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# PCSK9I Treatment

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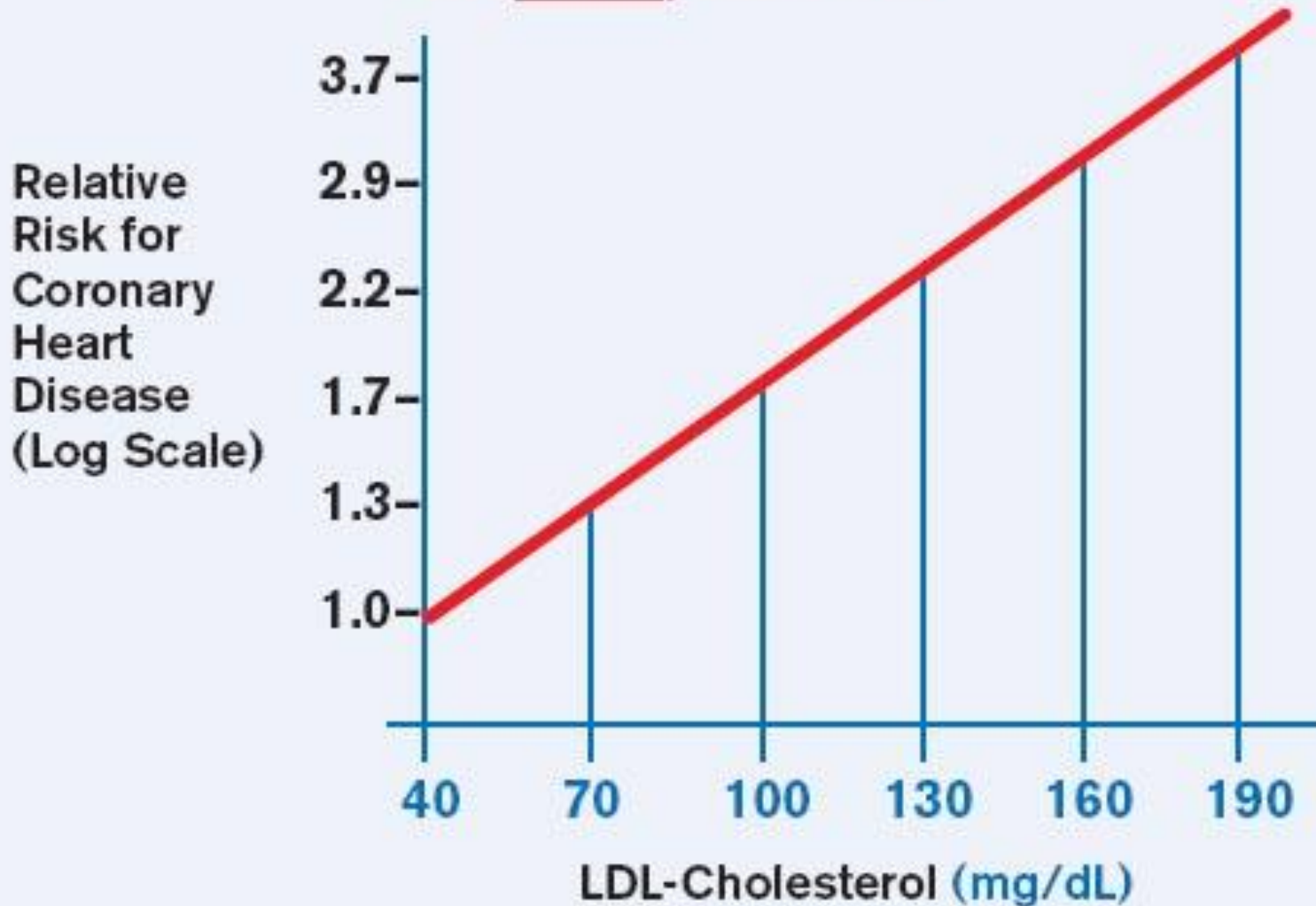
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# Importance of Dyslipidemia

**Chart 1: LDL LEVEL AND HEART DISEASE RISK**

**The Lower, The Better**



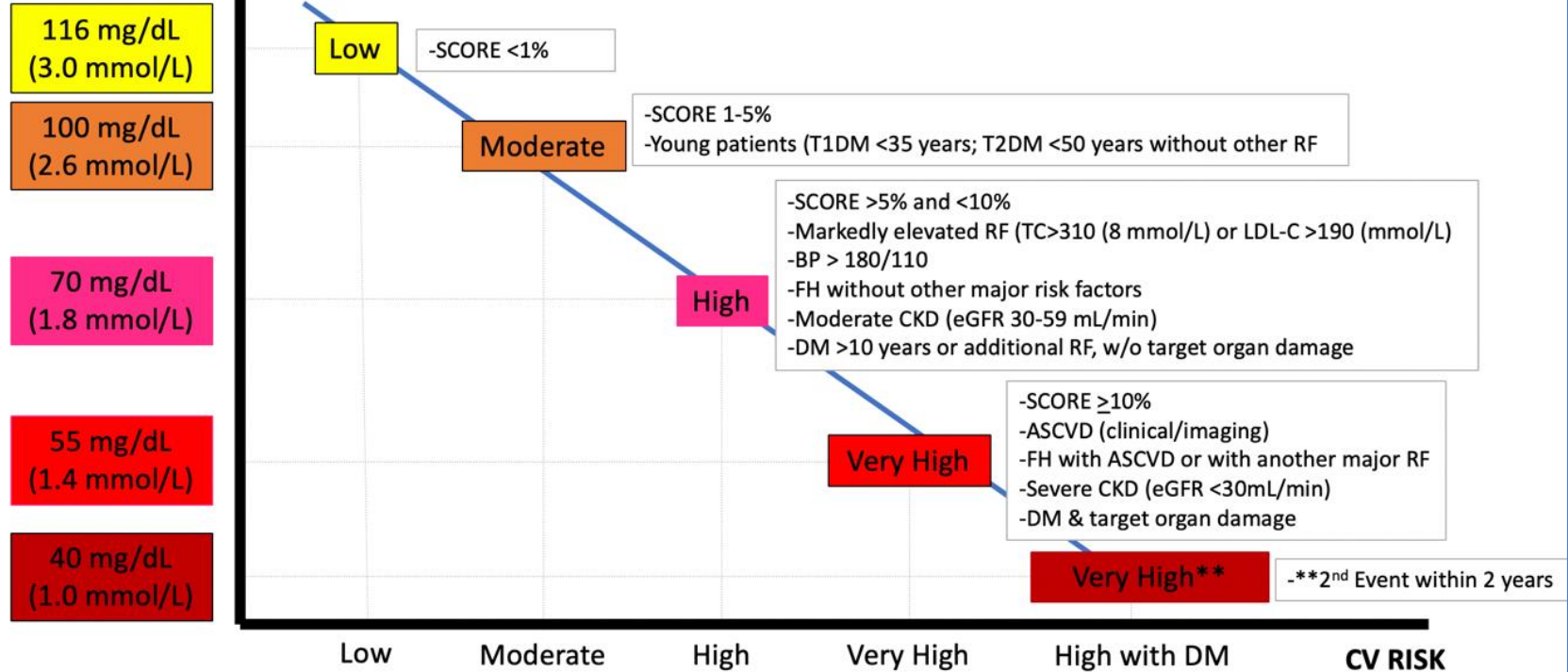
# Serum Lipid Level and CVD

Lipid level	CAD risk
Each <b>1 mg/dL increase</b> in <b><u>LDL</u></b>	<b>1% increase</b> in the risk of CHD in women and men
Each 1 mg/dL increase in Non-HDL-C	<b>1% increase</b> in the risk of CHD in women and men
Each <b>89 mg/dL increase</b> in <b><u>TG</u></b>	<b>37% increase</b> in the risk of CVD in women <b>14% increased</b> risk in men
Each <b>1 mg/dL increase</b> in <b><u>HDL-C</u></b>	<b>2% decrease</b> in CVD death in men <b>3% decrease</b> in CVD death in women

