



Prevention. It's a word that we hear a lot about these days, even though Benjamin Franklin's famous phrase, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," goes back nearly three centuries. The most important things we can do to prevent disease and be healthy are to be tobacco free, physically active and practice prevention.

What is Preventive Care?

Preventive care is getting the right kinds of preventive health services—screenings, counseling, immunizations and preventive medicine—at the right times. It's about protecting your health by knowing what you need and when to get it. Preventive care focuses on staying well. In fact, many of us only think of health care when we're ill or treating a disease. In other words, being reactive to our health, rather than managing it.

Preventive care is also about knowing if you're at risk for developing a certain disease or chronic condition (i.e. heart disease, cancer, diabetes, etc.) that may be based on your family history, tobacco use and other lifestyle behaviors, such as a lack of physical activity or balanced nutrition.

Preventive care extends to many areas of our lives. Think about it. People practice preventive maintenance on their cars, homes, tools and other equipment. Do you routinely take your car in for service, and keep records detailing oil changes and service appointments? Do you buy an extended warranty plan every time you purchase a new appliance or electronic device? You probably do, but do you know your cholesterol and other important health numbers? Do you have a primary care health provider and make a "service appointment" every year for a check-up? Most importantly, be aware, be proactive and be healthy.





What Is the Value of Preventive Care?

Practicing preventive care has been proven to enable people to live longer, healthier and more fulfilling lives. Just a small improvement in preventive care can yield big results for you and your loved ones.

Preventive care adds value to the dollars spent on health care services, because premature death and illness can be avoided. In addition, preventive services are very cost-effective, it makes sense and cents. Doesn't it cost less to take your car in for routine maintenance than to have your engine overhauled or to buy a new car? Bottom line: preventive care services are an efficient use of your health care dollars.

Knowing the importance of preventive care can literally save your life. Getting appropriate screenings can offer peace of mind and also help to identify risks or conditions when they are in their early and most treatable phase. Imagine that preventive

care is like an insurance policy for your health. When it comes to our

own bodies, we tend to neglect our "preventive maintenance schedule" and adopt a "what I don't

know won't hurt me" mindset. But what we don't know can have a major impact on our life and our health—today and in the future.

Preventive care is truly the solution to better health.

WHAT IS EARLY DETECTION?

Now is the time to keep you and your family safe and healthy. Early disease detection is the use of screening tests, medical exams and self-exams to identify health problems and/or conditions before symptoms appear.

Often, the earlier a disease or health condition is diagnosed, the more likely it is that it can be treated or successfully managed. Managing a disease, especially early in its course, may lower its impact on your life or prevent or delay serious complications.

"The function of protecting and developing health must rank even above that of restoring it when it is impaired." —Hippocrates



Know Your Health Care Provider

Most people are more satisfied with their health care if they share the responsibility with their health care provider. Your health care provider is an expert on medical care, but you are the expert on YOU. Only you can discuss your concerns and the concerns you may have because your father had a heart attack at age 48 and your grandmother's history of diabetes. You need to inform your health care provider about your blood pressure readings, glucose results and other test and screening results. You also need to discuss any signs or symptoms that may concern you. By being a partner with your health care provider, you can ensure that you get the preventive care you need.

Here are some tips for being a good partner and sharing in the decision making with your health care provider.

• Build a relationship with your health care provider. Let your health care provider know that you want to be a partner in your health care and discuss your expectations. Make the most of the time you have with your health care provider, be prepared to discuss your concerns, feelings and questions on your health.

Be an active participant in each appointment.

Listen carefully to what your health care provider says. If you do not understand a diagnosis or treatment, ask questions. Address concerns you have about carrying out the prescribed treatment. Speak up if you feel that your health care provider is not showing respect or spending enough time with you. It may be hard to bring up concerns like these, therefore begin by telling your health care provider that you have questions and concerns and ask

Make a list of questions for your health care provider. Be efficient when you meet with your health care provider. Have you ever left the health care

for extra time to talk.

provider's office and thought of a dozen questions you meant to ask? Compile a list of your questions and concerns prior to your visit. Learn to feel comfortable asking questions during your appointment. After all, you are there for YOU.

