

SGLT2 Inhibitors & Diabetic Ketoacidosis in Type 2 Diabetes

DIABETES MELLITIS MANAGEMENT

Empagliflozin (Jardiance)

Canagliflozin (Invokana)

Dapagliflozin (Forxiga)

You are taking or about to start one of the above medications following advice from your GP or your diabetic nurse. This medication is used for improving your diabetes treatment.

There has been some information about these drugs which you should be aware about before you continue or start your medication.

An unusual complication of Diabetes with the use of Empagliflozin, Canagliflozin and Dapagliflozin includes an increased amounts of acid in your blood, this is called Diabetic Ketoacidosis. This happens even when your blood glucose concentrate is normal and if this is not detected early, can be dangerous. This is a VERY RARE complication.

Side effects you should look out for if using Empagliflozin, Canagliflozin and Dapagliflozin;

- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fast breathing
- Abdominal pains
- Unusual drowsiness
- Fever

If you have any of these symptoms, please contact the practice immediately, even if your blood sugars are near normal. If the practice is closed call 111 for more advice. Inform them that you are worried about “Diabetic keto-acid-osis” and **STOP YOUR MEDICATION UNTIL FURTHER MEDICAL ADVICE IS GIVEN.**

This complication can develop anytime, you should be especially careful if you develop an infection (i.e. chest or urine infection) or have any surgery.

If you are planning to have an operation or any other procedure which involves restricting food and drink overnight, please discuss this medication with your GP or diabetic nurse – you may need to stop your tablets.