

Ozempic 2.0 weight-loss pill could be game-changer

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The next generation of weight-loss drugs could be launched next year, and they could be game-changing. The treatment, being dubbed "Ozempic 2.0," is a pill version of the already widely-used Ozempic. Novo Nordisk, the pharmaceutical company developing the new tablet form, said its initial clinical trials revealed that Ozempic 2.0 "lowered weight by an average of 10.5 per cent". Rival company Eli Lilly is also working on a pill. Its executive vice president, Kenneth Custer, said: "We are moving with urgency toward global regulatory submissions to potentially meet the needs of patients." The drugs are currently awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the USA.

The game-changing medicines could make life much easier for those hoping to shed weight, and for people with diabetes. Eli Lilly Chief Scientific Officer Dan Skovronsky said: "For the majority of patients, this could be the main medicine that they need to control their type 2 diabetes as well as their obesity." Currently, the drug is administered in the form of a once-weekly injection via an injectable pen. The pen has to be refrigerated. Mr Custer told reporters: "If approved, we are ready to offer a convenient, once-daily pill that can be scaled globally, removing barriers and redefining how obesity is treated around the world." It is also likely that the new treatment will be cheaper.

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Writing

We should lose weight by exercising and not by using weight-loss drugs. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

next generation / weight-loss drugs / pill / pharmaceutical / urgency / drugs / patients / game-changing / shed weight / diabetes / obesity / injection / refrigerated / barriers

True / False

- 1) New weight-loss drugs were launched at the weekend. T / F
- 2) The new weight-loss drugs are in pill rather than injection form. T / F
- 3) The new drugs mean people will lose an average of 20% of their weight. T / F
- 4) The drugs were approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. T / F
- 5) The new drugs will help people with obesity and type 2 diabetes. T / F
- 6) The drug Ozempic is given via an injectable pen. T / F
- 7) The new pills will need to be refrigerated. T / F
- 8) The new pills will be more expensive than the injections. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. generation | a. bulk |
| 2. dubbed | b. tests |
| 3. trials | c. requirements |
| 4. needs | d. trouble-free |
| 5. approval | e. batch |
| 6. shed | f. given |
| 7. majority | g. named |
| 8. administered | h. medication |
| 9. convenient | i. acceptance |
| 10. treatment | j. remove |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What's the best way to lose weight?
- c) Do you get enough exercise?
- d) What do you know about diabetes?
- e) Should high-calorie food be heavily taxed?
- f) What do you think of injections?
- g) What do you think of the price of medicine?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the drug's makers?

Phrase Match

1. a pill version of the already widely-
2. its initial clinical
3. We are moving
4. meet the needs
5. The drugs are currently awaiting
6. easier for those hoping to shed
7. they need to control
8. The pen has to be
9. removing
10. redefining how obesity is treated

- a. weight
- b. of patients
- c. around the world
- d. their type 2 diabetes
- e. with urgency
- f. barriers
- g. trials revealed that
- h. approval
- i. used Ozempic
- j. refrigerated

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think of weight-loss drugs?
- b) How healthy is your diet?
- c) What do you think of modern medicines?
- d) What do you think of pharmaceutical companies?
- e) How can we avoid being tempted by high-calorie food?
- f) Do people take too many kinds of medicine?
- g) Should weight loss be achieved through means other than drugs?
- h) Why are more and more people becoming obese?

Spelling

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Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions.
(Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	When might the Ozempic 2.0 drug be launched?
2.	In what form is the new drug?
3.	How much did clinical trials reveal people lost on average?
4.	What is the job title of Kenneth Custer?
5.	From whom are drug companies awaiting approval?
6.	Who might the new drugs help besides those who are obese?
7.	What is the job of Dan Skovronsky?
8.	How often are Ozempic injections administered?
9.	How often will people need to take the new weight-loss pill?
10.	How expensive will the new drugs be?

Speaking – Pills

Rank these with your partner. Put the best pills at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Weight-loss pills
- Anti-ageing pills
- Multi-vitamin pills
- Headache pills
- Sleeping pills
- Anti-malaria pills
- Travel sickness pills
- Contraceptive pills