



# *Dyslipidemia*

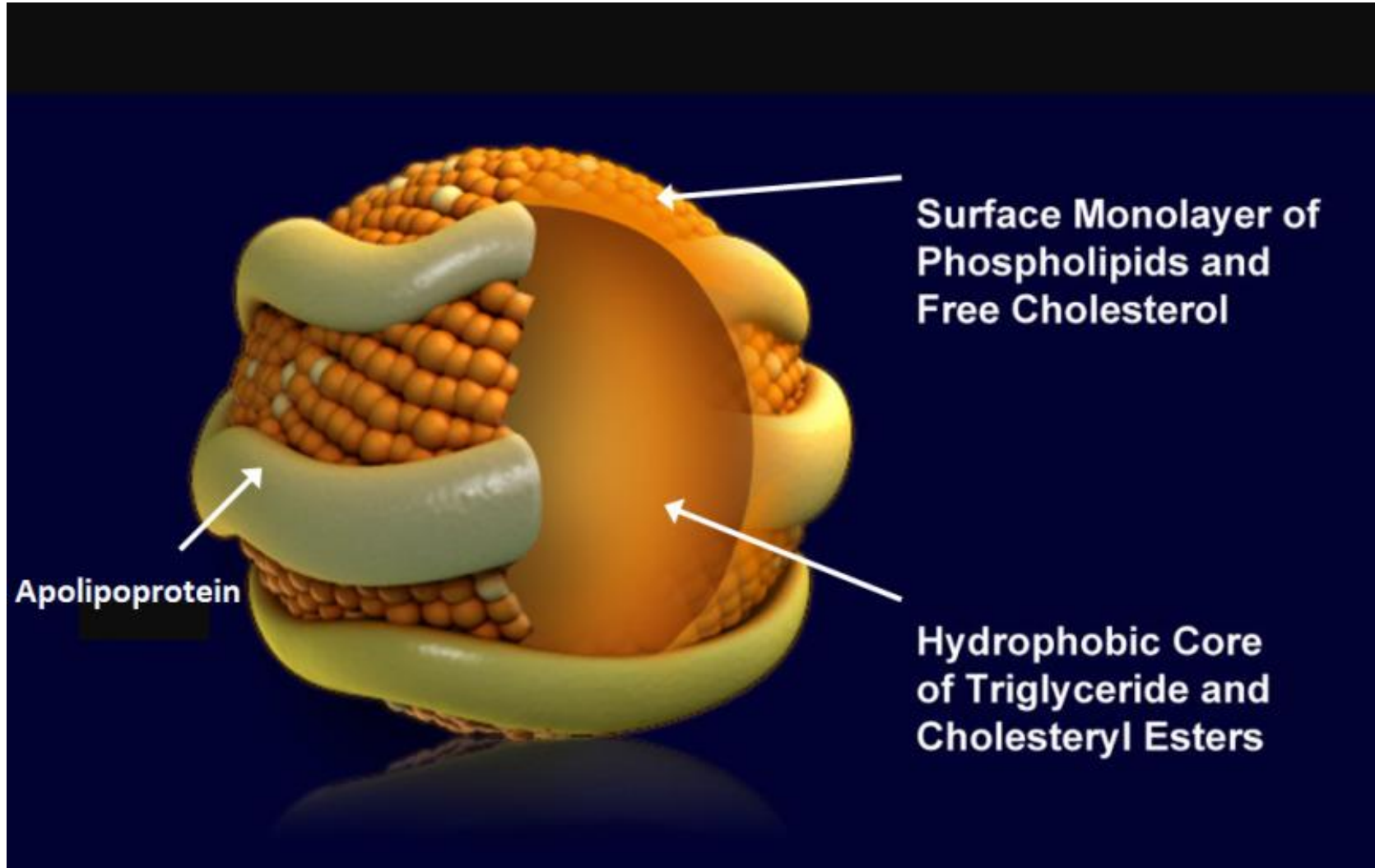
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Lipoproteins are complex particles that have a central hydrophobic core of non-polar lipids, primarily cholesterol esters and triglycerides. This hydrophobic core is surrounded by a hydrophilic membrane consisting of phospholipids, free cholesterol, and apolipoproteins



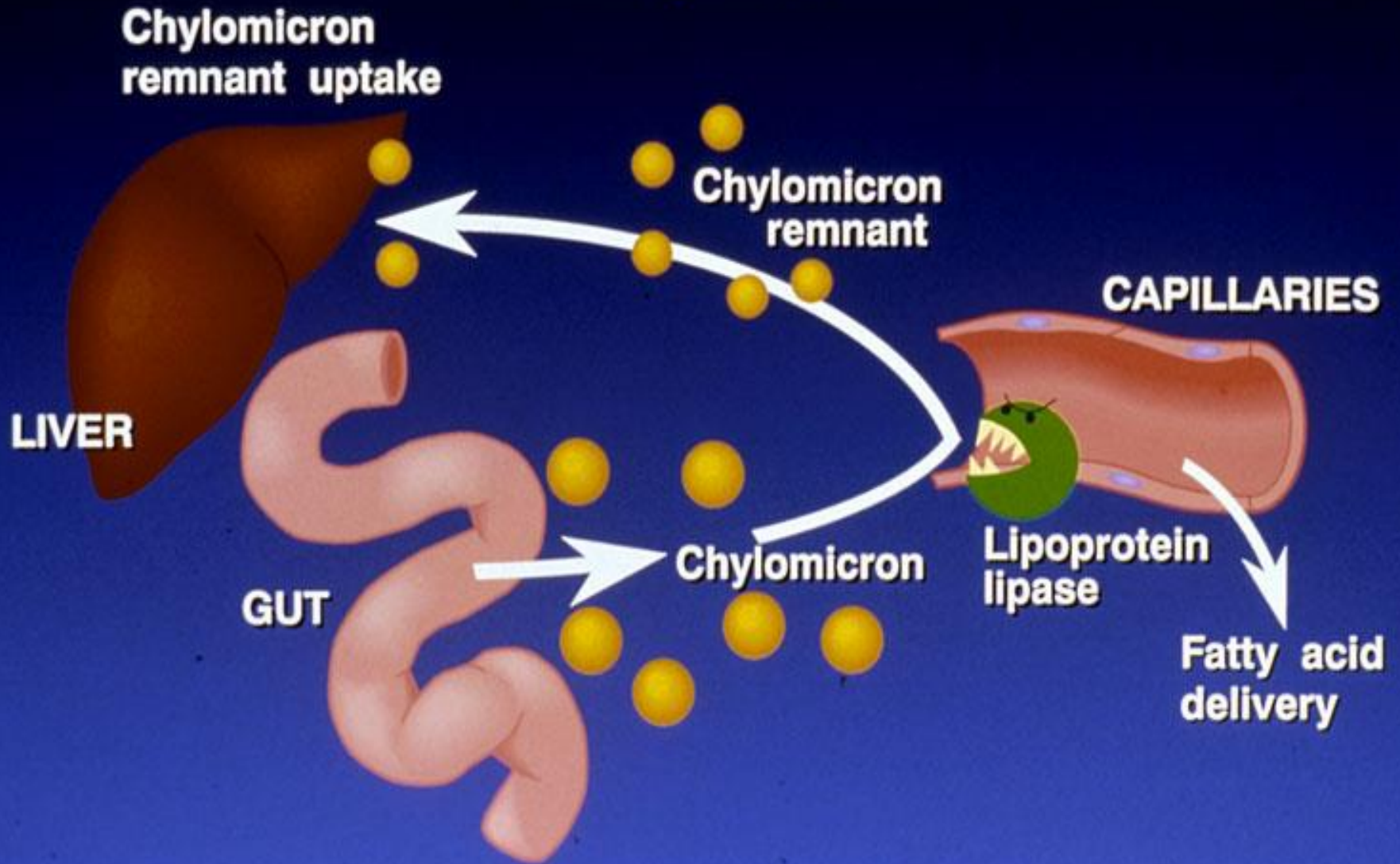
Lipoprotein Structure (figure modified from Biochemistry 39: 9763, 2000)

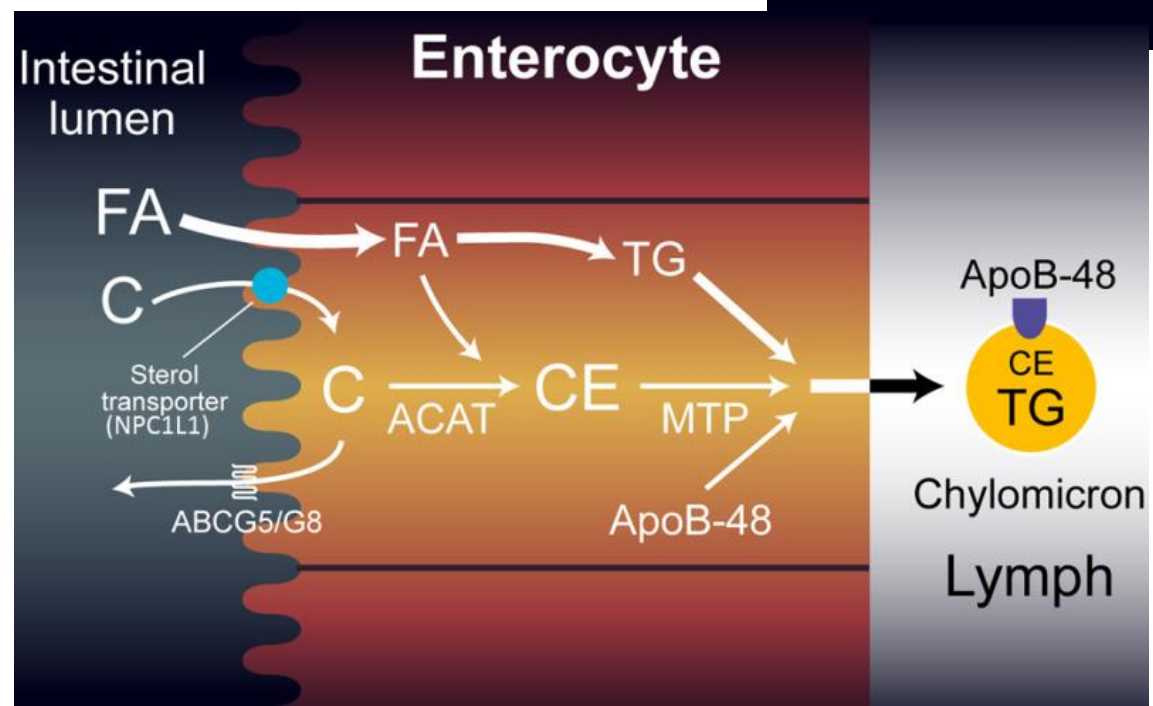
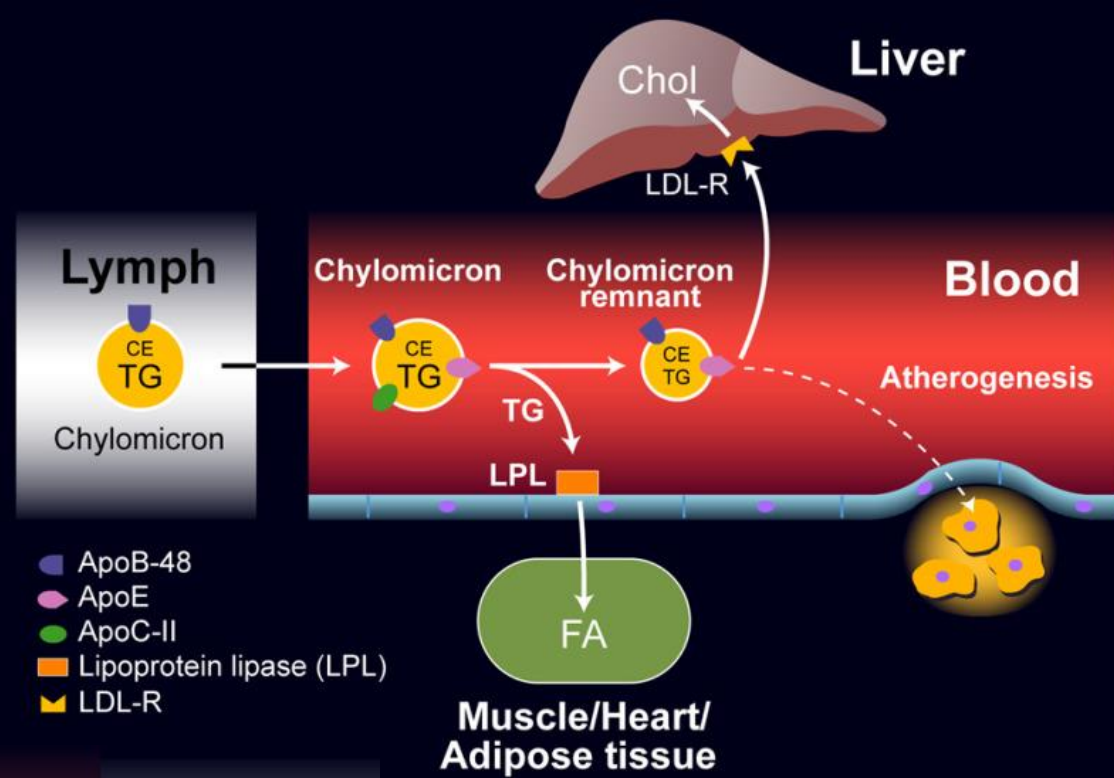
Plasma lipoproteins are divided into seven classes based on size, lipid composition, and apolipoproteins

