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Quality ID #TBD: Low Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (LDL-C) Monitoring and Management

2026 COLLECTION TYPE:

MIPS CLINICAL QUALITY MEASURES (CQMS)

MEASURE TYPE:

Outcome

DESCRIPTION:

Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) who received a low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) test via lipid panel and achieved an LDL-C of <70mg/dL on the most recent test during the measurement period

INSTRUCTIONS:

This measure is to be submitted a minimum of **once per performance period** for patients with clinical ASCVD seen during the performance period. This measure may be submitted by Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) eligible clinicians who perform the quality actions described in the measure based on the services provided and the measure-specific denominator coding.

This measure will be calculated with 2 performance rates:

- 1) Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with clinical ASCVD who had a lipid panel completed during the 12-month measurement period.
- 2) Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with clinical ASCVD and had a lipid panel completed during the 12-month measurement period who achieved an LDL-C of <70 mg/dL on the most recent test during the 12-month measurement period

NOTE: Patient encounters for this measure conducted via telehealth (including but not limited to encounters coded with GQ, GT, POS 02, POS 10) are allowable.

Measure Submission Type:

Measure data may be submitted by individual MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third-party intermediaries. The listed denominator criteria are used to identify the intended patient population. The numerator options included in this specification are used to submit the quality actions as allowed by the measure. The quality data codes listed do not need to be submitted by MIPS eligible clinicians, groups, or third-party intermediaries that utilize this modality for submissions; however, these codes may be submitted for those third-party intermediaries that utilize Medicare Part B claims data. For more information regarding Application Programming Interface (API), please refer to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) website.

DENOMINATOR (SUBMISSION CRITERIA 1):

All patients aged 18 years and older diagnosed with clinical ASCVD:

DENOMINATOR NOTE: *Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). These non-covered services should be counted in the denominator population for MIPS CQMs.

