Drug Injury Watch: Pfizer's Lipitor Statin Drug For Treatment Of High Cholesterol Linked To An Increased Risk Of Type-2 Diabetes In Some Older And Post-Menopausal Women

## February 2012 FDA Drug Safety Warning About Lipitor Label Change Concerning New-Onset Diabetes Mellitus (DM) Has Gone Largely Unnoticed To Date

(Posted by Tom Lamb at <u>www.DrugInjuryWatch.com</u> on January 2, 2014) **SUMMARY**: From the February 28, 2012 "FDA Drug Safety Communication: Important safety label changes to cholesterol-lowering statin drug":

Based on clinical trial meta-analyses and epidemiological data from the published literature, information concerning an effect of statins on incident diabetes and increases in HbA1c and/or fasting plasma glucose was added to statin labels.

And from the final paragraph of this January 2012 medical journal article, "Statin use and risk of diabetes mellitus in postmenopausal women in the Women's Health Initiative", we get this point: "However, **the consequences of statin-induced DM have not been specifically defined and deserve more attention**." [emphasis added]

We will continue to watch this still-emerging drug safety issue concerning diabetes and Lipitor, as well as other statin cholesterol drugs.

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