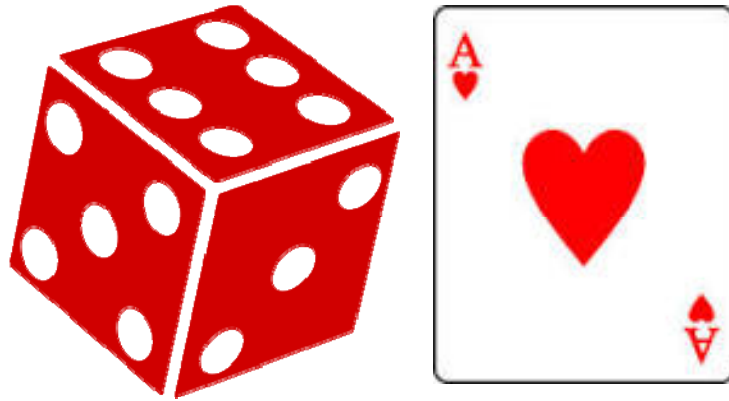


# Cardiovascular risk scores: where are we?



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# WHICH PREDICTION VARIABLES?

## Estimating modifiable coronary heart disease risk in multiple regions of the world: the INTERHEART Modifiable Risk Score

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	'Short' INTERHEART Modifiable Risk Score	'Full' INTERHEART Modifiable Risk Score	'Cholesterol' risk score	'Non-laboratory-based' INTERHEART Modifiable Risk Score
Validation studies within the 2/3 derivation set				
Odds increase of MI for a 1-point increase in score (95% CI)	15.2% (14.4%, 16.1%)	14.3% (13.5%, 15.1%)	12.9% (12.2%, 13.7%)	14.4% (13.9%, 15.3%)
ROC c-statistic (95% CI)	0.71 (0.70, 0.72)	0.72 (0.71, 0.73)	0.69 (0.68, 0.70)	0.71 (0.70, 0.72)
Brier score	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.21
Validation studies within the 1/3 test set				
Odds increase of MI for a 1-point increase in score (95% CI)	15.8% (14.7%, 17.0%)	14.0% (13.0%, 15.1%)	13.0% (12.0%, 14.3%)	14.2% (13.1%, 15.3%)
ROC c-statistic (95% CI)	0.71 (0.70, 0.73)	0.71 (0.71, 0.73)	0.69 (0.68, 0.71)	0.71 (0.70, 0.72)
Brier score	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.21

# Framingham

## General Cardiovascular Risk Profile for Use in Primary Care The Framingham Heart Study

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**Table 2. Regression Coefficients and Hazard Ratios**

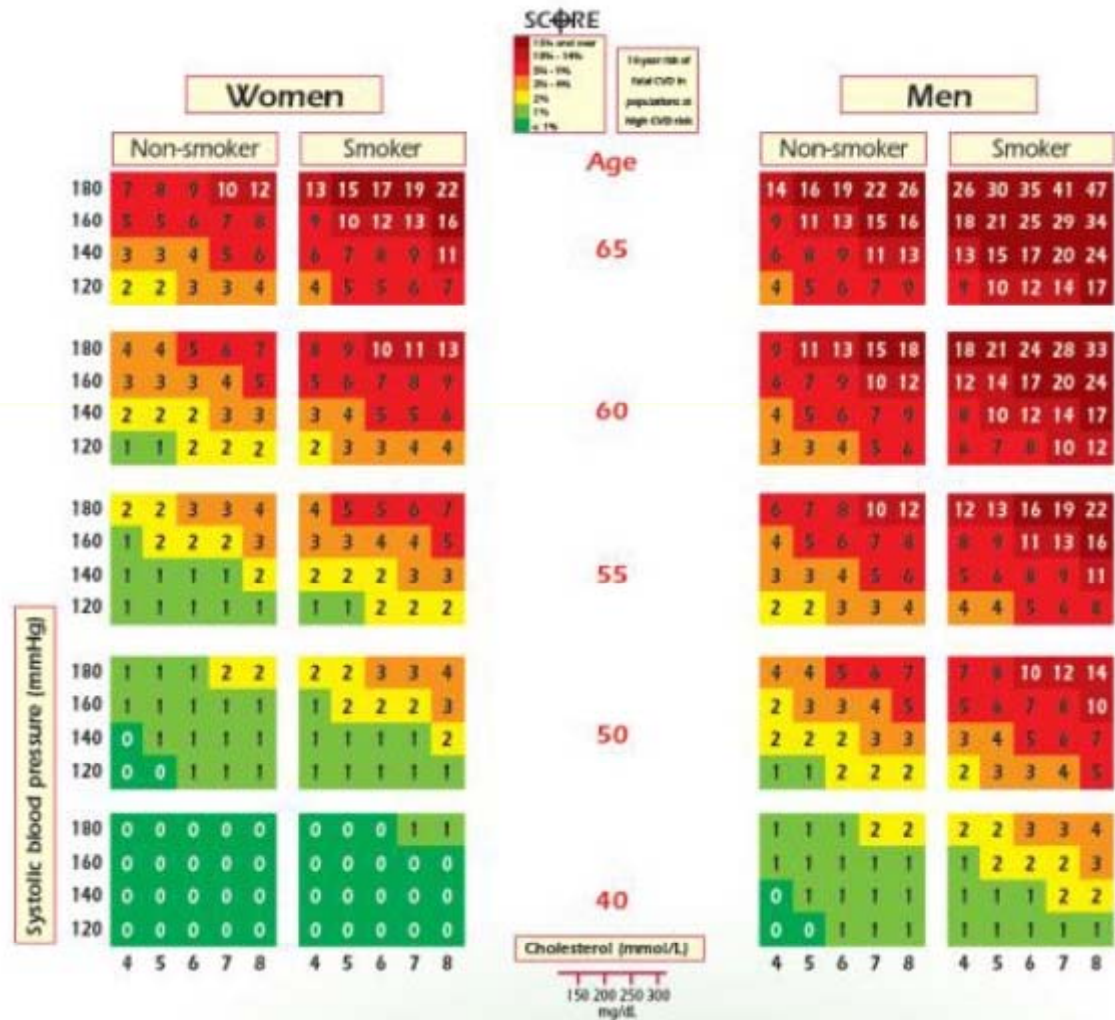
Variable	$\beta^*$	P	Hazard Ratio	95% CI
Women [So(10)=0.95012]				
Log of age	2.32888	<0.0001	10.27	(5.65–18.64)
Log of total cholesterol	1.20904	<0.0001	3.35	(2.00–5.62)
Log of HDL cholesterol	–0.70833	<0.0001	0.49	(0.35–0.69)
Log of SBP if not treated	2.76157	<0.0001	15.82	(7.86–31.87)
Log of SBP if treated	2.82263	<0.0001	16.82	(8.46–33.46)
Smoking	0.52873	<0.0001	1.70	(1.40–2.06)
Diabetes	0.69154	<0.0001	2.00	(1.49–2.67)
Men [So(10)=0.88936]				
Log of age	3.06117	<0.0001	21.35	(14.03–32.48)
Log of total cholesterol	1.12370	<0.0001	3.08	(2.05–4.62)
Log of HDL cholesterol	–0.93263	<0.0001	0.39	(0.30–0.52)
Log of SBP if not treated	1.93303	<0.0001	6.91	(3.91–12.20)
Log of SBP if treated	1.99881	<0.0001	7.38	(4.22–12.92)
Smoking	0.65451	<0.0001	1.92	(1.65–2.24)
Diabetes	0.57367	<0.0001	1.78	(1.43–2.20)

So(10) indicates 10-year baseline survival; SBP, systolic blood pressure.

\*Estimated regression coefficient

# SCORE - European High Risk Chart

10 year risk of fatal CVD in high risk regions of Europe by gender, age, systolic blood pressure, total cholesterol and smoking status



Estimate the Risk: NHS  
Scotland clinical use

Estimate the Risk: for  
ASSIGN visitors

Risk factors

Calculation format

Family history

Scottish Index of Multiple  
Deprivation



**Estimate the Risk: NHS  
Scotland clinical use**

Enter details in the fields to the  
right, then click Calculate.

[Estimate the Risk for ASSIGN  
visitors](#)

Current age

55

notes ▶

Sex

☒ M ☐ F

notes ▶

Scottish Postcode

dd1 9sy

notes ▶

Based on the postcode entered a SIMD score of 29.42 has been calculated.

Family history of CHD/Stroke

☒ N ☐ Y

notes ▶

Diabetes

☒ N ☐ Y

notes ▶

Cigarettes smoked daily

10

[use mean](#)

notes ▶

Systolic Blood Pressure

140

[use mean](#)

notes ▶

Total cholesterol

6.5

[use mean](#)

notes ▶

HDL Cholesterol

1.3

[use mean](#)

notes ▶

**ASSIGN Score:**

**18**

## Predicting cardiovascular risk in England and Wales: prospective derivation and validation of QRISK2

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### Included variables

- Self assigned ethnicity (white/not recorded, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, other Asian, black African, black Caribbean, Chinese, other including mixed)
- Age (years)
- Sex (males v females)
- Smoking status (current smoker, non-smoker (including ex-smoker))
- Systolic blood pressure<sup>18</sup> (continuous)
- Ratio of total serum cholesterol/high density lipoprotein cholesterol<sup>18</sup> (continuous)
- Body mass index (BMI)<sup>12</sup> (continuous)
- Family history of coronary heart disease in first degree relative under 60 years<sup>12</sup> (yes/no)
- Townsend deprivation score<sup>12</sup> (output area level 2001 census data evaluated as a continuous variable)
- Treated hypertension<sup>12</sup> (diagnosis of hypertension and at least one current prescription of at least one antihypertensive agent)
- Rheumatoid arthritis<sup>29</sup> (yes/no)
- Chronic renal disease<sup>30</sup> (yes/no)
- Type 2 diabetes<sup>18</sup> (yes/no)
- Atrial fibrillation<sup>31 32</sup> (yes/no)

# CVD?

**INDANA** risk score  
(Pocock, BMJ 2001):  
CVD death

**The Framingham Heart Study** defines CVD as a composite of CHD (coronary death, myocardial infarction, coronary insufficiency, and angina), cerebrovascular events (including ischemic stroke, hemorrhagic stroke, and transient ischemic attack), peripheral artery disease (intermittent claudication), and heart failure

## QRISK2:

The primary outcome measure was the first recorded diagnosis of cardiovascular disease recorded on the general practice clinical computer system or their linked ONS death certificate during the study period. For this study, we included coronary heart disease (angina and myocardial infarction), stroke, or transient ischaemic attacks in the term cardiovascular disease but not peripheral vascular disease.

Endpoints for the **ASSIGN score** were *deaths from cardiovascular causes* (ICD-9 codes 390–459, ICD-10 codes I00-I99) or any hospital discharge diagnosis for *coronary heart disease* (ICD-9 410–414, ICD-10 I20-I25) or *cerebrovascular disease* (ICD-9 430–438, ICD-10 G45, I60-I69), or for *coronary artery interventions* (CABG or PTCA).