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter

AND

Diagnosis for ASCVD (ICD-10-CM or CPT): E08.51, E08.52, E09.51, E09.52, G45.0, G45.1, G45.2, G45.8, G45.9, G46.0, G46.1, G46.2, G46.3, G46.4, G46.5, G46.6, G46.7, G46.8, I20.0, I20.1, I20.8, I20.9, I21.01, I21.02, I21.09, I21.11, I21.19, I21.21, I21.29, I21.3, I21.4, I21.9, I21.A9, I23.0, I23.1, I23.2, I23.3, I23.4, I23.5, I23.6, I23.7, I23.8, I24.0, I24.8, I24.9, I25.10, I25.110, I25.111, I25.112, I25.118, I25.119, I25.2, I25.5, I25.6, I25.700, I25.701, I25.702, I25.708, I25.709, I25.710, I25.711, I25.712, I25.718, I25.719, I25.720, I25.721, I25.722, I25.728, I25.729, I25.730, I25.731, I25.732, I25.738, I25.739, I25.750, I25.751, I25.752, I25.758, I25.759, I25.760, I25.761, I25.762, I25.768, I25.769, I25.790, I25.791, I25.792, I25.798, I25.799, I25.810, I25.811, I25.812, I25.82, I25.83, I25.84, I25.89, I25.89, I25.9, I25.9, I63.00, I63.011, I63.012, I63.013, I63.019, I63.02, I63.031, I63.032, I63.033, I63.039, I63.09, I63.10, I63.111, I63.112, I63.113, I63.119, I63.12, I63.131, I63.132, I63.133, I63.139, I63.19, I63.20, I63.211, I63.212, I63.213, I63.219, I63.22, I63.231, I63.232, I63.233, I63.239, I63.29, I63.30, I63.311, I63.312, I63.313, I63.319, I63.321, I63.322, I63.323, I63.329, I63.331, I63.332, I63.333, I63.339, I63.341, I63.342, I63.343, I63.349, I63.39, I63.40, I63.411, I63.412, I63.413, I63.419, I63.421, I63.422, I63.423, I63.429, I63.431, I63.432, I63.433, I63.439, I63.441, I63.442, I63.443, I63.449, I63.49, I63.50, I63.511, I63.512, I63.513, I63.519, I63.521, I63.522, I63.523, I63.529, I63.531, I63.532, I63.533, I63.539, I63.541, I63.542, I63.543, I63.549, I63.59, I63.6, I63.81, I63.89, I63.9, I65.01, I65.02, I65.03, I65.09, I65.1, I65.21, I65.22, I65.23, I65.29, I65.8, I65.9, I67.2, I69.00, I69.010, I69.011, I69.012, I69.013, I69.014, I69.015, I69.018, I69.019, I69.020, I69.021, I69.022, I69.023, I69.028, I69.031, I69.032, I69.033, I69.034, I69.039, I69.041, I69.042, I69.043, I69.044, I69.049, I69.051, I69.052, I69.053, I69.054, I69.059, I69.061, I69.062, I69.063, I69.064, I69.065, I69.069, I69.090, I69.091, I69.092, I69.093, I69.098, I69.10, I69.110, I69.111, I69.112, I69.113, I69.114, I69.115, I69.118, I69.119, I69.120, I69.121, I69.122, I69.123, I69.128, I69.131, I69.132, I69.133, I69.134, I69.139, I69.141, I69.142, I69.143, I69.144, I69.149, I69.151, I69.152, I69.153, I69.154, I69.159, I69.161, I69.162, I69.163, I69.164, I69.165, I69.169, I69.190, I69.191, I69.192, I69.193, I69.198, I69.20, I69.210, I69.211, I69.212, I69.213, I69.214, I69.215, I69.218, I69.219, I69.220, I69.221, I69.222, I69.223, I69.228, I69.231, I69.232, I69.233, I69.234, I69.239, I69.241, I69.242, I69.243, I69.244, I69.249, I69.251, I69.252, I69.253, I69.254, I69.259, I69.261, I69.262, I69.263, I69.264, I69.265, I69.269, I69.290, I69.291, I69.292, I69.293, I69.298, I69.30, I69.310, I69.311, I69.312, I69.313, I69.314, I69.315, I69.318, I69.319, I69.320, I69.321, I69.322, I69.323, I69.328, I69.331, I69.332, I69.333, I69.334, I69.339, I69.341, I69.342, I69.343, I69.344, I69.349, I69.351, I69.352, I69.353, I69.354, I69.359, I69.361, I69.362, I69.363, I69.364, I69.365, I69.369, I69.390, I69.391, I69.392, I69.393, I69.398, I69.80, I69.810, I69.811, I69.812, I69.813, I69.814, I69.815, I69.818, I69.819, I69.820, I69.821, I69.822, I69.823, I69.828, I69.831, I69.832, I69.833, I69.834, I69.839, I69.841, I69.842, I69.843, I69.844, I69.849, I69.851, I69.852, I69.853, I69.854, I69.859, I69.861, I69.862, I69.863, I69.864, I69.865, I69.869, I69.890, I69.891, I69.892, I69.893, I69.898, I69.90, I69.910, I69.911, I69.912, I69.913, I69.914, I69.915, I69.918, I69.919, I69.920, I69.921, I69.922, I69.923, I69.928, I69.931, I69.932, I69.933, I69.934, I69.939, I69.941, I69.942, I69.943, I69.944, I69.949, I69.951, I69.952, I69.953, I69.954, I69.959, I69.961, I69.962, I69.963, I69.964, I69.965, I69.969, I69.990, I69.991, I69.992, I69.993, I69.998, I70.0, I70.1, I70.201, I70.202, I70.203, I70.208, I70.209, I70.211, I70.212, I70.213, I70.218, I70.219, I70.221, I70.222, I70.223, I70.228, I70.229, I70.231, I70.232, I70.233, I70.234, I70.235, I70.238, I70.239, I70.241, I70.242, I70.243, I70.244, I70.245, I70.248, I70.249, I70.25, I70.261, I70.262, I70.263, I70.268, I70.269, I70.291, I70.292, I70.293, I70.298, I70.299, I70.301, I70.302, I70.303, I70.308, I70.309, I70.311, I70.312, I70.313, I70.318, I70.319, I70.321, I70.322, I70.323, I70.328, I70.329, I70.331, I70.332, I70.333, I70.334, I70.335, I70.338, I70.339, I70.341, I70.342, I70.343, I70.344, I70.345, I70.348, I70.349, I70.35, I70.361, I70.362, I70.363, I70.368, I70.369, I70.391, I70.392, I70.393, I70.398,

