

LIPID LOWERING THERAPY: DYSLIPIDEMIA Comparison Chart ^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}

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Generic/TRADE	LDL ^{2,7} (dose effect)	HDL ²	TG ²	SIDE EFFECTS /CONTRAINDICATIONS (CI) /COMMENTS/MONITOR (M)	DRUG INTERACTIONS	THERAPEUTIC BENEFITS/USES	USUAL Dose Range (Max dose/day) Studied doses in 1 ^o or 2 ^o prevention	\$ / Month	
STATINS / HMG	Atorvastatin LIPITOR ATO (10,20,40,80 mg tablet)	↓ 35 - 60%			SE≤10%; Generally better tolerated than other agents Common: upper GI disturbances, muscle pains, headache, rash & sleep disturbances Rare: peripheral neuropathy, lupus like Sx, impotence ⁹ ↑ LFT (AST & ALT >3X Normal in <2%) ^{4,7} ; dose dependent; reversible if statin stopped Myopathy ¹⁰ ; <1%; rhabdomyolysis <0.2% ⁶ (CK>10x) -if muscle pain & weakness, monitor CK ↑ creatinine kinase (CK) & darkened urine. -risk ↑ 10 fold ¹¹ with combinations/DI's (<1%) ↓ CNS SE: ATO,FLU,PRA due to ↓ CNS penetration CI: Active Liver Dx, ↑ alcohol intake & Pregnancy M: Routine LFT's & CK not indicated for all pts ^{22,30} (LFT: 0,3,6,12 months & annually if high dose/combo or at risk) ROS:new; most potent statin; appears to ↑ HDL even at high dose; ↑ levels in Asians, lacks outcome data ^{12,13}	↑ effect of: digoxin ^{ATO} ↑ 20%, warfarin FOR: LOV, SIM, ATO ↑ toxicity with HMG &: amiodarone, amprenavir, clarithromycin, cyclosporine, danazol, diltiazem, ethinyl estradiol, erythromycin, fenofibrate, fluoxetine, fusidic acid, gemfibrozil, grapefruit juice, ketoconazole, indinavir, itraconazole, nelfinavir, niacin, nefazodone, ritonavir, telithromycin & verapamil. ↓ effect of HMG by: cholestyramine & colestipol (space by ≥ 2hr); carbamazepine, phenytoin, pectin, phenobarb., St. Johns Wort & rifampin. PRA & ROS: appears to have few interactions	↓ Cholesterol ATO,FLU,LOV,PRA,SIM,ROS ↓ Atherosclerosis ATO,FLU,LOV,PRA,SIM ↓ Coronary Heart Disease ATO,FLU,LOV,PRA,SIM ↓ Stroke PRA,SIM Pediatric FDA approval ATO,LOV,PRA,SIM Effective in secondary causes such as diabetes & in nephrotic syndrome	10mg po hs ASCOT, CARDS, TNT 20mg po hs (80mg/d \$87) 40mg po hs AVERT, MIRA, CL, PROVE IT, TNT 20mg po hs 40mg po hs 40mg po bid cc LIPS (80mg/d) 20-40mg po hs AFCAPS 40mg po bid cc → 40-80mg/d POST CABG (cc=with meals ↑ absorption) (80mg/d) 20mg po hs (80mg/d) 40mg po hs WOSCOPS; → CARE, LIPID, PROSPER {Adjust for severe renal impairment ⁷ }	67 81 87 35 46 84 34 - 79 151 38 44 56 68 78 46 46 46
	Fluvastatin LESCOL FLU (20 & 40mg capsule)	↓ 20 - 35%							
	Lovastatin MEVACOR (20 scored & 40mg tablet)	↓ 25 - 40%	↑ 5 - 15%	↓ 7 - 30%					
	Pravastatin PRAVACHOL (10,20 & 40mg tablet)	↓ 20 - 35%	ROS & SIM	ATO, ROS & SIM					
	Rosuvastatin CRESTOR (10,20,40mg tablet)	↓ 40 - 65%	may ↑ HDLs most ^{8,12}	may ↓ TGs most ^{3,12,14}					
	Simvastatin ZOCOR (5,10,20,40, 80 rectangle mg tab)	↓ 35 - 50%							
Pravastatin & Rosuvastatin few DIs-some transplant meds like cyclosporin & GEM. Fluvastatin less DIs→ still with glyburide, phenytoin, rifampin & warfarin. Atorvastatin similar DIs but less dramatic. {Primary Mechanisms ²¹ of DI: PRA⇒sulfation; ATO/LOV/SIM⇒CYP-3A4; FLU⇒CYP-2C9}									
