

### FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) FOIA Batch Printing Report for Cases

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#### Case ID(s) Printed:

18361396	22139837	22199705	22210589
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Case ID: 18361396

**Case Information:** 

Case Type : Expedited (15- eSub: Y HP: Country: US Event Date: 01-Mar-2020 Outcomes: OT Application Type:

Day)

**Patient Information:** 

Age: 69 YR Sex: Female Weight:

WK

**Suspect Products:** 

2 Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg

#	Product Name:	Compounded	Dose/Frequency	Route	Dosage Text	Start Date	End Date	Indication(s)
		Drug ?						
1	Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg		.5 Mg Milligram(S) /	/ Subcutaneous	0.5 mg, qw	2020	22-Sep-2020	

WK

0.25 mg, qw 01-Mar-2020 2020

Type 2 diabetes mellitus

# Product Name: Interval 1st DeC ReC Lot# Exp Date NDC # MFR/Labeler OTC

Dose to Event

1 Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg Yes Unknown NOVO NORDISK

.25 Mg Milligram(S) / / Subcutaneous

2 Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg Yes Unknown NOVO NORDISK

**Device Products:** 

#	Brand Name / Common Device	Similar	Malfunction ? Device Lot#	Device Usage/	Remedial Action	Device Problem	Manufacturer Name
	Name / Product Code	Device?		Operator of Device			
1	Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg//	No		/Other		Adverse Event Without	Novo Nordisk A/S
						Identified Device or Use	
						Problem	
2	Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg//	No		/Other		Adverse Event Without	Novo Nordisk A/S
						Identified Device or Use	
						Problem	



Case ID: 18361396

**Event Information:** 

Preferred Term ( MedDRA Version: v.26.1 )

ReC

Aspiration

Insomnia

Gastrooesophageal reflux disease

Nausea

#### **Event/Problem Narrative:**

This serious Spontaneous case from the UNITED STATES was reported by a Consumer as "gastric acid with reflux and aspiration(Aspiration)" beginning on 01-MAR-2020, "cannot sleep(Sleep difficult)" with an unspecified onset date, "gastric acid with reflux and aspiration(Acid reflux (esophageal))" beginning on 01-MAR-2020, "severe nausea(Nausea)" beginning on 01-MAR-2020, and concerned a 69 Years old Female patient who was treated with Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg (SEMAGLUTIDE) from 01-MAR-2020 to 22-SEP-2020 for "Type 2 diabetes mellitus", Current Condition: Type 2 diabetes mellitus, blood thinners Historical Condition: Ulcer. A patient receiving therapy with Ozempic experienced gastric acid with reflux and aspiration, could not sleep and severe nausea. Action taken to Ozempic 0.25/0.50 mg was reported as Product discontinued due to AE. On 22-SEP-2020 the outcome for the event "gastric acid with reflux and aspiration)" was Recovered. The outcome for the event "cannot sleep(Sleep difficult)" was Not Reported. On 22-SEP-2020 the outcome for the event "gastric acid with reflux and aspiration(Acid reflux (esophageal))" was Recovered. On 22-SEP-2020 the outcome for the event "severe nausea(Nausea)" was Recovered. Batch number was unavailable. Since last submission of the case, the following has been updated: - Patient's date of birth and age added - Medical history added - Product dosage and indication added - Events "gastric acid with reflux and aspiration" and "nausea" start and stop dates added. - Narrative updated accordingly - Company comment updated Company Comment: Aspiration is assessed as unlisted according to the Novo Nordisk company core data sheet (CCDS) for Ozempic. Co-reported non-serious event, "gastric acid reflux", has been associated with an increased risk for aspiration, therefore considered a confounder. Limited information as related to event start date, further clarification on "ulcer" medical history (type/location), concomitant medications, social history and laboratory/diagnostic evaluations limits fur

#### **Relevant Medical History:**

Disease/Surgical Procedure	Start Date	End Date	Continuing?	
Type 2 diabetes mellitus			Yes	
Ulcer			No	
Anticoagulant therapy			Yes	
Medical History Product(s)	Start Date	End Date	Indications	

**Events** 



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Relevant Laboratory Data	:						
Test Name	R	esult	Unit	Normal Low Range	Nor	mal High Range	Info Avail
Concomitant Products:							
# Product Name:	Dose/Frequency	Route	Dosage Text	Start Date	End Date	Indication(s)	Interval 1st  Dose to Event
Reporter Source:							
Study report?: No	Sender organiz	zation: NO	VO NORDISK		Compoundi urcing Faci		
Literature Text:							



Case ID: 22139837

**Case Information:** 

Case Type : Expedited (15- eSub: Y HP: Y Country: US Event Date: Outcomes: OT Application Type:

Day)

**FDA Rcvd Date:** 27-Mar-2023 **Mfr Rcvd Date:** 17-Mar-2023 **Mfr Control #:** US-NOVOPROD-1041798 **Application #:** 209637

**Patient Information:** 

Age: 46 YR Sex: Weight:

**Suspect Products:** 

# Product Name: Compounded Dose/Frequency Route Dosage Text Start Date End Date Indication(s)

Drug?

1 Ozempic / Subcutaneous UNK Type 2 diabetes mellitus

# Product Name: Interval 1st DeC ReC Lot# Exp Date NDC # MFR/Labeler OTC

Dose to Event

1 Ozempic Not Applicable NA NOVO NORDISK

**Device Products:** 

# Brand Name / Common Device Similar Malfunction ? Device Lot# Device Usage/ Remedial Action Device Problem Manufacturer Name

Name / Product Code Device? Operator of Device

1 Ozempic// No /Other Adverse Event Without Novo Nordisk A/S

Identified Device or Use

Problem

**Event Information:** 

Preferred Term ( MedDRA Version: v.26.1 ) ReC

Aspiration

Impaired gastric emptying

**Event/Problem Narrative:** 



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This serious spontaneous case from the UNITED STATES was reported by a physician via a company representative as "aspiration(Aspiration)" with an unspecified onset date, "full stomach after four weeks(Delayed gastric emptying)" with an unspecified onset date, and concerned a 46 year old patient, who was treated with Ozempic (semaglutide) from an unknown start date for type 2 diabetes mellitus. Current Condition: type 2 diabetes mellitus. A physician reported that a patient was instructed to stop Ozempic four weeks prior to undergoing an unspecified procedure. On the day of the procedure, imagining showed a full stomach and the patient experienced aspiration. Action taken to Ozempic was reported as Not Applicable. The outcome for the event "aspiration(Aspiration)" was Not Reported. The outcome for the event "full stomach after four weeks(Delayed gastric emptying)" was Not Reported. Batch number was requested. Company Comment: Aspiration and impaired gastric emptying are assessed as unlisted according to the Novo Nordisk company core data sheet (CCDS) for Ozempic. A medical history of type 2 diabetes mellitus has been associated with an increased risk for impaired gastric emptying, therefore considered a confounder. In addition, the impaired gastric emptying event may have contributed to the aspiration event. Limited information as related to Ozempic therapy dates, event onset dates, duration of diabetes, concomitant medications, family/social history, and laboratory/diagnostic evaluations limits further medical assessment. This single case report is not considered to change the current knowledge of the safety profile of the product.

Relevant Medical History:								
Disease/Surgical Procedure Type 2 diabetes mellitus			Start Date	End [	<b>Date</b> Co	ntinuing?		
Medical History Product(s)			Start Date	End [	Date Inc	dications	Events	
Relevant Laboratory Data:								
Test Name IMAGING PROCEDURE		Result	Unit		Normal Low Rai	nge	Normal High Range	Info Avail Y
Concomitant Products:								
# Product Name:	Dose/Frequency	Route		Dosage Text	Start Date	End Dat	te Indication(s)	Interval 1st Dose to Even
Reporter Source:								
Study report?: No	Sender orga	anization:	NOVO NOR	DISK		3B Compountsourcing		



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Literature Text:



Case ID: 22199705

**Case Information:** 

Case Type : Expedited (15- eSub: Y HP: Y Country: US Event Date: 2022 Outcomes: HO, OT Application Type:

Day)

**Patient Information:** 

Age: 51 YR Sex: Male Weight: 138.32 KG

**Suspect Products:** 

# Product Name: Compounded Dose/Frequency Route Dosage Text Start Date End Date Indication(s)

Drug?

1 Ozempic 1.0 mg 3.0 mL 1 Mg Milligram(S) // Subcutaneous 1 mg, qw on 29-Apr-2022 02-Apr-2023 Diabetes mellitus

WK

Wednesdays

# Product Name: Interval 1st DeC ReC Lot# Exp Date NDC # MFR/Labeler OTC

Dose to Event

1 Ozempic 1.0 mg 3.0 mL223 Day Yes NA NOVO NORDISK

**Device Products:** 

# Brand Name / Common Device Similar Malfunction ? Device Lot# Device Usage/ Remedial Action Device Problem Manufacturer Name

Name / Product Code Device? Operator of Device

1 Ozempic 1.0 mg 3.0 mL// No /Other Adverse Event Without Novo Nordisk A/S

Identified Device or Use

Problem

**Event Information:** 

Preferred Term ( MedDRA Version: v.26.1 ) ReC

Aspiration

Aspiration

Rotator cuff syndrome



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Fall

Nephrolithiasis

Thymoma

Impaired gastric emptying

Pyrexia

Cough

#### **Event/Problem Narrative:**

This serious spontaneous case from the UNITED STATES was reported by a medical doctor as "aspiration(Aspiration)" beginning on(b)(6)\*\*\*\*\*\*, "aspiration(Aspiration)" beginning on (b)(6)\*\*\*\*\*, "rotator cuff tear(Rotator cuff tear)" beginning on 19-DEC-2022, "fell on ice(Fall)" beginning on 19-DEC-2022, "bilateral kidney stones(Kidney stones)" beginning on 08-NOV-2022, "thymoma(Thymoma)" beginning in 2022, "gastroparesis(Gastroparesis)" beginning on (b) (6)\*\*\*\*\*, "fever(Fever)" beginning in DEC-2022, "cough(Cough)" beginning in DEC-2022 and concerned a 52 year old male patient, who was treated with Ozempic 1.0 mg 3.0 mL (semaglutide) from 29-APR-2022 to 02-APR-2023 for diabetes mellitus. Patient's height: 184.2 cm Patient's weight: 138.3 kg Patient's BMI: 40.789 Current Condition: diabetes mellitus, hypertension, obesity, obstructive sleep apnea, cholesterol high, iron low. Family History: kidney stones, diabetes. Concomitant products included METFORMIN, LISINOPRIL, FENOFIBRATE, MODAFINIL, FERROUS SULFATE, FOLIC ACID, GLIPIZIDE XL (GLIPIZIDE), CARVEDILOL, ROSUVASTATIN, AMLODIPINE. A physician, who was also the patient and was receiving therapy with Ozempic, experienced gastroparesis 24 hours after each dose since 16-MAR-2022. On 08-NOV-2022, the patient experienced bilateral kidney stones. On (b)(6)\*\*\*\*\*, the patient went to the emergency department for bilateral kidney stones. As treatment, the patient underwent urgent bilateral stent placement with no need for intubation. On (b)(6)\*\*\*\*\*, the patient underwent kidney stone lithotripsy under anesthesia without intubation. However, kidney stones remained on the right. On(b)(6)\*\*\*\*\*\*as further treatment, the patient underwent laser lithotripsy and stent placement under anesthesia. Aspiration occurred mid procedure and an emergency intubation was required, despite the fact that the patient had appropriately fasted for the procedure. The patient experienced cough and mild fever, and was treated prophylactically for potential aspiration pneumonia with unspecified antibiotics. During work up for kidney stones, an incidental finding of thoracic mass was noted on computerized tomography scan. On 19-DEC-2022, the patient fell on ice in driveway causing rotator cuff tear. On(b)(6)\*\*\*\*\*\*, the patient was hospitalized and underwent surgical removal of a thymoma, which was performed with intubation and no complications. Thymoma was benign. On (b)(6)\*\*\*\*\*, the patient was discharged. On (b) (6)\*\*\*\*\*, the patient underwent surgical rotator cuff repair. When the anesthesiologist went to intubate, he noted that patient was in the process of aspirating, which required a much more rapid intubation in order to prevent aspirating further. The patient had fasted as ordered for all procedures, and only aspirated during procedures that occurred on Thursdays (patient had taken Ozempic on Wednesdays). The patient did not have difficulties with procedures that occurred on Fridays or Saturdays. Action taken to Ozempic 1.0 mg 3.0 mL was reported as Product discontinued. The outcome for the event "aspiration(Aspiration)" was Recovered. On (b)(6)\*\*\*\* the outcome for the event "aspiration(Aspiration)" was Recovered. The outcome for the event "rotator cuff tear(Rotator cuff tear)" was Recovering/resolving. On 19-DEC-2022 the outcome for the event "fell on ice(Fall)" was Recovered. On 20-DEC-2022 the outcome for the event "bilateral kidney stones(Kidney stones)" was Recovered. On (b)(6)\*\*\*\* the outcome for the event "thymoma(Thymoma)" was Recovered. On (b)(6)\*\*\*\* the outcome for the event "gastroparesis(Gastroparesis)" was Recovered. The outcome for the event "fever(Fever)" was Not Reported. The outcome for the event "cough(Cough)" was Not Reported. The physician felt that the aspiration (two times) and gastroparesis were related to therapy with Ozempic. The physician felt that the bilateral kidney stones, rotator cuff tear, and fell on ice were not related. Product batch number was requested. Since last submission, the following has been updated: - Patient date of birth, height, weight, BMI, - Relevant history, - Laboratory data, - Concomitant medications, - Event of aspiration start date, outcome, - Description as reported of rotator cuff repair updated to torn rotator cuff, start date, outcome. - Event of bilateral kidney stones start date, outcome, stop date. - Events of fell on ice and thymoma added. - Physician causality. - Narrative updated with the new information from the physician. Company Comment: Aspiration, aspiration, rotator cuff syndrome, fall, nephrolithiasis, thymoma, and impaired gastric emptying are assessed as unlisted according to the Novo Nordisk company core data sheet (CCDS) for Ozempic. A medical history of obesity has been associated with an increased risk for nephrolithiasis. In addition, diabetes mellitus which has been



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associated with delayed gastric emptying considered a confounder for impaired gastric emptying. In addition, the use of anesthesia may have contributed to the aspiration events in this patient with other comorbidities to include obstructive sleep apnea. Limited information on family/social history and laboratory/diagnostic evaluations limits further medical assessment. This single case report is not considered to change the current knowledge of the safety profile of the product.

#### Relevant Medical History:

Disease/Surgical Procedure	Start Date	End Date	Continuing?	
Diabetes mellitus	2004		Yes	
Hypertension	2004		Yes	
Obesity			Yes	
Obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome	2000		Yes	
Blood cholesterol increased			Yes	
Blood iron decreased			Yes	
Nephrolithiasis			Yes	
Diabetes mellitus			Yes	
Medical History Product(s)	Start Date	End Date	Indications	Events

F	Relevant Laboratory Data:							
	est Name COMPUTERISED TOMOGRA	Resu M	llt	Unit	Normal Low Range	Norm	nal High Range	Info Avail Y
C	Concomitant Products:							
#	Product Name:	Dose/Frequency	Route	Dosage Text	Start Date	End Date	Indication(s)	Interval 1st Dose to Event
1	METFORMIN	1000 Mg Milligram(S) / BID	Oral	1000 mg, bid	2004		Diabetes mellitus	
2	LISINOPRIL	40 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	40 mg, qd			Hypertension	



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FENOFIBRATE	48 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	48 mg, qd in AM	Blood cholesterol
				increased
MODAFINIL	200 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	200 mg, qd in AM	Somnolence
FERROUS SULFATE	325 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	325 mg, qd in AM	Blood iron decreased
FOLIC ACID	1 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	1 mg, qd	Product used for
				unknown indication
GLIPIZIDE XL	2.5 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	2.5 mg, qd in AM	Diabetes mellitus
CARVEDILOL	25 Mg Milligram(S) / BID	Oral	25 mg, bid	Hypertension
ROSUVASTATIN	20 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	20 mg, qd in AM	Blood cholesterol
				increased
AMLODIPINE	10 Mg Milligram(S) / QD	Oral	10 mg, qd in AM	Hypertension
	MODAFINIL FERROUS SULFATE FOLIC ACID GLIPIZIDE XL CARVEDILOL	MODAFINIL  200 Mg Milligram(S) / QD  FERROUS SULFATE  325 Mg Milligram(S) / QD  1 Mg Milligram(S) / QD  GLIPIZIDE XL  CARVEDILOL  25 Mg Milligram(S) / QD  CARVEDILOL  20 Mg Milligram(S) / QD  Mg Milligram(S) / QD	MODAFINIL  200 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  FERROUS SULFATE  325 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  FOLIC ACID  1 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  GLIPIZIDE XL  2.5 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  CARVEDILOL  25 Mg Milligram(S) / BID Oral  ROSUVASTATIN  20 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral	MODAFINIL  200 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  200 mg, qd in AM  FERROUS SULFATE  325 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  325 mg, qd in AM  FOLIC ACID  1 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  1 mg, qd  GLIPIZIDE XL  2.5 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  2.5 mg, qd in AM  CARVEDILOL  25 Mg Milligram(S) / BID Oral  ROSUVASTATIN  20 Mg Milligram(S) / QD Oral  20 mg, qd in AM  25 mg, pd in AM  20 mg, qd in AM

Reporter Source:

Study report?: No Sender organization: NOVO NORDISK 50

503B Compounding Outsourcing Facility?:

Literature Text:



Case ID: 22210589

**Case Information:** 

Case Type: Expedited (15- eSub: Y HP: Y Country: US Event Date: Outcomes: HO, OT **Application Type:** 

Day)

FDA Rcvd Date: 14-Apr-2023 Mfr Rcvd Date: 03-Apr-2023 Mfr Control #: US-NOVOPROD-1049883 Application #: 215256

**Patient Information:** 

Age: 42 YR Sex: Male Weight:

**Suspect Products:** 

**Dosage Text** # Product Name: Compounded Dose/Frequency Route **Start Date End Date** Indication(s)

Drug?

1 Wegovy 1.7 Mg Milligram(S) / / Subcutaneous 1.7 mg, qw (Dose

Malfunction ? Device Lot#

WK

increased)

**Remedial Action** 

2 Wegovy Subcutaneous UNK, qw Weight control

ReC NDC# MFR/Labeler OTC **Product Name:** Interval 1st DeC Lot# **Exp Date** 

Dose to Event

Similar

1 Wegovy Unknown NA **NOVO NORDISK** 

2 Wegovy **NOVO NORDISK** Unknown NA

**Device Products:** 

Name / Product Code Device? Operator of Device 1 Wegovy// /Other No Adverse Event Without Novo Nordisk A/S

Device Usage/

Identified Device or Use

Problem

2 Wegovy// No /Other Adverse Event Without Novo Nordisk A/S

Identified Device or Use

**Device Problem** 

Problem

**Brand Name / Common Device** 

**Manufacturer Name** 



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**Event Information:** 

Preferred Term ( MedDRA Version: v.26.1 ) ReC

Aspiration

Impaired gastric emptying

#### **Event/Problem Narrative:**

This serious Literature case entitled "Semaglutide, delayed gastric emptying, and intraoperative pulmonary aspiration: a case report" which was published in the "Canadian journal of anaesthesia" from the United States was reported by an Anaesthetist as "Intraoperative pulmonary aspiration of gastric contents (Pulmonary aspiration)" with an unspecified onset date, "Delayed gastric emptying(Delayed gastric emptying)" with an unspecified onset date, and concerned a 42 Years old Male patient who was treated with Wegovy (SEMAGLUTIDE) from unknown start date for "Weight loss", Patient's Body Mass Index: 37 kg/m2 Current Condition: Gastroesophageal reflux, Barrett's esophagitis with dysplasia, obesity, Obstructive sleep apnea (treated with CPAP), Mixed anxiety and depressive disorder. Historical Condition: heavy alcohol use (sober for 4 years), Pulmonary aspiration leading to Lung abscess that was conservatively treated with antibiotics (unspecified). Procedure: Four previous upper gastrointestinal endoscopies and ablation of dysplastic mucosa with the most recent procedure was before three months with deep sedation and natural airway, Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP at night). Concomitant products included -OMEPRAZOLE, FAMOTIDINE, PAROXETINE, BUPROPION, BUSPIRONE On an unspecified date (reported as two months earlier than the fifth procedure of upper gastrointestinal endoscopy and ablation of dysplastic mucosa), the patient had started weekly injections of Wegovy which was later escalated to 1.7 mg. On an unspecified date (reported as when the patient had presented for repeat of the upper gastrointestinal endoscopy for the ablation of dysplastic areas), the patient's gastrointestinal endoscopy had revealed substantial gastric contents (large quantities of liquid and solid materials) despite fasting for 18 hours. The anesthetics used were intravenous fentanyl bolus. Propofol bolus and Propofol infusion. Hence, the food remains (a large quantity of liquid and solid materials) were removed from the patient's trachea and bronchi by insertion of a bronchoscope through the endotracheal tube after the administration of additional propofol and succinvlcholine. After four hours, the patient had been extubated and they were transferred to the intensive care unit (ICU) where they had been sedated and intubated, and they remained asymptomatic. On an unspecified date (reported as the next day), the patient had been discharged. The other details of hospitalization of the patient had been unspecified. It was reported that, four months later, the patient was doing well. Batch Numbers were requested. Action taken to Wegovy was Not reported. The outcome for the event "intraoperative pulmonary aspiration of gastric contents (Pulmonary aspiration)" was Recovering/resolving. The outcome for the event "Delayed gastric emptying(Delayed gastric emptying)" was Recovering/resolving. Company Comment: 'Delayed gastric emptying' is assessed as listed and 'Pulmonary aspiration' as unlisted according to current NovoNordisk CCDS information on Wegovy. Patient with medical history of Barrett's esophagus never presented with gastric content during endoscopy procedure. Based on temporal association a causal relationship of delayed gastric emptying with the drug cannot be ruled out completely. Pulmonary aspiration could be secondary to delayed gastric emptying. This single case report is not considered to change the current knowledge of the safety profile of Wegovy.

#### Relevant Medical History:

Disease/Surgical Procedure	Start Date	End Date	Continuing?
Gastrooesophageal reflux disease			Yes
Barrett's oesophagus			Yes
Alcoholism			No



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Aspiration			No	
Lung abscess			No	
Obesity			Yes	
Obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome			Yes	
Mixed anxiety and depressive disorder			Yes	
Therapeutic procedure			No	
Positive airway pressure therapy			Yes	
Medical History Product(s)	Start Date	End Date	Indications	Events

Relevant Laboratory D	ata:						
Test Name		Result	Unit	Normal Low Range	No	rmal High Range	Info Avail
ENDOSCOPY GASTRO	DINTESTINAL						Υ
Concomitant Products	s:						
# Product Name:	Dose/Frequency	Route	Dosage Text	Start Date	End Date	Indication(s)	Interval 1st
							Dose to Even
1 OMEPRAZOLE	/		UNK, qd			Product used for	
						unknown indication	
2 FAMOTIDINE	1		UNK, qd			Product used for	
						unknown indication	
3 PAROXETINE	/		UNK, qd			Product used for	
						unknown indication	
4 BUPROPION	/		UNK, qd			Product used for	
						unknown indication	
5 BUSPIRONE	/		UNK, qd			Product used for	
						unknown indication	



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**Reporter Source:** 

Study report?: No Sender organization: NOVO NORDISK 503B Compounding Outsourcing Facility?:

Literature Text: Klein, Sandra R; Hobai, Ion A. Semaglutide, delayed gastric emptying, and intraoperative pulmonary aspiration: a case report. Canadian

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### Semaglutide, delayed gastric emptying, and intraoperative pulmonary aspiration: a case report

Sémaglutide, vidange gastrique retardée et aspiration pulmonaire peropératoire : une présentation de cas

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#### **Abstract**

**Purpose** We report a case in which the use of semaglutide for weight loss was associated with delayed gastric emptying and intraoperative pulmonary aspiration of gastric contents.

Clinical features A 42-yr-old patient with Barrett's esophagus underwent repeat upper gastrointestinal endoscopy and ablation of dysplastic mucosa. Two months earlier, the patient had started weekly injections of semaglutide for weight loss. Despite having fasted for 18 hr, and differing from the findings of prior procedures, endoscopy revealed substantial gastric content, which was suctioned before endotracheal intubation. Food remains were removed from the trachea and bronchi using bronchoscopy. The patient was extubated four hours later and remained asymptomatic.

Conclusion Patients using semaglutide and other glucagon-like peptide 1 agonists for weight management may require specific precautions during induction of anesthesia to prevent pulmonary aspiration of gastric contents.

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#### Résumé

**Objectif** Nous rapportons un cas dans lequel l'utilisation de sémaglutide à des fins de perte de poids a été associée à un retard de vidange gastrique et à une aspiration pulmonaire peropératoire du contenu gastrique.

Caractéristiques cliniques Un patient de 42 ans souffrant d'un œsophage de Barrett a subi une cinquième endoscopie gastro-intestinale supérieure avec ablation de la muqueuse dysplasique. Deux mois plus tôt, le patient avait commencé à recevoir des injections hebdomadaires de sémaglutide pour perdre du poids. Bien qu'à jeun depuis 18 heures et à la différence des évaluations lors des interventions antérieures, l'endoscopie a révélé un contenu gastrique important, qui a été aspiré avant l'intubation endotrachéale. Les restes de nourriture ont été retirés de la trachée et des bronches par bronchoscopie. Le patient a été extubé quatre heures plus tard et est demeuré asymptomatique.

Conclusion Les patients utilisant du sémaglutide et d'autres agonistes du peptide analog au glucagon-1 pour la gestion du poids pourraient nécessiter des précautions spécifiques lors de l'induction de l'anesthésie pour empêcher l'aspiration pulmonaire du contenu gastrique.

**Keywords** adverse reactions · endoscopy · esophago-gastro-duodenoscopy · GLP 1 · glucagon-like peptide 1 · obesity

Semaglutide is a glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP 1) agonist used for glycemic control in patients with diabetes, which has recently been approved for weight control in certain patients with obesity. We report a case in which the use of semaglutide for weight loss was associated with delayed gastric emptying and intraoperative pulmonary aspiration



of gastric content. A written HIPAA release form and written informed consent were obtained from the patient for publication of this case report.

#### Case presentation

A 42-yr-old male with gastroesophageal reflux and Barrett's esophagus with dysplasia presented for repeat upper gastrointestinal endoscopy and ablation of dysplastic mucosal areas. This was the fifth procedure in two years, four of which (including the most recent one, three months prior) he had tolerated well under deep sedation with natural airway. One prior procedure was performed under general endotracheal anesthesia. He had a remote history of heavy alcohol use with several complications, including a lung abscess, thought to be the result of aspiration, which was treated conservatively with antibiotics. He had been sober for four years. His other medical history included obesity (body mass index, 37 kg·m<sup>-2</sup>), obstructive sleep apnea (managed by nightly use of a continuous positive airway pressure machine), and mixed anxiety and depressive disorder. The patient had no history of diabetes. Two months prior to the procedure, he started taking semaglutide for weight loss, at a dose that escalated to weekly 1.7-mg subcutaneous injections. Other daily medications included omeprazole, famotidine, paroxetine, bupropion, and buspirone.

The patient had no gastrointestinal symptoms on the day of the procedure. He was instructed to have nothing by mouth for 8 hr; however, by the time the procedure started, he had been fasting for over 18 hr. An intravenous catheter was inserted, and standard American Society of Anesthesiologists monitoring was used. He was placed in a slight left lateral position, and deep sedation was initiated with a fentanyl bolus, propofol bolus, and propofol infusion. His eyes closed, he became unresponsive to voice and continued to breathe easily, unassisted. Upon introduction of the endoscope, large quantities of liquid and solid material were encountered in the stomach. This was different from all prior procedures, in which the stomach was found to be empty. The gastric content was suctioned through the endoscope, and the patient was intubated rapidly after the administration of additional propofol and succinylcholine. A bronchoscope was inserted through the endotracheal tube and revealed a moderate quantity of liquid and solid material resembling the gastric content, which was suctioned. The procedure was completed, and the patient was transferred to the intensive care unit, sedated, and intubated. He was extubated four hours later, remained asymptomatic, and was discharged home the next day. Four months later, he was doing well.



#### Discussion

Glucagon-like peptide 1 agonists have been used for glycemic control in patients with type 2 diabetes<sup>1</sup> for over 12 years and have proven to have a very good safety profile. The most prevalent side effects are nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, and are relatively minor. The current recommendations are that GLP 1 agonists may be continued in the perioperative period when used for diabetes.

In June 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the use of weekly injections of semaglutide for chronic weight management in adults with obesity or overweight and one weight-related condition, such as high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, or high cholesterol.<sup>3</sup> The recommended dose is 1.7–2.4 mg once weekly, subcutaneously, which is higher than the dose of 0.25–1 mg used for diabetes management. It is therefore possible that the safety profile may be worse in these conditions. Notably, if we compare two different studies (with different patient populations, admittedly), the prevalence of nausea and vomiting was much higher in patients taking 2.4 mg semaglutide subcutaneously<sup>3</sup> than in those taking 0.5 and 1 mg<sup>1</sup> (44% vs 2% and 5% for nausea and 31% vs 2% and 3% for vomiting, respectively).

As GLP 1 is an incretin hormone responsible for the regulation of gastric emptying,<sup>4</sup> several studies have assessed gastric emptying in patients taking semaglutide using an assay that quantifies paracetamol absorption following a standardized breakfast. Dahl et al. showed that in diabetic patients, oral semaglutide decreased acetaminophen absorption in the first hour, but absorption after five hours was unchanged from placebo. In patients with obesity receiving weekly subcutaneous injections, a study found the same pattern as in diabetic patients,6 whereas another study<sup>7</sup> found no change in absorption for either the first hour or five hours. Thus, while some controversy exists regarding whether semaglutide may decrease gastric emptying during the first hour, the overall effect appears to be negligible. Nevertheless, the test used has known limitations, and some studies have shown a poor correlation with gastric emptying assessed scintigraphy.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, uncertainty persists. Regarding other GLP 1 agonists, another study found a slowing of gastric emptying in diabetic patients taking liraglutide, using a <sup>13</sup>C-octanoic acid breath test, although the extent of the difference and its clinical implications were not addressed.9

In our patient, the start of semaglutide therapy was associated with a clear delay in gastric emptying after 18 hr of fasting, which was not previously observed on several occasions. Although this observation cannot, in itself, unequivocally show that semaglutide causes delayed

gastric emptying, it gives, in our view, reason for a significant safety concern, especially since it is consistent with the known mechanism of action of the drug. Other possibilities exist but are less likely. A persistent alcoholinduced gastroparesis four years after quitting is doubtful since previous endoscopies during and immediately after the period of heavy alcohol use revealed an empty stomach. An undisclosed patient non-compliance with the eight hours fasting requirement is also possible, but there is no reason to suspect it, especially for a patient who has always been truthful and consistently showed a genuine concern for his well-being and safety.

Pulmonary aspiration of gastric contents remains a significant cause of postoperative morbidity mortality. 10 Therefore, preventive adjustments anesthesia management could be expected to improve overall perioperative outcomes. With a half-life of approximately seven days, 11 it will take 23 days (i.e., 3.3 half-lives) for semaglutide levels to drop to less than 10% of the initial blood level, but it is unknown whether holding the drug for this period preoperatively will result in a full recovery of gastric motility. Perhaps the emerging perioperative use of point-of-care ultrasound to assess gastric content<sup>12</sup> may provide an answer to this question. As such, until more data become available, a cautious approach would be to consider patients taking semaglutide for weight loss as having a full stomach.

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Case ID: 22733609

**Case Information:** 

Case Type : Non-Expedited eSub: Y HP: N Country: US Event Date: Dec-2021 Outcomes: Application Type:

FDA Rcvd Date: 20-Jul-2023 Mfr Rcvd Date: 27-Feb-2023 Mfr Control #: US-NOVOPROD-1041406 Application #: 209637

**Patient Information:** 

Age: 61 YR Sex: Female Weight:

**Suspect Products:** 

# Product Name: Compounded Dose/Frequency Route Dosage Text Start Date End Date Indication(s)

Drug?

1 Ozempic / Subcutaneous 1mg Dec-2021 Product used for unknown

indication

**2** Ozempic / Subcutaneous 2mg

# Product Name: Interval 1st DeC ReC Lot# Exp Date NDC # MFR/Labeler OTC

Dose to Event

1 Ozempic Unknown NA NOVO NORDISK

2 Ozempic Unknown NA MP5D781 NOVO NORDISK

**Device Products:** 

# Brand Name / Common Device Similar Malfunction ? Device Lot# Device Usage/ Remedial Action Device Problem Manufacturer Name

Name / Product Code Device? Operator of Device

1 Ozempic// No /Other Adverse Event Without Novo Nordisk A/S

Identified Device or Use

Problem

2 Ozempic// No /Other Adverse Event Without Novo Nordisk A/S

Identified Device or Use

Problem

**Event Information:** 



Case ID: 22733609

Preferred Term (MedDRA Version: v.26.1)

