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20 75 a moderator for discussion of CGM use in the (1) intensive care unit (ICU), (2) non-ICU, and (3)
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22 76 in the hospital as a continuation of home CGM, respectively. The focus of each discussion was to
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39 83 Currently CGMs are FDA approved in the outpatient setting as an adjunctive device to
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41 84 complement information obtained from standard home blood glucose monitoring devices and to
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43 85 aid in detecting hyper- and hypoglycemic episodes. In December 2016, one device, the G5
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46 86 Mobile (Dexcom, San Diego, CA), was approved for outpatients to make diabetes treatment
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48 87 decisions without confirmation by capillary blood glucose testing. [2] Use of this technology in
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50 88 the inpatient setting is of increasing interest. Information obtained from CGM includes glucose
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3 90 change (slow, fast, or steady). These data is used to facilitate short and long-term therapy
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8 92 CGMs sample glucose subcutaneously by way of interstitial fluid or or intravascularly from
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10 93 venous or arterial blood. Glucose is measured in interstitial fluid using the glucose oxidase
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12 94 method or through fluorescence or it is measured intravenously through fluorescence, mid-
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14 95 infrared spectroscopy, or hydrogel methods. [3,4] Therefore, CGM devices can be invasive
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16 96 (intravascular devices), minimally invasive (subcutaneous), or even non-invasive (transdermal
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18 97 CGMs). Sampling and measurement frequencies typically range from 1 to 15 minutes and most
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24 99 More than 15 continuous or semi-CGM devices have been described. [5] Devices vary by
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26 100 measurement method (fluid sampled), probe site, and sampling frequency. Numerous CGM
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28 101 devices have been studied in the inpatient setting. In Europe, there are currently four CGMS
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30 102 approved for intravenous (IV) use in hospitals: (1) GlucoClear by Edwards Life Sciences (Irvine,
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32 103 California), (2) Glysure System by Glysure (Abingdon, Oxfordshire, UK), (3) Eirus by Maquet
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34 104 Getinge Group (Rastatt, Germany), and (4) Optiscanner 5000 by Optiscan (Hayward,
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36 105 California), plus one CGMS approved for subcutaneous use in hospitals: Sentrino Continuous
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38 106 Glucose Management System by Medtronic (Northridge, California). One CGM system is FDA
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40 107 approved for use in US hospitals: GlucoScout, International Biomedical, Austin, TX.
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45 108 **CGM use in the ICU**

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48 109 Moderator: Robert J. Rushakoff, M.D.