FIBRATES	Bezafibrate BEZALIP BEZ (200mg tab; 400mg SR tab)	LDL shifts to larger more buoyant forms ³			Common: GI upset, rash & abdominal pain Less common: headache, pruritis, ↓ libido, dizzy, drowsy, arthralgia, ↑ glucose, sleep/vision changes Rare: ↓ renal fx, anemia, ↑ LFT's, myopathy, reversible impotence & gallstones ↑ by 1-2% ³ CI: severe hepatic & renal Dx & ?smoking (↑ in cardiac events in smokers + gemfibrozil ^{VA-HIT}) M: CBC, Scr (↓ dose if ↑ Scr), Glucose, LFT's (?CK's) Criteria: if gemfibrozil/fenofibrate intolerance or ineffective → bezafibrate	↑ toxicity/levels with: cyclosporin, furosemide, MAOI's, probenecid, & statins. ↓ effect by: cholestyramine & colestipol (space by ≥ 2hrs); rifampin ↑ effect of: chlorpropamide, furosemide, repaglinide, rosiglitazone, sulfonyleureas & warfarin.	✓ ↓ Cholesterol & ↓ TG; ↑ HDL ✓ Combo with HMG/Niacin (to ↑ HDL & ↓ TG) ↓ Atherosclerosis ✓ Type III dyslipidemia May be useful if: ♦ TG > 2.3mmol/l BIP, HHS -virtually all clinical benefits in patients with diabetes & ↑ insulinemia ⁷ -lack all-cause mortality ↓	200mg po bid cc 200mg po tid cc (600mg/d) 400mg SR po od 2 ^o BIP 200mg MICRO po od cc DAIS (200mg/d) 160mg SUPRA po od cc (160mg/d) 300mg po bid ac (ac=before meals) 600mg po bid ac HHS, 2 ^o VA-HIT (1500mg/d)	70 102 64 46 52 21 42
	Fenofibrate LIPIDIL MICRO 67 & 200mg cap LIPIDIL SUPRA (X → 100 & 160mg tab)	↓ 5-20%	↑ 10-20%	↓ 20-50%					
	Gemfibrozil LOPID GEM (300mg cap, 600mg tablet)	-fenofibrate may ↓ LDL & ↓ TG more than GEM ^{3,7} -current outcome evidence best with gemfibrozil -clofibrate was associated with ↑ mortality ^{WHO}							
RESINS	Cholestyramine QUESTRAN CME (4gram regular, 4gram light)	Option: mix with metamucil & orange juice/lemonade the night before; refrigerate & give next day, ½ before breakfast & ½ before supper (shake well)			Common (<30%): constipation, nausea & bloating Rare: hyperchloremic acidosis ^{CME} in peds/↑ renal fx ³ CI: biliary obstruction, dysbetalipoproteinemia, TG > 4.6 mmol/l (Caution TG > 2.3 mmol/l); phenylketonurics ("light" & "orange granules") ↑ fluid & bulk in diet → metamucil may be required Mix → juice/milk/water/applesauce M: LFT's, TGs	Space other meds (by ≥ 2hrs) with resins since ↓ absorption of: amiodarone, cyclosporin, digoxin, diuretics, fat soluble vitamins (A,D,E,K), folate, HMG's, l-thyroxine, methotrexate, NSAIDs, propranolol, steroids, sulfonyleureas, valproate, warfarin, mycophenolate	✓ ↓ Cholesterol & ↓ LDL (Questran: pregnancy & age > 2yr) ✓ Combo with HMG (to ↓ LDL) ✓ Pruritus esp. with certain biliary/liver dx ✓ Bile acid induced diarrhea	4g po bid ac → +/- 8g/day POST CABG 8g po bid ac (16-24g/d) Start 4g od-bid to ↑ tolerability 2g po bid ac 4g po bid ac (20-30g/d) Start 2-5g od-bid to ↑ tolerability	53 99 42 77
	Colestipol COLESTID (5g granules; 7.5g orange granules; 1gm tab)	↓ 15-30%	↑ 3-5%	NO Change or Possible INCREASE					
OTHER	Ezetimibe ¹⁵ EZETROL 10mg tablet ⊗	↓ 17%	↑ 1.3%	↓ 6%	↓ intestinal cholesterol absorption; synergistic ↓ in LDL when added to statin CI: hepatic M:LFT's	• levels ↑*d by cyclosporine, fibrates • resins interfere with absorption	✓ ↓ Cholesterol (+/- Statin) -lacks outcome data	10mg od (with or without meals) {when added to statin, may allow ↓ statin dose}	⊗ 64
	Nicotinic acid ^{16,17} NIACIN (50,100,500mg tab); SR / No-flush niacin: non- Rx in Canada, less effective?; better tolerated?; ↑ hepatic SE?	↓ 5-25% -shifts to larger buoyant forms ³ -2g niacin/day helps HDL & TG, but only higher doses affect LDL ^{3,7} NICOTINAMIDE-NOT EFFECTIVE !!	↑ 15-35%	↓ 20-50%	Flushing (↓ by ASA/Advil 1/2hr pre), dry eyes, pruritis, headache, GI upset, ↑ LFT's, ↑ uric acid & ↑ glucose CI: severe peptic ulcer Dx, chronic liver Dx, overt diabetes & severe gout M: LFT's, glucose, uric acid	• Low dose or 325mg/d ASA: useful on initiating/↑ niacin dose to ↓ flushing; some pretreat X3d. ASA may also ↑ niacin levels. HMG's: ? ↑ myopathy if with lovastatin ¹⁸	✓ ↓ Cholesterol & ↓ TG; ↑ HDL ✓ Combo with HMG/Fibrate (to ↑ HDL & ↓ TG) ✓ Niacin deficiency (Pellagra)	Start 50-100mg bid-tid (↑ tolerability) (increase weekly by ~100mg/week) 500mg po tid with meals 1500mg po bid ADMIT 1g po tid cc CDP (3-6g/d)	12 16 16

