

AtheroSclerotic CardioVascular Disease

Prevention

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Leading causes of death globally

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Number of deaths (in millions)

https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/the-top-10-causes-of-death







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Leading Global Risks For Mortality In The World

	Risk factor	Deaths (millions)	Percentage of total
	World		
1	High blood pressure	7.5	12.8
2	Tobacco use	5.1	8.7
3	High blood glucose	3.4	5.8
4	Physical inactivity	3.2	5.5
5	Overweight and obesity	2.8	4.8
6	High cholesterol	2.6	4.5
7	Unsafe sex	2.4	4.0
8	Alcohol use	2.3	3.8
9	Childhood underweight	2.2	3.8
10	Indoor smoke from solid fuels	2.0	3.3



WHO. Global Health Risks: Mortality and burden of disease attributable to selected major risks. 2009.



When to assess total cardiovascular risk?

Recommendations	Class	Level
Systematic CV risk assessment is recommended in individuals at increased CV risk,		
i.e., with family history of premature CVD, familial hyperlipidemia, major CV risk	emature CVD, familial hyperlipidemia, major CV risk	
factors (such as smoking, high BP, DM or raised lipid levels) or comorbidities	1	Ľ
increasing CV risk.		
is recommended to repeat CV risk assessment every 5 years, and more often for		
individuals with risks close to thresholds mandating treatment.	I	C
Systematic CV risk assessment may be considered in men >40 years of age and in		C
women >50 years of age or post-menopausal with no known CV risk factors.	di	C
Systematic CV risk assessment in men <40 of age and women <50 years of age with		
no known CV risk factors is not recommended.	111	C





How to estimate total cardiovascular risk?





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2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk (European Heart Journal 2019 - doi: 10.1093/eurheartj/ehz455)

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The risk of this 40 year old male smoker with risk factors is the same (3%) as that of a 60 year old man with ideal risk factor levels-therefore his risk age is 60 years.



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- 50 y/o smoker man
- Chol = 300 / LDL = 130 / HDL = 45 / TG = 210
- BP = 125 / 75
- No history of DM
- No history of CVD





Baseline Risk		Updated Risk		
Gender		Male	Female	
Age (years)	50			
Race		Asian / P	acific Islander - East Asian	
Total Cholesterol	200			
LDL Cholesterol	130			
HDL Cholesterol	45			



http://tools.acc.org/ASCVD-Risk-Estimator-Plus/



10 years ASCVD risk calculator

Treatment With Statin		
Systolic Blood Pressure		125
Treatment For Hypertension		
History Of Diabetes		
Current Smoker		
Aspirin Therapy		
8.2% Baseline 10 years ASCVD Risk	Calculate Baseline Risk	



http://tools.acc.org/ASCVD-Risk-Estimator-Plus/



Low-risk (<5%) Borderline risk (5% to 7.4%) Intermediate risk (7.5% to 19.9%) High risk (≥20%)



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- Serum cholesterol and its lipoprotein carriers (LDL, VLDL, and HDL) are known to be related to ASCVD.
- Although LDL-C is a primary cause of atherosclerosis, other risk factors contribute, as well. The major risk factors include:
 - Cigarette smoking
 - Hypertension
 - Dysglycemia
 - Lipoprotein abnormalities
 - Age





- Throughout the range of LDL-C levels, 'lower is better' with no lower threshold, at least down to 1 mmol/L.
- Lowering LDL-C may yield worthwhile benefits in patients with average or below average LDL-C who are already receiving LDL-C-lowering treatment.
- The proportional reduction in ASCVD risk achieved by lowering LDL-C (e.g. with a statin, ezetimibe, or PCSK9-inhibitor) depends on the absolute reduction in LDL-C, with each 1 mmol/L reduction corresponding to a reduction of about one-fifth in ASCVD.



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Lancet. 2012; 11, 380(9841):581-90



- Statins (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors)
 - Prevent the production of cholesterol in the liver. Their major effect is to lower LDL cholesterol. Some names are **lovastatin**, **pravastatin**, **simvastatin**, **fluvastatin**, **atorvastatin** and **rosuvastatin**.
- other drugs
 - Bile acid binders (resins) cause the intestine to get rid of more cholesterol. Some names are cholestyramine and cholestipol.
 - **Ezetimibe (cholesterol absorption inhibitors)** works by preventing cholesterol from being absorbed in the intestine.
 - **PCSK9 Inhibitors** bind to and inactivate a protein in liver in order to lower LDL cholesterol. Some names are alirocumab and **evolocumab**.
 - **Fibrates** are especially good for lowering triglyceride (blood fat) levels and have a mild LDLlowering action. Some names are **gemfibrozil** and **fenofibrate**.
 - **Niacin (nicotinic acid)** is a B vitamin that limits the production of blood fats in the liver. It lowers triglycerides and has mild LDL-lowering action.