Give complete and accurate information. Prior to the appointment, prepare a list of your current medications (including vitamins and

supplements), previous surgeries and hospital admissions to provide correct and complete information. Take an active role in your health care decisions, and make the most of your limited appointment

time.

Ask all of your questions and make sure you understand the answers before you leave the office.

Review your list of questions to make sure that you don't forget anything. Jot-down notes during the appointment. You might want to bring someone with you to help ask questions, listen and remember. Let the health care provider know if you are confused or do not understand what he or she tells you.



What You Need for Your Preventive Care Appointment





- Up-to-date list of all medications (prescription and over-the-counter)
- List of all dietary and herbal supplements, vitamins and minerals
- List of all allergies (medicine, food, environmental, etc.)
 - List of all health information (surgeries, procedures, hospitalizations, illnesses, etc.)
- Information about your family health history

- List of current immunizations and vaccines
- Dates and results of all medical tests, blood tests, procedures, screenings or X-rays
- Females: First day of last menstrual period
- List of symptoms, concerns or changes
- List of concerns or questions you want to address during the appointment
- If applicable: Copy of your health plan's list of covered prescription drugs—also known as a formulary





You can create an online **Personal Health Record (PHR)** for yourself and each of your family members on your Member Web site. Use this secure electronic health record to enter information about the past and present health status for yourself and your dependents, as well as information from medical and pharmacy claims. You can develop a **Health Action Plan**, keep track of medications, health care provider information and appointments, and receive personalized tips for better managing your health all through your confidential "one-stop" PHR.

By completing and maintaining an online PHR, you can:

- Keep your health information in one central location.
- Access your information quickly via the Internet.
- Print and share health information for your medical appointments.
- Ensure your information is secure and reliable.

To access the online **PHR**, log onto your Member Web site. Click on the "YOUR HEALTH" tab and then "Personal Health Record." Choose the sections you wish to update and follow the prompts. Remember to update your online record each time you or a family member have a screening or exam or you have new information to enter.





What to Track

Create a **Personal Health Record** for yourself and each member of your family to see all your health care information at a glance in one convenient location. A Personal Health Record table is provided below for your convenience.

PERSONAL HEALTH RECORD								
SCREENING	DATE	RESULTS	NOTES					
GENERAL HEALTH								
Physical Exam								
HEART HEALTH								
Weight								
ВМІ								
Waist Circumference								
Blood Pressure								
Total Cholesterol								
HDL-Cholesterol								
LDL-Cholesterol								
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH								
Pelvic Exam								
Mammogram								
Pap Test								
HIV/Sexual Transmitted Diseases Screening								
Prostate Screening								
COLORECTAL HEALTH								
Colorectal Cancer Screening								
DIABETES SCREENING								
Blood Glucose (Sugar)								
BONE HEALTH								
Bone Mineral Density								
ORAL HEALTH								
Dental Exam								
VISION CARE								
Eye Exam								

Note

Be sure to remind your health care provider that you are being seen for your routine Preventive Health Care exam and/or screening(s) to ensure that your visit/screening is correctly coded and properly billed. The exams, screenings and immunizations listed on our Preventive Health Schedule may not be eligible for coverage or payment under your health insurance policy. If you have questions about your coverage for preventive care services, call the customer service telephone number on the back of your Member ID card.



When You Go to Your Preventive Care Appointment

WHAT YOU GET AT YOUR PREVENTIVE CARE APPOINTMENT

Knowing what you need and when to get it is the basis of preventive care. The screening tests you need depend on your age, gender and risk factors. Risk factors can be modifiable like lifestyle issues, such as smoking, physical activity, poor nutrition, excessive stress, etc., or non-modifiable like family history, gender, age, etc. Your health care provider is always your best resource for determining if you're at increase risk for a condition and require specific screenings or treatments.

WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK

During the exam:

- Ask questions about anything that seems unclear to you, such as the names and purposes of tests your health care provider may order.
- Ask if there are any changes since your last exam.
- Ask when it is best to call the health care provider with questions.
- Find out when you should return for your next exam.

