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# Familial Hypercholesterolemia: New Era in Diagnosis and Treatment

Kevin Graham Prevention Lecture

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## Case

46yo male presents for his annual PCP visit. He has a history of dyslipidemia and has been on a statin for about 10 years.

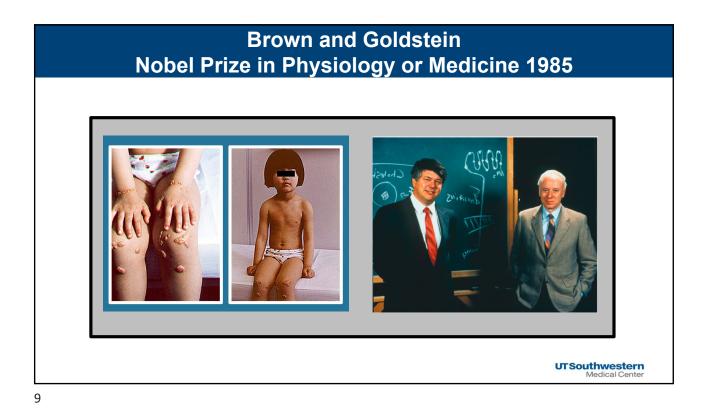
Social History: Married, 2 children ages 14 and 18, no tobacco Family History: Mother with CABG age 62, maternal grandfather with MI in 50's. 2 younger siblings, unknown medical history

Meds: Atorvastatin 20mg daily

Exam: P-68, BP-128/76mm/Hg, BMI- 28kg/m<sup>2</sup>; otherwise normal, no xanthomas or xanthelasma

Lipids: Tot Chol- 165, LDL-C- 107, HDL-C-42, Trig-80 mg/dL

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# Familial Hypercholesterolemia(s)

# Definition: Severe hypercholesterolemia with <u>autosomal</u> <u>dominant</u> inheritance pattern

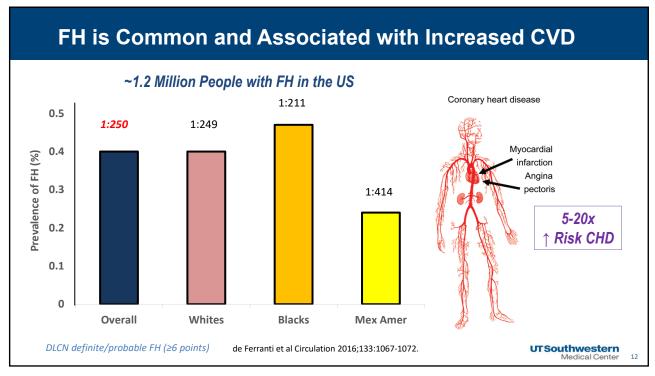
### **Primary Autosomal Dominant forms:**

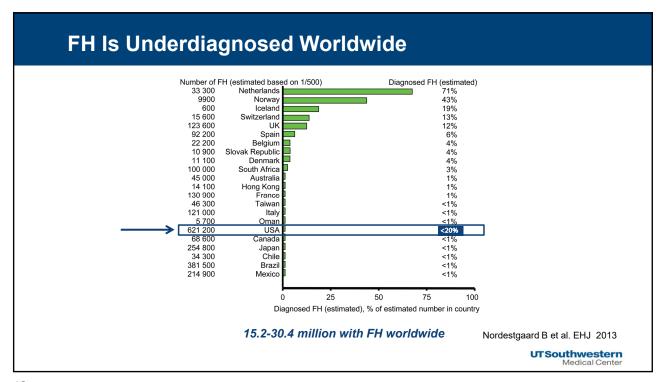
- LDLR (classic FH) ~85-90% cases
- <u>APOB</u> (Agr3500Gln) ~5-10% cases
- PCSK9 (gain-of-function) ~5% cases

Homozygous (~1:500,000); LDL-C >400mg/dl

Heterozygous (~1:250); LDL-C 200-400mg/dl

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## **Diagnosing FH: Clinical Criteria**

- 1. Simon-Broome Register
- 2. Dutch Lipid Clinic Network
- 3. US MedPed

### Simon-Broome

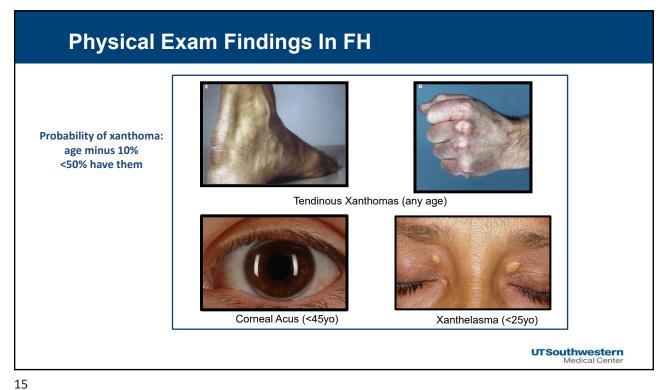
Total cholesterol >290 or <u>LDL >190 mg/dl in adult</u>, or total cholesterol >260 or <u>LDL>160mg/dl in child</u>

