

Semaglutide 2.4mg : A New Era in Obesity Management

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Introduction & Epidemiology of Obesity Dr. Elamin Abdelgadir

Global prevalence of obesity

Among adults



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Predictions for global prevalence of obesity











Overweigh & obesity (All population)

- Dubai obesity Study
- 440,590 individuals
- > 18 years old





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Overweight & Obesity as per gender at different age groups (All population)

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Over weight & Obesity as per gender at different age groups (All population)

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Overweight & Obesity as per gender at different age groups (UAE Nationals)

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Overweight & Obesity as per gender at different age groups (UAE Nationals)





Dubai Obesity study .. Children & adolescents



- Dubai obesity Study
- 162,300 individuals
- > 18 years old





Dubai Obesity study .. Children & adolescents

		Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese	Extreme obese	Total
3 to 8 years	Count	9234	54684	14325	12209	1522	91974
	%	10.00%	59.50%	15.60%	13.30%	1.70%	100.00%
9 to 12 years	Count	6379	19809	3335	2312	949	32784
	%	19.50%	60.40%	10.20%	7.10%	2.90%	100.00%
13 to 18 years	Count	5936	20623	5686	4179	2389	38813
	%	15.30%	53.10%	14.60%	10.80%	6.20%	100.00%
Total	Count	21549	95116	23346	18700	4860	163571
	%	13.20%	58.10%	14.30%	11.40%	3.00%	100.00%

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Obesity : Is it a disease?

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Obesity is recognized as a Chronic relapsing disease and a health issue



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Consequences of Obesity



*Including postmenopausal breast, colorectal, endometrial, oesophageal, kidney, ovarian, pancreatic and prostate.

CVD, cardiovascular disease; GERD, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; NAFLD, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; T2D, type 2 diabetes. Adapted from Sharma AM. Obes Rev 2010;11:808–9; Guh DP et al. BMC Public Health 2009;9:88; Luppino FS et al. Arch Gen Psychiatry 2010;67:220–9; Simon GE et al. Arch Gen Psychiatry 2006;63:824–30; Church TS et al. Gastroenterology 2006;130:2023–30; Li C et al. Prev Med 2010;51:18–23; Hosler AS. Prev Chronic Dis 2009;6:A48; Lammert F et al. Nat Rev Dis Primers 2016;2:16024; Powell-Wiley TM et al. Circulation 2021;143:e984–1010; Larsson SC et al. Metabolism 2022;137:155326.



Semaglutide 2.4mg (Wegovy[®]) : A New Era in Obesity Management Dr. Rahila Bhatti



Dr. Rahila Bhatti

Endocrinologist- Genesis Healthcare

- Dr Rahila has over 15 years of experience in Endocrinology and Diabetes in Dubai, the UK and Pakistan.
- She undertook her specialty training in London UK and achieved dual CCT in General Internal Medicine/Diabetes & Endocrinology. She is currently a fellow of Royal College of Physicians, UK.
- Dr Rahila is SCOPE certified and has led a successful weight management program in a multidisciplinary setting to deal with the obesity epidemic in UAE. It was accredited as a 'clinical centre of excellence' by the European Association for study of obesity (EASO) in August 23.
- She is an adjunct clinical assistant professor for Diabetes and Endocrinology at University of Sharjah, UAE and teaches at postgraduate 'Masters of Science in Diabetes Management' there.
- She has presented her work at national and international conferences





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Why people living with obesity need pharmacotherapy

- Obesity is a progressive disease, centred in the brain and influenced by the complex interaction between inherited genes and the environment^{1,2,3}
 - Obesity is a global pandemic associated with decrease in life expectancy and severe complications^{4,5}
 - Complications arising from obesity can be improved by weight loss^{4,6,7}
 - Weight loss achieved with diet, physical activity and behavioural modifications is limited and difficult to maintain
 - Maintenance of weight loss is challenging due to metabolic adaptation: a physiological process characterised by changes in the levels of appetite regulating hormones and a decrease in energy expenditure^{9,10}

Pharmacotherapies that combine weight loss efficacy, long-term safety, weight loss maintenance, and reduce complications are needed

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Ask permission



"Would it be all right if we discussed your weight?"



