



Dear Colleague,

I invite you to consider being a valued co-investigator of this leading study. There is a pressing need to obtain rigorous research evidence about whether to prescribe statin therapy for primary prevention in older people free of cardiovascular disease. We need you!



Warm regards,

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STAREE is a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled primary prevention trial designed to assess whether daily active treatment of 40 mg atorvastatin will prolong overall survival and delay the need for permanent residential care in healthy participants aged ≥ 70 years.

Why be a GP Co-Investigator in the STAREE study?

- This trial is of vital interest to general practitioners and their patients. It will address an important question in regards to statin use in those aged 70 years and above.
- STAREE will examine the net effects (risks and benefits) of statin therapy in elderly individuals free of established vascular disease and diabetes.
- STAREE is funded by the by the NH&MRC and the Commonwealth Government.
- The majority of work required for the study is conducted by the STAREE research staff - you are only required for a 10 minute patient eligibility screening.
- An administrative reimbursement of \$100 per randomised patient will be made to your practice.
- In conjunction with STAREE, a CPD program for participation in research will be offered over the course of the next triennium.

The trial is co-ordinated by Monash University and involves other Universities across Australia. It has ethical approval from all institutes and the RACGP National Research and Evaluation committee (NREEC).

If you would like to know more about STAREE please complete the fields below and a GP liaison officer will be in contact:

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