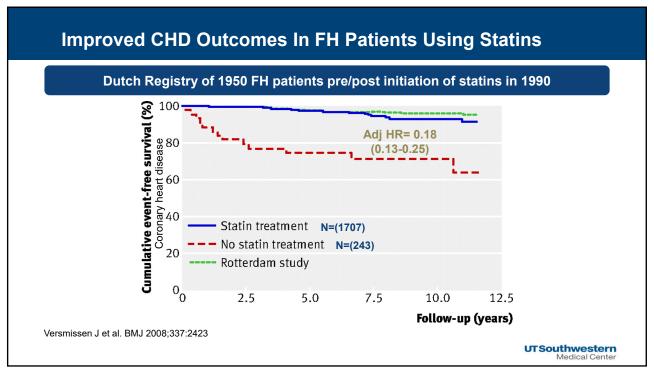
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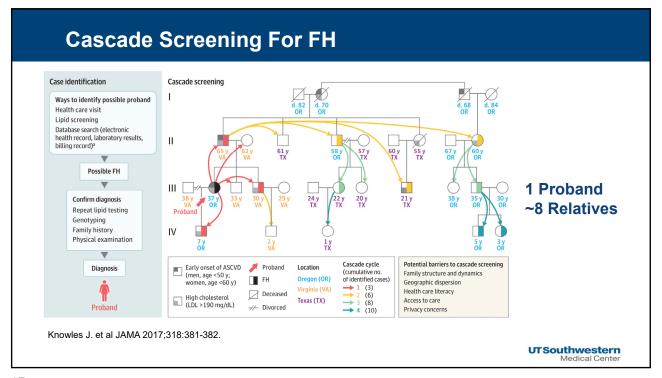
<u>Definite</u>: Tendon xanthoma in patient or relative or DNA mutation

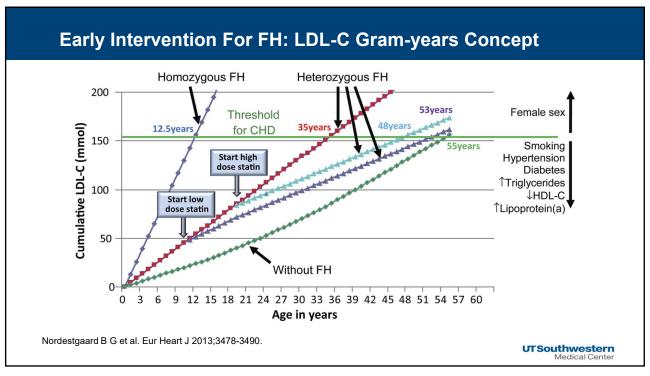
<u>Possible</u>: Family history of premature heart attack, OR Hypercholesterolemia in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree relative

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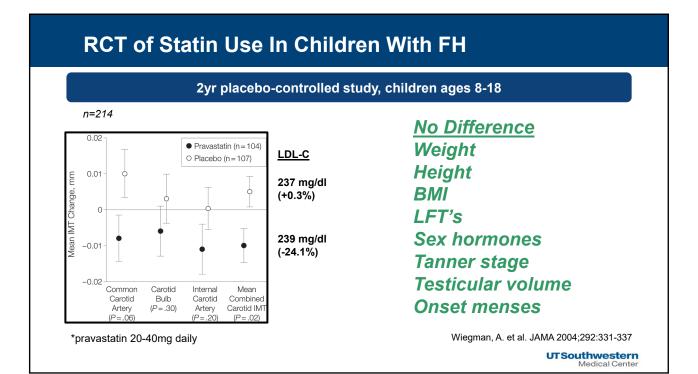


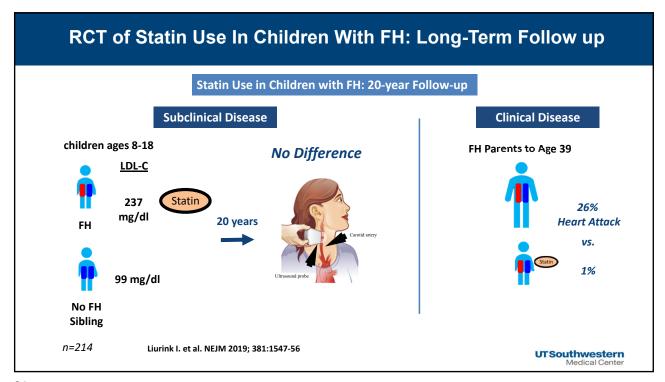


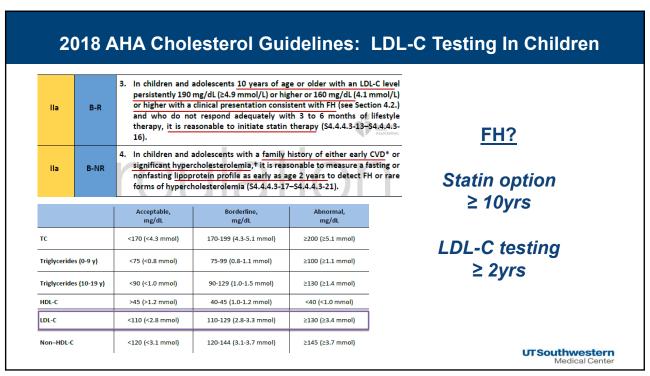
### 2018 AHA/ACC Cholesterol Guidelines Top 10 Take Home Messages

