



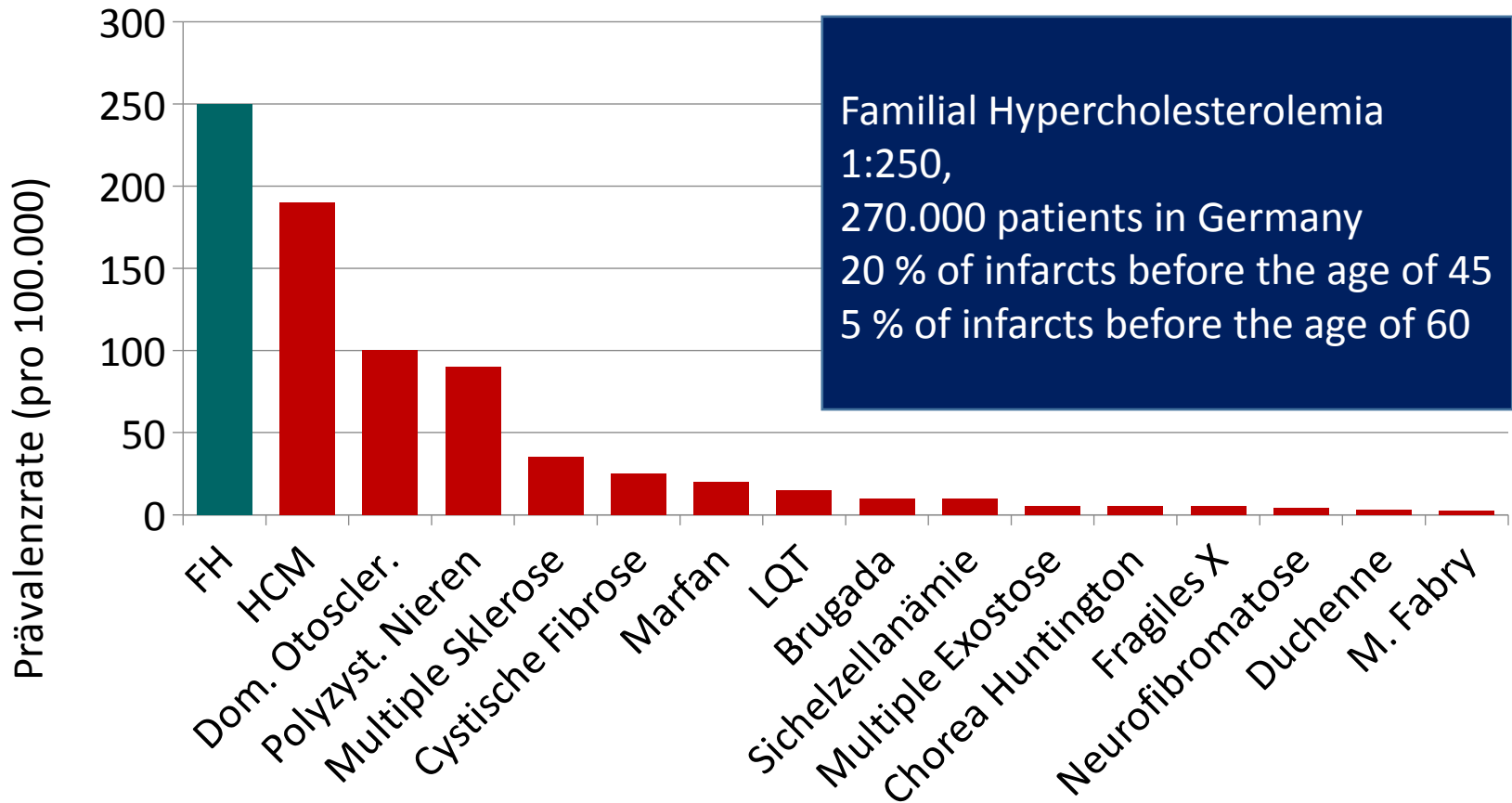
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What is Familial Hypercholesterolemia?

- Most frequent co-dominant, monogenic metabolic dysfunction in primary care (previous assumption of prevalence 1:500)
- mutations at LDL-R, ApoB-100, PCSK9
- Up to 10 percent of coronary patients under 55 years of age!
- Founder effect in specific populations
- characteristics:
 - distinctive hypercholesterolemia
 - more than 50 percent cumulative CHD-risk until the age of 50 for men
 - more than 40 percent cumulative CHD-risk until the age of 60 for women

Common (Genetic) Disorders are...