# LENGTH?

## Mostly 10 years, but.....

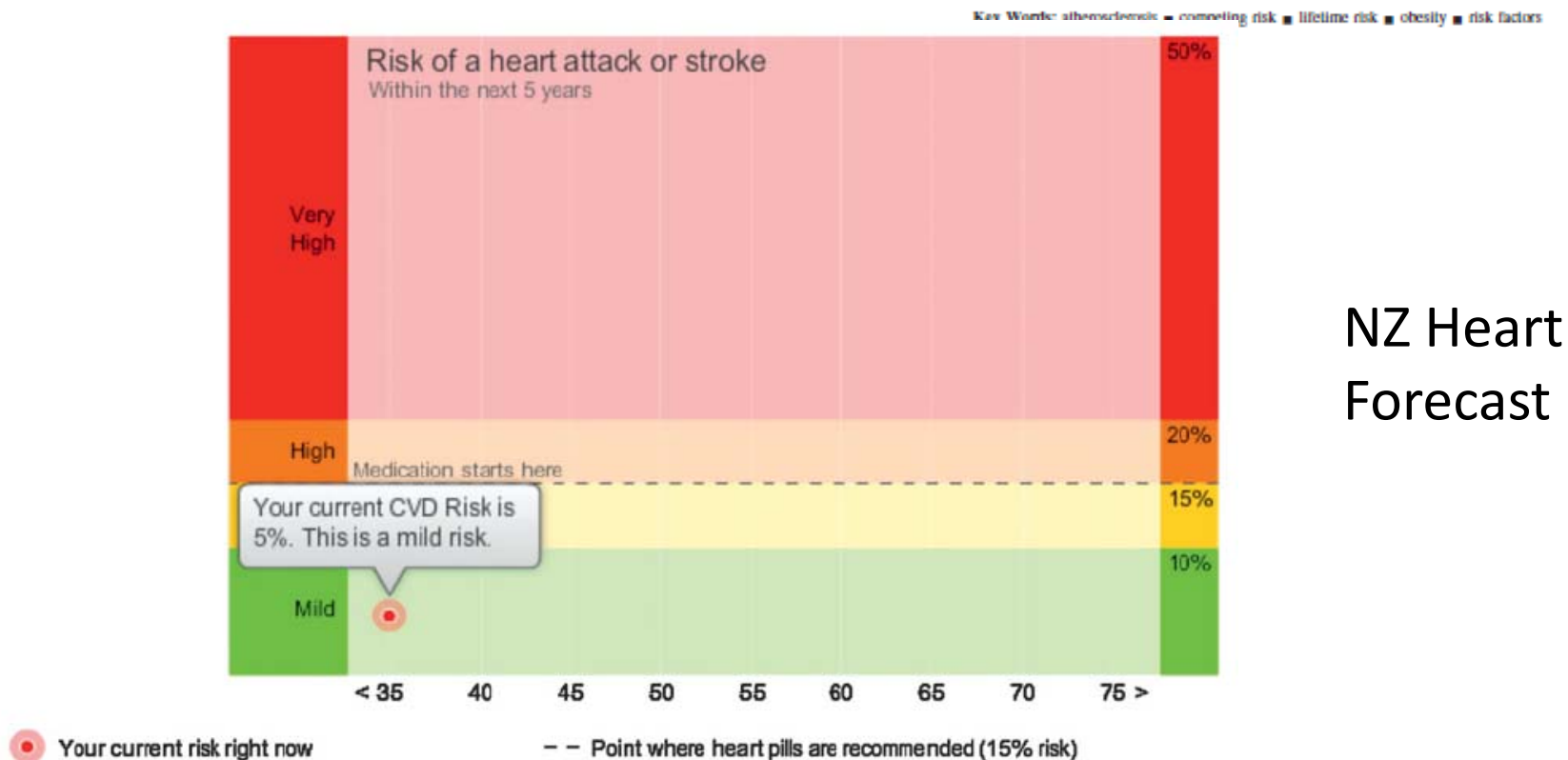
### Predicting the 30-Year Risk of Cardiovascular Disease The Framingham Heart Study

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**Background**—Present cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk prediction algorithms were developed for a ≤10-year follow up period. Clustering of risk factors at younger ages and increasing life expectancy suggest the need for longer-term risk prediction tools.

**Methods and Results**—We prospectively followed 4506 participants (2333 women) of the Framingham Offspring cohort aged 20 to 59 years and free of CVD and cancer at baseline examination in 1971–1974 for the development of “hard” CVD events (coronary death, myocardial infarction, stroke). We used a modified Cox model that allows adjustment for competing risk of noncardiovascular death to construct a prediction algorithm for 30-year risk of hard CVD. Cross-validated survival C statistic and calibration  $\chi^2$  were used to assess model performance. The 30-year hard CVD event rates adjusted for the competing risk of death were 7.6% for women and 18.3% for men. Standard risk factors (male sex, systolic blood pressure, antihypertensive treatment, total and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, smoking, and diabetes mellitus), measured at baseline, were significantly related to the incidence of hard CVD and remained significant when updated regularly on follow-up. Body mass index was associated positively with 30-year risk of hard CVD only in models that did not update risk factors. Model performance was excellent as indicated by cross-validated discrimination C=0.803 and calibration  $\chi^2=4.25$  ( $P=0.894$ ). In contrast, 30-year risk predictions based on different applications of 10-year functions proved inadequate.

**Conclusions**—Standard risk factors remain strong predictors of hard CVD over extended follow-up. Thirty-year risk prediction functions offer additional risk burden information that complements that of 10-year functions. (Circulation. 2009;119:3078–3084.)



