

Statins and the Kidneys
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There is no evidence in the literature that statins cause acute renal failure or renal failure not associated with Rhabdomyolysis. (see statins and the muscle) The major cardiovascular disease end point trials have not reported renal failure as an adverse event associated with statins. In addition, statins can be used safely in kidney transplant patients and patients on hemodialysis.

Now that we have covered the effects of statins on the various organ systems, we will be starting a series of postings on the safety of the Non-Statins. The National Lipid Association's Statin Safety Task Force reviewed the safety of the Non-Statins and published their findings in the March 19, 2007 issue of the American Journal of Cardiology. We will be covering Fibrates, Omega-3 Fatty Acids, Niacin, and the Gastrointestinally Active Lipid-Lowering Drugs.