

cannot have it both ways. In front-runner institutions like the Cleveland Clinic, we should not criticize the report-card process, but rather should try to define and validate the standards we intend to follow. In our profession, which is very costly and which is going to go through great upheaval in the next several years, physicians must take the lead. I can guarantee that if it is done by the government, the local chamber of commerce, or the local newspaper, it is going to be done very poorly.

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Correction

A table in the article "Lipid-regulating and anti-atherosclerotic therapy: current options and future approaches" (*Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine* 1996; 63:31-41) contained an error. In Table 6 on page 37, the values for the effects of the various drugs on HDL-C and LDL-C were reversed through an editing error. The corrected table appears below.

TABLE 6  
APPROVED DRUGS FOR DYSLIPIDEMIA\*

<b>Bile-acid sequestrants</b>		
Lipid effects: <sup>†</sup>	LDL-C:	↓ 15%–30%
	HDL-C:	↑ 3%–5%
	TG:	↑ or no effect
Drugs and daily dose:	Cholestyramine	4–24 g
	Colestipol	5–30 g
<b>HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors</b>		
Lipid effects:	LDL-C:	↓ 20%–40%
	HDL-C:	↑ 5%–15%
	TG:	↓ 10%–20%
Drugs and daily dose:	Fluvastatin	20–40 mg
	Lovastatin	10–80 mg
	Pravastatin	10–40 mg
	Simvastatin	5–40 mg
<b>Nicotinic acid (NA)</b>		
Lipid effects:	LDL-C:	↓ 10%–25%
	HDL-C:	↑ 15%–35%
	TG:	↓ 20%–50%
Drugs and daily dose:	Crystalline NA	1.5–6 g
<b>Fibric-acid derivatives<sup>‡</sup></b>		
Lipid effects:	LDL-C:	↓ 10%–15% (may↑)
	HDL-C:	↑ 10%–15%
	TG:	↓ 20%–50%
Drugs and daily dose:	Gemfibrozil	1200 mg
	Clofibrate	2000 mg
	Fenofibrate	300 mg

\*Adapted from information in the second Adult Treatment Panel report, reference 24, and Yeshurun and Gotto, reference 25

<sup>†</sup>LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; TG, triglyceride

<sup>‡</sup>Clofibrate is not considered a first-line agent because of associated toxicity; fenofibrate is approved but not currently available in the United States