2019 ESC/EAC Guidelines for the  
management of dyslipidemia :  
lipid modification to reduce  
cardiovascular risk

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

LDL-C goal +  $\geq 50\%$  reduction from baseline

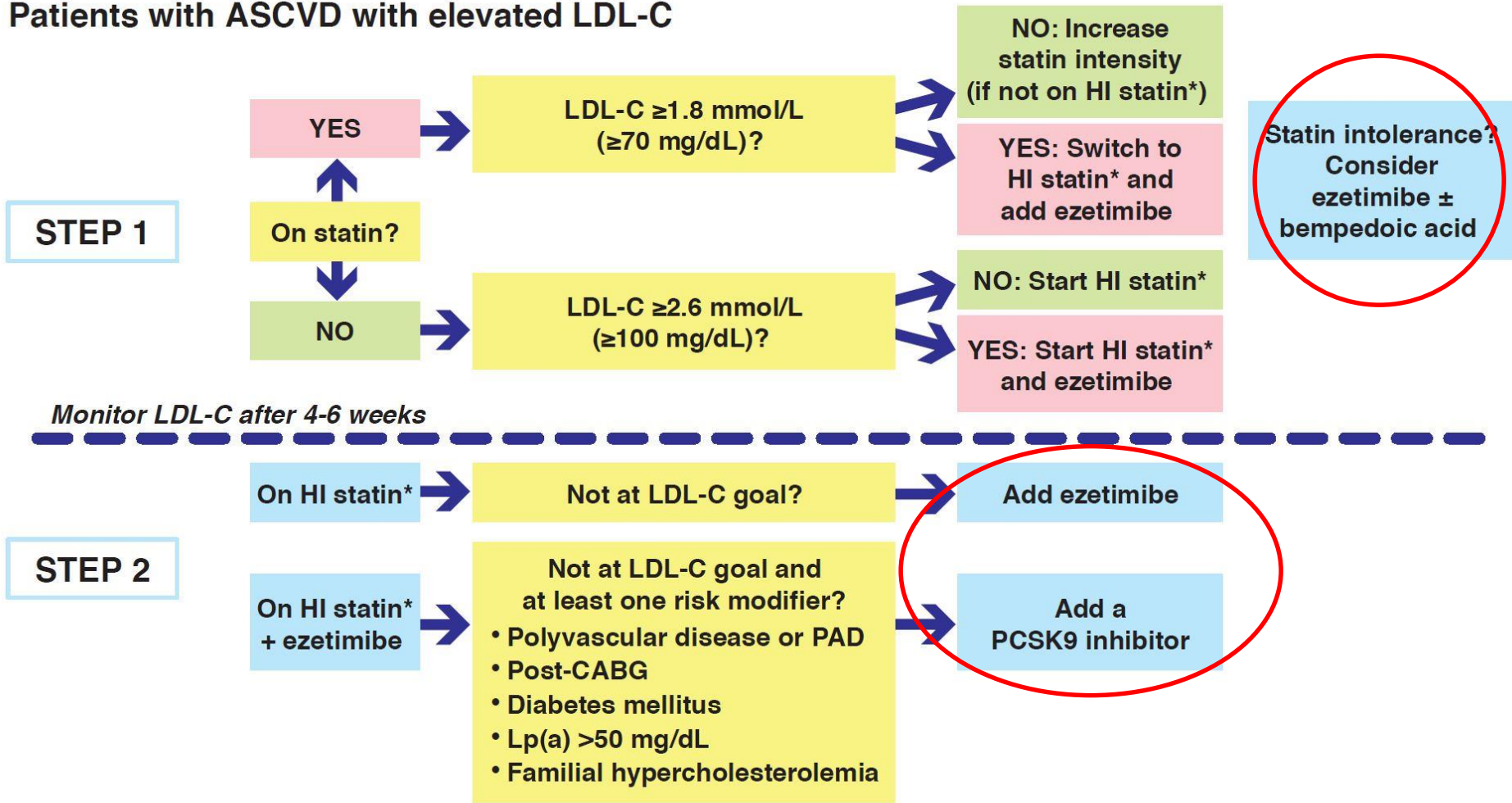


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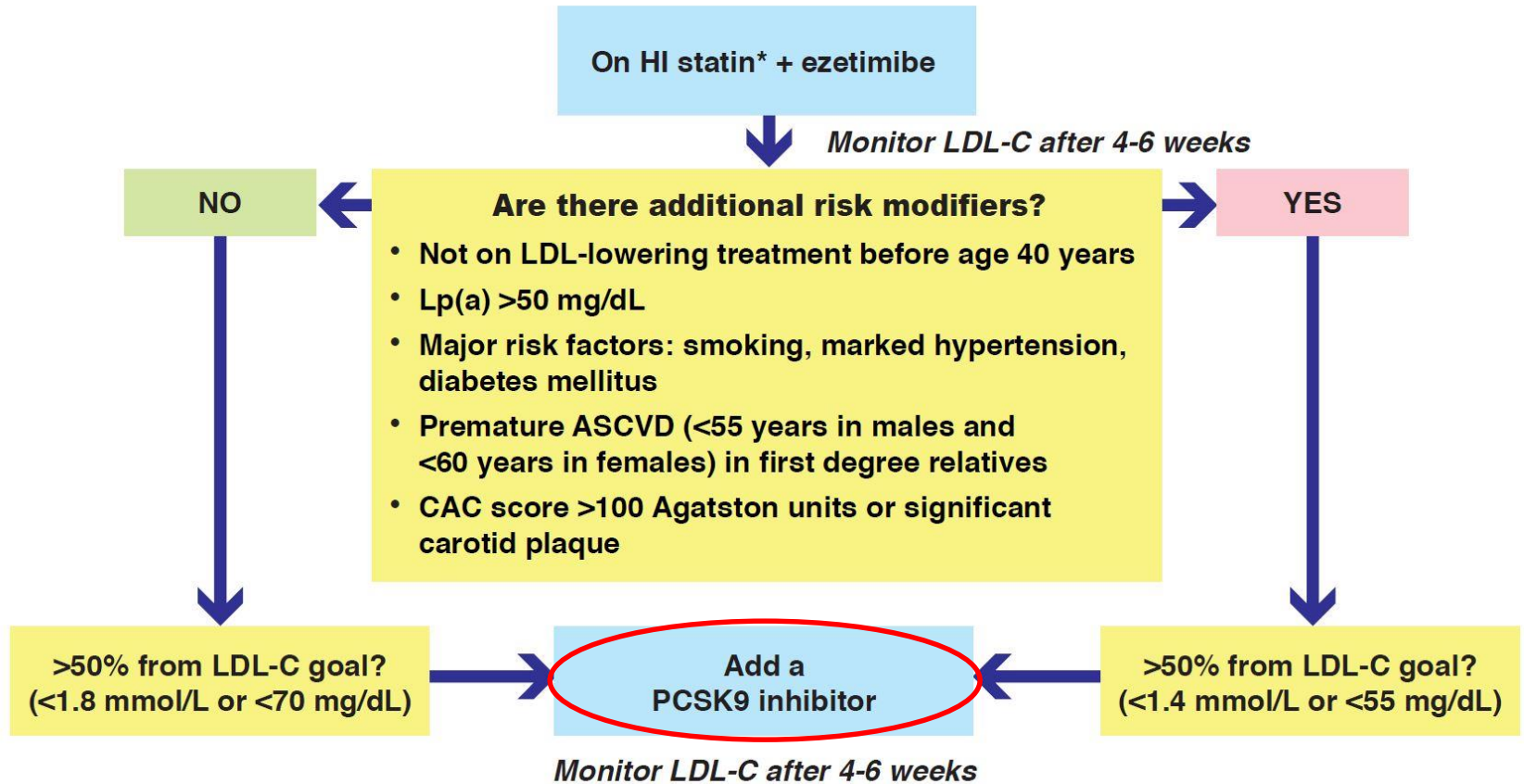
Risk group	Risk group Definition	LDL Goal mg/dl	Statin Dose
Very Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASCVD 2th Event during 2 years</li> </ul>	< 40	High
Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score ≥ 10%</li> <li>ASCVD</li> <li>Familial Hyperchol with ASCVD or other RF</li> <li>Severe CKD (GFR &lt;30 cc/min)</li> <li>DM + TOD</li> </ul>	<55	High
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% &lt;Score &gt;10%</li> <li>LDL &gt; 190 mg/dl or Chol &gt; 310 mg/dl</li> <li>BP &gt; 180/110</li> <li>Familial Hyperchol . W/O other RF</li> <li>Moderate CKD (GFR 30-59 ml/min)</li> <li>DM &gt; 10yr / with other RF /without TOD</li> </ul>	<70	High
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score : 1-5%</li> <li>Young Patients (T1DM &lt;35 yrs ;T2DM &lt;50 yrs )without other RF</li> </ul>	<100	moderate
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score &lt;1%</li> </ul>	<116	low

# Patients with ASCVD with elevated LDL-C



\* HI statin: high-intensity statin or maximally tolerated statin therapy

## Primary prevention adult patients with familial hypercholesterolemia

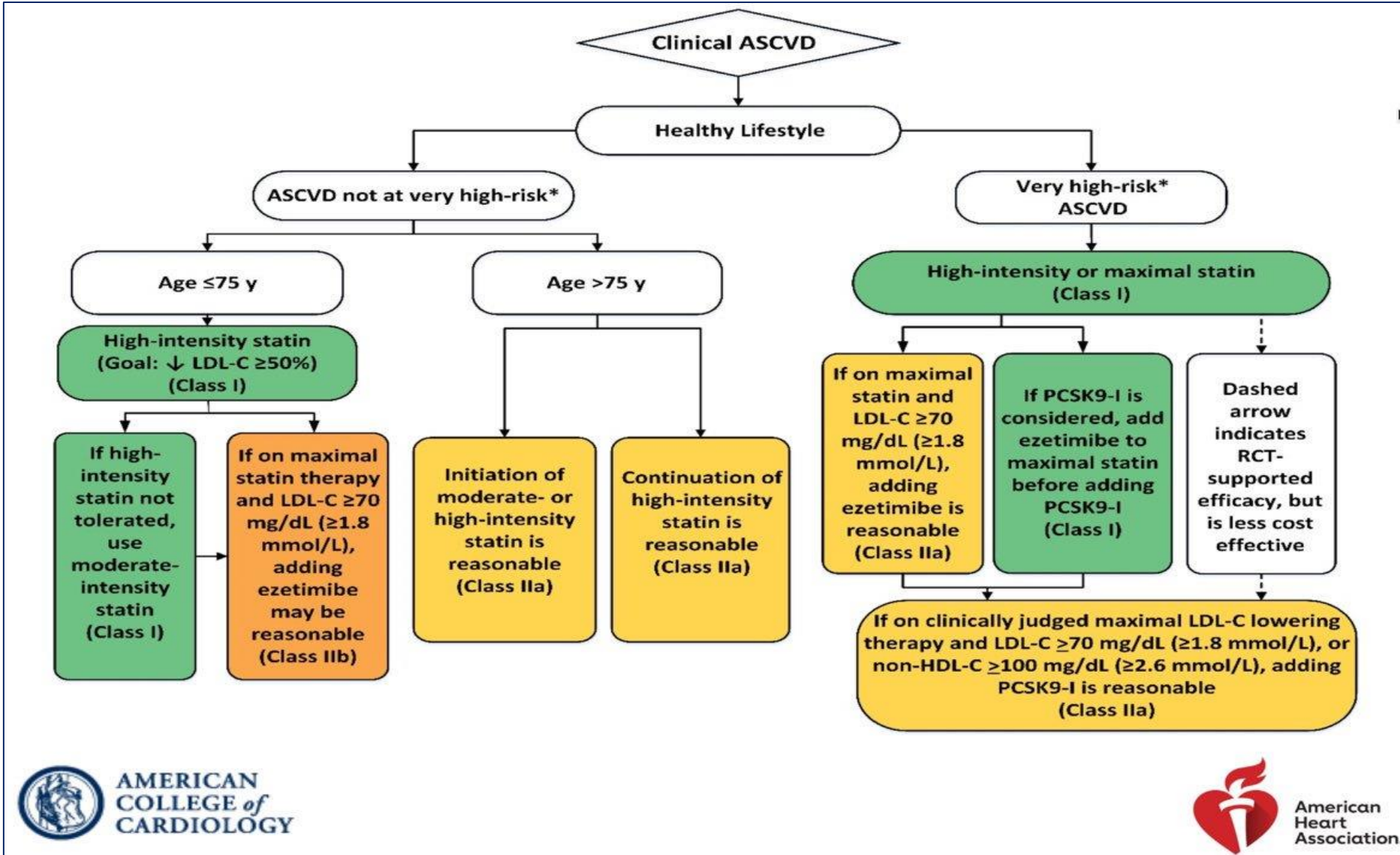


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class of recommendation II b, LOE C



# 2018 AHA/... Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol



Primary Prevention:  
Emphasize adherence to lifestyle

If baseline LDL-C  $\geq 190$  mg/dL start high-intensity statin [I, B-R]

Diabetes?  
Yes  
No

If diabetes, age 40-75 yrs  
Start moderate-intensity statin [I, A]  
Consider high-intensity statin based on additional risk assessment (Goal:  $\downarrow$ LDL-C  $\geq 50\%$ ) [IIa, BR]

Age <20 yr  
Statin if familial hypercholesterolemia

Age 20 to 39 yr  
Estimate lifetime ASCVD risk; consider statin if family history of premature ASCVD and LDL-C 160-189 mg/dL

