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Practical guidance on helping your patients reach goal



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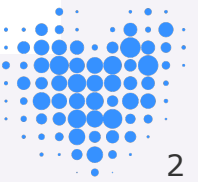
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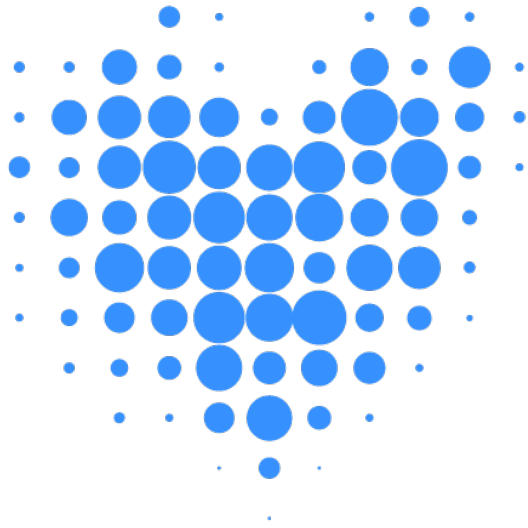
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Agenda



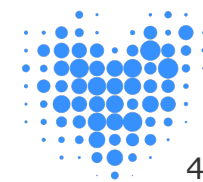
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- 4** Clinical pathways & solutions
- 5** Key success factors for implementation

Context - Intro

- In the UK it is currently estimated that 7.6 million people are living with **cardiovascular disease**. Furthermore, cardiovascular disease (CVD) cause around a quarter of all deaths in the UK; that's more than 160,000 deaths each year, or 460 each day – that's one death every three minutes (1).
- There is now consistent evidence from numerous genetic studies and clinical studies that unequivocally establishes that LDL cholesterol (LDL-C) is **causative of ASCVD**. LDL-C lowering trials with statins alone and in combination with ezetimibe and proprotein convertase subtilisin kexin type 9 (PCSK9) inhibitors have shown dose-dependent reduction in the risk of major cardiovascular events that is proportional to the absolute magnitude of the reduction in LDL-C (2).

1. <https://www.bhf.org.uk/-/media/files/for-professionals/research/heart-statistics/bhf-cvd-statistics-uk-factsheet.pdf?rev=c7ad10c134bd46a4aae483cc8d4b7c16&hash=51068640774D775C4F1DFD525B5F9EBA> accessed June 2024

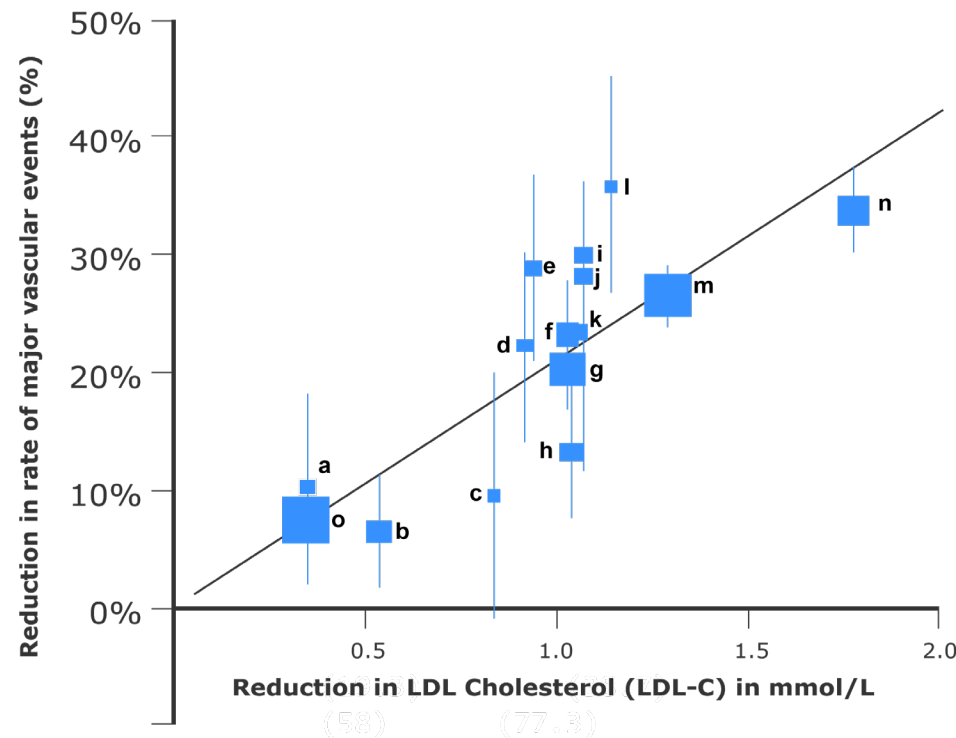
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Context - Intro