When a test or screening is ordered, ask:

- What is the name of the test/screening?
- What does the test/screening detect?
- How do you prepare for the test/screening? Are there any preparation instructions?
- Where will the test/screening be done?
- How long does the test/screening take?
- Will I need to arrange for someone to take me home after the test/screening?

LEARN TO BE YOUR OWN BEST ADVOCATE. Keep asking questions until you are comfortable and feel that your questions have been completely addressed. Verbalize any concerns or fears you have regarding the recommended tests/screenings.

BECOME AN EDUCATED HEALTH CARE CONSUMER. When you're planning for your preventive care appointment, take advantage of the valuable tools available on your Member Web site. Your Member Web site can provide information on hundreds of topics that can help you discuss your concerns and improve communication between you and your health care provider. You can also print off forms to help you take notes and better understand care and treatment options recommended by your health care provider. If you do not have the form at the time of your visit, complete the form at home after the visit. You can choose from new medicine, medical test, surgery, special treatment and other information forms.



What You Should Keep on Record

Taking an active role in your health, being a good partner in your health care and sharing in decision making with your health provider requires keeping an up-to-date, accurate and readily available record on yourself and members of your family. Record this information on paper or electronically and store it in a safe, secure location that is easily accessible to you. If you store it on a computer, consider "password protecting" the document, or keep this information on a removable storage device, like a flash drive, which has password protection capabilities.

1. Have up-to-date personal information, including:

- Identification, such as a driver's license
- Who to call in an emergency
- The name and phone number of your primary health care provider and any specialists that you see on a regular basis
- · Organ donor card, if available
- · Medical insurance card

2. Keep health information current, including:

- List of your health problems, such as asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, high cholesterol, etc.
- List of allergies (medication, food, environmental, etc.)
- List of information for emergency personnel, such as: pacemaker, artificial heart valve, defibrillator, dentures, insulin pump, Coumadin (warfarin) or other blood thinning agents, corrective vision (glasses or contacts), hearing impaired, hearing aids, etc.
- Up-to-date list of medications: prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, dietary and herbal supplements, vitamins and minerals.

3. Have other important information on hand, including:

- Immunization records
- Any health screening results, such as those for blood pressure, cholesterol, vision and hearing
- · Records of major illnesses and injuries
- Records of any major surgeries, procedures and hospitalizations
- A list of major health problems in your family (i.e. diabetes, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, cancer, osteoporosis, etc.)
- Any cancer screenings, such as a Pap test, mammogram, colonoscopy and PSA (prostatespecific antigen) test
- Records of recent hearing, vision and dental visits

4. Take these other important factors into consideration, including:

- A copy of your advance directive, including a living will and power of attorney
- Your preferred pharmacy name and phone number
- The poison control phone number
- Records of insurance claims, explanation of benefits and payments
- Written notes from your doctors or doctor visits



PREVENTION 101 TIP

Support an elderly family member or friend. Help them make an up-to-date medications list. Make two copies: one to post on their refrigerator or near a phone and one to carry in their purse or wallet.



Where to Go for More Help

It's not easy putting a plan for preventive care and healthy lifestyles into action. Whether on the Web, on the phone or at the worksite, there are many convenient and accessible wellness resources to help you reach your goals and "have a greater hand in your health."

- On the Phone. Speak confidentially with a specially-trained Health Coach 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling Blues On Call[™] at 1-888-BLUE(2583)-428 for the answers and support you need. You can request a free "Shared Decision Making" video to help you learn more about participating in decision-making with your health care provider.
- On the Web. Log onto your Member Web site and click on the "YOUR HEALTH" tab. Select the link "Improve Your Health" to enroll in HealthMedia® online programs or choose "Preventive Care" to explore other available program options on health and healthy lifestyles.

A great way to take an active role in your health is by taking a wellness profile. The online **HealthMedia® Succeed™** wellness profile only takes about 20 minutes to complete. You'll enter some personal health data (like your weight, waist measurement, cholesterol, blood pressure and more) and answer questions about your everyday habits. Then you'll get a personal report that gives you an overall view of your health and provides recommendations to help you achieve your health goals. Log onto your Member Web site and click on "Wellness Profile" under the "Quick Resources" tab.

