

The practicalities of addressing diabetes distress

Diabetes distress – what is it?

“The negative emotional or affective experience resulting from the challenge of living with the demands of diabetes, regardless of the type of diabetes”¹

How prevalent is it?

25% People with type 1 diabetes²

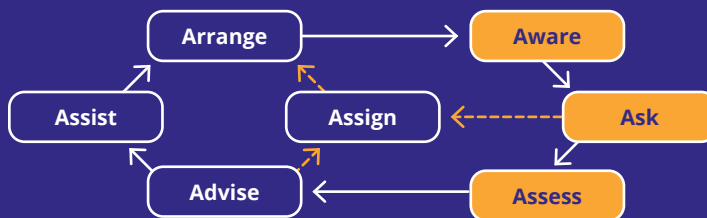


More common in women³, people with complications³ or a high management burden⁴

Up to 20% People with type 2 diabetes²



Diabetes UK 7 As model for managing distress²



Adapted from Diabetes UK (2019)

How can I identify diabetes distress?²

Be aware that people with diabetes may experience diabetes distress

- Consider the signs of diabetes distress:²
 - Unstable glucose
 - Clinic non-attendance or passive or aggressive consultations
 - Reduced engagement in diabetes self-care
 - Ineffective coping strategies
 - Other life events or impaired relationships

Ask about diabetes distress

- Diabetes distress is often overlooked and not investigated
- Recommended questions to ask:
 1. What is the most difficult part of living with diabetes for you?
 2. What are your greatest concerns about your diabetes?
 3. How is your diabetes getting in the way of other things in your life right now?

Assess diabetes distress using one of the following questionnaires:

- Diabetes Distress Scale (DDS)⁵
- Type 1 Diabetes Distress Scale (T1-DDS)⁶
- Problem Areas in Diabetes (PAID) Type 1 & 2⁷
- Short forms or screeners
 - DDS-2 and DDS-4⁸
 - PAID-5⁹



How can I support a person who experiences diabetes distress?²

Advise about diabetes distress

- Explain what diabetes distress is¹
- Diabetes distress matters due to its association with higher glucose levels, poorer quality of life, ability to follow dietary advice, take regular exercise and medications²
- Acknowledge the significant daily efforts required to manage diabetes²

Assist with developing an action plan

- Language matters in diabetes¹¹
- ✓ Remove bias, blame, irreverence, authority and stigma
- ✓ Show we care by being curious, accurate, respectful and empathetic



Assign to another HCP

Interventions to help support people with diabetes experiencing diabetes distress:¹⁰

- Psychological (CBT and motivational interviewing)
- Educational (DSME)
- Technology (CBGM, web applications/e-health technology and insulin titration tools)
- Peer support
- Psychoeducational interventions



Arrange follow up care and additional support

- Extended consultations or more frequent follow-up visits²



Remember:

TRAJENTA (linagliptin): Has a simple dosing regimen of one 5 mg dose once daily, irrespective of renal or hepatic function, and age¹²

TRAJENTA (linagliptin) is indicated in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycaemic control as¹²:

- Monotherapy when metformin is inappropriate due to intolerance, or contraindicated due to renal impairment
- Combination therapy in combination with other medicinal products for the treatment of diabetes, including insulin, when these do not provide adequate glycaemic control

Please review the Summary of Product Characteristics for TRAJENTA (linagliptin) for the full information on dosing, adverse events, contraindications and monitoring before prescribing¹²

CBGM: continuous blood glucose monitoring; CBT: cognitive behavioural therapy; DSME: diabetes self-management education; HCP: healthcare professional; T1D: type 1 diabetes; T2D: type 2 diabetes

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Prescribing Information (Great Britain) TRAJENTA® (Linagliptin)

Film-coated tablets containing 5 mg linagliptin. **Indication:** Trajenta is indicated in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycaemic control as: monotherapy when metformin is inappropriate due to intolerance, or contraindicated due to renal impairment; combination therapy in combination with other medicinal products for the treatment of diabetes, including insulin, when these do not provide adequate glycaemic control. **Dose and Administration:** 5 mg once daily. If added to metformin, the dose of metformin should be maintained and linagliptin administered concomitantly. When used in combination with a sulphonylurea or with insulin, a lower dose of the sulphonylurea or insulin may be considered to reduce the risk of hypoglycaemia. **Renal impairment:** no dose adjustment required. **Hepatic impairment:** pharmacokinetic studies suggest that no dose adjustment is required for patients with hepatic impairment but clinical experience in such patients is lacking. **Elderly:** no dose adjustment is necessary based on age. **Paediatric population:** the safety and efficacy of linagliptin in children and adolescents has not yet been established. No data are available. The tablets can be taken with or without a meal at any time of the day. If a dose is missed, it should be taken as soon as possible but a double dose should not be taken on the same day. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients. **Warnings and Precautions:** Linagliptin should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or for the treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis. **Hypoglycaemia:** Caution is advised when linagliptin is used in combination with a sulphonylurea and/or insulin; a dose reduction of the sulphonylurea or insulin may be considered. **Acute pancreatitis:** Acute pancreatitis has been observed in patients taking linagliptin. Patients should be informed of the characteristic symptoms of acute pancreatitis. If pancreatitis is suspected, Trajenta should be discontinued. If acute pancreatitis is confirmed, Trajenta should not be restarted. Caution should be exercised in patients with a history of pancreatitis. **Bullous pemphigoid:** Bullous pemphigoid has been observed in patients taking linagliptin. If bullous pemphigoid is suspected, Trajenta should be discontinued. **Interactions:** Linagliptin is a weak competitive and a weak to moderate mechanism-based inhibitor of CYP isozyme CYP3A4, but does not inhibit other CYP isozymes. It is not an inducer of CYP isozymes. Linagliptin is a P-glycoprotein substrate and inhibits P-glycoprotein mediated transport of digoxin with low potency. Based on these results and in vivo interaction studies, linagliptin is considered unlikely to cause

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