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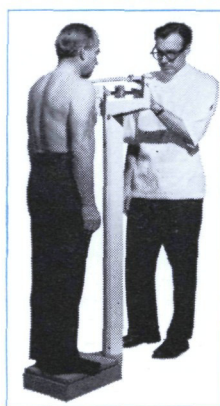


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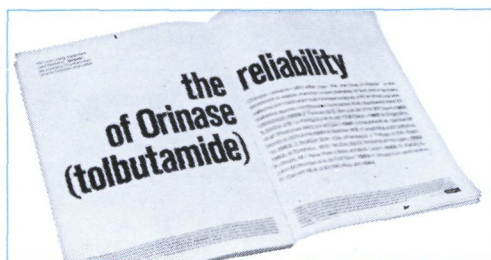
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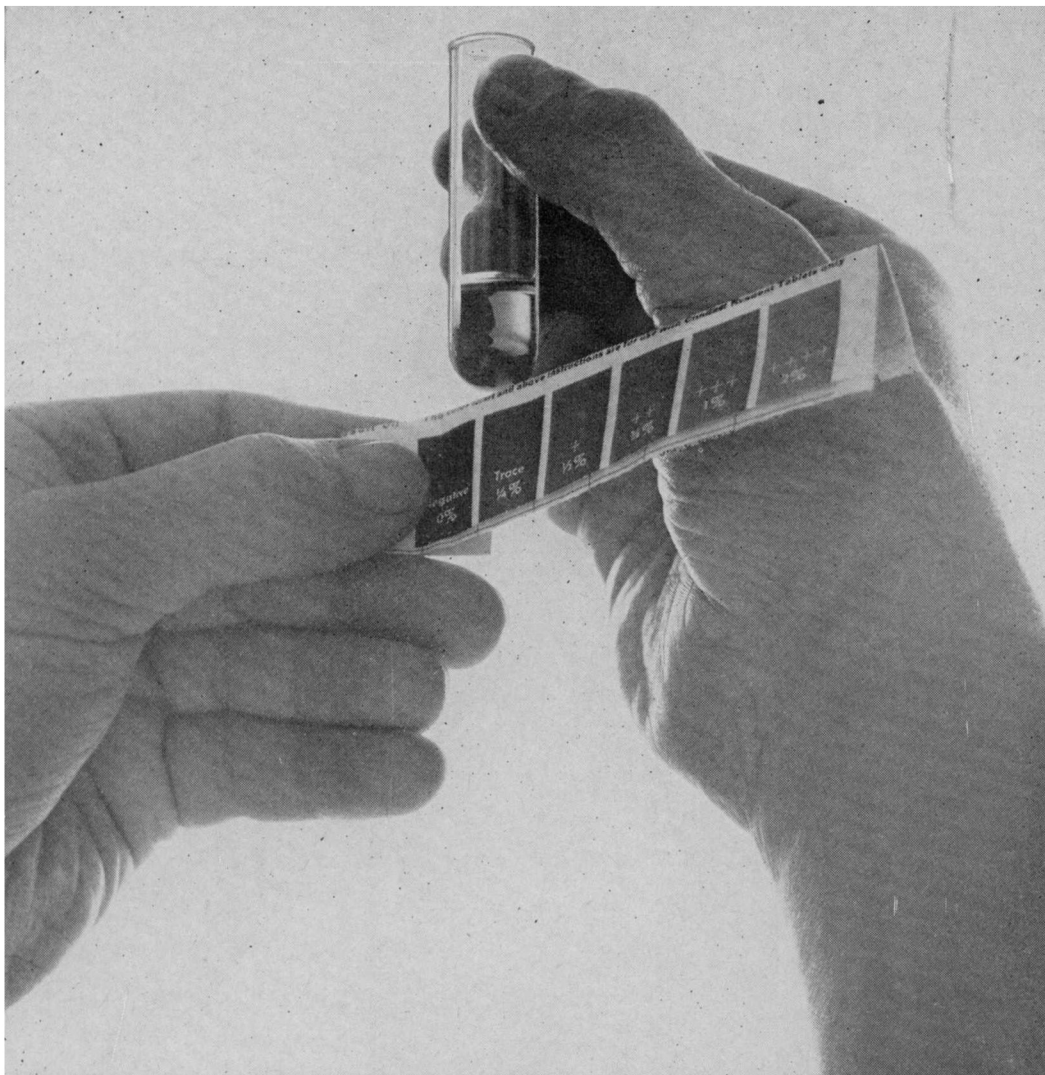
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**Precautions:** Secondary hypoglycemic reactions occur only rarely with glucagon. However, in an attempt to prevent such reactions, oral feedings must be given as soon as the patient awakens, and the usual dietary regimen should be followed.