Lifestyle Returns®

If your company participates in Lifestyle Returns, you can receive credit for getting your preventive care exams. To access the "Lifestyle Returns" program, log onto your Member Web site. Under "Quick Resources," click on "Lifestyle Returns" and enter your preventive exams under Step 3: Take Charge of Your Health.



LOG ON AND LEARN MORE

To learn more about Preventive Care, search the HEALTH TOPICS tab on your Member Web site. Log on at www.highmark.com. You can search the site for topics of interest to you and your family and stay up-to-date on the latest in health and wellness, including preventive care.

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CALLING ALL WOMEN: Are you ready to take the important steps to a longer, healthier life?

Nomen of All Ages Prevention 101 provides you with an easy to follow lifelong road map to stay on track to reach your destination of good health. The single most important way you can take care of yourself and those you love is to actively take part in your own health care by getting regular check-ups, preventive screening tests and immunizations. This guide will help you take charge of your health and be a decision-making partner with your health care provider.

Managing family, home and career can take a toll on a woman's well-being. Women often put others' needs ahead of their own, leaving little time to focus on their personal health. YOU ARE WORTH taking 15 minutes and making that important call today to schedule your preventive physical examination and follow the path to good health. You owe it to yourself and to your family and friends who care about you.

You need to be especially aware of your body and its changes to know your personal "normal." When you visit your health care provider, share your history, speak up, voice your concerns and always ask questions. If you are confused about recommended screenings, discuss them openly with your health care provider.

You have the power to practice prevention and live your life in a healthy, positive way...no matter what your age or state of health. Make the commitment to take care of yourself and share this valuable information with other women in your life of all ages.





What You Need

Prevention is the solution to better health, and the first step in prevention is protecting your health by getting your recommended exams and screenings. Follow the **At-A-Glance** guide below for an overview of your recommendations at every age.

SCREENINGS AND EXAMS GENERAL HEALTH Physical Exam Every 1-2 years Every 1-2 years Every 1-2 years Every 1-2 years Every 1-2 year Annually HEART HEALTH Weight/Height/BMI Every 1-2 years Every 1-2 years Every 1-2 years; unless elevated Every five years beginning at age 20. More frequent testing for those at risk for cardiovascular disease. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH Pelvic Exam Annually Annually Annually Annually Annually Annually Annually Annually Sexually active non-pregnant young women aged 24 and younger and for older non-pregnant women who are at risk. HIV/Sexually Transmitted Diseases Screening (gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes)
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Mammography Based on risk factors Every 1-2 years for women age 40 and older
BRCA Assessment/ BRCA Mutation (Testing for breast and ovarian ovarian cancer susceptibility as recommended by your health care provider. Annual breast MRI if BRCA positive or immediate family of BRCA carrier but untested.
IMMUNIZATIONS
HPV Vaccine (Human papillomavirus) Ages 9-26 One time 3-dose series Not applicable
Flu Shot Annually Annually Annually Annually
Other Speak with your health care provider about other immunizations that may be recommended for you.
MENTAL HEALTH
Depression Screening Annually Annually Annually Annually
DIABETES SCREENING
Blood Glucose (Sugar) Based on risk factors High-risk patients should be considered by their physician beginning at age 45 at 3-year intervals.
COLORECTAL HEALTH
Colorectal Cancer Screening Based on risk factors Based on risk factors Every 1-10 yr based on screening Based on risk factors
BONE HEALTH
Bone Mineral DensityBased on risk factorsBased on risk factorsBased on risk factorsBased on risk factors
VISION CARE
Eye Exam Once between the ages of 20-29, twice between the ages of 30-39 Baseline at age 40, then every 2-4 years Every 2-4 years Every 2-4 years
ORAL HEALTH
Dental Exam Professional cleaning and dental exam is recommended every 6 months



BMI

BMI (Body Mass Index) is calculated from a person's weight and height and provides a reasonable indicator of body fatness and weight categories that may lead to health problems. Use the chart below to determine your BMI. For an **online BMI Calculator**, members can log onto our Member Web site and click on "Wellness Calculator" under the "Your Health" tab.