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53 111 Achieving optimal glucose target ranges in critically-ill patients is now considered standard of
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55 112 care. Intermittent measurements of blood glucose by point-of-care testing technology is the only
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3 113 means of assessing glycemic control and in adjusting insulin therapy in the ICU available for
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5 114 routine clinical practice. Panelists agreed that use of CGM in the ICU has the potential for
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8 115 improving glucose control, possibly in a safer and more effective/cost efficient manner.
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10 116 Although the majority of evidence for use of CGM in the hospital setting has been in the ICU,
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12 117 these studies have concentrated mainly on accuracy rather than on outcomes. Two tables
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14 118 comparing clinical trials of CGM use in the ICU (by adult patients and by pediatric patients)
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16 119 were reviewed by the experts and are included in this Consensus Statement ([Table 1 and Table](#)
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22 121 From an accuracy standpoint, there were numerous concerns discussed. Technological
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24 122 limitations that impede accuracy in subcutaneous continuous glucose sensors include buildup of
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26 123 tissue deposits (biofilm), the need for regular calibration due to sensor drift, measurement lag,
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28 124 and substance interference (acetaminophen, maltose, ascorbic acid, dopamine, mannitol, heparin,
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30 125 uric acid, and salicylic acid). Intravascular CGMs carry risks of thrombus formation, catheter
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32 126 occlusion or biofilm, and catheter related infections. [\[18,19\]](#) Acetaminophen is commonly used
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34 127 in the hospital setting and may cause a CGM to over-estimate glucose. There is a risk of over-
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36 128 dosing insulin if the CGM is used to calculate the insulin dose after acetaminophen use. Patients
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38 129 wearing a device that may be impacted by acetaminophen should have the device removed if
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40 130 acetaminophen is to be given to the patient in the hospital. Concerns regarding accuracy in
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42 131 critically ill patients with impaired tissue perfusion remain. [\[5\]](#) It is worth noting that the studies
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44 132 included very few glucose values in the hypo- or hyperglycemic extremes. In the hypoglycemic
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46 133 range, sensor accuracy often breaks down. Furthermore, most of the studies included patients
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3 136 accuracy and no particular safety signals in both adult [12-14, 20-21] and pediatric [17]
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10 139 2009, the NICE-SUGAR study reported that a tight glucose target (81-108 mg/dL, <4.5-6.0
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12 140 mmol/L>) in the ICU was associated with higher mortality rates than a moderate glucose target
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14 141 (140-180 mg/dL). [22] Following the results of the NICE-SUGAR study, target glucose control
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16 142 in the ICU has been redefined. Currently, most hospitals target glucoses of 140-180 mg/dL (7.8-
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18 143 10.0 mmol/L) in the ICU, with an acceptable target range of 110 mg/dl (6.1 mmol/L) in certain
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20 144 populations and locations. [23,24] Although strict control is no longer targeted, consensus exists
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22 145 that lower glycemic targets are beneficial if hypoglycemia (glucose < 70 mg/dl <3.9 mmol/L>)
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24 146 can be avoided. The Society of Critical Care Medicine has published guidelines recommending a
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26 147 moderate target range of 110-150 mg/dL (6.1-8.3 mmol/L). [25] There are however, data from
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28 148 the surgical ICU showing favorable outcomes with lower glycemic targets (<110 mg/dl <6.1
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30 149 mmol/L>), as long as hypoglycemia is avoided. [26] There is strong evidence that hypoglycemia
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32 150 and hyperglycemia are associated with worse outcomes in the ICU population and that good
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34 151 glucose control is associated with better outcomes. To date, there are few outcomes studies using
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36 152 CGM in the ICU setting. Outcomes that have been examined in CGM studies include the rate
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38 153 and severity of hypoglycemic events, glycemic variability, and percent time in target range
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40 154 (proportion of time glucose values fall within a specified range). [5] Most normal ranges for
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3 158 Intensive insulin therapy—which is required to achieve lower glucose ranges—can result in
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6 159 higher frequencies of hypoglycemic events, thus limiting the potential benefits of intensive
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12 162 greater safety into intensive insulin algorithms. A relatively large randomized controlled trial in
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17 164 in a real-time CGM group (1.6 vs. 11.5% in a control group, $P = .031$) despite similar mean
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27 168 ICU. [10] In contrast, a study of 156 ICU patients using subcutaneous CGM identified no
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31 170 in patients managed with CGM vs intermittent glucose monitoring performed on arterial blood
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41 174 standardization of glucose metrics and differences between patient groups. [28] Panel members
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44 175 agreed that larger, randomized control studies need to be designed to answer outcome questions.
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46 176 Despite inconsistent published outcomes data regarding hypoglycemic events, panel members
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48 177 agreed that CGM in the intensive care setting makes intuitive sense. Data indicate that ICU
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50 178 patients have a blunted counterregulatory response to hypoglycemia. [29] Furthermore, the ICU
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3 181 hypoglycemic, and altered mental status could be due to many other factors besides
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9 184 glucose measurements in-between testing intervals could reveal new glyceic patterns that could
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11 185 influence management decisions. Parallels between CGM use could be made with any other
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13 186 type of continuously measured parameter in ICU patients, such as pulse oximetry or arterial
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21 190 Panel members agreed that there are significant management concerns with use of CGM in the
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23 191 ICU setting. Although endocrinologists may be involved in their care, patients in the ICU are
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25 192 managed by the critical care team with limited specialty training in diabetes or CGM use. In the
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27 193 absence of additional training, critical care teams might be unable to interpret the data and might
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29 194 dose insulin too frequently (insulin “stacking”) based on the trend data. Panel members agreed
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31 195 that the success of CGM largely depends on correct interpretation of the data and the ability to
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33 196 make consistent dosing adjustments based on the data trends. Despite these concerns, studies