<b>Lipoprotein</b>	<b>Density (g/ml)</b>	<b>Size (nm)</b>	<b>Major Lipids</b>	<b>Major Apoproteins</b>
<b>Chylomicrons</b>	<b>&lt;0.930</b>	<b>75-1200</b>	<b>Triglycerides</b>	<b>Apo B-48, Apo C, Apo E, Apo A-I, A-II, A-IV</b>
<b>Chylomicron Remnants</b>	<b>0.930- 1.006</b>	<b>30-80</b>	<b>Triglycerides Cholesterol</b>	<b>Apo B-48, Apo E</b>
<b>VLDL</b>	<b>0.930- 1.006</b>	<b>30-80</b>	<b>Triglycerides</b>	<b>Apo B-100, Apo E, Apo C</b>
<b>IDL</b>	<b>1.006- 1.019</b>	<b>25-35</b>	<b>Triglycerides Cholesterol</b>	<b>Apo B-100, Apo E, Apo C</b>
<b>LDL</b>	<b>1.019- 1.063</b>	<b>18- 25</b>	<b>Cholesterol</b>	<b>Apo B-100</b>
<b>HDL</b>	<b>1.063- 1.210</b>	<b>5- 12</b>	<b>Cholesterol Phospholipids</b>	<b>Apo A-I, Apo A-II, Apo C, Apo E</b>
<b>Lp (α)</b>	<b>1.055- 1.085</b>	<b>~30</b>	<b>Cholesterol</b>	<b>Apo B-100, Apo (α)</b>