4. In patients with severe primary hypercholesterolemia (LDL-C level ≥ 190 mg/dL[≥4.9 mmol/L]), begin high-intensity statin therapy without calculating 10-year ASCVD risk. (COR I, LOE B-R)

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Improving Detection And Diagnosis Of FH

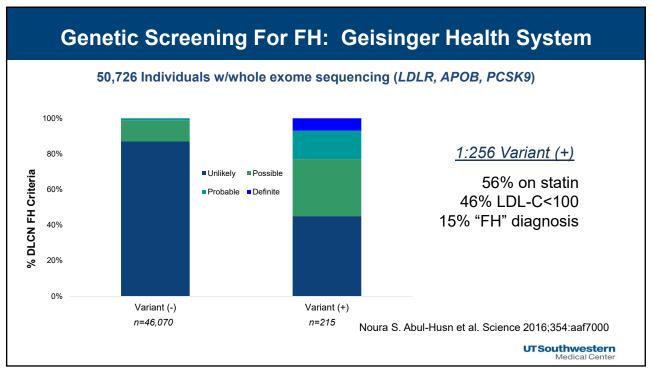
# **Strategies To Improve FH Diagnosis**

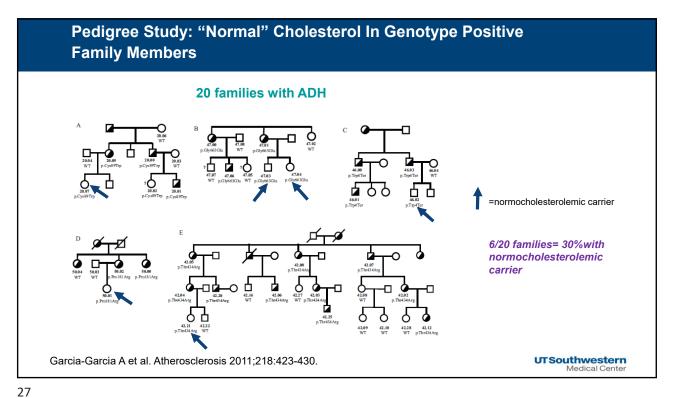
- Genetic Testing
- EHR Strategies
- Other Innovations

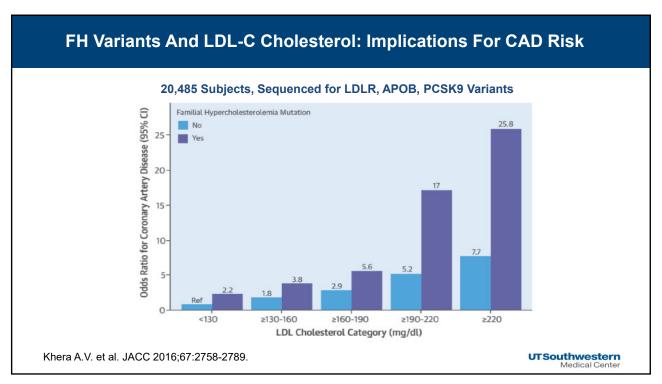
# Why Genetic Testing In FH?

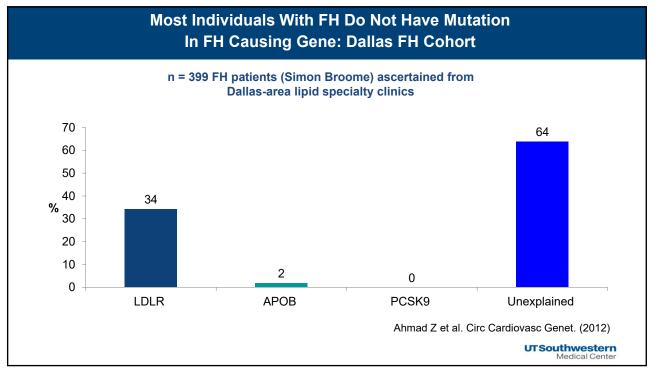
- Enhance identification of affected individuals
  - o Improve efficiency of cascade screening
  - Clarify ambiguous cases
- Risk stratification
- Improved phenotyping/precision medicine

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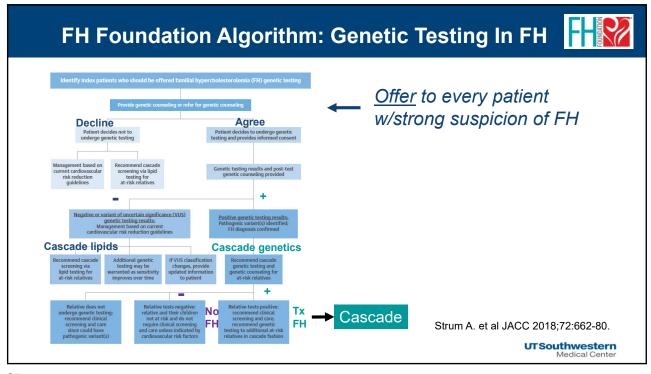


