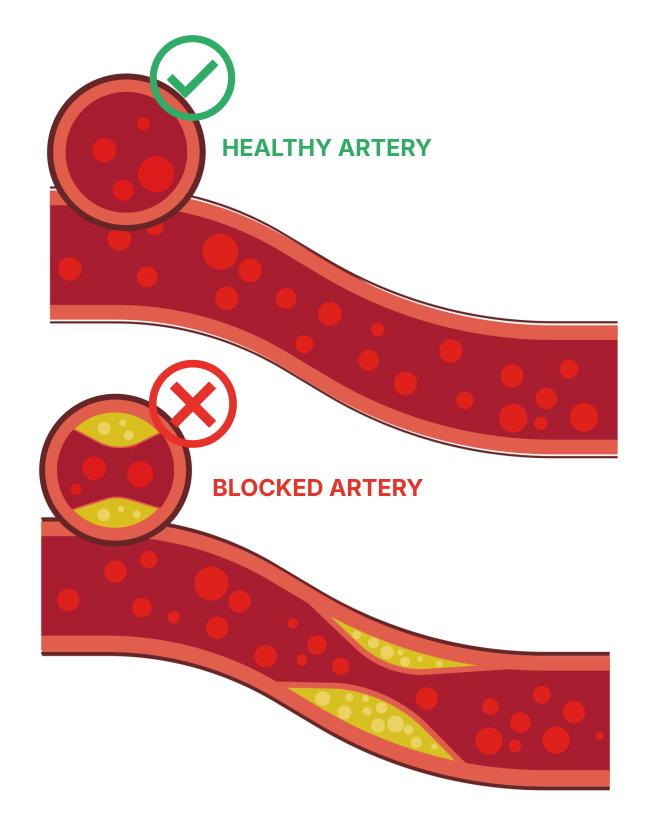
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People with HIV should pay special attention to this aspect of their health.

You should therefore have regular blood tests to check your blood cholesterol levels.

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The following lifestyle habits help to maintain healthy cholesterol levels:



A healthy diet



Doing regular physical exercise



Reducing or eliminating alcohol and tobacco use



Keeping to a healthy weight











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Nonetheless, age, the HIV virus, or antiretroviral medication can make it hard to lower cholesterol simply through lifestyle.



Several studies have shown that statins can be highly beneficial for people with HIV.

Some countries recommend that everyone with HIV over the age of 40 should take them.

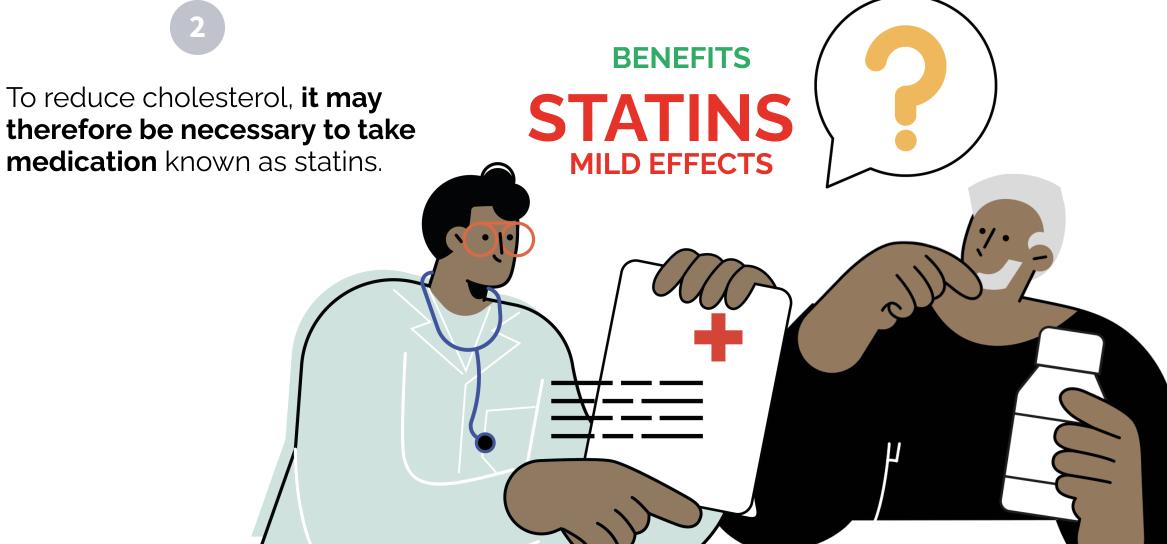




A lot of people do not like the idea of having to take more pills. However, if you have HIV and are over 40 years old, you should talk to your healthcare team about whether this is a good option for you.



Statins are generally safe. They can, however, sometimes cause muscle discomfort or other mild side effects. Consult your doctor if you notice anything unusual.











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Remember



Watching your cholesterol means taking care of your heart.

Cardiovascular health is also part of HIV care.

Statins may be a good option for older people with HIV.















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La información médica puede quedar desactualizada con rapidez.

Si te surge alguna pregunta tras leer esta ficha, te aconsejamos hablar con tu médico o enfermera o llamar a gTt-VIH, al 93 458 26 41, para comprobar si existe alguna novedad relevante al respecto.

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