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HOW LOW DO YOU GO? CLINICAL UPDATES IN LDL-C MANAGEMENT

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Discuss key processes in cholesterol homeostasis with an emphasis on clinically relevant relationships among atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels, and new targets for lipid-lowering therapies
- Individualize treatment goals for patients with dyslipidemia to reflect the latest clinical practice guidelines
- Describe the mechanism of action and clinical profiles of new PCSK9 inhibitors for hypercholesterolemia, including patient populations that may benefit from these therapies
- Tailor multimodal lipid-lowering regimens based on current lipid profiles, cardiovascular risks, treatment responses, and patient preferences
- Communicate with patients to promote treatment adherence and encourage shared decision making during ongoing preventative care

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Category		LDL-C, mg/dL	LDL-C, mg/dL
Low	0-1 major ASCVD risk factors Consider other risks, if known	<130 <100	≥190 ≥160
Moderate	2 major ASCVD risk factors Consider quantitative risk scoring Consider other risk indicators	<130 <100	≥160 ≥130
High	≥3 major ASCVD risk factors Diabetes mellitus (type 1 or 2) ³ -0-1 other major ASCVD risk factors -No evidence of end-organ damage CKD stage 3B or 4 ⁹ LDL-C ≥190 mg/dL ² Risk score reaches high threshold ^d	<130 <100	≥130 ≥100
Very high	ASCVD Diabetes mellitus (type 1 or 2) _≥2 other major ASCVD risk factors OR Evidence of end-organ damage ^e	<100 <70	≥100 ≥70
For patients therapy, irres	with ASCVD or diabetes mellitus, consideration sh pective of baseline atherogenic cholesterol levels.	ould be given to use of mode	erate or high-intensity statin
Consider non- CKD Stage 3B CHD, ≥15% wit ACR, CKD, or r ACR, albumin-1 HDL-C, high-de Jacobson TA, e	HDL-C goal of <100 mg/dL (LDL-C <70 mg/dL) for diabets or 4; "Consider severe phenotype (eg, FH); "High-risk:" > 4013 Pooled Cohont Equations for hard ASCVD, or 245 etinopathy. oc-restining ratio; CHD, coronary heart disease; CKD, cl nsity lipoprotein cholesterol. rt. J. Clin Lipdick. 2015;92(2):129-169.	es + 1 major ASCVD risk; *Calcul 10% with Adult Treatment Panel I % with Framingham long-term C rronic kidney disease; FH, famili	lators may underestimate risk in II Framingham Risk Score for han VD risk calculation; *Increased al hypercholesterolemia;





Patient Populations Who May Benefit From Further Reductions in LDL-C **Despite Statin Therapy**

Patients with a diagnosis of familial hypercholesterolemia

Stone NJ, et al. Circulation, 2014;129(25 suppl 2):S1-S45.

Patients who are intolerant to statin therapy

Patients with suboptimal LDL-C levels and at high risk for ASCVD



Familial Hypercholesterolemia Clues to a Diagnosis

- Very elevated levels of LDL-C
 - LDL-C ≥190 mg/dL in adults aged ≥20 years
 - LDL-C ≥160 mg/dL in children aged <20 years
- · Physical characteristics
- Tendon xanthomas at any age (most common in Achilles tendon and finger extensor tendons but can also occur in patellar and triceps tendons)
- Arcus corneae in patients <45 years of age
- Tuberous xanthomas or xanthelasma in patients <20 years of age
- · Family history of premature CHD

Cascade screening is recommended after an established FH index case is identified.

Goldberg AC, et al. J Clin Lipidol. 2011;5(suppl 3):S1-S8; Robinson JG. J Manage Care Pharm. 2013;19(2):139-149.

Familial Hypercholesterolemia Goals of Therapy

- Initial goal
 - 50% reduction in LDL-C from baseline
- Optimal Goals

Criteria	LDL-C
NO ASCVD or major CV risk factors	<100 mg/dL
ANY ASCVD or major CV risk factors	<70 mg/dL

Gidding SS. et al. Circulation, 2015:132(22):2167-2192.

Statin-Related Adverse Events Can Be Challenging

- In a large internet study of >10,000 current and former statin users1
- 62% of former users cited side effects as primary reason for discontinuation .60% of former and 25% of current statin users reported
 - muscle-related side effects
 - ·One third of those who stopped their statin due to muscle side
- effects did not inform their doctor · Statin rechallenge can help confirm whether
- muscle symptoms are statin-associated²

Myalgia Myositis Muscle ache, weakness, cramps, stiffness Muscle ache, weakness, cramps, stiffness No elevation in CK levels Elevated CK levels

CK, creatine kinase. 1. Cohen JD, et al. J Clin Lipidol. 2012;6(3):208-215; 2. Rosenson RS, et al. J Clin Lipidol. 2014;8(suppl 3):S58-S71.