- Shows compassion and empathy
- Builds patient-provider trust



Assess their story

- Goals that matter to the patient
- Obesity classification (BMI and waist circumference)
- Disease severity (Edmonton Obesity Staging System)

Patient at the clinic











- Personalized counselling by a registered dietitian with a focus on healthy food choices
- and evidence-based nutrition therapy Exercise

• 30-60 min of moderate to vigorous activity most days



Psychological

- Cognitive approach to behaviour change
- Manage sleep, time and stress
- Psychotherapy if
- appropriate



Medications For weight loss and to help





Bariatric surgery

• Surgeon-patient discussion



Agree on goals

Collaborate on a personalized, sustainable action plan



Pharmacotherapy for Obesity in Adults

Medications Approved in Canada

Agent	Populations Showing Weight Loss Benefit in Clinical Trials*	Average Weight Loss at 1 year	Benefits in adiposity related health parameters	Cost	Provincial Coverage for Obesity Pharmacotherapy
Liraglutide 3mg SC daily	Overweight and Obesity PreDM T2DM NASH OSA	-8.6% vs -2.6% placebo	remission of preDM A1C NASH parameters apnea-hypopnea index BP QoL	\$\$\$\$	None
Naltrexone- Bupropion 16/180mg PO bid	Overweight and Obesity T2DM	-6.1% vs -1.3% placebo	A1C Depression scores Cravings QoL	\$\$\$	None
Orlistat 120mg PO tid	Overweight and Obesity preDM T2DM	-10.2% vs -6.1% placebo	Remission of PreDM A1C	\$\$	None
Semaglutide 2.4mg SC weekly	Overweight and Obesity PreDM T2DM NASH	-14.9% vs -2.4% placebo	A1C NASH parameters BP Cravings QoL	TBD	None

* Clinical trials conducted in populations with overweight and obesity, and trials conducted in populations with overweight/obesity and specific comorbidities (preDM, T2DM, NASH, OSA)

Abbreviations: preDM = prediabetes; T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus; NASH = nonalcoholic steatohepatitis; OSA = obstructive sleep apnea; A1C = hemoglobin A1c; BP = blood pressure; QoL = quality of life





GLP-1RAs and semaglutide have CV and metabolic effects



CV, cardiovascular; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; MACE, major cardiovascular event; SBP, systolic blood pressure; t½, half-life; T2D, type 2 diabetes. 1. Flint A et al. J Clin Invest 1998;101:515–20; 2. Nauck MA et al. Diabetologia 1993;36:741–4; 3. Marso SP et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:1834–44; 4. Marso SP et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:311–22; 5. Husain M, et al. N Engl J Med 2019; 381:841–51; 6. Newsome PN et al. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2019;50(2):193–203; 7. Hjerpsted JB et al. Diabetes Obes Metab 2018;20:610–9 8. O'Halloran DJ et al. J Endocrinol 1990;126:169–73; 9. Nauck MA et al. Am J Physiol 1997;273:E981–8; 10. Lau J et al. J Med Chem 2015;58:7370– 80; 11. Granhall C et al. Clin Pharmacokinet 2019;58:781–91; 12. Rakipovski G et al. JACC Basic Transl Sci 2018; 3:844–57; 13. Husain M, et al. N Engl J Med 2019; 381:841–51.

The STEP programme investigated semaglutide for weight management in people with overweight or obesity



See slide notes for references. STEP 7: China, Brazil, Korea, Hong Kong (left to right) multi-regional clinical trial; Novo Nordisk. Data on file.

CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; DM, diabetes mellitus; H2H, head-to-head; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy;

MRCT, multi-regional clinical trial (including China and ≥1 additional East Asian country); OA, osteoarthritis; T2D, type 2 diabetes; WM, weight management.

STEP 1–4: key baseline characteristics

	STEP 1 WM (N=1,961)	STEP 2 WM in T2D (N=1,210)	STEP 3 WM with IBT (N=611)	STEP 4 Sustained WM (N=902)	
Sex, female, n (%)	1,453 (74.1)	616 (50.9)	495 (81.0)	717 (79.5)	
Age, years	46.5 (12.7)	55.3 (10.6)	46.2 (12.7)	46.4 (11.9)	
BMI, kg/m ²	37.9 (6.7)	35.7 (6.3)	38.0 (6.7)	38.3 (7.0)	
Waist circumference, cm	114.7 (14.7)	114.6 (14.1) 113.0 (15.5)		115.1 (15.6)	
HbA _{1c} , %	5.7 (0.32)	8.1 (0.8)	5.7 (0.3)	5.7 (0.3)	
Diabetes duration, years	N/A	8.6 (6.2)	N/A	N/A	
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg	126.5 (14.3)	130.0 (13.5)	124.4 (14.8)	126.4 (14.3)	
FPG, mmol/L	5.3 (0.6)	8.6 (2.2)	5.2 (0.5)	5.4 (0.6)	

Data are mean (\pm SD) unless otherwise stated. FPG, fasting plasma glucose; HbA_{1 σ} glycated haemoglobin; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy; WM, weight management. Kushner RF et al. Obesity 2020;28:1050–61.

