

# Secondary prevention of ischaemic heart disease

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## Description of condition and intervention

Long term management of ischemic heart disease, stroke, and peripheral vascular disease with aspirin, beta blockers, ACEi, and statins (as indicated) to reduce the risk of further events. Also includes lab screening and outpatient visits detailed in the costing section below.

## International guidelines

Organization	Indications/recommendations	Applicability in LIC & Lower MIC settings

## Intervention attributes

### Type of interventions

Prevention

### Delivery platform

This intervention may be delivered as part of routine care services predominantly at health centre level.

### Equity

In addition to considerations like cost-effectiveness and health systems factors, dimensions of equity can be relevant for priority setting. The opportunity for a long and healthy life varies according to the severity of a health condition that individuals might have, so there are

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inequities in individuals' opportunities for long and healthy lives based on the health conditions they face. Metrics used to estimate the severity of illness at an individual level can be used to help prioritize those with less opportunity for lifetime health. FairChoices: DCP Analytics Tool uses Health adjusted age of death (HAAD), which is a metric that estimates the number of years lived from birth to death, discounting years lived with disability. A high HAAD thus represents a disease less severe in terms of lifetime health loss, while a low HAAD represents a disease that is severe on average, causing early death or a long period of severe disability. It is also possible to estimate the distribution of HAAD across individuals with a health condition. FairChoices shows for each intervention an average HAAD value of the conditions that are affected by respective interventions that have health effects. Additionally, a plot shows HAAD values for around 290 conditions (Johansson KA et al 2020).

**Time dependence**

Moderate level of urgency. Treatment outcomes not highly affected by some days of delay.

**Population in need of interventions**

Prevalent cases of ischaemic heart disease for age group 30 to 99 years are the treated population. The treated fraction is 1 for this intervention. The affected population and affected fraction are same as treated population and fraction.

**Disease state addressed**

The disease state addressed is ischaemic heart disease.

**Intervention effectiveness and safety**

Table 1: Effectiveness and safety of secondary prevention for ischaemic heart disease

What happens?	No intervention	With intervention	Certainty of evidence
Mortality (due to condition)	Tolla et al 2016		See appendix
ACEi	0.23		
ARB	0.23		
Aspirin	0.13		

Beta-blockers	0.23	
Statins	0.19	
Total relative mortality reduction	0.5822	

## Model assumptions

Table 2: Summary of model parameters and values used in FairChoices – DCP Analytical Tool

Category	Model parameter	Notes
Intervention	Secondary prevention of ischaemic heart disease	
<b>Cost calculation</b>		
Treated population	Based on prevalence of Ischaemic heart disease	Global Burden of Disease study 2019
Gender	Both male & female	
Age	30-99 years	
Treated fraction		
Lab and outpatient visits	1	
ACEi*	0.75	
ARB*	0.25	
Aspirin	1	
Beta-blockers	1	
Statins	1	
<b>Effect calculation</b>		
Affected population		
Affected gender	Both male & female	
Affected fraction age	30 to 99 years	
Affected fraction		
Lab and outpatient visits	1	
ACEi	0.75	
ARB	0.25	
Aspirin	1	
Beta-blockers	1	
Statins	1	
Comparison	No intervention	
Mortality Reduction (RRR**)	0.5822	Tolla et 2016 & see table 1

\*ACEi=Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, ARB= Angiotensin II receptor blockers

\*\*Relative risk reduction (RRR) estimated as 1-Relative risk (RR)

## Intervention cost

Unit costs were calculated from a cost-effectiveness modelling study conducted in Tanzania. Parameters listed below were used to calculate a total unit cost of \$101.05 (Ngalesoni et al 2016)

Drug regimen	Proportion receiving drug regimen	Unit cost (in USD) of drug regimen
ARB	0.25	64.83
		Value computed in the model= $0.25 \times 64.83 = 16.2$
ACEi	0.75	14.1
		Value computed in the model= $0.75 \times 14.1 = 10.6$
Beta-blockers	1	6.82
Statin	1	15.92
Aspirin	1	14.79
2 lab tests per year	1	$= 4.07 \times 2 = 8.14$
4 outpatient visits per year	1	$= 7.15 \times 4 = 28.6$
Total unit cost for the intervention secondary prevention for IHD		$16.2 + 10.6 + 6.8 + 15.92 + 14.79 + 8.14 + 28.6 = 101.05$ USD

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## Appendix

### Literature Review for effectiveness & safety

This literature search is an example of Level 1 search for intervention inputs taken from DCP3 or generated in an ad hoc manner (e.g., quick google search found one study of cervical cancer screening cost-effectiveness that was used to create an effectiveness parameter for that intervention).

Level of evidence of efficacy studies:

1. low (expert opinions, case series, reports, low-quality case control studies)
2. moderate (high quality case control studies, low quality cohort studies)
3. high (high quality cohort studies, individual RCTs)
4. very high (multiple RCTs, metaanalysis, systematic review, clinical practice guidelines).