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AND

Patient encounter during the performance period (CPT): 98000, 98001, 98002, 98003, 98004, 98005, 98006, 98007, 98008, 98009, 98010, 98011, 98012, 98013, 98014, 98015, 98016, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99242*, 99243*, 99244*, 99245*, 99315, 99316, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99341, 99342, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99424, 99426

AND

Documentation of patient refusal of a lipid panel test during the 12-month measurement period: **HCPCS code TBD by CMS**

OR

82465, 80061, Z13.220, or Z13.6 documented in the current measurement period

AND NOT

DENOMINATOR EXCLUSIONS:

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Hospice: CMS will identify HCPCS codes

OR

Over age 66+ with advanced illness, frailty, or dementia medications: CMS will identify HCPCS codes

NUMERATOR (SUBMISSION CRITERIA 1):

Patients with who had a low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) tested via a lipid panel during the measurement period

Definition:

Lipid panel – A fasting lipid panel is recommended but not required for measure performance.

NUMERATOR NOTE: *Denominator Exception(s) are determined on the date of the denominator eligible encounter.*

Numerator Options:

Performance Met:

Lipid panel completed during the measurement period **(TBD by CMS)**

OR

Denominator Exception:

Documentation of patient refusal of a lipid panel test **(TBD by CMS)**

OR

Performance Not Met:

Lipid panel not completed, reason not given **(TBD by CMS)**

DENOMINATOR (SUBMISSION CRITERIA 2):

All patients aged 18 years and older with clinical ASCVD who had a lipid panel completed during the 12-month measurement period

DENOMINATOR NOTE: *Signifies that this CPT Category I code is a non-covered service under the Medicare Part B Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). These non-covered services should be counted in the denominator population for MIPS CQMs.

Denominator Criteria (Eligible Cases):

