Other Risk Factors

D Personal History of High Blood Pressure

If you have been told you have high blood pressure, one of the most important things you can do for your health is to keep your blood pressure under control. You can keep it under control by taking your medicine the way your doctor prescribed it.

Personal History of Diabetes

If you have diabetes, you have a higher risk for heart disease. It is important to keep your diabetes under control. You can keep it under control by eating healthy foods and being physically active.

□ Personal History of Heart Attack or Stroke

If you have had a heart attack or stroke, you have a greater risk of it happening again. You can't change what happened in the past, but you can protect your body from future problems. Start by eating healthy and being physically active.

□ Family History of Heart Attack or Stroke

Just because you have a family history of heart attack or stroke does not mean you will have one. But, it does put you at higher risk. You can lower that risk by leading a healthy lifestyle.

□ Family History of Diabetes

If your mother, father, brother, sister, or child has diabetes, you are at a higher risk for diabetes. You took an important step in taking better care of your health by being screened today.

Physical Inactivity

If you are not active most days of the week, you have a higher risk of many chronic diseases. To lower your risk, try to do 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each week or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each week.

□ Cigarette Smoking

If you smoke cigarettes, you are at a much higher risk for heart disease and lung cancer. Quitting is one of the most important thing you can do to improve your health.

Second Hand Smoke

Non-smokers who breathe in other people's smoke (second hand smoke) take in nicotine and toxic chemicals the same as smokers do. The more second hand smoke you breathe, the more damage it does to your lungs and your heart.

Your Age

When you turn 45, your risk of diabetes goes up. When you reach 55 your risk of heart disease goes up. You can't change your age. But you can take care of your body and make it the healthiest it can be.

Health Information on the Web:

- My Life Check Life's Simple 7 AHA: www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthylifestyle/my-life-check--lifes-simple-7
- American Diabetes Association: <u>www.diabetes.org</u>
- Go Red for Women: <u>www.GoRedForWomen.org</u>
- Choose My Plate: <u>www.ChooseMyPlate.gov</u>
- American Lung Association: <u>www.lung.org</u>
- Smoke Free Women: <u>women.smokefree.gov</u>
- Million Hearts: <u>millionhearts.hhs.gov</u>

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*Note: This screening program provides information that indicates if you need to see a health care provider for further evaluation. This information should not be considered a diagnosis.



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