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37 198 decisions. The use of an enhanced model predictive control algorithm (eMPC) showed reliability
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39 199 and trends towards less hypoglycemia as compared to a standard algorithm in a cardiothoracic
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41 200 ICU setting. [10] Other studies have evaluated professional ease of use with CGM systems. In a
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43 201 cardiothoracic ICU setting where the Sentrino CGM was used, it was found that 100% of critical
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45 202 care professionals found the Sentrino easy to use after 2 patients. [12] This preliminary evidence
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3 204 endocrinology if they have appropriate training /experience. CGM-specific insulin protocols may
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8 206 From a hospital administration perspective, use of CGM must not be cost-prohibitive. There
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10 207 might be costs “saved” with implementation of a CGM process. Studies have shown that CGM
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12 208 use can reduce nursing workload. In patients requiring hourly blood glucose monitoring in the
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14 209 ICU, it took nursing staff 4.72 minutes to obtain a glucose measurement and adjust insulin doses.
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16 210 In this study, 2 hours of direct nursing time was spent per patient per day to achieve tight
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18 211 glycemic control. [30] Time saved on hourly blood glucose monitoring could translate into
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20 212 significant time and cost savings. A recent European study demonstrated a 12 euro/patient
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22 213 savings with CGM use vs standard monitoring. [11] In a 24-hour time period, nurses in the
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24 214 control group spent 36 minutes obtaining point-of-care glucose measurements. Despite the added
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26 215 workload of CGM sensor placement and calibration, nurses in the intervention group (CGM)
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28 216 spent significantly less time on glucose monitoring than those in the point-of-care group, which
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30 217 translated to a 19-minute reduction in nursing workload. [11] The use of CGM could result in
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32 218 lower costs because of the need for fewer point-of-care glucose measurements, particularly for
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34 219 those patients on intravenous insulin where values are typically monitored hourly. However,
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36 220 many new costs need to be considered as well. CGM systems will need to be maintained.
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38 221 Sensors will need to be purchased and professionals trained in proper insertion. Depending on a
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40 222 patient’s hospital length-of-stay, a sensor may need to be replaced multiple times. Computerized
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42 223 insulin infusion protocols may need to be developed and professionals trained in their use. Our
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44 224 experts pointed out that if cost is prohibitive for use of CGM in all ICU patients, then perhaps
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46 225 CGM use could be restricted to select, high-risk populations more likely to benefit.
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3 227 Panel members agreed that use of CGM at this time may not be feasible for every ICU patient.
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5 228 However, there are populations of high interest who may benefit from further study of CGM
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8 229 because they are at high risk for glucose variability and hypoglycemia, and they include: 1) any
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10 230 patients receiving insulin, especially intravenous insulin, 2), post-cardiac surgery patients, 3)
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12 231 neonatal ICU patients, 4) post- transplant patients, 5) patients receiving glucocorticoids, 6)
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14 232 patients with end-stage renal or liver disease, 7) traumatic or vascular brain injury, and 8) those
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16 233 with hypoglycemia unawareness.
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22 235 *Consensus Reached by the Panelists:*
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24 236 Current recommendations regarding use of CGM in the ICU setting are limited by a number of
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26 237 factors. Most studies on CGM in critically ill patients have focused on accuracy rather than on
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28 238 clinical outcomes. Additionally, the panelists felt that randomized controlled trials might be
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30 239 challenging because of the difficulty in blinding the caregivers as to which subjects receive CGM
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32 240 compared to those who do not, and innovative study design approaches need to be developed.
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34 241 Finally, studies to date have been largely single-site rather than multicenter in nature. Funding
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36 242 opportunities for future studies might be limited as well.
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39 243 Additional factors to consider before endorsing CGM use in the ICU relate to decision support
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41 244 and staff training. For instance, who will be examining and interpreting the CGM data? Who will
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43 245 be making treatment decisions based on the CGM data? Designing decision support systems to
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45 246 aid staff in making decisions, particularly with regards to insulin therapy adjustment, would be
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47 247 needed. Furthermore, the information technology department of the hospital would need to
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49 248 integrate CGM data within their EMR's insulin dosing software. How will CGM data be
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51 249 communicated to the nurse? This question is particularly --more important when CGM is used
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3 250 outside of the ICU, but still may require a hardware interface like that used for vital signs.
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6 251 Finally, staff would have to be trained on proper placement, care, and calibration of the devices.
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8 252 Nonetheless, panel members agreed that use of CGM in the ICU setting could result in improved
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12 254 hypoglycemia. It makes intuitive sense that continuous measurement of glucose or “glucometry”
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15 255 can provide practitioners with not only a greater number of data points per day, but more useful
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17 256 glycemic information including direction and rate of glucose change. This additional information
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20 257 can help professionals anticipate glucose excursions and intervene prior to the development of a
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22 258 hypo- or hyper-glycemic event. Panelists believed that CGM can be an important tool in the
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25 259 hospital but do not yet have enough evidence to support its immediate introduction into the ICU.
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27 260 Well designed, larger, multicenter studies are needed to answer important outcome questions.
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29 261 Moving forward, studies should concentrate on clinical outcomes, such as mortality, infection
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31 262 rates, patient length of stay, hypoglycemia rates, and glycemic control. Glucometrics need to be
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34 263 standardized to allow for meaningful comparisons between studies. Finally, patients who would
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36 264 benefit from CGM need to be defined.

