

Table 1e Statin use and equivalent dose of simvastatin among subjects treated for IHD (1994-2001)

			Annual rate								
			1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
<b>Number of practices</b>			130	138	141	141	142	136	115	84	
<b>All male subjects (age ≥35)</b>	n		230,964	249,141	258,071	265,297	272,347	267,285	227,651	164,379	
<b>Men with IHD</b>	n		14,774	16,104	17,212	18,136	19,070	19,531	17,311	12,614	
	%		<b>6.40%</b>	<b>6.46%</b>	<b>6.67%</b>	<b>6.84%</b>	<b>7.00%</b>	<b>7.31%</b>	<b>7.60%</b>	<b>7.67%</b>	
<b>Men with IHD taking statins in year</b>	n		625	1,415	2,593	4,184	5,979	7,693	8,280	6,937	
	%		<b>4.2%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>31.4%</b>	<b>39.4%</b>	<b>47.8%</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	
<b>Men with IHD not on statins in year, but on other lipid lowering drug in year</b>	n		500	544	503	442	355	285	237	169	
	%		<b>3.4%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	
<b>Men with IHD not taking any lipid lowering drug in year but taking statin in a previous year</b>	n		48	64	89	117	242	346	377	348	
	%		<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	
<b>Equivalent dose of simvastatin for men with IHD taking statins (mg/day)</b>		<b>2.5–5</b>	%	12.2%	15.8%	15.7%	16.6%	15.9%	12.3%	11.9%	8.1%
		<b>10–15</b>	%	65.3%	60.5%	56.8%	49.8%	42.6%	36.5%	29.6%	24.3%
		<b>20–40</b>	%	22.6%	23.6%	27.5%	32.9%	40.0%	49.2%	55.6%	63.2%
		<b>&gt;40</b>	%	–	0.1%	0.1%	0.6%	1.4%	2.0%	3.0%	4.4%
<b>All female subjects (age ≥35)</b>	n		253,524	270,828	279,475	285,703	291,902	285,355	242,389	173,101	
<b>Women with IHD</b>	n		11,771	12,724	13,660	14,234	14,823	15,107	13,152	9,483	
	%		<b>4.64%</b>	<b>4.70%</b>	<b>4.89%</b>	<b>4.98%</b>	<b>5.08%</b>	<b>5.29%</b>	<b>5.43%</b>	<b>5.48%</b>	
<b>Women with IHD taking statins in year</b>	n		319	672	1,279	2,010	2,957	3,950	4,380	3,782	
	%		<b>2.7%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	
<b>Women with IHD not on statins in year, but on other lipid lowering drug in year</b>	n		297	319	322	295	241	208	159	119	
	%		<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	
<b>Women with IHD not taking any lipid lowering drug in year but taking statin in a previous year</b>	n		32	48	69	135	225	320	365	314	
	%		<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	
<b>Equivalent dose of simvastatin for women with IHD taking statins (mg/day)</b>		<b>2.5–5</b>	%	15.4%	17.6%	16.0%	16.7%	16.3%	11.9%	11.0%	7.4%
		<b>10–15</b>	%	62.7%	62.7%	60.4%	50.4%	43.6%	37.3%	29.7%	25.3%
		<b>20–40</b>	%	21.9%	19.8%	23.6%	32.2%	38.9%	48.7%	55.6%	62.4%
		<b>&gt;40</b>	%	–	–	–	0.8%	1.1%	2.1%	3.7%	5.0%

IHD, ischaemic heart disease.