

## A mobile in-hospital application supporting insulin dosing for patients with diabetes type 2

In-hospital glucose management at the point of care  
within the scope of the FP7 ICT Project - REACTION



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## Motivation

In-hospital glycemic control of **non-ICU** patients with **T2DM** is often considered secondary in importance; focus often on primary condition that caused the hospitalization

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- in-hospital **hyperglycaemia** important marker of poor clinical outcome and increased mortality among diabetic patients
- **treatment** of diabetes and hyperglycaemia results in **reduced mortality, morbidity and length of hospital stay**

- support of diabetes management at the **point of care** including
- close monitoring and **visualization** of blood glucose
  - **workflow** and **insulin dosing** support for clinicians and nurses

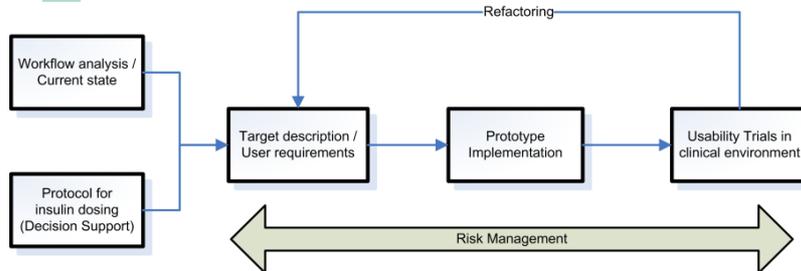
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## Methods



- **Find common language:** interdisciplinary team (physicians, nurses, technicians, IT-Experts)
  - **Develop what nurses and clinicians need:** user-centred design approach
  - **Improve by experience:** iterative development; mock-ups and early prototypes as trigger for clinical personnel
  - **Make it safe for patients and users:** continuous risk management in the team (MDD-S), clinical trials
  - **Motivation/Empowerment the users:** usability testing, training of clinical personnel
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## Main requirements

- Provide glucose management directly at the **point of care** (tablet with touch screen)
- Automated **decision support for insulin dosage (DSS)** (based on 3-4 BG measurements a day, SC insulin delivery)
- **Workflow support** and **reminder** for open tasks
- **Documentation** and **visualization** of the most important **parameters**
- **No data** storage on the **mobile device**
- **Distributed/time-independend access** to data from any place in the hospital
- Avoidance of manual (and multiple) inputs; direct connection to the hospital and laboratory information system → **integration of system**

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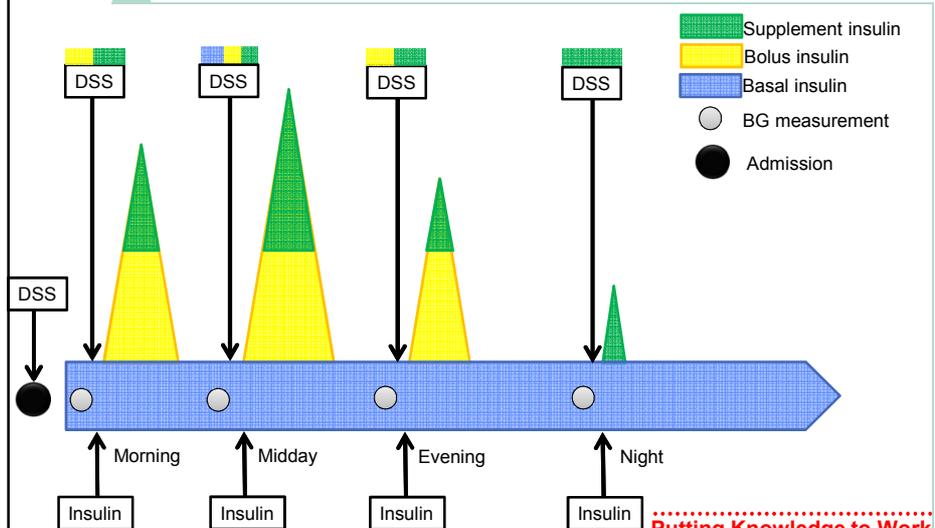
## Insulin Dosing Protocol