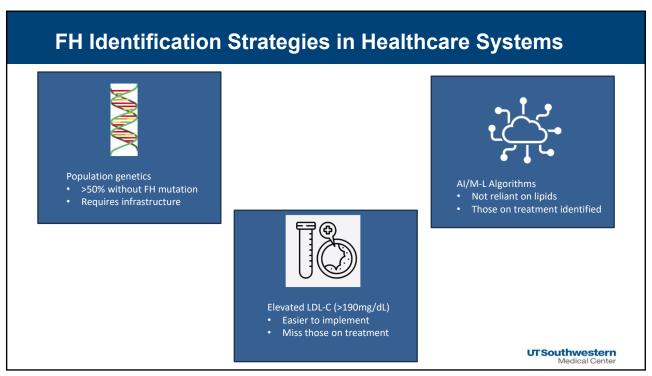






Genetic Evaluation Of FH: Potential Phenocopies		
Test	Proportion of Cases	
LDLR, APOB, PCSK9, LDLRAP1	5-50%	
ABCG5, ABCG8, APOE, LIPA, and STAP1	0.1-1.0%	
LDLR copy number variation	5-15%	
Polygenic LDL score	20-30%	
Lp(a) measurement	5-20%	
	Berberich A and Hegele R Nat Rev Card 2019  UTSouthwester  Medical Cent	





# **EHR Strategies for Identification of FH: MHI Experience**

FH Prevalence 1:470

34% adequately

4.3% with FH diagnosis

treated

	80% likely FH		
	Yes	No	Ρ
Characteristic	(n = 841)	(n = 391,166)	value
Age (y), mean (SD)	53.3 ± 15.9	54.1 ± 16.2	.027
Male (%)	328 (39)	177,012 (45)	<.001
Race			
White (%)	745 (91)	350,520 (93)	.059
Non-white	72	25,250	
History of CAD (%)	148 (17.6)	36,527 (9.3)	<.001
History of PAD (%)	58 (6.9)	12,931 (3.3)	<.001
Diabetes (%)	158 (18.8)	53,627 (13.7)	<.001
Currently on statin (%)	545 (64.8)	118,407 (30.2)	<.001

Knickelbine et al. J Clin Lip 2016;10;1182-1187.

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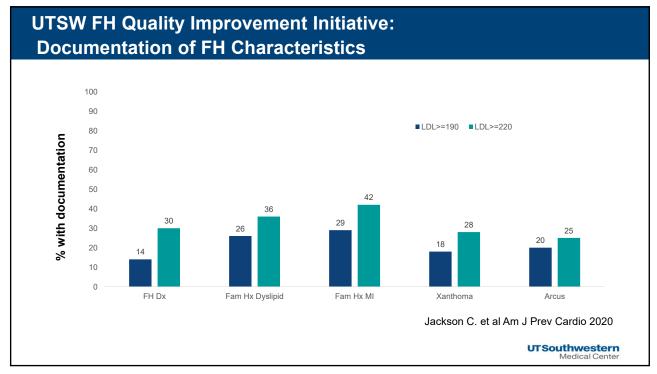
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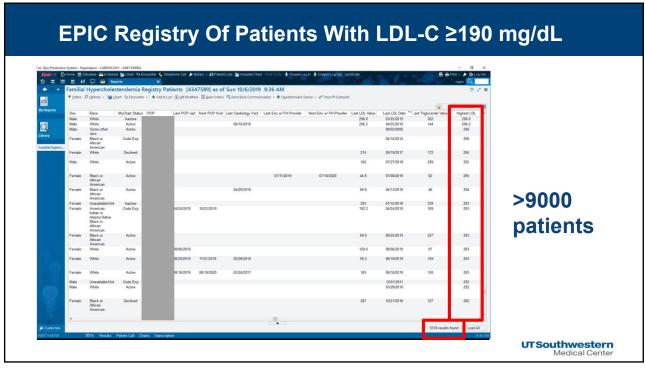
### **UTSW FH Quality Improvement Initiative: Baseline Data**

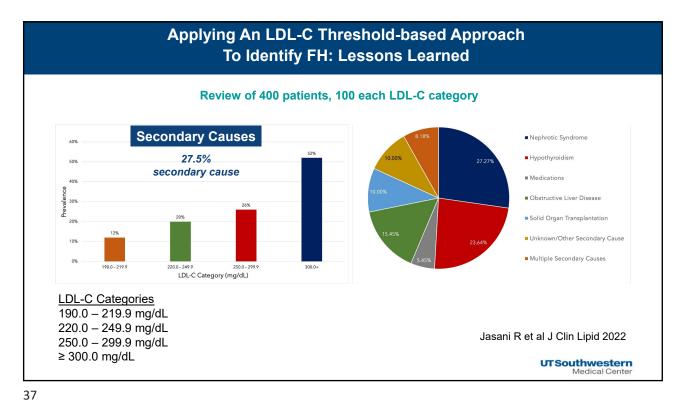
### 27,988 patients with lipid values from Nov 2015- June 2016

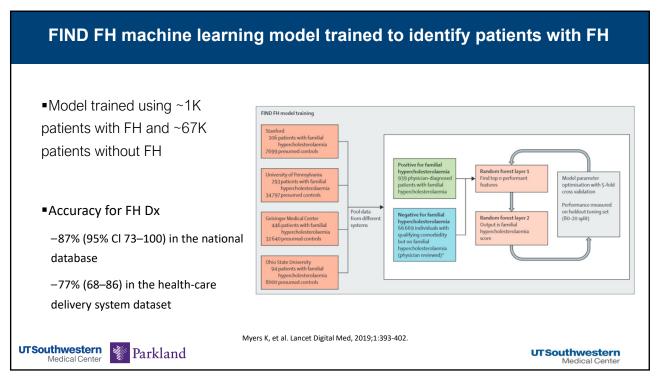
	LDL-C≥190 (n=227)	LDL-C≥220 (n=53)
Statin		
Current	19%	23%
Prior	41%	47%
Follow up appointment	>90%	>90%
No ∆ in therapy	45%	34%
Specialist referral	18%	23%