265 **What Is The Role of CGM in the Non-ICU Setting?**

266 **Moderator: Guillermo Umpierrez, M.D.**

267 Hyperglycemia and diabetes are common in medical and surgical patients admitted to non-ICU
268 settings. [31] About 25% of such patients have a prior diagnosis of type 2 DM, the majority of
269 whom will require insulin administration during the hospitalization. Given rapidly changing
270 factors in the hospital (varying nutritional status, steroid use, renal function, and poor appetite)
271 patients are at significant risk for both hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. Panel members agreed
272 there is evidence to suggest that use of CGM in the non-ICU setting has the potential to detect

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6 274 table comparing clinical trials of CGM use in the non-ICU setting by adult patients was reviewed
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8 275 by the experts and is included in this Consensus Statement (Table 3). A study of 26 hospitalized
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10 276 patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetes reported increased detection of both hypo- and hyper-
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12 277 glycemic events with use of CGM vs. POC monitoring. Patients were maintained on basal-bolus
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14 278 therapy in conjunction with CGM use. [32] There was no difference in mean daily glucose
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16 279 concentration between the CGM and POC readings; however, in the CGM group there were 88
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18 280 postprandial hyperglycemic excursions detected as opposed to the POC monitoring, in which 61
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20 281 episodes were noted. Moreover, CGM identified 10 hypoglycemic events, only one of which was
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22 282 detected on POC monitoring. [35] In another study of 38 patients with either known type 2
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24 283 diabetes or hyperglycemia on basal-bolus insulin, CGM use was compared to POC glucose
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26 284 testing. There were no differences in mean daily glucose, premeal, fasting, or 2-hour
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28 285 postprandial glucose levels between the 2 groups. However, CGM detected a higher number of
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30 286 hypoglycemic events than POC (55 vs. 12, $P < .01$). More than 50% of the hypoglycemic events
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32 287 occurred between dinner and breakfast; suggesting that these episodes would be missed by
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34 288 standard POC testing. A sizable percentage of these hypoglycemia episodes were asymptomatic
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36 289 (26.3%). [34] However, because they were based upon outpatient paired BG monitor-sensor
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38 290 data, these asymptomatic hypoglycemic events could also have been false alerts.

