## Liver Transplant INPATIENT Hyperglycemia Protocol

For use in the immediate post-transplant inpatient setting (1 page summary included on Pg.5)

## • All patients placed on regular insulin drip immediately post-OLT

- Use EPIC order set: GEN IP INSULIN INFUSION PROTOCOL
- Discontinue any prior insulin and/or oral hypoglycemic agents
- Transition off insulin drip
  - SICU team will manage glucose during ICU phase of care. The following guidelines have not been adopted by the SICU physicians, but may be a basis for discussion if glucose management strategies differ.
  - When to transition:
    - If taking PO, or
    - Preparing for transfer to floor, or
    - Low daily insulin drip requirement (< 20 units/day)</li>
    - In SICU greater than 72 hours with stable blood sugars
    - Prescriber discretion
  - How to initiate:
    - All insulin orders should be placed in EPIC within the order set called: BASAL, BOLUS, CORRECTION (BBC) INSULIN ORDERS
    - Extrapolate 24-hour insulin requirement from most recent 8 hours of infusion
    - If extrapolated 24-hour requirement:
      - <20 units: Order Correction insulin only
        - Select type of insulin and frequency of administration based on patients diet
          - NPO, continuous tube feeds: Regular insulin q6h
          - Eating: Humalog ACHS
          - Switch orders whenever diet is transitioned
        - Strength: LOW DOSE CORRECTION
      - ≥20 units: Order Basal (NPH) + Correction insulins
        - BASAL Insulin Orders
          - How to initiate:
            - Type of basal insulin is NPH
            - Amount of NPH to order
              - Total daily bolus dose = 40% of actual 24hour insulin requirement
            - Administer in divided doses, AM dose > PM dose due to effect of steroids—e.g., 2/3 in the morning

(at breakfast or 0900), 1/3 in the evening (at dinner or 2100)

- How to adjust:
  - Assess blood sugars daily and adjust insulin regimen as necessary to achieve goal FSBG of 100-180 before meals and at bedtime
    - For blood sugars at goal:
      - Continue current regimen
    - For blood sugars > goal:
      - Assess amount of correction insulin used each day
      - If >5 units of correction, add approximately 40% of 24-hour correction requirement to NPH doses.

Adjust morning dose based on afternoon/evening FSBG readings
Adjust evening dose based on bedtime/morning readings.

- For blood sugars < goal:
  - Decrease AM and/or PM NPH dose, as appropriate:

-If AM sugars are low, decrease the evening dose

-If PM sugars are low, decrease the morning dose

- Consider discontinuing basal when requiring < 10 units/day
- May transition basal insulin to glargine if patient used glargine or detemir prior to transplant
- May add bolus with meals if patient is insulinexperienced and has significant post-prandial hyperglycemia
- o CORRECTION Insulin Orders
  - Select type of insulin and frequency of administration based on patient's diet
    - NPO, continuous tube feeds: Regular insulin q6h
    - Eating: Humalog ACHS
    - Switch orders whenever diet is transitioned

- Choose strength of correction scale based on actual 24hour insulin requirements
  - < 40 units/day: LOW DOSE CORRECTION
  - 40-80 units/day: MEDIUM DOSE CORRECTION
  - > 80 units/day: HIGH DOSE CORRECTION
- o BOLUS Insulin Orders
  - Not to be used routinely in insulin-naïve patients
  - For insulin-experienced patients, may begin to add bolus insulin (lispro) when patient has significant oral intake

## Discharge

- All OLT recipients will receive diabetes education from the diabetes educators prior to discharge
  - Consult for diabetes educator should be ordered several days prior to expected discharge
    - Place consult order in EPIC: INPATIENT CONSULT TO DIABETES EDUCATOR
- The diabetes educators and transplant coordinators will educate all patients
  - On the proper use of their glucometer, administration of insulin and their individual insulin regimen
  - How to check and record fingerstick blood glucose ac&hs
  - How to maintain a daily log which includes fingerstick results
  - To bring the daily log with them to all transplant clinic visits so the transplant team can assess
- Discharge insulin regimen will be determined on day of discharge based on the prior 24-48 hours and will be individualized for each patient.
  - Patients consistently (previous 24-48 hours) requiring Basal (NPH/glargine) + Correction insulin:
    - Discharge on a Basal + Correction regimen
      - Basal (NPH):
        - Amount: re-evaluate dose prior to discharge and adjust as necessary to achieve goal FSBG of 100-180 before meals and at bedtime (refer to previous section for details)
        - Frequency of administration: with breakfast and at bedtime
          - Adjust morning NPH dose based on afternoon/evening FSBG readings.
          - Adjust evening NPH dose based on bedtime/morning FSBG readings.
      - Basal (glargine or detemir):