# DATA SOURCE?

**ASSIGN:** cohort study in a general national population

**Framingham:** cohort study in a general regional population

**INDANA** risk score: 8 randomized clinical trials

**INTERHEART score:** Case-control study across multiple hospitals

**QRISK:** general practice register

# NON-STANDARD USES OF RISK SCORES

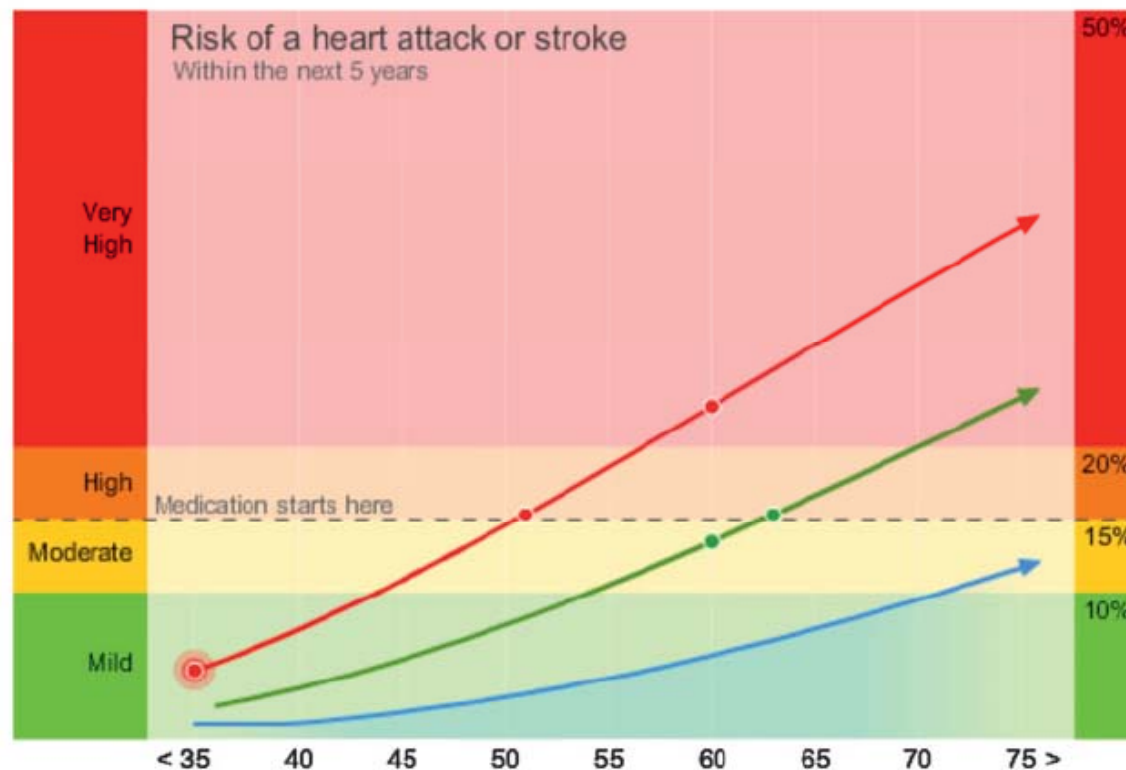
- Shocking patients regarding harm
- Estimating benefit of change
- Balancing harm and benefit

# 'Your Heart Forecast': a new approach for describing and communicating cardiovascular risk?

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Your Heart Forecast

Step 3



## What if..

See how changes in your lifestyle can influence your risk

If you quit smoking (for over 12 months): ☒

If you lower your average Blood Pressure:

/  mmHg

If you lower your TC/HDL cholesterol ratio:

If you develop diabetes: ☐

Prev ◀

Reset ↺

Your current risk right now

Your projected risk if no changes are made

Your 'What If' risk profile

— — Point where heart pills are recommended (15% risk)

Your ideal risk zone  
(Based on Non-Smoker, TC/HDL ratio:4, BP: 120/80)



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# **Benefit score (in preparation)**

**A Cardiovascular Disease Policy Model for  
Scotland: Part 1 – predicting life expectancy  
accounting for socio-economic deprivation**