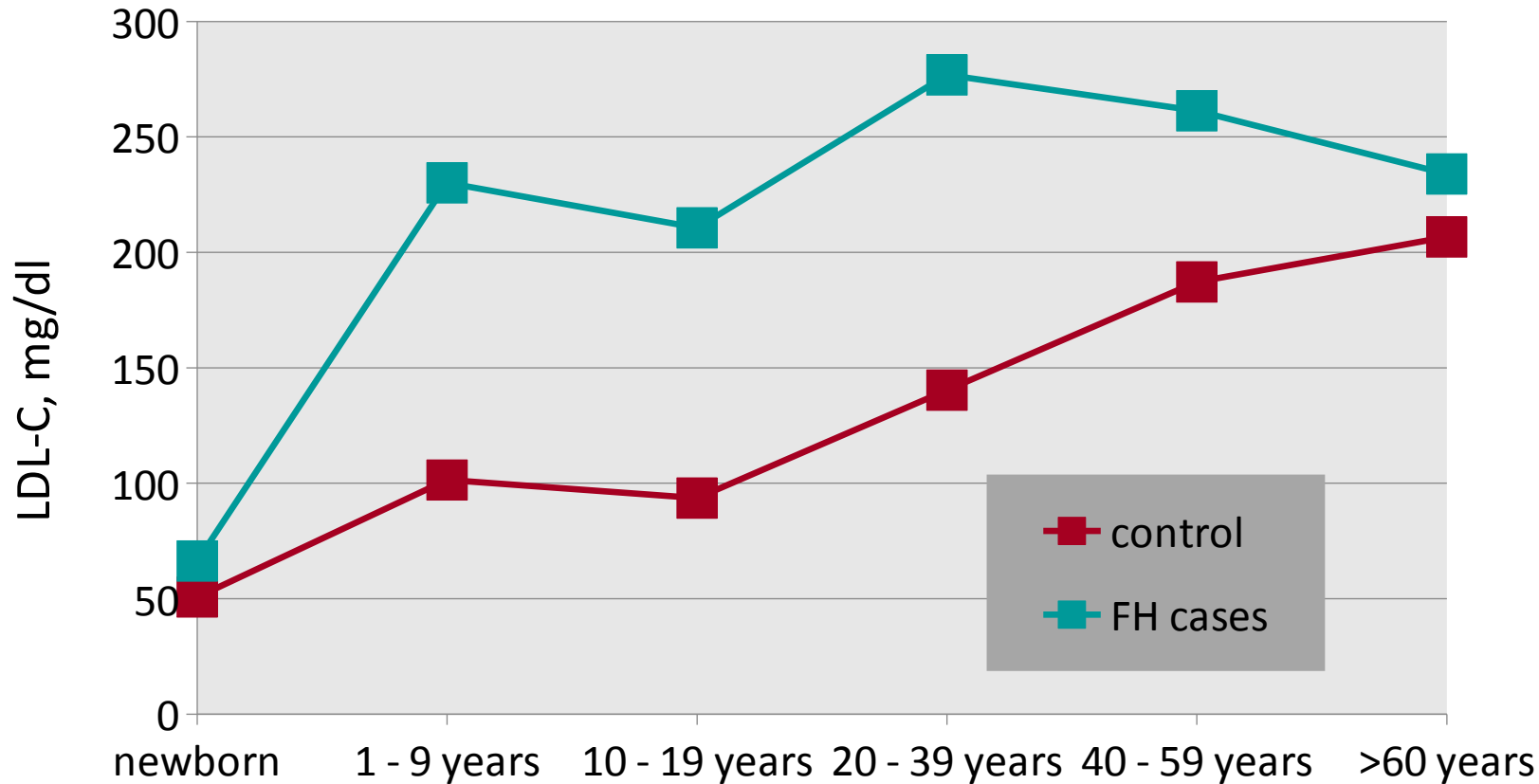
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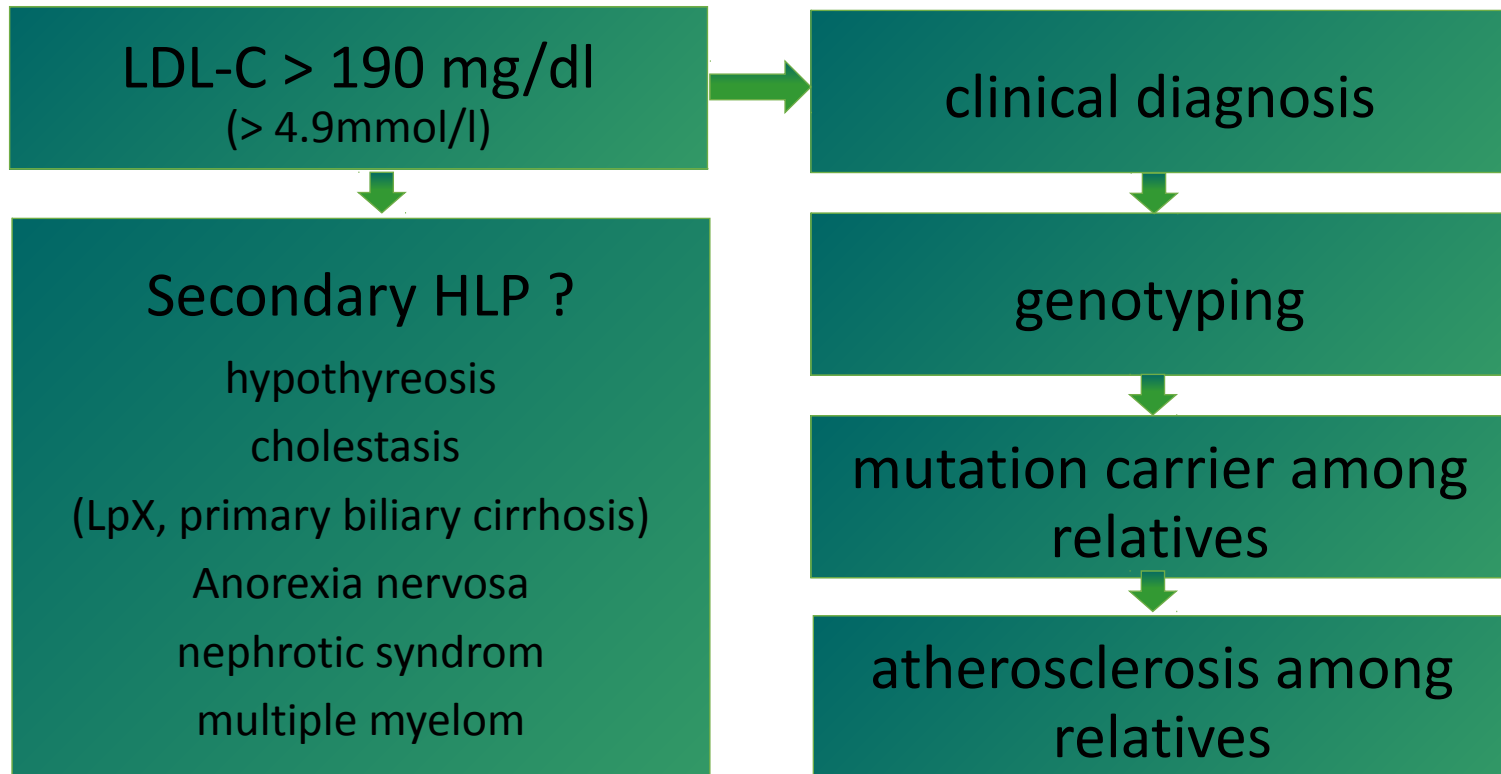
LDL-Cholesterol and Age