High-, Moderate-, and Low-Intensity Statins

	High Intensity	Moderate Intensity	Low Intensity
LDL-C lowering	≥50%	30%–49%	<30%
Statins	Atorvastatin 40 mg, 80 mg Rosuvastatin 20 mg, 40 mg	Atorvastatin 10 mg, 20 mg Rosuvastatin 5 mg, 10 mg Simvastatin 20–40 mg Pravastatin 40 mg, 80 mg Lovastatin 40 mg, 80 mg Fluvastatin XL 80 mg Fluvastatin 40 mg BID Pitavastatin 1–4 mg	Simvastatin 10 mg Pravastatin 10–20 mg Lovastatin 20 mg Fluvastatin 20–40 mg





Intensity of lipid lowering treatment

Treatment	Average LDL-C reduction
Moderate intensity statin	≈ 30%
High intensity statin	≈ 50%
High intensity statin plus	≈ 65%
ezetimibe	
PCSK9 inhibitor	≈ 60%
PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin	≈ 75%
PCSK9 inhibitor plus high intensity statin	≈ <mark>8</mark> 5%
plus ezetimibe	



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4 major statin-benefit groups





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Statin Therapy in

Secondary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease



Secondary Prevention in Patients With Clinical ASCVD

Clinical ASCVD consists of

- ACS,
- history of MI,
- stable or unstable angina
- coronary other arterial revascularization
- stroke,
- TIA
- PAD including aortic aneurysm
- atherosclerotic origin







Very High-Risk of Future ASCVD Events

Major ASCVD Events
Recent ACS (within the past 12 mo)
History of MI (other than recent ACS event listed above)
History of ischemic stroke
Symptomatic PAD
High-Risk Conditions
Age ≥65 y
Heterozygous FH
History of prior coronary artery bypass surgery or PCI outside of the major ASCVD event(s)
DM
Hypertension
CKD (eGFR 15-59 mL/min/1.73 m ²)
Current smoking
Persistently elevated LDL-C (LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL) despite maximally tolerated statin therapy and ezetimibe
History of congestive HF





Very high-risk includes a history of multiple major ASCVD events or 1 major ASCVD event and multiple high-risk condition.





Patients with Severe Hypercholesterolemia (LDL-C ≥190 mg/dL)

Recommendations for Primary Severe Hypercholesterolemia (LDL-C ≥190 mg/dL)				
COR	LOE	Recommendations		
I	B-R	In patients 20 to 75 years of age with an LDL-C level of 190 mg/dL or higher, maximally tolerated statin therapy is recommended.		
lla	B-R	In patients 20 to 75 years of age with an LDL-C level of 190 mg/dL or higher who achieve less than a 50% reduction in LDL-C while receiving maximally tolerated statin therapy and/or have an LDL-C level of 100 mg/dL or higher, ezetimibe therapy is reasonable.		
llb	B-R	In patients 30 to 75 years of age with heterozygous FH and with an LDL-C level of 100 mg/dL (≥2.6 mmol/L) or higher while taking maximally tolerated statin and ezetimibe therapy, the addition of a PCSK9 inhibitor may be considered.		





Patients with Diabetes Mellitus

Recommendations for Patients With Diabetes Mellitus				
COR	LOE	Recommendations		
		In adults 40 to 75 years of age with diabetes mellitus, regardless		
1	Α	of estimated 10-year ASCVD risk, moderate-intensity statin		
		therapy is indicated.		
		In adults 40 to 75 years of age with diabetes mellitus and an LDL-		
C level of 70 to 189 mg/dL, it is reasonable to asse		C level of 70 to 189 mg/dL, it is reasonable to assess the 10-year		
lla	B-NR	risk of a first ASCVD event by using the race and sex-specific PCE		
		to help stratify ASCVD risk.		



Recommendations for Patients With Diabetes Mellitus				
COR	LOE	Recommendations		
		In adults with diabetes mellitus who have multiple ASCVD risk		
lla	B-R	factors, it is reasonable to prescribe high-intensity statin therapy		
		with the aim to <u>reduce LDL-C levels by 50%</u> or more.		
		In adults older than 75 years of age with diabetes mellitus and		
lla	B-NR	who are already on statin therapy, it is reasonable to continue		
		statin therapy.		
		In adults with diabetes mellitus and 10-year ASCVD risk of 20% or		
llb	C-LD	higher, it may be reasonable to add ezetimibe to maximally		
		tolerated statin therapy to reduce LDL-C levels by 50% or more.		