Major RISK Factors^{1,2,22}: Diabetes, Smoking, Hypertension (≥ 140/90/BP meds), Low HDL ≤ 1, Family history^{1-1.5x Risk} premature (Age: ♂ < 55, ♀ < 65) CHD, Age (♂ ≥ 45, ♀ ≥ 55); MODIFIABLE ↑ BP, ↑ Cholesterol/LDL, Obesity: BMI > 25, Waist (♂ > 102cm, 40"; ♀ > 88cm, 35"), Smoking, Diet, Alcohol & sedentary lifestyle. Screen: pts with CAD/PVD/carotid atherosclerosis, diabetes, xanthomas or other stigmata of dyslipidemia; family history of dyslipidemia/CAD; adults with 2 or more risk factors; other pts (♂ ≥ 40, ♀ ≥ 50).

DRUG INDUCED HYPERLIPIDEMIA^{19,20}: amiodarone, beta-blockers non ISA, carbamazepine, clozapine, cyclosporin, danazol, contraceptives esp. levonorgestrel, phenytoin, phenobarbital, protease inhibitors, progestins, retinoids, steroids & thiazides ≥ 50mg/d.

CHOICE OF AGENT: ↑↑ LDL ⇒ HMG +/- resin; ↑↑ LDL & ↑ TG ⇒ HMG; ↑↑ LDL & ↓ HDL ⇒ HMG +/- fibrate/niacin; Normal LDL & ↑↑ TG ⇒ fibrate/niacin/?fish^{05,21} or combo; Normal LDL & ↓ HDL ⇒ fibrate/niacin or combo

TARGETS 2003 ²²	HIGH RISK (10yr CAD risk ≥20%)	LDL <2.5 & Total Chol/HDL <4	Apo B <0.9	(High risk → ALL pts with CAD / DIABETES ^{adult} -incl. chronic renal dx / any atherosclerotic dx (eg. CVD, PAD))
for patients at:	MODERATE RISK (10yr CAD risk 11-19%)	LDL <3.5 & Total Chol/HDL <5	Apo B <1.05	High risk pts: treat medication & lifestyle changes concomitantly.
	LOW RISK (10yr CAD risk 6-10%)	LDL <4.5 & Total Chol/HDL <6	Apo B <1.2	Lower risk pts: treat with meds after 3-6 months of lifestyle changes if targets not met.
	VERY LOW RISK (10yr CAD risk <5%)	LDL <5	--	♦ Lifestyle changes for DIET, EXERCISE, moderate alcohol use & stop SMOKING! Consider ASA ^{81mg/d} . Highest risk benefit most!

⊗ EDS Sask. ✗ Non-formulary SK ⊗ not covered by NIHB ▼ covered NIHB ✓ Indication/Use DI=Drug Interaction Dx=disease dysfx=dysfunction GI=gastrointestinal HDL=high density lipoprotein HMG CoA reductase inhib→STATINS LDL=low density lipoprotein SE=side effect TG=triglycerides
It is unclear whether benefit derived is solely from achievement of targets eg. ↓ LDL alone. Ⓢ = ↓ dose for renal dysfx +Apo B: a useful marker, particularly if metabolic syndrome or on statin therapy. Optimal TG < 1.7 mmol/l If > 10mmol/l → risk of pancreatitis

New 2003 Canadian & USA - NCEP Working Group² -10yr risk of CAD in patients without diabetes or clinically evident heart disease.

