

Re: What about VYTORIN?

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news:20041130012615.10404.00000814@mb-m25.aol.com:

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> *Ok, we see a lot about Crestor and other cholesterol lowering*
> *medications but what about VYTORIN? Is this one just too new and they*
> *don't know as much about bad side effects? I have been taking Crestor*
> *and my doctor is about to switch me to VYTORIN. I'm just curious if*
> *anyone here has taken it or has any input about it. I need to do more*
> *research for sure.*

Yes, Vytorin is new (approved in Jul/04) but it's simply the combination of two not-so-new drugs: ezetimibe and simvastatin, which block cholesterol absorption in two distinct ways. (We're probably going to see more of these "combo" meds in the future.)

In a multi-center, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical study Vytorin lowered LDL levels by over 50% (and that was at the lowest dosage...).

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