BMI	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	35	40	
		Nor	mal						Overv	weight			Obese		
Height						Body	Weig	ht (poi	unds)						
4'11"	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	128	131	138	143	148	173	198	
5'0"	97	102	107	112	118	123	128	133	138	143	148	153	179	204	
5′1″	100	106	111	116	122	127	132	137	143	148	153	158	185	211	
5′2″	104	109	115	120	126	131	136	142	147	153	158	164	191	218	
5′3″	107	113	118	124	130	135	141	146	152	158	163	169	197	225	
5'4"	110	116	122	128	134	140	145	151	157	163	169	174	204	232	
5′5″	114	120	126	132	138	144	150	156	162	168	174	180	210	240	
5'6"	118	124	130	136	142	148	155	161	167	173	179	186	216	247	
5′7″	121	127	134	140	146	153	159	166	172	178	185	191	223	255	
5'8"	125	131	138	144	151	158	164	171	177	184	190	197	230	262	
5′9″	128	135	142	149	155	162	169	176	182	189	196	203	236	270	
5′10″	132	139	146	153	160	167	174	181	188	195	202	207	243	278	
5′11″	136	143	150	157	165	172	179	186	193	200	208	215	250	286	
6'0"	140	147	154	162	169	177	184	191	199	206	213	221	258	294	
6'1"	144	151	159	166	174	182	189	197	204	212	219	227	265	302	
6'2"	148	155	163	171	179	186	194	202	210	218	225	233	272	311	
6'3"	152	160	168	176	184	192	200	208	216	224	232	240	279	319	
6'4"	156	164	172	180	189	197	205	213	221	230	238	246	287	328	

ADDITIONAL OBESITY SCREENINGS

Because obesity puts individuals at risk for a number of chronic conditions, the following screenings may be recommended for adults with a BMI over 30:

- Lipid profile
- Hemoglobin A1C
- · Liver function tests
- Fasting glucose

Note

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Reproductive Health Information, Exams and Screenings

PELVIC EXAM

ALL WOMEN should get an ANNUAL PELVIC EXAM to check for any changes or infections. A PAP SMEAR TEST should be conducted every one to three years based on history. A Pap test is a screening to detect changes in the cells of the cervix (cancerous and precancerous) and is collected during a pelvic exam. If you've never had a Pap test, ask your health care provider to explain the procedure. This collected specimen is sent to a lab for testing.

How to Prep for Your Pap

- Try to schedule your Pap test on a day that you won't be having your period. The best time to get a Pap test is five days after your period has ended. If your period starts on the day of your appointment, you will need to reschedule.
- Don't have sexual intercourse for two days before your Pap test.
- On't douche or use tampons, birth control foams or vaginal creams for two to three days before your test.
- Write down any problems you are having, or any questions you have for the health care provider, and take it to your appointment. If you have had previous abnormal Pap smear results, be sure to inform your health care provider.

ING may be done as part of a routine Pap test for women over age 30 and at risk. HPV

typically has no symptoms and may cause cervical cancer and other serious health problems if left untreated. This test is rarely recommended for women under age 30. Although the rate

for women under age 30. Although the rate of HPV is higher among sexually active adolescents, the immune system clears the HPV infection within one to two years among most young women.

CHLAMYDIA SCREENING is recommended for sexually active non-pregnant young woman age 24 and younger, or older non-pregnant women who are at risk. Chlamydia, which can lead to infertility and other health risks, is an infection that spreads through sexual contact and is the fastest-spreading sexually transmitted disease. Discuss the screening options for Chlamydia with your health care provider.

ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS

Your health care provider may recommend additional screenings for Human Immunode-ficiency Virus (HIV) and additional sexually transmitted diseases (STD), based on your sexual history, signs and symptoms. If you've been exposed to HIV or a STD, contact your health care provider, health clinic or a HIV/STD testing site near you. Most health care providers do not automatically test for HIV, Chlamydia or STDs during a physical exam, pelvic exam or while performing a Pap test. Discuss the screening options for HIV and STD with your health care provider.