Age 40-75 yr  
Calculate 10-yr ASCVD risk to risk stratify

Age >75 yr  
Clinical assessment and risk discussion

<5%  
Low Risk

5 to 7.4%  
Borderline Risk

7.5 to 19.9%  
Intermediate Risk

$\geq 20\%$   
High Risk

Risk Discussion

Lifestyle [I, A]

If Risk Enhancers, consider moderate-intensity statin [IIb, B-R]

Start moderate-intensity statin if risk estimate and enhancers favor treatment (Goal:  $\downarrow$ LDL-C 30-49%) [I, A]

Start high-intensity statin (Goal:  $\downarrow$ LDL-C  $\geq 50\%$ ) [I, A]

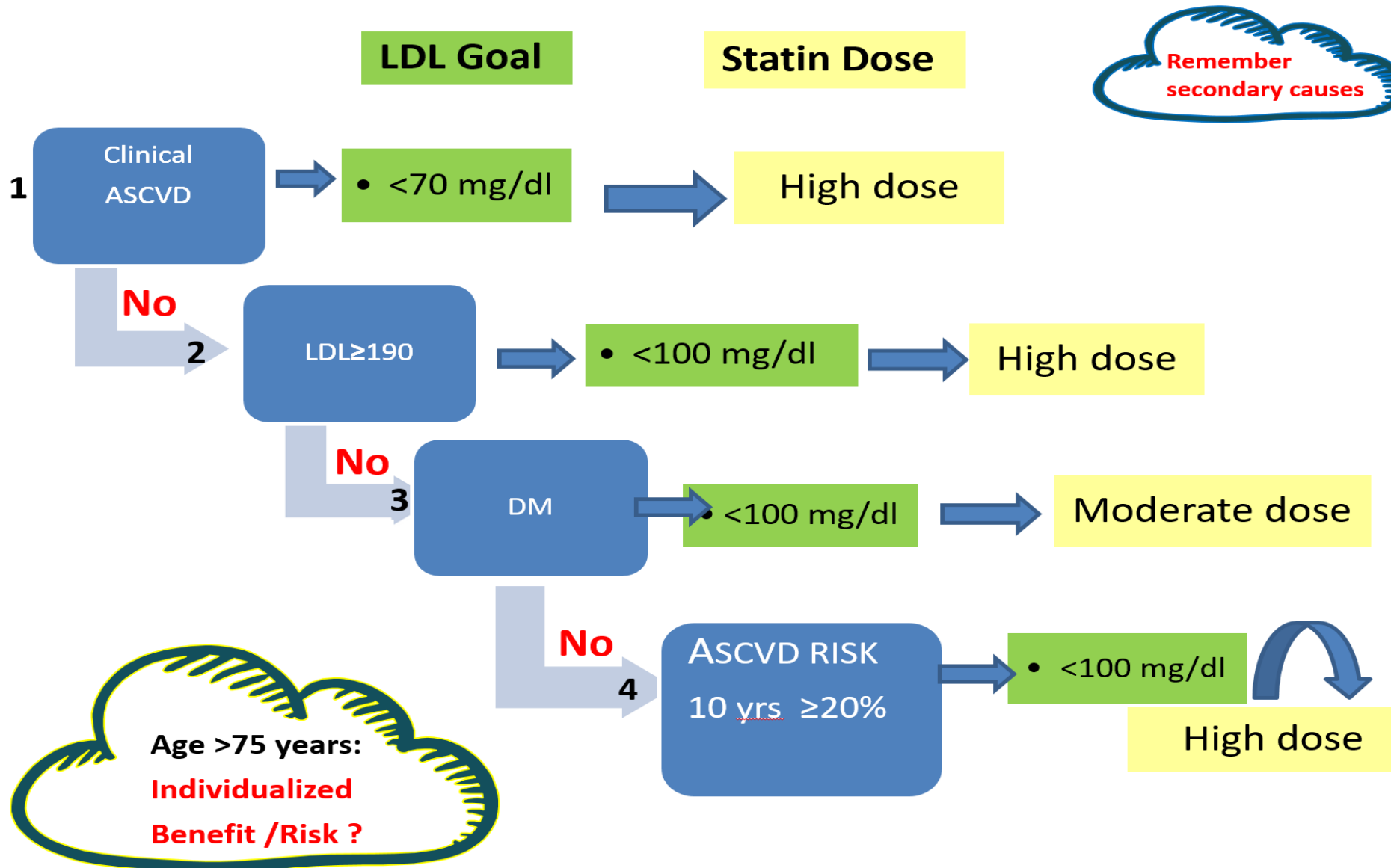
Consider measuring coronary artery calcium if risk decision uncertain [IIa, B-NR]

For each recommendation, in brackets is the Classification of Recommendation (COR) followed by the Level of Evidence (LOE).

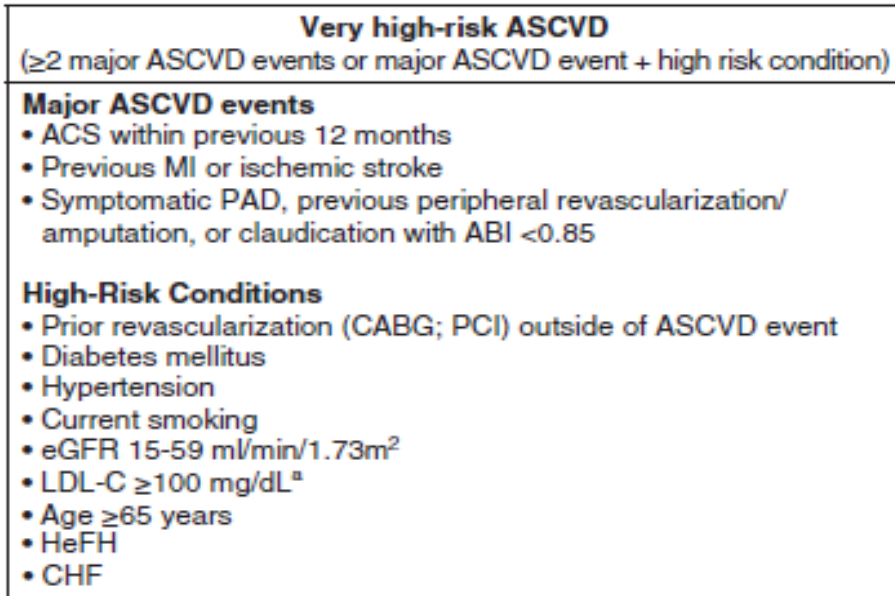
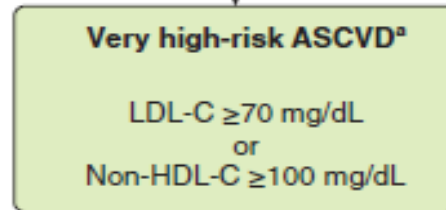
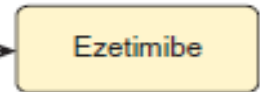
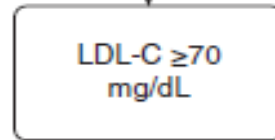
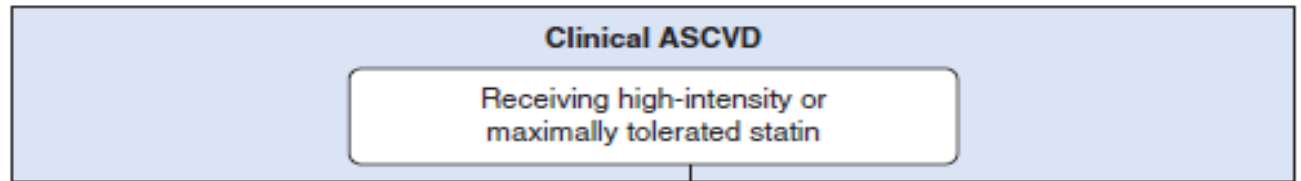
- For COR: I – Strong recommendation with Benefit  $\gg$  Risk; IIa – Moderate recommendation with Benefits  $\gg$  Risk; IIb – Weak recommendation with Benefit  $\geq$  Risk.
- For LOE: A – High quality evidence; B – moderate quality evidence; C – Very limited quality of evidence; NR – nonrandomized; R – randomized; LD – limited data; EO – expert opinion.

ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease;  
LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

# Approach LDL Treatment : Step by step



# Step 1



## Clinical ASCVD

ACS (AMI ,UA)