RISK*	MEN										WOMEN															
AGE	20-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	20-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79						
Age points	-9	-4	0	3	6	8	10	11	12	13	-7	-3	0	3	6	8	10	12	14	16						
TOTAL CHOL																										
<4.14 mmol/l	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0							
4.15-5.19	4		3		2		1		0		4		3		2		1		1							
5.2-6.19	7		5		3		1		0		8		6		4		2		1							
6.2-7.2	9		6		4		2		1		11		8		5		3		2							
≥7.21	11		8		5		3		1		13		10		7		4		2							
HDL mmol/l																										
<1.04			1.04-1.29		1.3-1.54		≥1.55				<1.04	1.04-1.29		1.3-1.54		≥1.55										
	+2		+1		0				-1		+2		+1		0				-1							
SYSTOLIC BP mmHg																										
			Not Treated				Treated							Not Treated				Treated								
<120			0				0							0				0								
120-129			0				1							1				3								
130-139			1				2							2				4								
140-159			1				2							3				5								
≥160			2				3							4				6								
SMOKER																										
No	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0							
Yes	8		5		3		1		1		9		7		4		2		1							
TOTAL POINTS																										
POINTS	MEN: actual 10yr CAD risk %										WOMEN actual 10yr CAD risk %															
<0-4	5-6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	<9	9-12	13-14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	≥25
1% (10yr % Risk→)	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	16	20	25	≥30	<1% (10yr % Risk→)	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	11	14	17	22	27	≥30

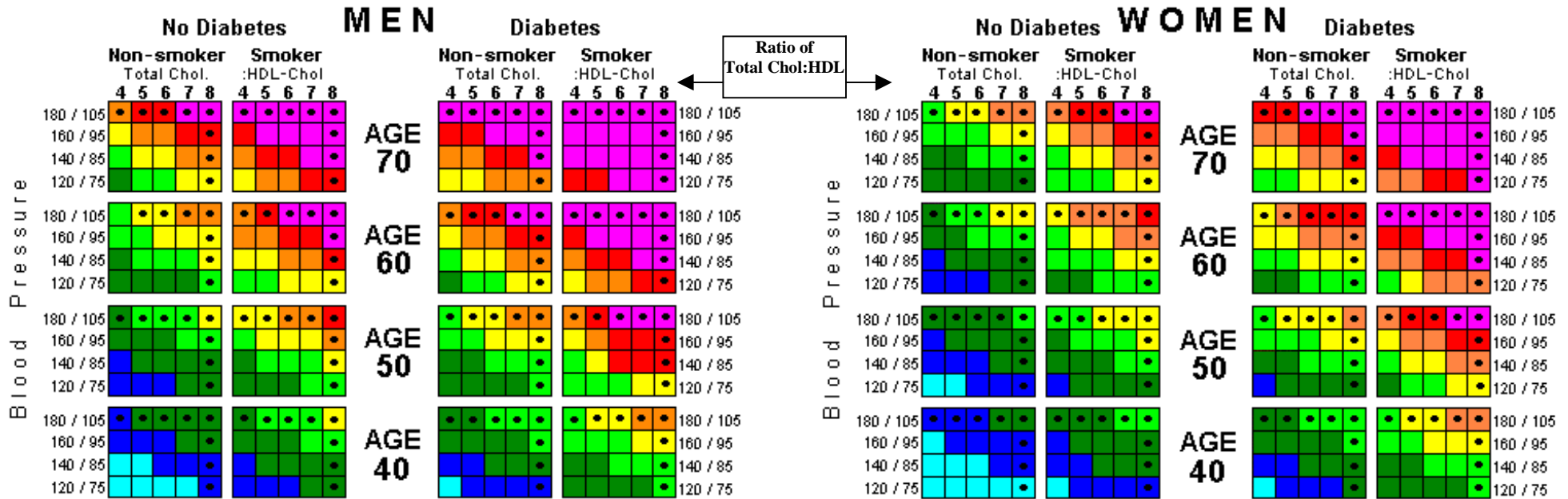
*Risk assessments based on Framingham data; other risk factors such as family history of CAD, physical inactivity, obesity & left ventricular hypertrophy should also be considered.

Patients with **CAD / DIABETES** ^{adult} -incl. chronic renal dx / any atherosclerotic dx (eg. CVD,PAD) are **“high risk”** regardless of risk score.

Cardiac Risk Tools: 1) www.statcoder.com 2) www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines

For suggested lipid targets, see bottom of page 10.

