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## **Glucose Lowering Drugs and Cardio-protection in Diabetes**

Diabetes is an independent risk factor for vascular diseases, and compared to people without diabetes, the incidence of myocardial infarctions, strokes, coronary death, peripheral vascular disease, and heart failure are all increased by approximately 100%.

Diabetes type I is characterized by hyperglycemia and related metabolic abnormalities. The possibility that glucose lowering or glucose lowering drugs may have cardiovascular or other effects that are distinct or independent of their glucose lowering effects has been assessed in several large outcomes trials.

The breadth and results of these trials will be discussed and analyzed during this presentation.