CABG ,PCI

PAD

Carotid Disease

Chronic Stable Angina

Stroke ,TIA

Aortic Aneurysm

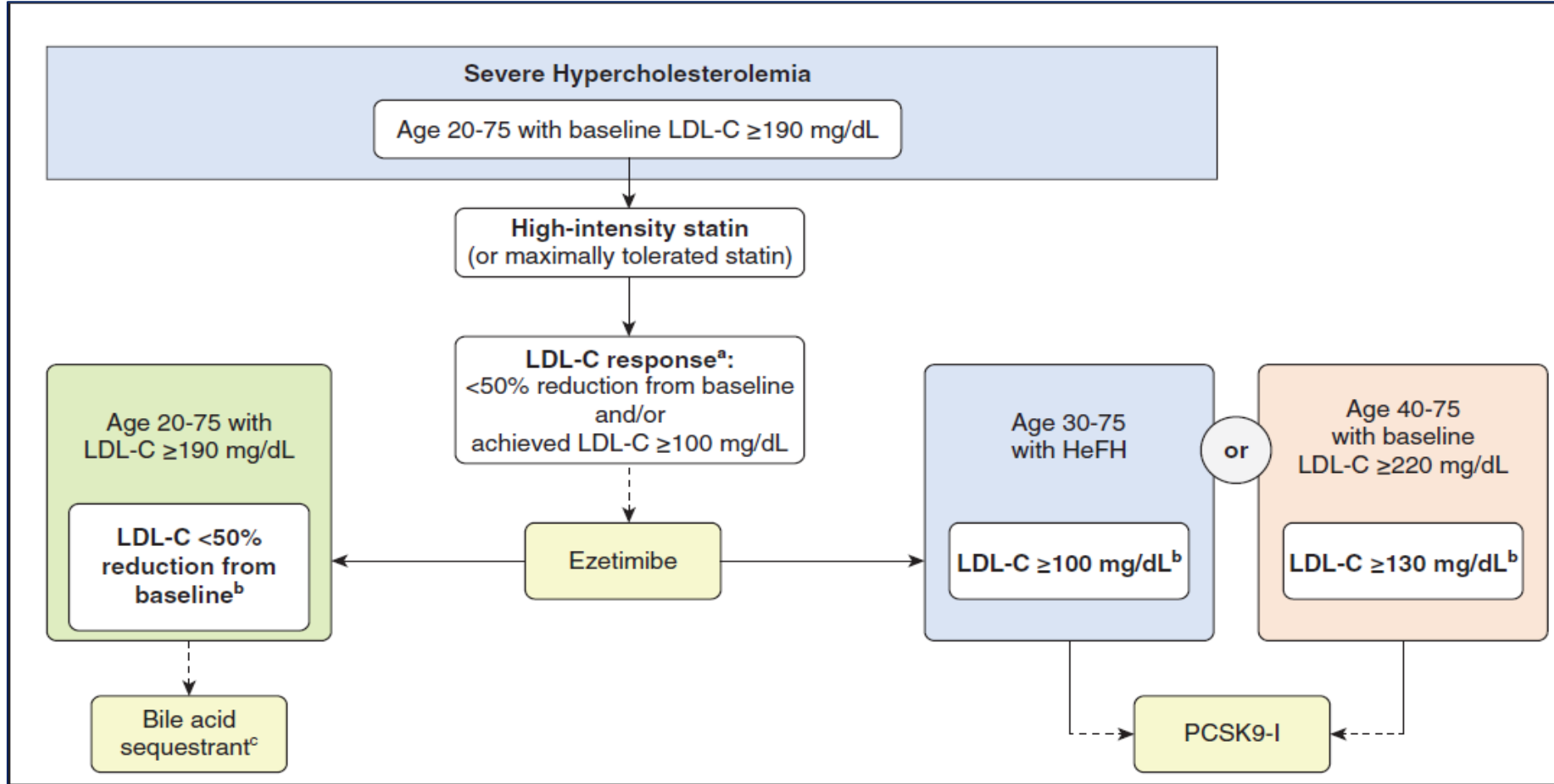
Revascularization of other Arteries

**LDL Goal**

**$< 70$  mg/dl**

**High dose Statin**

# Step 2



**Severe Hypercholesterolemia**

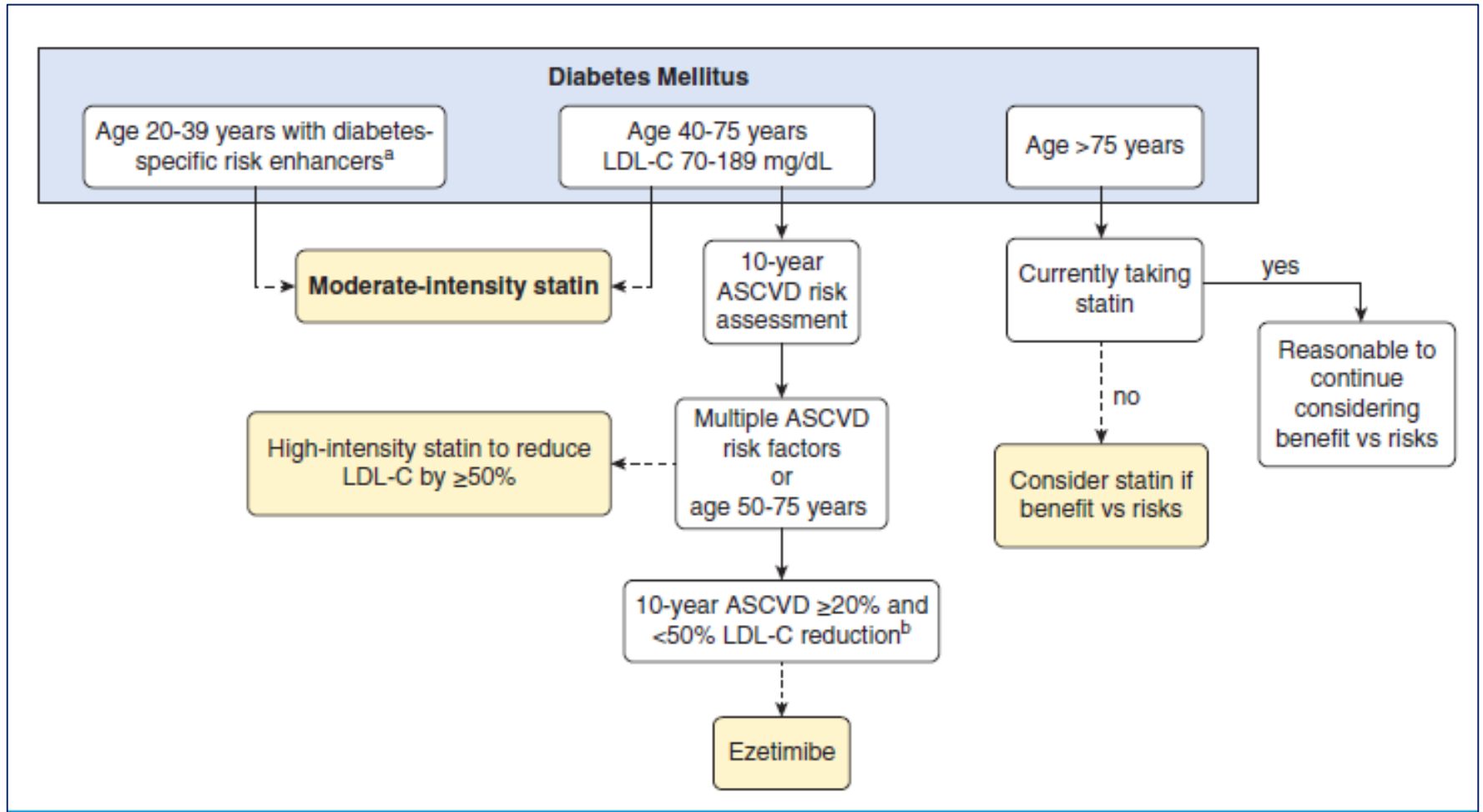
**LDL  $\geq 190$**

**LDL Goal**

**<100 mg/dl**

**High dose Statin**

# Step 3

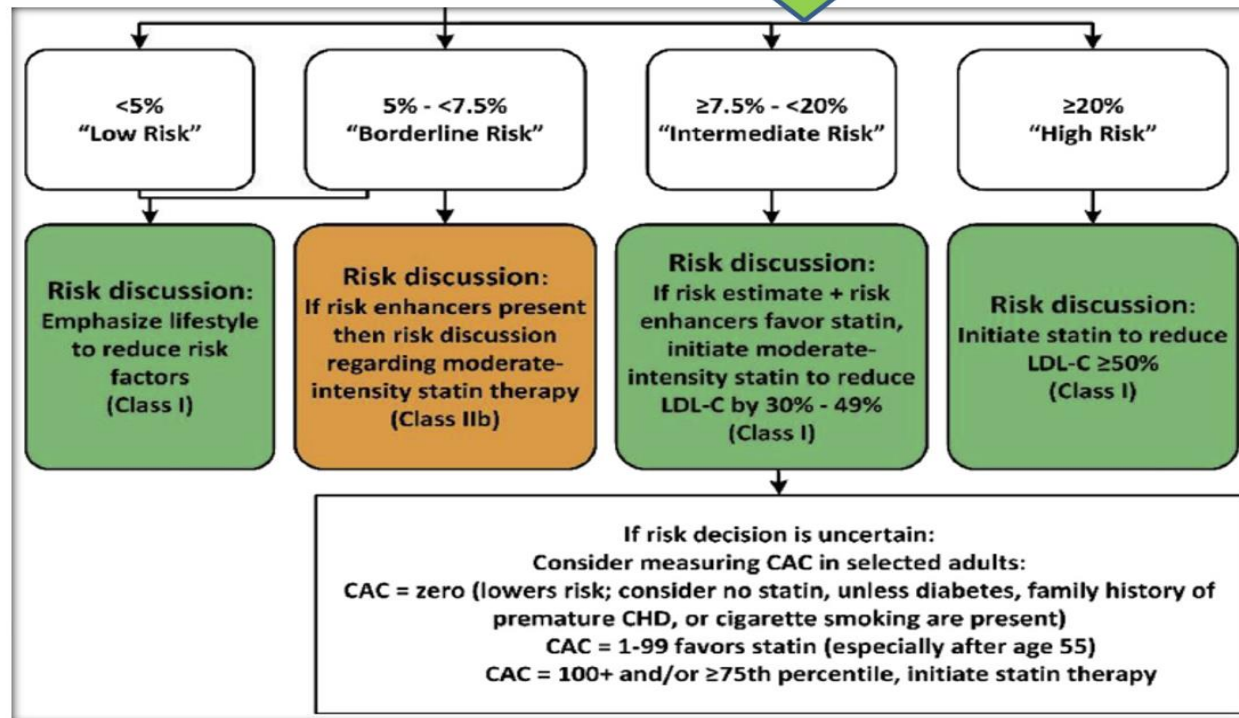
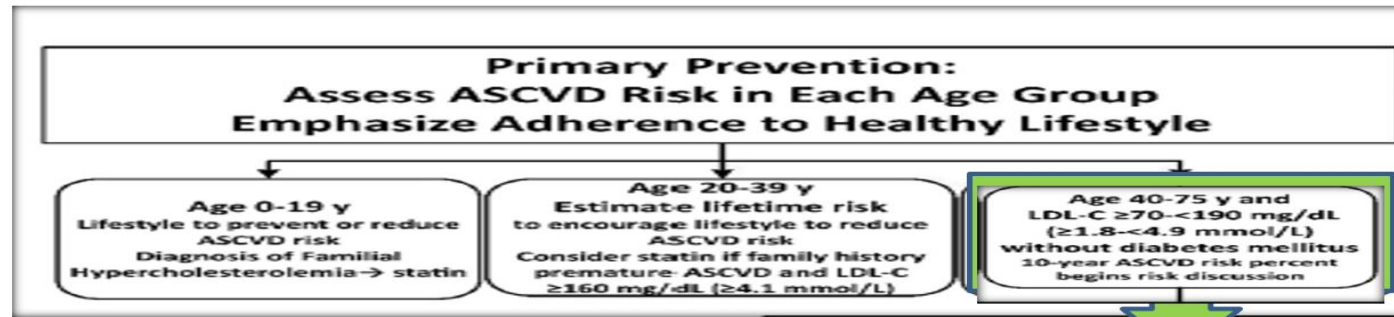


Hx of DM

**LDL Goal**  
 $< 100$  mg/dl

**Moderate dose Statin**  
If ASCVD risk 10 y  $\geq 20\%$ : **High Dose**

# Step 4



- ASCVD Risk Enhancers:**
- Family history of premature ASCVD
  - Persistently elevated LDL-C ≥160 mg/dL (≥4.1 mmol/L)
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Metabolic syndrome
  - Conditions specific to women (e.g., preeclampsia, premature menopause)
  - Inflammatory diseases (especially rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, HIV)
  - Ethnicity (e.g., South Asian ancestry)
- Lipid/Biomarkers:**
- Persistently elevated triglycerides (≥175 mg/dL, (≥2.0 mmol/L))
- In selected individuals if measured:**
- hs-CRP ≥2.0 mg/L
  - Lp(a) levels >50 mg/dL or >125 nmol/L
  - apoB ≥130 mg/dL
  - Ankle-brachial index (ABI) <0.9

