Hybrid Closed Loop – a Dietitian's Perspective

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Summary

Accurate carbohydrate counting a pre-requisite for accurate boluses

Patients required to see a dietitian prior to commencing the HCL

Importance of follow up post commencement

- Bolus quantities directly correlated to meal / carb entries
 - Bolus doses not automated (hybrid)
 - Users are still required to enter their carb information into bolus wizard calculator prior to eating as well as BGL for acurate dose delivery

Accurate carb counting essential for optimal performance of the hybrid closed loop





- Many will never have carb counted before
 - 9 x MDI (45% had no previous cc experience)
 - Most will need at least two visits

Many MDI patients will have never carb counted

- Carbohydrate counting accuracy can decline over time
 - Knowledge decreases with time (Brutomesso et al 2010)
 - Inaccurate CC frequent (Brazeau et al 2012)
 - 63% of meal CHOs were underestimated (448 meals analysed)
 - Underestimation more common with larger meals (lunch and dinner biggest challenges)
 - Average score for all patients 59% (Meade et al 2016)
 - Most patients overestimated (82%) carb content of items on survey by 40%
- Informal feedback from participants indicated that some felt they were guessing carb values

Never assume a pump wearer is always accurate or confident with carb counting

- Many previously carb counting will need a carb counting refresher
 - 15 participants had carb counting experience (10 x pre existing pumpers/5 MDI)

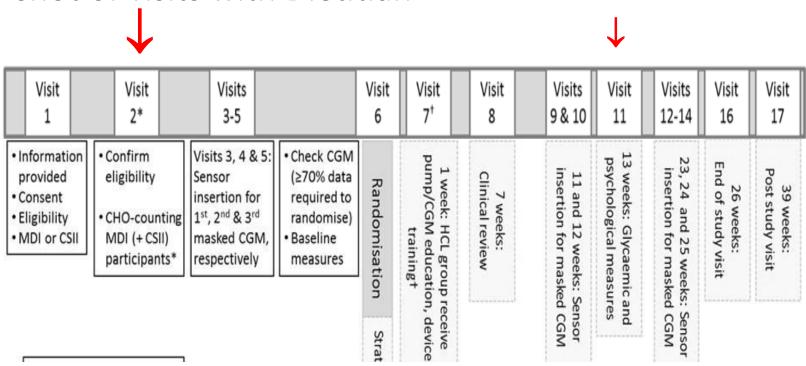
• 9 requested a refresher

Notable improvement in BGL's after refresher



Building participants skills in carb counting

Snap shot of visits with Dietitian



* Number of CHO-counting visits required may vary according to individual needs of participants

Visits with Dietitian prior to commencing HCL

Initial Consult

Follow up Consult

Assess carb counting skills

Subsequent visits as required *

Go Ahead

- Determine level of carb counting knowledge
- Discuss visual apps
- Initial Education: Carbohydrate counting
- Strategies to make easier
- required
- Explain why carb counting is Explain no dual or square wave in automode
- Give information accordingly
 - Carb containing foods
 - Using carb counters
 - Reading food labels

 Give go ahead to team once assessed as accurate

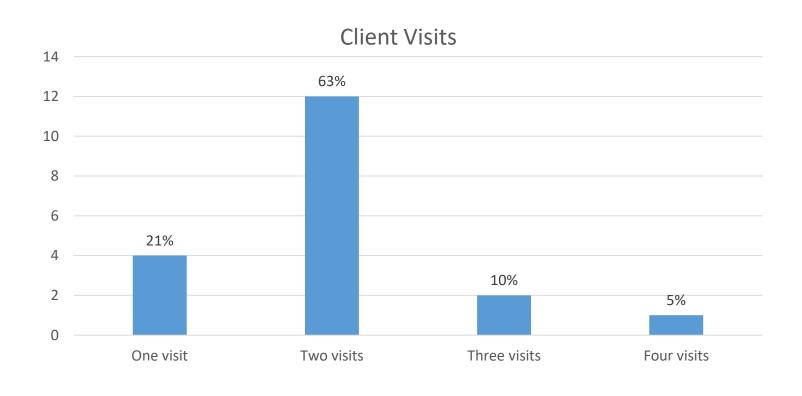
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Carb counting ability impacts on dietitians time and required initial visits

19 patients

	CSII	MDI
No of patients	10	9
Carb counting experience	10	5
Confident in carb counting	4 (40%)	2
	60% requested refresher	77% required full education or fresher

Number of Visits Required for Dietitian

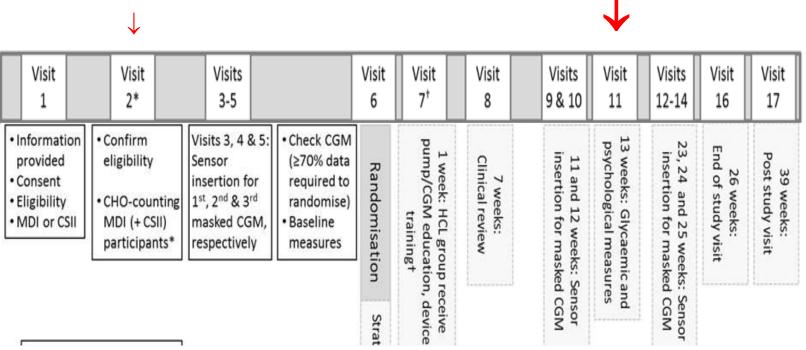


Initial visit = 1 hour on average

Follow up visits = 30 minutes on average

Follow up visits post commencement of HCL

Snap shot of visits with Dietitian



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Follow up visits post commencement of HCL

- Assess carbohydrate counting
 - Ensure correct information has been retained / maintain accuracy
 - Go through any difficulties / perceived barriers
- Check upload
 - Look for any dietary / behavioural factors requiring addressing



Feedback to team



Dietary and behavioural issues to consider

- Bolusing prior to meals
- Timing of meal bolus
- Carb load reduce if high
- Fat intakes
- Low carb diets is protein having an effect
- Grazing vs snacking... are they bolusing for snacks
- Exercise eat just prior to exercise or during if extended



Clinical Practice Considerations

Patients

- Pick patients
- Intense process to start with time commitment
- Set expectations early on patients need to see a dietitian
- Exchanges to grams
- Can't use square or dual wave in automode



Source: John Comstrock Bloom cloudes app

Clinical Practice Considerations



Dietitian

- Experienced in carb counting
- Formalised dietitian program
- Tools apps / visual aids / scales
- Engagement with health care team
- Understanding of & interpreting uploads
- Expect an increase in workload

My Conclusions

- Carb counting remains important
 - Users need a knowledge of carb counting and bolus before eating
 - Dietitians are positioned and trained to deliver this skill
- Set expectations early ..patients will be required to see a dietitian
- Health professionals role will change rather than be diminished as patients still require ongoing clinical guidance and education from providers
- As with every technological advance.... there is a need to up-skill

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