CTT Meta-Analysis – A linear relationship with reduction in major cardiovascular events

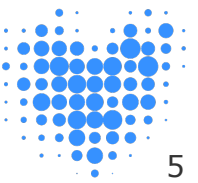
Effect of Statins & Non-Statins On Reducing LDL-C & Major Vascular Events



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- b: ALLHAT-LLT
- c: ALERT
- d: LIPS
- e: AFCAPS/TexCAPS
- f: CARE
- g: LIPID
- h: PROSPER
- i: ASCOT-LLA
- J: WOSCOPS
- k: Post-CABG
- l: CARDS
- m: HPS
- n: 4S
- O: IMPROVE-IT

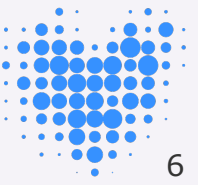
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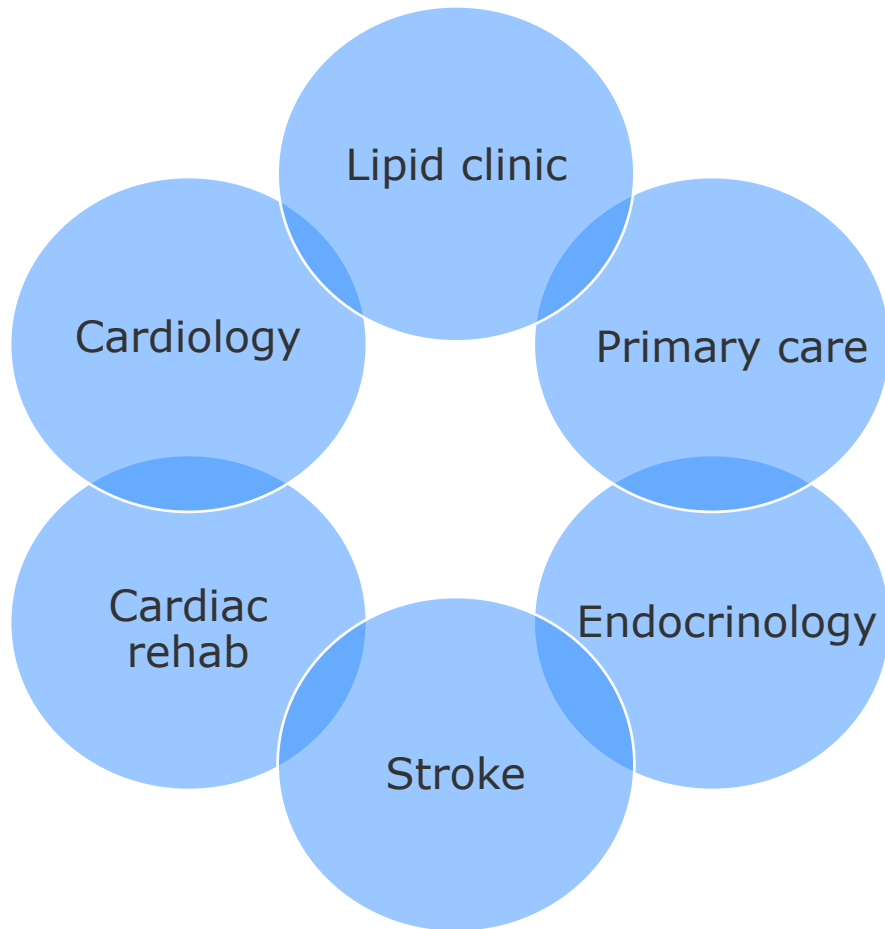
Challenges?

- Identification of patients
- Lack of clear referral pathways
- Guidelines unclear/ not easy to follow
- Targets?
- No time to see pts?
- No **RED** Exclamation marks



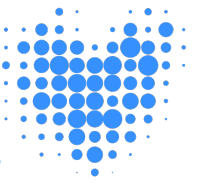
Vision - Leadership

Multiple parties are responsible for the management of ASCVD patients, yet ownership belongs to?



