Statin Choice for Patients with Diabetes
Average (<15%)
What is my risk of having a heart attack in the next 10 years?

The risk for 100 people like you who DO NOT take statins.

**NO STATIN**

90 people **DO NOT** have a heart attack (green)

10 people **DO** have a heart attack (red)

The risk for 100 people like you who DO take statins.

**YES STATIN**

90 people still **DO NOT** have a heart attack (green)

2 people **AVOIED** a heart attack (yellow)

8 people still **DO** have a heart attack (red)

98 people experienced **NO BENEFIT** from taking statins

- had a heart attack
- avoided a heart attack
- didn’t have a heart attack
What are the downsides of taking statins (cholesterol pill)?

- Statins need to be taken every day for a long time (maybe forever).
- Statins cost money (to you or your drug plan).
- **Common side effects:** nausea, diarrhea, constipation (most people can tolerate).
- **Muscle aching/stiffness:** about 5 in 100 people (some need to stop statins because of this).
- **Liver blood test goes up** (no pain, no permanent liver damage): about 2 in 100 people (some need to stop statins because of this).
- **Muscle and kidney damage:** about 1 in 20,000 people (requires people to stop statins).

What do you want to do now?

- ☐ Take (or continue to take) statins
- ☐ Not take (or stop taking) statins
- ☐ Prefer to decide at some other time

If you have questions about this information or your health talk to your Health Care Provider.
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