

Diabetes medicines

Drug treatments for adults with type 2 diabetes

The 2021 update to the NICE guidance on diabetes (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng28>) adds assessment of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and kidney disease. It also includes advice on when to offer SGLT-2 inhibitors. This graphic shows a summary of the medicines now recommended, highlighting the new additions.

Change boxes show changes between updated (2021-22) and previous (2015-18) NICE guidance

Rescue therapy

For symptomatic hyperglycaemia, consider:

Insulin or A sulphonylurea

Review when blood glucose control has been achieved

