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GLP-1 Coaching in Seattle: Rain, Desk Days and Strength Training — What a Coach Does Alongside Your Prescriber

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The medicines, briefly

GLP-1 receptor agonists mimic a gut hormone involved in appetite, fullness and blood-sugar control; tirzepatide also acts on GIP receptors. FDA-approved US products include semaglutide (Ozempic, Wegovy, Rybelsus) and tirzepatide (Mounjaro, Zepbound), each for the indications on its label ([Drugs@FDA](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/)). In the STEP-1 and SURMOUNT-1 trials, average weight loss was substantially greater than placebo, alongside a lifestyle programme ([Wilding et al., NEJM 2021](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33567185/); [Jastreboff et al., NEJM 2022](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35658024/)). Individual results vary. Labels warn about gastrointestinal side effects, dehydration-related kidney injury, gallbladder disease and, for people with type 2 diabetes on insulin or sulfonylureas, hypoglycaemia risk that the prescriber may need to manage ([Wegovy DailyMed](https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=ee06186f-2aa3-4990-a760-757579d8f77b); [Zepbound DailyMed](https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=487cd7e7-434c-4925-99fa-aa80b1cc776b)).

Seattle-specific habit frictions

Grey-sky under-eating. Some clients on GLP-1 medicines barely eat on dark afternoons between Microsoft, Amazon or hospital shifts. Others lean on late takeout after a rainy commute. Both patterns need structure: small protein-first meals, a planned grocery list, and a rule for eating out ([Mozaffarian et al., 2025 joint advisory](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajcnut.2025.04.023)). **Indoor strength that survives November.** Lean-mass loss is a documented concern on these therapies ([Neeland et al., 2024](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38937282/)). US guidelines recommend muscle-strengthening on two or more days a week ([Physical Activity Guidelines](https://odphp.health.gov/our-work/nutrition-physical-activity/physical-activity-guidelines)). A Capitol Hill, Bellevue or South Lake Union gym session that is booked like a meeting beats a trail plan that dies in December. **Wearable over-reading.** Oura, WHOOP and Apple Watch data can support sleep and step goals.

They do not diagnose side effects, justify a dose change or replace a clinician visit. Coaches help clients pick one or two metrics that serve a habit, and refuse to interpret traces as medical advice. **Coffee-shop and brewery culture.** Practise protein-first ordering, smaller portions and a stop-at-comfortable-fullness rule — not a ban on social meals. Alcohol questions belong with the label and the prescriber; coaches practise pacing and exit plans, not "safe drink counts". **Optional recovery services.** Seattle has sauna, float and cryotherapy studios. Treat those as optional add-ons after sleep, protein and strength are stable — and after any medical clearance the client's doctor requires. Recovery sessions do not replace the habit stack.

A Seattle GLP-1 coaching playbook (habit layer only)

1. **Protein-first small meals.** Agree on a short list of foods the client can still tolerate and schedule them. Under-eating protein raises the risk of losing muscle along with fat; refer medical nutrition questions to the prescriber or a registered dietitian. 2. **Two strength sessions booked like meetings.** Prefer a location near home or the office so rain is not an excuse. 3. **Daylight and walking.** On clear days, stack a short outdoor walk; on grey days, use malls, gyms or stair breaks. Wearable step goals are habit tools, not diagnoses. 4. **Transit / hybrid kit.** Portable protein and a fluid target before the client leaves home. Persistent vomiting or inability to keep fluids down is a same-day prescriber issue. 5. **Weekly symptom check.** Medical problems leave the coaching lane. 6. **Approved vs compounded literacy.** FDA has clarified compounding policies as national GLP-1 supply has begun to stabilize ([FDA statement](https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-alerts-and-statements/fda-clarifies-policies-compounders-national-glp-1-supply-b Coaches explain the difference at a high level and send product decisions back to the clinician. Never source grey-market pens.

Red flags: refer, don't coach

Persistent vomiting, inability to keep fluids down, severe abdominal pain, fainting, chest pain, vision changes, signs of dehydration, or any symptom the client fears — contact the prescriber or urgent care. Mood changes, loss of interest in food that looks like an eating-disorder pattern, or talk of restricting further to "speed results" also leave the coaching lane.

What a coach must never do

- Suggest a dose, a dose change or skipping a dose. - Source, resell or recommend pens, vials, compounded products or "research" peptides. - Interpret labs or CGM traces as a diagnosis. - Promise a weight number or a timeline. Scope reference: [NBHWC scope of practice](https://nbhwc.org/scope-of-practice/).

Common Seattle client questions

- *"Can I skip my shot before a restaurant week?"* "Dose changes are your prescriber's call, not mine." - *"Where should I buy compounded semaglutide?"* "I don't source medicines. Ask your clinician and pharmacist." - *"My wearable says my recovery is low — should I change my dose?"* "Wearables don't decide doses. Tell your doctor if you feel unwell; we'll keep the habit plan steady." - *"I barely eat after 3pm when it's dark at 4."* "Let's build two small protein-first meals you can actually finish, and tell your doctor if under-eating is extreme."

A rainy week that still hits the guidelines

Aim for the aerobic and strength minutes in the [Physical Activity Guidelines](https://odphp.health.gov/our-work/nutrition-physical-activity/physical-activity-guidelines) even when the forecast is grey: indoor walks count, short strength sessions count, and "I'll start again in April" does not. Pair that with the protein-first pattern from the 2025 joint advisory so winter under-eating does not quietly erase

lean mass.

Scope reminder for Washington coaches

Write your scope down. Use [NBHWC](https://nbhwc.org/scope-of-practice/) language. Practising medicine, pharmacy, dietetics and PT are regulated. Decline sourcing requests in writing when they become persistent.

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