**ASCVD risk 10 y: ≥ 20 %**

**LDL Goal**  
<100 mg/dl

**High dose Statin**

**ASCVD risk 10 y: 7.5-20%  
And risk enhancers**

**LDL Goal**  
????

**Moderate dose Statin**



Canadian Cardiovascular  
Society Guidelines for the  
Management of  
Dyslipidemia for the  
Prevention of Cardiovascular  
Disease in the Adult 2021

# PRIMARY PREVENTION†

**Low-Risk\***  
FRS <10%

**Intermediate-Risk\***  
FRS 10-19.9% and

LDL-C  $\geq 3.5$  mmol/L **or**  
Non-HDL-C  $\geq 4.2$  mmol/L **or**  
ApoB  $\geq 1.05$  g/L **or**

Men  $\geq 50$  yrs and women  $\geq 60$  yrs with one additional risk factor: low HDL-C, IFG, high waist circumference, smoker, or HTN **or** with presence of other risk modifiers: hsCRP  $\geq 2.0$  mg/L, CAC >0 AU, family history of premature CAD, Lp(a)  $\geq 50$  mg/dL (100 nmol/L)

**High-Risk\***  
FRS  $\geq 20\%$

**Statin therapy not recommended for most low-risk individuals; exceptions include:** (a) LDL-C  $\geq 5.0$  mmol/L (or ApoB  $\geq 1.45$  g/L or non-HDL-C  $\geq 5.8$  mmol/L) – see Figure 2; or (b) FRS is 5%-9.9% with LDL-C  $\geq 3.5$  mmol/L (or non-HDL-C  $\geq 4.2$  mmol/L or ApoB  $\geq 1.05$  g/L), particularly with other CV risk modifiers (eg, FHx, Lp(a)  $\geq 50$  mg/dL [or  $\geq 100$  nmol/L] or CAC >0 AU) as the proportional benefit from statin therapy may be similar to other treated groups.

## Health Behaviour Modifications:

- **Smoking cessation**
- **Diet:** It is recommended all individuals adopt a healthy dietary pattern.
- **Exercise:** It is recommended adults accumulate at least 150 mins/week of moderate-vigorous intensity aerobic physical activity.

## Monitor

- response to statin Rx
- response to add-on lipid-lowering Rx
- health behaviour changes

Discuss health behaviour modifications

**INITIATE STATIN TREATMENT**

If LDL-C  $\geq 2.0$  mmol/L or ApoB  $\geq 0.8$  g/L or non-HDL-C >2.6 mmol/L on maximally tolerated statin dose

YES

YES

Discuss add-on therapy with patient:  
Evaluate reduction in CVD risk vs. cost/access and side effects

ADD-ON

**Ezetimibe as first-line**  
(BAS as alternative)††

\*Statin indicated conditions consists of all documented ASCVD conditions, as well as other high-risk primary prevention conditions in the absence of ACSVD, such as most patients with diabetes, those with chronic kidney disease and those with a LDL-C  $\geq 5.0$  mmol/L.

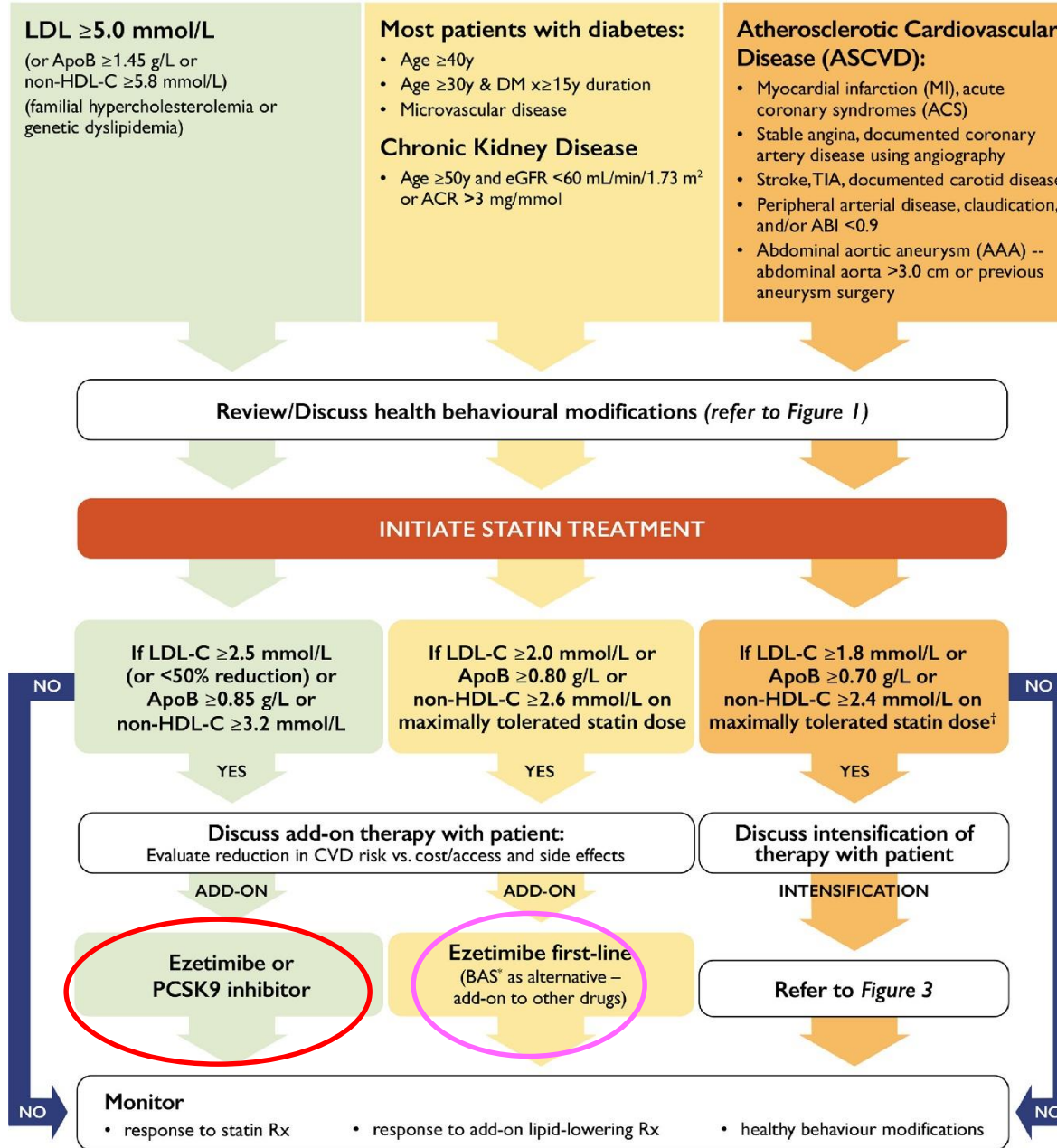
†Calculate risk using the Framingham Risk Score (FRS) – refer to the iCCS available on the App Store or on Google Play

‡Screening should be repeated every 5 years for men and women aged 40 to 75 years using the modified FRS or CLEM to guide therapy to reduce major CV events. A risk assessment might also be completed whenever a patient's expected risk status changes.

†† studies have evaluated the efficacy of BAS for the prevention of ASCVD, but results have been inconclusive.

FRS = Framingham risk score; LDL-C = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; HDL-C = high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; ApoB = apolipoprotein B; IFG = impaired fasting glucose; HTN = hypertension; hsCRP = high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; CAC = coronary artery calcium; AU – Agatston unit; Rx = prescription; BAS = bile acid sequestrant

## STATIN INDICATED CONDITIONS



eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ACR = albumin-to-creatinine; TIA = transient ischemic attack; ABI = ankle-brachial index.

<sup>i</sup>LDL-C threshold selected on the basis of the PCSK9-inhibitor clinical trials lipid inclusion parameters (references 91 and 92) with percentile equivalents used for ApoB and non-HDL-C (see supplement).

**Patients with Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD)**  
Receiving maximally tolerated statin dose

If LDL-C is  $\geq 1.8$  mmol/L or  
if ApoB  $\geq 0.70$  g/L\*\* or  
if non-HDL-C  $\geq 2.4$  mmol/L

LDL-C 1.8-2.2 mmol/L or  
ApoB 0.70-0.80 g/L or  
non-HDL-C 2.4-2.9 mmol/L

**Consider  
ezetimibe  $\pm$  PCSK9 inhibitor**

LDL-C  $> 2.2$  mmol/L or  
ApoB  $> 0.80$  g/L or  
non-HDL-C  $> 2.9$  mmol/L or  
high PCSK9i benefit patient\*

