

Drugs Commonly Used to Treat High Cholesterol

Cholesterol is a type of fat in your blood. When your cholesterol levels are too high, you have a greater risk for developing heart disease. Regular exercise, a healthy diet and medication can help keep your cholesterol levels under control.

The chart below lists some of the most commonly prescribed medications used to treat high cholesterol. This chart only provides a sample list of drug options (not all drugs available) and may change.

| Generic Drugs | Brand-name Drugs |
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| cholestyramine | Advicor |
| clofibrate | Altacor |
| colestipol | Altoprev* |
| fenofibrate | Antara |
| gemfibrozil | Caduet |
| lovastatin | Crestor |
| pravastatin | Fenoglide* |
| simvastatin | Lescol/Lescol XL* |
| | Lipitor |
| | Lipofen |
| | Niaspan |
| | Simcor |
| | Triglide* |
| | Trilipix* |
| | Vytorin |
| | Welchol |
| | Zetia |



* Indicates a non-preferred brand

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