Risk Enhancers

- Long duration (≥10 years for type 2 diabetes mellitus or ≥20 years for type 1 diabetes mellitus)
- Albuminuria ≥30 mcg of albumin/mg creatinine
- eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²
- Retinopathy
- Neuropathy
- ABI <0.9



Table 10.2-Recommendations for statin and combination treatment in adults with diabetes

Age	ASCVD or 10-year ASCVD risk >20%	Recommended statin intensity [^] and combination treatment [*]
<40 years	No	Nonet
	res	 In patients with ASCVD, if LDL cholesterol ≥70 mg/dL despite maximally tolerated statin dose, consider adding additional LDL-lowering therapy (such as ezetimibe or PCSK9 inhibitor)#
≥40 years	No Yes	Moderate‡ High • In patients with ASCVD, if LDL cholesterol ≥70 mg/dL despite maximally tolerated statin dose, consider adding additional LDL-lowering therapy (such as ezetimibe or PCSK9 inhibitor)





ASCVD Risk ≥ 7.5%



Primary prevention of CVD





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Recommendations for drug treatment of patients with hypertriglyceridemia

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Statin treatment is recommended as the first drug of choice to reduce CVD risk in high-risk individuals with hypertriglyceridaemia [TG lev- els >2.3 mmol/L (>200 mg/dL)]. ³⁵⁵	I.	в
In high-risk (or above) patients with TG levels between 1.5–5.6 mmol/L (135–499 mg/dL) despite statin treatment, n-3 PUFAs (icosapent ethyl 2×2 g/day) should be considered in combination with a statin. ¹⁹⁴	lla	в
In primary prevention patients who are at LDL-C goal with TG levels >2.3 mmol/L (>200 mg/dL), fenofibrate or bezafibrate may be considered in combination with statins. ^{305-307,356}	ШЬ	в
In high-risk patients who are at LDL-C goal with TG levels >2.3 mmol/L (>200 mg/dL), fenofibrate or bezafibrate may be considered in combination with statins. ^{305-307,356}	ШЬ	с



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Measurements of LDL-C and Non-HDL-C

Recommendations for Measurements of LDL-C and Non-HDL-C						
COR	LOE	Recommendations				
I	B-NR	In adults who are <u>20 years</u> of age or older and not on lipid-lowering therapy,				
		measurement of either a fasting or a nonfasting plasma lipid profile is				
		effective in estimating ASCVD risk and documenting baseline LDL-C.				
	B-NR	In adults who are 20 years of age or older and in whom an initial <u>nonfasting</u>				
		lipid profile reveals a <u>triglycerides</u> level of <u>400</u> mg/dL or higher, a repeat lipid				
I		profile in the fasting state should be performed for assessment of fasting				
		triglyceride levels and baseline LDL-C.				



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Measurements of LDL-C and Non-HDL-C

Recommendations for Measurements of LDL-C and Non-HDL-C						
COR	LOE	Recommendations				
	C-LD	For patients with an LDL-C level less than 70 mg/dL, measurement of direct				
lla		LDL-C or modified LDL-C estimate is reasonable to improve accuracy over the				
		Friedewald formula.				
	C-LD	In adults who are 20 years of age or older and without a personal history of				
lla		ASCVD but with a <u>family history</u> of premature ASCVD or genetic				
		hyperlipidemia, measurement of a <u>fasting</u> plasma lipid profile is reasonable				
		as part of an initial evaluation to aid in the understanding and identification				
		of familial lipid disorders.				



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lipid analyses for CVD risk estimation

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
TC is to be used for the estimation of total CV risk by means of the SCORE system.	1.1	С
HDL-C analysis is recommended to further refine risk estimation using the online SCORE system.	- I	С
LDL-C analysis is recommended as the primary lipid analysis method for screening, diagnosis, and management.	- I	С
TG analysis is recommended as part of the routine lipid analysis process.	- I	С
Non-HDL-C evaluation is recommended for risk assessment, particularly in people with high TG levels, DM, obesity, or very low LDL-C levels.	1	с
ApoB analysis is recommended for risk assessment, particularly in people with high TG levels, DM, obesity, metabolic syn- drome, or very low LDL-C levels. It can be used as an alternative to LDL-C, if available, as the primary measurement for screening, diagnosis, and management, and may be preferred over non-HDL-C in people with high TG levels, DM, obesity, or very low LDL-C levels.	1	с
Lp(a) measurement should be considered at least once in each adult person's lifetime to identify those with very high inherited Lp(a) levels >180 mg/dL (>430 nmol/L) who may have a lifetime risk of ASCVD equivalent to the risk associated with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia.	lla	с
Lp(a) should be considered in selected patients with a family history of premature CVD, and for reclassification in people who are borderline between moderate and high-risk.	lla	с





Monitoring in Response to LDL-C-Lowering Therapy

Recommendation for Monitoring					
COR LOE Recommendation					
I	А	 Adherence to changes in lifestyle and effects of LDL-C-lowering medication should be assessed by measurement of fasting lipids and appropriate safety indicators 4 to 12 weeks after statin initiation or dose adjustment and every 3 to 12 months thereafter based on need to assess adherence or safety. 			





