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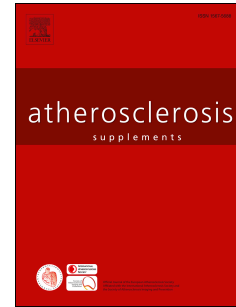
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## Lipidological Competence Centres and Networks Future perspectives to improve healthcare of patients with disorders of lipid metabolism

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### Abstract:

**Background:** Numerous healthcare studies have shown that more than 90% of all patients with dyslipidaemia are not treated adequately.

**Objectives:** The “Deutsche Gesellschaft zur Bekämpfung von Fettstoffwechselstörungen und ihren Folgeerkrankungen (DGFF)” [German Society of Lipidology], a non-profit professional membership organization, has already made a series of efforts to improve the care of patients suffering from dyslipidaemia. A recent outcome is the nationwide implementation and certification of Lipidological Competence Centres and Networks (LCCNs).

**Methods and Results:** By involving numerous external medical cooperation partners and combining the detailed work of different in-house medical specialists, the Medical Care Centre Kempten-Allgäu was able to improve both the diagnosis and treatment of patients exhibiting disorders of lipid metabolism (DLM). This local lipidological network is so successful, that it may serve as a nationwide standard model for outpatients lipidological care.

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