# LIPOPROTEIN PATHWAYS

## Exogenous

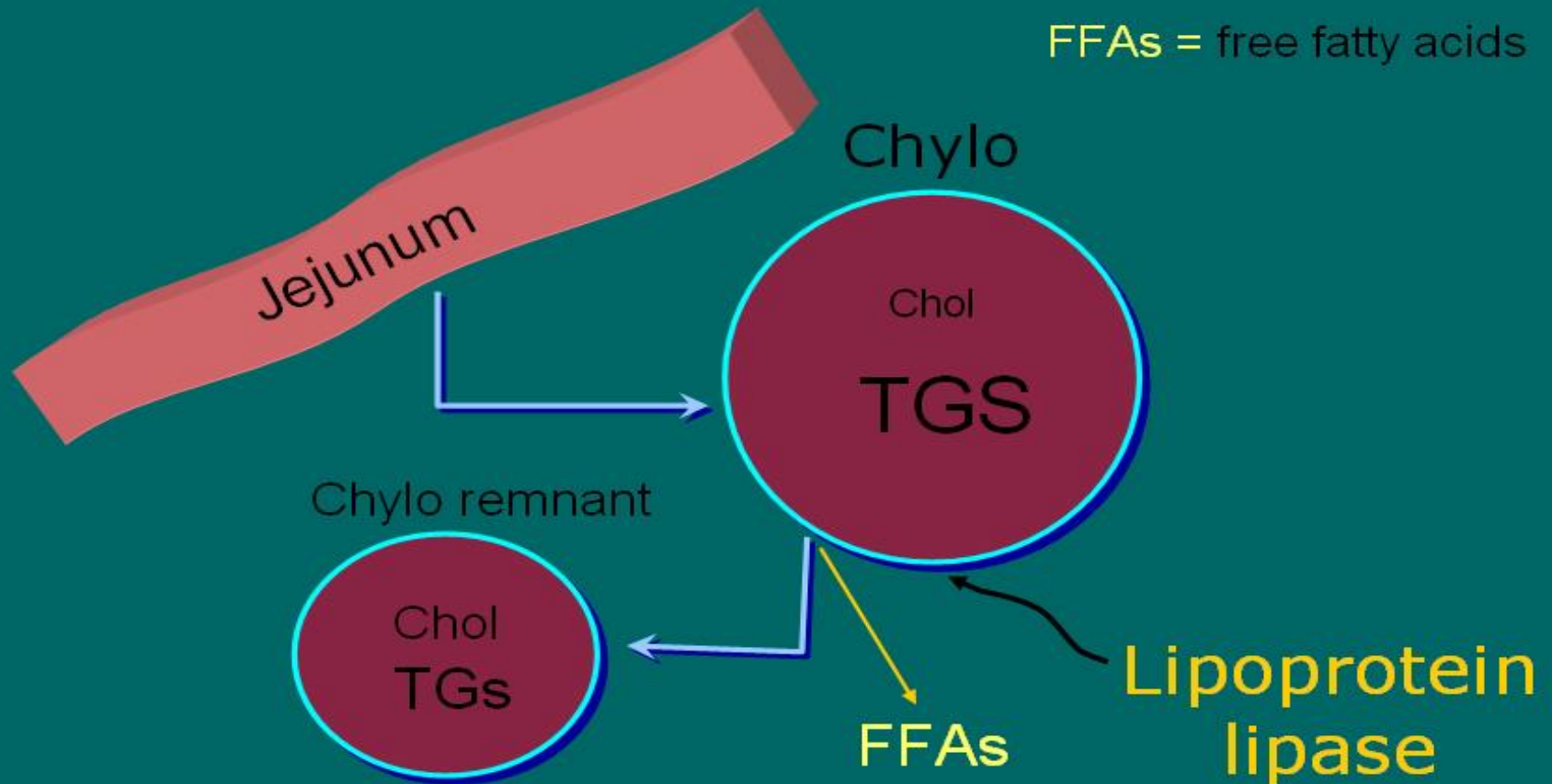






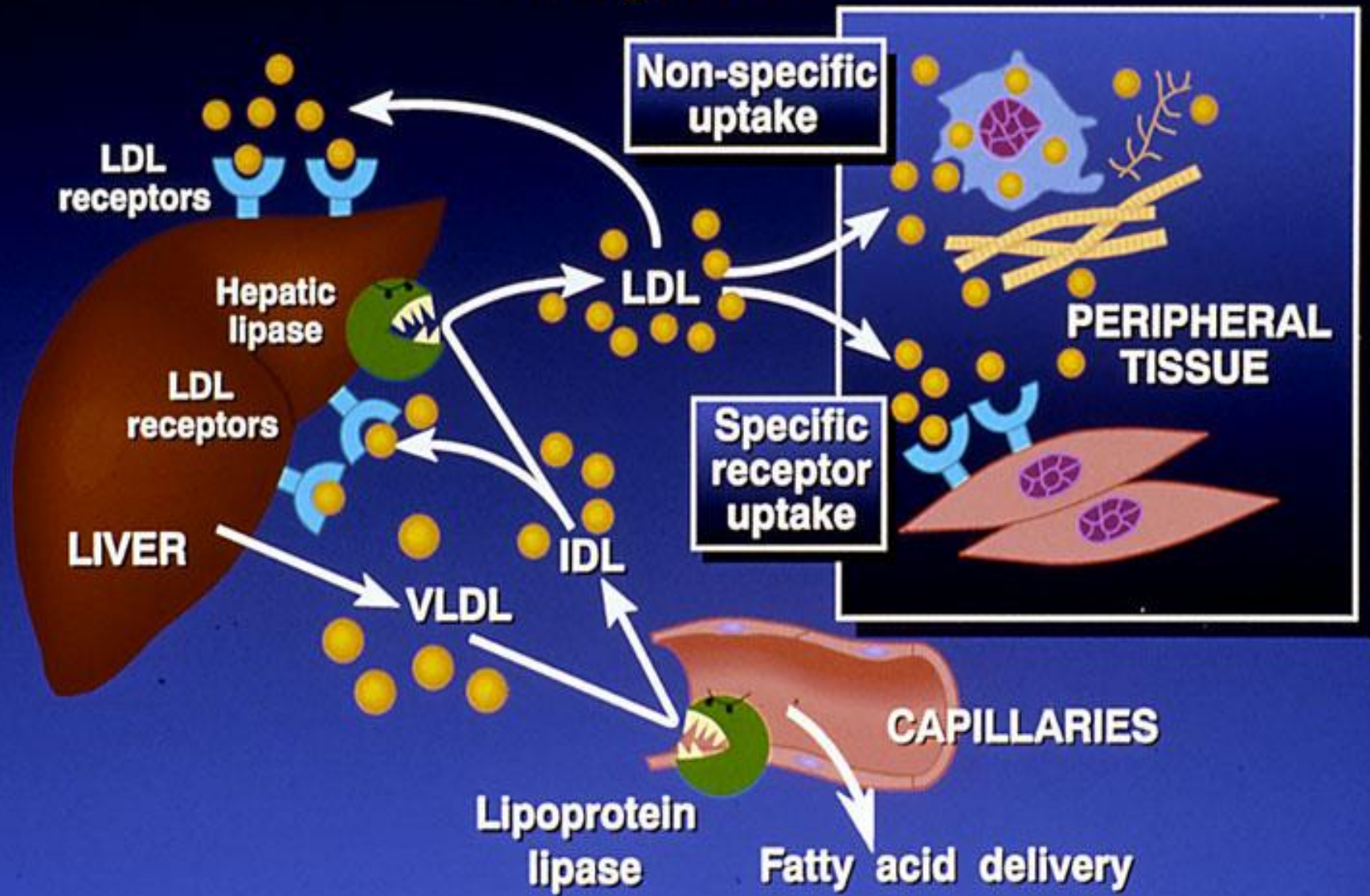
# Chylomicron Metabolism

FFAs = free fatty acids



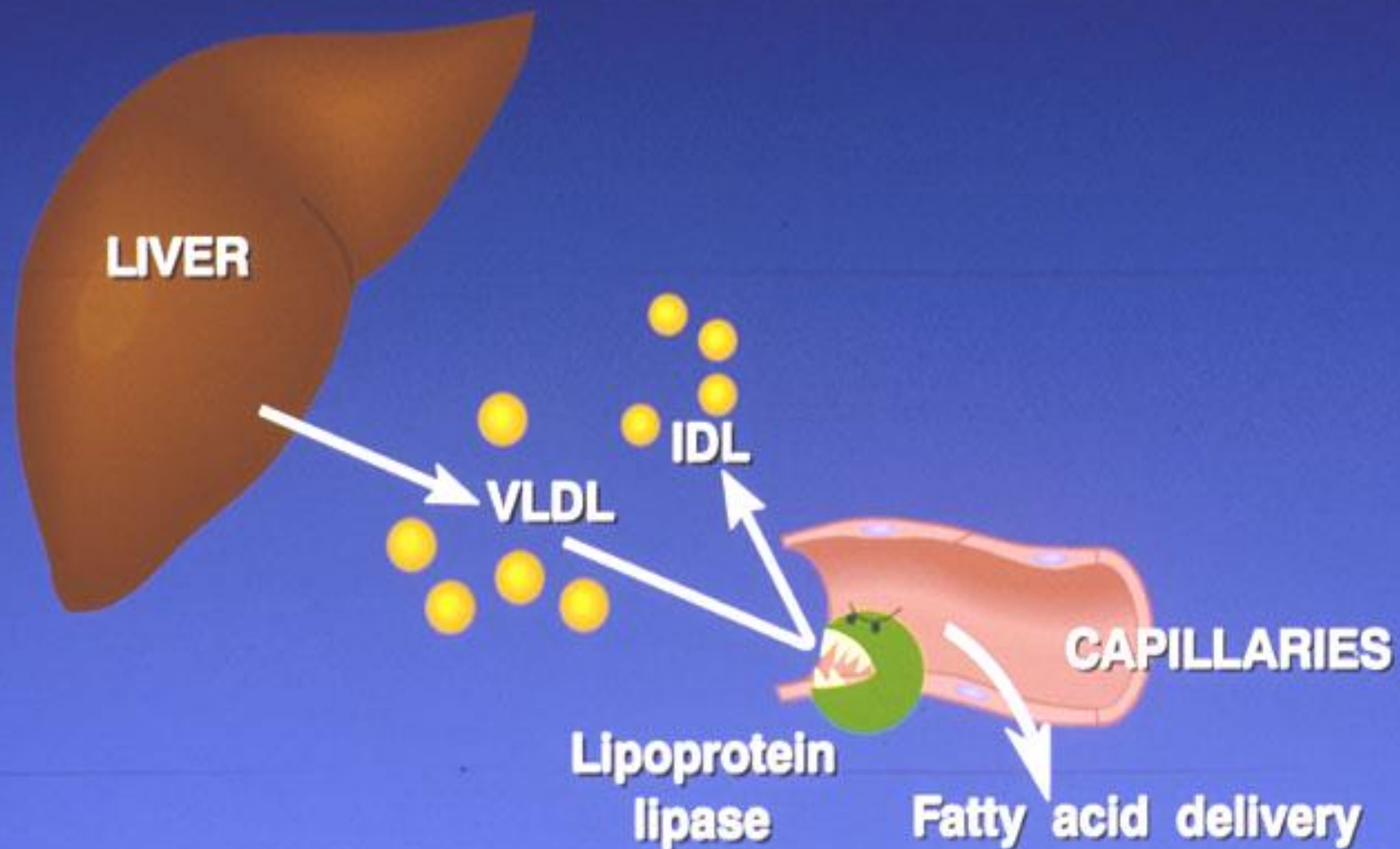
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## Endogenous



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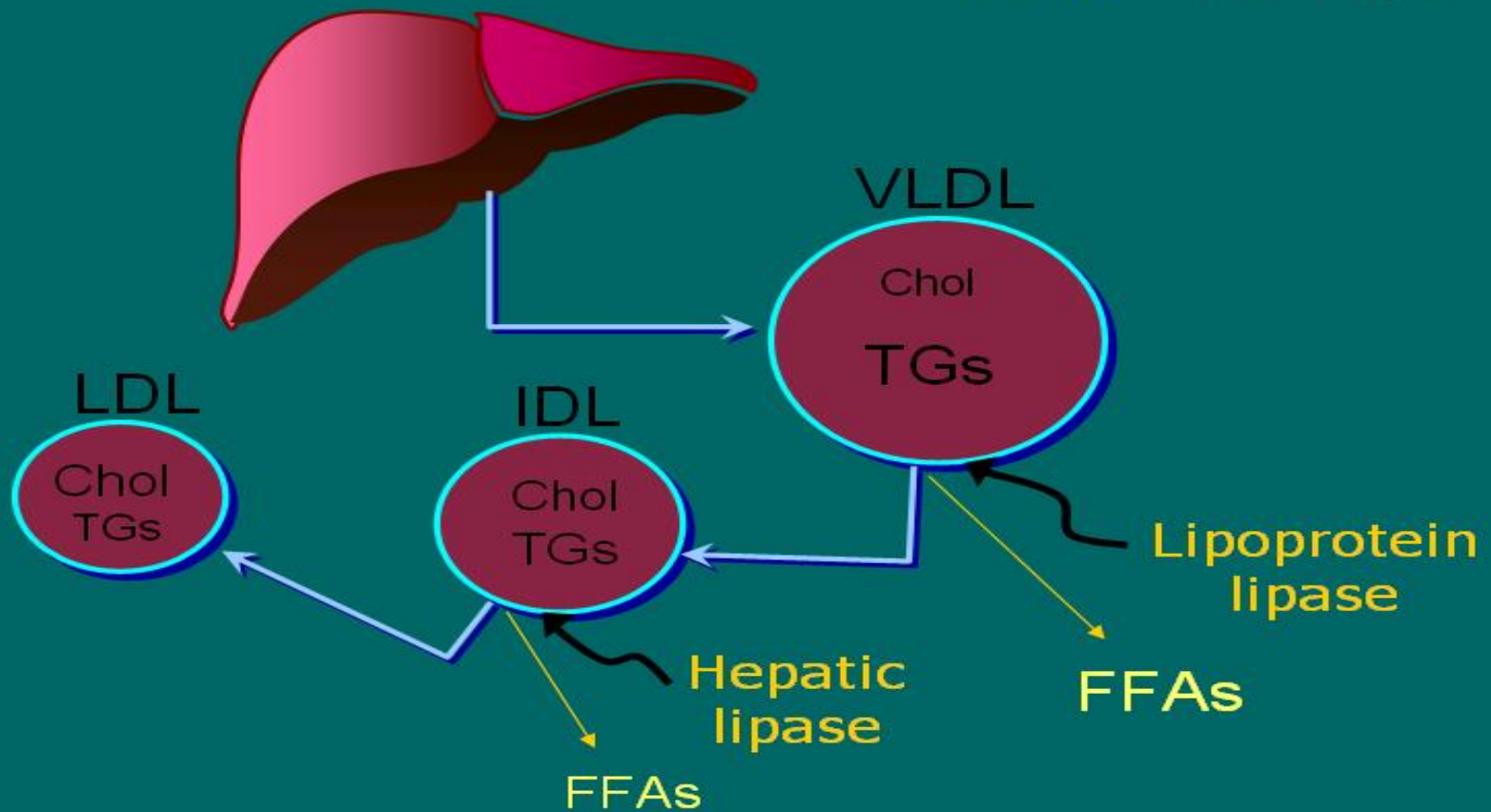
## Endogenous (VLDL-IDL)





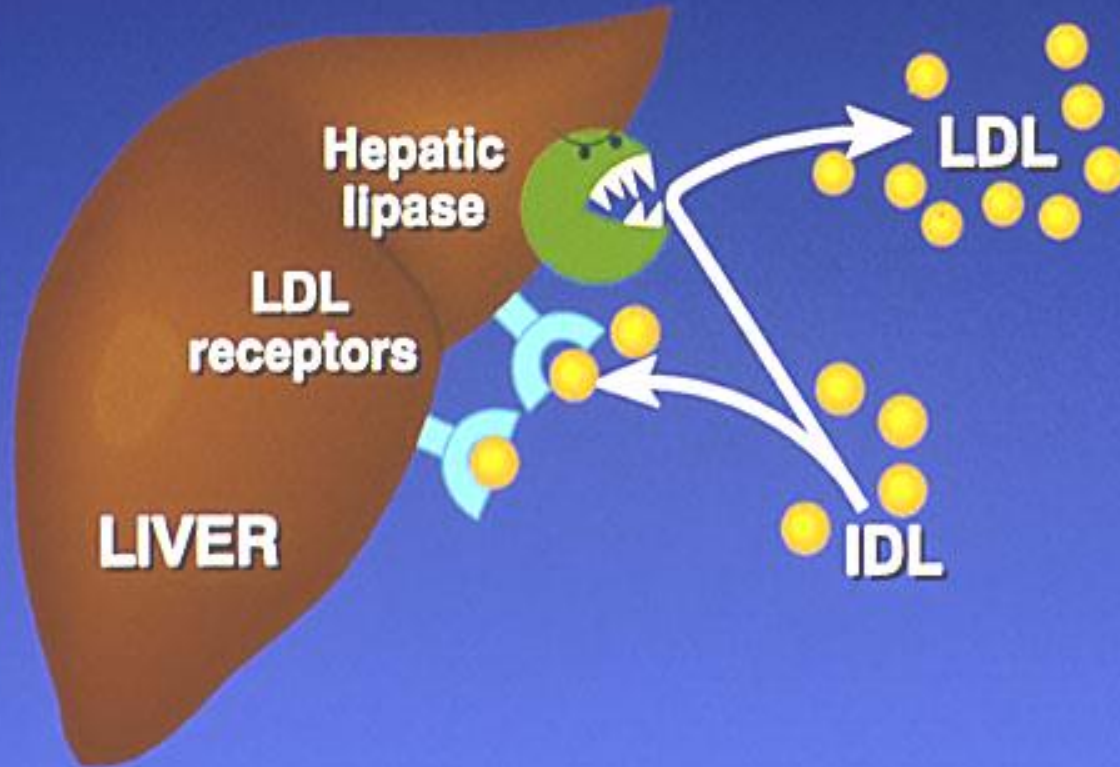
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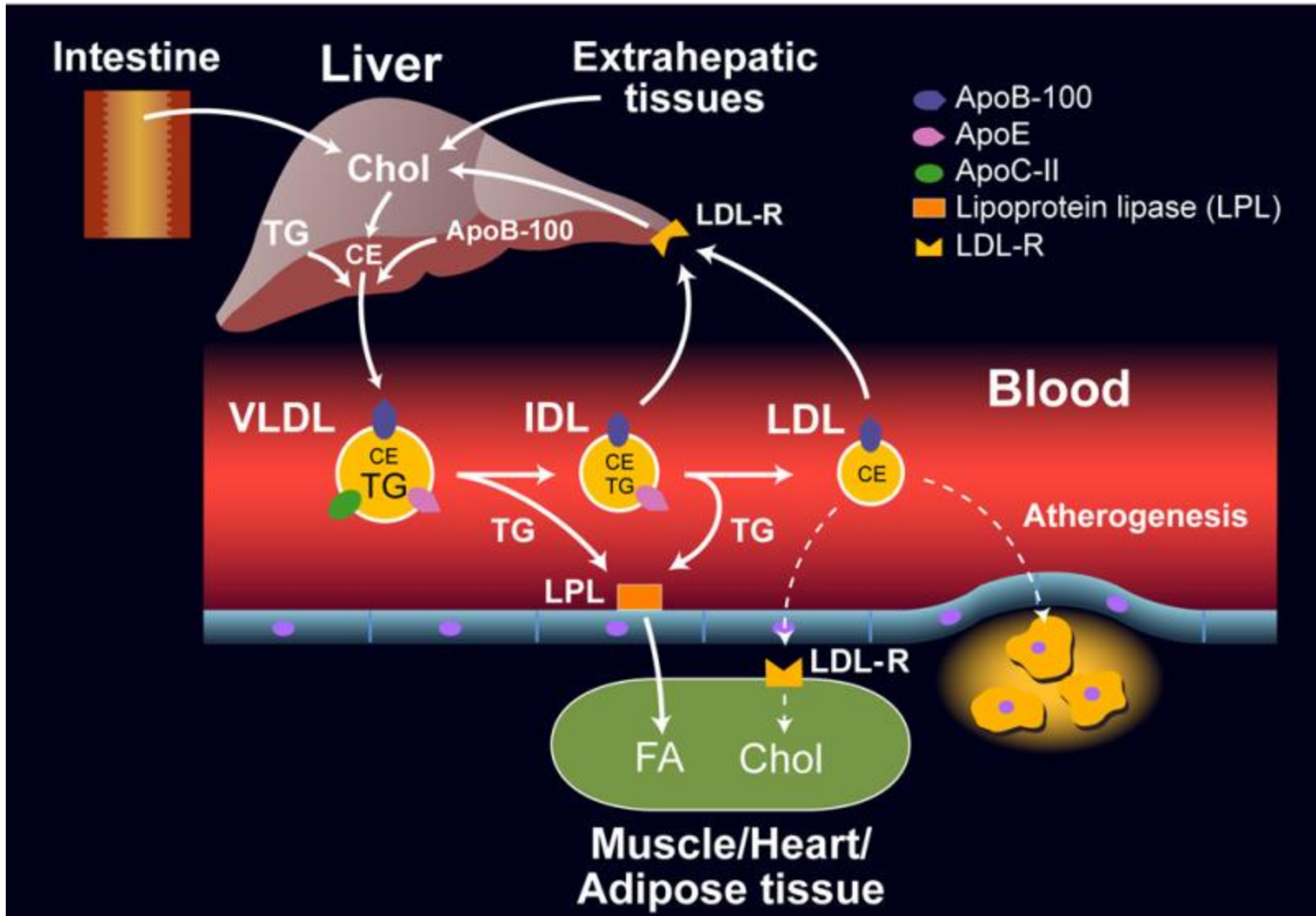
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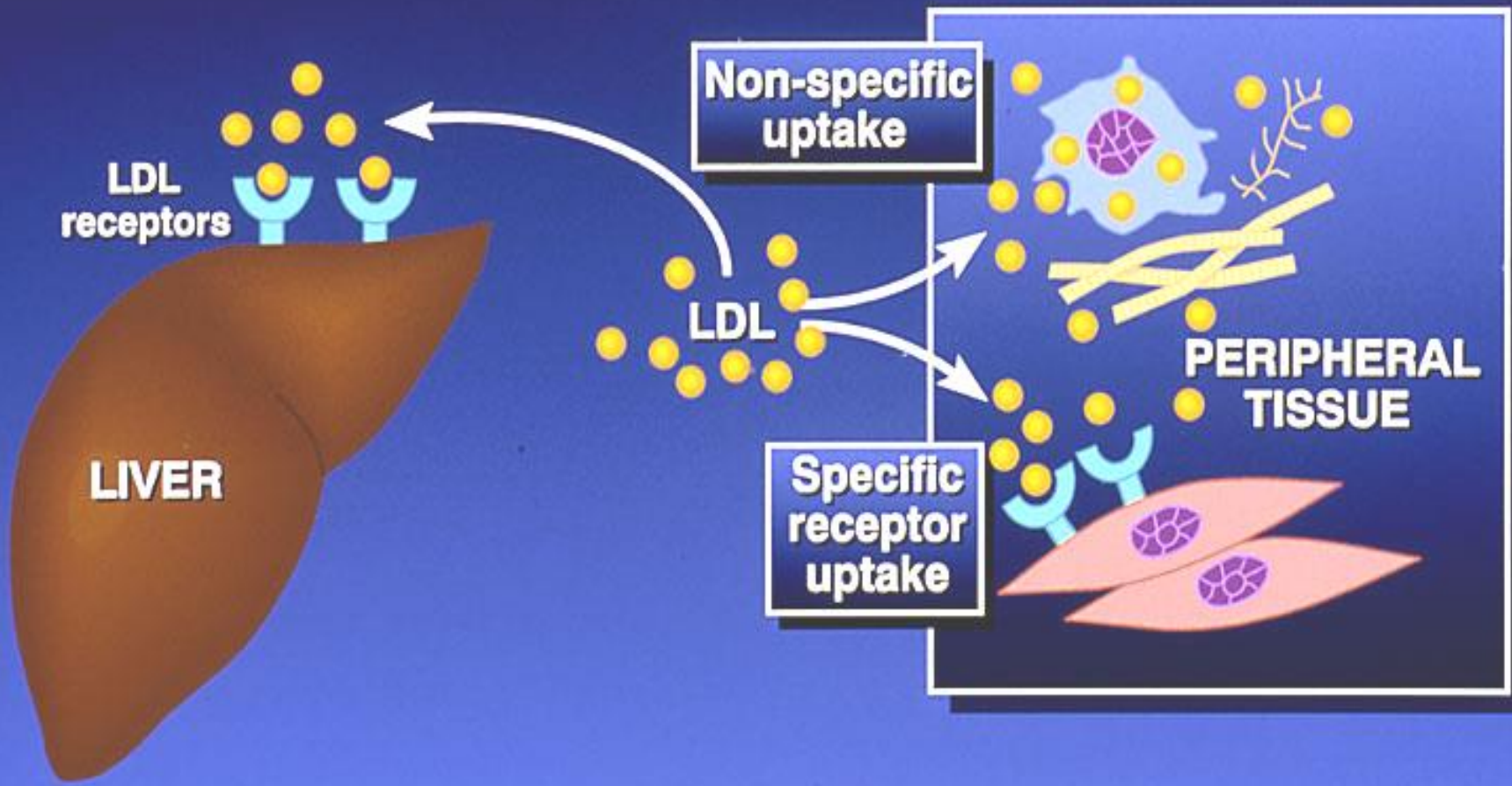
## Endogenous (IDL-LDL)





# LIPOPROTEIN PATHWAYS

## Endogenous (LDL Uptake)





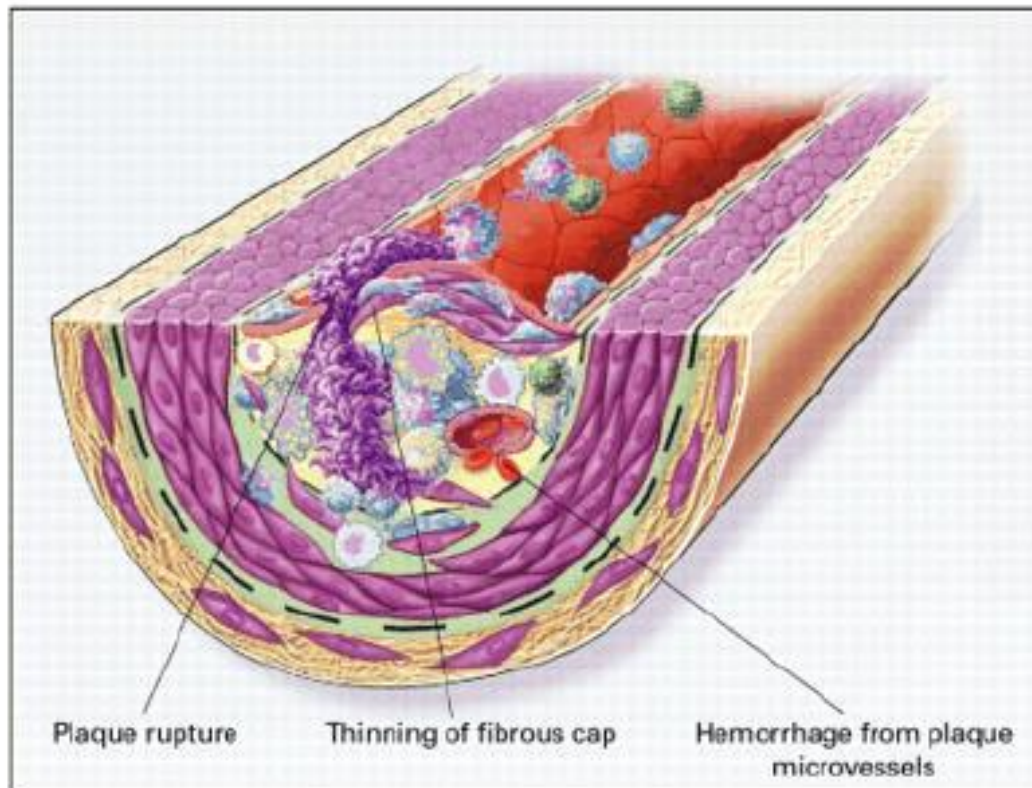
# The story of lipids

- ❑ Chylomicrons transport fats from the intestinal mucosa to the liver
- ❑ In the liver, VLDL released to blood stream to form LDL, IDL and LDL.
- ❑ LDL then carries fat and cholesterol to the body's cells. LDL receptors in Liver take the LDL to Liver.
- ❑ High-density lipoproteins (HDL) released from intestine and liver and carry fat and cholesterol from blood vessels to the liver.

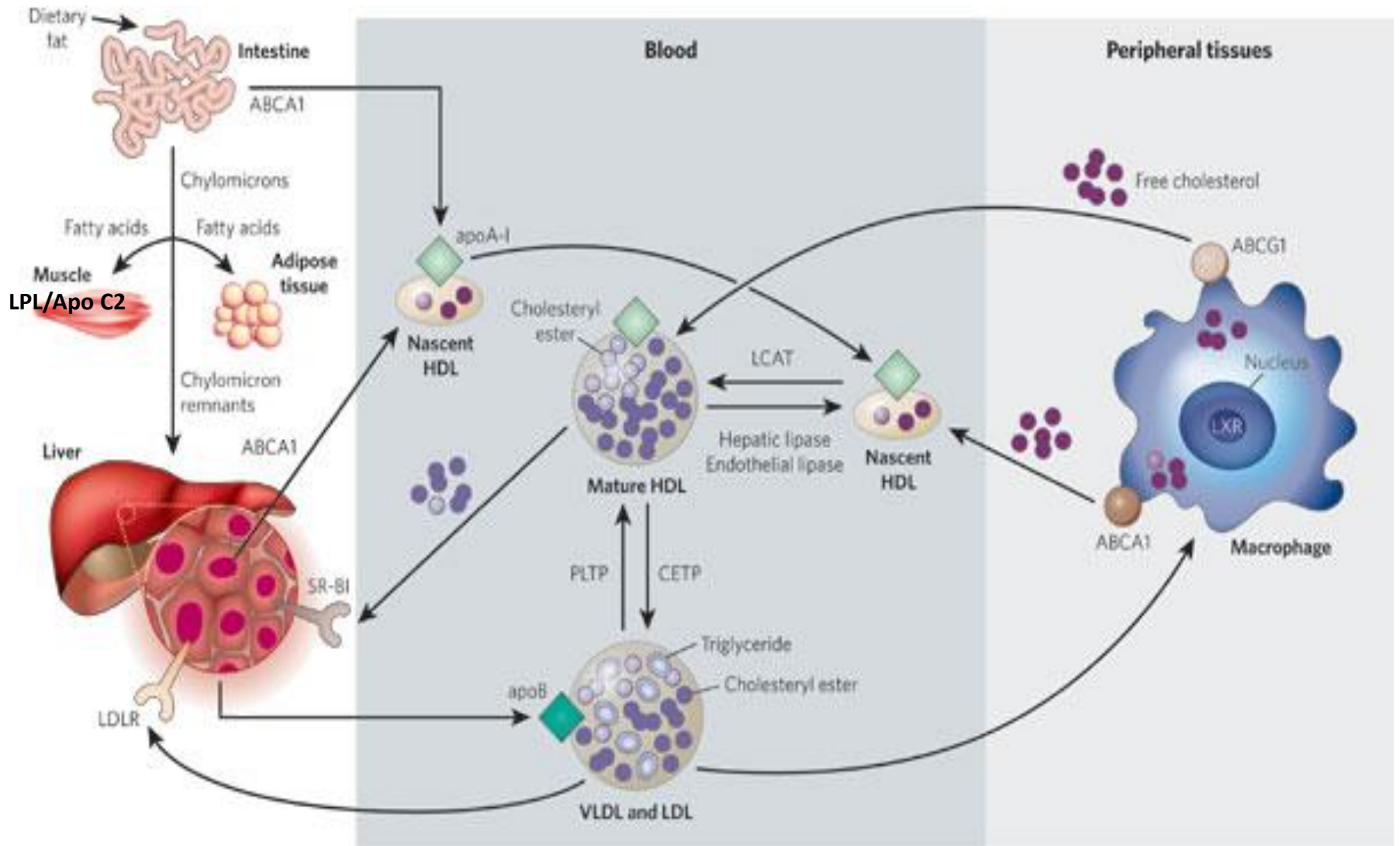
## The story of lipids (cont.)

- ❑ When oxidized LDL cholesterol gets high, atheroma formation in the walls of arteries occurs, which causes atherosclerosis.
- ❑ HDL cholesterol is able to go and remove cholesterol from the atheroma.
- ❑ Atherogenic cholesterol → LDL, VLDL, IDL

# Atherosclerosis

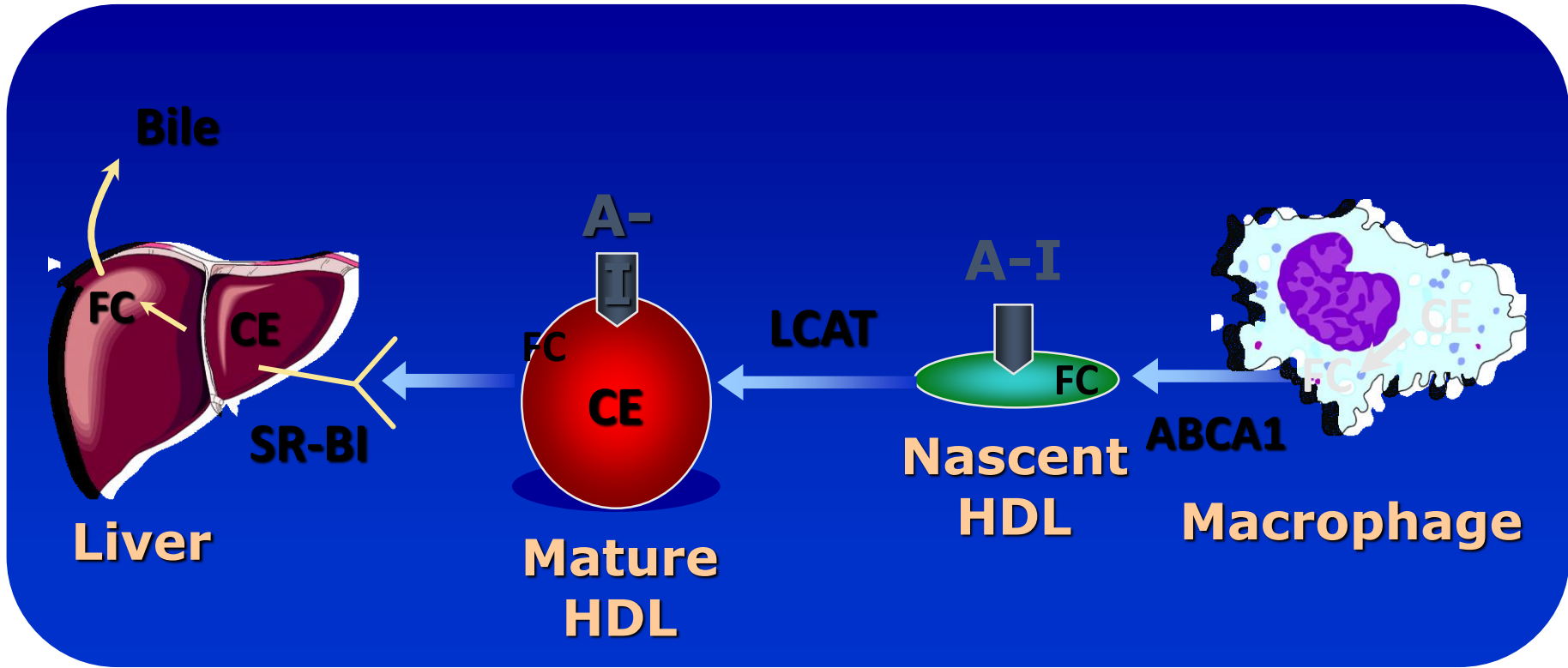


# Lipid Transport

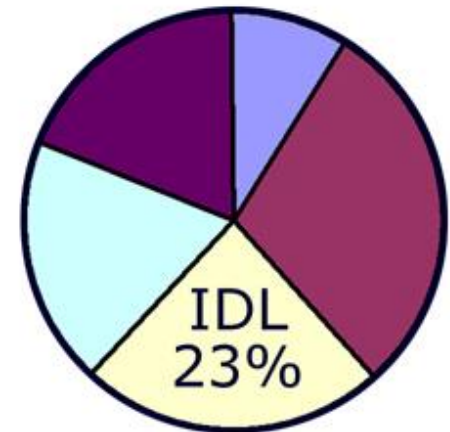
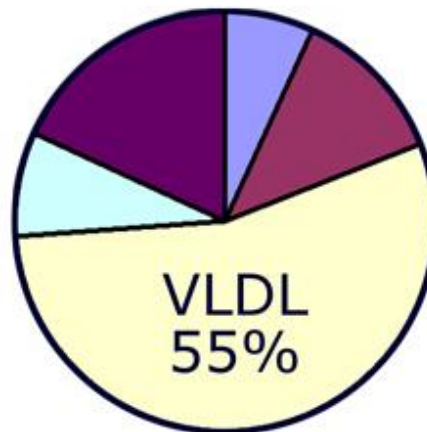
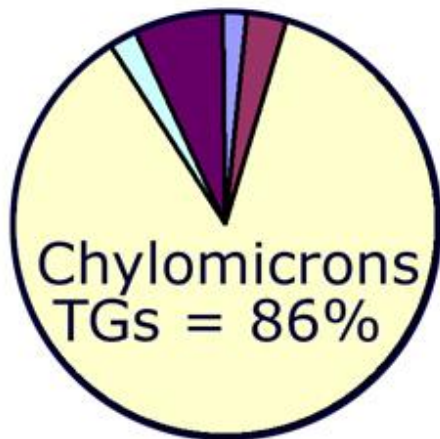




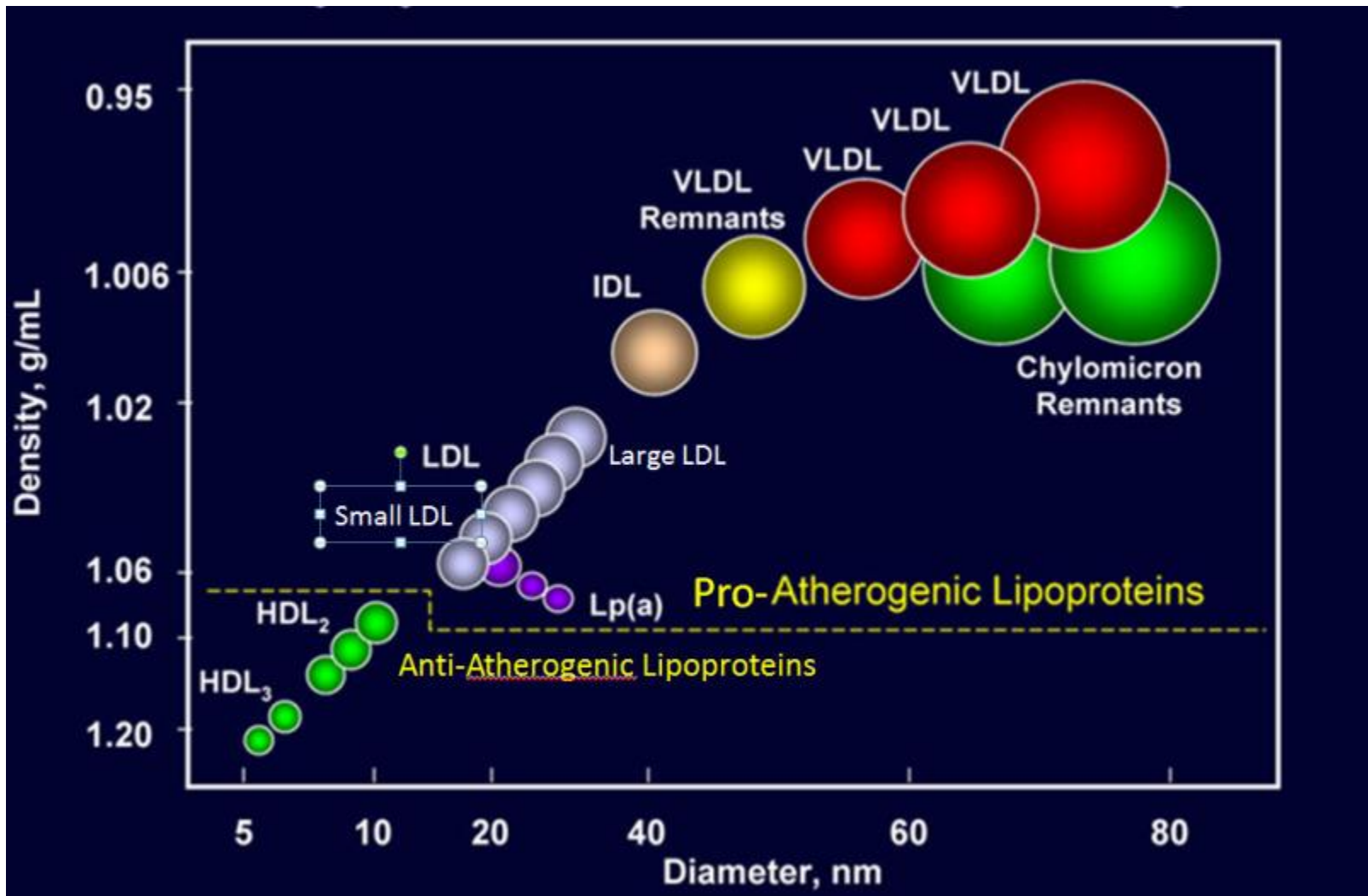
# HDL and Reverse Cholesterol Transport



## Composition of Triglyceride-Rich Lipoproteins (% dry mass)

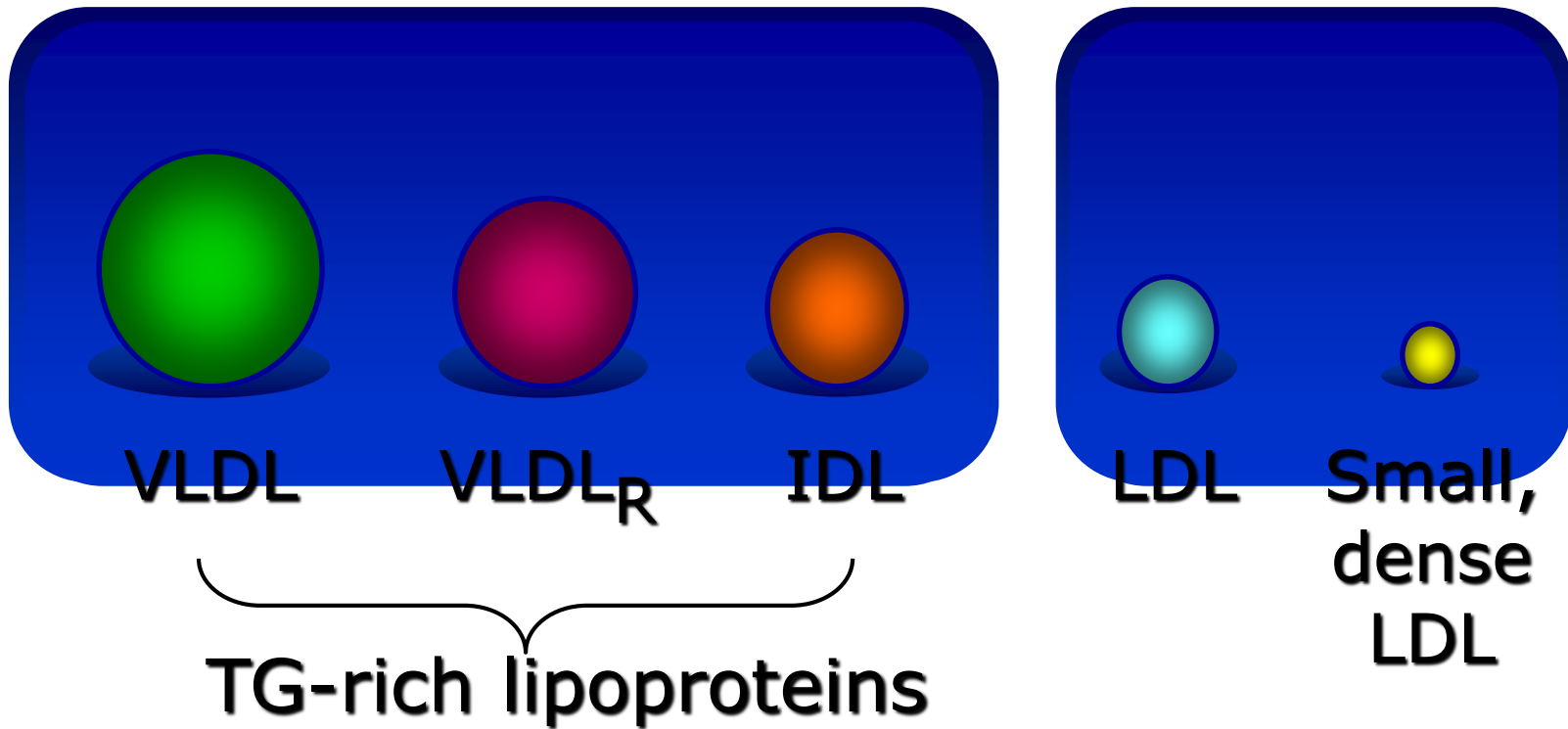


● Cholesterol    ● Cholesterol Ester    ● Triglycerides    ● Apolipoproteins    ● Phospholipids