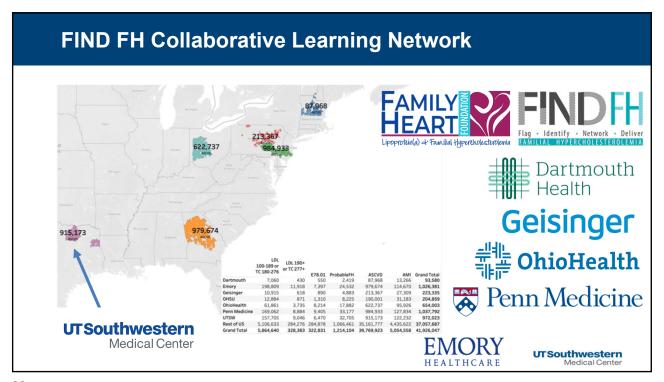
Jackson C. et al Am J Prev Cardio 2020

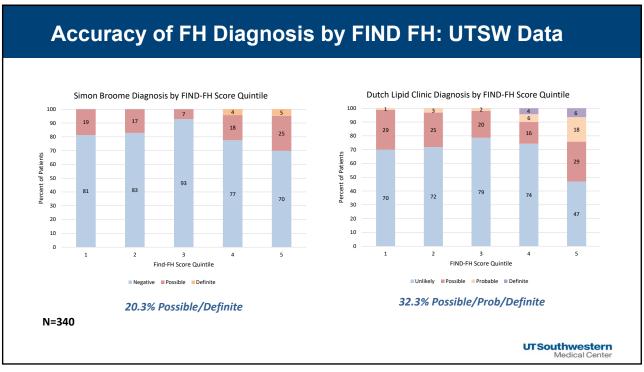


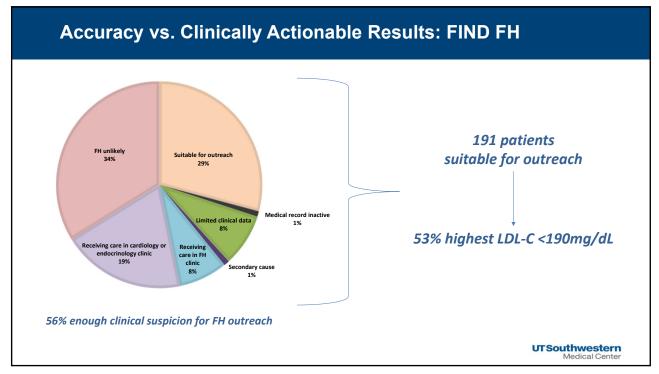


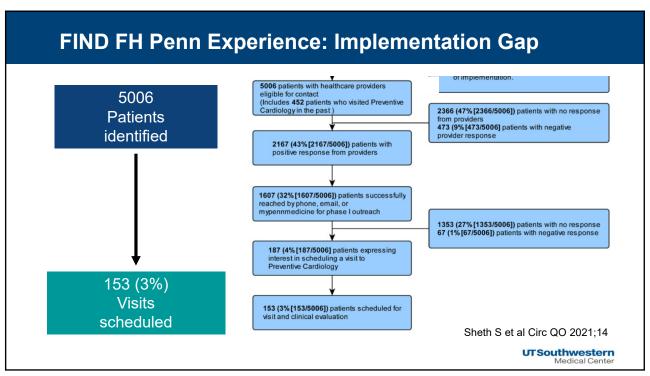


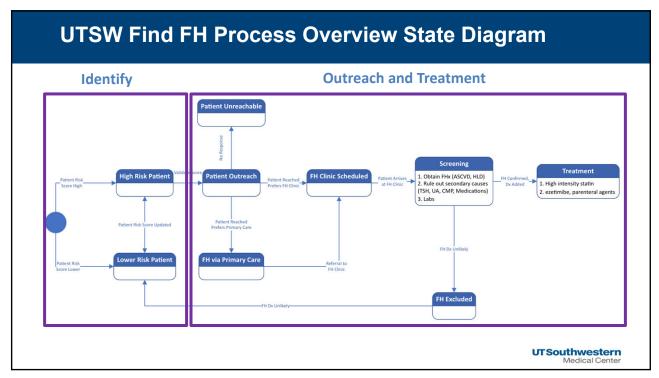


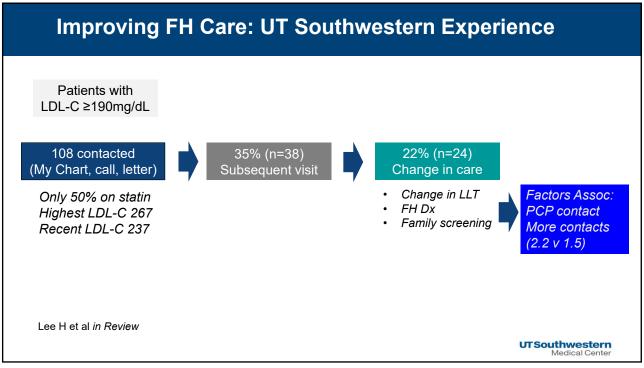












# **Blood Donation System And Public Health**



Large number of individuals and blood samples

Generally younger and healthy

Not being seen in a traditional medical encounter

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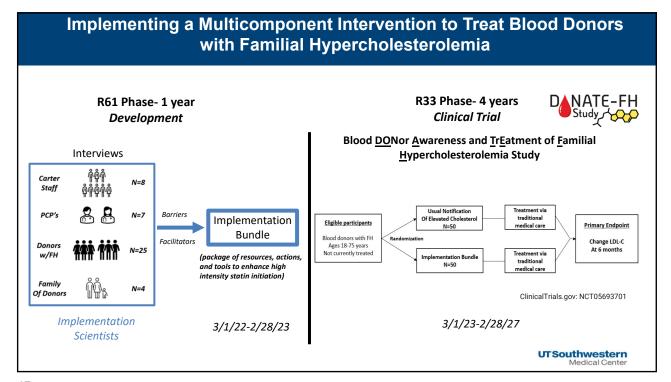
Identifying Familial Hypercholesterolemia Using a Blood Donor Screening Program With More Than 1 Million Volunteer Donors

Candace L. Jackson, MD, MPH; James Z. Keeton, MD; Stephen J. Eason, MBA; Zahid A. Ahmad, MD; Colby R. Ayers, MS; M. Odette Gore, MD, MSCS; Darren K. McGuire, MD, MHSc; Merlyn H. Sayers, MBBCh, PhD; Amit Khera, MD, MSC

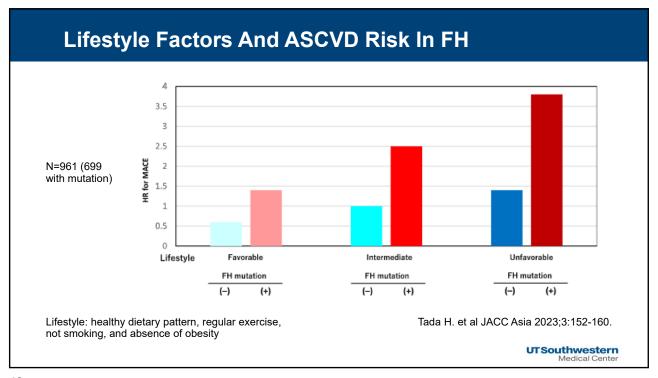
	Overall (n=1,178,102)
Meets MEDPED Criteria	3,473
(with at least one TC value)	(1:339)
Total Cholesterol	332
(mg/dL)	(297,377)
Does Not Meet MEDPED Criteria	1,174,629
Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)	183 (157,212)

\*median age, 32 [IQR, 19-47] years

Jackson CL et al JAMA Cardio 2019; 1;4:685-689







