PTS PANELS™ HDL Cholesterol Test Strips
for use with CardioChek® Brand Analyzers

INTENDED USE
PTS PANELS HDL Cholesterol Test Strips provide a quantitative measurement of High Density Lipoprotein (HDL) Cholesterol. This system is intended to assist in screening for decreased HDL Cholesterol, a risk factor in coronary heart disease, and is intended for in-home (self-testing) or professional use.

SUMMARY
HDL Cholesterol, often referred to as “good cholesterol”, is an important component of a lipid profile. A low HDL indicates increased risk of coronary heart disease, while a high HDL indicates decreased risk. Individuals should consult their healthcare professional with any questions about HDL levels and when to use this test. A MEMo Chip™ is provided with each package of test strips and must be properly inserted into the analyzer before any test can be run. The MEMo Chip contains test name, calibration curve, lot number and test strip expiration date. After the test strip is inserted into the analyzer and blood applied to the strip, test results are displayed in about a minute.

PRINCIPLE OF THE TEST
HDL Cholesterol test results are based on a reading of light reflected off a test strip that has changed color after blood is applied. The deeper the color is, the higher the HDL level. The analyzer converts this reading into an HDL result and displays it. This procedure is based on the “Trinder Method” for the determination of cholesterol.

MATERIALS PROVIDED
• PTS PANELS HDL Cholesterol Test Strips
• MEMo Chip (contains lot-specific test strip information)
• Instructions

MATERIALS NEEDED BUT NOT PROVIDED
• CardioChek brand analyzer
• Quality Control Materials
• Lancets for fingerstick (or venous blood collection supplies)
• Alcohol wipes and/or gauze
• Capillary Blood Collector or other precision pipet for blood collection and application

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION
Each HDL Test Strips contains the following active ingredients:
Cholesterol Esterase (Microorganism) ................................................ > 0.6 I.U.
Cholesterol Oxidase (Microorganism) ................................................. > 0.8 I.U.
Magnesium chloride hexahydrate ...................................................... > 500 µg
D-sorbitol ............................................................................................ > 3 mg
Tris buffer .......................................................................................... > 150 µg
Dextran sulfate .................................................................................. > 200 µg
PVA (polyvinyl alcohol) ................................................................. > 300 µg
MOPS .................................................................................................. > 200 µg
Sucrose ............................................................................................... > 300 µg
Peroxidase (Horseradish) ................................................................. > 11.0 µU.
4-aminoantipyrine ............................................................................. > 12 µg
Substituted aniline derivatives ...................................................... > 30 µg
Each vial contains not more than 5 g silica gel desiccant.

STORAGE AND HANDLING
• Store test strip package in a cool, dry place at room temperature of 68-86°F (20-30°C). Strips may be stored in a refrigerator at 35-46°F (2-8°C), but must be brought to room temperature before using.
• Do not freeze.
• Keep away from heat and direct sunlight.
• Do not remove or discard the desiccant packet in the vial.
• Always replace vial cap immediately after removing a test strip.
• Use test strip as soon as you have removed it from the vial.
• Keep the MEMo Chip either in the analyzer or stored with the original lot of strips.
• Store the test strips in the original vial. Do not combine with other strips and do not store the MEMo Chip in the test strip vial.
• After opening, the test strips are stable until expiration date if vial is properly stored and always capped.

PRECAUTIONS
• For in vitro diagnostic use. Intended for self-testing.
• PTS PANELS Test Strips can only be used in the CardioChek brand analyzer.
• Make sure the MEMo Chip and test strip lot numbers match. Never use a MEMo Chip from a different lot than the test strip.
• Out-of-date or expired strips cannot be used in your test system. Check vial for expiration date.
• Add all of the blood to the test strip at once. If you do not get all of the blood on the strip, do not add blood to the same strip. Test again with a new unused test strip and fresh blood sample.
• Discard test strip after using. Strips are to be read once. Never insert or read a used test strip.
• Do not ingest.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND PREPARATION
PTS PANELS Test Strips are designed for use with fresh capillary (fingerstick) whole blood. Fresh venous whole blood collected in EDTA or heparin tubes is also an acceptable sample. To obtain a drop of blood from a fingerstick, follow the steps listed below:
• Use of lotions and handcreams should be avoided before testing.
• Hands should be washed in warm water with antibacterial soap, rinsed and dried thoroughly.
• If you wipe the fingertip with alcohol, be sure that the alcohol dries completely before sticking the finger.
• Use a sterile, disposable lancet to puncture the side of the fingertip.

• Wipe away the first drop of blood with a clean piece of gauze.
• Gently, without force, apply pressure to the fingertip to accumulate a drop of blood.
• Excessive squeezing of the finger may alter test results.
• See the “TESTING” section for information on how to apply the blood to the test strip.
• Discard used materials properly.

Caution: Handle and dispose of all materials coming in contact with blood according to universal precautions and guidelines.

TESTING
IMPORTANT: Read all instructions carefully before testing.

1. Insert the MEMo Chip that matches the lot number on the test strip vial and press one of the buttons to turn the analyzer ON.

2. Hold the test strip by the end with the horizontal raised lines. Insert the opposite end of the strip into analyzer. Push the strip in as far as it will go.

3. When APPLY SAMPLE appears on the display, use a capillary blood collector or pipet to apply 15 µL of whole blood to the test strip blood application window.

4. In about a minute, the result will appear on the display. Remove and discard strip. DO NOT add more blood to a test strip that has been used.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS
1. If no result is displayed, make sure:
   • Enough blood was added to the test strip to completely fill the blood application window.
   • Analyzer is ON. (If it won’t turn ON, refer to analyzer User Guide section on changing batteries.)
   • MEMo Chip is properly installed in port.
2. If you get a reading of, “<___”, “>___” or any unexpected result, test again.
4. To verify enough blood has been applied to the test strip, remove strip after testing and check back side of reaction area. Reaction area should be completely and evenly colored. If the area is not completely and evenly colored, discard the used test strip and test again.

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TEST RESULTS
Results are displayed in either milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) or in millimoles per liter (mmol/L). The mg/dL measurement is a US version, while mmol/L is used in many countries around the world. The analyzer is preset to US units by the manufacturer. No calculation of results is necessary. To change to INL (mmol/L) units, please see the analyzer User Guide.

QUALITY CONTROL
Please refer to the analyzer User Guide for the proper procedure and materials to be used to perform Quality Control tests. Quality Control tests are used to ensure that the system (analyzer, strips, and MEMo Chip) is working properly. Users should run controls when results are questionable or to comply with their own facility’s quality control requirements.

EXPECTED VALUES
Blood cholesterol levels will vary from time to time depending on food consumed, activity levels, health status, medication dosages, stress or exercise. The expected or reference ranges recommended are from the US National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) 2001 Guidelines and are:2
- 40 mg/dL and below (1.04 mmol/L) - Low (increased risk for coronary heart disease)
- 60 mg/dL and above (1.55 mmol/L and above) - High (decreased risk of coronary heart disease)

MEASURING RANGE
The HDL cholesterol test system will detect HDL levels from 25-85 mg/dL (0.65-2.20 mmol/L) and will display a number value for results in this range. If the display reads “<___” (less than measuring range), the HDL cholesterol level is below 25 mg/dL (0.65 mmol/L). Results above 85 mg/dL (2.20 mmol/L) will read “>___” (greater than measuring range). If a “<” or “>” result is displayed, always test again.

LIMITATIONS OF THE PROCEDURE
1. PRECISION: A laboratory professional tested twenty replicates of three levels of whole blood for HDL cholesterol. The following results were obtained:

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3. INTERFERENCES: See LIMITATIONS section.

REFERENCES

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Customer Service is available to answer questions regarding the CardioChek brand analyzers and PTS Panels Test Strips. Outside Customer Service hours, please contact your healthcare professional.

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