Mode of action for classes of antihyperglycemic drugs

Alpha-glucosidase **Biguanides Insulin secretagogues** Metformin (Glucophage®, Glumetza®) inhibitor Drugs that increase the risk of hypoglycemia. Acarbose (Glucobay®) Reduces the amount of sugar Gliclazide (Diamicron®) Gliclazide produced by the liver Slows the digestion of (Diamicron® MR) certain carbohydrates Helps the body's cells use Glimepiride (Amaryl®) Glyburide (sugars) in the intestine sugar more efficiently (Diaßeta®) Repaglinide (GlucoNorm®) Increases the production of insulin by the pancreas Liver Cells **Intestines Pancreas Kidneys GLP-1** agonists Injectable drugs Liraglutide (Victoza®) Dulaglutide (Trulicity®) SGLT2 inhibitors Semaglutide (Ozempic®) Canagliflozin (Invokana®) Dapagliflozin (Forxiga®) Oral drug Empagliflozin (Jardiance®) Semaglutide (Rybelsus®) Helps eliminate sugar **AND** in the urine **GIP and GLP-1 agonist** Injectable drug Tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) **DPP-4** inhibitors Slows digestion in the Sitagliptin (Januvia®) stomach Linagliptin (Trajenta®) Alogliptin (Nesina®) Reduces appetite Saxagliptin (Onglyza®) Imitate certain intestinal Increases the effect of certain intestinal hormones (incretins) that act hormones (incretins), which act when blood sugar is high:



increase insulin production

production by the pancreas

and reduce glucagon

when blood sugar raises after a meal:

increase insulin production and reduce

glucagon production by the pancreas