# Atherogenic Particles

## MEASUREMENTS:





# Plasma lipoproteins

Type	Source	Major lipid	Apoproteins	ELFO	Atherogenicity
Chylomicrons	Gut	Dietary TGs	A-I, B-48, C-I, C-III, E	no mobility	- (pancreatitis)
VLDL	Liver	Endogenous TGs	B-100, E, C-II, C-III,	Pre- $\beta$	+
IDL	VLDL remnant	Ch esters, TGs	B-100, C-III, E	Slow pre- $\beta$	+
LDL	VLDL, IDL	Ch esters	B-100	$\beta$	+++
HDL	Gut, liver	Ch esters, PLs	A-I, A-II, C-II, C-III, D, E	$\alpha$	anti-atherogenic

# Hereditary Causes of Hyperlipidemia

## Familial Hypercholesterolemia

- Codominant genetic disorder, occurs in heterozygous form
- Occurs in 1 in 500 individuals
- Mutation in LDL receptor, resulting in elevated levels of LDL at birth and throughout life
- High risk for atherosclerosis, tendon xanthomas (75% of patients), tuberous xanthomas and xanthelasmas of eyes.

## Familial Combined Hyperlipidemia

- Autosomal dominant
- Increased secretions of VLDLs

## Dysbetalipoproteinemia

- Affects 1 in 10,000
- Results in apo E2, a binding-defective form of apoE (which usually plays important role in catabolism of chylomicron and VLDL)
- Increased risk for atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular disease
- Tuberous xanthomas, striae palmaris

# Physical findings



# Fredrickson classification of hyperlipidemias

Phenotype	Lipoprotein(s) elevated	Plasma cholesterol	Plasma TGs	Atherogenicity	Rel. freq.	Treatment
I	Chylomicrons	Norm. to ↑	↑↑↑↑	– pancreatitis	<1%	Diet control
IIa	LDL	↑↑	Norm.	+++	10%	Bile acid sequestrants, statins, niacin
IIb	LDL and VLDL	↑↑	↑↑	+++	40%	Statins, niacin, fibrates
III	IDL	↑↑	↑↑↑	+++	<1%	Fibrates
IV	VLDL	Norm. to ↑	↑↑	+	45%	Niacin, fibrates
V	VLDL and chylomicrons	↑ to ↑↑	↑↑↑↑	+ pancreatitis	5%	Niacin, fibrates



# Primary hypercholesterolemias

Disorder	Genetic defect	Inheritance	Prevalence	Clinical features
Familial hypercholesterolemia	LDL receptor	dominant	heteroz.: 1/500 5% of MIs <60 yr  homoz.: 1/1 million	premature CAD (ages 30–50) TC: 7-13 mM  CAD before age 18  TC > 13 mM
Familial defective apo B-100	apo B-100	dominant	1/700	premature CAD TC: 7-13 mM
Polygenic hypercholesterolemia	multiple defects and mechanisms	variable	common 10% of MIs <60 yr	premature CAD TC: 6.5-9 mM
Familial hyperalphalipoproteinemia	unknown	variable	rare	less CHD, longer life elevated HDL

# Primary hypertriglyceridemias

<b>Disorder</b>	<b>Genetic defect</b>	<b>Inheritance</b>	<b>Prevalence</b>	<b>Clinical features</b>
LPL deficiency	endothelial LPL	recessive	rare 1/1 million	hepatosplenomegaly abd. cramps, pancreatitis TG: > 8.5 mM
Apo C-II deficiency	Apo C-II	recessive	rare 1/1 million	abd. cramps, pancreatitis TG: > 8.5 mM
Familial hypertriglyceridemia	unknown enhanced hepatic TG-production	dominant	1/100	abd. cramps, pancreatitis TG: 2.3-6 mM

# Primary mixed hyperlipidemias

<b>Disorder</b>	<b>Genetic defect</b>	<b>Inheritance</b>	<b>Prevalence</b>	<b>Clinical features</b>
Familial dysbeta-lipoproteinemia	Apo E high VLDL, chylo.	recessive rarely dominant	1/5000	premature CAD TC: 6.5 -13 mM TG: 2.8 – 5.6 mM
Familial combined	unknown high Apo B-100	dominant	1/50 – 1/100 15% of MIs <60 yr	premature CAD TC: 6.5 -13 mM TG: 2.8 – 8.5 mM

# Causes of Hyperlipidemia

- Diet
- Hypothyroidism
- Nephrotic syndrome
- Anorexia nervosa
- Obstructive liver disease
- Obesity
- Diabetes mellitus
- Pregnancy
- Obstructive liver disease
- Acute hepatitis
- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- AIDS (protease inhibitors)

# Dietary sources of Cholesterol

Type of Fat	Main Source	Effect on Cholesterol levels
<b>Monounsaturated</b>	Olives, olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil, cashews, almonds, peanuts and most other nuts; avocados	Lowers LDL, Raises HDL
<b>Polyunsaturated</b>	Corn, soybean, safflower and cottonseed oil; fish	Lowers LDL, Raises HDL
<b>Saturated</b>	Whole milk, butter, cheese, and ice cream; red meat; chocolate; coconuts, coconut milk, coconut oil , egg yolks, chicken skin	Raises both LDL and HDL
<b>Trans</b>	Most margarines; vegetable shortening; partially hydrogenated vegetable oil; deep-fried chips; many fast foods; most commercial baked goods	Raises LDL



# Secondary hyperlipidemias

Disorder	VLDL	LDL	HDL	Mechanism
<b>Diabetes mellitus</b>	↑↑↑	↑	↓	<b>VLDL production ↑, LPL ↓, altered LDL</b>
<b>Hypothyroidism</b>	↑	↑↑↑	↓	<b>LDL-rec. ↓, LPL ↓</b>
<b>Obesity</b>	↑↑	↑	↓	<b>VLDL production ↑</b>
<b>Anorexia</b>	-	↑↑	-	<b>bile secretion ↓, LDL catab. ↓</b>
<b>Nephrotic sy</b>	↑↑	↑↑↑	↓	<b>Apo B-100 ↑ LPL ↓ LDL-rec. ↓</b>
<b>Uremia, dialysis</b>	↑↑↑	-	↓	<b>LPL ↓, HTGL ↓ (inhibitors ↑)</b>
<b>Pregnancy</b>	↑↑	↑↑	↑	<b>oestrogen ↑ VLDL production ↑, LPL ↓</b>
<b>Biliary obstruction PBC</b>	-	-	↓	<b>Lp-X ↑↑ no CAD; xanthomas</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	↑↑ <b>chylomicr. ↑</b>	-	↑	<b>dep. on dose, diet, genetics</b>

# When to check lipid panel

- **Different Recommendations**

- Adult Treatment Panel (ATP III) of the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP)
  - Beginning at age 20: obtain a fasting (9 to 12 hour) serum lipid profile consisting of total cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides
  - Repeat testing every 5 years for acceptable values

## **United States Preventative Services Task Force**

- Women aged 45 years and older, and men ages 35 years and older undergo screening with a total and HDL cholesterol every 5 years.
- If total cholesterol  $> 200$  or HDL  $< 40$ , then a fasting panel should be obtained
- Cholesterol screening should begin at 20 years in patients with a history of multiple cardiovascular risk factors, diabetes, or family history of either elevated cholesterol levels or premature cardiovascular disease.

# Treatment

## Targets

- LDL: To prevent coronary heart disease outcomes (myocardial infarction and coronary death)
- Non LDL( TC/HDL): To prevent coronary heart disease outcomes (myocardial infarction and coronary death)
- Triglyceride: To prevent **pancreatitis** and may be coronary heart disease outcomes (myocardial infarction and coronary death)

**Heart-healthy lifestyle habits are the foundation of ASCVD prevention**  
(See 2013 AHA/ACC Lifestyle Management Guideline)

Age  $\geq 21$  y and a candidate for statin therapy

**Clinical ASCVD**

Age  $\leq 75$  y  
**High-intensity statin**  
(Moderate-intensity statin if not candidate for high-intensity statin)

Age  $> 75$  y **OR** if not candidate for high-intensity statin  
**Moderate-intensity statin**

**Definitions of High- and Moderate-Intensity Statin Therapy\***  
(See Table 5)

**High**  
Daily dose lowers LDL-C by approx.  $\geq 50\%$

**Moderate**  
Daily dose lowers LDL-C by approx. 30% to  $< 50\%$

**LDL-C  $\geq 190$  mg/dL**

**High-intensity statin**  
(Moderate-intensity statin if not candidate for high-intensity statin)

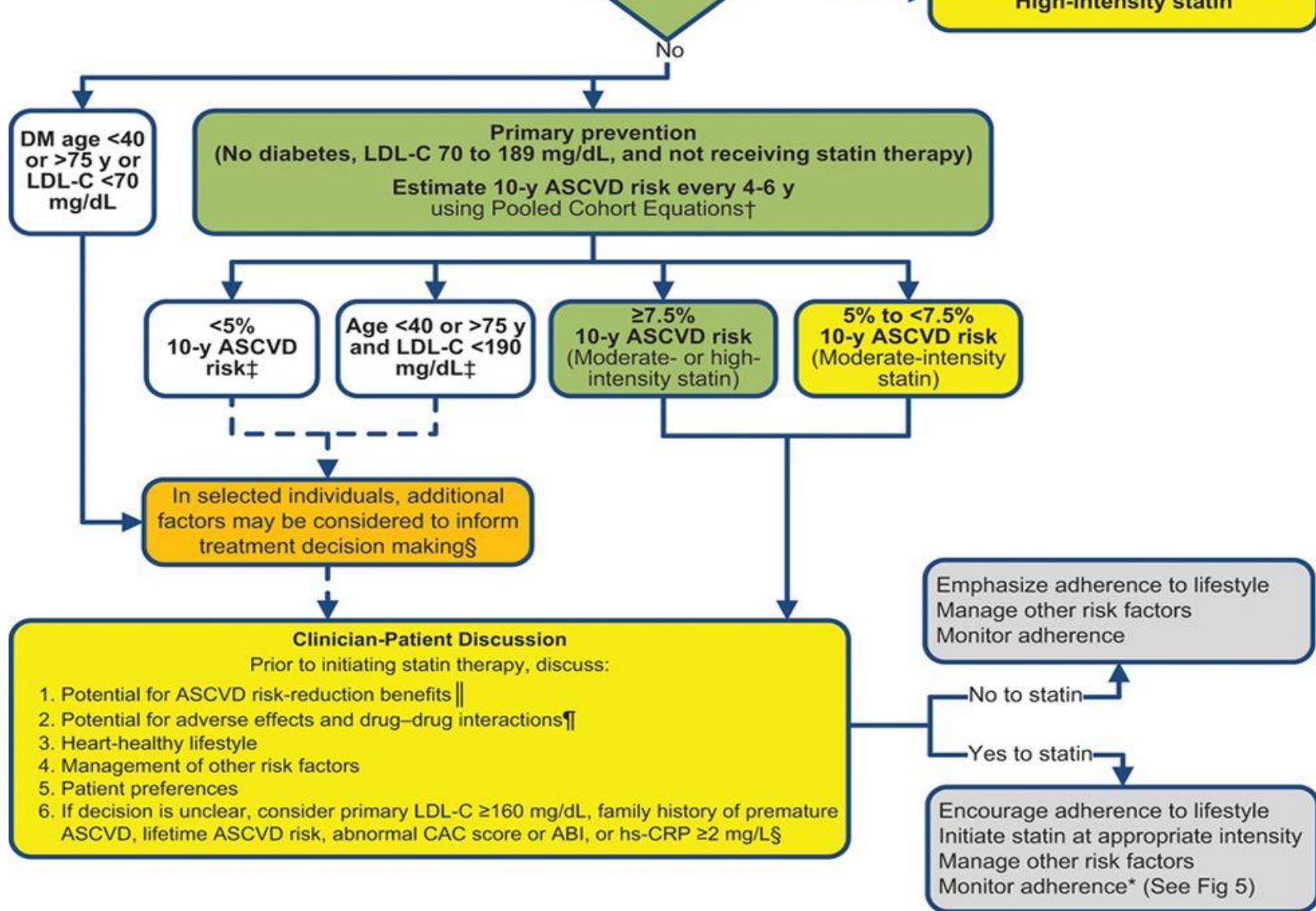
**Regularly monitor adherence to lifestyle and drug therapy with lipid and safety assessments**  
(See Fig 5)

**Diabetes**  
LDL-C 70-189 mg/dL  
Age 40-75 y

**Moderate-intensity statin**

Estimated 10-y ASCVD risk  $\geq 7.5\%$ †  
**High-intensity statin**





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# Guideline of therapy

Age	Risk Factors	Statin Intensity*
>29 Age	ASCVD	High
>29 years	LDL >190 mg/dl (4.9 mmol/l)	High
NO DM LDL <190	estimate 10-year risk for ASCVD <5%	No
	estimate 10-year risk for ASCVD 5-7.5%	Moderate
	estimate 10-year risk for ASCVD >7.5%	High

# Estimate 10-year risk for ASCVD

<http://tools.acc.org/ASCVD-Risk-Estimator-Plus/#!/calculate/estimate/>

AGE

SBP/DBP

T cholesterol

HDL

LDL

DM

Smoking

On Anti HTN

On statin

On aspirin

# Estimate 10-year risk for ASCVD



ASCVD Risk Estimator Plus

Estimate Risk

Therapy Impact

Advice



Current Age ⓘ \*

Age must be between 20-79

Sex \*

Male

Female

Race \*

White

African American

Other

Systolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg) \*

Value must be between 90-200

Diastolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg) ○

Value must be between 60-130

Total Cholesterol (mg/dL) \*

Value must be between 130 - 320

HDL Cholesterol (mg/dL) \*

Value must be between 20 - 100

LDL Cholesterol (mg/dL) ⓘ ○

Value must be between 30-300

History of Diabetes? \*

Yes

No

Smoker: ⓘ \*

Yes

Former

No

On Hypertension Treatment? \*

Yes

No

On a Statin? ⓘ ○

Yes

No

On Aspirin Therapy? ⓘ ○

Yes

No

# Recommendations in DM

Age	Risk Factors	Statin Intensity*
<40 years	None	None
	ASCVD risk factor(s)	Moderate or high
	ASCVD	High
40–75 years	None	Moderate
	ASCVD risk factors	High
	ACS & LDL $\geq$ 50 or in patients with history of ASCVD who can't tolerate high dose statin	Moderate + ezetimibe
>75 years	None	Moderate
	ASCVD risk factors	Moderate or high
	ASCVD	High
	ACS & LDL $\geq$ 50 or in patients with history of ASCVD who can't tolerate high dose statin	Moderate + ezetimibe

# Statin Treatment

High-Intensity Statin Therapy	Moderate-Intensity Statin Therapy	Low-Intensity Statin Therapy
<p>Daily dose lowers LDL-C, on average, by approximately <math>\geq 50\%</math></p> <p>Atorvastatin (40†)-80 mg Rosuvastatin 20 (40) mg</p>	<p>Daily dose lowers LDL-C, on average, by approximately 30% to <math>&lt; 50\%</math></p> <p>Atorvastatin 10 (20 ) mg Rosuvastatin (5 ) 10 mg Simvastatin 20-40 mg‡ Pravastatin 40 (80 ) mg Lovastatin 40 mg Fluvastatin XL 80 mg Fluvastatin 40 mg BID Pitavastatin 2-4 mg</p>	<p>Daily dose lowers LDL-C, on average, by <math>&lt; 30\%</math></p> <p>Simvastatin 10 mg Pravastatin 10-20 mg Lovastatin 20 mg Fluvastatin 20-40 mg Pitavastatin 1 mg</p>

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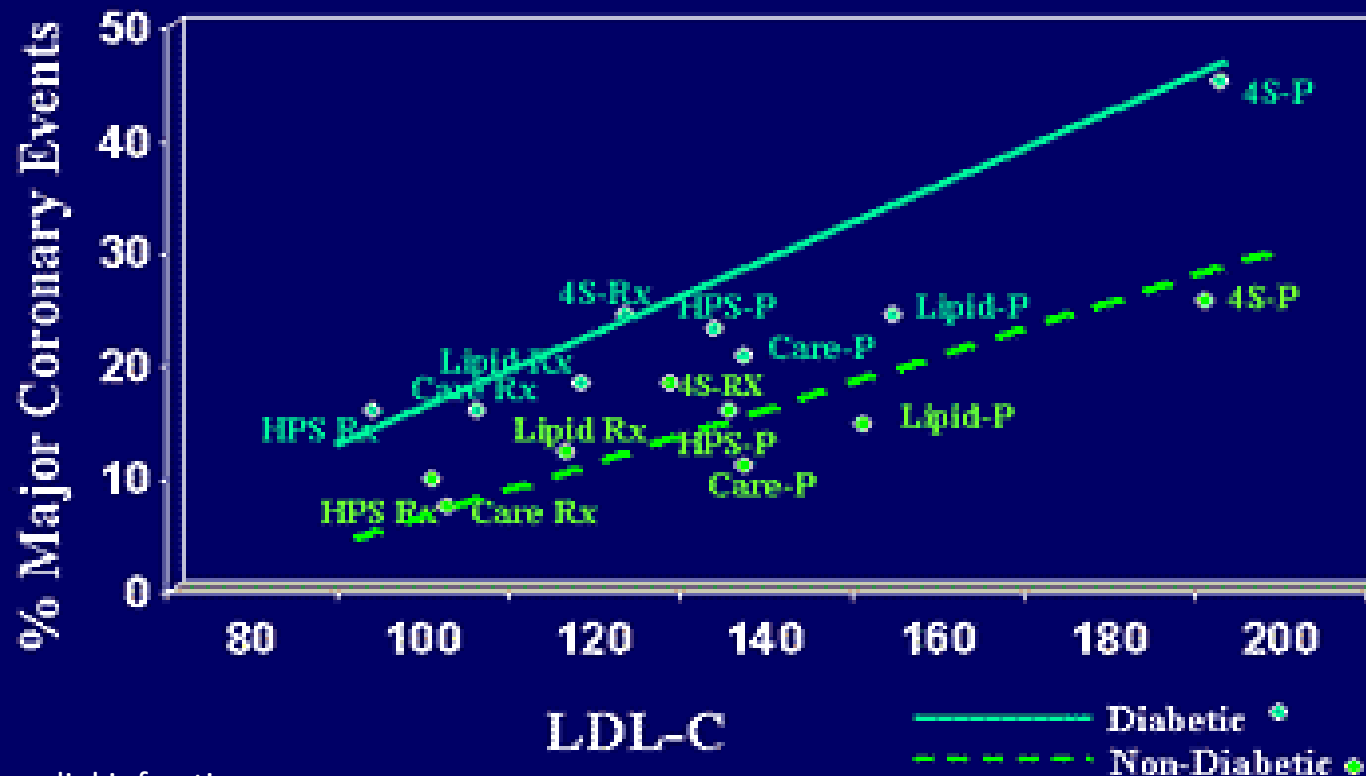
- Lifestyle modification
  - Low-cholesterol diet
  - Exercise
  - Smoking
  - Alcohol



