The Clinical Practice Recommendations of the German Diabetes Association

Introduction

The German Diabetes Association (DDG) has taken on the task of preparing and publishing evidence-based guidelines for the therapy of diabetes mellitus and its complications. This short version of the DDG’s clinical practice recommendations consists of excerpts of the evidence-based long versions. These recommendations are reworked once a year. Nevertheless, readers who apply them should still consider that the current state of knowledge in medicine is subject to continual change by research and clinical experience. While the authors have gone to great lengths to ensure that the information in this work is correct and reflects the current state of knowledge, it is not possible for the DDG or the authors to assume a warranty of any kind for this information. This applies most especially to statements of recommended doses. Here, all users of these clinical practice recommendations are called on to check the statements in this work and to treat patients on their own responsibility.

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Annex

A selection of the clinical practice recommendations is published in this issue of Experimental and Clinical Endocrinology & Diabetes. The long versions of the evidence-based guidelines for diabetes mellitus can be viewed under: www.deutsche-diabetes-gesellschaft.de and www.versorgungsleitlinien.de. The complete German language version of the clinical practice recommendations are published in Diabetologie und Stoffwechsel, 2013, S2, pp.S103-S240, and can be viewed on the DDG’s home page under www.deutsche-diabetes-gesellschaft.de.