



# Who is the mystery patient?

## UNDER THE MASK

### Ms. Caron

Patient with CVD and controlled A1C



Sex and age	Female, 71 years old	
T2D	For 13 years	
Relevant history	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent NSTEMI</li> <li>Stenting 2 months ago</li> <li>Hypertension</li> <li>Obesity</li> </ul>	
Recent exams	BP	124/78 mmHg
	BMI	30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	A1C	6.8%
	eGFR	65 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
	uACR	4.0 mg/mmol

#### Medications

Metformin 1000 mg BID  
 Gliclazide MR 60 mg BID  
 Enteric-coated ASA 81 mg DIE  
 Ticagrelor 90 mg BID  
 Ezetimibe 10 mg DIE  
 Atorvastatin 80 mg DIE  
 Ramipril 5 mg BID  
 Bisoprolol 10 mg DIE

#### Other relevant information

- No heart failure
- LVEF=55%
- Has a good prescription drug insurance plan

- 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? Would you switch to a GLP-1 RA or an SGLT2i (or something else) and why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add a GLP-1 RA or an SGLT2i in patients with T2D and CVD even if A1C is at the target level</li> </ul>
2. Are you satisfied with the A1C level (6.8%) or would you seek to lower it further? If after 6 months, A1C were to decrease to 5.5%, how would you adjust the antihyperglycemic regimen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue antihyperglycemic treatment even if the A1C target has been reached</li> </ul>
3. When do you consider using a GLP-1 RA and an SGLT2i in combination?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is reasonable to combine a GLP-1 RA with an SGLT2i to achieve additional benefits</li> </ul>
4. What if the patient's BP was 138/96 mmHg instead of 124/78 mmHg, how would your recommendations differ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Diabetes Canada 2018 Clinical Practice guidelines recommend that if target BP values are not achieved with a monotherapy at the maximum doses, another antihypertensive should be administered.</li> <li>In individuals for whom combination therapy with an ACEi is being considered, a dihydropyridine calcium channel blocker is preferable to a thiazide or thiazide-like diuretic.</li> <li>Hypotensive effects can also be expected with antihyperglycemic agents.</li> </ul>

**A1C:** glycosylated hemoglobin; **BID:** twice daily; **BMI:** body mass index; **BP:** blood pressure; **CV:** cardiovascular; **CVD:** CV disease; **eGFR:** estimated glomerular filtration rate; **LVEF:** left ventricular ejection fraction; **NSTEMI:** non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction; **uACR:** urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio