

# Harmonized Lipid Profile Assessment and Interpretation in Canada

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# Outline

- Introduce CSCC Reference Interval Harmonization Working Group
- Reference intervals vs. decision limits
- Assess differences in lipid reporting among laboratories
- Harmonization of clinical decision limits
- Introduce the Canadian harmonized lipid reporting recommendations
  - Discuss various national cardiovascular risk assessment guidelines and origin of decision limits
- Assess decision limits with flagging rates (Alberta population)



# CSCC Reference Interval Harmonization (hRI) Working Group

*Goal: To develop evidence-based harmonized reference interval recommendations and support their implementation in laboratories across the country*

**Objective 1:** Review adult and pediatric RIs currently in use in clinical laboratories across Canada

**Objective 2:** Assess the available evidence on RIs obtained in a priori studies of healthy populations

**Objective 3:** Develop appropriate recommendations and guidelines on the use of harmonized RIs across Canada

# Variation in RIs across Canada

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Analytical

## National Survey of Adult and Pediatric Reference Intervals in Clinical Laboratories across Canada: A Report of the CSCC Working Group on Reference Interval Harmonization



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- 37 laboratories reported RIs for 7 analytes (ALT, ALP, calcium, creatinine, FT4, hemoglobin, sodium)
- 40 laboratories measured 6 analytes (all except hemoglobin) in reference samples
- High variation in reported RIs, even between laboratories using the same instrumentation, and was higher in pediatrics
- RI variation was greater than test result variation for the majority of analytes

# Next Steps for the CSCC hRI WG

## Create focus groups:

1. Electrolytes (sodium, potassium, chloride, total CO<sub>2</sub>, magnesium)
2. Renal function (creatinine, calcium, phosphorus)
3. Hepatic function (ALT, ALP, albumin, total protein, total bilirubin, LDH)
4. Endocrinology (glucose, HbA1c, TSH, FT4, FT3)
5. Lipids (total cholesterol, LDL-C, HDL-C, triglycerides, non-HDL-C)

# Reference Intervals for Lipid Parameters

## Adults

Study	Triglycerides		Total Cholesterol		HDL-Cholesterol		LDL-Cholesterol		Apolipoprotein B	
	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (g/L)
CHMS (serum)	18-29 M/F	0.4-2.1	18-19 M/F	2.6-4.7	18-79 M	0.8-1.8	18-24 M/F	1.2-3.7	18-29 M/F	0.4-1.1
	30-79 M	0.5-3.4	20-29 M/F	3.0-5.9	18-79 F	0.9-2.3	25-49 M	1.6-4.9	30-79 M/F	0.6-1.4
	30-79 F	0.4-2.4	30-39 M/F	3.8-6.9			25-49 F	1.3-4.6		
			40-79 M/F	3.6-7.1			50-79 M/F	1.9-4.9		
NORIP (serum)	18-80 M/F	0.45-2.60	18-29 M/F	2.9-6.1	18-80 M	0.8-2.1	18-29 M/F	1.2-4.3		
			30-49 M/F	3.3-6.9	18-80 F	1.0-2.7	30-49 M/F	1.4-4.7		
			50-80 M/F	3.9-7.8			50-80 M/F	2.0-5.3		
Turkey (serum)	20-79 M	0.53-3.39	20-79 M	3.20-6.42	20-79 M	0.85-1.52	20-79 M	1.60-4.01		
	20-50 F	0.46-2.52	20-50 F	3.20-6.38	20-79 F	0.95-1.56	20-50 F	1.32-3.92		
	50-79 F	0.64-3.55	50-79 F	3.93-7.92			50-79 F	1.78-4.91		

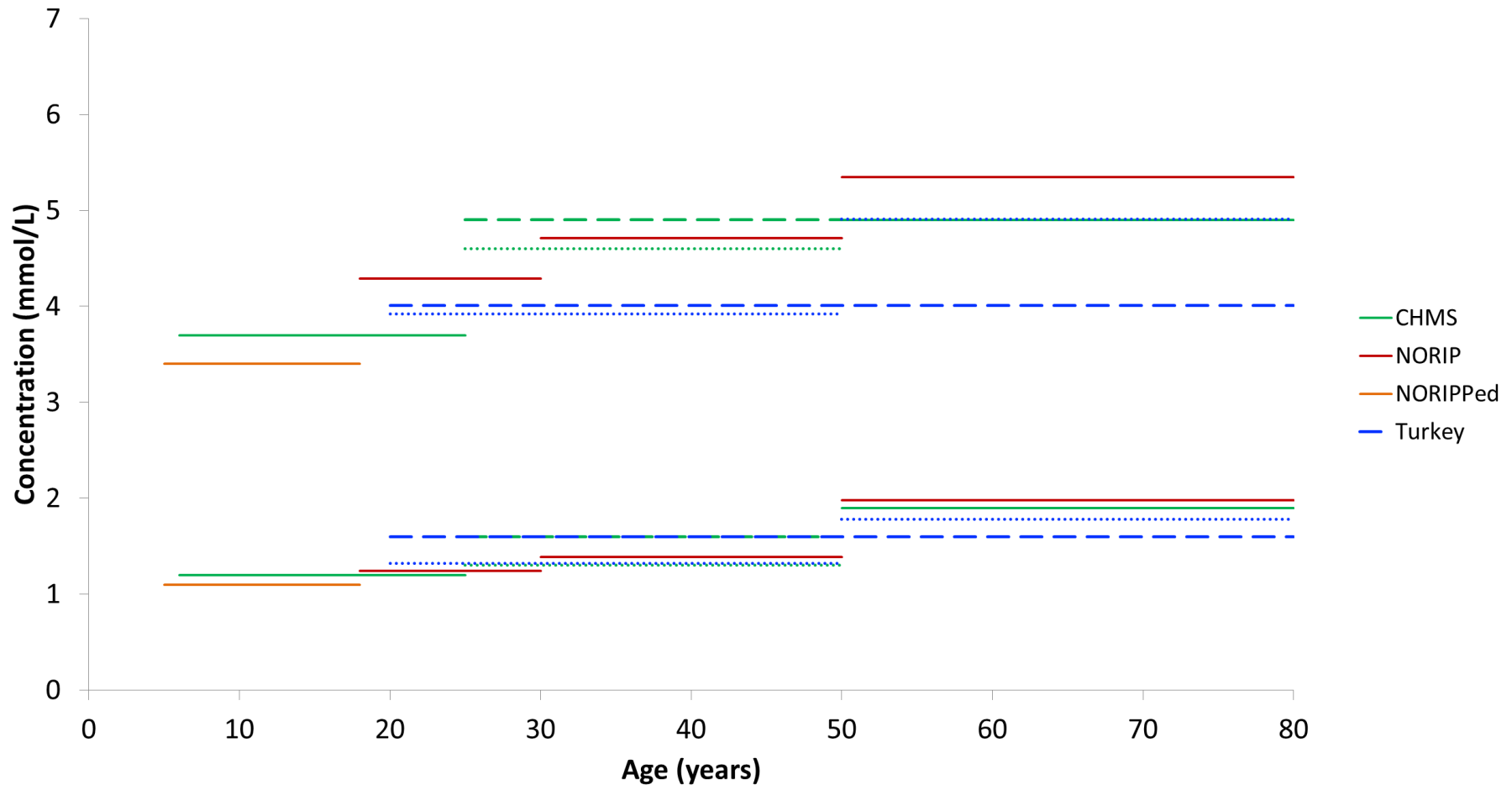
## Pediatrics

Study	Triglycerides		Total Cholesterol		HDL-Cholesterol		LDL-Cholesterol		Apolipoprotein B	
	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (mmol/L)	Age (yrs) /Sex	RI (g/L)
CHMS (serum)	6-18 M/F	0.4-2.1	3-5 M/F	3.1-5.6	3-5 M/F	0.8-1.9	6-18 M/F	1.2-3.7	6-13 M/F	0.5-1.0
			6-15 M/F	3.0-5.3	6-14 M/F	0.9-2.1			14-18 M/F	0.4-1.1
			16-18 M/F	2.6-4.7	15-18 M	0.8-1.8				
					15-18 F	0.9-2.3				
CALIPER (serum)	0-14d M/F	0.93-2.93	0-14d M	1.10-2.82	0-14d M/F	0.40-1.08			0-14d M	0.62-0.91
	15d-<1 M/F	0.60-2.92	0-14d F	1.20-3.23	15d-<1 M/F	0.30-1.85			0-14d F	0.71-0.97
	1-18 M/F	0.50-2.23	15d-<1 M/F	1.66-6.13	1-<4 M/F	0.84-1.63			15d-<1 M/F	0.53-1.75
			1-18 M/F	2.90-5.40	4-<13 M/F	0.92-1.88			1-<14 M/F	0.80-1.64
					13-18 M	0.82-1.77			14-18 M/F	0.72-1.54
NORIP Ped (plasma)	5-10 M	0.34-1.58	5-18 M/F	2.7-5.5	5-13 M/F	1.0-2.3	5-18 M/F	1.1-3.4		
	11-18 M	0.34-2.54			14-18 M	0.8-2.0				
	5-18 F	0.34-1.95			14-18 F	1.0-2.3				

# Reference Intervals for Lipid Parameters

*Example: LDL-C*

**LDL-C Reference Intervals**





# Reference Intervals (RIs) vs. Decision Limits (DLs)

*RIs and DLs are often listed in the same column on reports, which can confuse the basis of terminology and the distinction between the two*

**Reference Intervals:** The range of laboratory test results expected in a healthy reference population (commonly defined as the 2.5<sup>th</sup> and 97.5<sup>th</sup> percentiles)

**Decision Limits:** Threshold values, in which values exceeding or falling below the threshold indicating the patient is at a significantly higher risk of a clinical outcome or satisfies criteria for diagnosis of a specific disease

“When decision limits determined by national or worldwide consensus exist, these limits, rather than reference intervals should be reported” –

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# Variability in Canadian Lipid Reports

## Example 1

CODES	TEST DESCRIPTION	RESULTS	REFERENCE RANGE	OUTSIDE NORMAL LIMITS
C H E M I S T R Y				
	HOURS FASTING	12.	hours	
	CHOLESTEROL	2.05	DESIRED: < 5.20 mmol/L	
	Patient's age not given. Interpretation based on adult values.			
	TRIGLYCERIDES	1.00	< 1.70 mmol/L	
	Patient's age not given. Interpretation based on adult values.			
	HDL CHOLESTEROL	0.98	M: >=1.00 mmol/L F: >=1.30 mmol/L	0.98
	Age / sex not given. Interpretation based on adult values.			
	LDL CHOLESTEROL CALC.	0.61	mmol/L	0.61
	NON-HDL-CHOLESTEROL (CALC)	1.07	mmol/L	
	Non HDL-cholesterol is calculated from total cholesterol and HDL-cholesterol and is not affected by the fasting status of the patient.			
	Treatment thresholds and targets based on 2016 CCS guidelines:			

Category	Consider initiating therapy if	Treatment target
Primary prevention	High FRS ( $\geq 20\%$ ); or Intermediate FRS (10-19%) and LDL-C $\geq 3.5$ mmol/L; or non-HDL-C $\geq 4.30$ mmol/L; or ApoB $\geq 1.20$ g/L; or men $\geq 50$ and women $\geq 60$ y with $\geq 1$ additional CVD risk factor	LDL-C $< 2.00$ mmol/L or $> 50\%$ decrease; or ApoB $< 0.80$ g/L; or non-HDL-C $< 2.60$ mmol/L
Statin indicated conditions	Clinical atherosclerosis*; abdominal aortic aneurysm; diabetes mellitus (DM) and age $\geq 40$ y or $\geq 30$ y with 15 years duration (DM1); DM with microvascular disease; chronic kidney disease (age $\geq 50$ years)	LDL-C $< 2.00$ mmol/L or $> 50\%$ decrease; or ApoB $< 0.80$ g/L; or non-HDL-C $< 2.60$ mmol/L
Low-risk	LDL-C $\geq 5.00$ mmol/L	LDL-C $> 50\%$ decrease

\*Consider target of LDL-C  $< 1.8$  mmol/L for subjects with ACS  $\leq 3$  months.

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# Variability in Canadian Lipid Reports

## Example 2

Cholesterol	4.65	2.00--5.19	mmol/L
Triglyceride	1.26	<2.21	mmol/L
HDL-Cholesterol	2.07	>1.19	mmol/L
CHOL:HDL Ratio	2.25	<4.4	
Non HDL-Cholesterol	2.58		mmol/L

Non HDL-cholesterol is calculated from total cholesterol and HDL-C and is not affected by the fasting status of the patient. The optimal non HDL-cholesterol level for intermediate and high risk individuals is  $\leq 2.60$  mmol/L. See Can J Cardiol 2013 vol 29 pgs 151 to 167.

LDL Cholesterol

2.01 ✓ 1.50--3.40 mmol/L

The optimal LDL cholesterol level for intermediate and high risk individuals is  $\leq 2.00$  mmol/L. If triglycerides are  $\Rightarrow 1.50$  mmol/L, consider monitoring of alternate lipid targets non HDL-cholesterol or apoB. For low risk individuals with LDL cholesterol  $\Rightarrow 5.00$  mmol/L, target reduction of LDL cholesterol  $\Rightarrow 50$  percent. See Can J Cardiol 2013 vol 29 pgs 151 to 167.

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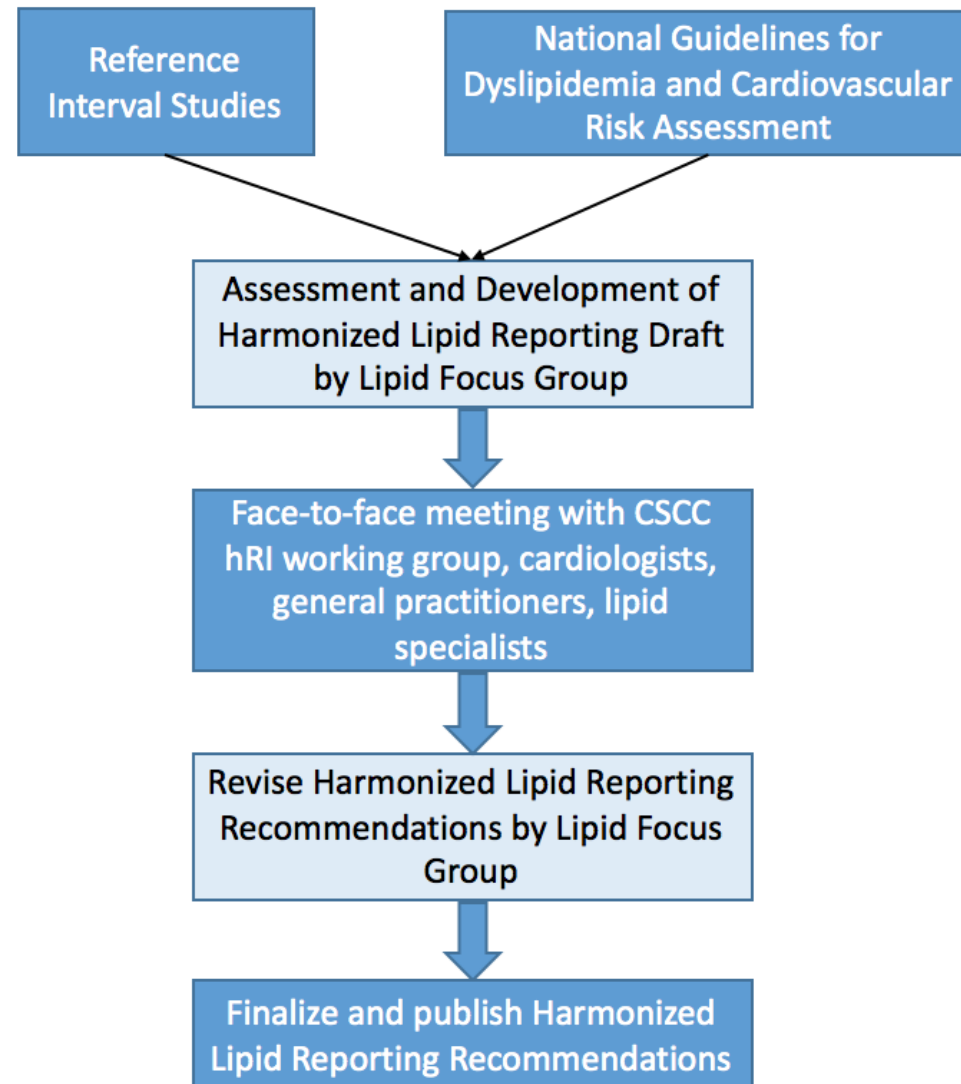
# Variability in Canadian Lipid Reports

Lipid Parameter	Units	Laboratory 1	Laboratory 2	Laboratory 3	Laboratory 4	Laboratory 5	Laboratory 6	Laboratory 7
<b>Total Cholesterol</b>	mmol/L	<5.20	No flag	2.00 – 5.19	<5.20	No flag	No flag	<5.0
<b>Triglycerides</b>	mmol/L	<1.70	No flag	<2.21	<1.50	0.00- 1.7	0.00- 1.7	Fasting: <1.7 Non-fasting: <2.0 Flag at ≥1.7
<b>LDL-C (Calc)</b>	mmol/L	No flag	No flag	1.50 – 3.40 <i>Comment</i>	<3.40 <i>Comment</i>	0.0- 3.4 mmol/L	No flag	<3.50 <i>Comment</i>
<b>HDL-C</b>	mmol/L	Males: ≥1.00 Females: ≥1.30	No flag	>1.19	>0.90	No flag	No flag	Males: >1.00 Females: >1.30
<b>Non-HDL-C</b>	mmol/L	No flag <i>Comment</i>	No flag <i>Comment</i>	No flag <i>Comment</i>	No flag <i>Comment</i>	0.0- 4.2 mmol/L	No flag	<4.3 <i>Comment</i>
<b>Fasting</b>	(hours since last meal)	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded as fasting or non-fasting*	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded
<b>TC/HDL Ratio</b>		Reported, No flag	Reported, <i>Comment</i>	<4.4	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported
<b>Interpretation</b>		Interpretative comment	Interpretative comment			Interpretative comment	Interpretative comment	

# Important Considerations for Harmonizing Clinical Decision Limits

- Method standardization and performance
  - Rather than requiring *de novo* establishment or verification of RIs, when adopting decision limits, reported values must not appreciably differ from those reported by a certified reference laboratory
- Harmonizing pre-analytical factors
  - Fasting vs. non-fasting
  - Seasonal variation
- Biological Variation
  - Index of individuality (II) is low for lipids
  - High RCV (e.g. 18% for cholesterol)

# Process of establishing recommendations for harmonized lipid reporting in Canada



## **Society Guidelines**

# **2016 Canadian Cardiovascular Society Guidelines for the Management of Dyslipidemia for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in the Adult**

### **Key Changes from 2012 Guidelines/Highlights:**

- Lipid screening for men and women  $\geq 40$  years of age
- Risk assessment with FRS to determine risk category
- CLEM to calculate cardiovascular age as alternative approach
- LDL-C as primary, non-HDL-C or apoB as alternative targets
- Nonfasting lipid determination recommended as a suitable alternative to fasting levels

## Society Guidelines

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### Screening:

- Men and women  $\geq 40$  years of age
  - Earlier in South Asians, First Nations, those with CV risk factors (e.g. diabetes, hypertension, smoking, obesity)
- Fasting or non-fasting lipid panel (TC, LDL-C, HDL-C, TG, non-HDL-C), glucose, eGFR
  - Optional: apoB, urine albumin:creatinine ratio (if eGFR  $<60\text{mL/min/1.73m}^2$ , hypertensive, or diabetic)



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### **Risk Assessment:**

- Cardiovascular age calculated using CLEM
- 10-year risk assessment using modified FRS (includes age, TC, HDL-C, systolic blood pressure, diabetes, smoking status, family history premature CVD)
  - Low Risk (LR, <10%) – pharmacotherapy not indicated
  - Intermediate Risk (IR, 10-19%) – additional considerations
  - High Risk (HR,  $\geq 20\%$ ) or statin-indicated condition: statin therapy indicated

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### **Treatment Target (Statin Therapy):**

- Primary: LDL-C consistently  $<2.0$  mmol/L or  $>50\%$  reduction
- Secondary: apoB  $<0.8$  g/L or non-HDL-C  $<2.6$  mmol/L (recommended when TG  $> 4.5$  mmol/L)

# Recommended Adult (>18 years) Lipid Report

Analyte	Decision Limit	Result Comment
Total Cholesterol	<5.2 mmol/L	<p>Treatment thresholds and targets based on the 2016 CCS Guidelines For patients ≥40 years, estimate risk using the modified Framingham Risk Score (FRS):</p> <p><b>Low Risk (FRS &lt; 10%)</b> Treatment advised if LDL-C ≥ 5.0 mmol/L Treatment target: ≥ 50% reduction LDL-C</p> <p><b>Intermediate Risk (FRS 10 - 19%)</b> Treatment advised if LDL-C ≥ 3.5 mmol/L OR Non-HDL-C ≥ 4.3 mmol/L OR ApoB ≥ 1.2 g/L OR Men ≥ 50 and women ≥ 60 yrs with ≥ 1 additional CV risk factor Treatment targets: LDL-C ≤ 2.0 mmol/L OR decrease by ≥ 50% OR Non-HDL-C ≤ 2.6 mmol/L OR ApoB ≤ 0.8 g/L</p> <p><b>High Risk (FRS ≥ 20% or presence of high risk features)</b> Treatment advised in all patients Treatment targets: LDL-C ≤ 2.0 mmol/L OR decrease by ≥ 50% OR Non-HDL-C ≤ 2.6 mmol/L OR ApoB ≤ 0.8 g/L</p> <p>Note: If non-fasting, triglycerides &lt; 2.0 mmol/L acceptable. Triglycerides &gt; 1.5 mmol/L, recommend to use non-HDL-C or ApoB as treatment target of choice If Triglycerides &gt; 4.5 mmol/L, recommend to measure lipids and lipoproteins fasted</p>
HDL-C	>1.0 mmol/L	
LDL-C	<3.5 mmol/L	
Triglycerides	<1.7 mmol/L	
Non-HDL-C	<4.3 mmol/L	
Fasting (hours)	Record (h)	
ApoB	<1.2 g/L	<p>Treatment thresholds and targets based on the 2016 CCS Guidelines <b>If ≥ 1.2 g/L</b> Treatment advised if Framingham Risk Score is Intermediate or High Treatment target for ApoB ≤ 0.8 g/L</p> <p><b>If &lt; 1.2 g/L</b> Treatment target for ApoB ≤ 0.8 g/L</p>

# Origin of Recommended Adult Lipid Decision Limits

## *Total Cholesterol*

- Increased CHD incidence at serum cholesterol > 5.20 mmol/L (Framingham Study)

## *LDL-C, ApoB and non-HDL-C*

- Primary prevention studies included subjects without vascular disease who on average were in the FRS IR group, but also include some HR and LR subjects
- Studies (AFCAPS/TexCAPS, WOSCOPS, ASCOTE, JUPITER) showed statin therapy reduced CVD events for subjects with
  - LDL-C  $\geq$  3.5 mmol/L or non-HDL-C 4.3 mmol/L or ApoB  $\geq$  1.2 g/L or men  $\geq$  50 yrs and women  $\geq$  60 yrs and  $\geq$  1 CVD risk factor

## *Triglycerides*

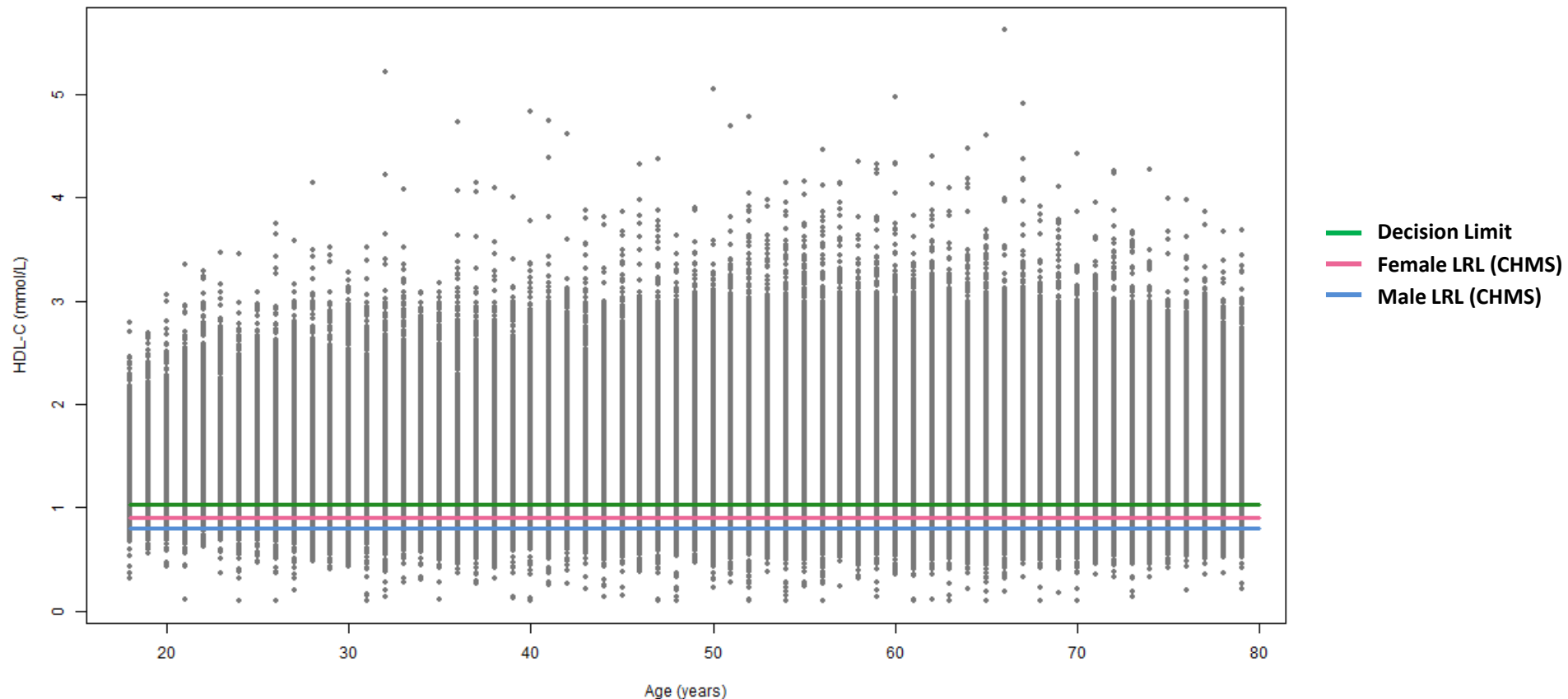
- NCEP ATP III panel reviewed studies and found when TG > 1.7 mmol/L, substantially increased CHD risk