Lipid specialists are the most suited to take ownership of improving...LIPIDS!

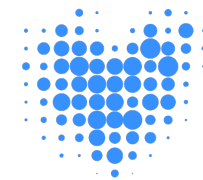
- Education regarding targets
- Knowledge on new medications
- Simplifying Guidelines
- Establishing referral pathways
- Enabling Primary Care



Lab Requesting

CVD PRIMARY PREVENTION LIPID PROFILE

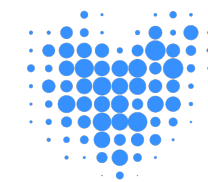
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Total Cholesterol	7.5*	This patient meets the numerical criteria for Familial Hypercholesterolaemia. Refer to lipid clinic if secondary causes of hyperlipidaemia have been excluded, lipids have been constantly elevated according to FH criteria and a positive family history of ASCVD is confirmed (NICE CG71, updated 2019).
HDL Cholesterol	No flag	
Non-HDL Cholesterol	No flag	
LDL Cholesterol	4.9*	This patient meets the numerical criteria for Familial Hypercholesterolaemia. Refer to lipid clinic if secondary causes of hyperlipidaemia have been excluded, lipids have been constantly elevated according to FH criteria and a positive family history of ASCVD is confirmed (NICE CG71, updated 2019).
Triglycerides	4.5* 1. 10 to 20 2. 20	1. Repeat the TG measurement with a fasting test (after an interval of 5 days, but within 2 weeks) and review for potential secondary causes of hyperlipidaemia. Seek specialist advice if the TG concentration remains > 10mmol/litre. At risk of acute pancreatitis. 2. Refer to lipid clinic for urgent specialist review if not a result of excess alcohol or poor glycaemic control. At risk of acute pancreatitis.
*	No abnormal result or flag	Please calculate QRISK score to assess CV risk as per NICE guidance NG238 December 2023



Lab Requesting

CVD SECONDARY PREVENTION LIPID PROFILE

	Flag if greater than	AUTOCOMMENT
Total Cholesterol	7.5	This patient meets the numerical criteria for Familial Hypercholesterolaemia. Refer to lipid clinic if secondary causes of hyperlipidaemia have been excluded and lipids have been constantly elevated according to FH criteria (NICE CG71, updated 2019).
HDL Cholesterol	No flag	
Non-HDL Cholesterol	2.5	This patient is not meeting national secondary prevention targets and remains at high risk of ASCVD. Please consider escalating lipid lowering therapy or seek advice from Lipid Clinic.
LDL Cholesterol	2.0	This patient is not meeting national secondary prevention targets and remains at high risk of ASCVD. Please consider escalating lipid lowering therapy or seek advice from Lipid Clinic.
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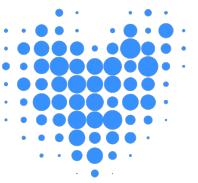


Journey to Goal - UHMBT

- The lipid lowering therapy treatment pathway is increasing in complexity, with a choice of multiple therapies all with differing mechanisms, duration of action and efficacy, and different national reimbursement thresholds and patient restrictions.
- Given the weight of evidence behind “lower is better” targets for LDL-C (1) it is becoming increasingly important for clinicians to plan the patient’s lipid treatment journey and to move away from a “fire and forget” approach.