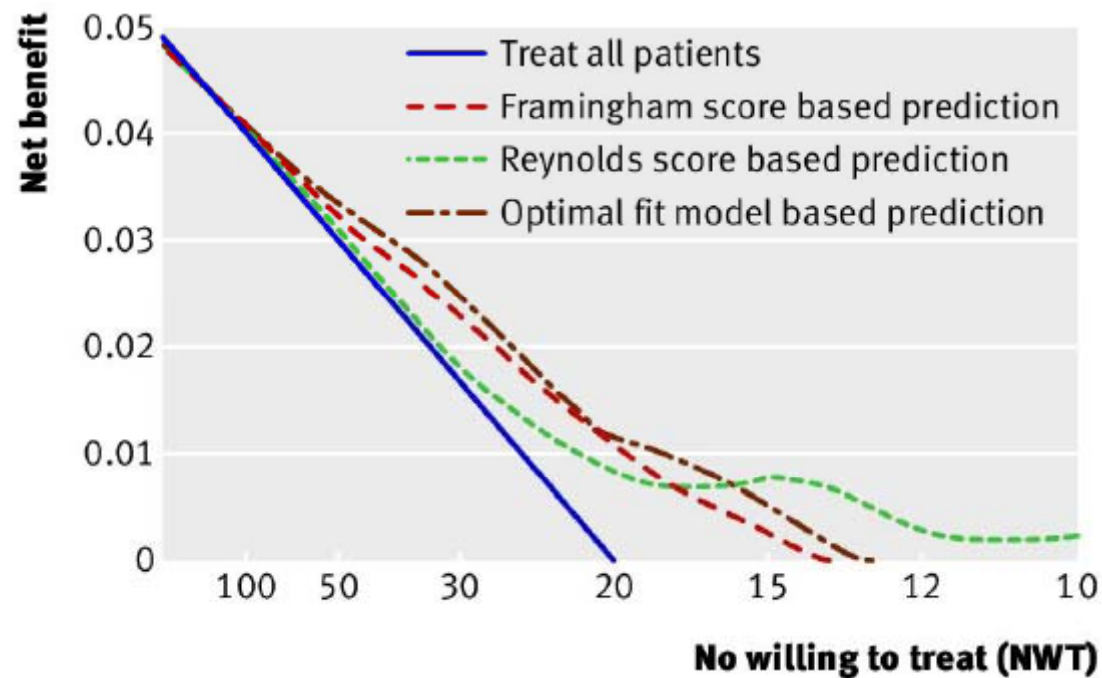
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# Jupiter trial

## RESEARCH

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### Estimating treatment effects for individual patients based on the results of randomised clinical trials



**Fig 4** Decision curve: graphical representation of net benefit. For large values of numbers willing to treat (NWT), the net benefit of treating all patients is about equal to the net benefit of prediction based treatment. The net benefit of treating all patients becomes negative if the NWT is less than 20, whereas the net benefit of prediction based treatment is still positive for a NWT of 20 and converges to zero for smaller values of NWT

# PROBLEMS WITH RISK SCORES

- Used by busy docs?
- Accuracy at individual level?
- Dynamic?
- Account for treatment?

# TREATMENT EFFECTS?

## Cardiovascular risk scores do not account for the effect of treatment: a review

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**Results** 21 risk scores from 18 papers were identified from 3536 papers. Cohort size ranged from 4372 participants (SHS) to 1591209 records (QRISK2). More than half of the cardiovascular risk scores (11) were from studies with recruitment starting after 1980. Definitions and methods for measuring risk predictors and outcomes varied widely between scores. Fourteen cardiovascular risk scores reported data on prior treatment, but this was mainly limited to antihypertensive treatment. Only two studies reported prior use of lipid-lowering agents. None reported on prior use of platelet inhibitors or data on treatment drop-ins.

# RELEVANCE?

*The New York Times*

## **Risk Calculator for Cholesterol Appears Flawed**

By [GINA KOLATA](#)

Published: November 17, 2013

Last week, the nation's leading heart organizations released a sweeping new set of guidelines for lowering [cholesterol](#), along with an [online calculator](#) meant to help doctors assess risks and treatment options. But, in a major embarrassment to the health groups, the calculator appears to greatly overestimate risk, so much so that it could mistakenly suggest that millions more people are candidates for statin drugs.



The calculator overpredicted risk by 75 to 150 percent, depending on the population.