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# Familial Hypercholesterolaemia: a Primary Care Perspective

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# **Cholesterol....**



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"Good news. Your cholesterol has stayed the same, but the research findings have changed."

Harley Schwadron for Reader's Digest

# Lambeth DataNet (LDN)



Data source: Lambeth DataNet Primary Care EHRs from 44 practices (~400,000 patients), in SE London, inner city ethnically diverse population.

### 'Personal profile' data:

Ethnicity\*, language\*, religion, country of birth\*

**Clinical data:** Clinical diagnoses, laboratory values, medication, measurements BMI, Blood pressure

**Prescribing:** Dose, frequency, amount

Longitudinal data: monitoring conditions, treatments, outcomes



#### Simon Broome criteria

#### Definite FH:

TC > 6.7 mmol/l or LDL-C >4.0 mmol/l (child <16y) or TC > 7.5 mmol/l or LDL-C >4.9 mmol/l (adult) (levels either pre-treatment or highest on treatment)

#### plus

 tendon xanthomas in patient, or in 1º relative (parent, sibling, child), or in 2º relative (grandparent, uncle, aunt)

What's a family worth?

or

or

DNA-based evidence of an LDL receptor mutation, familial defective apo B-100, or a PCSK9 mutation.

#### Possible FH is defined as above lipids plus one of:

- family history of myocardial infarction: below age of 50 years in 2º relative or below age 60 years in 1º relative
- family history of raised TC >7.5 mmol/l in adult 1<sup>e</sup> or 2<sup>e</sup> relative or > 6.7 mmol/l in child or sibling <16y

➢ FH assessed according to modified Simon Broome Criteria

cholesterol ≥ 7.5mmol/L and raised LDL ≥ 4.9mmol/L

Explored by age strata and ethnic groups

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## 2019 Lambeth population by ethnic group (all ages) n = 399036



# Age adjusted lipid distribution in adults $\geq$ 40 years n=151, 140



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Age adjusted percentage in Lambeth LSOAs for raised cholesterol ≥ 7.5mmol/L

Age adjusted percentage in Lambeth LSOAs for raised LDL ≥ 4.9mmol/L Age adjusted percentage in Lambeth LSOAs for raised cholesterol ≥ 7.5mmol/L and raised LDL ≥ 4.9mmol/L

Lambeth DataNet Extract 05/2018

Screening for possible FH: cholesterol ≥ 7.5mmol/L and raised LDL ≥ 4.9mmol/L



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# Methods:

Generalised linear models (R) (GLM) is a flexible generalization of ordinary linear regression - allows for response variables that have error distribution models other than a normal distribution

Model of raised cholesterol by i) age-group and ii) ethnicity

# Prevalence of cholesterol ≥ 7.5mmol/L and raised LDL ≥ 4.9mmol/L by age group



Interpretation: For patient in 40's there is a probability (fit) ~1.2% of raised cholesterol & LDL increases to around 6.3% in 70's then decreases

# Prevalence of cholesterol ≥ 7.5mmol/L and raised LDL ≥ 4.9mmol/L by ethnic group in adults ≥ 40 years



# FAMCAT FEASIBILITY PILOT: South London



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**Aim:** To prospectively evaluate usability of the FAMCAT tool to identify familial hypercholesterolaemia in primary care.

**Design:** Feasibility study 5 EMISWEB practices in S London (Lambeth & Southwark)

#### Intervention:

- 1. Use of a FAMCAT, in GP electronic health records, to identify patients with a high probability of FH
- 2. FAMCAT tool feedback
- **Outcomes:** Ranked list high risk FH cases for further clinical assessment

# Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Case Ascertainment Tool (FAMCAT) & web based calculator

ENTER/SELECT DETAILS BELOW:
Gender
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Age at the time cholesterol measured (years)
65
Total Cholesterol (mmol/L)
7.5
LDL Cholesterol (mmol/L)
4.9
Triglycerides (mmol/L)
2.12
On lipid lowering drug therapy when cholesterol measured
Atorvastatin 5 mg/day 🗸
Family history of familial hypercholesterolaemia
No 💌
Family history of myocardial infarction
Yes 🔹
Family history of raised cholesterol
No •
Previously diagnosed with diabetes
No 🔹
Previously diagnosed with chronic kidney disease
No

#### **Risk score**

FAMCAT Calculator	Probability (%)	Relative Population Risk
Likelihood of having familial hypercholesterolaemia	0.01	3.13

## Familial Hypercholesterolaemia Case Ascertainment Tool (FAMCAT)



# Five key actions following use of the FH quality improvement tool

#### Review any patients at very high risk of developing FH who have not had recent screening

Click through the summary sheet to access this patient list. The inbuilt mail merge function can also assist with generating invitation letters.

#### Review any patients with FH who have not had recent screening

Patients with a coded diagnosis of FH who have not had screening in the last 12 months may also benefit from review to ensure they are on the best treatment.

