# Testing for Prevention to Provide More Informed Care

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## Welcome Everyone!

- My goal is to share what I am learning about the increased emphasis on prevention in the Affordable Care Act and how we can use this emphasis to be reimbursed fully for providing top-notch preventive care
- As NDs we are the best at getting detailed mental/emotional/spiritual/physical assessments and providing individualized solutions.

#### Outline

- 1. Prevention emphasis in ACA
- Ways to code preventive encounters with zero cost sharing
- 3. Treatment of obesity using established behavioral therapy codes
- 4. Metabolic testing to support weight management services

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- 5. Boston Heart Diagnostics Testing to Support Comprehensive Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Management
- 6. Home Sleep Testing: going with the flow to screen for Sleep Apnea
- 7. Critical Care Assessment: digging deeper to find the cause

- Affordable Care Act has changed the economics of medicine
- Now many preventive services are covered dollar one without "cost sharing" – i.e., deductibles, copays or coinsurance
- Services rated "A" or "B" by PSTF

- Services are many and include screening lab tests, imaging studies, behavioral modification, vaccination, and preventive E and M.
- Modifier -33 when appended to a service that can also be diagnostic removes the cost share.
   The appropriate ICD-9 then needs to be used.

http://www.aapc.com/memberarea/forums

- Modifier -33 not needed when doing an inherently preventive service – vaccinations, gyn exam, annual preventive visit. No cost sharing
- Codes for preventive E and M: 99381-99387 for new patients. 99391-99397 for existing. If vaccines indicated need to order. EKG/Echo are extra. Some docs throw ekg in as part of the visit.
- These E and M procedures are comprehensive and include a full hx and PE along with labs and risk factor reduction. Again, no cost sharing

- 99401-99404 Preventive medicine to promote health
- Diet and exercise for obesity, hyperlipidemia
- Tobacco cessation, substance abuse
- Can't bill with preventive E and M. "Double Dipping"

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- 99406-99412 for Behavior change interventions
- Tobacco use
- Addiction
- Obesity
- To treat conditions exacerbated by behavior
- Or change behavior before illness results
- All these use "V" codes

#### **Treating Obesity**

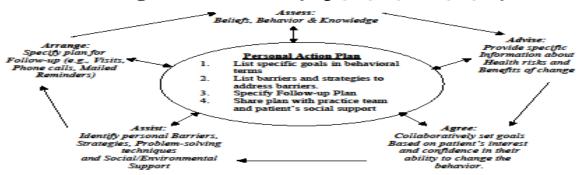
- Many insurances (Medicare guidelines) allow up to 22 visits a year.
- BMI > 30
- Patient has to lose 3 kg at six months to continue
- G0447 is listed as 15 minutes at a clip
- Intensive behavioral therapy for obesity

http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnproducts/downloads/icn907800.pdf

#### 5 A's Approach

#### 5 A's Behavior Change Model Adapted for Self-Management Support Improvement

#### Self-Management Model with 5 A's (Glasgow, et al, 2002; Whitlock, et al, 2002)

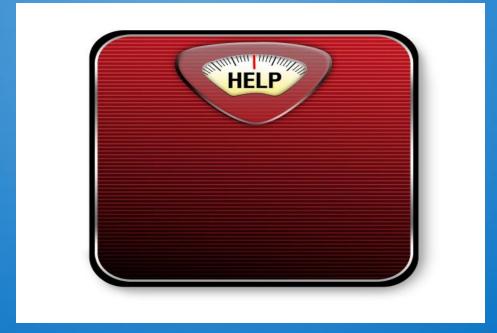


Improvement Goal: All chronic illness patients will have a Self-Management (SM) Action Plan informed by and including all the 5 A's elements (Assess, Advise, Agree, Assist, Arrange). The 5 A's Behavior Change Model is intended for use with the Improving Chronic Illness Care Chronic Care Model (CCM).

