FH FACTS

• Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH) is a life-threatening genetic disorder that causes high cholesterol starting at birth. ¹

• FH is an autosomal-dominant disorder. Each child of a person with heterozygous FH has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disorder. ²

• FH is a common disorder. Approximately 1 in 250 people worldwide have FH. ¹

• More than 90% of people with FH have not been properly diagnosed in the U.S. ¹

• FH can be diagnosed based on a simple blood test and a family history.

• FH is treatable. Early and appropriate treatment can significantly lower the risk of cardiovascular disease for people with FH. ¹

• FH patients have a 2.5 – 10 fold increased risk of heart disease, but when FH is diagnosed and treated early in life, the risk is reduced by ~80%. ³

• Untreated men are at a 50% risk for a fatal or non-fatal coronary event by age 50 years; untreated women are at a 30% risk by age 60 years. ⁴