Factors Increasing the **Risk of Statin Intolerance**

- · History of:
- Muscle symptoms with other lipid-lowering therapies
- Unexplained muscle symptoms
- Unexplained creatine kinase elevation
- · Family history of muscle symptoms with other lipid-lowering therapies
- · Strenuous exercise
- · Hypothyroidism
- Stulc T, et al. Curr Atheroscler Rep. 2015;17(12):69.

- Statin dose
- · Female sex
- · Advanced age
- Low body mass index
- · Alcohol abuse
- · Vitamin D deficiency
- Drug interactions
 - Gemfibrozil
 - Macrolides
 - _ Azole antifungals
 - _ Verapamil
 - _ Amiodarone
 - Protease inhibitors
 - Cyclosporine

Managing Statin Intolerance

- LDL-C lowering with statins remains the primary lipid target for most patients to reduce CHD risk
- Options for the patient with myalgia and normal CK
 Trial of discontinuation for a few weeks and rechallenge
 - Try a lower dose
 - Try a different statin (perhaps with different metabolism or
 - hydrophilicity)
 - Trial of alternate day or weekly dosing (off-label)
 - Check and correct hypothyroidism
 - Check and/or supplement vitamin D
 - Trial of Coenzyme Q10 (free ubiquinone)?
 Consider nonstatin medication (either as monotherapy or combination therapy)

Rosenson RS, et al. J Clin Lipidol. 2014;8(suppl 3):S58-S71.

Suboptimal LDL-C Levels in High-Risk Patients Despite Statin Therapy

Patient Cohorts on Statin Therapy	Patients Achieving LDL-C <100 mg/dL, %	Patients Achieving LDL-C <70 mg/dL, %
Overall (N=4,154)	65.1%	18.7%
History of CHD	67.7%	19.9%
History of stroke/AAA but not CHD	63.5%	18.2%
Diabetes without history of CHD or stroke/AAA	62.7%	18.2%
FRS >20% without history of CHD, stroke/AAA, or diabetes	48.6%	5.6%

N=11,611 US patients in the REGARDS study cross-sectional analysis were ≥45 y of age with a history of CHD or risk equivalents. AAA, abdominal aortic aneurysm; FRS, 10-year Framingham CHD risk score. Gamboa CM, et al. Am J Med 52: 2014;348[2]:108-114.

Unmet Needs in Patients on Statin Therapy

- Despite well-documented efficacy of statins, many patients are still at risk for:^{1,2}
 - Insufficient response to therapy
 - Statin intolerance
 - Poor treatment adherence
- Subgroups of patients have not been well studied¹
 - Older patients
 - Patients <40 years with low estimated 10-yr ASCVD risk, but high lifetime ASCVD risk
 - Patients with comorbid conditions

1. Stone NJ, et al. Circulation. 2014;129(25 suppl 2):S1-S45; 2. Cohen JD, et al. J Clin Lipidol. 2012;6(3):208-215.

Nonstatin Agents With Efficacy in Reducing LDL-C Levels

Drug Class	Examples of Agents
Bile acid sequestrants	Colestipol Colesevelam Cholestyramine
Cholesterol absorption inhibitors	Ezetimibe
Microsomal triglyceride transfer protein inhibitor	Lomitapide ^a
Nicotinic acid	Niacin ^b
Oligonucleotide inhibitor of apo B-100 synthesis	Mipomersen ^a
PCSK9 inhibitors	Alirocumab Evolocumab

*ED-approved as an adjunct to lipid-lowering treatments and diet for people with HoFH; ¹In April 2016, the FDA withdrew approval of niacin extended-release tablets in combination with statins due to lack of evidence that coadministration furth encode CV risk. Husp://uww.fdearingstregovariaticias/2016/01/8120F164837a/Babvie-incet-al-withdrawal-of-approval-ofindications-related-to-the-coadministration-with-statins Accessed May 20, 2016.