Weight loss across STEP 1-4

Effects of semaglutide 2.4 mg once-weekly in subjects with overweight or obesity



Trial product estimand: Evaluates the treatment effect under the assumption that the trial product is taken as intended

*Statistically significant vs placebo. BW, body weight; IBT, intensive behavioural therapy.

Wilding JPH et al. NEJM 2021; doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2032183. Online ahead of print; Davies M et al. Lancet 2021; doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(21)00213-0. Online ahead of print; Wadden TA et al. JAMA 2021; doi: 10.1001/jama.2021.1831. Online ahead of print; Rubino DM et al. Presented at the Endocrine Society (ENDO) virtual meeting, March 20-23, 2021.



Body weight change (week 0–68)

Observed body weight change over time



Estimated change from week 0 to week 68





Categorical body weight loss (week 0–68) STEP 4



STEP 4: Mean weight loss from week 0 to 68 by week 20 responder status (≥ or <5% weight loss)

Mean weight loss at week 68 with continued semaglutide vs switched to placebo

Analysed in all participants using a mixed model for repeated measurements analysis with treatment, responder status and the interaction of these as factors, and baseline body weight as a covariate, all nested within visit. The analysis assumed all participants were treatment adherent (the trial product estimand).

Mosenzon O et al. Presented at the Endocrine Society (ENDO) virtual meeting, March 20–23, 2021.

Body weight change

STEP 5

Observed mean change over time

(Mean at baseline: 106.0 kg)

Treatment policy estimand assesses treatment effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention); Trial product estimand assesses treatment effect if trial product was taken as intended. CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference.

Garvey et al. Nature Medicine 2022; 28(10): 2083-2091

Estimated mean change from baseline to week 104

Cardiovascular risk factors

Change from baseline to week 104 based on the treatment policy estimand (assesses treatment effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention). Cl, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference. Garvey et al. Nat Med 28, 2083–2091 (2022).

Metabolic risk factors

STEP 5

Change from baseline to week 104 based on the treatment policy estimand (assesses treatment effect regardless of treatment discontinuation or rescue intervention).

Cl, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference.

Garvey et al. Nat Med 28, 2083-2091 (2022).

Adverse events overview STEP 5

On-treatment data. AE, adverse event; discont., discontinuation; N, number of participants with event(s); SAE, serious adverse event; %, proportion of participants with event(s). Garvey et al. Nature Medicine 2022; 28(10): 2083-2091

Overview of safety focus areas

Adverse events within safety focus areas	Semaglutide 2.4 mg (N=152)		Placebo (N=152)	
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Gastrointestinal disorders	125	82.2	82	53.9
Gallbladder-related disorders	4	2.6	2	1.3
Hepatic disorders	3	2.0	3	2.0
Acute pancreatitis	0		0	
Cardiovascular disorders*	17	11.2	30	19.7
Allergic reactions	23	15.1	8	5.3
Injection site reactions	10	6.6	15	9.9
Malignant neoplasms*	2	1.3	4	2.6
Psychiatric disorders	26	17.1	25	16.4
Acute renal failure	0		0	
Hypoglycaemia	4	2.6	0	
Rare events	0		1	0.7
Overdose	0		1	0.7

STEP TEENS : Change in BMI (%)

68*: Estimated means. Error bars are +/- standard error of the mean. Numbers shown in the lower panel of the left-hand figure are number of subjects contributing to the mean. ETD, estimated treatment difference; CI, confidence interval; Sema, semaglutide. Weghuber et al. N Engl J Med 2022; 387(24): 2245-2257 *Semaglutide is not approved for the treatment of cardiovascular disease in UAE

SELECT *

Semaglutide | effects on cardiovascular outcomes in people with overweight or obesity

Three-component MACE consisted of non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke and CV death.

