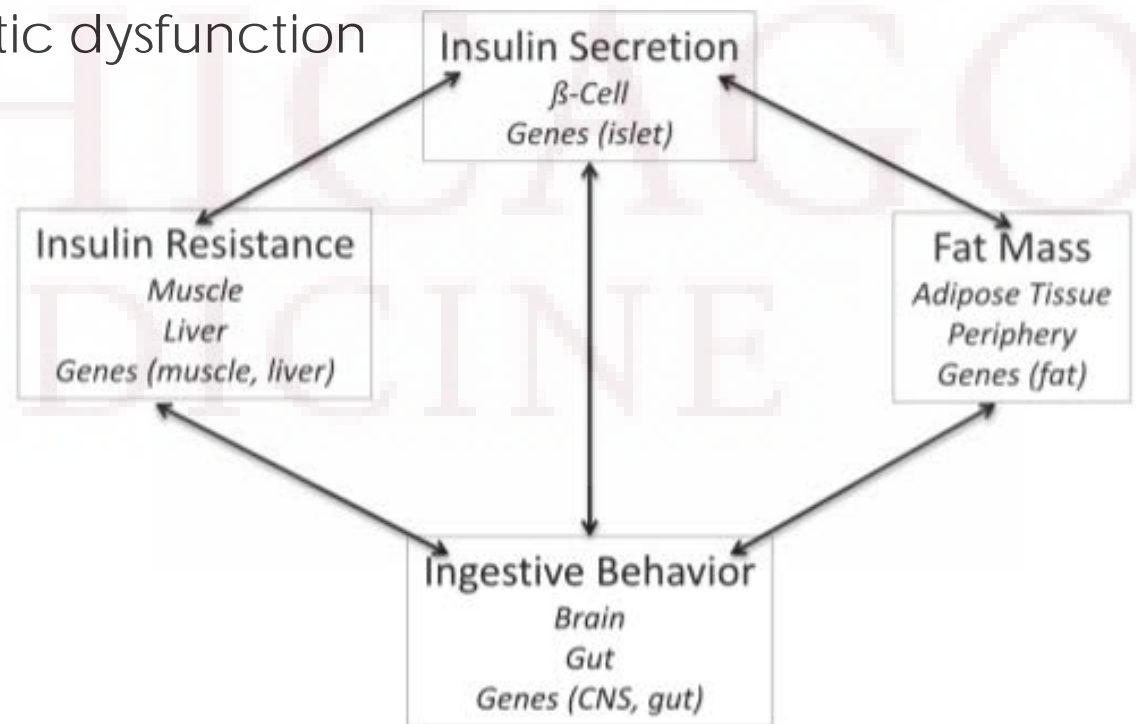


What would you like to do  
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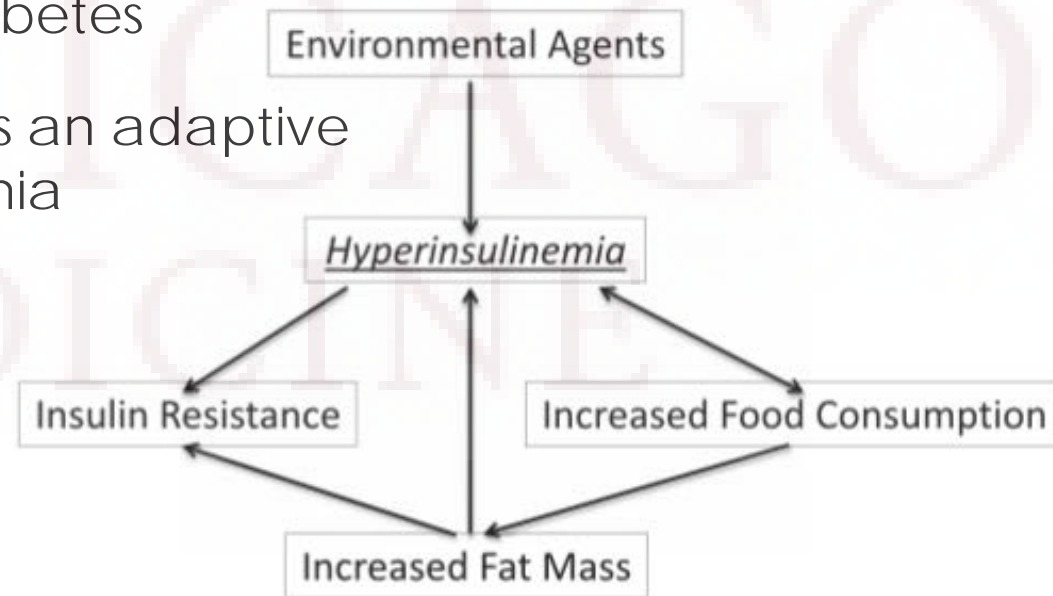
# Prevailing model of metabolic dysregulation:

- Calorically dense diet and inactivity lead to obesity → insulin resistance → pancreatic dysfunction and diabetes



# Consider:

- Changes in food consumption (increase or decrease) does not lead to sustained gain/loss of weight in controlled settings
- Not all overweight/obese individuals have insulin resistance/diabetes
- Perhaps insulin resistance is an adaptive response to hyperinsulinemia



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