Because of the increased risks of hypoglycemia in older patients, care should be taken when treating this population with insulin and HgA1c goals should be determined individually based on patient comorbidities, risks of hypoglycemia and life expectancy.

An order check alert has been created in CPRS that triggers:

- When a provider orders insulin in a diabetic patient > 65 years old
  AND
- When most recent HgA1c < 7.5

The message displays the most recent HgA1c and where to find more resources for managing diabetes.

This is a VISN reminder. This material has been reviewed and is consistent with the Choosing Wisely Initiative.