291 Consensus Reached by the Panelists

292 The quality of data on the use of CGM in the non-ICU setting is limited in comparison to the
293 ICU. Nonetheless, many of the potential advantages for using CGM in the ICU were also felt to
294 be applicable in the non-ICU environment. For instance, panelists believed that CGM could
295 more effectively identify trends toward hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, allowing for earlier

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3 296 intervention than would be possible with blood glucose testing. While CGM in the ICU could
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5 297 likely be easily adopted by critical care personnel (who have to train in the use of complex
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301 **Should Home CGM Devices be continued in the Inpatient Setting?**

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303 **Moderator: Amisha Wallia, MD, MS**

304 Subcutaneous CGMS use in patients with type 1 diabetes in the outpatient setting is growing and
305 varies by age - as low as 4% in the adolescent population and in selected subgroups (age \geq 26
306 years) up to 21%. [36] The percentage of patients with diabetes admitted to the hospital who are
307 using CGM in the outpatient setting is unknown. [36] It is well documented that continued
308 outpatient use of CGM improves glycemic control, and recent studies suggest that use of CGM is
309 associated with increased patient satisfaction, decreased fear of hypoglycemia, and improved
310 quality of life. [37, 38] As the majority of patients who use CGM in the outpatient setting find it
311 helpful, it is reasonable to assume that many patients admitted to the hospital would choose to
312 continue use of CGM in the inpatient setting. Continued use of outpatient CGM in the hospital
313 could increase patient satisfaction. Patient knowledge of impending hypoglycemia could also aid
314 hospital staff in treating these events quicker and in a safer manner. Asking patients to remove a
315 CGM device in the hospital could potentially contribute to decreased patient satisfaction. Even
316 with the recent FDA decision approving a primary indication for the Dexcom G5 Mobile for
317 insulin dosing for outpatients, CGM use in the hospital is not FDA approved. Making decisions
318 based on these data in the inpatient setting would be considered off-label use. There are

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5 320 physiologic interferences that can affect a CGM's performance (e.g. hypoxemia,
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8 321 vasoconstriction, edema, and medications such as acetaminophen). In these cases, especially
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10 322 where calibration is needed, clear safety and quality protocols need to be in place for safe use.
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12 323 Also, during diabetic ketoacidosis rapidly changing glucose levels and fluid/electrolyte shifts
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14 324 may impede the utility of CGM. [39]
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16 325 There is very little data available on outpatient CGM use in the inpatient setting and studies
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18 326 demonstrating accuracy and safety of these devices are needed. Institutions must determine
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20 327 within their infrastructure if they have the capacity to continue use of these devices safely and
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22 328 put measures in place to decrease potential liability. Currently there is no billing code or
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24 329 coverage to bill for CGM interpretation in the inpatient setting. If hospitals receive payments for
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26 330 bundled services, then they will demand evidence of economic benefit before deploying inpatient
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34 332 The roundtable discussion concentrated on the following questions:

