Why Insulin Pump Therapy?

Insulin pump therapy is an effective way to provide your patients with better control and outcomes. Both lead to higher patient satisfaction and adherence to treatment plans.¹

1. BETTER CONTROL

We know you are motivated to improve your patients’ glucose control, and insulin pump therapy can provide results for patients who are:

- **Struggling with inconsistent glucose levels:** Insulin pump therapy uses only rapid-acting insulin, which is absorbed more predictably and precisely than multiple daily injections.²

- **Tired of multiple daily injections (MDI):** Those on MDI may use 120 injections a month. Insulin pump users only insert (similar to an injection) their infusion set 10 to 12 times a month.³

- **Struggling with hypoglycaemia:** Insulin pump therapy can reduce the number of hypoglycaemic events by 84 percent.³

- **Looking for even better control:** Insulin pump therapy uses multiple basal rates, which you and your patients can easily fine-tune for even tighter control.⁴

2. BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES

By recommending insulin pump therapy to your patients, you could see a significant improvement in their HbA1c and a reduced occurrence of long-term complications.

Insulin pump therapy patients are **four times** more likely to achieve their HbA1c goals compared to those on MDI.⁵

Your patients can experience a decreased risk of long-term complications:⁶

- **Cardiovascular damage:** *Reduced up to 41%*
- **Kidney damage:** *Reduced up to 54%*
- **Nerve damage (neuropathy):** *Reduced up to 60%*
- **Eye damage (retinopathy):** *Reduced up to 63%*
Insulin pump therapy is easy to learn and comes with both short- and long-term benefits for your patients. This ultimately leads to improved patient satisfaction and better adherence to the therapy plan you prescribe.

Type 1 diabetes patients with private health insurance may be funded for up to 100% of the cost of an insulin pump. Patients considering insulin pump therapy should consult with their health insurer as coverage depends on the policy/level of cover. For patients eligible and registered with the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS), monthly insulin pump consumables costs will be around AU$25-30 after subsidy (can be subject to change).”

4. PATIENT SELECTION

Insulin pump therapy has been demonstrated to be beneficial for use by children, adolescents and adults who:

- Have poorly controlled HbA1c
- Want to improve their HbA1c
- Want a more flexible therapy
- Have more than 2 severe hypoglycaemic events in the last 6 months
- Have hypoglycaemia unawareness
- Have onset or concerns of long-term complications
- Experience dawn phenomenon
- Have needle phobia
- Have gastroparesis
- Have inconsistent schedule
- Are pregnant or planning to conceive
- Exercise
- Aren’t having their needs met by MDI

References:

Safety Information: Insulin infusion pumps and associated components of insulin infusion systems are limited to sale by or on the order of a physician and should only be used under the direction of a healthcare professional familiar with the risks of insulin pump therapy. Insulin pump therapy is not recommended for individuals who are unable or unwilling to perform a minimum of four blood glucose tests per day. Insulin pump users should have sufficient visual and audio acuity to recognise the alerts and alarms provided by the pump. Insulin pumps use rapid-acting insulin. If insulin delivery is interrupted for any reason, the insulin pump user must be prepared to replace the missed insulin immediately. Replace the infusion set every 48-72 hours, or more frequently per healthcare professionals’ instructions. Please refer to the insulin pump user guide for safety information.

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