**Consider  
PCSK9 inhibitor  $\pm$  ezetimibe**

If TG is  $\geq 1.5$  to 5.6 mmol/L

**Consider  
Icosapent ethyl 2000 mg BID<sup>†</sup>**

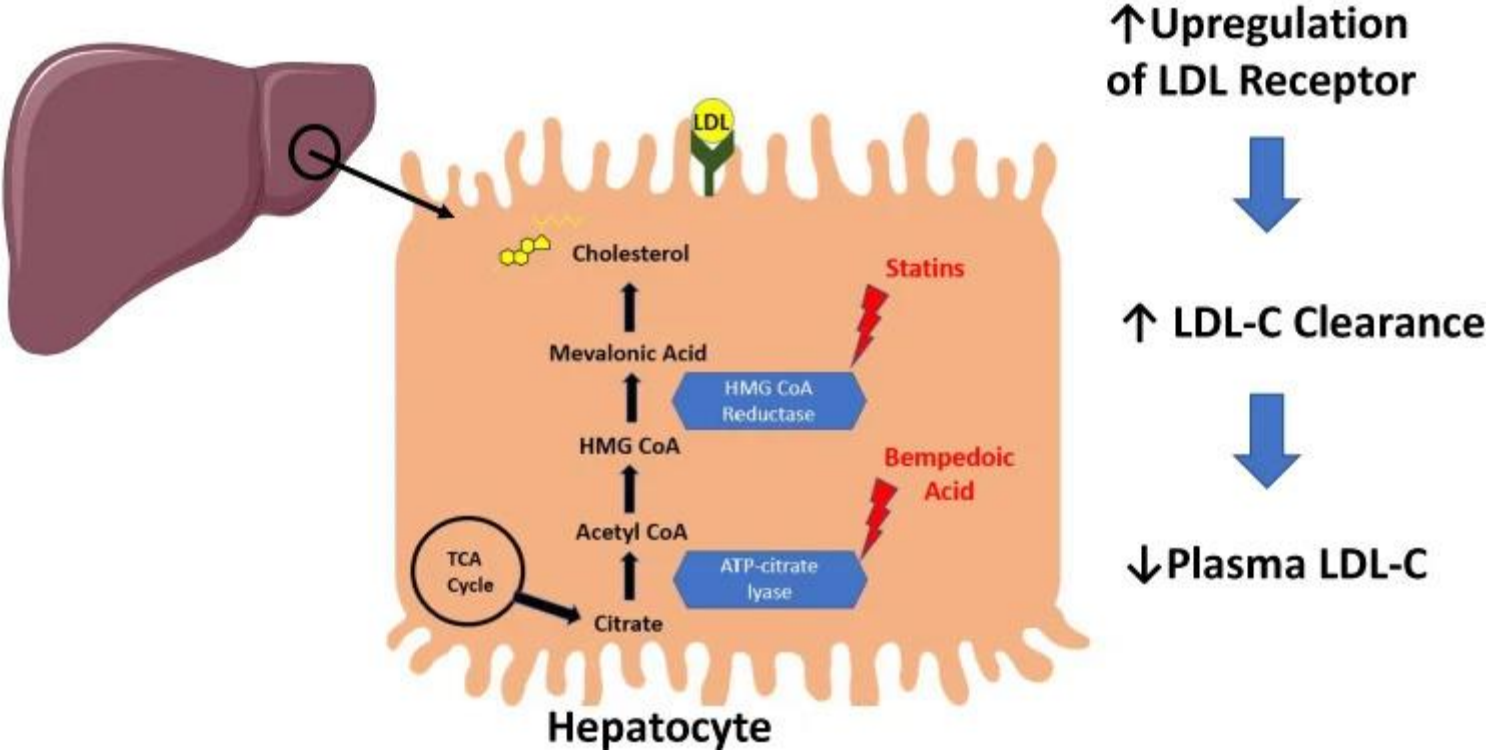
<sup>†</sup>May also be considered for patients without ASCVD but with DM1 requiring medication treatment in patient  $\geq 50$  years of age, and  $\geq 1$  additional CV risk factor (from REDUCE-IT<sup>®</sup>):

- men  $\geq 55$  y and women  $\geq 65$  y;
- cigarette smoker or stopped smoking within 3 months;
- hypertension ( $\geq 140$  mmHg systolic OR  $\geq 90$  mmHg diastolic) or on BP medication;
- HDL-C  $\leq 1.04$  mmol/L for men or  $\leq 1.3$  mmol/L for women;
- hsCRP  $> 3.0$  mg/L;
- Renal dysfunction: eGFR  $> 30$  and  $< 60$  mL/min;
- Retinopathy;
- Micro- or macroalbuminuria;
- ABI  $< 0.9$  without symptoms of intermittent claudication)

\*Patients shown to derive largest benefit from intensification of statin therapy with PCSK9 inhibitor therapy are identified in Table 3.

\*\*At low levels of LDL-C or non-HDL-C, measurement of apoB is more accurate than other markers.

# Bempedoic Acid: Mechanism of Action



NHS England Lipids  
Management Pathway  
2021

# Secondary Prevention: Medicines optimisation for Lipid Management

1) **Check baseline bloods** (non-fasting lipid profile, LFTs, HbA1c, thyroid and renal function)

2) **Offer high dose high intensity statin** therapy atorvastatin 40-80mg (or rosuvastatin 20-40mg)\* to adults with CVD: this includes acute coronary syndromes (ACS), angina, previous myocardial infarction (MI), revascularisation, stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA), symptomatic peripheral arterial disease (PAD) or abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA)

3) **Support the self-management** (see page 6) of modifiable risk factors eg. smoking, diet, obesity, alcohol intake, physical activity, blood pressure and glycaemic control (HbA1c)

In primary care check: **Is patient on high dose, high intensity statin?** atorvastatin 40-80mg (or rosuvastatin 20mg-40mg)\* (dose adjustments may be required for eGFR<30ml/min, drug interactions, intolerance)

**Yes** ← **Has non-HDL-C reduced by 40% or more from baseline at 3 months?** [NICE<sup>6</sup>](#) (if no baseline value: consider a target of non-HDL-C < 2.5mmol/L or LDL-C < 2.0mmol/L: [JBS](#)) → **No**

Discuss with patient statin choice: reinforce lifestyle and dietary measures-check adherence to medication and lifestyle (for statin intolerance pathway see page 5)  
- After 3 months check non-fasting lipid profile (TC, TG, HDL, LDL-C); LFTs

**Yes** ← **Has non-HDL-C reduced by 40% or more from baseline at 3 months?** [NICE<sup>6</sup>](#) (if no baseline value: consider a target of non-HDL-C < 2.5mmol/L or LDL-C < 2.0mmol/L).  
Check adherence to statin and lifestyle measures (for statin intolerance see page 5) → **No**

Consider adding Ezetimibe 10mg daily [SPC](#)

After 3 months, check non-fasting lipid profile (TC, TG, HDL, LDL-C); LFTs

**Yes** ← **Has non-HDL-C reduced by 40% or more from baseline at 3 months?** (if no baseline value: consider a target non-HDL-C < 2.5mmol/L or LDL-C < 2.0mmol/L) → **No**

Following a review of adherence/adverse effects/intolerance/hesitancy and lifestyle interventions. **Refer to lipid clinic**

If LDL-C > 4mmol/L (or LDL-C > 3.5mmol/L with recurrent CVD event or multivascular disease) lipid clinic will consider PCSK9i (see page 7: [PCSK9i pathway and contact details for SEL lipid clinics](#))

If statin intolerance and/or not achieving targets, lipid clinic will consider addition of bempedoic acid ▼ to ezetimibe therapy (see page 5)

**Review annually** for adherence to medications, support for diet and lifestyle measures, and check required bloods eg lipid profile, LFTs if indicated

\*Please note that for rosuvastatin 40mg specialist supervision is recommended when this dose is initiated (see [SPC](#))

# Primary Prevention: Medicines Optimisation for Lipid Management

Lifestyle change and dietary measures are key to CVD event reduction together with drug therapy

**In primary care check:** bloods (non-fasting lipid profile: TC, TG, HDL-C, LDL-C, non-HDL-C) liver function (LFTs), HbA1c (manage/review diabetes mellitus (DM) if  $\geq 48\text{mmol/mol}$ ) thyroid & renal function, blood pressure (BP), weight, smoking status and calculate QRisk2 score using EMIS template ([www.qrisk.org](http://www.qrisk.org))

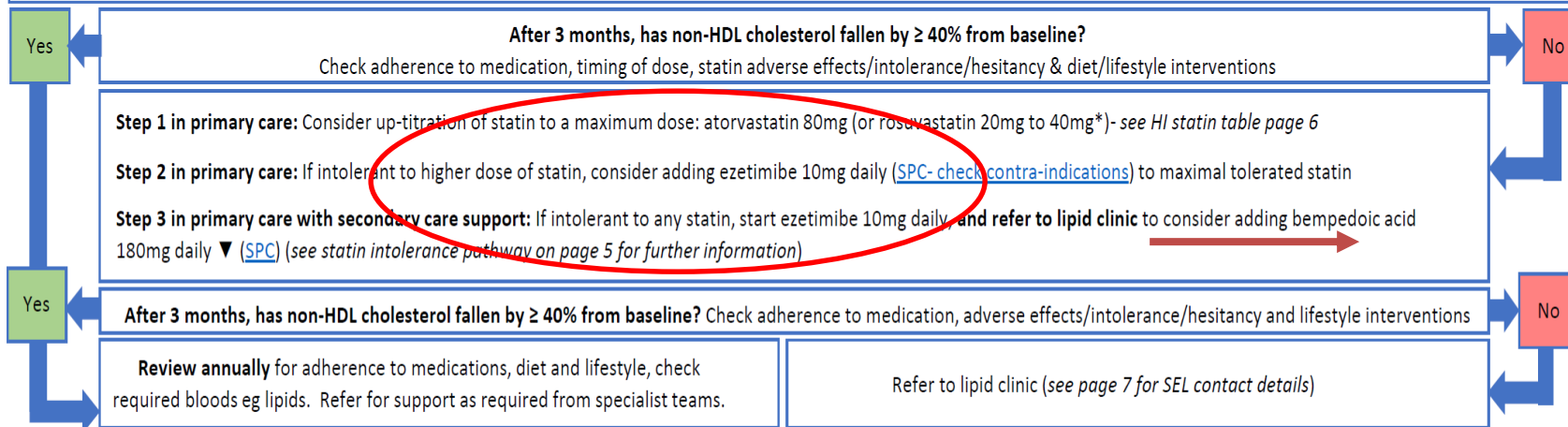
Please note **QRisk2 does not apply in the following conditions:** familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH), type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM)- *may be applied to QRisk3 calculations*, chronic kidney disease CKD (*QRisk3 has updated to eGFR  $< 30\text{ml/min}$ ; NICE states eGFR  $< 60\text{ml/min}$* ) and/or albuminuria- **these patients are high CVD risk and require consideration for a high intensity (HI) statin**

**Consider additional CVD risk factors, if present, together with with QRisk score:** Severe obesity (BMI  $> 40\text{kg/m}^2$ ), socio-economic status, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) treatment, severe mental illness, medications that may cause dyslipidaemia (eg. antipsychotics, corticosteroids, immunosuppressants), autoimmune disorders eg. systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), impaired fasting glycaemia, significant hypertriglyceridaemia (see page 9), recent change in risk factors eg change to smoking status, BP and lipid management

**Consider options** with shared decision making (see page 6), education and lifestyle interventions to **modify CVD risk**.  
For all patients consider the risk:benefit of therapy holistically: for example in patients aged  $\geq 85$ years consider frailty, life expectancy and co-morbidities