Meta-Analysis; 16.221 controls, 1.907 FH-Patients



Wald et al., BMJ 2007;
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Diagnostic Procedure for Familial Hypercholesterolemia



Dutch Lipid Clinic Network criteria for diagnosis of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolaemia in adults



Group 1: family history

Points

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| (i) First-degree relative with known premature (<55 years, men; <60 years, women) coronary heart disease (CHD) | | 1 |
| OR | | |
| (ii) First-degree relative with known LDL cholesterol >95 th percentile by age and gender for country | | 1 |
| (iii) First-degree relative with tendon xanthoma and/or corneal arcus | 2 | |
| OR | | |
| (iv) Child(ren) <18 years with LDL cholesterol >95 th percentile by age and gender for country | | 2 |

Group 2: clinical history

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|---|---|---|
| (i) Subject has premature (<55 years, men; <60 years, women) CHD | 2 | |
| (ii) Subject has premature (<55 years, men; <60 years, women) cerebral or peripheral vascular disease | | 1 |

Group 3: physical examination

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| (i) Tendon xanthoma | 6 | |
| (ii) Corneal arcus in a person <45 years | | 4 |

Group 4: biochemical results (LDL cholesterol)

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|--------------------------------|---|---|
| >8.5 mmol/L (>325 mg/dL) | 8 | |
| 6.5–8.4 mmol/L (251–325 mg/dL) | | 5 |
| 5.0–6.4 mmol/L (191–250 mg/dL) | | 3 |
| 4.0–4.9 mmol/L (155–190 mg/dL) | | 1 |

