



# Who is the mystery patient?

## UNDER THE MASK

### Mr. Faucher

Patient with CV risk factors and A1C > target values



Sex and age	Male, 61 years old	
T2D	T2D for 10 years	
Relevant history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-smoker</li> <li>• Dyslipidemia</li> <li>• Hypertension</li> <li>• Sedentary, gained 3 kg in the last 12 months</li> </ul>	
Recent exams	BP	125/80 mmHg
	BMI	29 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	A1C	7.1%
	eGFR	78 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
	uACR	1.8 mg/mmol

#### Medications

Sitagliptin/metformin MR 100 mg / 1000 mg DIE  
Atorvastatin 20 mg DIE  
Ramipril 10 mg DIE

#### Other relevant information

- No history of ASCVD or retinopathy
- Treated with sulfonylurea, but discontinued due to hypoglycemia
- RAMQ coverage

- With obesity
- With CVD and controlled A1C
- Experiencing fatigue and shortness of breath on exertion
- With chronic kidney disease (eGFR < 45)
- With heart failure
- With CV risk factors and A1C > target values
- Independent patient aged 80 or older, with multiple comorbidities
- Newly diagnosed with T2D

Questions	Key Learnings
1. What changes would you make to optimize the patient's treatment regimen? What would you choose between an SGLT2i or an GLP-1 RA for this patient? How does RAMQ coverage influence your decision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding a GLP-1 RA or an SGLT2i in patients aged 60 years or older with 2 CV risk factors</li> </ul>
2. Is there a class effect with SGLT2i or with GLP-1 RAs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An agent with a proven cardiorenal benefit should be selected.</li> <li>• In the absence of comparative clinical trials between different agents, it is impossible to determine whether one agent is more effective than another of the same class.</li> </ul>
3. What are your priorities for non-pharmacologic interventions in a patient like this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-pharmacologic interventions remain important</li> </ul>
4. And if the A1C value were originally 6.4%, would you take a different approach?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiorenal protection is independent of A1C</li> </ul>
5. What if the patient is under 60 years old?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical judgement above all else</li> <li>• DECLARE-TIMI and CANVAS: sub-groups of patients aged 60 or less.</li> </ul>
6. Where do DPP-4 inhibitors fit in among the treatment options for T2D?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although they do not have CV or renal benefits, DPP-4i are useful for safely lowering blood glucose levels. In patients who could benefit from further blood glucose reduction</li> </ul>

A1C: glycosylated hemoglobin; BMI: body mass index; BID: twice daily; BP: blood pressure; CV: cardiovascular; DIE: once daily; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; LDL-C: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; T2D: type 2 diabetes; uACR: urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio.