

Reaching the Shoreline

Emerging Amylin-Based Therapies and Trial Signals

THE CLOSER: WHAT'S IN DEVELOPMENT, WHAT THE EARLY DATA SHOW & HOW TO READ IT



Why do we need yet another gut hormone? In this final CME Snack, **W. Timothy Garvey, MD**, joins series chair **Robert F. Kushner, MD**, to bring the series ashore — from biology to the pipeline itself. The aim isn't more weight loss for its own sake: it's to **moderate weight loss that patients can tolerate and stay on**. Here's what's in development, the early signals, and the lens to read them through. All agents are investigational.

THE PIPELINE — FIVE AGENTS, THREE DEVELOPMENT PATHS

AGENT (DEVELOPER)	CLASS	STAGE	SIGNAL TO DATE
Cagrilintide (Novo)	Long-acting amylin / DACRA	Ph 3 program	~ 11.5% as monotherapy at 68 wk • REDEFINE 1
Petrelintide (Zealand/Roche)	Long-acting amylin analog	Ph 3 starting 2H 2026	~ 10.7% at 42 wk; tolerability ≈ placebo • ZUPREME-1 Ph 2
Eloralintide (Lilly)	Selective amylin receptor agonist	Ph 3 recruiting	up to ~ 20.1% at 48 wk • Ph 2
CagriSema (Novo)	Amylin + GLP-1, fixed-dose	Ph 3 / NDA filed	20.4% treatment-policy • 22.7% adherence, 68 wk • REDEFINE 1
Zenagamtide [amycetren] (Novo)	Unimolecular GLP-1 / amylin	Ph 3 underway	~ 24.3% at 36 wk • Ph 1b/2a

Not head-to-head — separate trials differing in phase, duration, dose ladder, and population; read as directional, not comparative. Classes are as each developer describes its own molecule

TOLERABILITY — THE REAL DIFFERENTIATOR

AGENT	NAUSEA	VOMITING	D/C FOR AE
Petrelintide selective • monotherapy	19.6% vs 6.2	3.0% vs 6.2%	4.8% vs 4.9%
Eloralintide selective • monotherapy	32.7% vs 13.5%	8.2% vs 0%	10% vs 8%
Cagrilintide amylin analog • monotherapy	23.8% vs 12.6%	7.0% vs 4.1%	2.6% vs 3.5%
CagriSema amylin + GLP-1 • combination	55.0% vs 12.6%	26.1% vs 4.1%	5.9% vs 3.5%
Zenagamtide GLP-1 + amylin • unimolecular	GI mostly mild-moderate		

The one within-trial comparison. All four REDEFINE 1 arms, 68 wk — nausea: **55.0%** CagriSema • **43.7%** semaglutide • **23.8%** cagrilintide alone • **12.6%** placebo (all GI events 79.6 / 73.8 / 54.0 / 39.9%). Amylin alone runs **about half the nausea of semaglutide**, and discontinued **below placebo**. **Eloralintide is the exception** — pooled nausea 32.7% but 64% in the no-titration arm, fatigue 26.9% vs 11.5%, AE discontinuation 21% in the fixed-dose 6 mg arm, which used no titration.

BEYOND %TBWL — FOUR SIGNALS TO READ

1	Trajectory & durability. Not just the endpoint — the shape of the curve. Where does it plateau, and does it hold at 68 weeks?
2	Tolerability & persistence. Many stop after year one — multifactorial, with side effects a driver in up to ~20% in some studies. Weight, and the benefit, come back.
3	Complementary mechanism. Amylin and GLP-1 hit overlapping brain regions but different cells, so weight loss <i>appears</i> additive, though less than the sum of the single agents. Does efficacy add without proportionally adding side-effect burden?
4	Who responds, and what else moves. Response is heterogeneous, not average — watch subgroup and sex signals, plus muscle, bone, resting energy expenditure, and cardiometabolic markers.

SELECTIVE VS DACRA — WHY IT MIGHT MATTER

No one yet knows which is better. Roughly **2–3% of bone mass** goes with 20% weight loss and salmon calcitonin still treats osteoporosis, so a DACRA *could* be bone-protective. Pulling the other way, preclinical data hint **selective amylin may be more effective for weight loss**.

PRECLINICAL • HUMAN DATA NEEDED

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"What we're looking for right now is a drug that gives us moderate levels of weight loss, approaching 15% on average ... that's well tolerated ... that can be taken long-term ... I think the early data indicate that long-acting amylin may fill that bill."

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CARDIOMETABOLIC DIRECTION • NO CVOT YET

↓ Pulse **3.31 bpm** (semaglutide ↑1.17) ↓ Blood pressure ↓ CRP
Lipids & glycemia improve ↓ Fasting insulin (↑ sensitivity)

Heart rate from REDEFINE 1; CVOTs have not reported. **Directional; not proof of benefit.**

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BMI ≥40 ± MOBILITY	Especially with mobility limits — go for magnitude with dual or triple agonists ; some are surgical candidates.
COMPLICATION-DRIVE	CV secondary prevention, MASH, OSA, T2D — use the GLP-1-based agent with outcome data for it.
EVERYONE ELSE	Most patients have none of those complications. A well-tolerated long-acting amylin first-line is reasonable; add a GLP-1 if goals aren't met.

HYPOTHESIS • NOT A GUIDELINE RECOMMENDATION

PROGRAM COMING YOUR WAY...

FORMAT	~30 min video CME "Snack" — a moderated expert conversation
FACULTY	W. Timothy Garvey, MD, with chair Robert F. Kushner, MD
AUDIENCE	Obesity-medicine, endocrinology, primary care & cardiometabolic clinicians (MD, NP, PA, PharmD)
OBJECTIVES	Assess emerging amylin-based therapeutic strategies in obesity management • Differentiate key trial signals that inform interpretation of investigational data

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