Group 5: molecular genetic testing (DNA analysis)

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| (i) Causative mutation shown in the LDLR, APOB, or PCSK9 genes | | 8 |
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➔ > 8 points definite FH; 6-8 points probable FH; 3-5 points possible FH; 0-2 points unlikely FH



Willkommen b

FH Score ist zu
Risiko der hete
Atherosklerose
Kriterien bekan
mögliche, wah

Available at
www.dach-praevention.eu
www.fhscore.eu

denen das
DLCN)
cheinliche,

Ich bestätige, dass ich den medizinischen Fachkreisen angehöre. Ich praktiziere in ...

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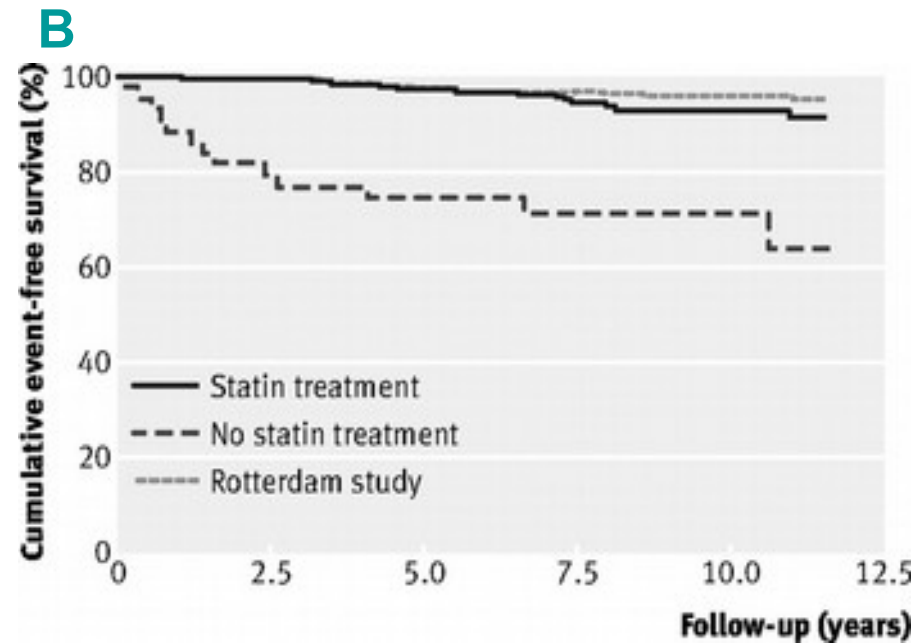
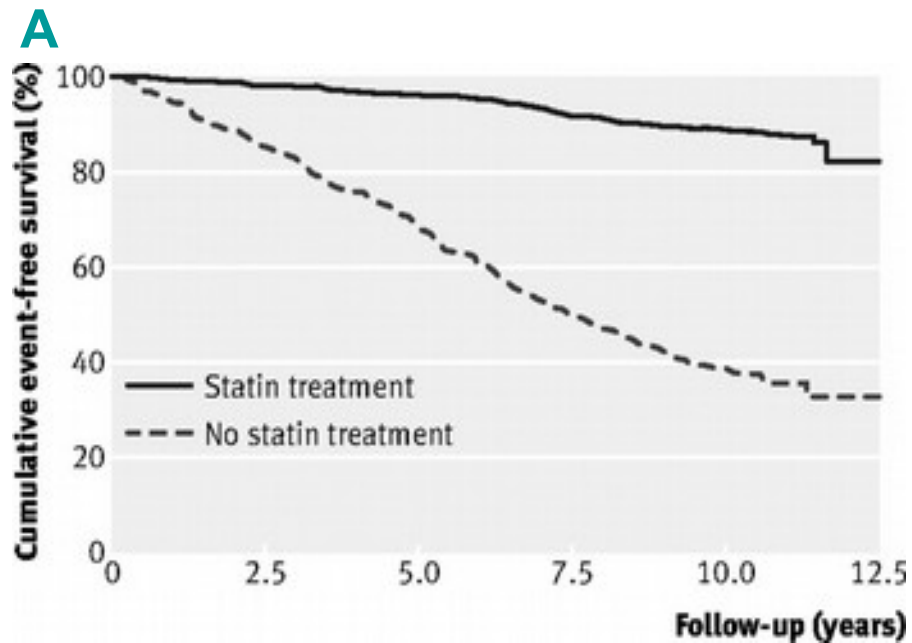
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Ich bin kein Angehöriger der medizinischen Fachkreise >

Benefit of Molecular Diagnostics

- carrier of mutations among relatives (children!) with low LDL-C
- via LDL-C 25% wrong classification among relatives
- cascade screening: 1 index patient -> 20 relatives -> 8 more patients
- common risk scores (PROCAM, Framingham, SCORE) underestimate CHD risk
- early start of therapy (prevention)
- improved therapy compliance
- stratification based on molecular defect
- cost efficient (NICE)

Statin Treatment Improves Prognosis for FH Patients



Better prognosis for FH patients under statin treatment (A)

... even if the treatment starts at age 55 (B)

Guidelines for treatment targets?

