

# SGLT2 Inhibitors

<b>Type of drug</b>	SGLT2 Inhibitors
<b>How does it work?</b>	Reduces glucose (sugar) levels in your body by increasing the amount of sugar you pass in your urine
<b>Typical names</b>	Canagliflozin (Invokana <sup>®</sup> ), Dapagliflozin (Forxiga <sup>™</sup> ), Empagliflozin (Jardiance <sup>™</sup> )
<b>Usual doses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canagliflozin 100 mg may be increased to 300 mg (Your dose may depend on your kidney function)</li> <li>• Dapagliflozin 5 mg may be increased to 10 mg</li> <li>• Empagliflozin 10 mg may be increased to 25 mg</li> </ul>
<b>Dosing instructions</b>	Take once a day as directed by your healthcare provider
<b>What if I forget a dose?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take it as soon as you remember</li> <li>• If more than 12 hours has passed since your missed dose, then skip the missed dose and take the next dose at the regularly prescribed time</li> <li>• Do not double your dose</li> </ul>
<b>A1C lowering</b> (↓ = least, ↓↓↓ = most)	↓↓ to ↓↓↓
<b>Effect on weight</b>	↓↓
<b>Risk of low blood sugar</b> (hypoglycemia)	Rare
<b>Medication considerations and/or side effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May cause yeast infections, urinary tract infections, low blood pressure and slight increase in cholesterol</li> <li>• If you take medication for blood pressure discuss this with your doctor</li> <li>• In rare cases, this medication may cause diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which is acid build up in the blood</li> </ul>
<b>When to call your doctor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call if you have signs of DKA, which may include nausea, vomiting, lack of appetite, abdominal pain, excessive thirst, difficulty breathing, confusion, unusual fatigue, or sleepiness</li> </ul>
<b>When you are sick</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you are sick, vomiting, have diarrhea, or cannot drink enough fluids, you should stop taking this medication until these symptoms go away</li> </ul>
<b>Cost</b> (\$ = lowest, \$\$\$\$ = highest)	\$\$\$