Ideas are for teams to test in their own setting. Add to this list as you experiment with PDSA cycles and hear about strategies that have worked well for other teams.

http://www.improvingchroniccare.org/downloads/3.5 5 as behaviior change model.pdf

- Why test metabolic rate?
  - Establish a baseline as patient loses weight
  - If reaches plateau and retest, can adjust caloric intake



- What is RMR or REE?
- Resting Metabolic Rate or Resting Energy Expenditure
- Measure calories burned at rest
- Expressed as calories burned per day
- Patient minimum 4 hours fasting, no caffeine or exercise

- Indirect Calorimetry is technique
- 1 calorie burned = 208.06 ml O2

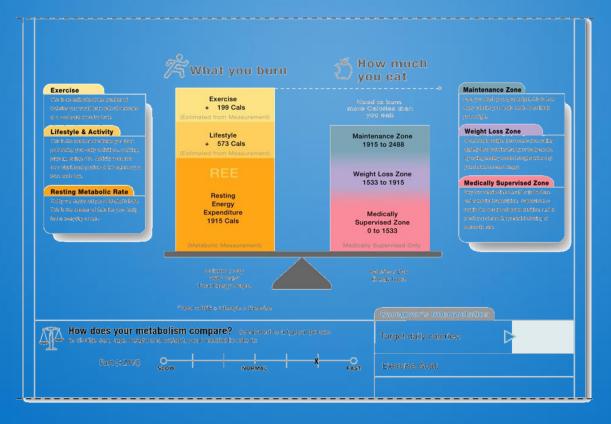


"Oxygen uptake requires a precise measurement of the volume of expired air and of the concentrations of oxygen in the inspired and expired air.

The process requires that all of the air a person breathes out be collected and analyzed while they rest quietly. The KORR™ indirect calorimeters contain a precision air flow sensor that measures the volume of expired air, and an oxygen sensor that measures the concentration of oxygen."

http://korr.com/about/rmr-v02max/

- Test takes 10 minutes
- Report is printed using age, height, weight.



- REE reflects resting energy expenditure or RMR. Added to calories burned from daily activities and estimated calories burned in ½ hour of moderate exercise
- Yields total daily energy expenditure
- REE is compared to "normal" person adjusted for age, weight, gender, height

- Idea is to consume 500-1000 fewer calories than this total to lose 1-2 lbs a week
- Patient is given a caloric target in "weight loss zone"
- Prescription is followed up on
- Can be retested 4 times a year

- Advantage for patient is to know how many calories he/she burns
- Takes away "mysticism" of weight loss
- With this information can customize eating plan

- One patient, FN 64 yo female BMI 31 tested baseline REE 1943. Retested 6 months later no weight change no dietary change EXACT same REE.
- If nothing changes, nothing changes

- Is a calorie a calorie?
- Research shows very low carb (10%) and low glycemic (40%) burn more calories than isocaloric low fat diet (60%).
- Differences up to 300 kcal per day total energy expenditure
- No differences among groups in hunger levels
- JAMA. 2012;307(24):2627-2634.

- T3 levels highest in low fat diet
- Thought that leptin sensitivity drives energy efficiency
- Insulin lowest in lowest carb diets
- Cortisol and CRP moderately higher in lowest carb group
- CRP level low in all three groups.

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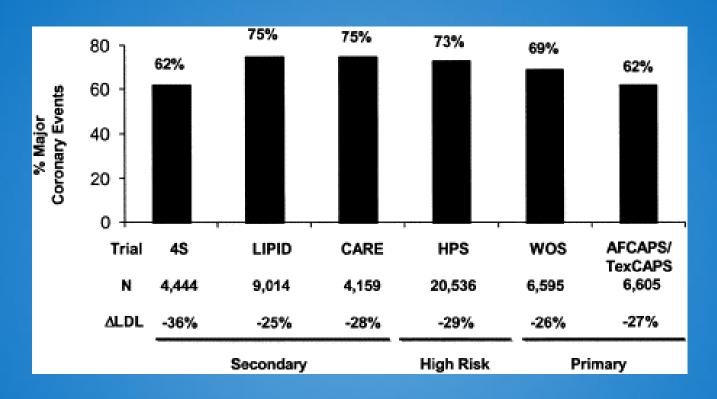
#### Conclusion

