Practice Name

Practice Address 1

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Dear Patient

Change to your Cholesterol Reducing Medication

You are currently taking X tablets which belongs to a class of medicines called statins. Unfortunately your cholesterol is not to target. Your target non-HDL “bad cholesterol” is X. Your current non-HDL is X. Excess cholesterol can be laid down in the walls or your arteries, causing them to narrow in time. This increases your risk of heart attacks, kidney problems and strokes. Therefore we would like to start a new medication called Ezetimibe.

Ezetimibe works alongside your current statin to reduce your cholesterol further. It works by reducing the amount of cholesterol absorbed by your intestines. It is generally well tolerated but can rarely (approximately 1% of patients) cause diarrhoea and/or stomach upset.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate in contacting the surgery and we can arrange to call you back.

If you are happy for this addition to go ahead, you do not need to do anything else.

You will see the Ezetimibe 10mg daily on your next repeat prescription. You are unlikely to notice any difference with this addition. However, if you have any questions regarding the addition, or if you notice any side-effects with the ezetimibe tablets, then please contact the surgery or the pharmacy where your prescriptions are dispensed.

Yours sincerely

Signature

Name

Job Title

In conjunction with XXX Practice Name