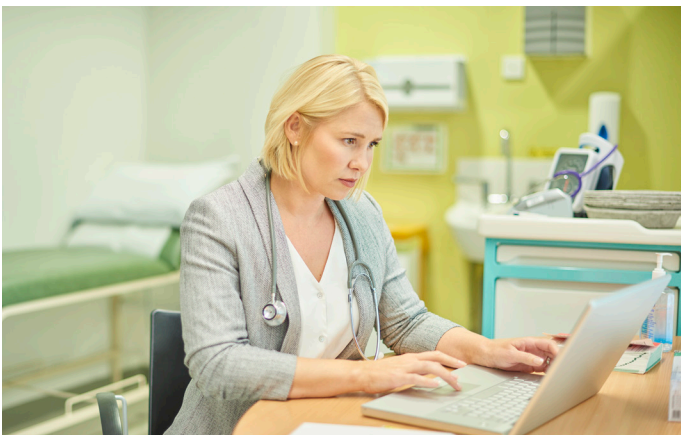


Change of Statin Medication



Our Medical Practice is always working to provide a better service.



This means we regularly check your records to make sure you are getting the best service.



This sometimes means we change medications to ones that have been proven to work better.



Atorvastatin is a type of medicine called a statin.

Atorvastatin is better at lowering cholesterol.



When you next pick up your repeat prescription it will have a new medicine called Atorvastatin.



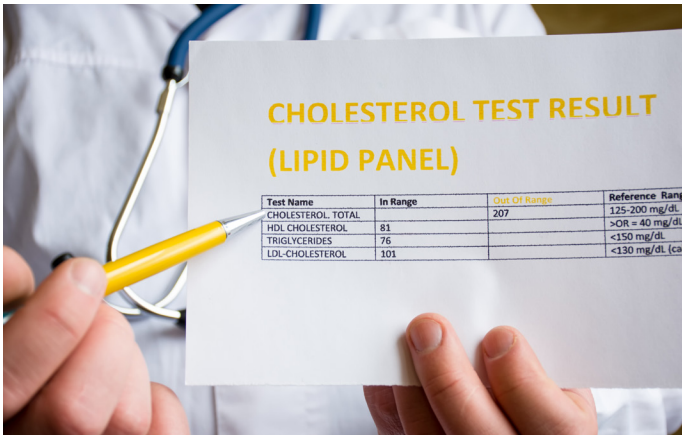
This is instead of the medicine we have been giving you.



Regularly taken statins can help to lower the risk of stroke and heart attack.



After you have taken your new prescription of Atorvastatin for three months, we would like you to book an appointment for a blood test at the practice.



This is so we can check your cholesterol levels.



You can also help lower cholesterol, improve your health and reduce the risk of heart disease by:

Having a healthy diet



Getting more exercise



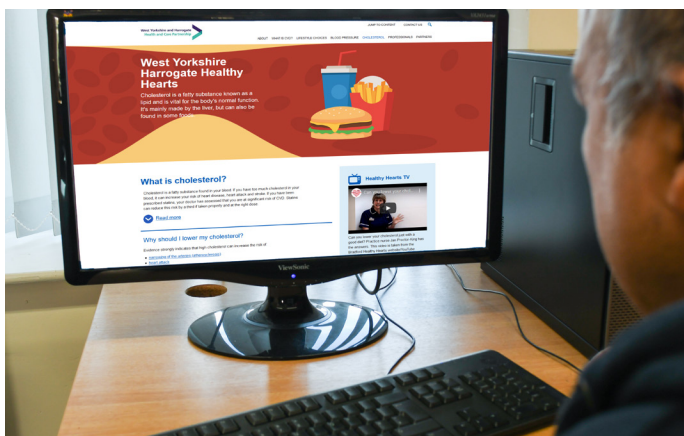
Losing weight



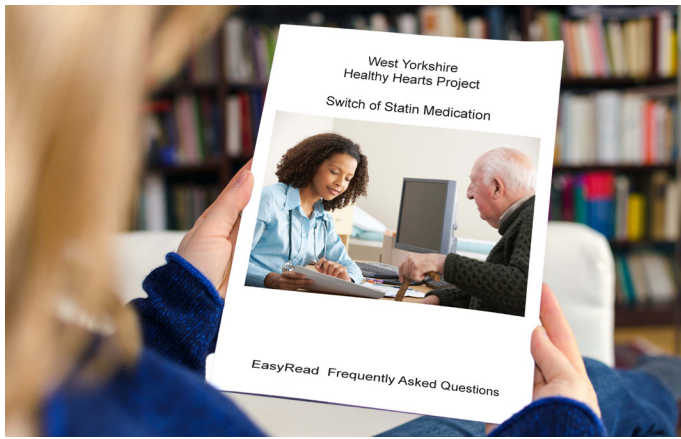
Drinking less alcohol



Stopping smoking.



For more information you can look at www.westyorkshireandharrogatehealthyhearts.co.uk/cholesterol



Or you can read the frequently asked questions booklet included with this letter.



If you still have questions you could speak with your GP, local pharmacist or nurse.