
Polycystic Ovary Syndrome & Cardiometabolic Risk

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Rotterdam Criteria

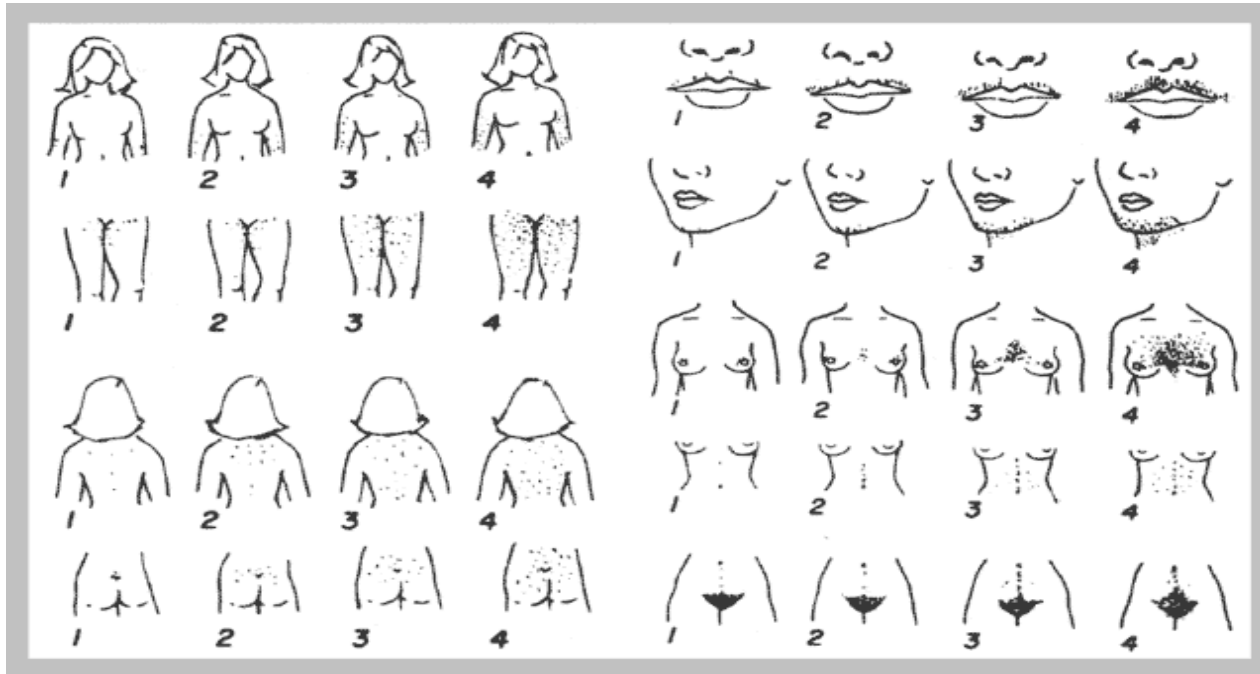
1. Oligo-ovulation or anovulation
2. Clinical or biochemical signs of hyperandrogenism
3. Polycystic ovaries on ultrasound

any two of above three
(exclusion of TSH, Prolactin, 17 OH progesterone, DHEAS)

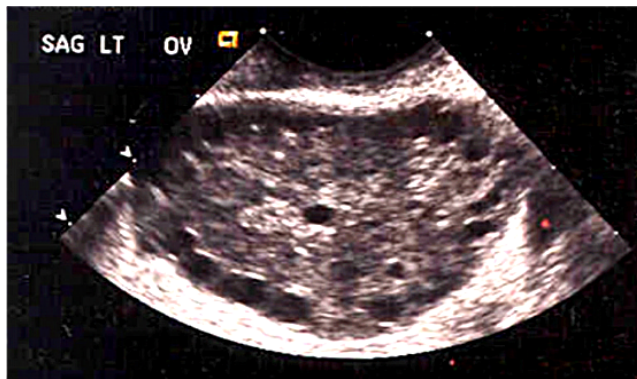
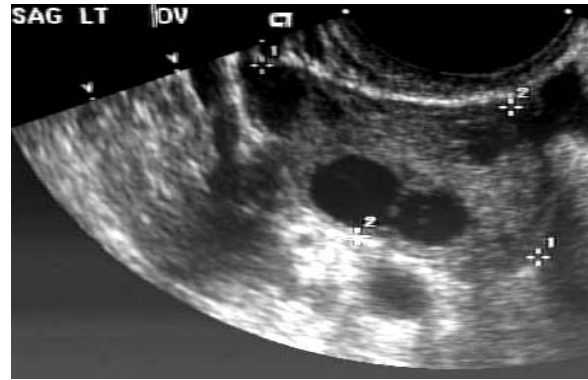
Most common endocrine disorder in reproductive age women
8-13%

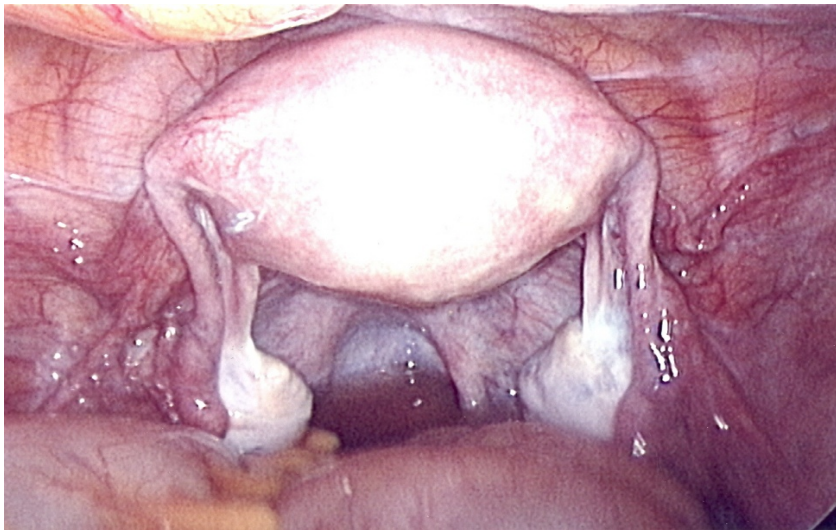


Human Reproduction 2018 Sep 1;33(9):1602-1618
Fertil Steril 2018 Aug;110(3):364-379.



Ultrasound Morphology of Ovaries





THERE IS NO OVARIAN CYST!



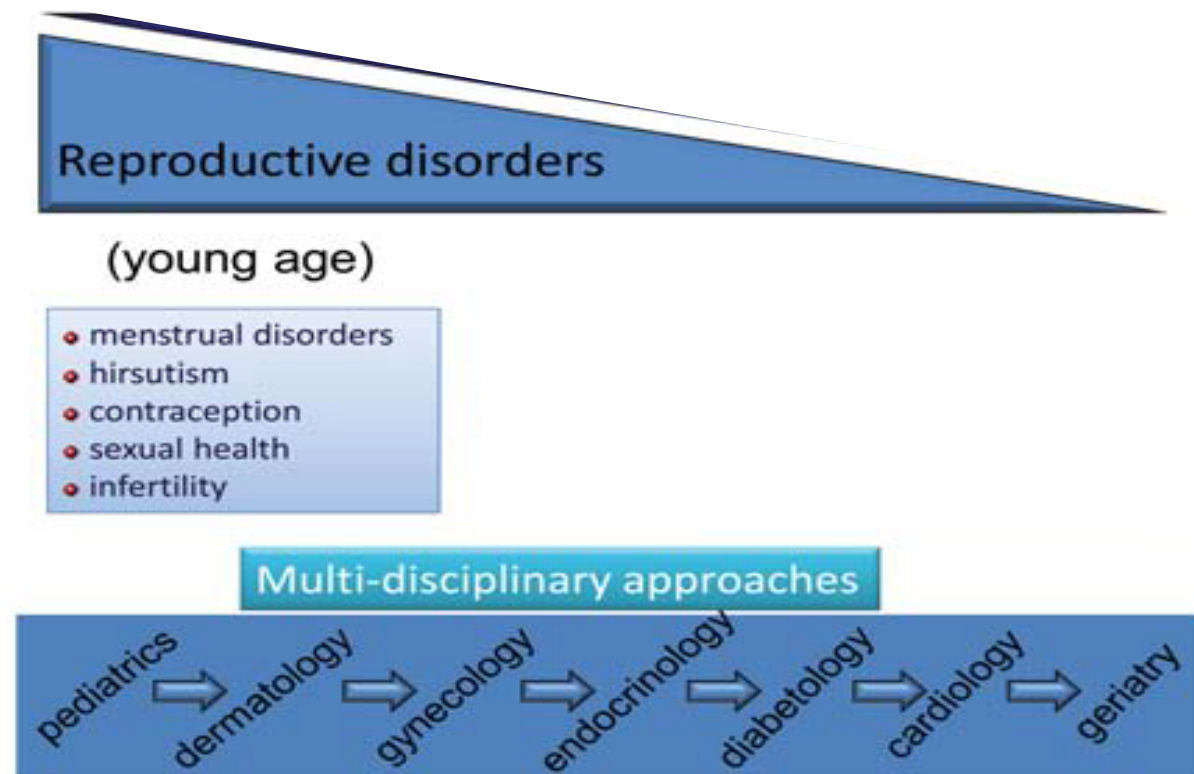
Diagnostic Dilemmas

- Changing definitions
- Heterogeneous - phenotypes
- Age of diagnosis - changing symptoms
- Race/Ethnicity



Stein IF, Leventhal ML. Amenorrhea associated with bilateral polycystic ovaries. *Am J Obstet Gynecol*, 1935; 29: 181-91.

A Changing Paradigm in PCOS



Mood disorders



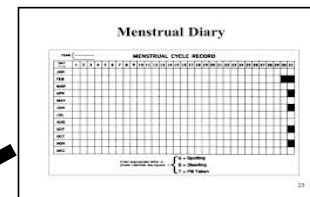
Infertility



Hirsutism



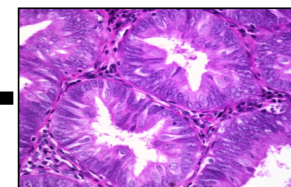
Oligomenorrhea



OBESITY



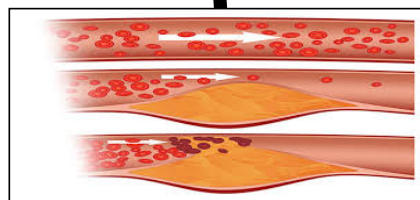
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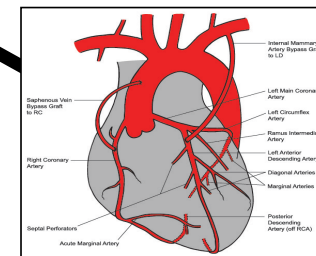
Endometrial hyperplasia



Glucose intolerance



Hyperlipidemia



Cardiovascular disease risk



Obesity Increased in PCOS

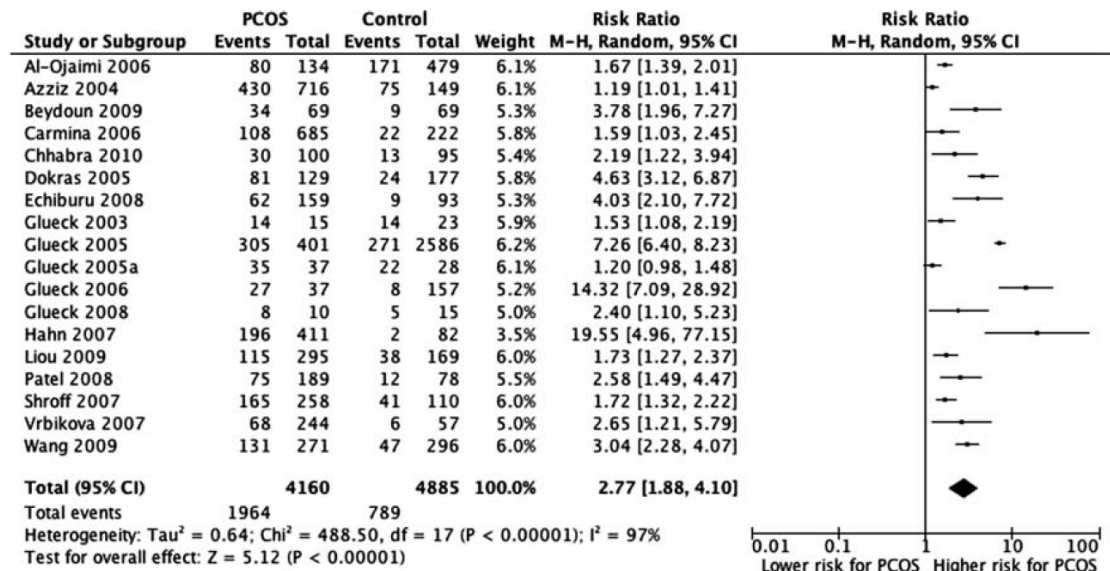


Figure 2 Meta-analysis of the prevalence of obesity (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²) in women with and without PCOS.