- REE Measurement gives you non-invasive way to develop weight management strategies for patients
- Testing every three months can help to increase effectiveness of long-term weight management
- Can adjust macronutrient ratios to optimize metabolism

## **Advanced Testing for CVD Risk**

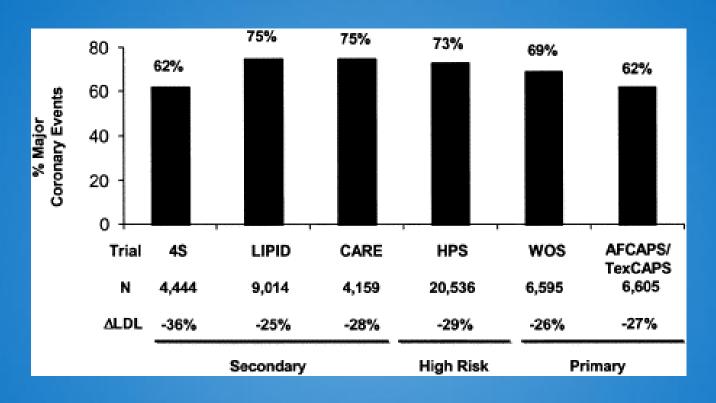
- Why subject patients to more detailed CVD risk testing?
- Studies show in spite of LDL lowering, majority of residual risk for CVD remains.
- So basic lipid panel is only showing part of the story
- Getting LDL and TC to goal is not nearly the whole story

#### Residual Risk Remains



Percentage of patients experiencing major coronary events, according to several large outcomes studies. AFCAPS/TexCAPS = Air Force Coronary Atherosclerosis Prevention Study/Texas Coronary Atherosclerosis Prevention Study; CARE = Cholesterol And Recurrent Events trial; 4S = Scandinavian Simvastatin Survival Study; HPS = Heart Protection Study; LIPID = Long-term Intervention with Pravastatin in Ischemic Disease study; WOS = West of Scotland Coronary Prevention Study.

#### Residual Risk Remains



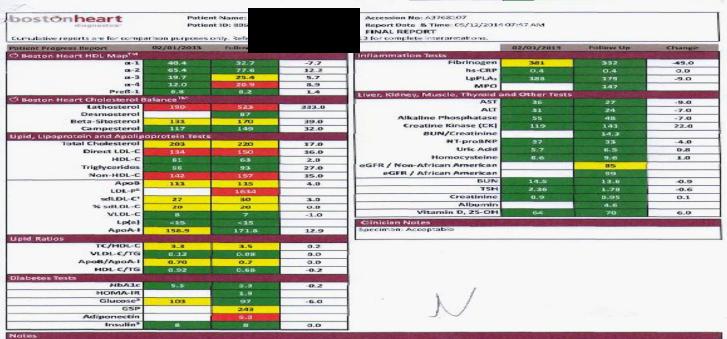
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#### Residual Risk Remains

- We owe it to our patients to give them the whole story
- Our job is to inform, patients can do whatever they want with info
- Gives ND an opportunity to engage patient in improving CVD risk
- Tool I use is Boston Heart Diagnostics
- Using since 2012.

