

CVD PREVENTION MODEL PROGRAMS

Name of CVD Project: Lipid Busters

Tribe/site of CVD Project: Warm Springs Service Unit

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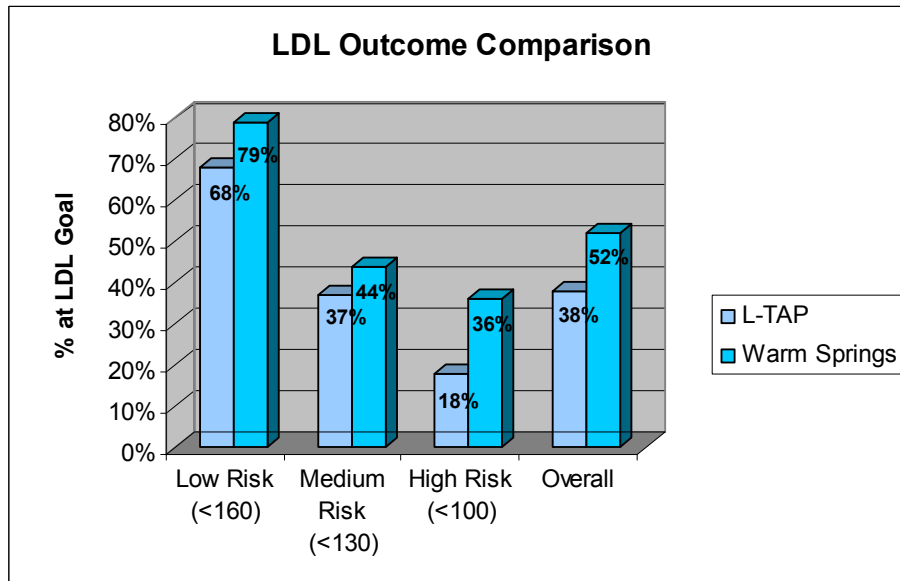
Description of Project:

The *Lipid Busters* is an interdisciplinary quality improvement team that meets to do annual chart reviews to see if patient care complies with the *Lipid Intervention Protocol*. The chart reviews are filed in the chart to act as a clinical reminder for providers and are used to update the *Case Management* register. These efforts are led and coordinated by the *Dyslipidemia Coordinator*. This process has played a critical role in improving patient care by:

- identifying patients needing intervention
- streamlining patient follow-up
- improving communication
- allowing us to generate annual statistics and outcome data (see below).

How We Compare: Warm Springs vs. National Statistics*

Overall, 52% of Warm Springs patients were at goal compared to only 38% at goal nationally.



*Warm Springs FY2002 Lipid Outcome data vs. Lipid Treatment Assessment Project (L-TAP) *Arch Intern Med.* 2000;160:459-467. The L-TAP study, initiated in 1996 and completed in February 1997, recorded LDL-C levels in 4888 patients from 619 US practices.