


OTHER ANTIDIABETIC AGENTS			
DRUG	NOTES	FORMULARY CHOICE	PRECAUTIONS / CONTRA-INDICATIONS / LESS DESIRABLE PATIENT GROUPS
<p>Acarbose (Glucobay®)</p>  <p>Inhibits intestinal alpha glucosidases (delays digestion and absorption of starch and sucrose)</p>	<p>This drug is very rarely used, but may be of benefit in the occasional overweight patient.</p> <p>NICE guidance (CG87):</p> <p><i>Consider acarbose for a person unable to use other oral glucose-lowering medications. No mention in NG28.</i></p> <p>Licensed indication:</p> <p>Acarbose tablets are recommended for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus in patients inadequately controlled on diet alone, or on diet and oral hypoglycaemic agents.</p>		<p>Limited by gastrointestinal intolerance</p>