

## Press Release



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### **NPA WELCOMES PHARMACY AVAILABILITY OF HEART DRUG**

The National Pharmaceutical Association (NPA), representing the nation's community pharmacy owners, welcomes the proposals to make Zocor Heart Pro available for sale in pharmacies.

NPA Director of Pharmacy Practice, Colette McCreedy, said: "Pharmacists are experts in medicines – and research has shown that they will be willing and able to take on the responsibility of advising customers on whether this product is right for them. Pharmacists will be trained to identify when Zocor is suitable for a customer; when it would be appropriate for them to see a Doctor, or when there would be no need to take Zocor at all. We welcome the opportunity to play a greater role in helping people look after their health."

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

1. The National Pharmaceutical Association (NPA) is the trade association that represents the professional and commercial interests of the owners of around 11,000 community pharmacies in the United Kingdom.
2. For more information, please contact the NPA Press Office, on: 01727-858687, ext 3340, 3227, 3265, 3311. Or week-end out-of hours contact, Colette McCreedy, on: 07769-673772.