

Re: Symptoms from Lipitor?

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((Statins can apparently be beneficial to some people. They can be a problem for other people. There are other ways to attack the problem of a high cholesterol, and it is not inappropriate for a patient to insist on trying some of those other methods.))

I've been on lovastatin for a couple years and have had my cholesterol lowered from 358 to 222 the last time I had it checked. The only problems I've had with my health during that time, other than that brain thing, was painful shins at nighttime at first. I mentioned this to my doctor, and the next time I had the prescription refilled, I noticed it had different markings on the pills. I think, in fact, I may have mentioned it here. Since I've been on this new prescription, my shin pains have disappeared. Hopefully my cholesterol is still dropping since I've tried to cut back on the pizza, too. However, it might not since I refuse to give up milk. No way!

I agree that medications aren't the be-all and end-all for all problems. Any symptoms while taking anything should be brought to the attention of the doctor who prescribed it. Having had to take eight pills a day as a child for a couple health problems, I'm not a big fan of them, but if the medication is checked out before you pop it into your mouth, some can be good for you, in my opinion. Just be aware of your body and recognize any changes in it.

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