## *HDL-C*

- Population studies show continuous rise in CHD risk as HDL-C levels decline; no threshold relationship defined and therefore any categorical definition of low HDL-C is arbitrary. NCEP ATP III recommended a categorical low HDL-C defined as < 1.03 mmol/L

# Flagging Rates (RI vs DL)

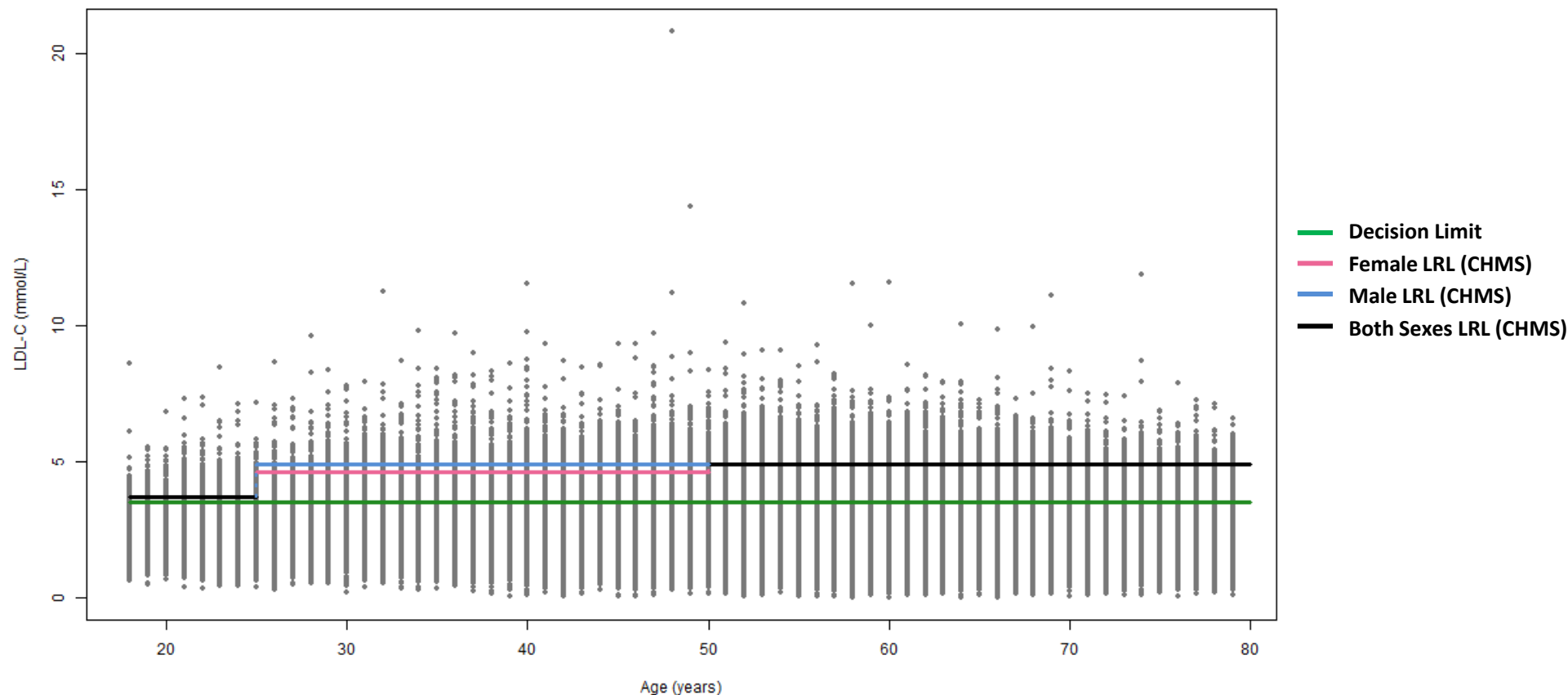
## *Example: HDL-C*



Variable	Age Range (years)	Lower Reference Limit (LRL)	Total Flagging Rate using LRL, % (proportion)	Age Range (years)	Decision Limit (DL)	Total Flagging Rate using DL, % (proportion)
HDL-C	18-<80M	≥ 0.8 mmol/L	3.30 %	18-<80	> 1.03 mmol/L	18.3 %
	18-<80F	≥ 0.9 mmol/L	(15292/462717)			(84643/462717)

# Flagging Rates (RI vs DL)

## Example: LDL-C



Variable	Age Range (years)	Lower Reference Limit (LRL)	Total Flagging Rate using URL, % (proportion)	Age Range (years)	Decision Limit (DL)	Total Flagging Rate using DL, % (proportion)
Triglycerides	18-<30	≤ 2.1 mmol/L	11.4 %	18-<80	< 1.7 mmol/L	37.2 %
	30-<80M	≤ 2.4 mmol/L	(52974/463793)			(172630/463793)
	30-<80F	≤ 3.4 mmol/L				

# Adult Flagging Rates (RI vs DL)

Variable	Age Range	Upper Reference Limit (URL)	Total Flagging Rate using URL, % (proportion)	Age Range (years)	Decision Limit (DL)	Total Flagging Rate using DL, % (proportion)
Total Cholesterol	18-<20	≤ 4.7 mmol/L	3.86% (17924/463881)	18-<80	< 5.2 mmol/L	39.0% (180795/463881)
	20-<30	≤ 5.9 mmol/L				
	30-<40	≤ 6.9 mmol/L				
	40-<80	≤ 7.1 mmol/L				
LDL-C	18-<25	≤ 3.7 mmol/L	2.05% (9258/451232)	18-<80	< 3.5 mmol/L	21.7 % (97713/451232)
	25-<50M	≤ 4.9 mmol/L				
	25-<50F	≤ 4.6 mmol/L				
	50-<80	≤ 4.9 mmol/L				
HDL-C	18-<80M	≥ 0.8 mmol/L	3.30 % (15292/462717)	18-<80	> 1.03 mmol/L	18.3 % (84643/462717)
	18-<80F	≥ 0.9 mmol/L				
Triglycerides	18-<30	≤ 2.1 mmol/L	11.4 % (52974/463793)	18-<80	< 1.7 mmol/L	37.2 % (172630/463793)
	30-<80M	≤ 2.4 mmol/L				
	30-<80F	≤ 3.4 mmol/L				

# Integrated Guidelines for Cardiovascular Health and Risk Reduction in Children and Adolescents (2011)



- No Canadian pediatric lipid guidelines
- Dyslipidemia associated with initiation and progression of atherosclerotic lesions in children and adolescents
- Largely used the 1992 Report of the Expert Panel on Blood Cholesterol Levels in Children and Adolescents from the NCEP as a framework
- Recommend screening all children at ages 9-11 years
- Provide acceptable, borderline, and high cut points for total cholesterol, LDL-C, HDL-C, non-HDL-C, triglycerides, apoB, and apoA1



# Recommended Pediatric Lipid Report

Analyte	Age	Decision Limit	Result Comment
Total Cholesterol	<18 years	< 4.40 mmol/L	<p>Based on NHLBI 2011 and NCEP Report for Children and Adolescents Acceptable and high/low limits relative to dyslipidemia and atherosclerosis risk:</p> <p>Total Cholesterol Acceptable &lt; 4.40 mmol/L; High <math>\geq</math> 5.15 mmol/L  HDL-C Acceptable &gt; 1.15 mmol/L; Low &lt; 1.05 mmol/L  LDL-C Acceptable &lt; 2.85 mmol/L; High <math>\geq</math> 3.35 mmol/L  Triglycerides (0-&lt;10 years) Acceptable &lt; 0.85 mmol/L; High <math>\geq</math> 1.15 mmol/L  Triglycerides (10-&lt;18 years) Acceptable &lt; 1.00 mmol/L High <math>\geq</math> 1.45 mmol/L  Non-HDL-C Acceptable &lt; 3.10 mmol/L; High <math>\geq</math> 3.75 mmol/L</p>
HDL-C	<18 years	> 1.15 mmol/L	
LDL-C	<18 years	< 2.85 mmol/L	
Triglycerides	<10 years	< 0.85 mmol/L	
	10-<18 years	< 1.00 mmol/L	
Non-HDL-C	<18 years	< 3.10 mmol/L	
Fasting (hours)	Record (h)		
ApoB	<18 years	<0.9 g/L	<p>Based on NHLBI 2011 and NCEP Report for Children and Adolescents Acceptable &lt; 0.9 g/L; High <math>\geq</math> 1.0 g/L</p>

# Origin of Recommended Pediatric Lipid Decision Limits

## ***Total Cholesterol, LDL-C, HDL-C, Triglycerides***

- Lipid Research Clinics (LRC) Prevalence Study (1970-1976) of US and Canadian children and adolescents (0-19 years)
- Borderline and high cut-points calculated as 75<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles, respectively

## ***Non-HDL-C***

- Equivalent to LDL-C recommended cut-points for CAD risk assessment
  - 2,843 serum samples from 5-17 year olds in Bogalusa Heart Study (1992-1994)
  - Regression analysis performed to determine non-HDL-C based on LDL-C

## ***ApoB***

- NHANES III (1988-1994) obtained serum samples from US population  $\geq 4$  years of age
- Borderline and high cut-points calculated as 75<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles, respectively

