2016 EUROPEAN GUIDELINES ON CVD PREVENTION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

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2. Who needs CVD prevention
3. How is CVD prevention applied
4. Where should CVD prevention be offered

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CVD Prevention: Definition and Rationale

- **Definition**
  - A coordinated set of actions, at the population level or targeted at an individual, that are aimed at eliminating or minimizing the impact of CVDs and their related disabilities

- **CVD is a leading cause of morbidity and death worldwide, despite improvements in outcomes**
  - Rates are now less than half what they were in the early 1980s in many countries in Europe, due to preventive measure including the success of smoking legislation

- **Inequalities exists between and within countries**
  - Many risk factors, particularly obesity and diabetes mellitus, have been increasing

- **Prevention is effective**
  - The elimination of health risk behaviours would make it possible to prevent at least 80% of CVDs and even 40% of cancers.
CVD in Argentina

ALL CAUSE PREMATURE DEATHS (2011)

MALE (30-69 yrs)

- Cardiovascular diseases: 29%
- diabetes mellitus: 5%
- Chronic respiratory diseases: 7%
- Cancer: 25%
- All other causes: 35%

65% NCDs

FEMALE (30-69 yrs)

- Cardiovascular diseases: 28%
- Diabetes mellitus: 4%
- Chronic respiratory diseases: 7%
- Cancer: 37%
- All other causes: 28%

72% NCDs

Total premature deaths: 63,820
4 NCDs premature deaths: 41,292

Total premature deaths: 34,212
4 NCDs premature deaths: 24,468

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CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES AGE-STANDARDIZED PREMATURE MORTALITY RATES AND TRENDS (2000-2011)

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Promotion of healthy lifestyle and environment in NCD prevention

• Call for commitments at the global and national level to address CV risk factors
Major new key messages since 2012. WHO?

- Prevention at individual level
- Prevention at population level
  - Smoking cessation, healthy diet, physical activity, alcohol abuse, healthy environment
- Disease-specific prevention
  - Atrial fibrillation, coronary artery disease, chronic heart failure, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease
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  • In persons > 60 years of age the risk thresholds should be interpreted more leniently and uncritical initiation of drug treatments is discouraged.
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- Relevant group (2)
  - In women risk is not lower but deferred by approximately 10 years
  - Women with a history of pre-eclampsia or pregnancy-induced hypertension, polycystic ovary syndrome or gestational DM
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• Relevant groups (3)
  • In **ethnic minorities**, current risk estimation equations do not provide adequate estimations of CVD risk
  • **conditions at increased risk** for CVD, e.g. rheumatoid arthritis, erectile dysfunction, cancer treated patients
Patients treated for cancer

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Who will benefit from prevention? When and how to assess risk and prioritize

Atherosclerosis is usually the product of a number of risk factors:
✓ prevention of CVD in an individual should be adapted to his/her total CV risk
✓ the higher the risk, the more intense the action should be.

When to assess total cardiovascular risk?
✓ Screening is the identification of an unknown increased CV risk in individuals without symptoms and can be done
  ✓ opportunistically
  ✓ systematically
## Cardiovascular risk assessment

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How to estimate cardiovascular risk

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# Risk categories

| Very high-risk | • Documented CVD, clinical or unequivocal on imaging. Documented clinical CVD includes previous AMI, ACS, coronary revascularization and other arterial revascularization procedures, stroke and TIA, aortic aneurysm and PAD. Unequivocally documented CVD on imaging includes significant plaque on coronary angiography or carotid ultrasound. It does NOT include some increase in continuous imaging parameters such as intima-media thickness of the carotid artery.  
• DM with target organ damage such as proteinuria or with a major risk factor such as smoking or marked hypercholesterolaemia or marked hypertension.  
• Severe CKD (GFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²).  
• A calculated SCORE ≥10%. |
|---|---|
| High-risk | • Markedly elevated single risk factors, in particular cholesterol >8 mmol/L (>310 mg/dL) (e.g. in familial hypercholesterolaemia) or BP ≥180/110 mmHg.  
• Most other people with DM (with the exception of young people with type 1 DM and without major risk factors that may be at low or moderate risk).  
• Moderate CKD (GFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73 m²).  
• A calculated SCORE ≥5% and <10%. |
| Moderate-risk | SCORE is ≥1% and <5% at 10 years. Many middleaged subjects belong to this category. |
| Low-risk | SCORE <1%. |
SCORE chart: 10-year risk of fatal cardiovascular disease in populations of countries at high cardiovascular risk

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SCORE

15% and over
10%-14%
5%-9%
3%-4%
2%
1%
<1%

10-year risk of fatal CVD in populations at High CVD risk

Systolic blood pressure

Cholesterol (mmol/L)

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High and Very High Risk Countries

High risk countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Montenegro, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Turkey

Very high risk countries: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Egypt, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Macedonia FYR, Moldova, Russian Federation, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.
SCORE chart illustrating how the approximate risk age can be read off the chart

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10-year risk of fatal CVD in populations at **High CVD risk**

The risk of this 40 year old male smoker with risk factors is the same (3%) as that of a 60 year old man with ideal risk factor levels—therefore his risk age is 60 years.
Figure 3 Relative risk chart, derived from SCORE. Conversion of cholesterol mmol/L to mg/dL: 8 = 310; 7 = 270; 6 = 230; 5 = 190; 4 = 155.
How to use the risk estimation charts

✓ **Low-to moderate-risk** persons (SCORE <5%) should be offered lifestyle advice to maintain their low to moderate risk status

✓ **High-risk** persons (SCORE ≥5% <10%) qualify for intensive lifestyle advice, and may be candidates for drug treatment

✓ **Very-high-risk** persons (SCORE ≥10%): drug treatment is more frequently required
## Risk factor goals and target levels

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<td>Diet</td>
<td>Low in saturated fat with a focus on wholegrain products, vegetables, fruit and fish.</td>
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<td>Physical activity</td>
<td>At least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic PA (30 minutes for 5 days/week) or 75 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic PA (15 minutes for 5 days/week) or a combination thereof.</td>
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<td>Body weight</td>
<td>BMI 20–25 kg/m². Waist circumference &lt;94 cm (men) and or &lt;80 cm (women).</td>
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<td>Blood pressure</td>
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<td>Lipid</td>
<td><strong>Very high-risk:</strong> &lt;1.8 mmol/L (&lt;70 mg/dL), or a reduction of at least 50% if the baseline is between 1.8 and 3.5 mmol/L (70 and 135 mg/dL).&lt;br&gt;<strong>High-risk:</strong> &lt;2.6 mmol/L (&lt;100 mg/dL) or a reduction of at least 50% if the baseline is between 2.6 and 5.2 mmol/L (100 and 200 mg/dL).&lt;br&gt;<strong>Low to moderate risk:</strong> &lt;3.0 mmol/L (115 mg/dL).</td>
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Major new key messages since 2012. WHERE?

- **Cardiac rehabilitation** program recommendation in ACS, post revascularisation and in HF
- **New Settings of interventions**
  - Home-based, nursing home, tele-monitoring
- **Monitoring of the intervention**
  - Standard of performance, outcome measure
Total health care expenditure in Europe for CVD in 2009

- €196 billion a year is the total cost to the EU economy: 54% direct costs, 24% productivity losses, 22% the informal care
- €106 billion a year is the cost the Health Care Systems (9% of the total health care expenditure across the EU)
- €212 per capita (from €37 in Romania to €374 in Germany)