OR 2.77 (95%CI 1.88-4.1)

Lin et al, HRU, 2012



Obesity High in PCOS Adolescents

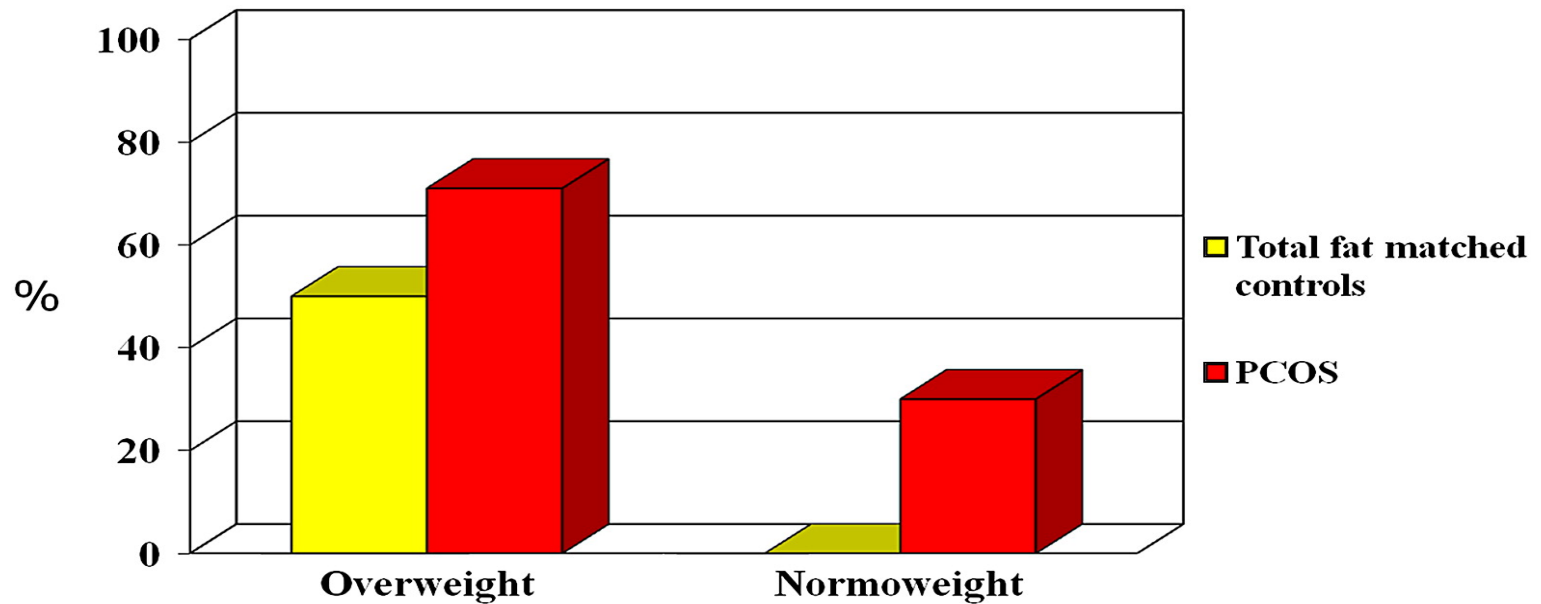
Table 1 Features of PCOS in adolescence according to three international adult diagnostic criteria (Hickey, 2009).

	All n = 232	PCOS-R ^a		P	PCOS-N ^a		P	PCOS-AES ^a		P
		No (n = 179)	Yes (n = 48)		No (n = 216)	Yes (n = 10)		No (n = 216)	Yes (n = 11)	
Current age (years)	15.2 (0.48)	15.2 (0.43)	15.4 (0.62)	0.099	15.2 (0.45)	15.7 (0.72)	0.001	15.2 (0.43)	15.9 (0.89)	<0.001
Age at menarche (years)	12.5 (1.2)	12.6 (1.2)	12.4 (1.1)	0.361	12.5 (1.2)	11.9 (1.4)	0.165	12.6 (1.2)	11.8 (1.3)	0.112
Months since menarche	32.2 (15.0)	31.3 (15.0)	35.4 (15.0)	0.092	31.8 (15.0)	46.1 (17.0)	0.026	31.5 (14.4)	48.4 (17.8)	0.010
BMI (kg/m ²)	22.7 (3.8)	22.3 (3.0)	24.5 (5.7)	<0.001	22.4 (3.4)	29.4 (6.8)	<0.001	22.5 (3.4)	28.8 (6.7)	<0.001
BMI (z-score)	0.54 (0.8)	0.48 (0.8)	0.77 (0.9)	0.026	0.50 (0.8)	1.45 (0.9)	0.008	0.50 (0.8)	1.37 (0.9)	0.009
BMI, n (%)										
Normal	163 (70.3)	134 (74.9)	26 (54.2)	<0.001	157 (72.7)	2 (20.0)	<0.001	153 (70.8)	3 (27.3)	<0.001
Overweight	48 (20.7)	37 (20.7)	10 (20.8)		44 (20.4)	3 (30.0)		44 (20.4)	3 (27.3)	
Obese	19 (8.2)	7 (3.9)	11 (22.9)		13 (6.0)	5 (50.0)		13 (6.0)	5 (45.5)	

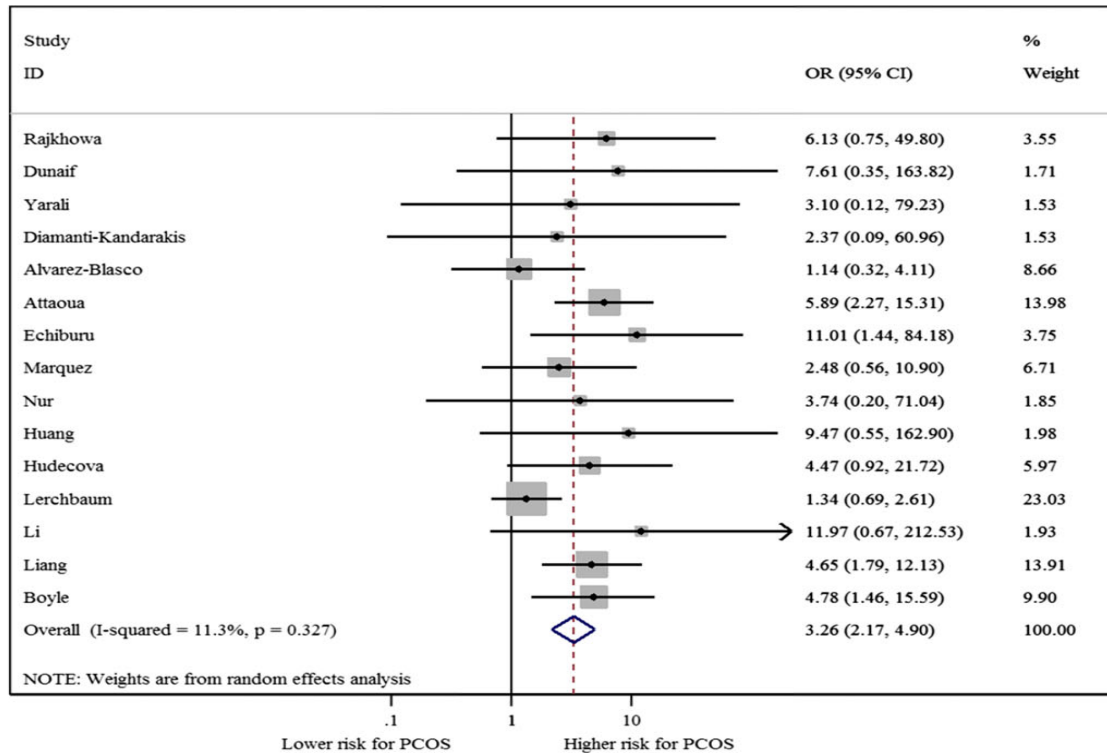


Abdominal Adiposity in PCOS

Prevalence of abdominal adiposity in
normal and **overweight** women



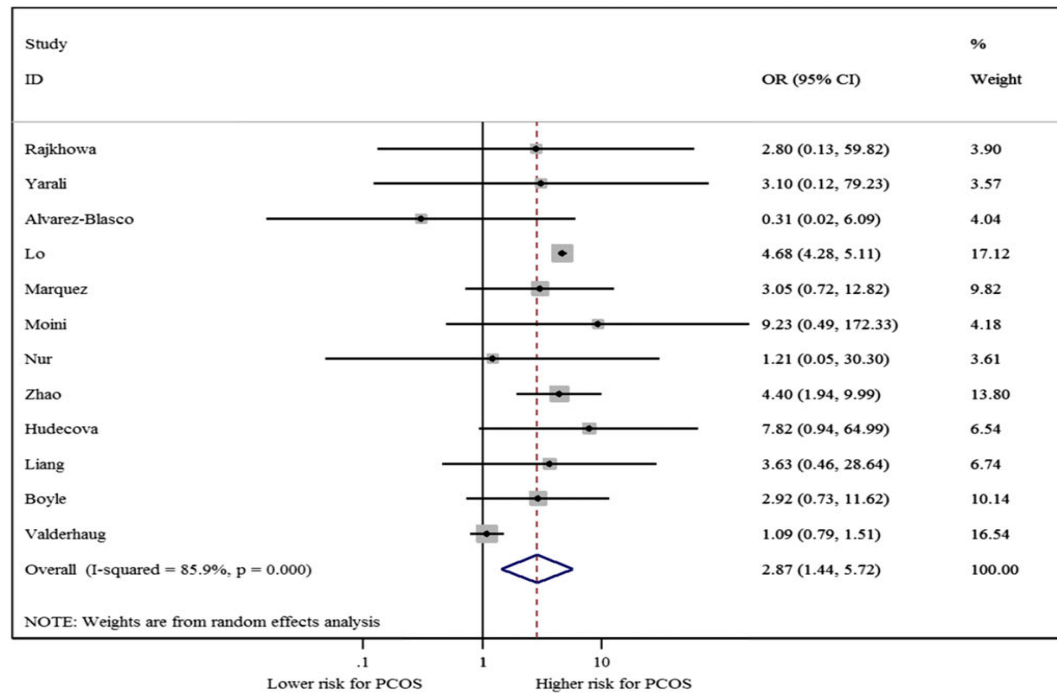
PCOS – Impaired Glucose Tolerance



OR 3.26 (2.17-4.9) Prevalence 6-35%



PCOS - Type 2 Diabetes

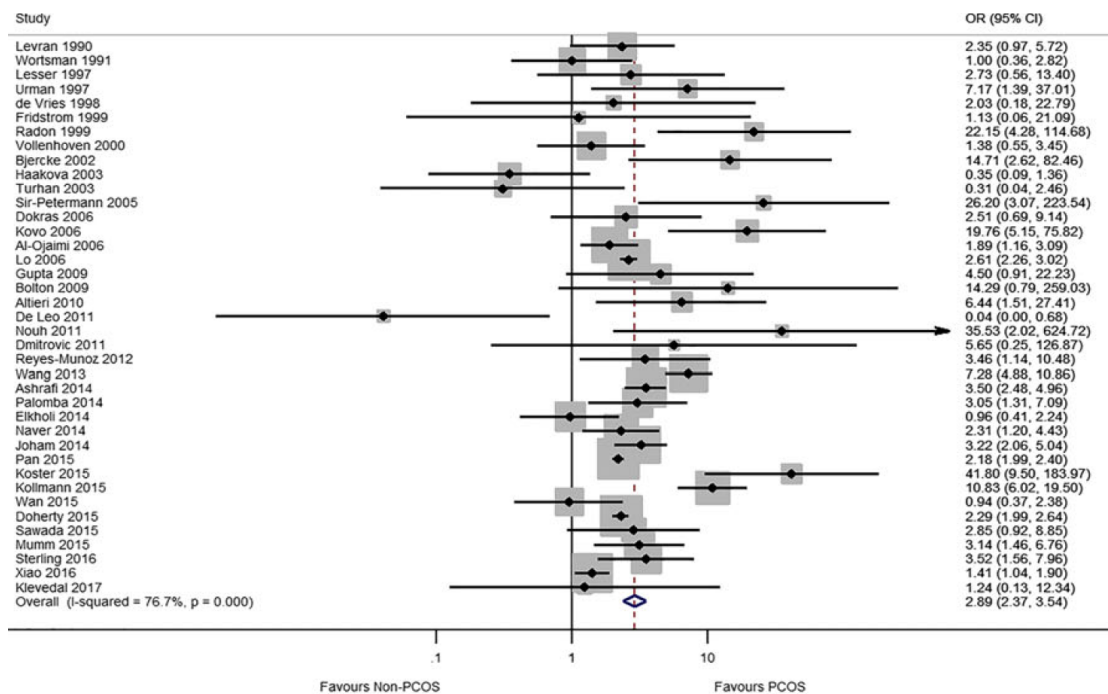


OR 2.87 (1.44-5.72) Prevalence 2-10%

Kakoly et al, 2018, Hum Reprod

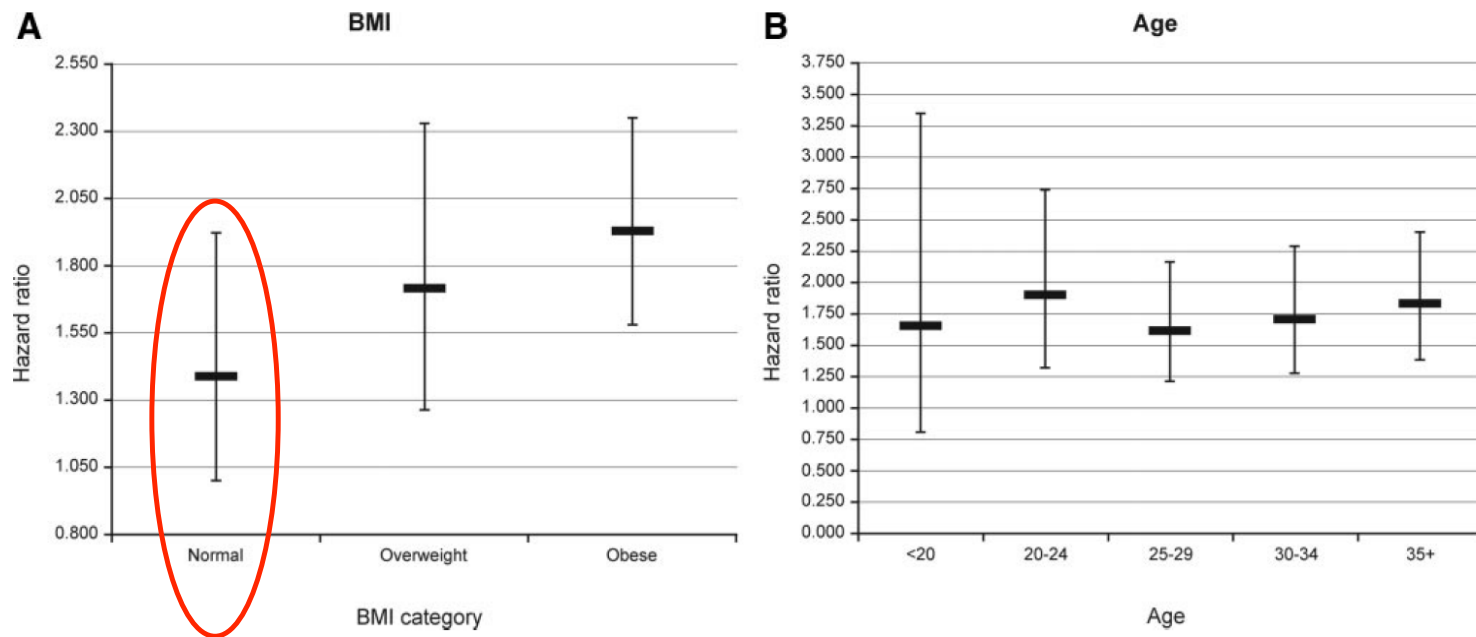


PCOS - Gestational Diabetes



OR 2.89 (95% CI 2.37 – 3.54)

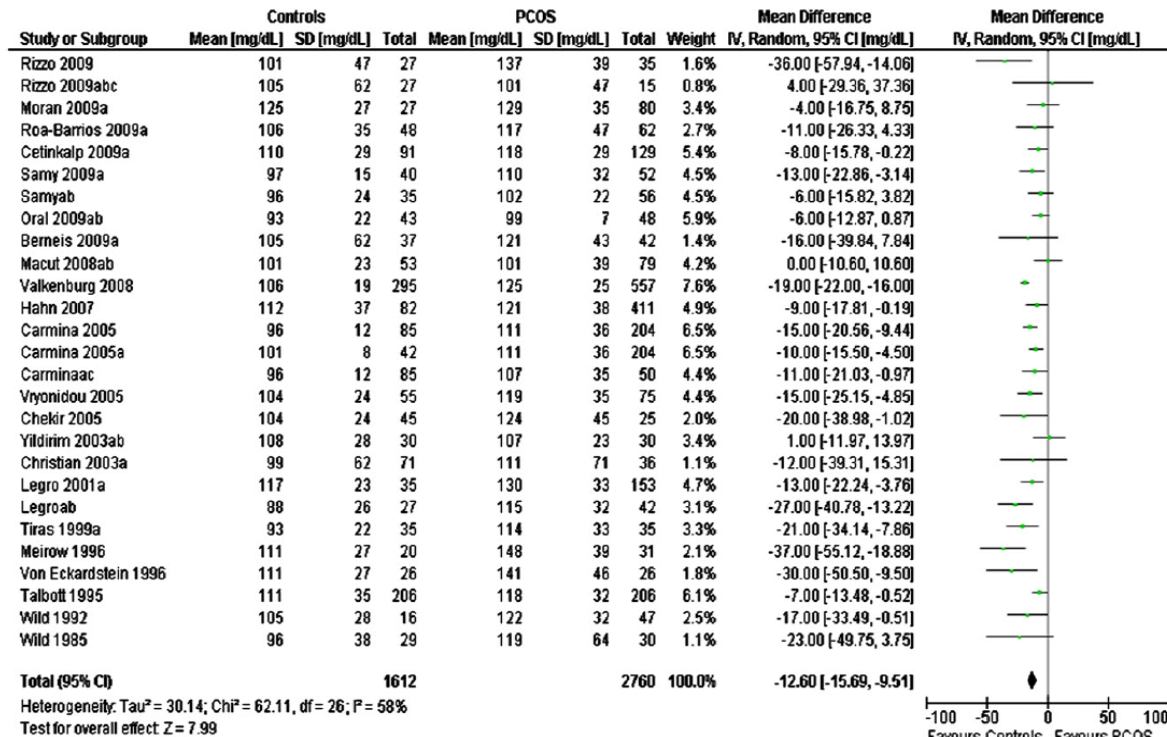
Diabetes Risk is Independent of Age and BMI



HR 3.07 (95% CI 2.7-3.3)



Dyslipidemia in PCOS - LDL-C



LDL-C levels were higher by 12.6mg/dl (%95 CI 9.5-16.5)

Wild et al, Fertil Steril, 2012

Reverse Cholesterol Transport & Efflux

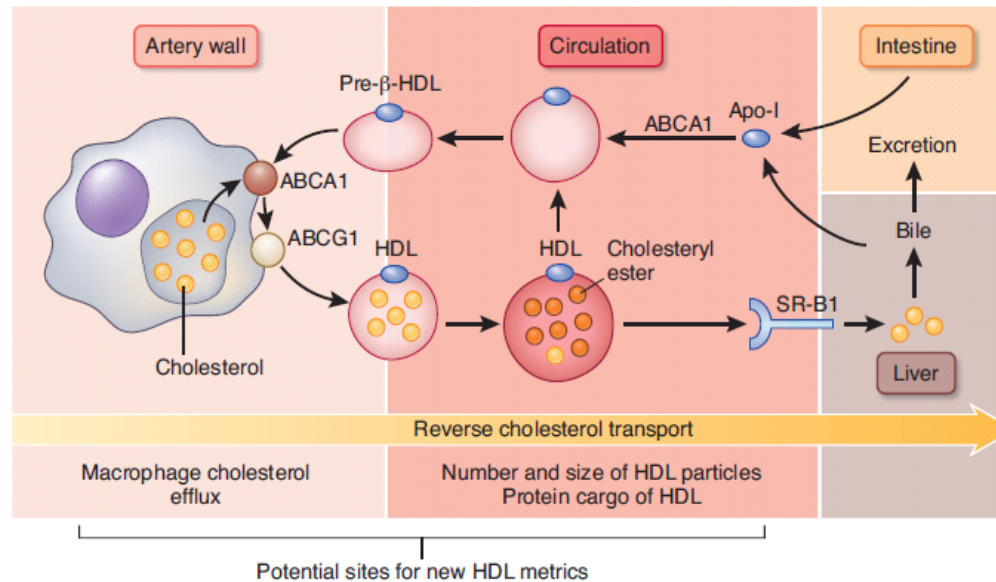
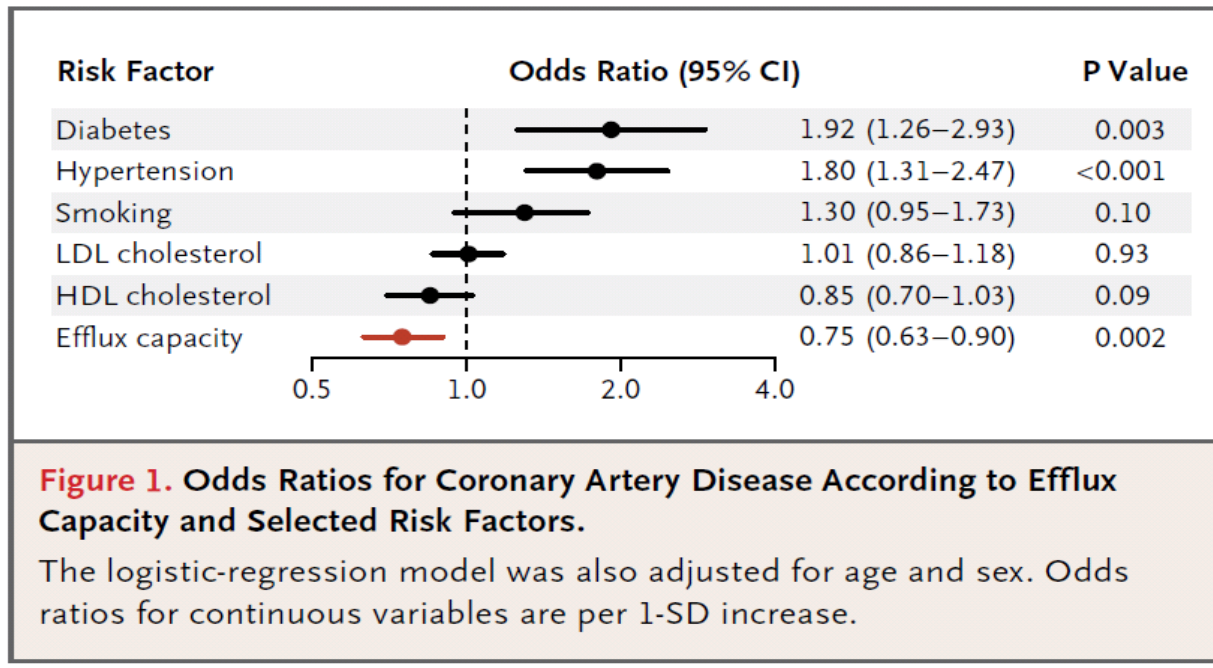


Figure 1 Overview of reverse cholesterol transport by HDL. Potential sites for new HDL metrics are indicated.



Cholesterol Efflux Capacity & Coronary Artery Disease



Decreased cholesterol efflux capacity and atherogenic lipid profile in young women with PCOS

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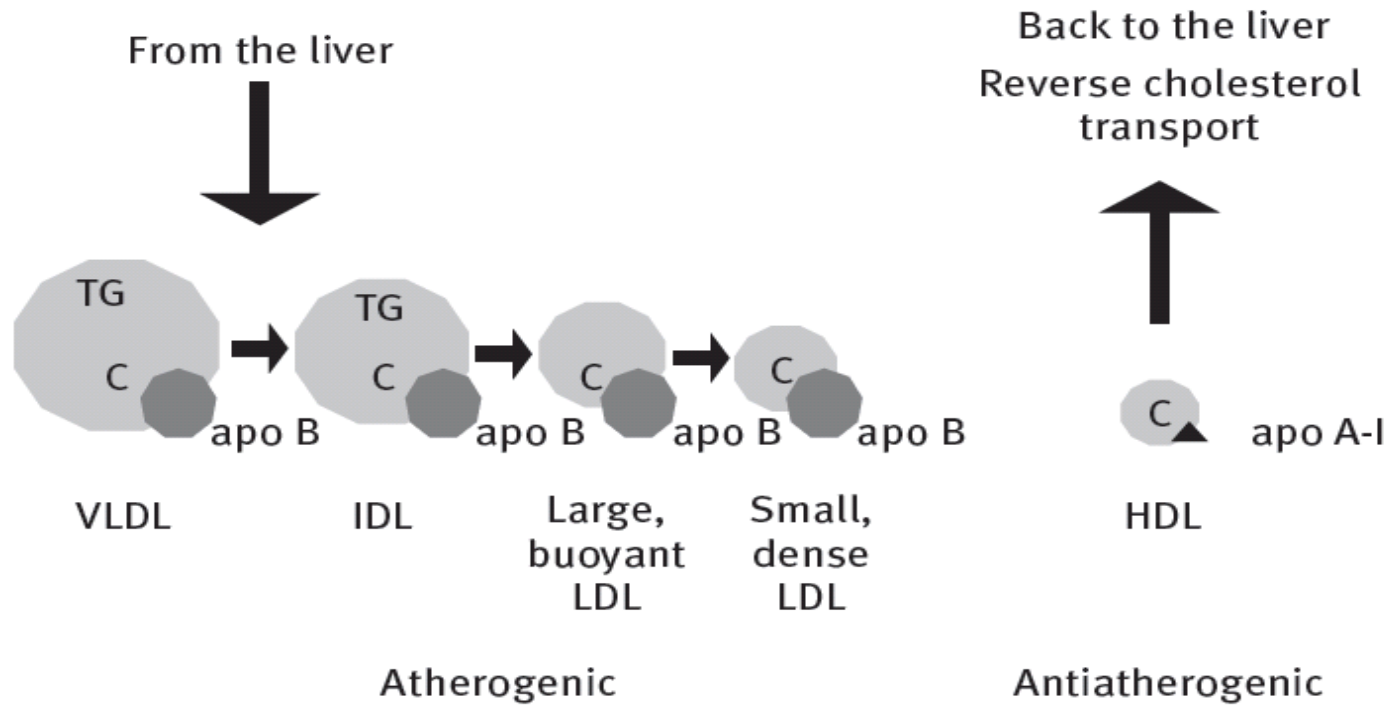
	PCOS n=124	Controls n=67
Total Cholesterol mg/dL)	192.5±37.9	189.7±34.5
HDL-C (mg/dL)	54.7 ±16.1	57.5± 17.9
Non-HDL Chol	137.7 ±38	124.9 ± 44
LDL-C mg/dl	167.1± 50.8	154.9 ±43.9
TG mg/dl	146.5± 92.9	112.2 ±69.9**
Lipid lowering therapy	2/125 (1.6%)	1/65 (1.5%)
Apo A1 mg/dl	161.1 ±38.2	174.4 ±35.5**
Apo B mg/dl	84.8±23.3	79.1±19.3
Apo B /A1	0.55 0.2	0.47 0.16**
HDL function#		
Cholesterol efflux capacity	0.96 (IQR 0.86-1.06)	1.05 (0.91-1.18)*

Roe et al, 2014, JCEM



Women with PCOS had an 11% decrease in normalized cholesterol efflux capacity

Lipid Profile Overview



Atherogenic Lipoprotein Particles – NMR Spectroscopy

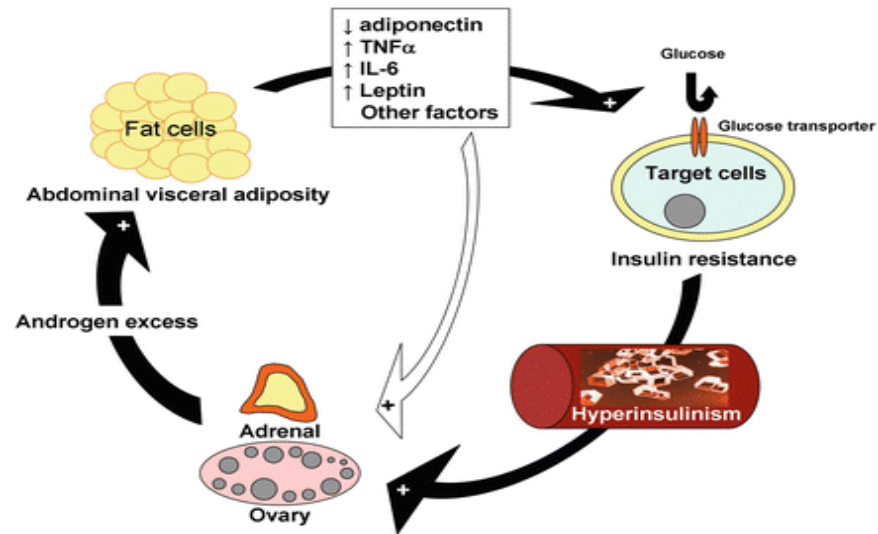
Particle concentration	PCOS (n=124)	Controls (n=68)
Total VLDL and Chylomicrons nmol/L	51.44±24.16	45.73±17.56
Large VLDL and Chylomicrons nmol/L	4.04±3.7	2.37±1.73 **
Medium VLDL nmol/L	18.36±12.64	15.27 ± 7.62
Small VLDL nmol/L	29.55 ± 14.54	29.16± 14.19
Total LDL nmol/L	1067.76±391.75	919.57± 300.34 *
IDL nmol/L	201.01± 125.31	253.85 ±181.39
Large LDL nmol/L	200.94± 143.27	203.07 ± 147.08
Small LDL nmol/L	652.91 ±367.95	434.33± 280.17 **
Total HDL umol/L	39.09 ±9.14	35.64 ± 7.83 **
Large HDL umol/L	6.77 ±4.44	7.68± 3.77
Medium HDL umol/L	14.39 ±7.62	12.77± 6.4
Small HDL umol/L	18.32 ±5.96	16.21± 5.37 *
Particle Size nm VLDL	49.58±6.04	46.78± 5.28 **
LDL	21.03 ±5.73	20.67± 0.65
HDL	9.34 ±0.49	9.55 ± 0.44 **

**p<0.01, *p<0.05

Roe et al, 2014, JCEM



Risk of Metabolic Syndrome



Adults OR 3.35 (95% CI 2.44-4.59)

Lim et al, Obesity Rev 2018

Adolescents OR 2.69 (1.29, 5.60)

Fazleen et al, Diabet Metab Syn 2018



Non Obese Women with PCOS have increased Cardio Metabolic Risk

Meta-analysis results for glucose metabolic disturbances and cardiovascular disease risk factors.

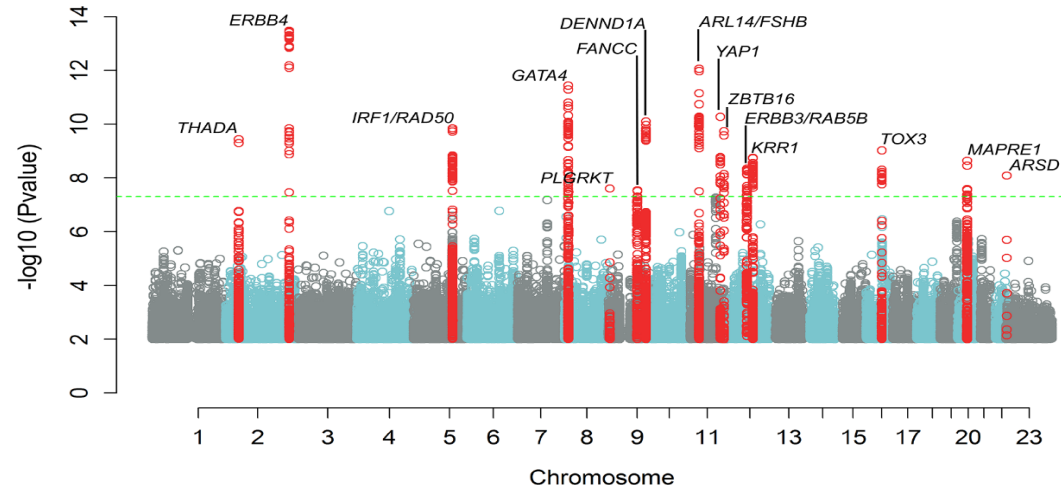
Outcome	No. of studies	Effects model	OR (95%CI)	P value	Heterogeneity	
					P_h value	I^2 (%)
Comparison in glucose metabolism disturbances						
HIN	1		36.27 (1.76, 747.12)			
IR	3	Random	5.70 (1.46, 22.32)	.012	0.005	81.1
IFG	4	Random	1.08 (0.46, 2.53)	.864	0.109	50.4
IGT	4	Fixed	3.42 (1.56, 7.52)	.002	0.310	16.3
Pre-DM	3	Fixed	1.39 (0.73, 2.63)	.317	0.459	0
T2DM	5	Fixed	1.47 (1.11, 1.93)	.007	0.555	0
T2DM cohort	3	Fixed	1.48 (1.12, 1.95)	.007	0.245	29
Comparison in CVD risk factors						
Dyslipidemia	2	Fixed	1.87 (0.85, 4.13)	.121	0.913	0
high-TC	1		5.78 (0.31, 107.92)			
high-TG	2	Fixed	10.46 (1.39, 78.56)	.022	0.554	0
low-HDL	2	Fixed	4.03 (1.26, 12.95)	.019	0.626	0
Hypertension	3	Random	2.44 (0.80, 7.43)	.117	0.117	53.3

Note: CI = confidence interval; CVD = cardiovascular disease; high-TC = hypercholesterolemia; high-TG = hypertriglyceridemia; HIN = hyperinsulinemia; IFG = impaired fasting glucose; IGT = impaired glucose intolerance; IR = insulin resistance; low-HDL = low high-density lipoprotein; Pre-DM = IGT plus IFG; OR = odds ratio; T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Zhu. *Metabolic disturbances in non-obese PCOS. Fertil Steril* 2018.