ReC

Lacrimation increased

Eye discharge

Vulvovaginal pruritus

Vulvovaginal burning sensation

Vulvovaginal discomfort

Dysuria

Aspiration

Heart rate decreased

Nausea

#### **Event/Problem Narrative:**

\*\*\*This is an auto generated narrative\*\*\* This non-serious Spontaneous case from the UNITED STATES was reported by a Consumer as "Nausea(Nausea)" beginning on 12-FEB-2023, "Eyes are very watery(Watering eyes)" beginning on FEB-2023, "Eyes very sticky(Sticky eyes)" beginning on FEB-2022, "Itching in the vaginal area(Vaginal itching)" beginning on FEB-2022, "Burning in the vaginal area(Vaginal burning sensation)" beginning on FEB-2022, "Feeling pressure in the vaginal area(Pressure in vagina)" beginning on FEB-2022, "Burning in the vaginal area(Pressure in vagina)" beginning on FEB-2022, "Burning in the vaginal area(Pressure in vagina)" beginning on FEB-2023, "If I lay down at night and I eat anything liquidy I aspirate the food up(Food aspiration)" beginning on DEC-2021 and concerned a 61 Years old Female patient who was treated with Ozempic (SEMAGLUTIDE) from DEC-2021 for "Product used for unknown indication", Dosage Regimens: Ozempic: ??-DEC-2021 to Not Reported, Not Reported to Not Reported; Historical Drug: HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE, JARDIANCE. Lab Data included: Test Date: FEB-2023 Lab Data Test as Reported: Heart rate Test Name: Heart rate Comments: 64 (units not reported) Batch Numbers: Ozempic: ASKU, MP5D781 Action taken to Ozempic was Not reported. On 12-FEB-2023 the outcome for the event "Nausea(Nausea)" was Recovered. The outcome for the event "Eyes are very watery(Watering eyes)" was Not yet recovered. The outcome for the event "Burning in the vaginal area(Vaginal itching)" was Not yet recovered. The outcome for the event "Burning in the vaginal area(Vaginal burning sensation)" was Not yet recovered. The outcome for the event "Burning in the vaginal" was Not yet recovered. The outcome for the event "Burning in the vaginal" was Not yet recovered. The outcome for the event "Burning in the vaginal" was Not yet recovered. The outcome for the event "Itel I lay down at night and I eat anything liquidy I aspirate the food up(Food aspiration)" was Not yet recovered. Reference Type: SIMS case number Reference ID#:

#### **Relevant Medical History:**

Disease/Surgical Procedure Start Date End Date Continuing?

Medical History Product(s)

Start Date

End Date

Indications

Events



Case ID: 22733609

HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE Product used for unknown No adverse event

indication

JARDIANCE Product used for unknown No adverse event

indication

Relevant Laboratory Data:

Test Name Result Unit Normal Low Range Normal High Range Info Avail

HEART RATE Y

**Concomitant Products:** 

# Product Name: Dose/Frequency Route Dosage Text Start Date End Date Indication(s) Interval 1st

Dose to Event

**Reporter Source:** 

Study report?: No Sender organization: NOVO NORDISK 503B Compounding Outsourcing Facility?:

**Literature Text:** 



Case ID: 22801610

Ca	ase Information:									
Са	ase Type :Expedited (1	5- <b>eSub:</b> Y	HP: \	Country: US	Event Date:	Outcomes: HO,	ОТ		Applic	ation Type:
	Day)									
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Pa	atient Information:									
Ag	je:	;	Sex: Male		Weight:					
Sı	uspect Products:									
#	Product Name:	Compo	ounded	Dose/Frequency	Route	Dosage Text	Start Date	End Date	Indication	(s)
1	Rybelsus			1	Oral	UNK			Product us indication	sed for unknown
#	Product Name:	Interval 1s		ReC	Lot#	Exp Date	NDC #	MFR	/Labeler	отс
1	Rybelsus		NA	NA				NOV	O NORDISK	
De	evice Products:									
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E١	vent Information:									
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As	spiration									
Ar	rthroscopy									
lm	npaired gastric empty	/ing								
Vc	omiting									
<b>-</b> ,	vent/Problem Narra	tivo:								



Case ID: 22801610

This serious Spontaneous case from the UNITED STATES was reported by a Nurse as "vomited and aspirated while under anesthesia(Aspiration)" with an unspecified onset date, "shoulder arthroscopy(Shoulder arthroscopy)" with an unspecified onset date, "delay in gastric emptying(Delayed gastric emptying)" with an unspecified onset date, "vomited and aspirated while under anesthesia(Vomited)" with an unspecified onset date, and concerned an Adult Male patient who was treated with Rybelsus (SEMAGLUTIDE) from unknown start date for "Drug use for unknown indication". Medical history was not provided. A nurse reported a patient in their 60s receiving therapy with Rybelsus followed protocol and stopped eating a set time before anesthesia for shoulder arthroscopy. However, the nurse believes the patient experienced delay in gastric emptying caused by Rybelsus which led to patient still having food in their stomach while under anesthesia. While still under the anesthesia the patient vomited and aspirated. As a result, the patient was admitted to the hospital. The nurse felt the event of delay in gastric emptying was related to therapy with Rybelsus. Action taken to Rybelsus was reported as Drug discontinued temporarily. The outcome for the event "vomited and aspirated while under anesthesia(Aspiration)" was Not Reported. The outcome for the event "shoulder arthroscopy(Shoulder arthroscopy)" was Not Reported. The outcome for the event "vomited and aspirated while under anesthesia(Vomited)" was Not Reported. Batch number requested. Company Comment: Aspiration and arthroscopy are assessed as unlisted according to the Novo Nordisk company core data sheet (CCDS) for Rybelsus. Impaired gastric emptying and vomiting are assessed as listed according to the Rybelsus therapy dates, event onset dates, indication for the shoulder arthroscopy, medical history, concomitant medications, family/social history, and laboratory/diagnostic evaluations limits further medical assessment. This single case report is not considered to change the cu

