

# Invitation to the Screening Programme for pathologically elevated cholesterol in children

## "FAMILIAL HYPERCHOLESTEROLEMIA" (FH)

- Did you know that 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.
- 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).

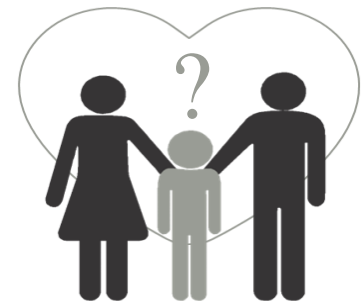
Do you have a family history of **high blood lipids** or are your family members taking lipid-lowering **medication** (e.g. statins)?

### Why participating in FH Screening Austria?

#### Risk reduction through

- early diagnosis
- timely medical treatment

For more info see:



**FH kids**

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