

Wisconsin Cardiovascular Health Program, Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, And Wisconsin Health Plan Collaborative  
A Quality Improvement Lipid Communication Initiative

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Dear Health Care Provider/ Specialist:

The Wisconsin Health Plan Collaborative, Wisconsin Cardiovascular Health Program and the Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program request your assistance to promote communication of lipid results between primary health care providers and specialist. As you are aware, sometimes this information is difficult to obtain between health information systems. The Quality Improvement Lipid Communication Initiative is an initial way to communicate these results.

To facilitate communication of this health information between primary care providers and specialist, we have enclosed a "Communication Tool for Lipids". The goals of this tool are:

- to promote communication between the patients' health care providers
- reinforce patients knowledge of their own lipid levels
- encourage use of a self-care record

For additional support in your efforts to provide care for patients at risk or with cardiovascular disease, we have included a one-page document of current recommendations. It is a combination of the recommendations from the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiologists and the National Cholesterol Education Program ATP III guidelines.

We are very excited about partnering with health care providers to promote communication of lipid results between group practices. Please join us in this quality improvement initiative. Together we can have a lasting impact on quality of life for Wisconsin residents.

If you have questions about this initiative, please contact, Mary Jo Brink, Wisconsin Cardiovascular Health Program. At 608-266-3702 or via e-mail at: [brinkmj@dhs.state.wi.us](mailto:brinkmj@dhs.state.wi.us).

Sincerely,

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- Enclosed:
1. Communication Tool for Lipids
  2. One page practitioner's tool combining information from AHA/ACC and National Cholesterol Education Program ATP III
  3. Order form for Lipid Communication Tool
  4. Wallet card for patients