**Advice for People Prescribed SGLT2 Inhibitors**

You have been prescribed an SGLT2 Inhibitor for the management of Type 2 diabetes. This may be called:

* Canagliflozin, trade name Invokana or
* Dapagliflozin, trade name Forxiiga or
* Empagliflozin, Jardiance

Or you may be taking an SGLT2 Inhibitor in combination with Metformin (Glucophage) as one of the following trade names:

* Vokanamet or
* Xigduo or
* Synjardy

If you have any of the following symptoms you must report them immediately to your doctor:

* Rapid weight loss
* Nausea or vomiting
* Stomach pain
* Excessive thirst
* Fast and deep breathing
* Confusion
* Unusual sleepiness
* Sweet smelling breath
* Sweet or metallic taste in the mouth
* Different odour to urine or sweat

These may be signs of a condition known as Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA).

What is DKA?

DKA is a serious condition requiring hospitalisation. It is more commonly found in Type 1 diabetes. DKA is extremely rare in Type 2 diabetes. However, in people with Type 2 diabetes on SGLT2 Inhibitors there is a possibility that DKA may develop in the following circumstances:

* Extremely reduced food intake (carbohydrates e.g. bread, rice, pasta, potatoes)
* Dehydration
* Excessive alcohol intake
* Illness
* Surgery: If you are having planned surgery or procedure, please discuss with your Doctor as you may need to stop SGLT2 Inhibitor beforehand.

Remember to contact your Doctor immediately if you have any of the symptoms of DKA listed above.

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