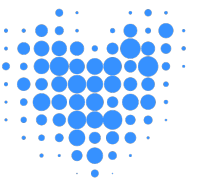
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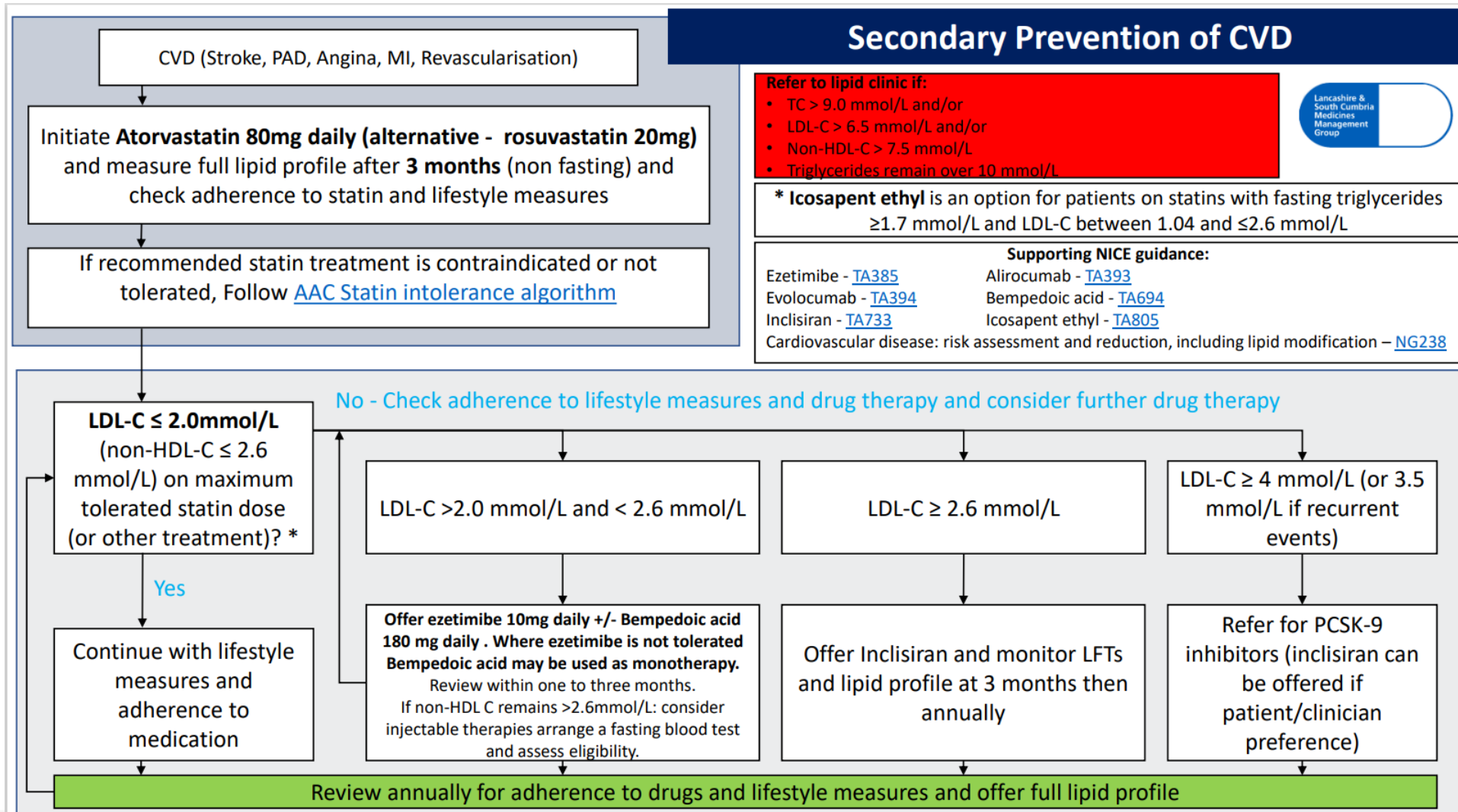


Journey to Goal - UHMBT

- While NICE NG238 advocates a traditional stepwise pathway of statin then ezetimibe followed by injectables (based on cost and not clinical effectiveness), we believe that prescribing of ezetimibe second line may preclude 3rd line injectable prescribing and lead to “ezetimibe limbo” where the patient is now below the reimbursement threshold for injectable prescribing but still not achieving their LDL-C target.
- Calculation of distance to goal upfront prior to the addition of any lipid lowering therapy will give an indication of whether the patient is likely to get to target on statin monotherapy or will require combination therapy to get to target. Once the **distance to goal** is calculated the clinician should then think about **the journey to goal**.