- Clinical, technical and usability **requirements** for a in-hospital **non-ICU T2DM** dosing protocol
  - safe and effective
  - simple protocol – easy to handle and traceable for clinical personnel
  - fit into workflow for patient treatment at a general ward
  - possibility to integrate into mobile clinical workflow system
- start with **basal/bolus protocol** of the published **RABBIT 2 trial**<sup>[2],[3]</sup>
  - Transformation of protocol to a **deterministic, robust algorithm** for the electronic system
    - Extension of unknown/incomplete actions (e.g. parameters for daily dose calculation)
    - Consideration of possible side effects (e.g. missing blood glucose values)
  - Integration into **workflow** and **insulin dosing support system** for a **general ward**

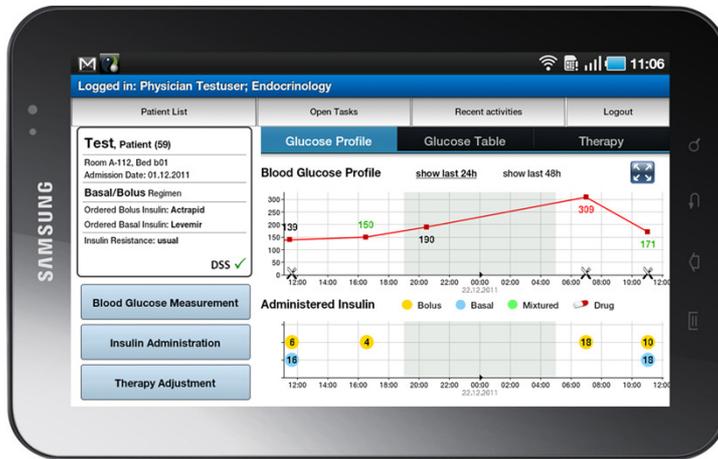
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## Methods Basal/Bolus Protocol



## Results (3<sup>rd</sup> iteration) main screen

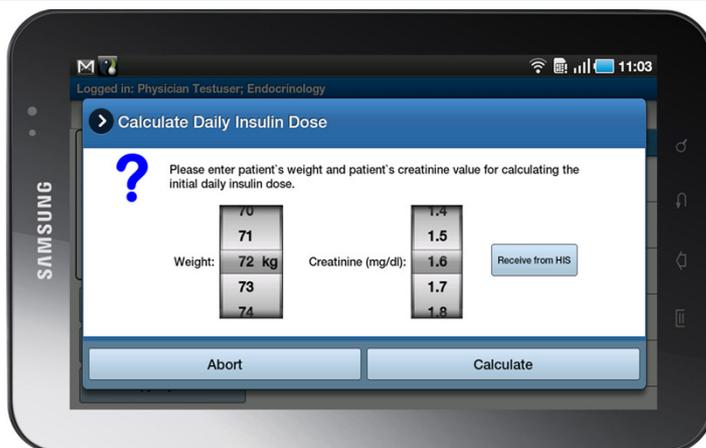


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## Results input parameters for initial calculation of daily insulin dose



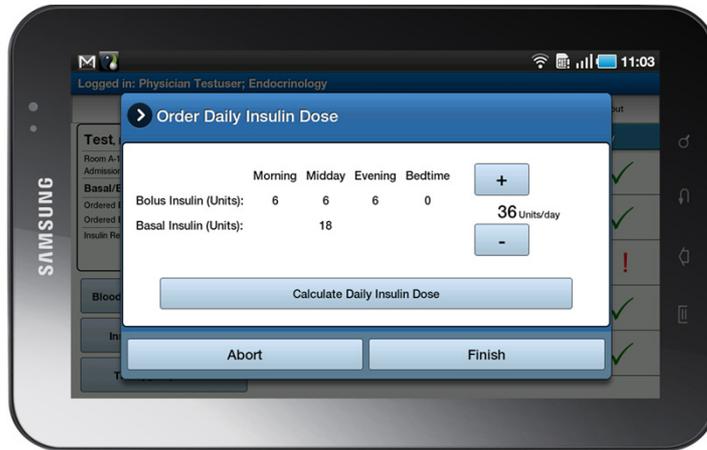
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## Results

