

ACCEPTABLE COMBINATIONS OF DIABETES MEDICATIONS

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The chart on the following page outlines acceptable combinations of medications for treatment of diabetes.

Please note:

- Initial certification of all applicants with diabetes mellitus (DM) requires FAA decision;
- **Use no more than one medication from each group (A-F);**
- Fixed-dose combination medications - **count each component** as an individual medication. (e.g., Avandamet [rosiglitazone + metformin] is considered 2-drug components);
- **Up to 3 medications total** are considered acceptable for routine treatment according to generally accepted standards of care for diabetes (American Diabetes Association, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists);
- For applicants receiving complex care (e.g., 4-drug therapy), refer the case to AMCD;
- For applicants on AASI for diabetes mellitus, follow the [AASI](#);
- Consult with FAA for any medications not on listed on the chart; and
- Observation times:

When initiating NEW diabetes therapy using monotherapy or combination medications:

Adding Medication	Observation Time
Group A ONLY	14 days
Group B - D	30 days
Group E1	60 days

When ADDING a new medication to an ESTABLISHED TREATMENT regimen:

Current Medication	Adding Medication	Observation Time
on Group A-D	+ new Group A-D	14 days
on Group E1 or F	+ new Group A-D	30 days
on Group A-D	+ new Group E1	60 days

When initiating NEW or ADDING therapy for any regimen (new or established therapy):

Adding Medication	Observation Time
Group F (SGLT2 inhibitors)	30 days
Group E2 (insulin):	
• For agency ATCSs (non-CGM or CGM protocol):	90 days
• For Pilots/Part 67 applicants, class 3 non-CGM protocol only:	90 days
• For Pilots/Part 67 applicants, any class CGM protocol:	180 days

When SWITCHING dosing or formulations within the same drug class/device manufacturer:

Switching Medication	Observation Time
In Group A-D (including between injectable and oral GLP-1 RA)	3 days
In Group E-F	7 days
If transitioning between insulin injection to/from pump or new insulin/CGM devices	7 days

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