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SGLT2 inhibitor medicines for diabetes | Consumer information leaflet

What are SGLT2 inhibitor medicines?

Sodium-Glucose Co-transporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitor medicines can be used in the treatment of type 2 diabetes. They work to lower blood sugar (glucose) by acting on the kidneys so more sugar is removed from the body through the urine. These medicines are often combined with other diabetes medicines. They are available as single-ingredient tablets or combination tablets.






Examples of SGLT2 inhibitor medicines are listed below:

Single-ingredient tablets	Combination tablets
Active ingredient name (Brand name)	SGLT2 inhibitor medicines with other diabetes medicines (Brand name)
Dapagliflozin (Forxiga®)	Dapagliflozin + Metformin (Xigduo®) Dapagliflozin + Saxagliptin (Qtern®)
Empagliflozin (Jardiance®)	Empagliflozin + Metformin (Jardiamet®) Empagliflozin + Linagliptin (Glyxambi®)



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What are some of the benefits of taking SGLT2 inhibitor medicines?




-  Lowers blood sugar
-  Helps with weight loss
-  Slows kidney damage
-  Better blood pressure
-  Lowers risk of death in people with heart disease

What are some possible side effects of taking SGLT2 inhibitor medicines?

- !! Genital or urinary tract infections
- !! Passing urine more often
- !! Feeling thirstier than normal
- !! Nausea and constipation
- !! Low blood pressure and dehydration
- !! Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) (see next page)

Tips to prevent side effects

Side effects are usually mild. It is recommended that you:

-  Discuss how much water/fluid you should have each day with your doctor
-  Maintain a healthy diabetes diet that includes fibre
-  See your doctor for treatment if you think you have an infection.