Patients aged ≥ 18 years on date of encounter

AND

Diagnosis for ASCVD (ICD-10-CM): E08.51, E08.52, E09.51, E09.52, G45.0, G45.1, G45.2, G45.8, G45.9, G46.0, G46.1, G46.2, G46.3, G46.4, G46.5, G46.6, G46.7, G46.8, I20.0, I20.1, I20.8, I20.9, I21.01, I21.02, I21.09, I21.11, I21.19, I21.21, I21.29, I21.3, I21.4, I21.9, I21.A9, I23.0, I23.1, I23.2, I23.3, I23.4, I23.5, I23.6, I23.7, I23.8, I24.0, I24.8, I24.9, I25.10, I25.110, I25.111, I25.112, I25.118, I25.119, I25.2, I25.5, I25.6, I25.700, I25.701, I25.702, I25.708, I25.709, I25.710, I25.711, I25.712, I25.718, I25.719, I25.720, I25.721, I25.722, I25.728, I25.729, I25.730, I25.731, I25.732, I25.738, I25.739, I25.750, I25.751, I25.752, I25.758, I25.759, I25.760, I25.761, I25.762, I25.768, I25.769, I25.790, I25.791, I25.792, I25.798, I25.799, I25.810, I25.811, I25.812, I25.82, I25.83, I25.84, I25.89, I25.89, I25.9, I25.9, I63.00, I63.011, I63.012, I63.013, I63.019, I63.02, I63.031, I63.032, I63.033, I63.039, I63.09, I63.10, I63.111, I63.112, I63.113, I63.119, I63.12, I63.131, I63.132, I63.133, I63.139, I63.19, I63.20, I63.211, I63.212, I63.213, I63.219, I63.22, I63.231, I63.232, I63.233, I63.239, I63.29, I63.30, I63.311, I63.312, I63.313, I63.319, I63.321, I63.322, I63.323, I63.329, I63.331, I63.332, I63.333, I63.339, I63.341, I63.342, I63.343, I63.349, I63.39, I63.40, I63.411, I63.412, I63.413, I63.419, I63.421, I63.422, I63.423, I63.429, I63.431, I63.432, I63.433, I63.439, I63.441, I63.442, I63.443, I63.449, I63.49, I63.50, I63.511, I63.512, I63.513, I63.519, I63.521, I63.522, I63.523, I63.529, I63.531, I63.532, I63.533, I63.539, I63.541, I63.542, I63.543, I63.549, I63.59, I63.6, I63.81, I63.89, I63.9, I65.01, I65.02, I65.03, I65.09, I65.1, I65.21, I65.22, I65.23, I65.29, I65.8, I65.9, I67.2, I69.00, I69.010, I69.011, I69.012, I69.013, I69.014, I69.015, I69.018, I69.019, I69.020, I69.021, I69.022, I69.023, I69.028, I69.031, I69.032, I69.033, I69.034, I69.039, I69.041, I69.042, I69.043, I69.044, I69.049, I69.051, I69.052, I69.053, I69.054, I69.059, I69.061, I69.062, I69.063, I69.064, I69.065, I69.069, I69.090, I69.091, I69.092, I69.093, I69.098, I69.10, I69.110, I69.111, I69.112, I69.113, I69.114, I69.115, I69.118, I69.119, I69.120, I69.121, I69.122, I69.123, I69.128, I69.131, I69.132, I69.133, I69.134, I69.139, I69.141, I69.142, I69.143, I69.144, I69.149, I69.151, I69.152, I69.153, I69.154, I69.159, I69.161, I69.162, I69.163, I69.164, I69.165, I69.169, I69.190, I69.191, I69.192, I69.193, I69.198, I69.20, I69.210, I69.211, I69.212, I69.213, I69.214, I69.215, I69.218, I69.219, I69.220, I69.221, I69.222, I69.223, I69.228, I69.231, I69.232, I69.233, I69.234, I69.239, I69.241, I69.242, I69.243, I69.244, I69.249, I69.251, I69.252, I69.253, I69.254, I69.259, I69.261, I69.262, I69.263, I69.264, I69.265, I69.269, I69.290, I69.291, I69.292, I69.293, I69.298, I69.30, I69.310, I69.311, I69.312, I69.313, I69.314, I69.315, I69.318, I69.319, I69.320, I69.321, I69.322, I69.323, I69.328, I69.331, I69.332, I69.333, I69.334, I69.339, I69.341, I69.342, I69.343, I69.344, I69.349, I69.351, I69.352, I69.353, I69.354, I69.359, I69.361, I69.362, I69.363, I69.364, I69.365, I69.369, I69.390, I69.391, I69.392, I69.393, I69.398, I69.80, I69.810, I69.811, I69.812, I69.813, I69.814, I69.815, I69.818, I69.819, I69.820, I69.821, I69.822, I69.823, I69.828, I69.831, I69.832, I69.833, I69.834, I69.839, I69.841, I69.842, I69.843, I69.844, I69.849, I69.851, I69.852, I69.853, I69.854, I69.859, I69.861, I69.862, I69.863, I69.864, I69.865, I69.869, I69.890, I69.891, I69.892, I69.893, I69.898, I69.90, I69.910, I69.911, I69.912, I69.913, I69.914, I69.915, I69.918, I69.919, I69.920, I69.921, I69.922, I69.923, I69.928, I69.931, I69.932, I69.933, I69.934, I69.939, I69.941, I69.942, I69.943, I69.944, I69.949, I69.951, I69.952, I69.953, I69.954, I69.959, I69.961, I69.962, I69.963, I69.964, I69.965, I69.969, I69.990, I69.991, I69.992, I69.993, I69.998, I70.0, I70.1, I70.201, I70.202, I70.203, I70.208, I70.209, I70.211, I70.212, I70.213, I70.218, I70.219, I70.221, I70.222, I70.223, I70.228, I70.229, I70.231, I70.232, I70.233, I70.234, I70.235, I70.238, I70.239, I70.241, I70.242, I70.243, I70.244, I70.245, I70.248,

