

Abbott partners with Novo Nordisk India broadening access to Semaglutide (Ozempic®) for advanced diabetes management

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Collaboration brings together Novo Nordisk's global GLP-1 leadership and Abbott's strong India footprint



Abbott has announced a strategic collaboration with Novo Nordisk India to commercialise Extensior® for people living with type 2 diabetes. This partnership leverages Novo Nordisk's scientific leadership in GLP-1s and Abbott's strong distribution network to expand access in India to a high-quality, evidence-based diabetes therapy, beyond regions Novo Nordisk currently serves. Extensior® is a second brand of Ozempic®, the world's most prescribed GLP-1 RA (receptor agonist) molecule.

Extensior® is approved as an adjunct to diet and exercise for adults with type 2 diabetes and is a GLP-1 RA recognized for offering the broadest range of benefits for people with this condition.

Semaglutide, the molecule in Extensior®, has demonstrated powerful HbA1c reduction, compelling weight-loss benefits, and proven risk reduction of cardiovascular and kidney events in people with type 2 diabetes. Semaglutide has demonstrated safety and efficacy through 44+ robust clinical trials and 10+ real-world studies across type 2 diabetes, obesity, heart, liver and kidney disease. It has been on the market globally for close to a decade and has more than 49 million patient years of use across all semaglutide products.

Extensior® will be introduced in India as part of Abbott's expanding portfolio of advanced diabetes solutions and is expected to be available for Indian patients soon.

Kartik Rajendran, Managing Director, Abbott India Limited said, "India is facing one of the world's fastest-growing diabetes burdens, and addressing this challenge requires continuous innovation and strong partnerships. The launch of Extensior® builds on Abbott's longstanding focus on holistic diabetes management—from medicines to diagnostics, and from continuous glucose monitoring to diabetes-specific nutrition. Developed and manufactured by Novo Nordisk, this brand will be commercialised by Abbott, aligned with our commitment to strengthen access to high-quality, evidence-based therapies to support people with diabetes across every stage of their journey."

Vikrant Shrotriya, Managing Director, Novo Nordisk India said, "Semaglutide represents one of the most significant scientific advancements in diabetes care in recent decades. It has changed the way type 2 diabetes is managed, offering meaningful improvements in metabolic, renal and cardiovascular health. At Novo Nordisk, we precisely engineer this molecule through a sophisticated r-DNA process to ensure the best quality, safety and efficacy standards. Our partnership with Abbott will help make this innovative molecule accessible to a greater number of people living with type 2 diabetes in India."