WHAT IS THE HPV VACCINE?

The HPV vaccine protects females from the most common types of HPV that cause cervical cancer and genital warts. The vaccine is currently recommended for girls and women age 9 through 26 who have not been vaccinated.



Reproductive Health Information, Exams and Screenings

MAMMOGRAM

A mammogram is a simple X-ray test of the breasts used to screen for breast problems, such as a lump, and whether a lump is fluid-filled (a cyst) or a solid mass. A mammogram is important because you may not be able to feel a lump smaller than a pea or almond. Discuss with your health care provider when you should schedule your baseline (initial) mammogram and/or how often you need to have your follow-up mammograms.

OUR PREVENTIVE SCHEDULE recommends a mammogram every one to two years starting at age 40 or as recommended by your health care provider.

- A SCREENING MAMMOGRAM looks for breast cancer in women whose breasts appear to be healthy. Each breast is X-rayed at two different angles using conventional or digital technology. This is the mammogram needed by most women.
- A DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAM is used to get a better look at any changes found during a screening mammogram. A diagnostic mammogram includes X-rays from various angles using conventional or digital technology, and gives your health care professional a more detailed image of your breasts.

How to Prep for Your Mammogram

- Use the same mammogram facility every year for easy comparison of your mammograms. If you must go to a different location, take your previous films with you.
- Don't wear deodorant or antiperspirant to your mammogram appointment. This can cloud the X-ray films and make your mammogram less accurate.
- Always inform your health care provider or X-ray technologist if there is any possibility that you are pregnant.
- Notify the technician if you have breast implants.
- Call for your results if you haven't received them within 10 days.

CLINICAL BREAST EXAM

Clinical Breast Exam is performed by a trained health care provider and involves a physical exam that checks your breasts to detect problems or changes.



WHAT TO REMEMBER

It is important to be aware of your body and its changes. Early detection is the best way to fight breast cancer.



What to Do During Transitional Times in Your Life

THINKING ABOUT HAVING A FAMILY

Safe motherhood can begin before conception with proper nutrition and a healthy lifestyle. Important steps implemented before conception or early in the pregnancy can help to prepare your body for this special time of your life. Ideally, preconception planning begins up to a year before conception. Folic acid, rubella vaccine, smoking and medication management are just a few of the topics that will be addressed by your health care provider during this time.

To help ensure a healthy pregnancy, schedule a preconception appointment with your health care provider as soon as you begin thinking about pregnancy. Be prepared to discuss:

- Current form of birth control
- Prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and dietary supplements you are taking
- Status of your immunizations
- Your general health, any problems or chronic conditions
- Current lifestyle
- Risk of sexually transmitted diseases

If you're having problems getting pregnant, speak with your health care provider about infertility tests. The tests help determine whether the problem is with the man, the woman or both. Tests may include a physical examination, semen analysis, blood tests and special procedures.

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A maternity education support program that provides members with information on all aspects of pregnancy through printed and online offerings, plus access to individualized support from a Nurse Health Coach. Expectant mothers can call toll-free at 1-866-918-5267.

MOVING INTO MENOPAUSE

Menopause is a natural part of life. It is the permanent end of menstruation and fertility, defined as occurring 12 months after your last menstrual period. For most women, menopause happens around age 50, but every woman's body has its own timeline. Some women stop having periods in their mid-40s, while others continue well into their 50s.

Most women don't need treatment for menopause unless their symptoms (i.e. hot flashes, vaginal dryness, irritability, etc.) bother them to the extent that they interfere with their quality of life. Your health care provider can help you make a smooth transition into menopause and beyond by:

- Discussing the physical and emotional changes (i.e. hot flashes, trouble sleeping, mood swings)
- Helping you explore all your options to deal with the minor and complex issues
- Assisting you with the development of an individual strategy, depending on your symptoms and preferences

HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY (HRT)

Over the years, HRT was thought to offer health and youth-preserving benefits to postmenopausal women. However, research has led to a dramatic shift from this way of thinking. Talk to your health care provider about whether HRT benefits outweigh its risks, considering your own needs, age and health history.



