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# **QUESTION 1**

If LN receives Dextrose 5% half Normal Saline with 20 meq of Potassium as IVF at 125mls/hour. How much dextrose is he getting in 24hrs?

- A. 300gm
- B. 500gm
- C. 50gm
- D. 150gm
- E. 200gm
- Correct Answer: D

0.05 (1000 mL) = 50 g 1000 mL × (1 hour/125 mL) = 8 hours 50 × 3 = 150 g

### **QUESTION 2**

JM is a 32-year-old women who comes to your diabetic clinic with complain of several episodes of hypoglycemia. She is on Insulin NPH/regular 70/30, 22 units twice a day with breakfast and dinner. 8 units with lunch.

After discussing with physician you decide to decrease the total daily insulin by 10% and change to insulin glargine once a day and Insulin Lispro three time a day at ratio of 50:50 % of long and 50 % of short acting insulin.

What is her new insulin regimen? Round down to the nearest 1 unit.

- A. 16 units of insulin glargine once daily, Insulin Lispro 4 units 3 times a day with meals
- B. 15 units of insulin glargine once daily, Insulin Lispro 5 units 3 times a day with meals
- C. 23 units of insulin glargine once daily, Insulin Lispro 7 units 3 times a day with meals
- D. 30 units of insulin glargine once daily, Insulin Lispro 6 units 3 times a day with meals
- E. 18 units of insulin glargine once daily, Insulin Lispro 6 units 3 times a day with meals

Correct Answer: C

#### **QUESTION 3**

Select the class of Anti-diabetic medication that works in the specified organ to prevent hyperglycemia. Select all that applies. Pancreases (A)

- A. Sulfonylureas
- B. Alpha- Glucosidase Inhibitors



- C. DPP4 Inhibitors
- D. Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists
- E. Thiazolidinediones
- F. Biguanide
- G. SGLT2 inhibitors

Correct Answer: D

(A) Sulfonylureas, (C) DPP4 Inhibitors, (D) Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists Sulfonylureas work in beta cells in the pancreas that are still functioning to enhance insulin secretion. Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors stop -glucosidase enzymes in the small intestine and delay digestion and absorption of starch and disaccharides which lowers the levels of glucose after meals. DPP4 blocks the degradation ofGLP-1, GIP, and a variety of other peptides, including brain natriuretic peptide. Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists work in various organs of the body. Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists enhance glucose homeostasis through: (i) stimulation of insulin secretion; (ii) inhibition of glucagon secretion; (iii) direct and indirect suppression of endogenous glucose production; (iv) suppression of appetite; (v) enhanced insulin sensitivity secondary to weight loss; (vi) delayed gastric emptying, resulting in decreased postprandial hyperglycaemia.Thiazolidinediones are the only true insulin-sensitising agents, exerting their effects in skeletaland cardiac muscle, liver, and adipose tissue. It ameliorates insulin resistance, decreases visceral fat.Biguanides work in liver, muscle, adipose tissue via activation of AMP-activated protein kinase (AMPK) reduce hepatic glucose production. SGLT2 inhibitors work in the kidneys to inhibit sodium-glucose transport proteins to reabsorb glucose into the blood from muscle cells; overall this helps to improve insulin release from the beta cells of the pancreas.

# **QUESTION 4**

Select the class of Anti-diabetic medication that works in the specified organ to prevent hyperglycemia. Select all that applies. Brain (E)

- A. Sulfonylureas
- B. Alpha- Glucosidase Inhibitors
- C. DPP4 Inhibitors
- D. Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists
- E. Thiazolidinediones
- F. Biguanide
- G. SGLT2 inhibitors

Correct Answer: D

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# **QUESTION 5**

Mesna is typically administered alongside which of these chemotherapeutic agents?

- A. Busulfan
- **B.** Paclitaxel
- C. Ifosfamide
- D. Doxorubicin
- Correct Answer: C

Mesna is administered to patients taking either ifosfamide or cyclophoshamide to conjugate toxic acrolein and therefore prevent hemorrhagic cystitis (bladder bleeding).

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