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36 3331. **What are the potential safety concerns with continuing use of outpatient CGM in the hospital, and**
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40 335 There are safety concerns regarding accurate calibration of CGM devices. Current real time FDA
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42 336 approved CGM devices require timed calibration with a blood glucose meter for accuracy.
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44 337 Specific rules should be in place regarding use of a patient's home meter in calibrating the CGM
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46 338 device. Calibration with the patient's home meter, which might be inaccurate, would
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48 339 compromise accuracy of the CGM data. [35] Experts agreed that real time CGMs should be
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50 340 calibrated using the hospital blood glucose meter twice daily and documented in the chart. Since
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54 342 dosing, it is important to ensure that insulin dosing decisions are not being made based only on
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3 343 CGM glucose data. Patients should continue to receive POC-BG monitoring prior to meals and
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5 344 insulin boluses should be documented by nursing based on those values. Protocols need to be in
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8 345 place for patients to alert nursing with an aberrant CGM value, prompting the nurse to confirm
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10 346 the value prior to making an insulin dosing decision. In instances where the patient wishes to
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12 347 bolus sooner than 4 hours from the last bolus based on CGM trends, then this bolus must be
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14 348 discussed with the diabetes/endocrinology service. Finally, for sensor integrated pumps, the
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16 349 automatic threshold suspend features should be turned off in the hospital.
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22 351 Safety concerns also arise with regard to interpretation of the data. Given the magnitude of data
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26 353 quickly. CGMs are often used in conjunction with insulin pumps, and will require policies that
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30 355 patients are admitted to the hospital with the recent approved but not yet marketed 670G Hybrid
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32 356 Closed Loop System by Medtronic (Northridge, California). [40] Panelists agreed that these
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34 357 patients should be followed by an endocrinologist, or an advanced practitioner specifically
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36 358 trained in insulin pump and CGM use. If there is no such provider available (as in some small
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40 360 familiar with use of these devices. If transferring the patient is not an option and experienced
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42 361 hospital staff are not available, then the devices should be removed. To ensure safety across the
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55 3652. **How can liability be decreased at an Institutional level?**
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5 367 Each institution must weigh the risk and benefits of inpatient CGM use based on their hospital
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7 368 infrastructure. Use of these devices in a hospital setting may not be feasible at institutions that do
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9 369 not have adequate ancillary support in the form of endocrinology/diabetes services, nursing
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11 370 expertise, or diabetes educators. Panel members agreed that patients should be required to sign
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13 371 patient safety waivers, similar to documentation used with insulin pumps, to illustrate the risks
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15 372 and benefits to the patient with continued use. Waivers should specify that professionals have the
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17 373 right to remove the CGM from the patient in cases where they feel the device is not being used
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19 374 properly, the patient is not safe to use the device in the hospital, the patient is receiving an MR
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21 375 image, CT scan or diathermy treatment, or the device poses risk to the patient.
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23 376 Many panelists raised concerns with allowing patients to continue using this technology in the
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25 377 hospital if they cannot demonstrate an ability to manage/set up/maintain the CGM. There are no
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27 378 proposed criteria for testing a patient's ability to do this. There should be rules in place regarding
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29 379 whether CGM use can be continued in patients who require more intensive care (e.g. acute
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31 380 transfer to an ICU setting). CGM data may be particularly useful in the delirious or
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33 381 encephalopathic patient who cannot voice hypoglycemic symptoms. However, there may be
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35 382 increased liability with continued use of these devices in such patients. There may be certain
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37 383 admitting diagnoses/services (e.g. psychiatry) where CGM use would be inappropriate. There
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39 384 should be agreement within an institution regarding specific acuities/diagnoses in which CGM
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12 392 staff and in endocrinology notes after reviewing the data on a daily basis. There will need to be a
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14 393 process in place for educating floor nurses on the basic principles of CGM use so they are able to
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16 394 document continued use of the device and feel comfortable verifying information from the CGM
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18 395 provided to them by the patient. An unresolved issue relates to how nurses can document on
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46 **4063. What additional studies need to be done/what needs to happen to make continuing CGM use in the**
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50 408 The panelists developed two principles for research on CGM in inpatient settings. See Table 4.

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52 409 The panelists recommended that five types of research should be conducted to provide

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3 412 Consensus Reached by the Panelists:
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5 413 CGM use in the outpatient setting is increasing and will continue to increase. Panel members
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7 414 unanimously agreed that continuation of outpatient CGM in the hospital should be considered
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11 416 Patients will expect to be able to continue use of this technology in the inpatient setting and
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690 Table 1: Clinical Trials of Adult CGM Use in the ICU