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Patient encounter during the performance period (CPT): 98000, 98001, 98002, 98003, 98004, 98005, 98006, 98007, 98008, 98009, 98010, 98011, 98012, 98013, 98014, 98015, 98016, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99242*, 99243*, 99244*, 99245*, 99315, 99316, 99304, 99305, 99306, 99307, 99308, 99309, 99310, 99341, 99342, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99424, 99426

AND

Documentation of patient refusal of a lipid panel test during the 12-month measurement period: **HCPCS code TBD by CMS**

OR

82465, 80061, Z13.220, or Z13.6 documented in the current measurement period

AND NOT

DENOMINATOR EXCLUSIONS:

Pregnancy: Z3A.33, Z3A.34, Z3A.35, Z3A.36, Z3A.37, Z3A.38, Z3A.39, Z3A.40, Z3A.41, Z3A.42, O09.00, O09.01, O09.02, O09.03, O09.10, O09.11, O09.12, O09.13, O09.211, O09.212, O09.213, O09.219, O09.291, O09.292, O09.293, O09.299, O09.30, O09.31, O09.32, O09.33, O09.40, O09.41, O09.42, O09.43, O09.511, O09.512, O09.513, O09.519, O09.521, O09.522, O09.523, O09.529, O09.611, O09.612, O09.613, O09.619, O09.621, O09.622, O09.623, O09.629, O09.70, O09.71, O09.72, O09.73, O09.811, O09.812, O09.813, O09.819, O09.821, O09.822, O09.823, O09.829,

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OR

ESRD: 90951, 90952, 90953, 90954, 90955, 90956, 90957, 90958, 90959, 90960, 90961, 90962, 90963, 90964, 90965, 90966, 90967, 90968, 90969, 90970, 90989, 90993, 90997, 90999, 99512, N18.6.

Hospice: CMS will identify HCPCS codes

OR

Over age 66+ with advanced illness, frailty, or dementia medications: CMS will identify HCPCS codes

NUMERATOR (SUBMISSION CRITERIA 2):

Patients with who achieved an LDL-C of <70 mg/dL on the most recent test during the 12-month measurement period

NUMERATOR NOTE: Denominator Exception(s) are determined on the date of the denominator eligible encounter.

Numerator Options:

Performance Met:

LDL-C of <70 mg/dL identified on the last collected lipid panel during the measurement period **(TBD by CMS)**

OR

Denominator Exception:

Documentation of medical reason(s) for not managing lipid levels (i.e., history of drug-to-drug interactions, drug intolerance or allergy to both statin and PCSK9 lipid lowering therapies, patient planning to become pregnant) **(TBD by CMS)**

OR

Denominator Exception:

Documentation of patient reason(s) for not managing lipid levels (i.e., patient unable to afford medications, patient refusal or non-compliance) **(TBD by CMS)**

OR

Performance Not Met:

LDL-C of <70 mg/dL not achieved not, reason not given **(TBD by CMS)**

RATIONALE:

Elevated low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) levels contribute to clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) and once identified can be addressed via lipid management.[Grundy] Studies support that LDL-C lowering produces marked reduction in clinical ASCVD and that lower is better for LDL-C. [Grundy] The 2023 AHA/ACC/ACCP/ASPC/NLA/PCNA CCD guideline recommends high-intensity statin therapy to achieve an LDL lowering of $\geq 50\%$ from baseline.[Virani] Virani, et al. further stated, “The expected percent reduction in LDL-C levels with high-intensity statin therapy is $\geq 50\%$ and should be used to assess clinical efficacy. However, baseline LDL-C levels in patients before statin initiation are not always available in clinical practice. The threshold of LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL is then useful to determine whether to intensify lipid management.”

