







## Statin Choices for People Who Require LDL Lowering of Less than 30%

*Updated November 2006 (Costs for September 2006).*

Generic Name And Dose Per Day	Brand Name <sup>1</sup>	Average Monthly Cost <sup>2</sup>	Average Expected LDL Reduction	Reduces the Risk of Heart Attack? <sup>3</sup>	Mortality Reduction?
<b>Atorvastatin</b>				Yes	Yes
Atorvastatin 10mg	Lipitor	\$92	34%-38%		
Atorvastatin 20mg	Lipitor	\$131	42%-46%		
<b>Ezetimibe/simvastatin</b>				Yes <sup>4</sup>	Yes <sup>4</sup>
Ezetimibe/simvastatin 10mg/10mg	Vytorin	\$106	45%		
Ezetimibe/simvastatin 10mg/20mg	Vytorin	\$106	52%		
<b>Fluvastatin</b>				Likely	Likely
Fluvastatin 20mg	Lescol	\$78	22%		
Fluvastatin 40mg	Lescol	\$77	25%		
<b>Lovastatin</b>				Yes	Likely <sup>5</sup>
 Lovastatin 10mg	Generic	\$32	21%		
 Lovastatin 20mg	Generic	\$38	24%-27%		
 Lovastatin 40mg	Generic	\$58	31%		
Lovastatin 10mg	Mevacor	\$49	21%		
Lovastatin 20mg	Mevacor	\$80	24%-27%		
Lovastatin 40mg	Mevacor	\$153	31%		
Lovastatin 20mg longacting	Altoprev	\$107	30%	Yes <sup>6</sup>	Likely <sup>6</sup>
Lovastatin 40mg longacting	Altoprev	\$118	36%		
<b>Pravastatin<sup>7</sup></b>				Yes	Yes
 Pravastatin 10mg	Generic	\$85	18%-25%		
 Pravastatin 20mg	Generic	\$86	23%-29%		
 Pravastatin 40mg	Generic	\$122	26%-34%		
Pravastatin 10mg	Pravachol	\$116	18%-25%		
Pravastatin 20mg	Pravachol	\$115	23%-29%		
Pravastatin 40mg	Pravachol	\$168	26%-34%		
<b>Rosuvastatin</b>				Likely	Likely
Rosuvastatin 5mg	Crestor	\$110	39%-46%		

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<b>Simvastatin<sup>7</sup></b>				Yes	Yes
CR BEST BUY Simvastatin 10mg	Generic	\$82	26%-33%		
CR BEST BUY Simvastatin 20mg	Generic	\$142	30%-40%		
Simvastatin 10mg	Zocor	\$104	26%-33%		
Simvastatin 20mg	Zocor	\$181	30%- 40%		

(1) "Generic" indicates drug sold by generic name

(2) Prices reflect nationwide retail average for September 2006, rounded to nearest dollar; information derived by *Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs* from data provided by Wolters Kluwer Health, Pharmaceutical Audit Suite.

(3) Nonfatal and fatal heart attack plus deaths attributed to heart disease.

(4) The combination of these two drugs has not been proven but simvastatin has. The benefit is assumed for the combination.

(5) Lovastatin has not been proven to reduce deaths, but the evidence strongly points in that direction.

(6) Based on the results for shorter-acting versions of the drugs.

(7) This update includes prices for generic pravastatin and simvastatin, which were not available when we did the last update of the full report in June 2006. A generic version of pravastatin became available in April 2006. A generic version of simvastatin became available in June 2006. The prices of both these generics will decline in 2007 as other companies begin to market copies.

## Statin Choices for Higher Risk People

Updated November 2006 (Costs for September 2006).

Generic Name With Dose Per Day	Brand Name <sup>1</sup>	Average Monthly Cost <sup>2</sup>	Average Expected LDL Reduction	Reduces the Risk of Heart Attack? <sup>3</sup>	Mortality Reduction?
<b>Atorvastatin</b>				Yes	Yes
<b>CR BEST BUY</b> Atorvastatin 20mg	Lipitor	\$131	42% to 46%		
<b>CR BEST BUY</b> Atorvastatin 40mg	Lipitor	\$132	47% to 51%		
<b>CR BEST BUY</b> Atorvastatin 80mg	Lipitor	\$132	46% to 54%		
<b>Ezetimibe/simvastatin</b>				Yes <sup>4</sup>	Yes <sup>4</sup>
Ezetimibe/simvastatin 10mg/10mg	Vytorin	\$106	45%		
Ezetimibe/simvastatin 10mg/20mg	Vytorin	\$106	52%		
Ezetimibe/simvastatin 10mg/40mg	Vytorin	\$106	55%		
Ezetimibe/simvastatin 10mg/80mg	Vytorin	\$105	60%		
<b>Fluvastatin</b>				Likely	Likely
Fluvastatin XL 80mg	Lescol XL	\$101	35%		
<b>Lovastatin</b>				Yes	Likely <sup>6</sup>
Lovastatin 80mg <sup>5</sup>	Generic	\$116	39%-48%		
Lovastatin 60mg longacting	Altoprev	\$126	40%		
<b>Pravastatin</b>				Yes	Yes
Pravastatin 80mg	Pravachol	\$169	30%-37%		
<b>Rosuvastatin</b>				Likely	Likely
Rosuvastatin 10mg	Crestor	\$108	43%-50%		
Rosuvastatin 20mg	Crestor	\$108	52%-55%		
Rosuvastatin 40mg	Crestor	\$104	55%-60%		
<b>Simvastatin<sup>7</sup></b>				Yes	Yes
<b>CR BEST BUY</b> Simvastatin 20mg	Generic	\$142	30%-40%		
<b>CR BEST BUY</b> Simvastatin 40mg	Generic	\$142	35%-45%		
<b>CR BEST BUY</b> Simvastatin 80mg	Generic	\$139	40%-50%		
Simvastatin 20mg	Zocor	\$181	30%-40%		
Simvastatin 40mg	Zocor	\$182	35%-45%		
Simvastatin 80mg	Zocor	\$174	40%-50%		

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(3) Nonfatal and fatal heart attack plus deaths attributed to heart disease

(4) The combination of these two drugs has not been proven but simvastatin has. The benefit is assumed for the combination.

(5) Requires taking two 40 mg tablets.

(6) Lovastatin has not been proven to reduce deaths, but the evidence strongly points in that direction.

(7) This update includes the price for generic simvastatin, which is one of our Best Buy picks. The price of this generic will decline in 2007 as other companies begin to market copies.