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Knowing What You Need and When to Get It

HEY GUYS: Would you let your car go 5 years without an oil change?

To maintain your "extended warranty," you need to schedule your "annual inspection" appointment with your health care provider.

In your 20s, you might think you're indestructible and view going to the doctor as a waste of time and money. In your 30s, you're often too busy with your career and family. By the time you're in your 40s, you don't go, because you're too afraid of what you'll find out or you don't want to have a rectal exam! (Who does?)

The Power
of Prevention:
Tt's a
Guy Thing

Getting regular "tune-ups" with the recommended preventive screenings and immunizations, is among the most important things you can do to keep your body running smoothly. Most life-threatening illnesses, including cancer, heart disease and diabetes, can be treated and managed if they're caught early.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

One recent study found that two-thirds of men wouldn't even go to the doctor if they were experiencing chest pain or shortness of breath—two early warning signs of a heart attack. WHAT WOULD YOU DO if you experience chest pain or shortness of breath?

If you can't remember the last time you had a complete "tune-up," then pick up the phone and make an appointment today. Even if you're feeling great, call anyway. The time to see your health care provider isn't when something is hurting or doesn't feel right—It's now, when you can still do something about it. Remember you're not just doing it for yourself. You're doing it for your family and loved ones.



Checklist

What You Need

Prevention is the solution to better health, and the first step in prevention is protecting your health by getting your recommended exams and screenings. Follow the **At-A-Glance** guide below for an overview of your recommendations at every age.

AT-A-GLANCE RECOMMENDED EXAMS AND SCREENINGS FOR MEN								
SCREENINGS AND EXAMS	AGES 19-39	AGES 40-49	AGES 50-64	AGES 65 & OLDER				
GENERAL HEALTH								
Physical Exam	Every 1-2 years	Every 1-2 years	Annually	Annually				
HEART HEALTH								
Weight/Height/BMI	Every 1-2 years	Every 1-2 year	Annually	Annually				
Blood Pressure	Every 1-2 years; unless elevated	Every 1-2 years; unless elevated	Annually; unless elevated	Annually; unless elevated				
Lipid Screening	More fi	Every five years be requent testing for those a		lisease.				
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening	Not ap	olicable	One time scree who have e	ening for males ver smoked				
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH								
HIV/Sexually Transmitted Diseases Screening (gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes)	Based on risk factors							
Prostate Exam	Not applicable Discuss risks/benefits of prostate cancer screening with your health care provider.							
IMMUNIZATIONS								
Flu Shot	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually				
Other	Speak with your health care provider about other immunizations that may be recommended for you.							
MENTAL HEALTH								
Depression Screening	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually				
DIABETES								
Blood Glucose (Sugar)	Based on risk factors		s should be considered by ing at age 45 at 3-year int					
COLORECTAL HEALTH								
Colorectal Cancer Screening	Based on risk factors	Based on risk factors	Every 1-10 yr. based on screening	Based on risk factors				
BONE HEALTH								
Bone Mineral Density	Starting at ag Not applicable every 2 years on risks fact							
VISION CARE								
Eye Exam	Once between the ages of 20-29, twice between the ages of 30-39	Baseline at age 40, then every 2-4 years	Every 2-4 years	Every 1-2 years				
ORAL HEALTH								
Dental Exam	Profession	al cleaning and dental exa	ım is recommended every	6 months				



BMI

BMI (Body Mass Index) is calculated from a person's weight and height and provides a reasonable indicator of body fatness and weight categories that may lead to health problems. Use the chart below to determine your BMI. For an **online BMI Calculator**, members can log onto our Member Web site and click on "Wellness Calculator" under the "Your Health" tab.