- Idea of test is to give comprehensive CVD risk analysis in one set of tests
- 5 tubes are drawn
- Clinical Lab Partners (HHC) treats as in their network, will draw, process and send fedex
- Get report in mail in about 2 weeks
- NO medicare
- Connecticare has raised fuss about it

#### Sample report:



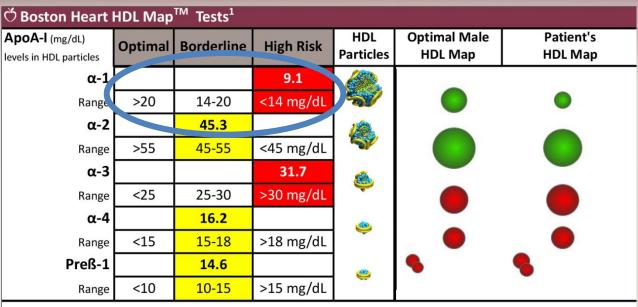
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- HDL Map
- Shows particle type
- Alpha-1 is most protective HDL particle type
- 1 mg/dl increase leads to 26% reduction in CVD risk
- Pre beta 1 is "bad" HDL, blocks efflux of cholesterol from tissue, associated with increased CVD risk

- Asztalos et al. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol.* 2004;24(11):2181-2187
- Curr Opin Lipidol\_ 2012 Aug;23(4):367-71.

# Abnormal HDL Map with Very Low α-1 HDL Particles



<u>Interpretation:</u> This HDL map is **ABNORMAL** and is associated with increased CVD risk. ApoA-I levels are reduced in the very large  $\alpha$ -1 particle and increased in the very small preß-1 particle.

<u>Consideration</u>: Optimize LDL-C and triglycerides with statin therapy; keep HbA1c to < 7%; exercise regularly; restrict sugar; if indicated, lose weight and stop smoking, and consider niacin therapy.

# Impact of Treatments on Formation of HDL Subpopulations and Metabolism

HDL Parameter	Niacin	Statins	Fibrates
HDL-C	↑ <b>20%-40%</b>	↑ <b>2%-10%</b>	<b>↑4%-10%</b>
apoA-I concentration	<b>↑</b>		
α-1 particles	↑ up to 115%	<b>↑12%-36%</b>	Slight ↓
Preβ-1 particles	↓ up to 30%	↓ up to 40%	

<sup>1.</sup> Lamon-Fava et al. J Lipid Res. 2007;48(8):1746-1753.

<sup>2.</sup> Asztalos et al. Atheroscler. 2002;164(2):361-369.

<sup>3.</sup> Asztalos et al. Am J Cardiol. 2007;99(5):681-685.

<sup>4.</sup> Watts et al. Diabetes. 2003;52(3):803-811.

<sup>5.</sup> Asztalos et al. Metabolism. 2008;57(1):77-83.

- Niacin the best med for raising HDL
- Use 1000-2000 mg/day
- Even with slow release can get flushing
- Use divided doses on full stomach
- Bedtime best time to take
- Aspirin taken with can help reduce flushing
- Avoid spicy foods and ETOH

- AIM-HIGH, HPS2-THRIVE large studies using niacin with statins.
- Niacin associated with higher ischemic stroke risk in AIM-HIGH cohort so trial discontinued
- In HPS-THRIVE Tredaptive used
- Niacin plus antiflushing agent
- Again used Niacin in addition to statins, not as monotherapy
- N Engl J Med2011; 365:2255–2267.
- Armitage J, et al "HPS2-THRIVE: Randomized placebo-controlled trial of ER Niacin and laropriprant in 25,673 patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease" ACC2013.

- Weight loss
- Lower carb diets
- Exercise
- Smoking cessation
- All raise HDL

- Raising HDL in Clinical Practice: Clinical Strategies to Elevate HDL Daniel J. Rader, MD
- Medscape Cardiology 2004

- Beyond LDL
- ApoB: part of LDL that deposits cholesterol in tissues.
- Better marker of CVD risk

- sdLDL: small dense particles associated with atherogenic plaque
- Test shows sdldl total, % of particles, and total LDL particles
- Sdldl % is most clinically significant
- Along with apoB shows how much high risk LDL
- Insulin resistance associated with more sdldl