# **FH Treatment Recommendations For Adults**

Organization	CHD/ASCVD	No CHD/ASCVD
NICE Guidelines 2008	50% LDL-C reduction	50% LDL-C reduction
NLA 2013	50% LDL-C reduction and LDL-C <100mg/dL*	50% LDL-C reduction and LDL-C <160 mg/dL
International FH Foundation 2014	50% LDL-C reduction and LDL-C <70 mg/dL	50% LDL-C reduction and LDL-C <100 mg/dL
AHA FH 2015	50% LDL-C reduction and LDL-C <70 mg/dL	50% LDL-C reduction and LDL-C <100 mg/dL
AHA/ACC Cholesterol Guidelines 2018		50% LDL-C reduction and LDL-C <100 mg/dL (add EZE; ± PCSK9i IIb)
ESC Cholesterol Guidelines 2019	50% reduction and LDL-C <55mg/dL	50% reduction and LDL-C <70mg/dL (or 55 if any RF)

\*any ASCVD, DM, family history early CVD, smoking, ≥2 risk factors, high Lpa

\*\* CHD or DM

\*\* LDL-C >190, not specifically FH





FDA Approved 10/2002 Cholesterol absorption inhibitor Oral pill, daily 15-20% LDL-C lowering Improves ASCVD outcomes

Ezetimibe

FDA Approved 2/2020 ACL inhibitor (no myalgia) Oral pill, daily ~20% LDL-C lowering (EZE combo ~40%) Improves ASCVD outcomes

Bempedoic Acid



FDA Approved 2015 PCSK9 mAb SQ injection Q2 weeks (or monthly) 50-60% LDL-C lowering Improves ASCVD outcomes

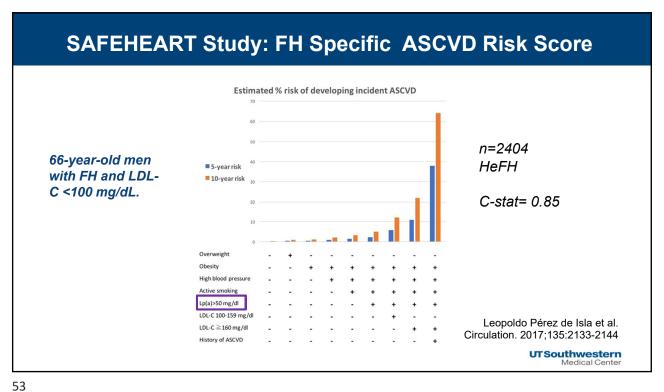
FDA Approved 12/21 PCSK9 siRNA SQ injection baseline, 3mo, then Q6mo ~50% LDL-C lowering Ongoing outcomes trial