Comparative 10yr CAD % risks by AGE		30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74yr
Males	Low risk % →	2%	3	4	4	6	7	9	11	14
	Average risk % →	3%	5	7	11	14	16	21	25	30
Females	Low risk % →	<1%	<1	2	3	5	7	8	8	8
	Average risk % →	<1%	<1	2	5	8	12	12	13	14



Key to Risk Tables

RISK	Prognosis: 5 year CVD risk (non-fatal & fatal)	Benefit 1: CVD events prevented per 100 treated for 5 years *	Benefit 2: NNT for 5 years *	Suggested starting point for discussion with patient about drug treatment.
	Very High	> 30% (Pink)	> 10 per 100	
High	25-30% (Red)	9 per 100	11	
	20-25% (Orange)	7.5 per 100	13	
Moderate	15-20% (Yellow)	6 per 100	16	
	10-15% (Light Green)	4 per 100	25	
Mild	5-10% (Green)	2.5 per 100	40	
	2.5-5% (Light Blue)	1.25 per 100	80	
	< 2.5% (Cyan)	< 0.8 per 100	> 120	

• Cells with this marker indicate that in patients with very high levels of cholesterol (> about 8.5-9 mmol/L) or blood pressure (> about 170 / 100 mmHg), the risk equations may underestimate the true risk. **Therefore it is recommended that treatment be considered at lower absolute CVD risks than in other patients.**

* Assumes BP reduction of about 12 / 6 mmHg in patients with BP > 140-150 / 90, or cholesterol reduction of about 20% in patients with total cholesterol > 5.0-5.5 mmol/L, produces an approximate 30% reduction in CVD risk, whatever the pre-treatment absolute risk.

Also assess family history (↑ risk up to 50%), physical inactivity, obesity & LVH.
Risk Factors INTERHEART.CDN.JNC7: ↑ApoB/ApoA1 ratio, Smoking, Diabetes, ↑BP, Obesity: waist/hip ratio (♂ ≥0.95; ♀ ≥0.9). BMI >25, Waist (♂ >102cm/40inch, ♀ >88cm/35inch), stress & depression; lack of vegetables, fruits, exercise & alcohol; Low HDL ≤1, Family hx of premature heart dx (Age: ♂ <55, ♀ <65), Age (♂ >55, ♀ >65) & Microalbuminuria.

NZ-CVD-5yr Risk Tool: quick/easy way to estimate risk of CHD and stroke; the Framingham 10yr risk assessment may also be used to estimate CHD risk. Antihypertensive benefit greater in those at highest risk!

BLOOD PRESSURE ^{2004, 26}	NO RISK FACTORS or target organ damage ISOLATED SYSTOLIC HTN (ISH) MODERATE-HIGH RISK Patient ♦ If HOME BP Measurement DIABETES or RENAL Disease ♦ If PROTEINURIA >1g/d	Consider Treatment	Target
		Importance of accurate measurement e.g. 5 min resting	≥160/100 SBP >160 ≥140/90 ≥135/85 ≥130/80 ≥125/75
LIPID ^{2003, 22}	Risk (often based on Framingham 10yr CAD risk)	LDL	T.Chol/HDL Apo B
	HIGH * (10yr CAD ≥20%)	<2.5	<4 <0.9
	MODERATE (10yr CAD 11-19%)	<3.5	<5 <1.05
	LOW (10yr CAD 6-10%)	<4.5	<6 <1.2
	VERY LOW (10yr CAD <5%)	<5	-- --
*High Risk includes ALL pts with CAD / DIABETES adult incl. chronic renal dx / CVD / PAD. HIGH Risk: Treat with medication & lifestyle changes concomitantly. LOWER Risk: May try lifestyle changes for 3-6 months before drug therapy if targets not met.			
BLOOD GLUCOSE ^{2003, 27}	Target for most	Normal range	→consider achieving if can be done safely without hypoglycemia etc..
A1c q3-6 mon (calibrate meter qyr)	≤7	≤6	
FPG (mmol/L)	4-7	4-6	
PPBG (mmol/L) 2hr post	5-10	5-8	
Individualized Target Treatment Goals: consider age ²⁸ , life expectancy, co-morbidity and risk of hypoglycemic side effects. Monitor: A _{1c} q3-6 months; calibrate meter yearly.			
A _{1c} =glycosolated hemoglobin A _{1c} BP=blood pressure CAD=coronary artery disease CVD= cardiovascular disease Dx=disease FPG=fasting plasma glucose HDL=high density lipoprotein Hx=history LDL=low density lipoprotein PAD=peripheral arterial disease PPBG=postprandial (2hr) blood glucose TG=triglycerides ♂=male ♀=female			

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