

Protocol for Review of Patients on Rosuvastatin for a Switch to Atorvastatin

1. A computer search should be run for all patients currently prescribed rosuvastatin/Crestor®.
2. Determine recorded indication for use.
3. Ensure there are no contra-indications to the use of atorvastatin.
4. Patients not ordering prescriptions, or with a low compliance history should be reviewed by the GP.
5. Complete the audit form provided for each patient and return to individual GPs for action.
6. Patients whose rosuvastatin is switched to atorvastatin must be informed. If you choose to use the draft letter provided, please ensure you are happy with the wording.
7. Inform local pharmacies of your switch project so they can reassure patients when collecting new medicine.

Review and potentially switch appropriate patients from rosuvastatin to atorvastatin using the table below as a dosage switch guide:

Switched from	Switched to
Rosuvastatin 5mg daily	Generic atorvastatin 10mg daily
Rosuvastatin 10mg daily	Generic atorvastatin 20mg daily
Rosuvastatin 20mg daily	Generic atorvastatin 40mg daily
Rosuvastatin 40mg daily	Generic atorvastatin 80mg daily

- All patients switched to atorvastatin should have their LDL –cholesterol checked at an interval deemed appropriate by their GP.
- Re-check prescribing patterns in 6 months to ensure the intervention has continued to be a success. Baseline data- number of prescriptions written for atorvastatin and rosuvastatin before the switches.