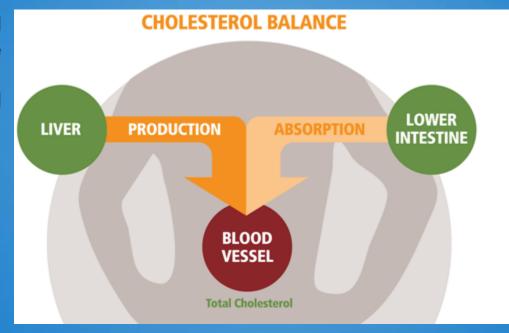
- Lp (a): independent risk factor
- Made in liver
- Over 30 higher risk
- No definitive way to lower
- Niacin, nattokinase, fish oil have all been used

# Plasma Cholesterol Level Reflects Production, Absorption and Clearance<sup>1</sup>

**Cholesterol is the Most Abundant Sterol in Plasma** 

Body Cells and Liver Produce 75% of Cholesterol in Blood

> Production Markers: Lathosterol Desmosterol



Dietary Intake
Contributes
25% of Cholesterol
in Blood

Absorption
Markers:
Campesterol
Beta-sitosterol
Cholestanol

<sup>1.</sup> van Himbergen T Otokozawa S, Matthan NR, Schaefer EJ, Buchsbaum A, Ai M, van Tits LJH, de Graaf J, Stalenhoef A. Familial combined hyperlipidemia is associated with alterations in the cholesterol synthesis pathway. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol*. 2010; 30:1113-20.

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<sup>3.</sup> Schaefer EJ. Introduction to high-density lipoprotein, dyslipidemia, and coronary heart disease. In: Schaefer EJ, ed. *High Density Lipoproteins, Dyslipidemia, and Coronary Heart Disease*. New York, NY: Springer; 2010:1-14.

- It's a balancing act
- High producers may respond to statin therapy but absorption can increase to compensate
- Some are hyper- or hyporesponders
- High absorbers may benefit from lower cholesterol diet
- Increased soluble fiber can benefit

- Genetic Tests
- SLCO1B1: test for statin myopathy
  - Hetero or homozygous increases risk of myopathy
- CYP2C19
  - Poor activity means don't convert plavix to active form
  - Other antiplatelet agents recommended
- APOE
  - Codes for LDL production
  - ApoE4 most associated with atherosclerosis

- Glycemic Balance Testing
  - -FBG
  - -A1C
  - -IR
    - Higher number associated with insulin resistance
    - Lower with lower carb diet, exercise, bitter melon, berberine
  - -GSP
    - Two week picture into control of glucose

- Adiponectin
  - Hormone produced by fat cells
  - Inversely correlated with adiposity
  - Along with leptin restores insulin sensitivity
- Fasting Insulin
  - Marker for insulin resistance
  - Levels over 17 suggestive of insulin resistance
  - Lower carbs, bitter melon, berberine, exercise

# Case Study

Chart No: 2/21/48 Dry NIN , HILD 219192 Oursulative reports are for comparison ourposes only. Refer to report dated 08/12/23 08/12/2013 Follow Up Patient Progress Report Ö Boston Heart HDL Map™ 28.4 29.0 0.6 m-2 69.3 -2.7 cc-3 29.8 1.8 21.6 ca-4 -0.1 Preß-1 11.0 13.2 2.2 ⇔ Boston Heart Cholesterol Balance™ Lathosterol 4.0 Desmosterol 90 11.0 Beta-Sitosterol 18.0 Campesterol 26.0 Lipid, Lipoprotein and Apolipoprotein Tests Total Cholesterol Direct LDL-C HDL-C 53 4.0 Trighycerides 167 41.0 Non-HDL-C 160 146 14.0 AppB 19.0 Creatinine IDL-ps 51.0 sdLDL-C' Albumin 30 -5.0 Vitamin D, 25-OH % sdLDL-C 23 0.0 VLDL-C 18 Clinician Notes Lp[a] <15 ApoA-I Lipid Ratios TC/HDL-C 0.4 VLDL-C/TG Apo8/ApoA-I -0.1 HDL-C/TG 0.45 Diabetes Tests HbAlc -1.2 Insulin Resistance Glucose<sup>2</sup> 19.0 Insulin<sup>a</sup> 16.0

