

Getting preventive care and recommended screenings can help detect health issues earlier, when they're often easier and less costly to treat. Your health is worth it.

Here is some general information on when men should get health screenings. If you have a higher risk for a disease because of your health history, you may need to get a test earlier or more often. Talk to your doctor.

Important screenings for men

- > Blood pressure Adults should start getting screened at age 18.1
- **Colon cancer** Starting at age 50. You may need to get screened earlier if you have other risks, such as family history.¹
- > Cholesterol Talk with your doctor about when and how often to get your cholesterol checked.
- Prostate cancer Start talking with your doctor at age 50, or earlier if you have risk factors.²
- **Depression** Ask for a screening if you feel sad, hopeless or lose interest in activities you used to enjoy.
- **Diabetes** Get blood glucose checked as part of your cardiovascular assessment when you are age 40 or older and are overweight or obese.¹
- **Overweight and obesity** Keep track of your body mass index (BMI) from your doctor or online resources.
- **Abdominal aortic aneurysm** (a dangerous bulge in a blood vessel) Starting between age 65 and 75, if you have ever been a smoker.¹
- Any other screenings you're concerned about, such as glaucoma, hepatitis C, mental health, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) or skin cancer.



Get healthier today

- Be physically active and make healthy food choices.
- > Maintain a healthy weight.
- Get the vaccinations your doctor recommends.
- > Be tobacco-free.
- If you drink alcohol, limit it to two drinks or fewer a day. One drink is a 12-ounce bottle of beer or wine cooler, a 5-ounce glass of wine or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor.³



Talk to your doctor about all of your screening needs. Also ask about tests and vaccinations that might be right for you.

Together, all the way.





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