

Recommended Lipid Screening

- 2-8 years if:
(a) FHx of early CAD (<55 yrs in males, <65 yrs in females)
(b) Parent with TC >240 mg/dL or known dyslipidemia
(c) Child has DM, HTN, BMI >95th %-ile, smokes cigarettes, or has a moderate/high risk medical condition*
- 9-11 years: universal screening
- 12-16 years if: (a)-(c), including those with BMI ≥85th %-ile
- 17-21 years: universal screening

**Moderaterisk conditions: KD with regressed coronaries, chronic inflammatory disease, HIV, nephrotic syndrome*

Highrisk conditions: DM1&2, CKD/ESRD, kidney/heart TX, KD with current aneurysms

Recommended Cut Points for Lipid Levels for Children and Adolescents**			
Category	Acceptable	Borderline	High
TC	<170	170-199	≥200
LDL-C	<110	110-129	≥130
TG			
0-9 years	<75	75-99	≥100
10-19 years	<90	90-129	≥130
Non-HDL-C	<120	120-144	≥145
Category	Acceptable	Borderline	Low
HDL-C	>45	40-45	<40

***Values given in mg/dL*

Recommended Cut Points for Lipid Levels for Young Adults**			
Category	Acceptable	Borderline	High
TC	<190	190-224	≥225
LDL-C	<120	120-159	≥160
TG	<115	115-149	≥150
Non-HDL-C	<150	150-189	≥190
Category	Acceptable	Borderline	Low
HDL-C	>45	40-44	<40

***Values given in mg/dL*

Borderline levels can be managed by PCP with lifestyle modifications and a nutritionist and/or weight management team if obesity related.

High levels should have repeat fasting measurements before referring to Preventive Cardiology.

Lifestyle modifications include

- **TG:** increase in complex carbohydrates and decrease in sugary beverages, increase in exercise/physical activity
- **LDL:** decrease in saturated fats and processed foods
- **HDL:** increase healthy fats and physical activity



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Pediatric Preventive Cardiology Reference



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The Preventive Cardiology program at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh aims to manage children at greatest risk for accelerated atherosclerosis. With the pediatrician, the program will help formulate a plan for managing children with dyslipidemia and elevated blood pressure or hypertension.



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Blood Pressure Screening

Definition of Pediatric HTN				
Age (yrs)	Normal	Elevated	Stage 1	Stage 2
1-13	< 90 th % ^{ile}	≥ 90 th % ^{ile} to < 95 th % ^{ile} or 120/80 to < 95 th % ^{ile}	≥ 95 th % ^{ile} to < 95 th % ^{ile} + 12 mmHg or 130/80 to 139/89	≥ 95 th % ^{ile} + 12 mmHg or ≥ 140/90
≥ 13	<120/<80	120/<80 to 129/<80	130/80 to 139/89	≥ 140/90

Auscultatory-confirmed BP ≥ 95th %^{ile} (≥ 130/80) at 3 different visits

Screening BP Values Requiring Further Evaluation [†]				
Age (yrs)	Boys		Girls	
	SBP	DBP	SBP	DBP
5	103	63	104	64
6	105	66	105	67
7	106	68	106	68
8	107	69	107	69
9	107	70	108	71
10	108	72	109	72
11	110	74	111	74
12	113	75	114	75
≥13	120	80	120	80

[†]Based on 90th %^{ile} BP for age/sex for children at the 5th %^{ile} of Ht; >99% NPV.

If a patient has high BP in your office, give lifestyle modifications AND...

- Repeat accurately and manually (assure correct cuff size, arm/back/legs supported, etc.)
- If “elevated BP”, repeat BP in 6 mos; if still high, obtain UE/LE BP* and repeat in 1 year, then refer to Preventive Cardiology if still high
- If Stage 1 HTN, repeat BP in 2 weeks; if still high, obtain UE/LE BP* and repeat in 3 months, then refer to Preventive Cardiology if still high
- If Stage 2 HTN, obtain UE/LE BP* and refer to PrevC (to be seen within 1–2 weeks)

**Concern for Coarctation if UE BP higher than LE BP by >20 mmHg*

Lifestyle modifications include

- **DASH style diet** – refer them to dashdiet.org
- **Moderate to vigorous physical activity** 3–5 days/week (30–60 min per session)

Referrals

Who should pediatricians refer to Preventive Cardiology at UPMC Children’s Hospital?

- Any patient at high risk for early CAD
 - > Patients with elevated BPs
 - > Rule out secondary HTN
 - > Rule out white coat HTN
 - > Assess for target organ damage (i.e., LVH)
- Patients with dyslipidemias
 - > Management of FH
 - > Management of CDO (combined dyslipidemia of obesity)
 - > Management of other dyslipidemias
- Patients with CHD at risk for early CAD
 - > Initiate TLC
 - > Workup to assess for other CV risk factors
- High risk conditions
 - > DM (type I or II), heart transplant, KD with aneurysms, Williams syndrome, Turner syndrome
 - > Family history of significantly early CAD or elevated Lp(a)
 - > Initiation and monitoring of drug Rx as needed
- High risk obese patients with multiple comorbidities including dyslipidemias, elevated BPs (including WCH), insulin resistance, NAFLD, OSA, etc.

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