AT A GLANCE: 2021 CCS Guideline for the Management of Dyslipidemia in Adults

Who to screen with fasting or non-fasting TC, TG, HDL-C, calculated LDL-C and non-HDL-C with ApoB when appropriate and Lp(a) once:

- 1. Men ≥40 yrs old; Women ≥40 yrs old or postmenopausal; at younger age in Indigenous and South Asian individuals
- 2. At any age in patients with:
 - a. Clinical ASCVD
 - b. Evidence of preclinical ASCVD (e.g. CACS or carotid ultrasound abnormalities)
 - c. Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA)

 - e. Arterial hypertension
 - Currently smoking
 - Stigmata of dyslipidemia: tendinous xanthomas (also corneal arcus, xanthelasmas if <45 yrs old)
 - h. Family history of premature CVD in first degree relative (male <55 yrs old; female <65 yrs old)
 - Family history of dyslipidemia (including Elevated Lp(a), especially \geq 50 mg/dL or \geq 100 nmol/L)
 - Chronic kidney disease (eGFR ≤60 mL/min/1.73 m² or ACR ≥3 mg/mmol)
 - k. Obesity (BMI ≥30 kg/m²)
 - Inflammatory diseases (e.g., RA, SLE, PsA, AS, IBD)
 - m. HIV infection
 - n. Erectile dysfunction
 - o. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 - p. Pregnancy-related complications (hypertensive disease of pregnancy, gestational diabetes, pre-term birth, stillbirth, low birthweight infant, placental abruption)

Who to treat based on clinical factors (Framingham Risk Score [FRS] not needed):

- 1. Statin-indicated Conditions:
 - Clinical ASCVD/AAA
 - Diabetes mellitus if >40 yrs old, or >30 yrs old with microvascular disease or >15 years duration
 - Chronic kidney disease (non-dialysis, eGFR <60 mL/min or urine $ACR \ge 3.0 \text{ mg/mmol}$
 - d. FH or LDL-C \geq 5.0 or non-HDL-C \geq 5.8 mmol/L or ApoB \geq 1.45 g/L
- 2. Patients with very high TG ≥10 mmol/L and/or history of TG-related pancreatitis.

Who to treat based on FRS:

- 1. High FRS (≥20%/10yrs)
- 2. Intermediate FRS (10-19.9%/10-yrs) and LDL-C ≥3.5 mmol/L or non-HDL-C ≥4.2 mmol/L or ApoB ≥ 1.05 g/L
- 3. Intermediate FRS (10-19.9%/10-yrs) and LDL-C <3.5 mmol/L or non-HDL-C <4.2 mmol/L or ApoB <1.05 g/L or other risk modifiers FHx, $Lp(a) \ge 50 \text{ mg/dL}$ [or $\ge 100 \text{ mmol/L}$] or CAC >0 AU)
- 4. Low FRS (5-9.9%/10-yrs) with LDL-C ≥ 3.5 mmol/L or non-HDL-C \geq 4.2 mmol/L or ApoB \geq 1.05 g/L or other risk modifiers FHx, Lp(a) ≥50 mg/dL [or ≥100 mmol/L] or CAC >0 AU)

Factors not in FRS suggesting that calculated risk may be underestimated:

- 1. From RCTs:
 - a. JUPITER: CRP > 2.0 mg/L
 - b. HOPE-3:Waist/hip ratio ≥0.85 (women) or ≥0.90 (men), IFG/IGT, (pre-diabetes, metabolic syndrome)
 - c. ASCOT: LVH/other EKG abnormalities
- 2. From epidemiology (consider ethnicity and factors g p Step 1)

Factors not in FRS suggesting that calculated risk may be overestimated:

1. CAC = 0 Agatston Units in Moderate FRS patients

What to monitor:

- 1. If TG < 1.5 mmol/L, monitor treatment with LDL-C, non-HDL-C or ApoB (fasting or non-fasting)
- 2. If TG ≥1.5 mmol/L, monitor treatment with non-HDL-C or ApoB (fasting or non-fasting)

What to use:

- 1. Behavioural advice to optimize diet (including alcohol use), weight, and activity levels and to promote smoking cessation (including specific pharmacotherapy when warranted)
- 2. Maximally tolerated statin for those described in Tables 2 and 3
- 3. In CV primary prevention of patients with FH, using threshold of LDL-C \geq 2.5 mmol/L, non-HDL-C \geq 3.2 mmol/L, ApoB \geq 0.85 g/L, or <50% lowering of LDL-C, consider adding PCSK9 inhibitor, with/without ezetimibe
- 4. In other settings of CV primary prevention, using threshold of LDL-C ≥2.0 mmol/L, non-HDL-C ≥2.6, ApoB ≥0.80 g/L or <50% lowering of LDL-C, consider use of ezetimibe (or bile acid sequestrant)
- 5. Add therapy in CV secondary prevention, using thresholds of LDL-C ≥1.8 mmol/L, non-HDL-C ≥2.4, ApoB ≥0.70 g/L
 - a. Ezetimibe ± PCSK9 inhibitor (if LDL-C 1.8 2.2 mmol/L, non-HDL-C 2.4 – 2.9 mmol/L, or ApoB 0.7 – 0.8 g/L, ezetimibe may suffice)
 - b. PCSK9 inhibitor ± ezetimibe (PCSK9 inhibitor particularly if LDL-C > 2.2 mmol/L, non-HDL-C > 2.9 mmol/L or ApoB > 0.8 g/L) or in very high risk patients who derive the most benefit from PCSK9 inhibitors, e.g. ACS within 1 year, diabetes mellitus or metabolic syndrome, poly-vascular disease, MI within 2 years, recurrent MI, prior coronary artery bypass surgery, symptomatic peripheral arterial disease, FH or residual LDL-C ≥2.6 on maximal statins, elevated Lipoprotein (a) ≥60 mg/dL.)
- 6. Icosapent ethyl in primary prevention patients with diabetes and an additional risk factor or secondary prevention patients when, in both instances, TG is ≥1.5 mmol/L and ≤5.6, on maximally tolerated statin
- 7. When icosapent ethyl is not indicated but TG requires management (e.g., very high TG ≥10 mmol/L or concern about TG-related pancreatitis), use micronized fenofibrate