Recommendations for the treatment of dyslipidemias in older people (aged >65 years)

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
Treatment with statins is recommended for older people with ASCVD in the same way as for younger patients. ²¹⁷	- I	Α
Treatment with statins is recommended for primary prevention, according to the level of risk, in older people aged ≤75 years. ²¹⁷	- I	Α
Initiation of statin treatment for primary prevention in older people aged >75 years may be considered, if at high-risk or above. ²¹⁷	ПР	В
It is recommended that the statin is started at a low dose if there is significant renal impairment and/or the potential for drug interactions, and then titrated upwards to achieve LDL-C treatment goals.	1	с



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SCORE Cardiovascular Risk Chart 10-year risk of fatal CVD High-risk regions of Europe





SCORE chart for European populations at high cardiovascular disease risk



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Cardiovascular risk categories (1)



Very-high-risk

People with any of the following:

Documented ASCVD, either clinical or unequivocal on imaging. Documented ASCVD includes previous ACS (MI or unstable angina), stable angina, coronary revascularisation (PCI, CABG and other arterial revascularization procedures), stroke and TIA, and peripheral arterial disease. Unequivocally documented ASCVD on imaging includes those findings that are known to be predictive of clinical events, such as significant plaque on coronary angiography or CT scan (multivessel coronary disease with two major epicardial arteries having >50% stenosis) or on carotid ultrasound. DM with target organ damage, or at least three major risk factors, or early onset of T1DM of long duration (>20 years). (>20 years).Severe CKD (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²). A calculated SCORE $\geq 10\%$ for 10-year risk of fatal CVD. FH with ASCVD or with another major risk factor.

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Cardiovascular risk categories (2)



High-risk	 People with: Markedly elevated single risk factors, in particular TC >8 mmol/L (>310 mg/dL), LDL-C >4.9 mmol/L (>190 mg/dL), or BP ≥180/110 mmHg. Patients with FH without other major risk factors. Patients with DM without target organ damage*, with DM duration ≥10 years or another additional risk factors. Moderate CKD (eGFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73m²). A calculated SCORE ≥5% and <10% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD. 	
Moderate-risk	Young patients (T1DM <35 years; T2DM <50 years) with DM duration <10 years, without other risk factors. Calculated SCORE \geq 1% and <5% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.	
Low-risk Calculated SCORE <1% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.		0BC

*Target organ damage is defined as microal burninuria, retinopathy or neuropathy



Intervention strategies as a function of total cardiovascular risk and untreated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels



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Total CV risk (SCORE) %		Untreated LDL-C levels					
		<1.4 mmol/L (55 mg/dL)	1.4 to <1.8 mmol/L (55 to <70 mg/dL)	1.8 to <2.6 mmol/L (70 to <100 mg/dL)	2.6 to <3.0 mmol/L (100 to <116 mg/dL)	3.0 to <4.9 mmol/L (116 to <190 mg/dL)	≥4.9 mmol/L (≥ 190 mg/dL)
uo uo	<i Iow-risk</i 	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle intervention, consider adding drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention
	Class*/Level ^b	I/C	I/C	I/C	I/C	IIa/A	IIa/A
	≥l to <5, or moderate risk	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle intervention, consider adding drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention, consider adding drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention
vent	Class ^a /Level ^b	I/C	I/C	IIa/A	IIa/A	IIa/A	IIa/A
Pres Pr	≥5 to <10, or high- risk	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle intervention, consider adding drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention
	Class*/Level ^b	IIa/A	IIa/A	IIa/A	I/A	I/A	I/A
	≥10, or at very-high risk due to a risk condition	Lifestyle advice	Lifestyle intervention, consider adding drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention
	Class*/Level ^b	IIa/B	IIa/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A
Secondary Prevention	Very-high risk	Lifestyle intervention, consider adding drug if uncontrolled	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention	Lifestyle intervention and concomitant drug intervention
	Class*/Level ^b	Ila/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A	I/A



European Treatment goals for LDL-C across categories of total cardiovascular disease risk*



*Adapted from slideset available on www.escardio.org/guidelines which is from 2019 ESC/EAS Guidelines for the management of dyslipidaemias: lipid modification to reduce cardiovascular risk



Central Illustration Lower panel: Treatment algorithm for pharmacological LDL-Clowering (1)







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Central Illustration Lower panel: Treatment algorithm for pharmacological LDL-C lowering (3)





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