

## What is a Hybrid Closed Loop pump is it for me?

The Hybrid Closed Loop (HCL) pump is any insulin pump able to deliver variable (automated) basal insulin by using an algorithm and real-time CGM sensor glucose trends. The HCL pump can offer a way of managing your diabetes which can improve your blood glucose levels however it still requires work from the user.

This information sheet includes important information for you to consider when deciding on whether the HCL pump is for you.

What are your Expectations?



- Your realistic expectations about HCL will mean you will do better using this technology
- Realistic expectations leads to better insulin pump, CGM and HCL satisfaction and a positive experience using this feature
- It is important you speak with your diabetes team if you have questions about HCL

An Endocrinologist or Diabetes Educator can make referral for education and training with the HCL.

## Some of the common questions and myths associated with HCL: Open vs Closed loop differences:

The HCL system consists of an insulin pump, a sensor with transmitter attached, and a maths program (an algorithm) in the pump. This HCL program automatically works out how much basal (background insulin) you need every 5 minutes. In other words, it will give you less or more insulin depending on



what your sensor glucose (SG) reading is. When you use the HCL system, you will still need to bolus for your meal just like a normal pump.

For young people already on an insulin pump changing to a HCL pump will require some getting used to different pump functions/settings. The diagram below illustrates the differences with open loop (your pump) and the **HCL delivery of basal insulin (auto basal)**. While bolus remains the same the basal rate delivery is significantly different across the day.

## **Open Loop versus HCL**



**Pump settings** are different as seen below in the table. There are several pump settings which cannot be changed (non-modifiable) and two settings that can be changed (modifiable) in the HCL pump.

	Non-modifiable	Modifiable
Open		Glucose targets
Loop		Basal rates
		Sensitivities/correction
		I:C ratios
		Insulin action time
HCL	Target – 6.66 mmol/L	I:C ratios
mode	(120 mg/dl)	Insulin action time
	Auto-basal delivery	
	Sensitivities/correction	

It is important you know what the HCL can and cannot do. The following are some of the most common aspects you must understand about HCL systems.



HCL: adapts to	Total daily dose (TDD)
me - so what	CGM glucose levels and trend
	Insulin on board (IOB)
does it do?	Other components system specific
	HCL does not know:
	<ul> <li>If you eat high or low carb meal</li> </ul>
	eating patterns/times
	<ul> <li>When/how long/how much you are going to exercise</li> </ul>
	If you are awake or sleeping
HCL: will just run	NOT YET – each HCL system has requirements to keep it running
the alf	670C: Auto Modo maintonanco includos:
Itself	• concor calibrations
	<ul> <li>Sensor calibrations</li> <li>"BC now": entering BCs when required to keep Auto Mode running</li> </ul>
	Managing Auto Mode ovits (due to high PGs, Low PGs, sonsor under
	<ul> <li>Managing Auto Mode exits (due to high bos, Low bos, sensor under- reads_max/min system insulin delivery</li> </ul>
	Each different companies system will be different
Myth don't	All carbs (CHO) bolus must be entered before eating
	<ul> <li>Time-in range increases when bolus' are given before the meal</li> </ul>
need to bolus	<ul> <li>HbA1c is directly related to a person's ability to bolus</li> </ul>
	• The HCL still requires BGs entered for correction bolus
	Reasons for required bolus:
	Fully closed loop algorithms in development
	Rapid acting insulin still too slow
	Initial bolus will remain important to all HCL systems in development
Who will struggle	Any person who:     Any person who:     Any person who have the dencies with diabetes care
on HCI 2	<ul> <li>Expecting perfect diabetes control</li> </ul>
ON TICE:	<ul> <li>Overriders of nump settings or instructions</li> </ul>
	Person who really does not like doing their diabetes self-care
	• Does not check BGs or able to calibrate correctly
	<ul> <li>Misses insulin doses or forgets to bolus</li> </ul>
	• Does not adjust pump settings or respond appropriately to high BGs
	Difficulty wearing CGM or pump
Who is best	<ul> <li>Comfortable wearing pump and CGM sensor</li> </ul>
	Checks BGs 6+ times/day
suited to HCL?	<ul> <li>Able to bolus prior to meal and counts CHO</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Willing to give it 1 – 2 months to get used to new system</li> </ul>
	Can learn to 'trust' the HCL system



Questions you might bring to your next appointment or want to ask (note here):