Author, Year	Population	Sample Size	# of sites	Type of CGM	Performance Measurement	Comparator
De Block, 2006 [6]	MICU	50	1	Glucoday	Reliability	Arterial
Holzinger, 2009 [7]	MICU	50	1	System Gold	Accuracy and Reliability	Arterial by blood gas analyzer
Rabiee, 2009 [8]	SICU/BICU	19	1	Dexcom	Accuracy and Reliability	Capillary POC and lab
Holzinger, 2010 [9]	ICU-Mechanically Ventilated	24	1	Guardian	% of time at glucose < 110, glycemic control, mortality	CGMS Gold (blinded)
Kopecky, 2013 [10]	Post-cardiac surgery	12 intervention/12 control	1	Guardian	Glycemic Control	Computer (eMPC) algorithm alone
Boom, 2014 [11]	MICU/SICU	78 intervention/78 control	1	Navigator	Accuracy	Arterial by blood gas analyzer
Kosiborod, 2014 [12]	Cardiac ICU	21	1	Sentrino	Accuracy and Reliability	Central venous POC or lab
Leelarantha, 2014 [13]	Neurosurgical ICU	24	1	Navigator	Accuracy	Standard IV insulin protocol
Punke, 2015 [14]	SICU	14	1	Sentrino	Accuracy	Arterial by blood gas analyzer
Gottschalk, 2016 [4]	Extracorporeal Cardiac Life Support	25	1	Sentrino	Accuracy	Arterial by blood gas analyzer
Umbrello, 2014 [15]	MICU	6	1	Optiscanner 5000	Glucose Control	None
Nohra, 2016 [16]	SICU	23	1	Optiscanner 5000	Accuracy	Yellow Springs Instrument

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693 **Abbreviations:** MICU: Medical Intensive Care Unit; SICU: Surgical Intensive Care Unit; BICU: Burn Intensive Care Unit; POC: Point of Care; eMPC: enhanced model predictive control

694 Table 2: Clinical Trials of Pediatric CGM Use in the ICU

Author, Year	Population	Sample Size	# of sites	Type of CGM	Performance Measurement	Comparator
Bridges, 2010 [17]	ICU	47	1	Guardian	Accuracy	iSTAT POC

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696 Table 3: Clinical Trials of Adult CGM in the Non-ICU

Author, Year	Population	Sample Size	# of sites	Type of CGM	Performance Measurement	Comparator
Burt, 2013 [32]	General Ward	26	1	System Gold	Performance Measurement	Comparator
Rodriguez, 2010 [33]	General Ward- ACS	16	1	Guardian	Glycemic control, time to BG <140	Capillary POC q 4 hours
Gomez, 2016 [34]	General Ward	38	1	iPro-2	Accuracy	Capillary POC 7 times/day

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699 **Abbreviations:** ACS: Acute Coronary Syndrome

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3 711 **Table 4: PRINCIPLES FOR RESEARCH ON CGM IN INPATIENT SETTINGS**

- 4 712 1) CGM needs to be compared to intermittent blood glucose monitoring (standard-of-care)
5 713 2) Glycemic outcomes and glucometrics should be standardized among studies and include
6 714 number of hypoglycemic events, level of hypoglycemia, time in target range, and glucose
7 715 variability to allow for comparisons of studies.
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10 717 **Table 5: TYPES OF RESEARCH STUDIES NEEDED FOR CGM IN INPATIENT**
11 718 **SETTINGS**

- 12 719 1) Accuracy studies of potential interferences on CGMs performance (e.g. vasoconstriction,
13 720 dehydration, edema, hypoxemia, and certain medications)
14 721 2) Clinical outcome studies in low risk and high risk populations (e.g. inpatient mortality,
15 722 infection rates, and patient length-of-stay, and satisfaction)
16 723 3) Computer-based algorithm studies incorporating CGM
17 724 4) Cost studies of CGM to the institution, its effects on nursing workload, and provider ease of
18 725 use.
19 726 5) Safety studies demonstrating institutional models of device use in the hospital through patient
20 727 liability forms, nursing education models, processes of patient reporting, nursing documentation,
21 728 and means of documenting CGM data in the medical record
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