CPD EVENT RECORD CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

with Dr Malcolm Kendrick

This discussion aimed to an area of public healthcare which could be of relevance to physical therapy patients. The conventional model of cardiovascular disease (the cholesterol hypothesis) was examined, and reasons why it is false explained. An alternative hypothesis, which centred on endothelial damage was outlined.

The evidence used to justify the use of statins was also critiqued, and likely mechanisms for the small beneficial effects they might have were suggested.

It was emphasised that treating cardiovascular disease, and advising on drug use or discontinuation, was outside the scope of practice for most physical therapists, but acceptable ways of communicating risks and benefits with patients were suggested.



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This discussion helped clarify a number of matters concerning medical evidence, in particular with regard to CVD. It will help me explain to my patients how drugs might be affecting their physical symptoms and has provided strategies for me to do so without straying beyond my scope of practice.