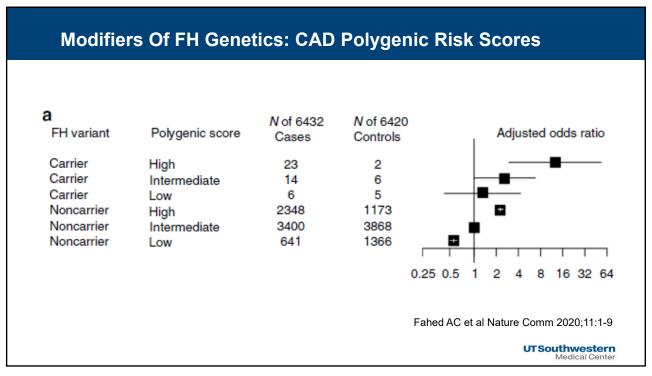
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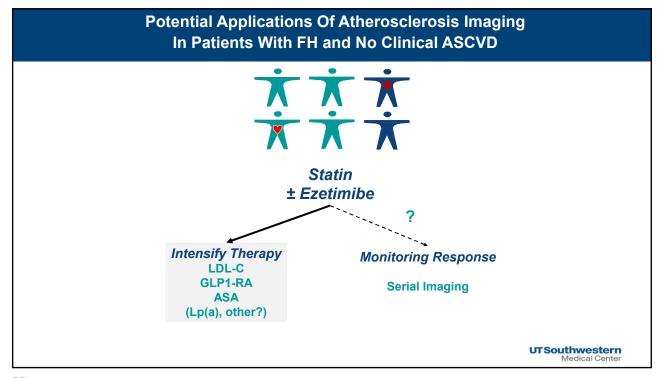
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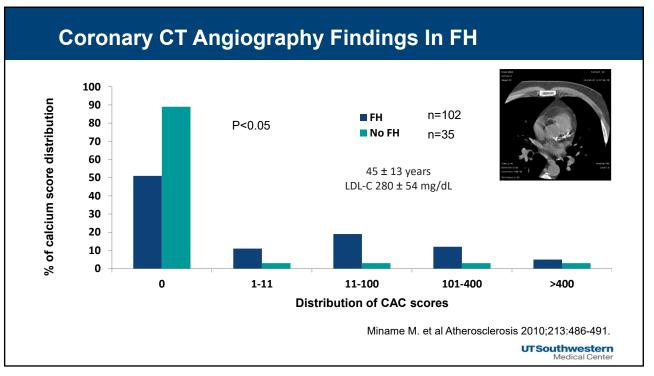
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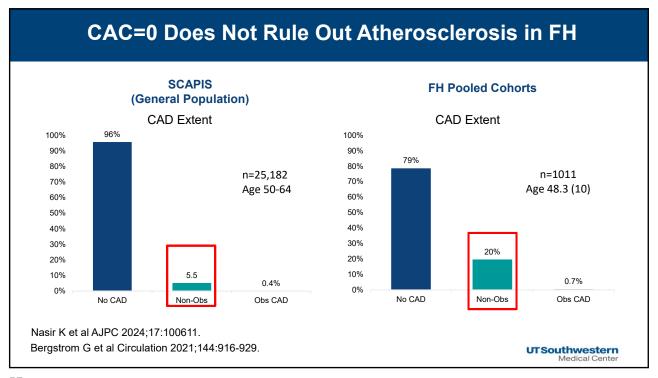
# Lipid Modifying Therapies Available and In Development TOTAL PROBLEM OF THE PRO

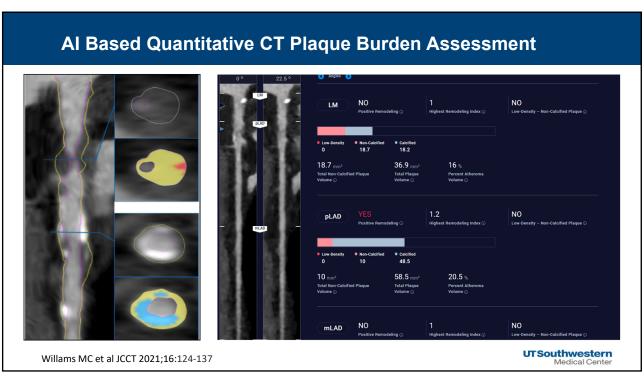












# IAS Guidelines for FH 2023

Although CACS is useful in the initial risk assessment in asymptomatic patients before starting cholesterol-lowering medication, CACS should not be used to monitor the effectiveness of cholesterol-lowering treatment (Class I- strong; LOE B- moderate)

In asymptomatic patients, imaging of ASCVD (for example, carotid ultrasonography and CT coronary angiography for the detection of plaques and stenoses) may be considered for monitoring the effectiveness of cholesterol-lowering treatment (Class 3- weak; LOE B- moderate)

Watts GF et al. Nat Rev Card 2023;20:845-869.

