COVID-19 HAS ILLUMINATED THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF GLYCEMIC CONTROL IN TYPE 2 DIABETES

The American Diabetes Association has highlighted that people with diabetes who contracted COVID-19 experienced worse outcomes than people without diabetes.¹

What we know about COVID-19 continues to evolve. The data below illustrate the findings of 2 separate studies from Wuhan, China:

(The relevance of this data to the US population is currently unknown.)

Diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD) are among the most common pre-existing comorbidities in patients who died from COVID-19²

ELEVATED CASE-FATALITY RATE (CFR) FOR PRE-EXISTING COMORBID CONDITIONS



Based on retrospective data from 72,314 cases from December 2019 to February 2020. Overall CFR was 2.3% among those with confirmed COVID-19 (n=44,672) and all occurred in critical cases. The majority of cases (81%) were mild.

In Chinese patients with poorly controlled (upper limit >180 mg/dL) vs well-controlled (glucose range 70-180 mg/dL) blood glucose, there was a³:



Calculation based on crude, unadjusted, in-hospital mortality rates (in-hospital death rates were 1.1% vs 11% for well-controlled vs poorly controlled, respectively).

Based on data from a retrospective, multicentered study including a cohort of 952 in-hospital patients in China with COVID-19 and pre-existing type 2 diabetes over a 28-day observation period. The mean A1C was 7.3% vs 8.1% for well-controlled (n=282) vs poorly controlled (n=528) patients, respectively.



THE TIME IS NOW TO HELP YOUR PATIENTS WITH **TYPE 2 DIABETES ACHIEVE GLYCEMIC CONTROL**

This has always been the goal for you and your patients with type 2 diabetes—however, COVID-19 has made this goal all the more critical.³

When determining a type 2 diabetes care plan, there is a broad range of factors to take into consideration:









WEIGHT



CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE



PATIENT COST

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