Genetic Correlations with Metabolic Phenotype



Phenotype	Genetic Correlation	SE	Z	P-value
Body mass index	0.34	0.039	8.60	8.21×10^{-18}
Childhood obesity	0.34	0.066	5.17	2.40×10^{-7}
Fasting insulin levels	0.44	0.087	5.01	5.33×10^{-7}
Type 2 diabetes	0.31	0.068	4.47	7.84×10^{-6}
High-density lipoprotein levels	-0.23	0.059	-3.96	7.40×10^{-5}
Menarche	-0.16	0.042	-3.76	1.71×10^{-4}
Triglyceride levels	0.19	0.052	3.61	3.05×10^{-4}
Coronary artery disease	0.23	0.069	3.32	8.86×10^{-4}
Depression	0.205	0.0582	3.5203	0.0004
Menopause	-0.014	0.0183	-0.762	0.4461
Male pattern balding	0.0149	0.0168	0.8861	0.3756

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgen.1007813.t004>



Family Members have Increased Metabolic Risk

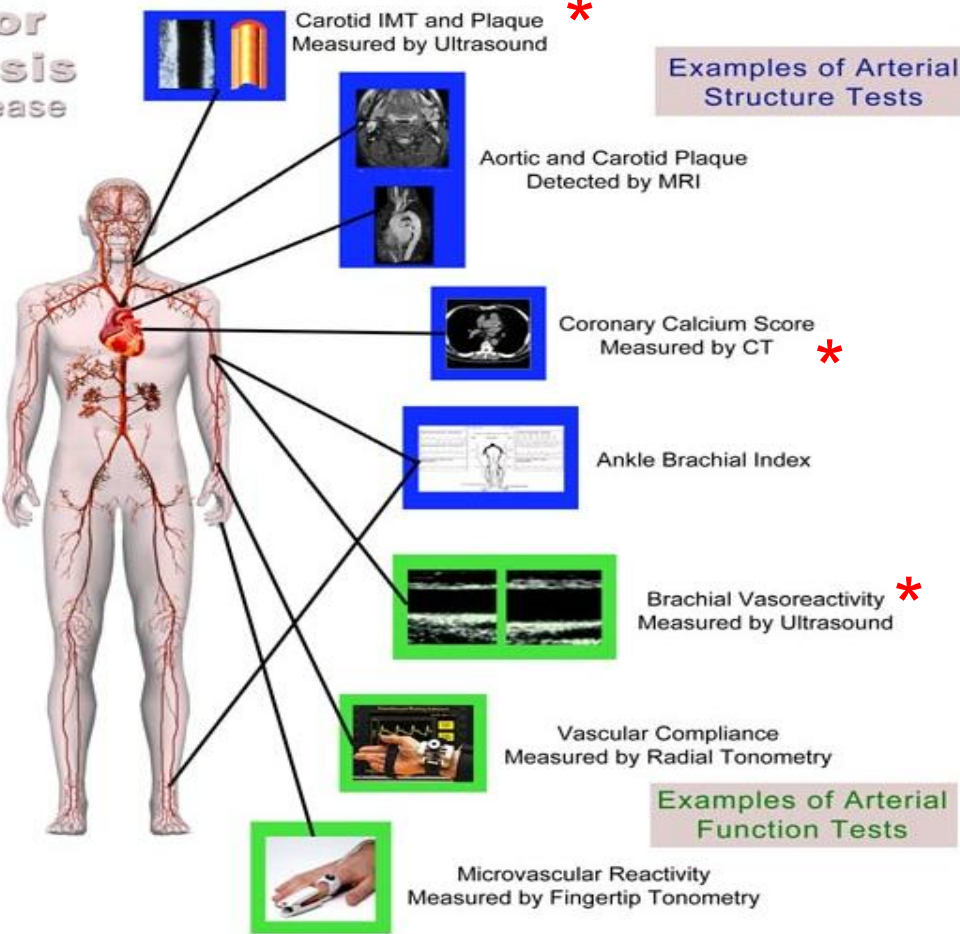
- Mothers – metabolic syndrome, dyslipidemia
- Fathers – metabolic syndrome, dyslipidemia, hypertension
- Brothers – hypertension
- Sisters - hypertension, metabolic syndrome



PCOS and Subclinical Atherosclerosis

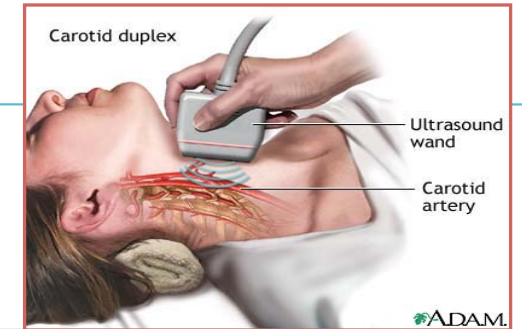
Screening for Atherosclerosis Risk Factors vs Disease

- Numerous Risk Factors**
- * High LDL
 - * Low HDL
 - * High BP
 - * Diabetes
 - Smoking
 - * CRP
 - * Metabolic Syn
 - Lp(a)
 - Homocysteine
 - Dense LDL
 - Lp-PLA2
 - ApoB/ApoA
 - Family History
 - Sedentary Life
 - * Obesity
 - * Stress
 - ...
 - ?
- Over 200 risk factors have been reported.**

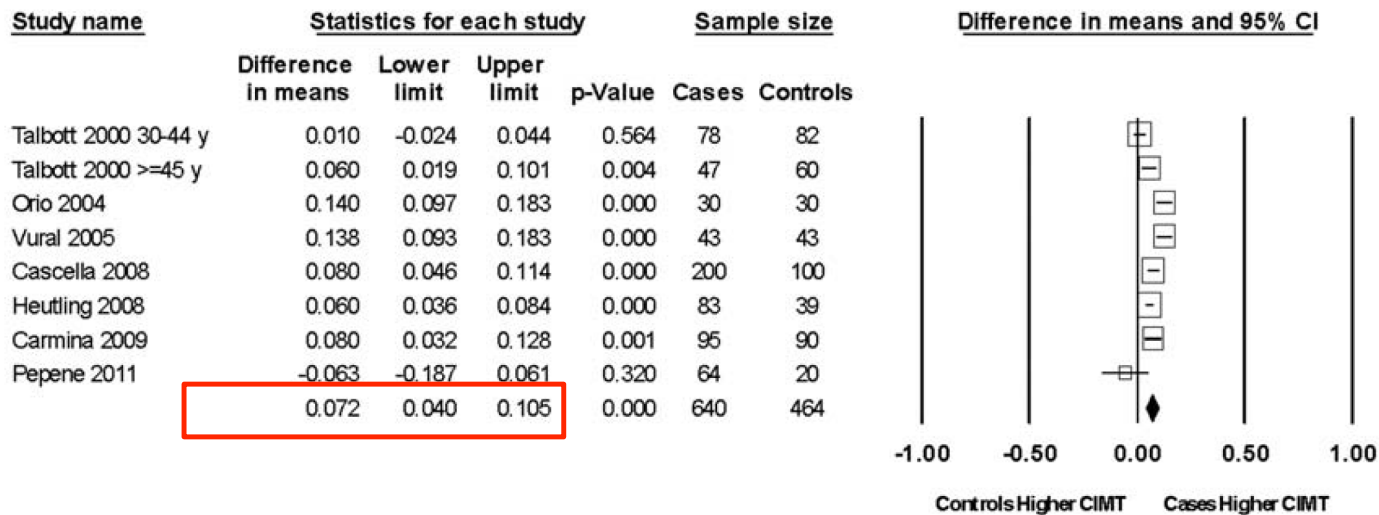


Carotid artery intima-media thickness in polycystic ovary syndrome: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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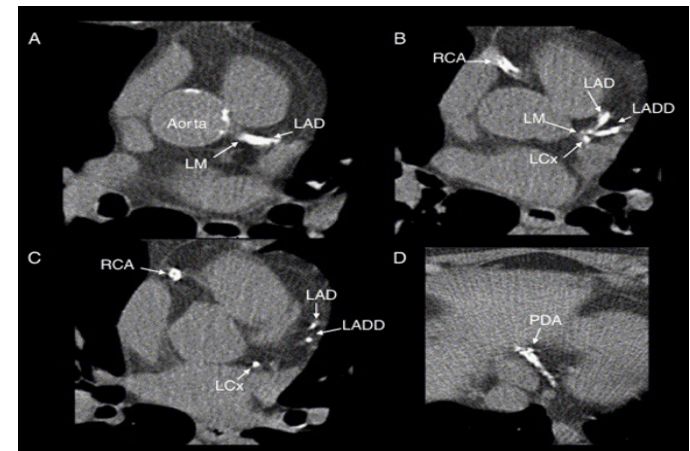