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# Case 1 (Cont)

46yo male with dyslipidemia and family history of CVD, on atorvastatin 20mg daily with LDL-C 107 mg/dL

### Case 1 (Cont)

46yo male with dyslipidemia and family history of CVD, on atorvastatin 20mg daily with LDL-C 107 mg/dL

PCP received an alert about possible FH Old LDL-C values as high as 208 mg/dL

Diagnosed with probable FH, offered genetic testing and recommended screening of two children and siblings

CAC scan with score of 68 (92nd percentile); Lpa 267 nmol/L

PCKS9i mAb was added→ LDL-C 53mg/dL

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### **Conclusions**

- FH is a common AD disorder (1:250) that significantly increases the risk of ASCVD
  - o It is underdiagnosed and undertreated
- High intensity statin therapy and cascade screening are cornerstones of management
- Genetic test and novel EHR screening algorithms may help in identification
- There is heterogeneity of risk in those with FH
  - o Possible implications for subsequent therapies

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# **Prevalence Of FH In Blood Donors By Age**

	< 20 years (n=321,718)	20-29 years (n=224,901)	30-39 years (n=194,528)	> 40 years (n=436,955)	p-value
Meets MEDPED	1,001	1,126	432	914	<0.001
Criteria	(1:321)	(1:200)	(1:450)	(1:478)	
Total Cholesterol	286	309	367	384	<0.001
(mg/dL)	(277,307)	(298,330)	(351,402)	(371,414)	

\*median age, 32 [IQR, 19-47] years

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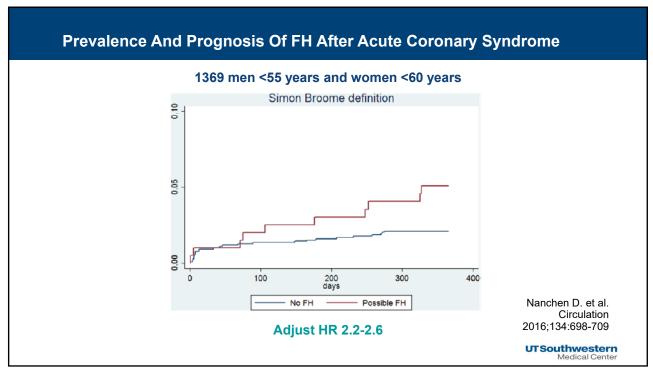
### **Prevalence And Prognosis Of FH After Acute Coronary Syndrome**

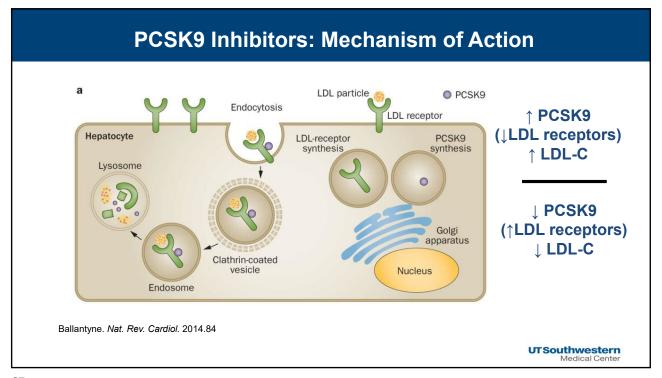
4534 patients with ACS, multicenter, prospective cohort in Switzerland

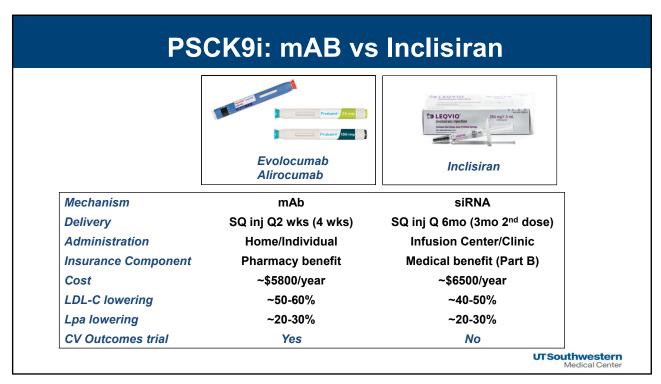
	No FH	Simon Broome	Dutch Lipid
n	3589	250	73
Percentage	79%	5.5%	1.6%
Age, y	66	52	50
Pre-existing CVD (%)	27%	13%	11%
Family history (%)	18%	47%	78%
LDL cholesterol mg/dL	124	224	255
Statin use admit (%)	29%	31%	38%
High dose statin at discharge (%)	67%	81%	74%
LDL <100mg/dl 1 yr	75%	47%	36%

Nanchen D. et al. Circulation 2016;134:698-709

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# **LDL Apheresis- Overview**

- Veno-venous filtration system (PIV or port)
- Generally every other week for Heterozygous FH (2-3 hours)
  - -Acute LDL-C reduction ~60-80% (and Lpa)
- ■FDA Approved Indications:
- -FH Homozygotes with LDL-C >500 mg/dL
- -FH Heterozygotes with LDL-C ≥300 mg/dL
- -FH Heterozygotes with LDL-C ≥100 mg/dL and CAD or PAD
- -FH Heterozygotes with LDL-C ≥100 and Lp(a) ≥60 mg/dL, and CAD or PAD

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# LDL Apheresis at UT Southwestern