#### Improve recording of important family history information through systematic collection

Patients classified as being at high risk of FH who do not have a family history recorded should be encouraged to collect systematic family history. High risk patients may well become very high risk once an accurate family history has been recorded (and this is positive). The mail merge function can assist with generating letters to send to these high risk patients about collecting their family history.

#### Assess current treatment regimes

Review the type and dosage of lipid lowering therapy for patients who are diagnosed with FH. If diagnosed patients are not currently being treated (and are not contraindicated), consider commencement of lipid lowering medication.

#### Review coding standards within the practice

Use the information provided with the report to assess the accuracy of coding, particularly in relation to confirming FH diagnoses, drug allergies and contraindications and important family history codes. Consider the reasons why any data items are missing and how to prevent recurrence for other patients.

#### https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/primis/tools-audits/tools-audits/familial-hypercholesterolaemia.aspx

## **FAMCAT Searches Lambeth: FH CHART Summary Report**

#### Total very high risk FH (4 practices; 5<sup>th</sup> IP ) n=234/37, 365 ~0.07%

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Practice Population	11617			
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Of whom are aged 16 to 120	9364			
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or whom have had a cholesterol recording at any time	4503	4		
Of whom have had a cholesterol recording in last 12 months	2063	1		
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creening Methods	-	-	-	-
Of whom were assessed by Dutch Criteria in last 12 months	0	0	0	0
Of whom were assessed by Simon Broome in last 12 months	0	0	0	0
Of whom had Hyperlipidaemia screen in last 12 months	0	0	0	0
Referred to Specialist or Consultant				
Of whom were referred to a Specialist/Consultant in last 12 months	0	0	0	0
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AMILY HISTORY CODES - Recorded since July 2016	Diagnosed	Very High Risk	High Risk	Population Risl
All patients	14	48	297	4144
Of whom have a Negative Family History	0	0	1	22
Of whom have a Positive Family History	0	3	24	108
Of whom have a Unknown Family History	14	45	272	4014
Of whom have a Contradictory Family History	0	0	0	0
IPID LOWERING DRUGS IN LAST 6 MONTHS	Diagnosed	Very High Risk	High Risk	Population Risl
II patients	14	48	297	4144
Of whom have a contraindication to statins	0	0	1	3
Of whom are on high potency statins	5	9	51	444
Of whom are on medium potency statins	4	0	12	307
Of whom are on low potency statins	0	0	1	37
Of whom are on another lipid lowering drug		0	0	4
Of whom are on another lipid lowering drug	-			

Mail Merge Option 3 will create a mail merge source file for these high hisk patients who have not had a family history recorded since July 2016 Mail Merge Option 4 will create a mail merge source file for these high risk patients.

is is a one off mail merge that you do the first time you use the audit to capture an up to date family history for these i

**Diagnosis and Screening** 

Diagnosed	Very High Risk	High Risk	<b>Population Risk</b>
14	48	297	4144
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0	0	0	0
14	48	297	4144

#### Family History Recording

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Ι	0	3	24	108
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#### Lipid lowering prescribing

Diagnosed	Very High Risk	High Risk	Population Risk
14	48	297	4144
0	0	1	3
3	9	51	444
4	0	12	307
0	0	1	37
0	0	0	4
5	39	232	3349
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# Sample patient data from a South London general practice



Ranked list highest>lowest probability of FH

Several (< 50 years) with high FH risk

Risk stratification  $\rightarrow$  these are the priority cases to be assessed

Why documenting cholesterol is important: **CPRD** Matched cohort study of new users of AC/AP drugs Comparator = non-use (within 365 days before index date)

> Kaplan-Meier curves (all cohort data)  $\mathbf{2}$

> > All risks Risk 1 Risk 2 - Risk 3 1.00.80.60.40.20.00 5001000 1500200025003000

Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier curves for all risks using all cohort data.

Risk 1 (death, 10218 events) Risk 2 (hospital admissions, 57678 events) Risk 3 (ICB (stroke), 430 events) **Risk 4 (Gastrointestinal Bleed, 5385 events)** 

Targeted statistical methods for translational precision medicine (MRC/KCL CIC): Rowley, Dregan, Coolen, Molokhia 2018





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# **Bias: Informative missingness**



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Figure 9: Covariate-conditioned risk-specific Kaplan-Meier curves  $S_r^{\text{KM}}$  for Risk 1. Curves are shown for covariateconditioned data for the following covariates:  $z_7$  (BMIgrp Missing),  $z_8$  (Diastolic),  $z_9$  (Diastolic Missing),  $z_{10}$  (Systolic),  $z_{11}$  (Systolic Missing),  $z_{12}$  (Cholesterol),  $z_{13}$  (Cholesterol Missing), and  $z_{14}$  (Creatininegrp).

Risk 1 (death): Longitudinal data suggest patients with missing cholesterol have poorer survival

# Conclusions



# Burden of undiagnosed and untreated cases- avoidable CVD and morbidity

# Inequalities and unmet need: significant younger age groups

Feasible diagnostic and ascertainment pilot in S London



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