Factors linked to greater odds of statin side effects

In a study of the records of 1.2 million VA patients with atherosclerosis (narrowed arteries) taking statin drugs to control cholesterol, the demographic and clinical factors below were associated with greater odds of adverse side effects. The percentages show the amount of increased risk. About 1 in 7 Veterans in the group had experienced at least one adverse side effect.

- Hypertension: ↑37%
- Ischemic heart disease: ↑45%
- Female: ↑40%
- White race: ↑43%