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## Invitation to the Screening Programme for pathologically elevated cholesterol in children "FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA" (FH)

- Did you know that in rare cases the predisposition for myocardial infarction and cerebral stroke is already set at a young age?
- High cholesterol (= blood fat) can be genetically inherited and it can damage blood vessels even in children.

Do you have a family history of **high blood lipids** or have you been prescribed lipidlowering **medication** (e.g. statins)?

- The damage to the blood vessels can be prevented if highly elevated cholesterol (= LDL-C: "bad" cholesterol) is detected and treated early from childhood.
- Familial hypercholesterolemia (FH) = inherited lipometabolic disorder is a risk factor for early cardiovascular diseases (incidence: 1 in 200-500 people).

## Why participating in FH Screening Austria?

## Risk reduction through

- > early diagnosis
- timely medical treatment

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