PCOS 1123, Controls 923

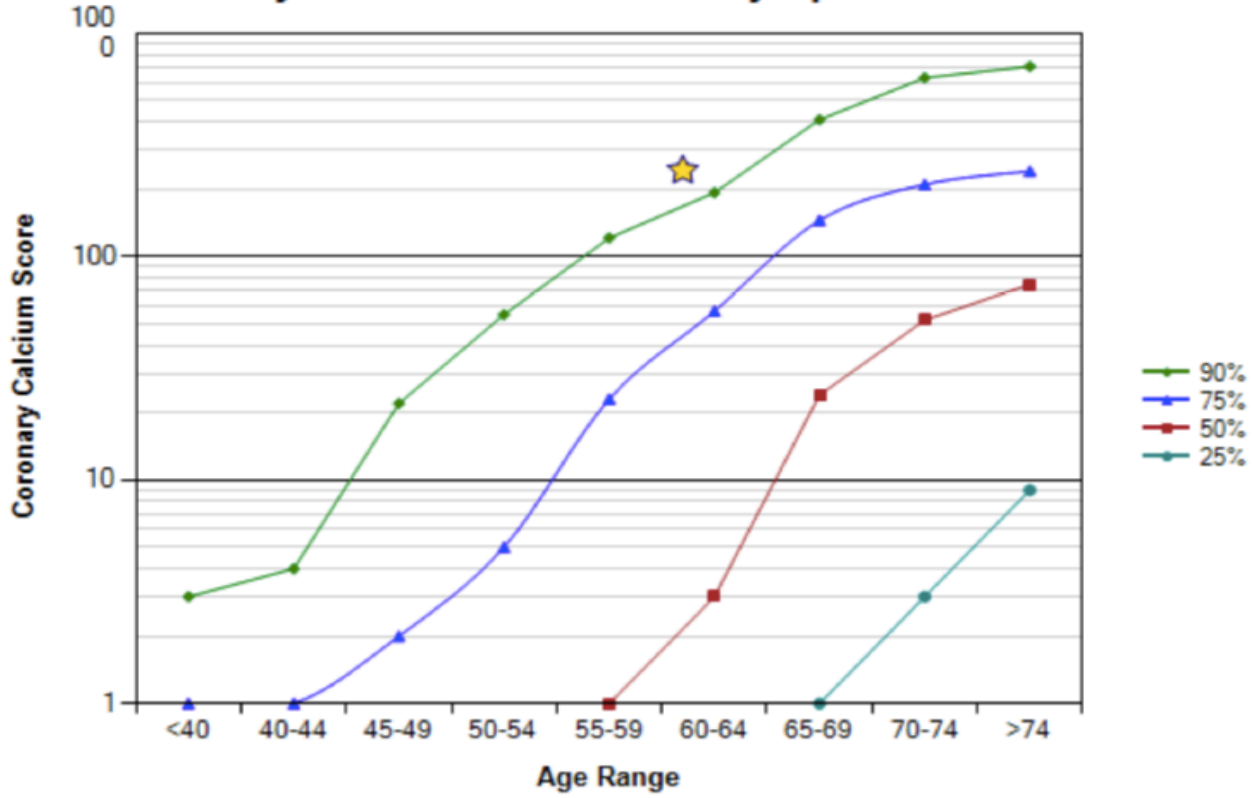
Human Reprod 2012

Coronary Artery Calcification & PCOS

Author Year	n	Study Population/ Study Design	Outcome Measure/ Results
Shroff, 2007	24 cases 24 24 controls	Obese, premenopausal [cross-sectional]	Prevalence of CAC (>0) OR=5.5 (1.03, 29.45) p<0.03
Christian, 2003	36 cases 71 controls	Premenopausal, age 30-45 [cross-sectional]	Prevalence of CAC (>0) OR=1.99 (0.68,5.82) p=0.21 (NS)
Talbott, 2004	61 cases 85 controls	BMI < 35 [prospective] Age 40-61	Prevalence of CAC (>0) OR=2.31 (1.00, 5.33) p=0.049
Talbott, 2008	149 cases 166 controls	All BMI [cross-sectional]	Prevalence of CAC >10 OR=1.90 (1.04, 3.48) p=0.037
Chang, 2011	144 PCOS 170 controls	Age 37-45years Cross sectional	Prevalence of CAC (>10) PCOS 5.4% controls 6.3% p=0.74
Calderon-Margalit 2014	55 PCOS 668 controls	Mean age 45.3	Prevalence of CAC (>0) OR 2.7 (1.37-5.25)



Coronary Calcium Scores in Asymptomatic Women



CVD in a Danish Population of Young Women with PCOS

Table 1 Event rates of CVD in PCOS OUH, PCOS Denmark and controls

	PCOS OUH (N=1159)		PCOS Denmark (N=17,995)		Controls (N=52,329)		p ^a	p ^b
	N (%)	IR	N (%)	IR	N (%)	IR		
CVD events	264 (23)	22.6	3970 (22)	22.0	7344 (14)	13.2	<0.001	0.54
CVD (HT and DL excluded)	71 (6)	5.4	1290 (7)	6.4	2678 (5)	4.5	<0.001	0.16
ICD10 CVD, total	121 (10)	9.5	1727 (10)	8.7	3089 (6)	5.2	<0.001	0.31



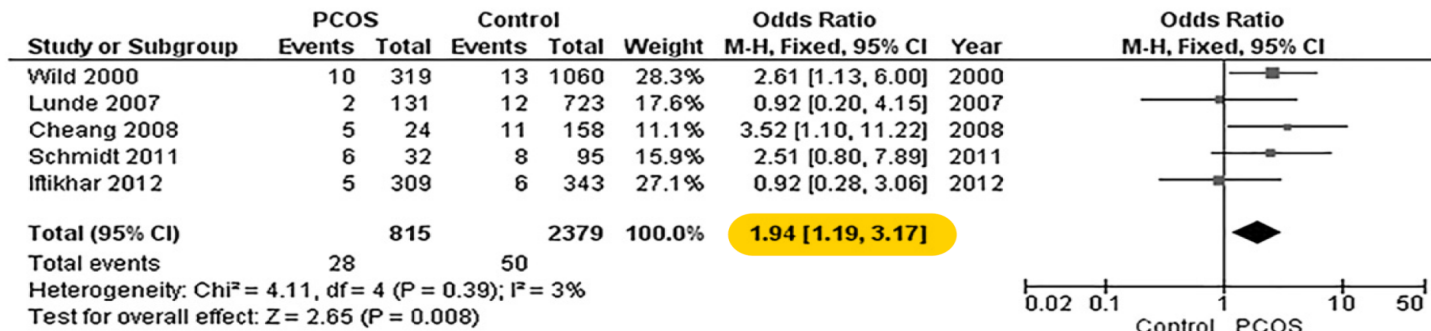
Glintborg et al, Cardiovasc Diabetol 2018

Risk of coronary heart disease and risk of stroke in women with polycystic ovary syndrome: A systematic review and meta-analysis

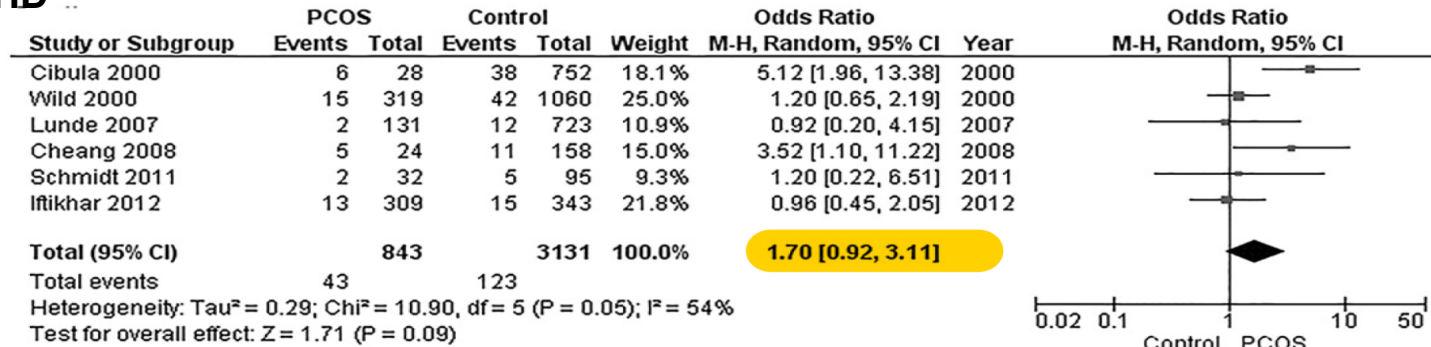
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Non fatal stroke

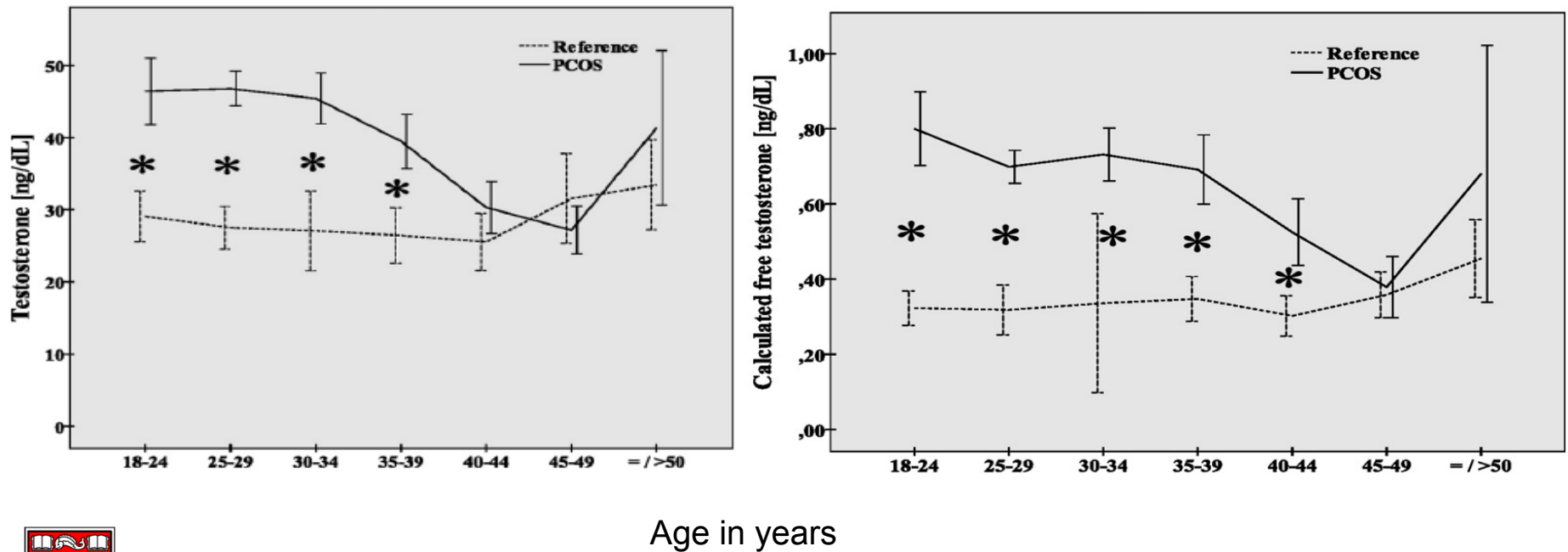


Non fatal CHD

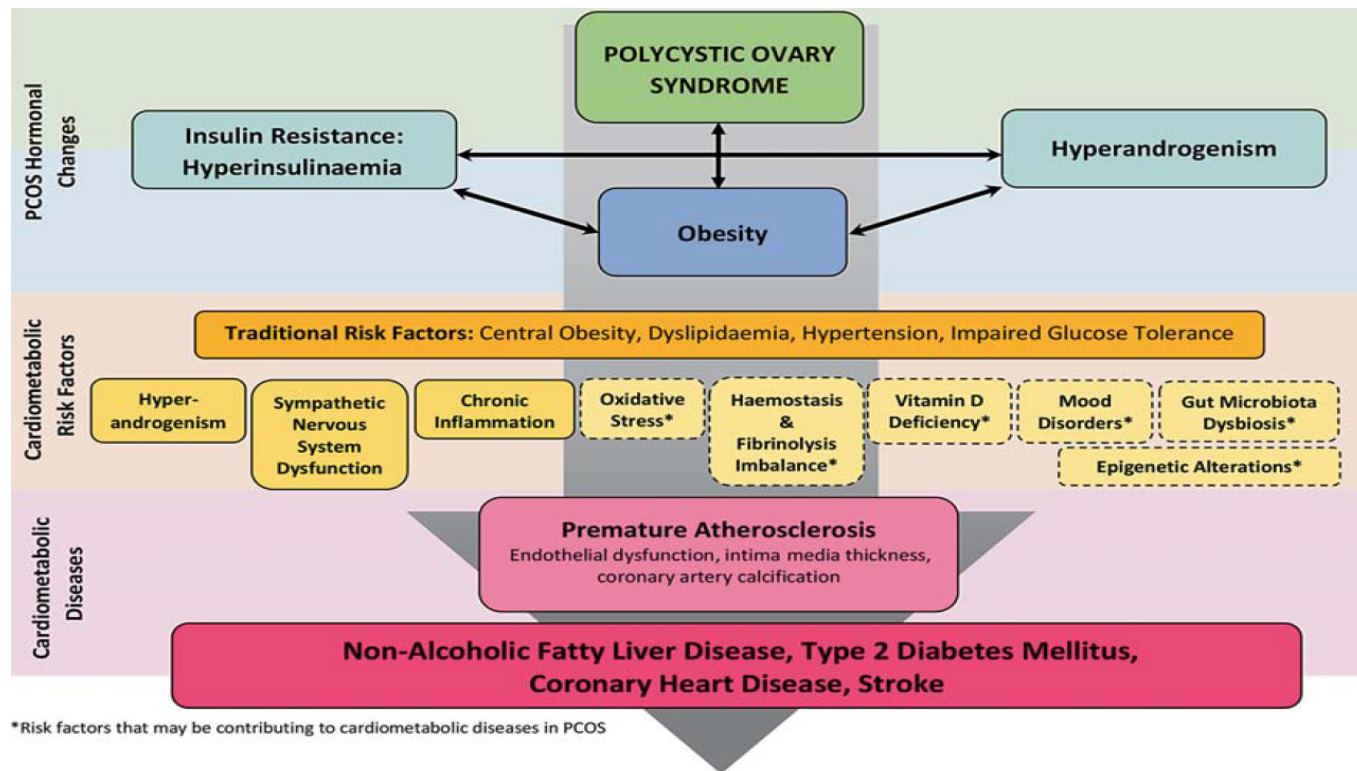


Androgen Profile Through Life in Women With Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: A Nordic Multicenter Collaboration Study