Guidelines – Lancashire & SC MMG



Efficiency with Time

- Triage referrals based on a clear referral criteria handed over to primary care

▼ Conditions Treated

Hyperlipidaemia
Familial Lipid disorders
Complications of lipid-regulating drugs including multiple statin intolerances
2 or more cholesterol results that are consistent with Simon-Broome criteria (T chol >7.5 and/or LDL >5)
Provided that: Patient did not have previously lower results off treatment and/or Isolated Hypercholesterolaemia (if TG are elevated, this is not FH)

▼ Exclusions

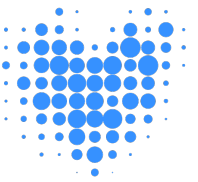
This service is not suitable for patients with;
Excess Alcohol
Uncontrolled Diabetes
Hypothyroidism
Liver Disease
Nephrotic Syndrome

Suspected familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH);
Cholesterol > 7.5mmol/L when age under 30
OR Family history of coronary heart disease before age 60 AND cholesterol > 7.5mmol/L OR LDL-cholesterol > 4.8mmol/L
OR
1st degree relative with known gene mutation causing FH

Hypertriglyceridemia (not due to excess alcohol or uncontrolled diabetes);
Triglyceride > 20 mmol/L
OR
Triglyceride 10-20 mmol/L which persists on a fasting lipid profile
OR
Triglyceride 4.5 – 9.9 mmol/L WITH non HDL cholesterol > 7.5mmol/L

Statin intolerance;
intolerance to 3 or more statins (MUST have tried Rosuvastatin).

Injectable therapy – Secondary prevention PH
Not meeting LDL targets on maximal tolerable doses of oral medications.



Efficiency with Time

- Virtual results clinic...

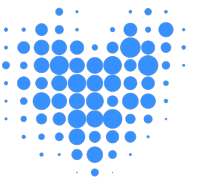
Service End Effective Date	-
Clinic Type	Lipid Disorders
Available on Secondary Care Menu	Yes

🔔 Referrer Alert

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🕒 Referral to Treatment

The average waiting time for treatment at this provider is 10 weeks



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Indications: Praluent is indicated in adults with primary hypercholesterolaemia (heterozygous familial and non-familial) or mixed dyslipidaemia, as an adjunct to diet: in combination with a statin or statin with other lipid lowering therapies in patients unable to reach LDL-C goals with the maximum tolerated dose of a statin or, alone or in combination with other lipid-lowering therapies in patients who are statin-intolerant, or for whom a statin is contraindicated. Praluent is indicated in adults with established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease to reduce cardiovascular risk by lowering LDL-C levels, as an adjunct to correction of other risk factors: in combination with the maximum tolerated dose of a statin with or without other lipid-lowering therapies or, alone or in combination with other lipid-lowering therapies in patients who are statin-intolerant, or for whom a statin is contraindicated.

Dosage and Administration: Secondary causes of hyperlipidaemia or mixed dyslipidaemia (e.g. nephrotic syndrome, hypothyroidism) should be excluded prior to initiation of alicocumab. The usual starting dose is 75mg, once every 2 weeks. Patients requiring larger LDL-C reduction (>60%) may be started on 150mg once every 2 weeks or 300mg once every 4 weeks (monthly). A dose of 300mg can be given either as one 300mg injection or as two 150mg injections consecutively at two different injection sites. If a dose is missed, the dose should be administered as soon as possible and thereafter, dosing should be resumed on the original schedule. Lipid levels can be assessed 4 - 8 weeks after treatment initiation or titration, and dose adjusted accordingly (up-titration or down-titration). If additional LDL-C reduction is needed in patients treated with 75mg once every 2 weeks or 300mg once every 4 weeks (monthly), the dosage may be adjusted to the maximum dosage of 150mg once every 2 weeks. For dosing schedule and method of administration in children >8 years, please consult the SmPC. Praluent should be given by a caregiver in children less than 12 years of age and for adolescents 12 years and older, Praluent should be administered by or under adult supervision.

Method of administration: Praluent is injected as a subcutaneous injection into the thigh, abdomen or upper arm. It is recommended to rotate the injection site with each injection. Alicocumab should not be injected into areas of active skin disease or injury such as sunburns, skin rashes, inflammation, or skin infections. Alicocumab must not be co-administered with other injectable medicinal products at the same injection site. The patient may either self-inject Praluent, or a caregiver may administer Praluent, after guidance has been provided by a healthcare professional on proper subcutaneous injection technique. The solution should be allowed to warm to room temperature for 30 - 40 minutes prior to use.

Special populations: Elderly and body weight impact: No dose adjustment needed. Hepatic impairment: No dose adjustment is needed for patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment. Alicocumab should be used with caution in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C). Renal impairment: No dose adjustment is needed for patients with mild or moderate renal impairment. Alicocumab should be used with caution in patients with severe renal impairment. Paediatric population: The safety and efficacy of Praluent in children less than 8 years of age have not been established.

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

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