

CHOLESTEROL LOWERING DRUGS

**ATORVASTATIN
PRAVASTATIN**

**FLUVASTATIN
SIMVASTATIN**

LOVASTATIN

If you have been found to have high cholesterol, you may be prescribed a cholesterol-lowering drug. These drugs in combination with diet will lower your cholesterol and decrease your risk of having further heart problems.

1. These medications are usually taken once a day with the evening meal or at bedtime depending on which one is chosen. Ask your pharmacist.
2. Ensure your family doctor follows your cholesterol levels and your liver function tests.
3. Possible side effects.
 - Unusual tiredness
 - Muscle aches & cramps (with or without a fever) - report to your doctor
 - Constipation, upset stomach, indigestion, gas, heartburn - report to doctor if bothersome
4. Possible drug interactions;
 - Digoxin
 - Clofibrate
 - Erythromycin
 - Gemfibrozil
 - Fenofibrate
 - Grape fruit juice
 - Niacin
 - Warfarin