PCOS n=681, controls n=230



Does the CVD Risk Persist in the Menopause?

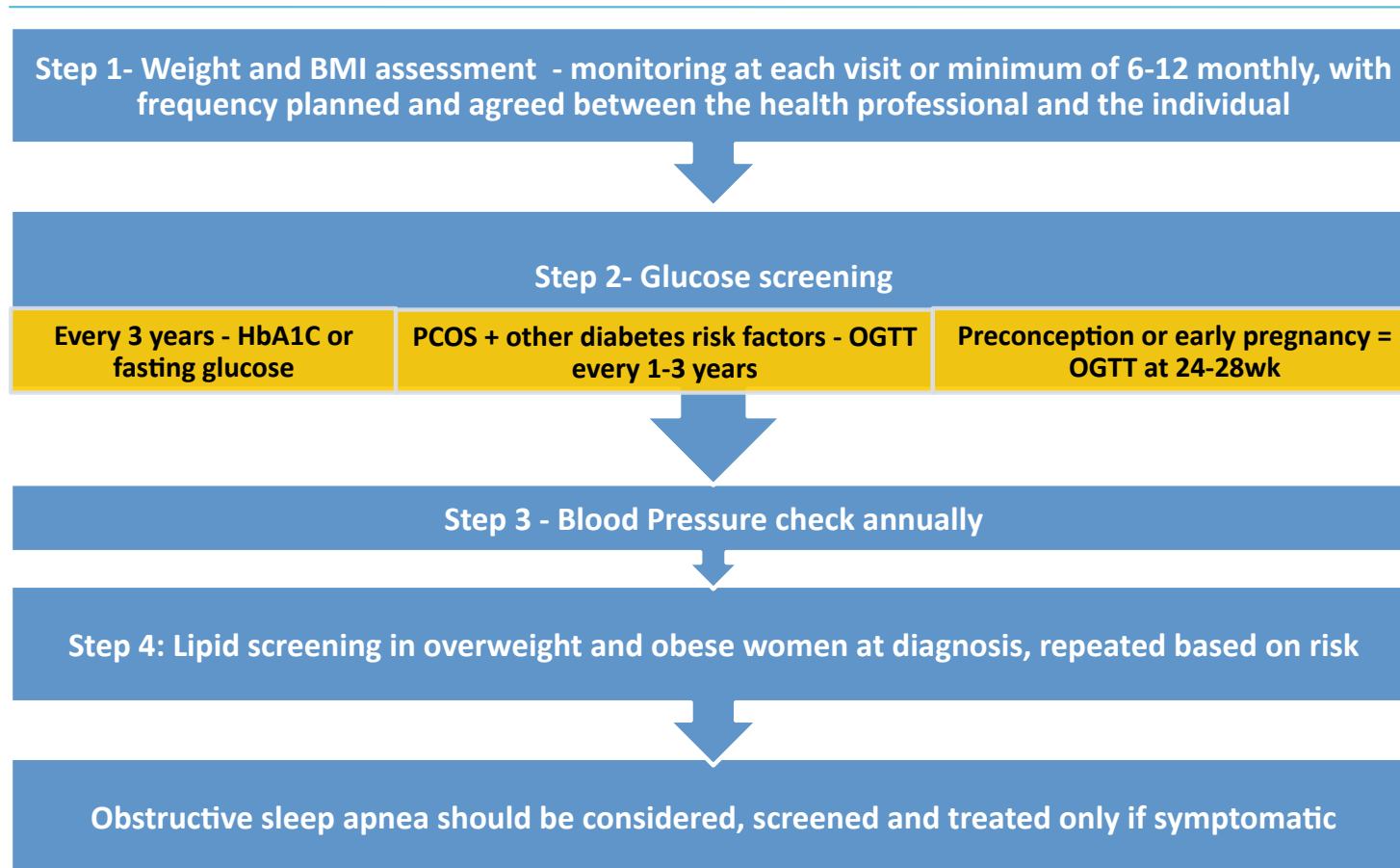


*Risk factors that may be contributing to cardiometabolic diseases in PCOS



Hypothesis – older women with PCOS should have an increased risk of CVD

Metabolic Risk Screening for Primary Prevention of CVD

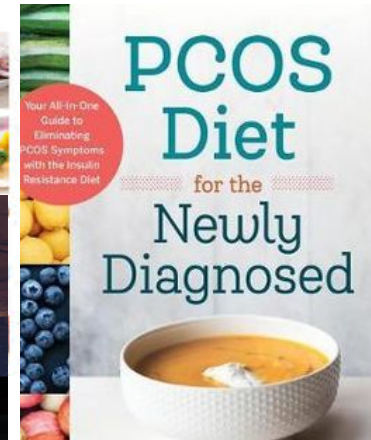
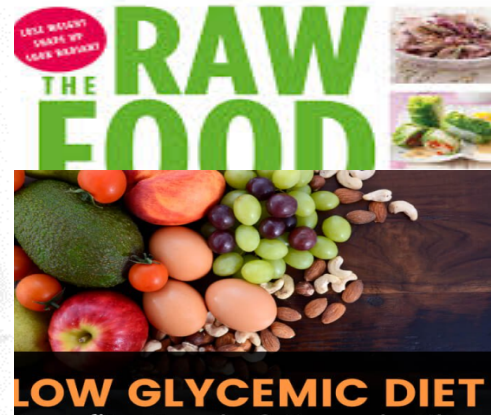
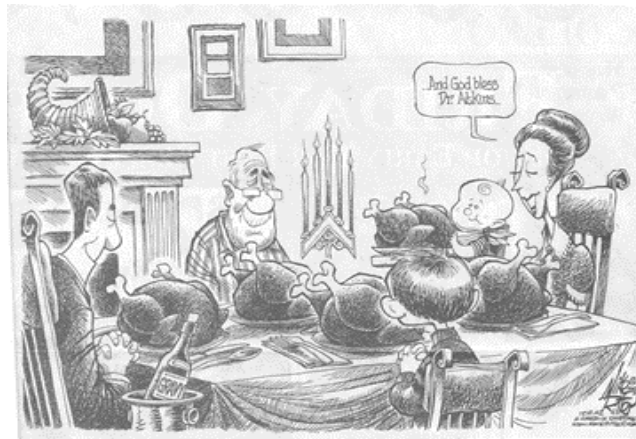


Metformin & Lifestyle Changes

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| 4.4.1 | EBR | Metformin in addition to lifestyle, could be recommended in adult women with PCOS, for the treatment of weight, hormonal and metabolic outcomes. | ◆◆◆
⊕⊕○○ |
| 4.4.2 | EBR | Metformin in addition to lifestyle, should be considered in adult women with PCOS with BMI $\geq 25\text{kg/m}^2$ for management of weight and metabolic outcomes. | ◆◆◆
⊕⊕○○ |
| 4.4.3 | EBR | Metformin in additional to lifestyle, could be considered in adolescents with a clear diagnosis of PCOS or with symptoms of PCOS before the diagnosis is made. | ◆◆◆
⊕⊕○○ |
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| 4.4.4 | CPP | Metformin may offer greater benefit in high metabolic risk groups including those with diabetes risk factors, impaired glucose tolerance or high-risk ethnic groups (see 1.6.1). |
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| 4.4.5 | CPP | Where metformin is prescribed the following need to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• adverse effects, including gastrointestinal side-effects that are generally dose dependent and self-limiting, need to be the subject of individualised discussion• starting at a low dose, with 500mg increments 1-2 weekly and extended release preparations may minimise side effects• metformin use appears safe long-term, based on use in other populations, however ongoing requirement needs to be considered and use may be associated with low vitamin B12 levels• use is generally off label and health professionals need to inform women and discuss the evidence, possible concerns and side effects. |
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What Diet is the Best for PCOS?



- No specific diet, general energy deficit -30%
- Behavioural; SMART
Specific, Measurable, Activating, **Realistic**, Timely
- Psychological wellbeing to promote healthy lifestyle



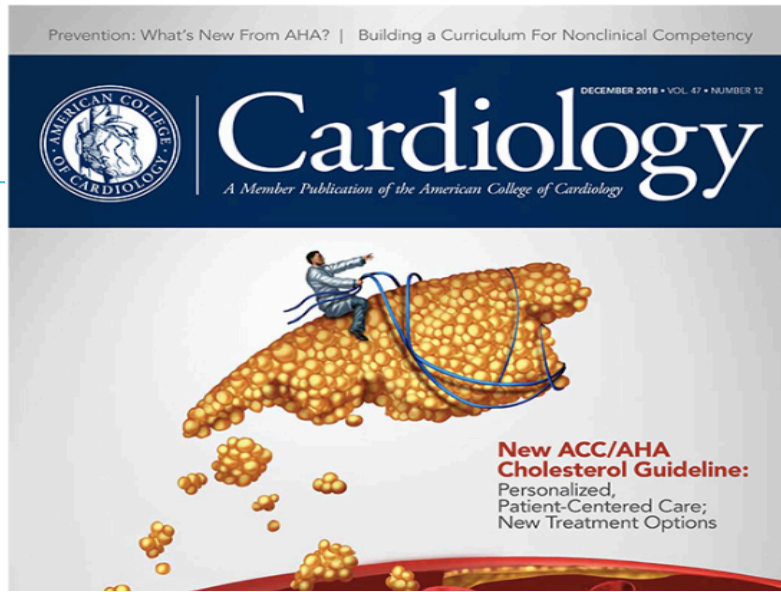


TABLE 2 Risk-Enhancing Factors for Clinician–Patient Risk Discussion (10)

Risk-Enhancing Factors

- **Family history of premature ASCVD** (males, age <55 y; females, age <65 y)
- **Primary hypercholesterolemia** (LDL-C, 160–189 mg/dL [4.1–4.8 mmol/L]; non-HDL-C 190–219 mg/dL [4.9–5.6 mmol/L])*
- **Metabolic syndrome** (increased waist circumference, elevated triglycerides [>150 mg/dL], elevated blood pressure, elevated glucose, and low HDL-C [<40 mg/dL in men; <50 in women mg/dL] are factors; tally of 3 makes the diagnosis)
- **Chronic kidney disease** (eGFR 15–59 mL/min/1.73 m² with or without albuminuria; not treated with dialysis or kidney transplantation)
- **Chronic inflammatory conditions** such as psoriasis, RA, or HIV/AIDS
- **History of premature menopause (before age 40 y) and history of pregnancy-associated conditions that increase later ASCVD risk such as preeclampsia**
- **High-risk race/ethnicities** (e.g., South Asian ancestry)
- **Lipid/biomarkers:** Associated with increased ASCVD risk
 - Persistently* elevated, primary hypertriglyceridemia (≥ 175 mg/dL);
 - If measured:
 - **Elevated high-sensitivity C-reactive protein** (≥ 2.0 mg/L)
 - **Elevated Lp(a):** A relative indication for its measurement is family history of premature ASCVD. An Lp(a) ≥ 50 mg/dL or ≥ 125 nmol/L constitutes a risk-enhancing factor especially at higher levels of Lp(a).
 - **Elevated apoB** ≥ 130 mg/dL: A relative indication for its measurement would be triglyceride ≥ 200 mg/dL. A level ≥ 130 mg/dL corresponds to an LDL-C >160 mg/dL and constitutes a risk-enhancing factor
 - **ABI** <0.9



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- Reproductive Endocrinologist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nutritionist
- Dermatologist
- Psychiatrist/Clinical Psychologist
- Weight management
- Research Coordinator



Do you have Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)?