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**Indications:** Primarily in mild and stable maturity-onset diabetes unresponsive to diet control. A one-week trial facilitates evaluation of candidate suitability for therapy.

**Chlorpropamide-Phenformin therapy:** Indicated in uncomplicated, stable maturity-onset cases when optimal control with Diabinese is not achieved.

**Contraindications:** Diabinese is not indicated as the sole agent in juvenile diabetes, severe or unstable brittle diabetes, and diabetes complicated by ketosis, acidosis, coma, surgery, infections, severe trauma, severe diarrhea, or nausea and vomiting. Contraindicated in patients with impairment of hepatic, renal or thyroid function, and during pregnancy. Serious consideration should attend its use in women of childbearing age. Use with caution in patients with Addison's disease and those receiving barbiturates or ingesting alcohol.

Uncooperative or careless patients should not receive Diabinese therapy.

**Warnings:** Prescription refills should be controlled by the physician. Urine tests for sugar and acetone three times daily and complete weekly medical evaluations are necessary during the first six weeks of therapy. The patient should be instructed to immediately report any sign or symptom out of the ordinary, including just not feeling as well as usual.

Frequent liver function determinations may be considered necessary. *Increase in serum alkaline phosphatase may indicate incipient jaundice and the drug should be withdrawn.*

Patients should be instructed in the use of insulin and also be alerted to the early symptoms of hypoglycemia.

In infection, severe trauma or surgical procedures, it may be necessary to withdraw, temporarily, chlorpropamide therapy and administer insulin alone or insulin and Diabinese.

**Precautions:** Hypoglycemia may occasionally occur. Hypoglycemia during transition from insulin is usually due to a "carry-over"

effect. With chlorpropamide alone, hypoglycemia is an exaggeration of the expected therapeutic action, usually the result of excess dosage but, possibly, at times caused by other factors, principally dietary variation. It may also occur in the presence of renal impairment. It is controlled by administration of glucose. Patients who become hypoglycemic require close supervision for at least 3 to 5 days, with discontinuance of medication, frequent feedings and glucose administration. Anorectic or profoundly hypoglycemic patients should be hospitalized.

**Chlorpropamide-Phenformin:** At the first sign of gastrointestinal disturbance, daily dosage of phenformin should be reduced. Lactic acidosis and ketonuria without hyperglycemia have been reported with phenformin.

**Adverse Reactions:** The incidence of side effects with chlorpropamide is low. The majority of side effects have been dose-related, transient, and have responded to dosage reduction or withdrawal of medication. However, as with other sulfonylureas some side effects associated with hypersensitivity may be severe and death has been reported in rare instances.

*Dose-related side effects* are generally transient and not of a serious nature and include anorexia, nausea, vomiting and gastrointestinal intolerance which usually respond to reduction in dosage or to administration of the total daily drug requirement in two doses. Vague neurologic symptoms, particularly weakness and paresthesias, also respond to dosage reduction. Leukopenia, thrombocytopenia and mild anemia, which occur occasionally, and aplastic anemia and agranulocytosis, rarely reported, are usually reversible upon discontinuance of therapy. Mild leukopenia, with no shift in differential count, may be transient, frequently reverting to normal during continued therapy. Lymphocytosis appears to be of no clinical significance. Phototoxicity is rare.