*Established CVD: MI ≥60 days prior to screening, stroke ≥60 days prior to screening or symptomatic PAD; NYHA class IV excluded. †Number of enrolled participants differs from number reported in baseline publication (17,605) as one participant was randomised twice in error and subsequently removed for the primary analysis. ‡Dose escalation is from week 4 to 16 with intervals of 4 weeks, and maintenance dose is event-driven to end of treatment period.

BMI, body mass index; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; FPFV, first patient first visit; HbA₁₀ glycated haemoglobin; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MI, myocardial infarction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; OW, once weekly; PAD, peripheral artery disease; s.c., subcutaneous; SoC, standard of care.

1. Ryan DH et al. Am Heart J 2020;229:61–9; 2. Lingvay I et al. Obesity (Silver Spring) 2023;31:111–22; 3. Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Main inclusion/exclusion criteria

*>60 days prior to the day of screening. *Symptomatic PAD evidenced by intermittent claudication with ankle-brachial index less than 0.85 (at rest), or peripheral arterial revascularisation procedure or amputation due to atherosclerotic disease. *Gestational diabetes was allowed.

BMI, body mass index; HbA1c, glycated haemoglobin; MI, myocardial infarction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; PAD, peripheral artery disease.

1. Ryan DH et al. Am Heart J 2020;229:61–9; 2. Lingvay I et al. Obesity (Silver Spring) 2023;31:111–22; 3. Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Primary and confirmatory secondary endpoints SELECT

Primary endpoint^{1–3}

Time from randomisation to first occurrence of composite endpoint consisting of:

- CV death
- Non-fatal MI
- Non-fatal stroke

Confirmatory secondary endpoints^{1–3}

Time from randomisation to occurrence of:

- CV death
- Composite HF endpoint consisting of HF hospitalisation, urgent HF visit or CV death
- All-cause death

Cumulative incidence of MACE

SELECT: Primary cardiovascular composite endpoint

– Semaglutide 2.4 mg – Placebo

Cumulative incidence (using the Aalen–Johansen method) of the composite MACE primary endpoint. The HR was estimated using a Cox proportional hazards regression model. The proportion of participants with MACE was 6.5% with semaglutide 2.4 mg and 8.0% with placebo. MACE was defined as death from CV causes, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke.

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction.

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Change in body weight (%)

SELECT

Placebo

Observed change from baseline over time

Mean baseline body weight, kg:

Semaglutide 2.4 mg: 96.5

Placebo: 96.8

Estimated change from baseline to week 104*

0

Semaglutide 2.4 mg

Placebo

Error bars in the left-hand figure are 95% CI as calculated by 1.96 times the standard error. *Estimated using an ANCOVA with treatment as factor and the baseline value as covariate, using multiple imputation for missing values under a missing-at-random assumption. CIs have not been adjusted for multiplicity. ANCOVA, analysis of covariance; CI, confidence interval; ETD, estimated treatment difference; SD, standard deviation. Lincoff AM et al. N Engl J Med 2023;DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa2307563.

Semaglutide 2.4 mg (Wegovy[®]) indications & dose escalation^{*}

- Semaglutide 2.4 mg is indicated as an adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity for weight management in adult patients with an initial BMI of ≥30 kg/m2 or ≥27 kg/m2 + at least one weight-related comorbidity such: dysglycaemia (pre-diabetes or T2D), hypertension, dyslipidaemia, OSA
- Also indicated as an adjunct to a healthy nutrition and increased physical activity for weight management in **adolescent patients from the age of 12 years** and above with:
 - ✓ Obesity (BMI corresponding to \geq 30 kg/m² for adults by international cut-off points) and
 - ✓ Body weight above 60 kg

* Semaglutide 2.4mg indication in the UAE, please refer to your locally approved label

Summary

Semaglutide 2.4 mg (Wegovy[®]), a GLP-1RA , is currently approved for weight management and has been shown to energy intake and control of appetite

STEP trials showed a mean weight loss of 17-18% in adults and 16.7% in adolescents

Semaglutide 2.4 mg (Wegovy[®]) improved multiple modifiable risk factors known to drive CV events, such as body weight, waist circumference, blood pressure, lipids and hsCRP

Semaglutide 2.4 mg **significantly reduced risk of MACE by 20%** vs placebo in people with established CVD and overweight or obesity without T2D, with consistent effects across participant subgroups

This is the **first time** a weight management medication has **shown a reduction in CV events** in people with established CVD and overweight or obesity, without T2D