BMI CHART

BMI	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	35	40
		Nor	mal					Overweight					Obese	
Height						Body	Weig	ht (poi	unds)					
4'11"	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	128	131	138	143	148	173	198
5'0"	97	102	107	112	118	123	128	133	138	143	148	153	179	204
5′1″	100	106	111	116	122	127	132	137	143	148	153	158	185	211
5′2″	104	109	115	120	126	131	136	142	147	153	158	164	191	218
5′3″	107	113	118	124	130	135	141	146	152	158	163	169	197	225
5'4"	110	116	122	128	134	140	145	151	157	163	169	174	204	232
5′5″	114	120	126	132	138	144	150	156	162	168	174	180	210	240
5'6"	118	124	130	136	142	148	155	161	167	173	179	186	216	247
5′7″	121	127	134	140	146	153	159	166	172	178	185	191	223	255
5'8"	125	131	138	144	151	158	164	171	177	184	190	197	230	262
5′9″	128	135	142	149	155	162	169	176	182	189	196	203	236	270
5′10″	132	139	146	153	160	167	174	181	188	195	202	207	243	278
5′11″	136	143	150	157	165	172	179	186	193	200	208	215	250	286
6'0"	140	147	154	162	169	177	184	191	199	206	213	221	258	294
6′1″	144	151	159	166	174	182	189	197	204	212	219	227	265	302
6'2"	148	155	163	171	179	186	194	202	210	218	225	233	272	311
6'3"	152	160	168	176	184	192	200	208	216	224	232	240	279	319
6'4"	156	164	172	180	189	197	205	213	221	230	238	246	287	328

FACT

3 in 4 American
men are

overweight.

ADDITIONAL OBESITY SCREENINGS

Because obesity puts individuals at risk for a number of chronic conditions, the following screenings may be recommended for adults with a BMI over 30:

- Lipid profile
- Hemoglobin A1C
- Liver function tests
- Fasting glucose

Note

Be sure to remind your health care provider that you are being seen for your routine Preventive Health Care exam and/or screening(s) to ensure that your visit/screening is correctly coded and properly billed. The exams, screenings and immunizations listed on our Preventive Health Schedule may not be eligible for coverage or payment under your health insurance policy. If you have questions about your coverage for preventive care services, call the customer service telephone number on the back of your Member ID card.



Screenings for Twenty-Somethings to Baby-Boomers

SCREENINGS AS YOU GET OLDER

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM SCREEN-

ING: If you are a male age 65 or older who smokes or has a past history of smoking, you will need to discuss the risk of abdominal aortic aneurysm, a common vascular condi-

tion affecting men age 65 and older.

FACT 1 in 5 American men has heart disease.

Even if you smoked as few as 100 cigarettes in your lifetime and stopped smoking decades ago, you still have this risk factor. A simple one-time ultrasonography screening test can prevent fatality from catastrophic rupture.

BONE MINERAL DENSITY SCREENING

is recommended for men every two years starting at 70 years of age. The screening measures bone density at the hip, spine or wrist and is used to assess the risk of developing a fracture.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INFORMATION, EXAMS AND SCREENINGS

erectile dysfunction (IMPOTENCE) can occur at any age, but they are more common in older men, who often have other health problems. A man may have erection problems if he cannot get or keep an erection that is firm enough for him to have sex. Speak with

your health care provider if you are experiencing problems of this nature to discuss treatment options. Treatment can help both older and younger men.

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING may include a digital rectal exam or PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) test based on a discussion of risks/benefits of prostate cancer screening with your health care provider. Most men first become aware of their prostate when it causes some discomfort and affects urination so it is important to tell your health care provider about these symptoms promptly. Prostate cancer is highly treatable when

diagnosed early.

ADDITIONAL SCREENINGS your health care provider may recommend additional screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and sexually transmitted diseases (STD), based on your sexual history, signs and symptoms. If you think you've been exposed to HIV or a STD, contact your health care provider, health clinic or a HIV/STD testing site near you. Most health care providers do not automatically test for HIV or STDs during a physical exam. Discuss the screening options for HIV and STDs with your health care provider.



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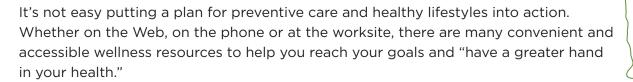
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