- Amount: re-evaluate dose prior to discharge and adjust as necessary to achieve goal AM glucose of 100-180
- Consider adding mealtime bolus if AM glucose at goal but hyperglycemic at other times of day
- $\circ$  Correction:
  - Type: Humalog (Novolog substituted if insurance prefers)
  - Choose strength of correction based on actual 24-48 hour insulin requirements
    - < 40 units/day: LOW DOSE CORRECTION
    - 40-80 units/day: MEDIUM DOSE CORRECTION
    - > 80 units/day: HIGH DOSE CORRECTION
- Patients consistently (previous 24-48 hours) requiring Correction insulin only:
  - Assess amount of correction patient is requiring to determine discharge regimen
    - If requiring < 5 units/day of correction
      - Discharge on No insulin
      - Patient still requires education from diabetes educator
      - Patients should still check and record FSBG ac&hs
      - Patients should call if FSBG above 150 x 3 consecutive readings or any reading above 250
    - If requiring > 5 units/day of correction at any time over previous
       24 48 hours
      - Discharge with LOW DOSE CORRECTION Humalog insulin. (Novolog substitution if insurance prefers.)
- Patients consistently requiring no insulin while on regular diet, no history of DM:
  - May consider discharging without FBSG checks (glucose on labs only)

**Correction insulin protocols:** 

Protocol		100-149	150-199	200-249	250-299	300-349	>350
Low	Before meals	0	1	2	3	4	5
dose	Bedtime	0	0	1	2	3	4
Medium	Before meals	0	1	3	5	7	8
dose	Bedtime	0	0	2	3	5	7
High	Before meals	0	2	4	7	10	12
dose	Bedtime	0	0	2	5	7	10

## LIVER TRANSPLANT INPATIENT HYPERGLYCEMIA PROTOCOL SUMMARY (See full protocol)

OLT Patient Population Immediate post OLT		Criteria		Insulin Protocol	Protocol D	etails					
					Insulin Type & Frequency	Dose Amount / Strength of Correction	Adjustments				
		All pat	ients	Insulin Drip	Regular	Continuous drip	Use transition criteria to transfer off drip to other insulin protocols				
		Suggested strategy below, but transition per SICU team									
Transition to subcut insulin per SICU tear when (one of): 1) Taking PO	er SICU team ne of):	<20 uni		Correction	Select based on intake 1) NPO/continuous TF = Regular insulin q 6 hrs 2) PO = Humalog ACHS	LOW DOSE correction					
t 3) L 4) L 5 5) F	Transfer to the floor Low insulin drip req. (<20 24 1 units/day) insulation	Extrapolate 24 hour insulin requirement	≥20 units	Basal + Correction	Basal Protocol -NPH insulin BID preferred (AM dose>PM dose, e.g., 2:1) -may transition to home basal where applicable -may add bolus for insulin- experienced pts <u>Correction Protocol</u> Select based on intake 1) NPO, continuous tube feeds = Regular insulin q 6 hrs 2) PO = Humalog ACHS	Basal Protocol Total daily bolus dose = 40% of actual 24-hour insulin requirement Correction Protocol Based on actual 24h insulin requirements: LOW = <40 units/day MEDIUM = 40-80 units/day HIGH = >80 units/day	Basal ProtocolGoal FSBG 100-180 ac&hs1) @ goal = no change2) > goal = if using ≥ 5 unitsof correction, add approx.40% of 24-hr correctionrequirement to dose3) < goal = decrease dose				
		Discharge Basal insulin + determined Correction		Basal + Correction	As above	As above					
At Discha	Discharge	on day of discharge Correction		FSBG > 200	Humalog (may substitute with Novolog if insurance prefers)	LOW DOSE correction	Per Endocrine NP, outpatient team discretion				
		based on prior 24-48 hours		No FSBG > 200	No INSULIN. Check FSBG ac&hs. Call if above 150 x 3 consecutive readings or any reading above 250.						