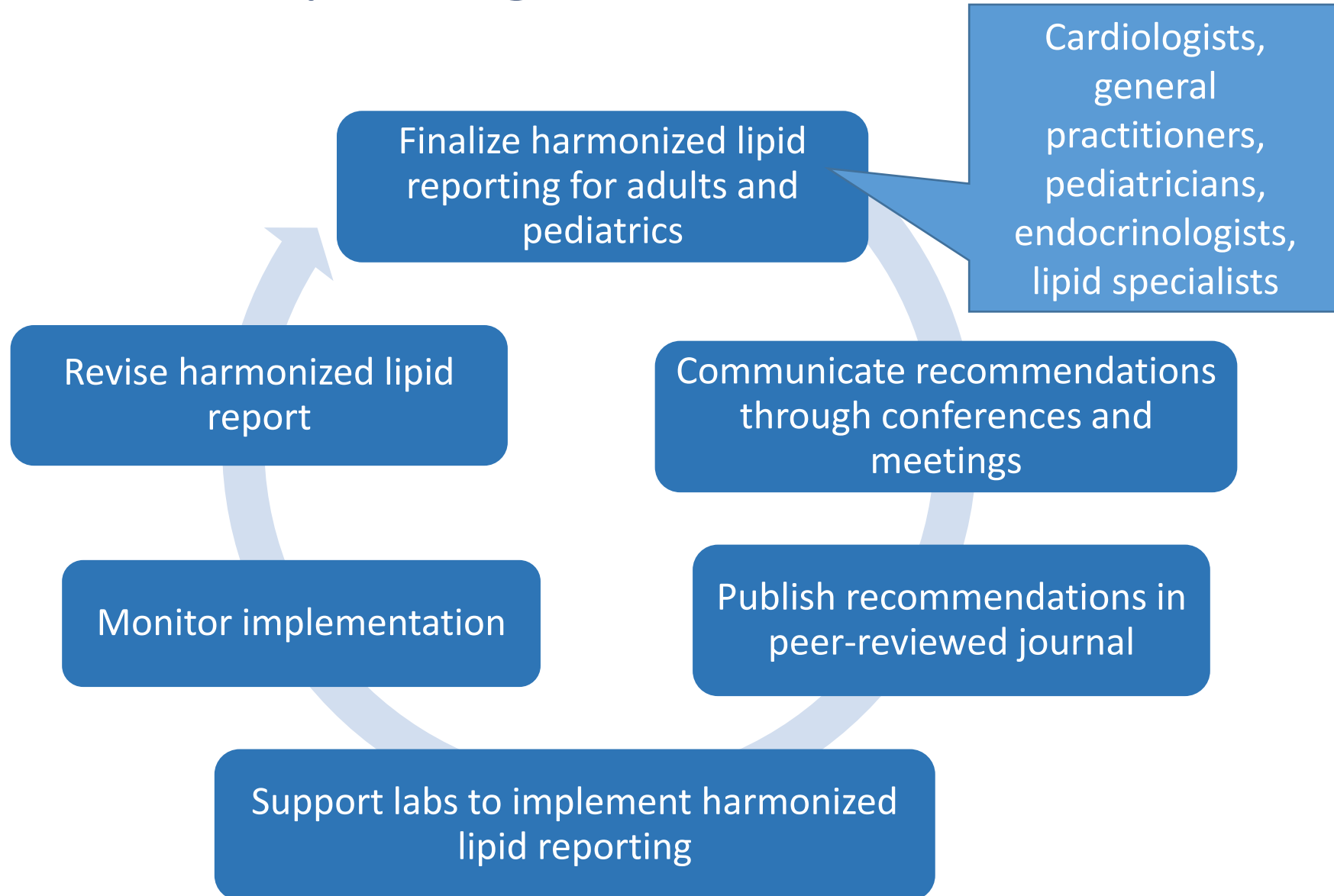
# Pediatric Flagging Rates (RI vs DL)

Variable	Age Range	Upper Reference Limit (URL)	Total Flagging Rate using URL, % (proportion)	Age Range (years)	High/Low Decision Limit (DL)	Total Flagging Rate using High/Low DL, % (proportion)
Total Cholesterol	1-<18	≤ 5.9 mmol/L	<b>7.46%</b> (503/6745)	<18	< 4.4 mmol/L	<b>35.9%</b> (2423/6745)
LDL-C	1-<10M 1-<10F 10-<18	≤ 3.1 mmol/L ≤ 3.3 mmol/L ≤ 3.4 mmol/L	<b>6.54%</b> (436/6670)	<18	< 2.85 mmol/L	<b>19.3 %</b> (1290/6670)
HDL-C	1-<4 4-<13 13-<18	≥ 0.8 mmol/L ≥ 0.9 mmol/L ≥ 0.8 mmol/L	<b>3.06 %</b> (206/6738)	<18	> 1.15 mmol/L	<b>32.9 %</b> (2215/6738)
Triglycerides	1-<18	≤ 2.2 mmol/L	<b>8.69 %</b> (586/6744)	1-<10 10-<18	< 0.85 mmol/L < 1.00 mmol/L	<b>54.0 %</b> (3643/6744)
Non-HDL-C	1-<10M 1-<10F 10-<18	≤ 3.7 mmol/L ≤ 4.3 mmol/L ≤ 4.0 mmol/L	<b>8.22 %</b> (554/6738)	<18	< 3.10 mmol/L	<b>34.0 %</b> (2289/6738)

# Pediatric Flagging Rates (RI vs DL)

Variable	Age Range	Upper Reference Limit (URL)	Total Flagging Rate using URL, % (proportion)	Age Range (years)	Borderline Decision Limit (DL)	Total Flagging Rate using Borderline DL, % (proportion)	Total Flagging Rate using High/Low DL, % (proportion)
Total Cholesterol	1-<18	≤ 5.9 mmol/L	<b>7.46%</b> (503/6745)	<18	< 4.4 mmol/L	<b>11.5%</b> (774/6745)	<b>35.9%</b> (2423/6745)
LDL-C	1-<10M 1-<10F 10-<18	≤ 3.1 mmol/L ≤ 3.3 mmol/L ≤ 3.4 mmol/L	<b>6.54%</b> (436/6670)	<18	< 3.35 mmol/L	<b>7.00 %</b> (467/6670)	<b>19.3 %</b> (1290/6670)
HDL-C	1-<4 4-<13 13-<18	≥ 0.8 mmol/L ≥ 0.9 mmol/L ≥ 0.8 mmol/L	<b>3.06 %</b> (206/6738)	<18	> 1.05 mmol/L	<b>20.5 %</b> (1381/6738)	<b>32.9 %</b> (2215/6738)
Triglycerides	1-<18	≤ 2.2 mmol/L	<b>8.69 %</b> (586/6744)	1-<10 10-<18	< 1.15 mmol/L < 1.45 mmol/L	<b>28.0 %</b> (1890/6744)	<b>54.0 %</b> (3643/6744)
Non-HDL-C	1-<10M 1-<10F 10-<18	≤ 3.7 mmol/L ≤ 4.3 mmol/L ≤ 4.0 mmol/L	<b>8.22 %</b> (554/6738)	<18	< 3.10 mmol/L	<b>12.5 %</b> (845/6738)	<b>34.0 %</b> (2289/6738)

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