**Optimise** management of BP and other co-morbidities. **Support** lifestyle interventions and medicines adherence.

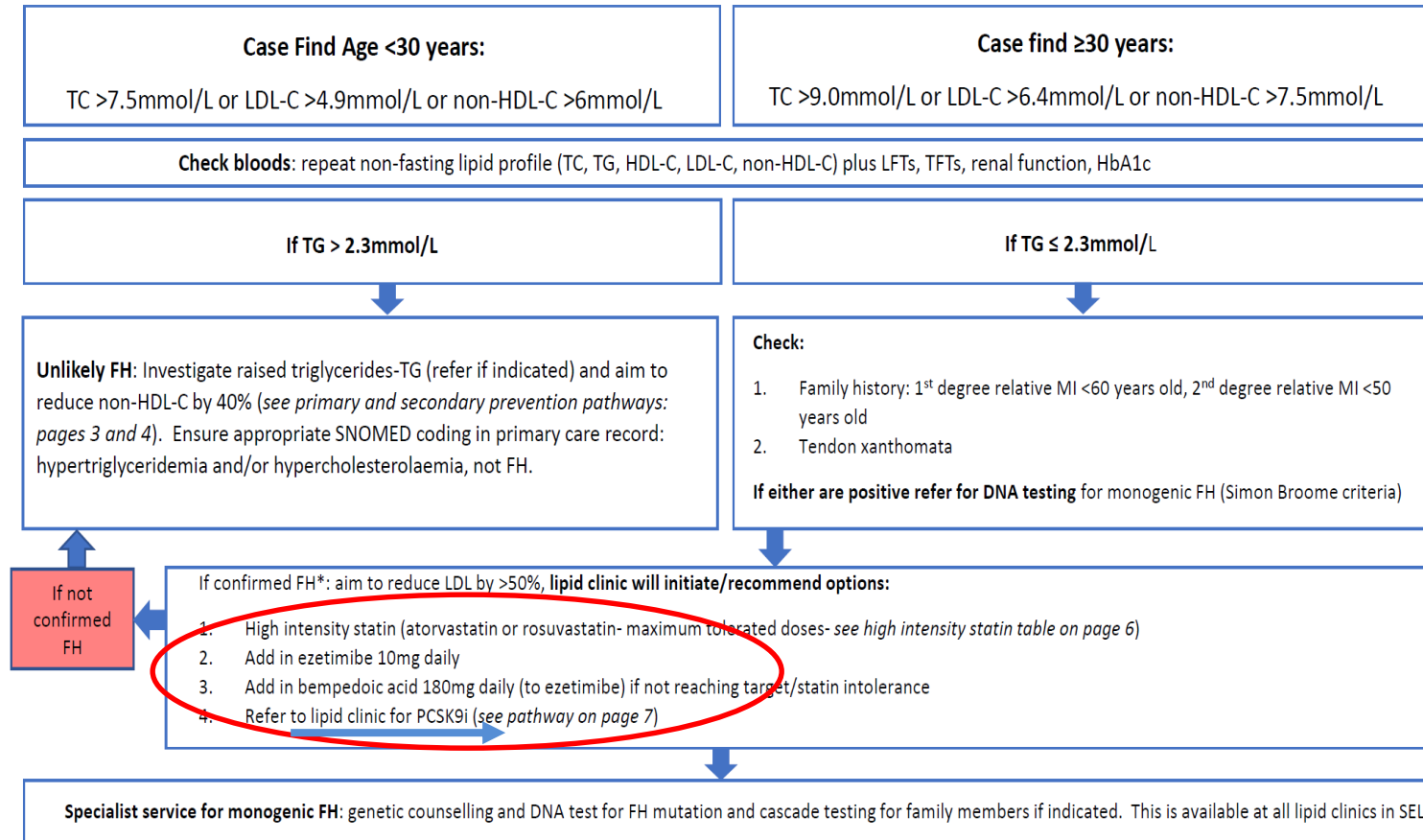
**If QRisk  $\geq 10\%$ :** after addressing modifiable risk factors and following a shared decision: consider initiating or optimising statin therapy with a **moderate dose of a high intensity drug:** atorvastatin 20mg daily (or rosuvastatin 10mg daily) -see page 6 for high intensity statin comparison table- consider drug interactions that may affect dosing (see BNF)



\*Please note that for rosuvastatin 40mg specialist supervision is recommended when this dose is initiated (see SPC)



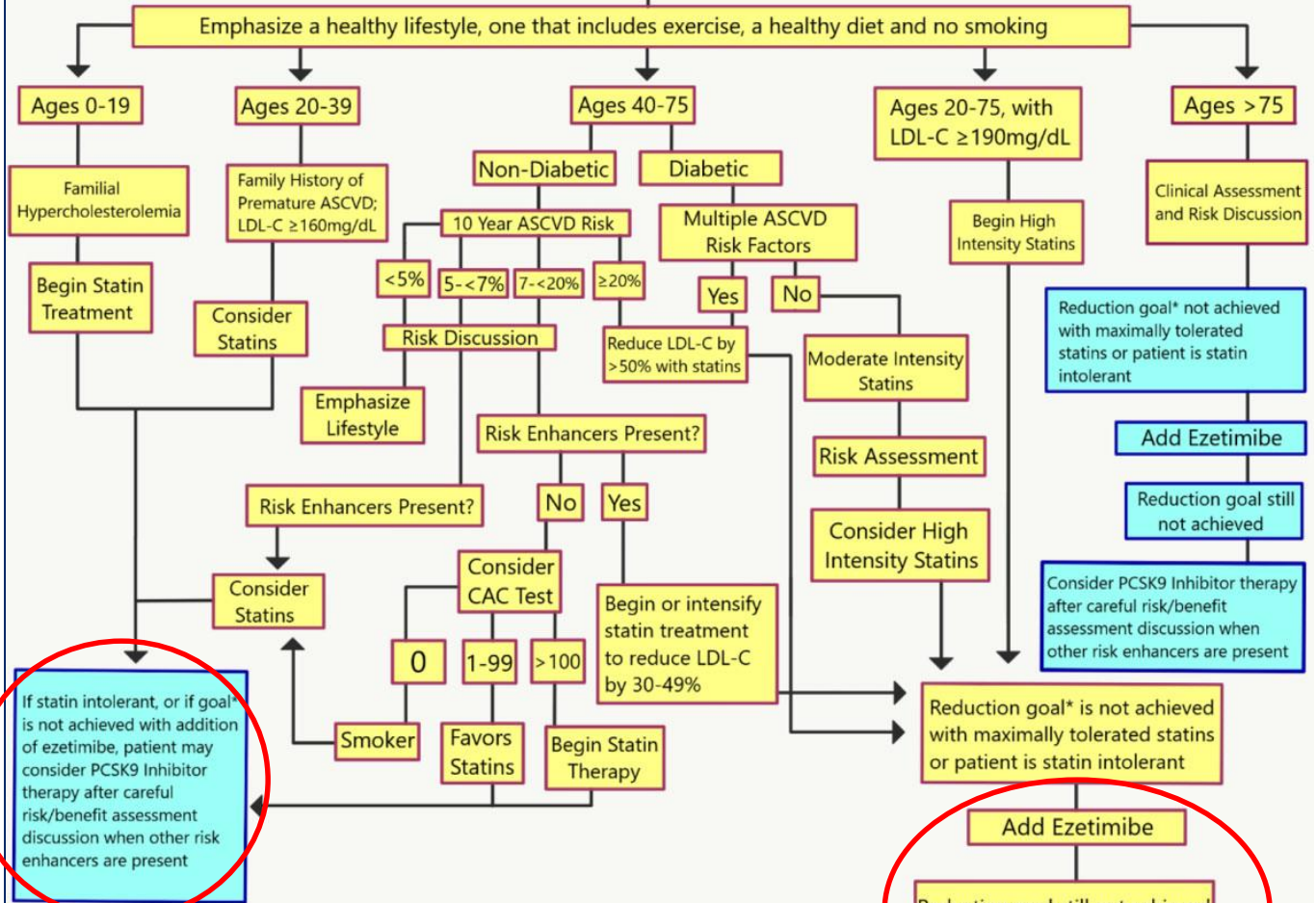
# Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (FH) Pathway



\*Ensure correct coding in primary care record for confirmed FH. SNOMED: familial hypercholesterolaemia: 398036000, homozygous FH 238078005, heterozygous FH 23807900

Coppinger C, Movahed MR, Azemawah V, Peyton L, Gregory J, Hashemzadeh M. A Comprehensive Review of PCSK9 Inhibitors. **J Cardiovasc Pharmacol Ther.** 2022 Jan-Dec

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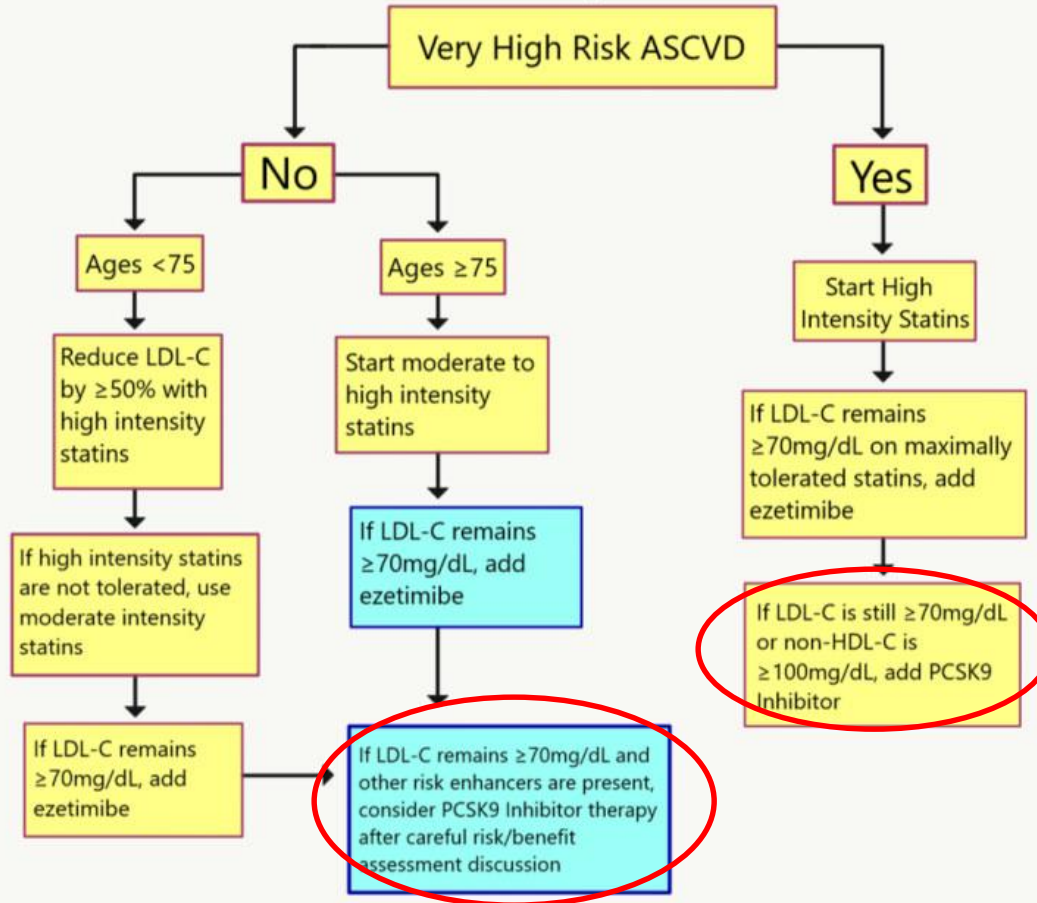


\*May refer to ATP III Guidelines or our ATP III algorithm for LDL-C goals

  - Suggested Recommendation Based on Considering Additional Guidelines and Including Other Risk Enhancers in the Discussion