output of initial daily insulin dose calculation



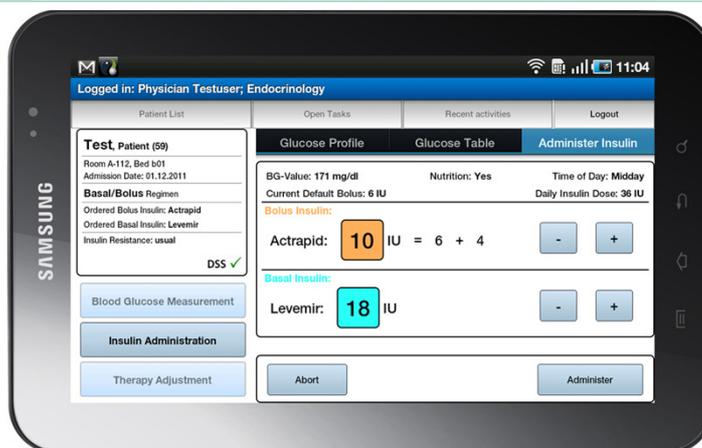
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## Results

pre-meal insulin dose suggestion by decision support



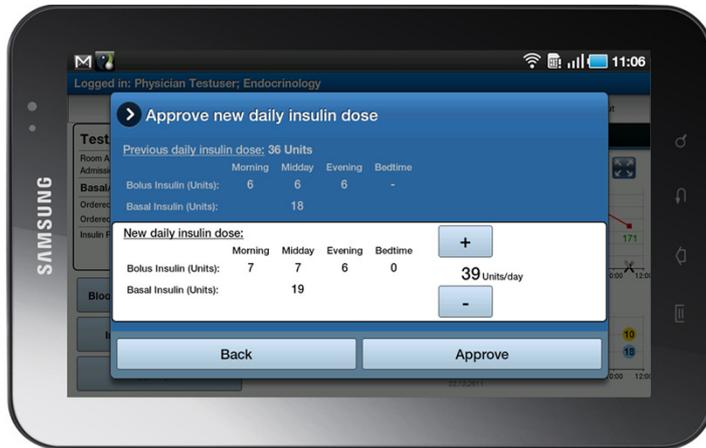
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## Results

### Therapy adjustment – new daily insulin dose



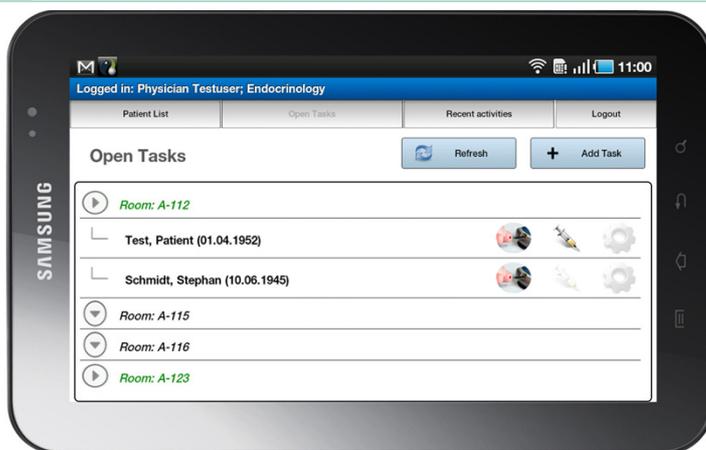
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## Results

### Open Tasks Management



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## Summary

- Simple to use mobile software solution for non-ICU T2DM patients
- Support of workflow of nurses and clinicians at point of care
- Basal/Bolus protocol for dosing support
- Focus on reduction of functionality and usability
- Results of usability study (9 nurses/5 clinicians) are very positive
- Results of clinical trial are expected in spring 2012 – first results are promising

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## Outlook

- on-going:  
**open, single-centre, controlled trial** (37 patients in each group) to investigate the **efficacy, safety and usability** of the insulin dosing protocol **on paper** at the Department of Endocrinology of the Medical University of Graz (MUG)
- Mid of 2012:  
clinical trial at MUG to prove **safety and feasibility** of the software solution
- Begin of 2013:  
plans for clinical trial at hospitals associated with consortium-partner

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## Thank you!

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