There are currently no similar existing measures in use in CMS programs, as previous lipid monitoring measures were identified as topped-out with recent quality measurement focusing on statin therapy and management. Following the retirement of national lipid monitoring measures a gap in care was identified using both AHA registry data and US Veterans data. [Ward] In 2022, the AHA implemented two measures addressing lipid monitoring and management in their Get With The Guidelines – Outpace™ registry (Outpace) which supports a continued gap for both lipid monitoring and management. Validity and reliability testing revealed the monitoring measure had a mean performance rate of 46.8% (range 30% - 100%) and the management measure performance data indicated a mean performance rate of 64.9% (range 18.2%-85.7%). Ward, et al. identified that monitoring occurred in approximately 24% of individuals with ASCVD while 44% had a LDL-C of <70 mg/dl at the start of their quality improvement project. Measurement was beneficial to address the existing gap in lipid monitoring for patients with ASCVD and LDL-C management. [Ward]

Additionally this new measure provides an opportunity to address disparities in care as it has been identified that women have a lower likelihood of attaining LDL-C goals than men. [Gavina]. Safford, et al. found differences in treatment and outcomes based on race and gender. [Safford] Further, differences in lipid control have been found based on insurance status. [Egan]

Regarding a fasting or nonfasting sample, Grundy et al. states, "...nonfasting samples can be used for risk assessment in primary prevention and for assessment of baseline LDL-C levels before the initiation of a statin in primary and secondary prevention. If more precision is necessary, fasting lipids can be measured, but a nonfasting sample is reasonable for most situations." Cholesterol-lowering therapy leading to LDL-C lowering has consistently shown to reduce the risk of ASCVD.[Grundy, Baigent] By monitoring LDL-C rates over time it is anticipated earlier intervention with cholesterol-lowering therapy will occur and lead to improved patient outcomes over time when paired with healthy lifestyle choices. The AHA has found and estimated, "One in 3 US adults received care for a cardiovascular risk factor or condition in 2020. Annual inflation-adjusted (2022 US dollars) health care costs of cardiovascular risk factors are projected to triple between 2020 and 2050, from \$400 billion to \$1344 billion. For cardiovascular conditions, annual health care costs are projected to almost quadruple, from \$393 billion to \$1490 billion, and productivity losses are projected to increase by 54%, from \$234 billion to \$361 billion." [Kazi] It is anticipated that earlier intervention will result in improved health care outcomes for patients and improved cost savings for the US.

If a patient has a history of drug-to-drug interactions, allergies, or intolerance to statin and PCSK9 medications it is appropriate to exclude these patients from measurement. Exceptions are indicated for patients who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant as statins are typically contraindicated for these populations. Exceptions are also warranted for patients with End Stage Renal Disease, age 66 and older with advanced illness or frailty and those receiving hospice services given limited evidence of treatment efficacy. [Tunnicliffe, Kutner]

CLINICAL RECOMMENDATION STATEMENTS:

- In adults who are 20 years of age or older and not on lipid-lowering therapy, measurement of either a fasting or nonfasting plasma lipid profile is effective in estimating ASCVD risk and documenting baseline LDL-C. (Class 1, Level of Evidence: B-NR) [Grundy]
- In patients who are 75 years of age or younger with clinical ASCVD, high-intensity statin therapy should be initiated or continued with the aim of achieving a 50% or greater reduction in LDL-C Levels. (Class 1, Level of Evidence: A) [Grundy]
- In patients with clinical ASCVD in who high-intensity statin therapy is contraindicated or who experience statin-associated side effects, moderate-intensity statin therapy should be initiated or continued with the aim of achieving a 30% to 49% reduction in LDL-C levels. (Class 1, Level of Evidence: A) [Grundy]
- In patients with CCD, high-intensity statin therapy is recommended with the aim of achieving a $\geq 50\%$ reduction in LDL-C levels to reduce the risk of MACE. (Class 1, Level of Evidence: A) [Virani]
- The expected percent reduction in LDL-C levels with high-intensity statin therapy is $\geq 50\%$ and should be used to assess clinical efficacy. However, baseline LDL-C levels in patients before statin initiation are not always available in clinical practice. The threshold of LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL is then useful to determine whether to intensify lipid management.[Virani]

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