All other boxes are in line with the 2019 AHA/ACC Guidelines

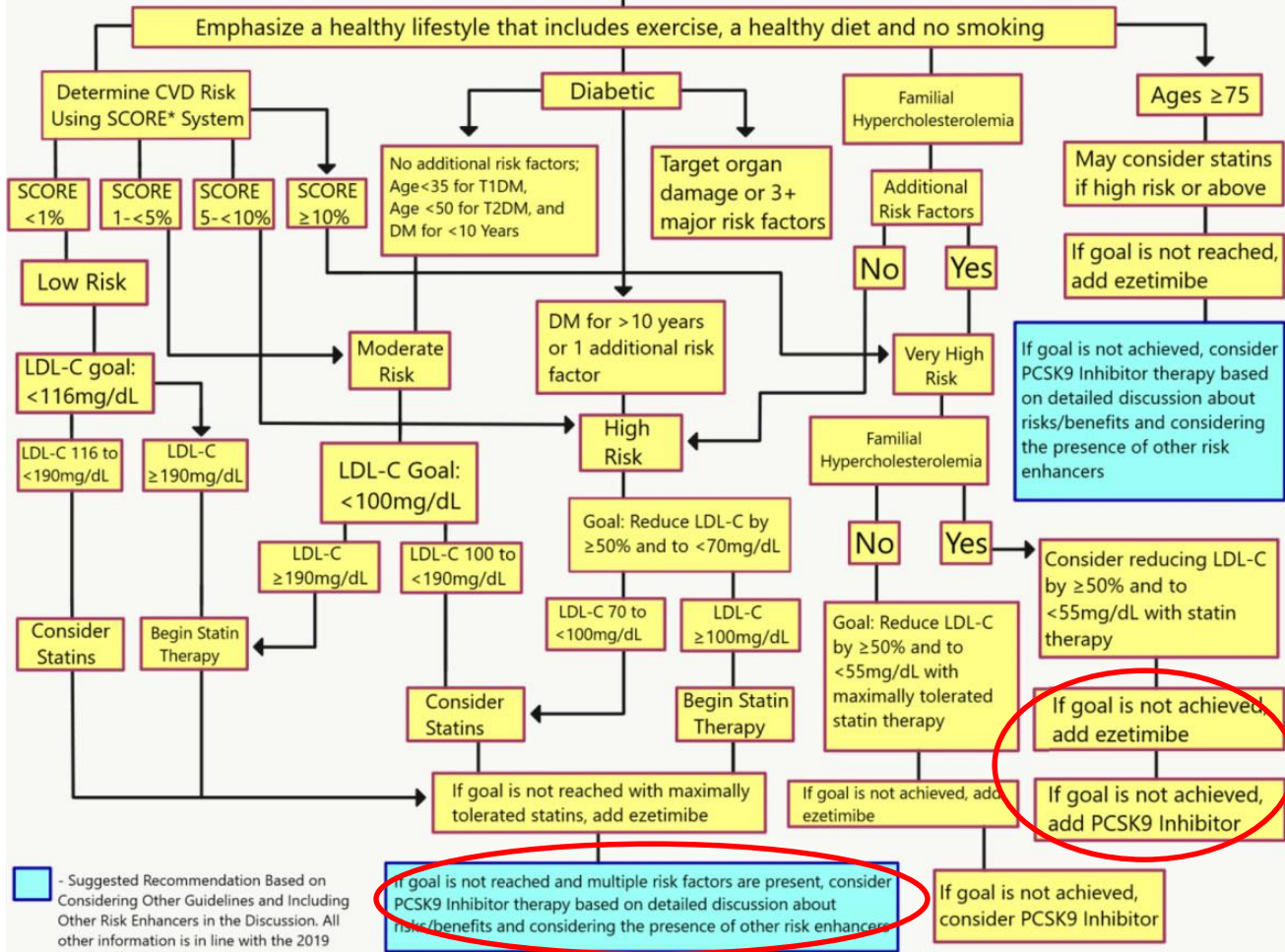
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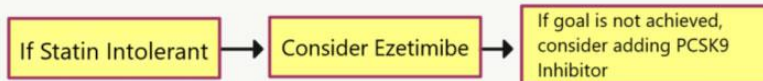
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# Suggested Algorithmic Approach to PCSK9 Inhibitor Therapy for Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease Based on ESC/EAS Guidelines



\*SCORE (Supplemental Coronary Risk Estimation) calculates the 10 year risk of fatal CVD. Total CVD event risk for men is about 3X higher than the fatal CVD risk calculated by the SCORE system. The multiplier is lower in the elderly and higher in women.



FH Screening  
Criteria

**\*LDL-C  $\geq$  5.0 mmol/L ( $\geq$  40 yr)**  
LDL-C  $\geq$  4.5 mmol/L (18-39 yr);  $\geq$  4.0 mmol/L (<18 yr)



Major Criteria

**\*\*DNA Mutation**  
OR  
Tendon xanthomas  
OR  
LDL-C  $\geq$  8.5 mmol/L



**Definite FH**

LDL > 4 mmol = 154 mg/dl  
LDL > 4.5 mmol = 174 mg/dl  
LDL > 5 mmol = 193 mg/dl  
LDL > 8.5 mmol = 328 mg/dl

Minor Criteria

**1<sup>st</sup>-degree relative with high LDL-C**  
OR  
Proband or 1<sup>st</sup>-degree relative with ASCVD (<55 yr men; <65 yr women)



**Probable FH**

**Severe Hypercholesterolemia**

# HoFH: Definition according to the EAS Consensus Panel Statement

## **Box 1** Criteria for the diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia

- Genetic confirmation of two mutant alleles at the *LDLR*, *APOB*, *PCSK9*, or *LDLRAP1* gene locus

OR

- An untreated LDL-C  $> 13$  mmol/L (500 mg/dL) or treated LDL-C  $\geq 8$  mmol/L (300 mg/dL)\* together with either:

- Cutaneous or tendon xanthoma before age 10 years

or

- Untreated elevated LDL-C levels consistent with heterozygous FH in both parents

\* These LDL-C levels are only indicative, and lower levels, especially in children or in treated patients, do not exclude HoFH



# Case presentation



# Case CAD & DLP

- ✓ A male 62 years
- ✓ Hx PCI 10 years ago
- ✓ Familial Dyslipidemia
- ✓ DM , HTN
- ✓ Lipid drugs : Rosuvastatin 40 mg/d , Ezetimibe 10mg/d
- ✓ LDL= 164 mg/dl

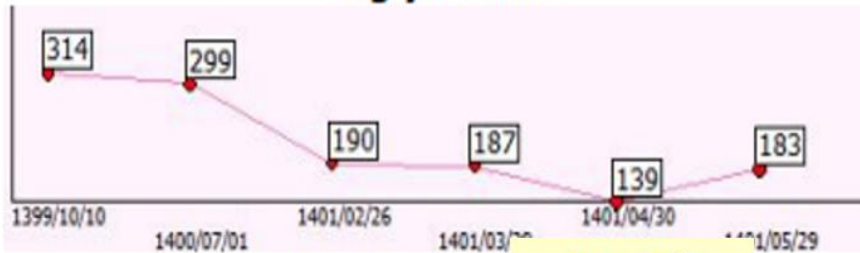
## Case CAD & DLP -continue

- ✓ Repatha (Evolocumab) 140mg q 2 wks SC
- ✓ significant reduction in LDL
- ✓ LDL 164mg/dl  $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ month}}$  33 mg/dl
- ✓ Stop Repatha injection
- ✓ LDL 33mg/dl  $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ month}}$  153 mg/dl

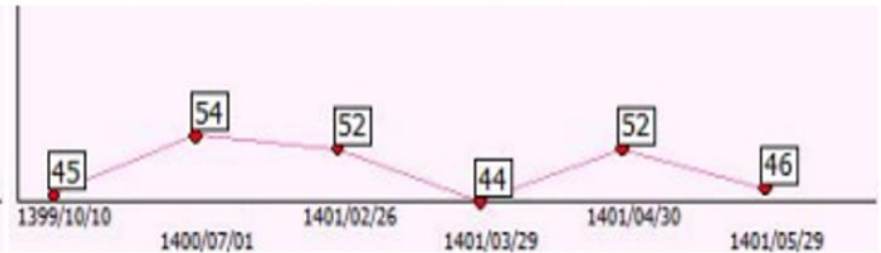


# Our case -Lipid profile

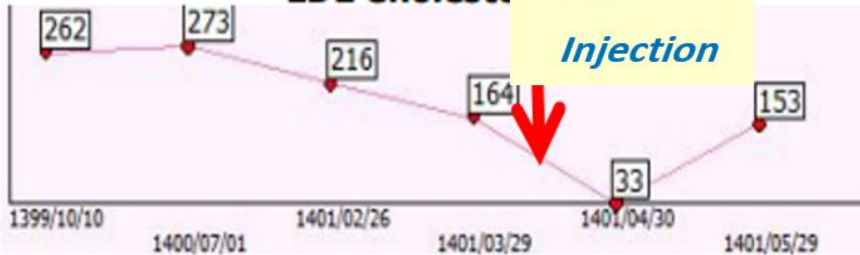
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### HDL Cholesterol

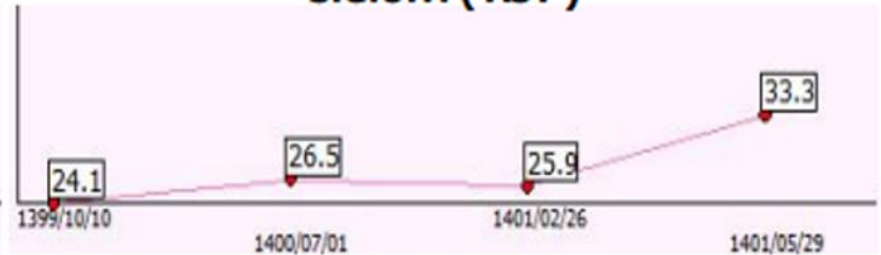


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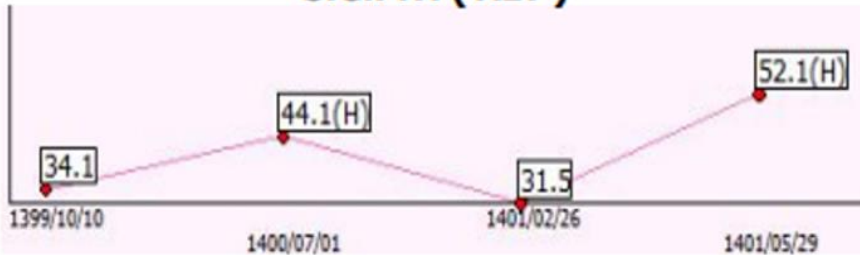


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Injection*

### S.G.O.T. ( AST )



### S.G.P.T. ( ALT )



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*Thank you*