PCSK9 Inhibitors			
	Alirocumab ¹	Evolocumab ²	
FDA- Approved Indication	In people who require additional LDL-C lowering, adjunct to diet and maximally tolerated statin therapy for the treatment of adults with • HeFH • Clinical ASCVD	In people who require additional LDL-C lowering, adjunct to diet and Maximally tolerated statin in adults with HeFH or clinical ASCVD • Other LDL-C lowering therapies in patients with HoFH	
Approved Dosing	75 mg SQ Q2W; dose can be increased to 150 mg SQ Q2W if response is inadequate	Clinical ASCVD or HeFH, 140 mg SQ Q2W or 420 mg SQ QM HoFH, 420 mg QM	
Clinical Topics	 LDL-C levels should be measured 4-8 weeks after initiating or titrating therapy Current trials assessing effects on CV morbidity and mortality 	Current trials assessing effects or CV morbidity and mortality	













AEª	Placebo (n=1276)	Alirocumab (n=2476) ^{1,b}
Nasopharyngitis	11.1%	11.3%
Injection-site reactions ^c	5.1%	7.2%
Influenza	4.6%	5.7%
Urinary tract infection	4.6%	4.8%
Diarrhea	4.4%	4.7%
Bronchitis	3.8%	4.3%
Myalgia	3.4%	4.2%
AEª	Placebo (n=302)	Evolocumab (n=599)
Nasopharyngitis	9.6%	10.5%
Upper respiratory tract infection	6.3%	9.3%
nfluenza	6.3%	7.5%
Back pain	5.6%	6.2%
Injection-site reactions ^d	5.0%	5.7%
Cough	3.6%	4.5%
Urinary tract infection	3.6%	4.5%
Sinusitis	3.0%	4.2%



CV AEs of Interest, N (%)	Alirocumab (n=1550)	PBO (n=788)
Nonfatal MI	14 (0.9) ^a	18 (2.3)
Adjudicated major adverse CV events in post hoc analysis ^d	27 (1.7) ^b	26 (3.3) HR, 0.52 (0.31-0.90
Evolocumab:	OSLER 1 and 2	2,e
Endpoint, N (%)	Evolocumab + SOC (n=2976)	SOC (n=1489)
All CV events	29 (0.95)	31 (2.18) HR, 0.47 (0.28-0.78)
Post hoc analysis included death, major coronary events, and major cerebrovascular events	28 (0.95)	30 (2.11) HR, 0.47 (0.28-0.78)
P=0.01 vs PBO; ^b P=0.02 vs PBO; 'Adults ≥18 y of age with HeFH specified in the study protocol (composite primary end point from schemic stroke, or UA requiring hospitalization; "Participants we SOC, standard of care.	CHD, CHD risk equivalent and LDL 1 ODYSSEY OUTCOMES: death from re eligible if they completed 1 of 12	-C ≥70 mg/dL; ^d Post hoc analysis r n CHD, nonfatal MI, fatal or nonfata phase 2 or 3 trials. 5-272/(48)-1500-1500

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	Alirocumab ^{1,2}	Evolocumab ^{3,4}	Bococia	zumab ^{5,6}
Trial	ODYSSEY OUTCOMES	FOURIER	SPIRE I	SPIRE
Sample size	18,000	27,564	17,000	11,000
Inclusion criteria	4 to 52 weeks post-ACS	MI, stroke, or symptomatic PAD	High CV (risk for event
Statin therapy	Atorvastatin 40 mg or 80 mg or rosuvastatin 20 mg or 40 mg daily	Atorvastatin ≥20 mg daily or equivalent	Any lipid the	-lowering rapy
Baseline LDL-C (mg/dL)	≥70	≥70	≥70	≥100
Pcsk9i dosing	75 mg SQ Q2W or 150 mg SQ Q2W	140 mg SQ Q2W or 420 mg SQ Q4W	150 mg	SQ Q2W
Endpoint	CHD death, MI, ischemic stroke, or hospitalization for UA	CV death, MI, stroke, hospitalization for UA, or coronary revascularization	CV death, or u revascu	MI, stroke rgent larization
Estimated completion	12/2017	10/2017	4/2018	1/2018

Importance of Shared Decision Making

- Communicate ASCVD risk in language patients can understand
- Explain benefits of lower LDL-C levels
- When discussing treatment options, communicate
 Efficacy and safety of statin and nonstatin therapy options
 •Set expectations for percent LDL-C reduction with chosen treatment
 - Potential for adverse events
 Outline strategies to mitigate risk and address emergence of side effects
- Engage patients in health care decisions to improve treatment adherence
 - Integrate patient preferences on dosing frequency, mode of administration, cost, and potential for adverse events into treatment decisions

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