FH

ESC CVD Prevention

risk		LDL-C target (mg/dl)
low	SCORE < 1 %	< 115
moderate	SCORE 1-5 %	< 115
high	FH, hypertension, diabetes without RF and without organ damage, CKD (GFR 30-59 ml/min), SCORE 5-10 %	< 100
very high	CHD, PVD, CVE, diabetes with RF or organ damage, CKD (GFR < 30 ml/min), SCORE > 10 %	< 70

Perk J. European Guidelines on cardiovascular disease prevention in clinical practice (version 2012) European Heart Journal 2012; 33, 1635–1701 doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehs092

Familial Hypercholesterolemia in Europe



Situation in Germany

- prevalence about 1:300→ more than 270.000 patients in Germany, less than 10% diagnosed and properly treated
- half of the relatives of a FH-patient are at risk
- early diagnosis and treatment decreases the risk for CHD
- until 2014 there was no specific prevention program for FH in Germany
- At the end of 2014 we started a cascade screening program and registry for FH patients in Mannheim, which we expanded to more regions of Germany over 2015.

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Project Aims

- investigating the state of therapy and care of patients with FH
- identify / recruit more FH patients
- Assessing the effectivity of a cascade screening for FH in a german cohort
- Setting up a nation-wide registry for FH-patients
- improving the medical care situation for FH patients

Study Inclusion Criteria

- LDL-C (without treatment) above 190 mg/dl
- cholesterol above 290 mg/dl
- patients with tendon xanthomas
- positive family history of hypercholesterolemia
- positive family history for myocard infarct under 50 years of age for grandparents, uncles, aunts or under 60 years of age for parents, siblings or children
- first and second degree relatives of FH patients regardless of LDL-C-Level

Cascade Screening

- Identification of index patients by physicians and lipid clinics by the means of already existing blood levels and inclusion criteria
- further diagnostics (incl. genetic screening) and treatment of the index patient by the attending physician
- Patient questionnaire issued by a study assistant
- Support with contacting and informing relatives about FH
- Inclusion (voluntarily!) of the index patient and relatives in the FH registry

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Implementation of the Cascade Screening

- ✓ compiling of all study documents
- ✓ Ethical approval from the ethics committee Baden-Württemberg
- ✓ Further ethical approval from the ethics committees in Saarland, Bremen, Rhineland-Palatinate, Hessen, Bayern, Berlin
- ✓ Implementation of the data bank and screening software PASS Clinical FH
- ✓ Recruiting of participating physicians and lipid clinics in the Rhine-Neckar Region and in Germany

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- Praxis Dr. med. Cornelius Müller, Mannheim, about 5 patients
- Praxis am Lanzgarten, Frau Dr. med. Füllgraf-Horst, Mannheim, 4 patients
- Nierenzentrum Mannheim, Dr. Frank Leistikow, Mannheim, at least 10 patients
- Diabetologische Schwerpunktpraxis, Herr Dr. med. Thomas Segiet, Speyer, at least 2 patients
- Praxis Frau Dr. med. Melanie Schüler, Hirschberg, at least 2 families
- Praxis Dr. med. Friebe, Gernsheim, at least 1 patient
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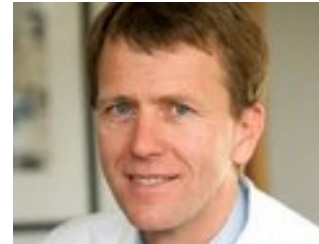
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Main Problems and Challenges

- recruiting of participating physicians is difficult (cold calling)
- time between first contact and signing of the cooperation contract: 8 to 10 weeks
- time between signing the contract and first patient inclusion: 2 weeks to up to one year
- only indirect contact to the relatives of an index patient is allowed

Future Tasks

- securing ethics approvals for Westfalen-Lippe, University Heidelberg, LMU München, University Clinics Dresden, University of Cologne
- economic evaluation of the project
- further recruiting of physicians and lipid clinics