*Side effects not related to dosage* occur only occasionally and reflect an idiosyncrasy or hypersensitivity. These may include jaundice, skin eruptions (rarely erythema multiforme or exfoliative dermatitis) and possibly depression of formed elements of the blood. With few exceptions, such reactions are mild, and reversible on discontinuance of therapy. Infrequent severe reactions may require other measures, including corticosteroid therapy. Skin rash may be the only manifestation of

sensitivity while rash, low grade fever and eosinophilia may occur in association with or preceding jaundice. With progressive elevation of alkaline phosphatase, discontinue therapy. Rarely, severe diarrhea, sometimes with bleeding, occurs with other sensitivity reactions such as jaundice, skin rash or both. The occurrence of any sensitivity reaction calls for prompt termination of the drug and such other therapeutic measures as are indicated. **Dosage: Initial Therapy:** Mild to moderately severe, middle-aged, stable diabetic patients—250 mg. daily. Older patients—100 to 125 mg. daily. No transition period is necessary when changing from other oral hypoglycemic agents. *A loading dose is not needed and should not be used.*

Five to seven days after initiation of therapy, dosage may be adjusted upward or downward by 50 to 125 mg. at intervals of three to five days, as indicated by patient need.


**Maintenance Therapy:** Most cases are controlled by approximately 250 mg. daily. Milder diabetes may need only 100 mg. daily or less. Some severe diabetics may require up to 500 mg. daily. Patients who do not respond completely to 500 mg. daily will usually not respond to higher doses. Avoid maintenance doses above 750 mg. daily. Each patient should be maintained on his *minimal* effective dose.

**Changing from Insulin to Chlorpropamide:** Most patients (those requiring less than 40 units of insulin daily) can be placed directly on the oral drug and insulin discontinued. For those requiring more than 40 units of insulin daily, reduce insulin dosage by half and institute chlorpropamide therapy simultaneously. Further reductions in insulin dosage are dependent on response.

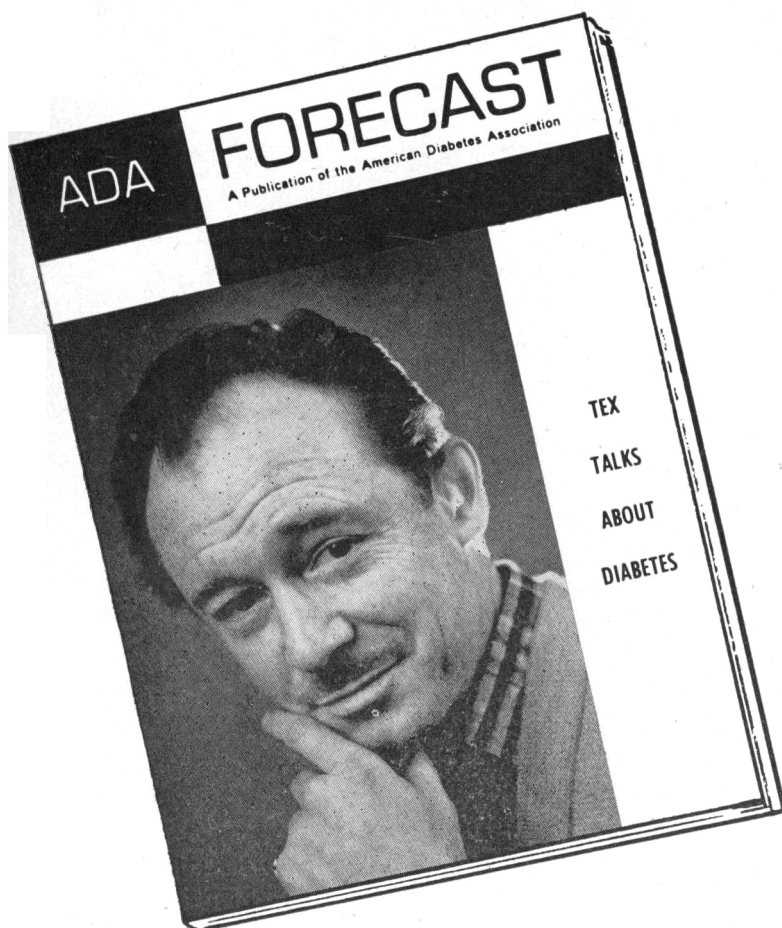
**Chlorpropamide-Phenformin Dosage:** With Diabinese dosage at 500 mg. without fully adequate control, 50 mg. of phenformin may be added and increased at intervals of 4 to 7 days until effective regulation is achieved, not to exceed 150 mg. of phenformin per day.

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