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1.			
	08/12/2013	Follow Up	Change
Inflammation Tests			
hs-CRP	4.5	5.0	0.5
Fibrinogen	557	513	-44.0
LpPLA <sub>2</sub>	171	168	-3.0
Liver, Kidney, Muscle and Other	Tests		
AST	24	20	-4.D
ALT	32	21	-11.0
Alkaline Phosphatase	R1	90	9.0
Creatine Kinase (CK)	173	127	-16.0
BUN/Creatinine	19.5	24.7	5.2
NT-proBNP	<20	20	
Uric Acid	6.3	7.2	0.4
Homocysteine	7.9	8.8	0.9
eGFR / Non-African American	96	9.4	-2.0
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# Case Study

- 65 yo female
- HTN, HLD, DM
- Non-compliant with lifestyle changes
- Carditone 1 BID to manage bp
- Choleast 3/d to manage lipids
- Berberine sulfate added 500 mg bid to sensitize insulin
- Metabolism. 2009 Jan;58(1):109-19

- Inflammatory Markers
- LpPLA2—formerly "PLAC" test
  - Positively correlated with CAD and stroke
- Fibrinogen
  - Inflammatory marker
  - Nattokinase lowers dose is 2000 FU bid
- MPO
  - Myeloperoxidase
  - Associated with plaque formation
  - Oxidized LDL proxy

- Epidemic of sleep disordered breathing
- 10-17% in men
- 3-9% in women
- Untreated can lead to hypertension
- Can be apnea at least 10 seconds
- Hypopnea—shallow breathing

- Screening tool:
- Epworth Sleepiness Scale
  - Scored 0-3 no chance to high chance of dozing
  - Activities range from watching tv to driving and
  - Eating with family
  - Score above 12 merits testing

- Ordering test
  - Can purchase home sleep testing kit
  - Different companies
  - I use Resmed ApneaLink Plus
  - Tests O2 sat, air flow via nasal cannula, respiratory effort via monitoring kit.
  - Generates report summarizing apneas and hypopneas
  - Any suspicious results merit a sleep specialist referralScreening tool:

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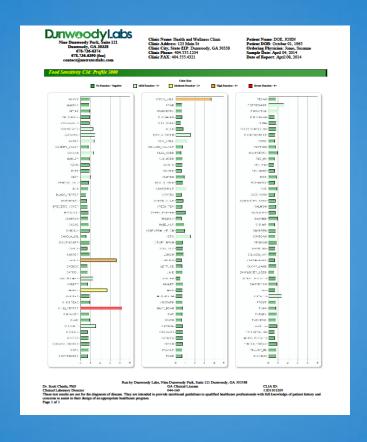
- Need to have sleep specialist available to do interpretation.
- Bill as G0399. Location of service is 12, patient's home
- Interpretation of study is a -26 modifier done by sleep specialist
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- Insurance companies are pushing docs to do home testing to save initial cost
- Patients are typically very willing to do this
- Covered by Anthem, Cigna, Aetna.
- Need to preauthorize for some plans
- You will be able to order mask and O2 Rick?
- Some use this to bill for another office visit

# **Food Allergy Testing**

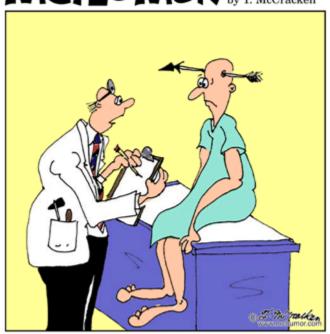
- FIT test from Brendan Biosciences
- Measures C3 Complement
- Direct inflammatory marker
- Shows actual physiological effect of food reactions
- 132 foods, dyes, preservatives
- Coverage by insurance with out of network benefits

# Food Allergy Testing



# Thank you!

#### MCHUMOR by T. McCracken



"Off hand, I'd say you're suffering from an arrow through your head, but just to play it safe, I'm ordering a bunch of tests."