Relevant Medical History:									
Disease/Surgical Procedure				End Date		Continuing?			
Medical History Product(s)			Start Date	End [	)ate	Indic	ations	Events	
Relevant Laboratory Data: Test Name		Result	Unit		Normal Lo	ow Rang	e No	ormal High Range	Info Avail
Concomitant Products:									
# Product Name:	Dose/Frequency	Route		Dosage Text	Sta	rt Date	End Date	Indication(s)	Interval 1st Dose to Event
Reporter Source:									



Case ID: 22801610

Study report?: No Sender organization:

NOVO NORDISK

503B Compounding Outsourcing Facility?:

Literature Text:



Case ID: 22888868

**Case Information:** 

Case Type : Expedited (15- eSub: Y HP: Y Country: US Event Date: Jul-2023 Outcomes: LT , HO , OT

Day)

FDA Rcvd Date: 31-Aug-2023 Mfr Rcvd Date: 23-Aug-2023 Mfr Control #: US- Application #: 215866

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US202308014707

**Patient Information:** 

Age: 39 YR Sex: Male Weight:

**Suspect Products:** 

# Product Name: Compounded Dose/Frequency Route Dosage Text Start Date End Date Indication(s)

Drug?

1Mounjaro/UnknownUNK UNK, unknown10057097

**2** DUPIXENT 300 Mg Milligram(S) / Subcutaneous 300 mg, other Feb-2022 10064220

# Product Name: Interval 1st DeC ReC Lot# Exp Date NDC # MFR/Labeler OTC

Dose to Event

1 Mounjaro Unknown NA ELI LILLY AND CO

2 DUPIXENT Unknown NA

**Device Products:** 

# Brand Name / Common Device Similar Malfunction ? Device Lot# Device Usage/ Remedial Action Device Problem Manufacturer Name

Name / Product Code Device? Operator of Device

1 /TIRZEPATIDE PEN (UNKNOWN)/ No / Adverse Event Without Eli Lilly and Company

NSC Identified Device or Use

Problem

2 // No

**Event Information:** 

**Application Type:** 



Case ID: 22888868

Preferred Term ( MedDRA Version: v.26.1 ) ReC

Aspiration

Hiatus hernia

#### **Event/Problem Narrative:**

This spontaneous case, reported by physicians and consumers who contacted the company to report adverse events, concerned a 39-year-old male patient of an unknown origin. Medical history and concomitant medications were not provided. The patient received tirzepatide (Mounjaro) via a pre-filled pen, at an unknown dose and frequency, via an unknown route of administration, for an unknown indication, beginning on an unknown date. He also received dupilumab (Dupixent) via pre- pre-filled pen, at a dose of 300 mg with an unknown frequency, via subcutaneous route, for the treatment of eosinophilic esophagitis, beginning on an unknown date in Feb-2022. On an unknown date, while on tirzepatide and dupilumab therapies, he had hiatal hernia due to which he was hospitalized. On an unknown date in (b)(6)\*\*, he was aspirating due to which he hospitalized and was put on ventilator. On (b)(6)\*\*\*\*, his esophagogastroduodenoscopy was performed (result was not provided). On (b)(6)\*(b)(6), he was released from ventilator. The event of aspiration was considered as serious by the company due to life-threatening reason and considered serious by reporter due to hospitalization and medically significant reasons. Information regarding further hospitalization and discharge details, the corrective treatment, outcome of the events and the status of tirzepatide and dupilumab therapies were not provided. The reporting physician related the event of aspiration with tirzepatide therapy while did not relate the event of aspiration with dupilumab therapies assessment of the event of hiatal hernia with tirzepatide and dupilumab therapies. The reporting consumer did not provide relatedness assessment of the events with tirzepatide and dupilumab therapies. Edit 31-Aug-2023: Upon review of the information received on 23-Aug-2023, recoded suspect drug tirzepatide. No other changes were done to the case.

Relevant Medical History:								
Disease/Surgical Procedure			Start Date	End [	Date Cor	ntinuing?		
Medical History Product(s)			Start Date	End D	Date Ind	ications	Events	
Relevant Laboratory Data:								
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Concomitant Products:								
# Product Name:	Dose/Frequency	Route		Dosage Text	Start Date	End Date	Indication(s)	Interval 1st Dose to Event



Case ID: 22888868

**Reporter Source:** 

Study report?: No Sender organization: ELI LILLY AND CO 503B Compounding Outsourcing Facility?:

Literature Text:



Case ID: 22996790

Case Informa	ion:								
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Patient Inforn	ation:								
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Suspect Prod	ucts:								
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Event Informa	tion:								
Preferred Ter	n ( MedDRA Vers	ion: v.26.1	)			ReC			
Aspiration Surgery									
	n Narrative:								



Case ID: 22996790

This serious Spontaneous case from the UNITED STATES was reported by a Physician as "aspiration(Aspiration)" with an unspecified onset date, "Surgery(Surgery)" with an unspecified onset date, and concerned an Adult patient who was treated with Ozempic (SEMAGLUTIDE) from unknown start date for "drug use for unknown indication". Medical history was not provided. A patient receiving therapy with Ozempic had surgery and passed away shortly after due to aspiration. Action taken to Ozempic was Not reported. The outcome for the event "aspiration(Aspiration)" was Fatal. The outcome for the event "Surgery(Surgery)" was Not Reported. Batch number requested. Company Comment: Aspiration and surgery are assessed as unlisted according to the Novo Nordisk company core data sheet (CCDS) for Ozempic. Limited information as related to suspect product therapy dates, medical history, concomitant medications, family/social history, laboratory/diagnostic evaluations, and reason for surgery precludes medical assessment. This single case report is not considered to change the current knowledge of the safety profile of the product.

Relevant Medical History:								
Disease/Surgical Procedure		Start Date	End Da	ate Con	tinuing?			
Medical History Product(s)			Start Date	End Da	ate Indi	cations	Events	
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Test Name		Result	Unit		Normal Low Rang	ge No	ormal High Range	Info Avail
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