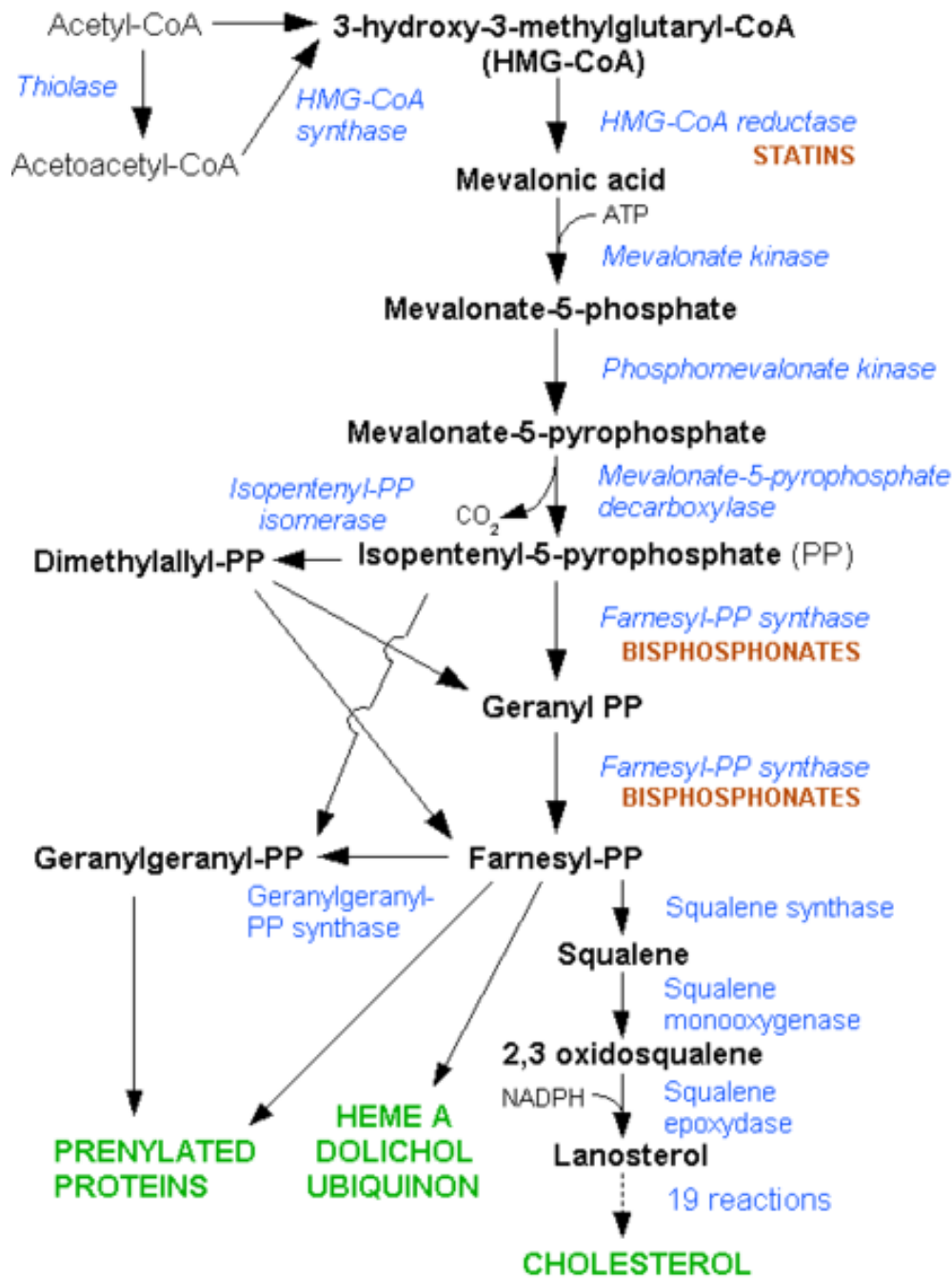
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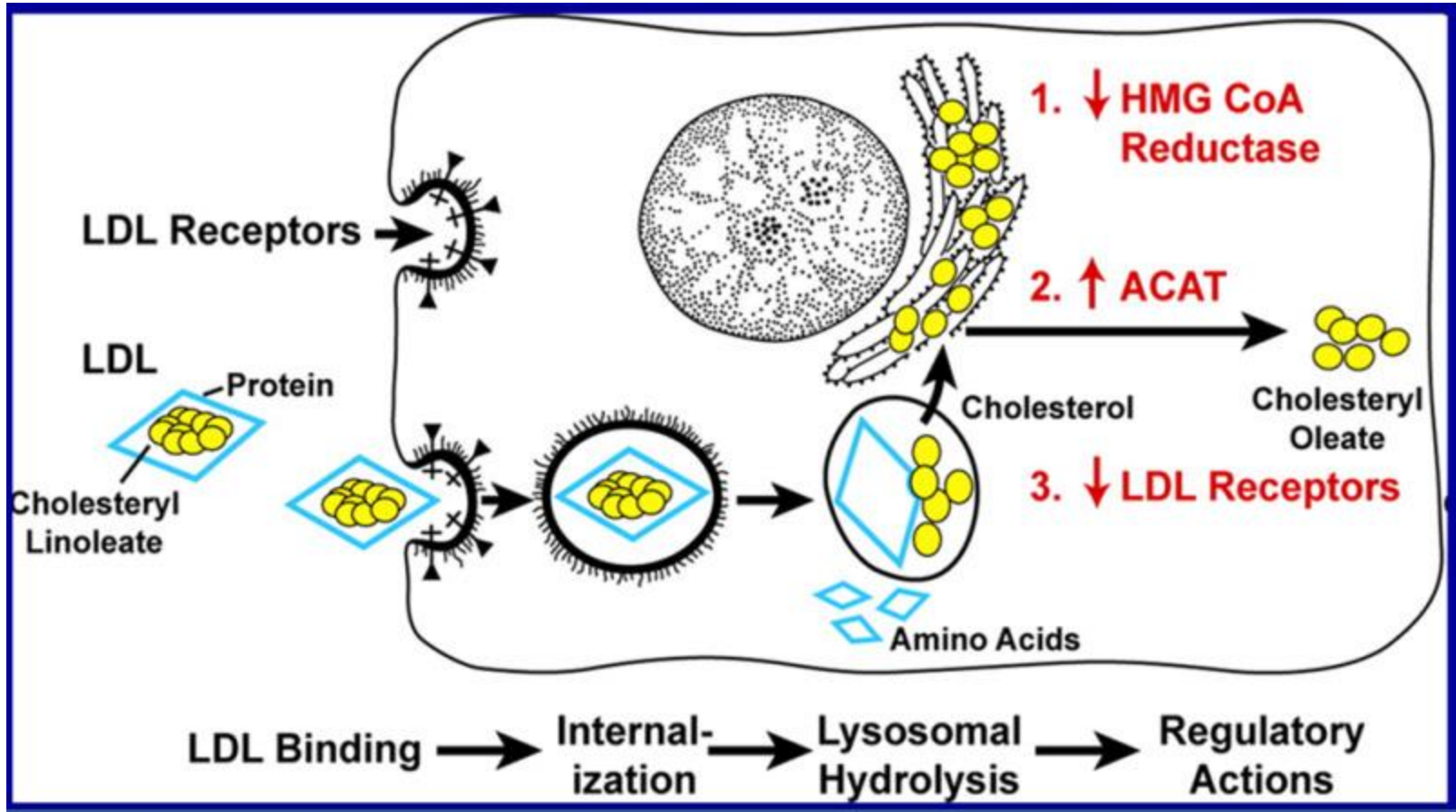
<u><i>Drug Class</i></u>	<u><i>Agents</i></u>	<u><i>Effects (% change)</i></u>	<u><i>Side Effects</i></u>
HMG CoA reductase inhibitors	Statins	↓LDL (18-55), ↑HDL (5-15) ↓ Triglycerides (7-30)	Myopathy, increased liver enzymes
Cholesterol absorption inhibitor	Ezetimibe	↓ LDL( 14-18), ↑ HDL (1-3) ↓Triglyceride (2)	Headache, GI distress
Nicotinic Acid		↓LDL (15-30), ↑ HDL (15-35) ↓ Triglyceride (20-50)	Flushing, Hyperglycemia, Hyperuricemia, GI distress, hepatotoxicity
Fibric Acids	Gemfibrozil Fenofibrate	↓LDL (5-20), ↑HDL (10-20) ↓Triglyceride (20-50)	Dyspepsia, gallstones, myopathy
Bile Acid sequestrants	Cholestyramine	↓ LDL ↑ HDL No change in triglycerides	GI distress, constipation, decreased absorption of other drugs
PCSK9	Evolocumab Alirocumab	↓ LDL (50-60%)	injection-site reactions, muscle pain, neurocognitive adverse events. These included memory impairment and confusion

# Statin Risk Reduction in Diabetic Patients and Non-Diabetic Patients

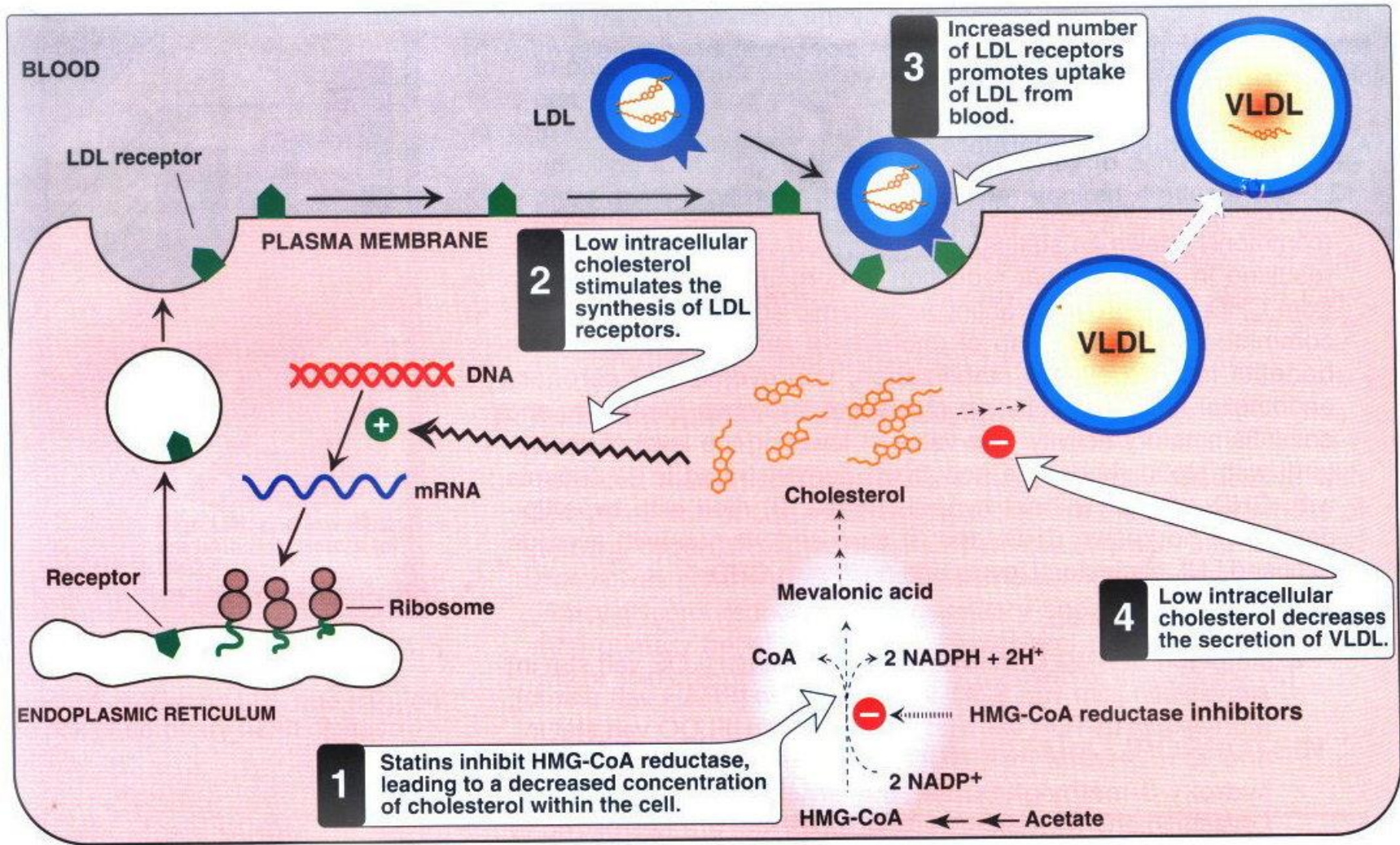


MI = myocardial infarction.









**Figure 21.5**  
Inhibition of HMG-CoA reductase by the statin drugs.

**Table 1: Assessment and action strategies for elevated plasma triglyceride concentrations [TG]**

[TG], mmol/L	Step	Action and comments	Retest interval, mo*
< 2		Continue current management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reassess lipid profile regularly, to ensure that [LDL-C] is at target</li> </ul>	6-12
≥ 2, < 5	1.	Therapeutic lifestyle measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weight control</li> <li>• Reduce dietary fat, simple sugars</li> <li>• Reduce alcohol intake</li> <li>• Increase physical activity</li> </ul> Reassess lipid profile regularly, to ensure that [LDL-C] is at target	3-6
	2.	Manage other secondary factors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control glycemia, if diabetic</li> <li>• Reassess medications; consider lipid-neutral alternatives</li> </ul>	
	3.	Consider pharmacologic treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intensify LDL-lowering (e.g., statin therapy)</li> <li>• Fish oil (omega-3 fatty acid)</li> <li>• Niacin (e.g., extended release)</li> </ul>	



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≥ 5, < 10	<p>4. Intensify steps 1-3, above</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [LDL-C] cannot be estimated when [triglycerides] &gt; 5 mmol/L</li> <li>• Apolipoprotein B determination might be helpful</li> </ul>	2-3
	<p>5. Consider fibrate therapy, e.g.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bezafibrate (Bezalip) 400 mg/d</li> <li>• Fenofibrate               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Lipidil micro 200 mg/d</li> <li>– Lipidil supra 160 mg/d</li> <li>– Lipidil EZ 145 mg/d</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Gemfibrozil (Lopid) 600-1200 mg/d</li> </ul>	
≥ 10	<p>6. Further intensify steps 1-3</p> <p>With acute pancreatitis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very-low-fat diet (10%-15% of energy intake)</li> <li>• Cessation of alcohol</li> <li>• Insulin, if indicated for glycemic control</li> <li>• Admit patient to hospital               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Nothing by mouth: IV fluid replacement</li> <li>– Plasma exchange is unhelpful</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1-2
	<p>7. Initiate fibrate therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor serum [creatinine]</li> </ul>	
	<p>8. Consider specialist referral</p>	

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