

## CHOLESTEROL LOWERING MEDICATIONS

You are taking \_\_\_\_\_

- ♥ This medication is a "statin" drug.
- ♥ Take the medication as you are directed.
- ♥ The medication works best if it is taken after the evening meal.
- ♥ Side effects from the medication are uncommon.
- ♥ The medication occasionally causes an upset stomach. If it bothers your stomach, then try taking it with a meal.
- ♥ The medication rarely causes muscle aches like having the flu. If you develop aches in several large muscles (such as your back or thighs), call us.
- ♥ The medication rarely causes liver problems. Blood tests will be done to watch liver function.
- ♥ You will need to have occasional blood tests to determine how well the medication is working.

You are taking \_\_\_\_\_

- ♥ This medication is a "fibrate" drug.
- ♥ Take the medication as you are directed.
- ♥ Side effects from the medication are uncommon.
- ♥ The medication occasionally causes an upset stomach. If it bothers your stomach, then try taking it with a meal.
- ♥ The medication rarely causes muscle aches like having the flu. If you develop aches in several large muscles (such as your back or thighs), call us.
- ♥ You will need to have occasional blood tests to determine how well the medication is working.

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- ♥ Side effects from the medication are uncommon.
- ♥ The medication occasionally causes an upset stomach.
- ♥ You will need to have occasional blood tests.

We are pleased to answer your questions or discuss your condition with other health care professionals.