The Women's Health Clinical Research Center at the University of Pennsylvania is conducting an 11 month research study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medicine for women with PCOS. Women with suspected PCOS also may be eligible to participate.

For more information and to see if you qualify, call (215) 662-7727 or visit WHCRG.PENN.EDU

WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER Penn Medicine

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS:

- women ages 18-45
- in their menstrual periods each year when not using any hormone therapy

QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE:

- study medical exams
- electrocardiogram and ultrasound
- investigational medicine (including the possibility of placebo)
- compensation for time and travel

Are you seeking a way to manage your PCOS?

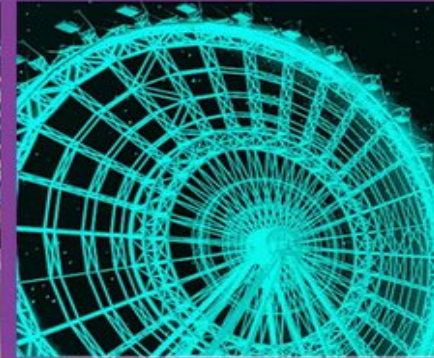
The Penn PCOS Center at the University of Pennsylvania is conducting a six-month research study to compare the effects of medications on metabolic risk factors for women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)

Living with PCOS? Trying to lose weight?

The Penn PCOS Center at the University of Pennsylvania is conducting a research study to determine the most effective intervention for women who suffer from polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), excess weight, and symptoms of depression.



Iconic Landmarks Around the World Light Up Teal for PCOS Awareness Month



#WorldPCOSDay #PCOS #TurnItTeal
#PCOSChallenge #CystersUnited

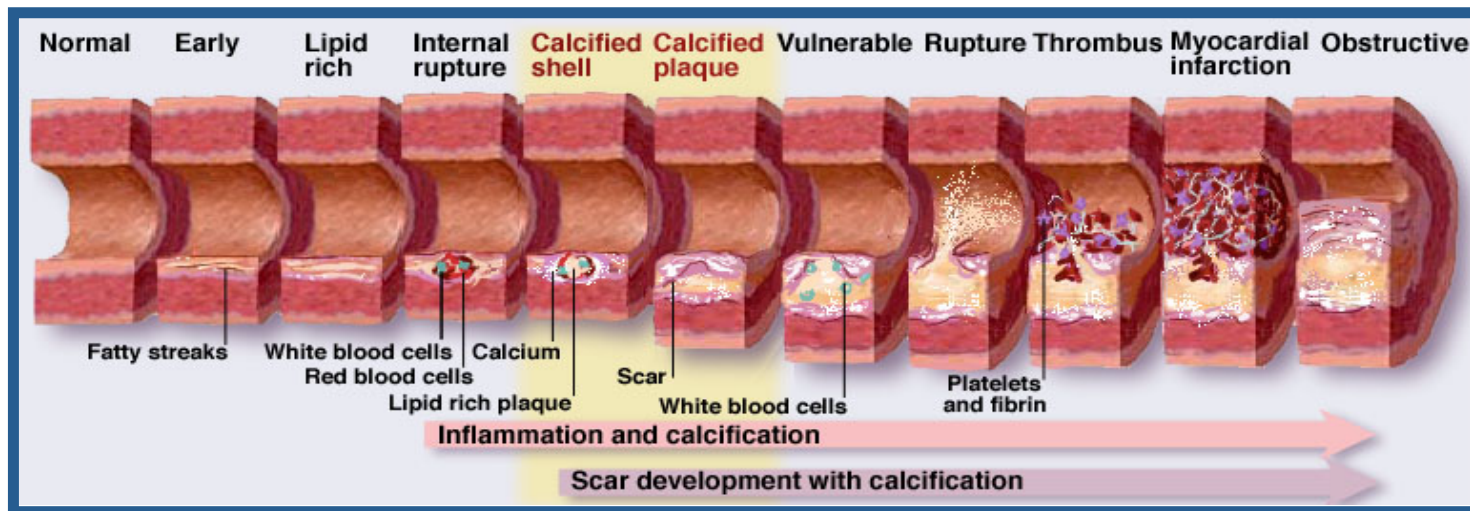
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Cardiovascular risk factors and disease in women. Art work by Piet Michiels, Leuven, Belgium.

Coronary Artery Disease Timeline



Atypical presentations and expanded spectrum of Ischemic Heart Disease (coronary microvascular dysfunction, vasomotor abnormalities, spontaneous coronary artery dissection and stress induced cardiomyopathy) in women



PREVALENCE OF PCOS

Country	Prevalence NIH	Prevalence Rotterdam
Australia	8.6-15.3%	9-21.3%
Brazil	NA	8.5%
China	2.2-7.1%	5.6-11.2%
Denmark	NA	16.6%
Greece	6.8%	NA
Iran	4.8-7.1%	14.1-15.2%
Italy and Spain	5.4%	NA
Mexico	6%	NA
Sri Lanka	NA	6.3%
Turkey	6.1%	19.9%
UK	8%	NA
USA	4-13%	NA



Lizneva et al, Fertil Steril. 2016 May 24.

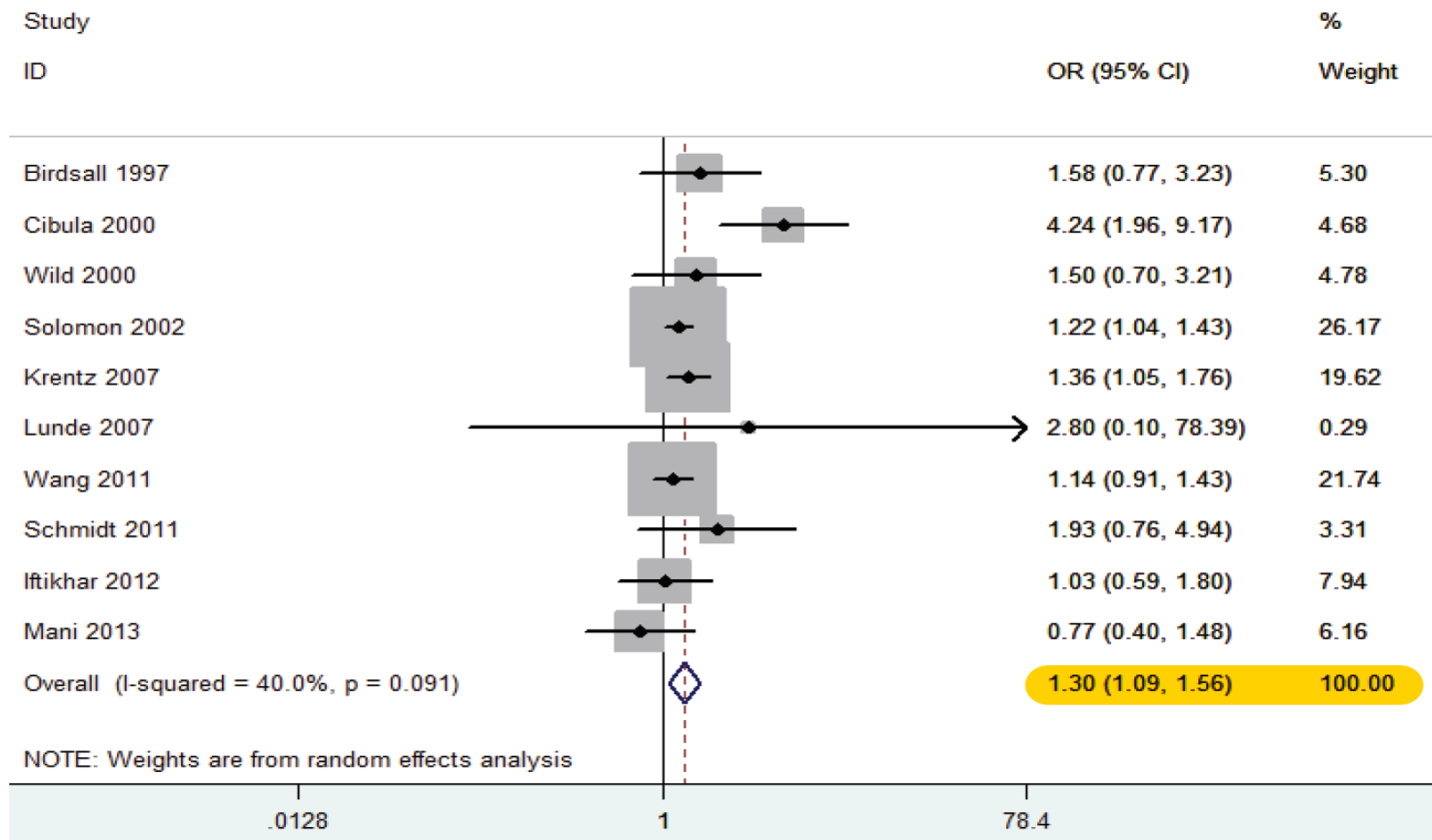
Impact of Race on Metabolic Risk

PCOS	US White	US Black	India	Brazil	Finland	Norway
n	186	101	220	238	94	287
Metabolic Syndrome	52 (28%)	52 (51.5%)	65 (29.6%)	70 (29.4%)	26 (27.7%)	106 (26.5%)
BMI criterion	89 (47.9%)	74 (73.3%)	82 (37.3%)	100 (42%)	45 (47.9%)	135 (47%)
TG criterion	38 (20.4%)	10 (9.9%)	59 (26.8%)	64 (26.9%)	11 (11.7%)	58 (20.2%)
BP criterion	68 (36.6%)	59 (58.4%)	37 (16.8%)	83 (34.9%)	34 (36.2%)	131 (45.6%)
Glucose criterion	22 (11.8%)	22 (21.8%)	63 (28.6%)	42 (17.7%)	16 (17%)	75 (26.1%)
HDL criterion	77 (41.4%)	72 (71.3%)	214 (97.3%)	142 (59.7%)	41 (43.6%)	161 (56.1%)



Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and the risk of coronary heart disease (CHD): a meta-analysis

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Endothelial function measured using flow-mediated dilation in polycystic ovary syndrome: a meta-analysis of the observational studies

PCOS 908
Controls 566

