

SGLT2 Inhibitors

Type of drug	SGLT2 Inhibitors
How does it work?	Reduces glucose (sugar) levels in your body by increasing the amount of sugar you pass in your urine
Typical names	Canagliflozin (Invokana [®]), Dapagliflozin (Forxiga [™]), Empagliflozin (Jardiance [™])
Usual doses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canagliflozin 100 mg may be increased to 300 mg (Your dose may depend on your kidney function) • Dapagliflozin 5 mg may be increased to 10 mg • Empagliflozin 10 mg may be increased to 25 mg
Dosing instructions	Take once a day as directed by your healthcare provider
What if I forget a dose?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take it as soon as you remember • If more than 12 hours has passed since your missed dose, then skip the missed dose and take the next dose at the regularly prescribed time • Do not double your dose
A1C lowering (↓ = least, ↓↓↓ = most)	↓↓ to ↓↓↓
Effect on weight	↓↓
Risk of low blood sugar (hypoglycemia)	Rare
Medication considerations and/or side effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May cause yeast infections, urinary tract infections, low blood pressure and slight increase in cholesterol • If you take medication for blood pressure discuss this with your doctor • In rare cases, this medication may cause diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which is acid build up in the blood
When to call your doctor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call if you have signs of DKA, which may include nausea, vomiting, lack of appetite, abdominal pain, excessive thirst, difficulty breathing, confusion, unusual fatigue, or sleepiness
When you are sick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you are sick, vomiting, have diarrhea, or cannot drink enough fluids, you should stop taking this medication until these symptoms go away
Cost (\$ = lowest, \$\$\$\$ = highest)	\$\$\$