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STAY HEALTHY

Preventive Health Guidelines

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Go to your doctor for regular wellness visits to help you stay healthy.

Use this guide to:

- Know when to go to the doctor.
- ✓ Know what needs to be done at each visit.
- *Ask your doctor which tests/exams are right for you.

REMEMBER

If you are a new member, see your doctor right away for your first "Welcome to Medicare Visit."
Get a wellness visit every year.
Regular wellness visits help you stay healthy.

IMMUNIZATIONS/SHOTS FOR ADULTS*

(for both men & women)

Immunizations (Shots)		19 to 39 Years	40 to 64 Years	65+ Years
	Hepatitis B A disease of the liver	Shot may be recommended by your doctor if you are at risk		
	Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Virus can cause cervical cancer and genital warts	For women up to age 26 and men up to age 21 (3 doses), if not immunized before	No recommendation	
	Influenza (Flu) Influenza or flu virus	Every year! During flu season in fall or winter		
	Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	If born after 1957 (1 or 2 doses)		As recommended by your doctor
	Pneumococcal Bacteria can cause lung or blood infection	As recommended by your doctor		One dose
	Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td/Tdap) Lockjaw tightening of the jaw muscle	One dose then a Td booster every 10 years		
	Zoster (Shingles) Virus can cause painful skin rash with blisters	As recommende	d by your doctor	One dose, starting at age 60, if recommended by your doctor

^{*} Your doctor may recommend other screenings or immunizations (shots), if you are at high risk.



Tests/Exams /Visits	19 to 39 Years	40 to 64 Years	65+ Years
Wellness Visit Medical and family history, physical exam, height, weight, blood pressure, and Body Mass Index (BMI, a measure for a healthy weight)		Every year	
□ Cholesterol Screening	Age 20 and older if at risk for heart disease		
☐ Colon and Rectal Cancer Screening		Age 50 Your doctor will talk with withese to see if there is (bowel mo • Flexible sigmoidos Test to check the lower par • Colonoscopy - Test to check a larger part	you about having one of ests: Indicate - Every year blood in your stool vement) Copy - Every 5 years t of your colon for cancer Every 10 years
Diabetes Screening ☐ Check for diabetes and pre-diabetes	Adults whose blood pressure is greater than 135/80 and as recommended by your doctor		
☐ Hearing and Vision	As recommended by your doctor		
☐ Hepatitis C	Adults born between 1945-1965, one-time testing. Testing for at risk as recommended by your doctor		
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Screening Check for the virus that causes HIV infection	Screening at least once for adults ages 19-65. Screening for pregnant women and all age groups at risk as recommended by your doctor		
☐ Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Screening and Test	Risk screening recommended for all adults as part of their first checkup. Doctors will also test those at a higher risk for TB		

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OTHER WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY

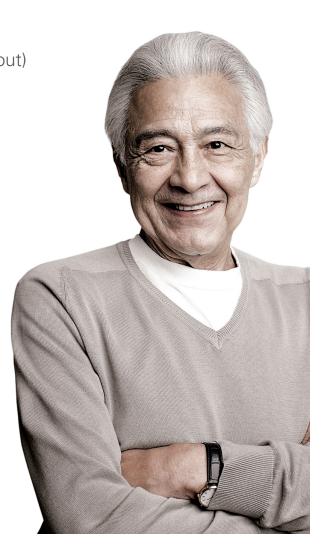
Tests/Exams/Visits				
☐ Alcohol Misuse Screening and Counseling	Bone Density Test To check risk for breaking bones	☐ Dental Exam		
☐ Depression Screening	☐ Electrocardiogram (EKG)	Glaucoma Screening To measure eye pressure		
Programs				
☐ Diabetes Self-Management	☐ Medical Nutrition Therapy	Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling How to quit smoking or using tobacco		

WELL CARE GUIDELINES FOR MEN

(in addition to adult screenings)

Tests/Exams	19 to 39 Years	40 to 64 Years	65+ Years
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Ultrasound	No recomi	mendation	One-time screening if you have ever smoked

You may also talk to your doctor about: (check the ones you want to talk with your doctor about) □ Abuse and Violence ■ Mental Activity □ Advance Directives ■ Mental Health Concerns (memory loss or changes) □ Aspirin □ Nutrition ☐ Asthma □ Pain Management □ Bladder Control Parenting ☐ Dental Health ☐ Planning for Long □ Depression Term Care □ Diabetes ☐ Prenatal Health □ Drug and Alcohol (for pregnant women) Problems ☐ Physical Activity/ Exercise ☐ Fall Prevention ■ Safety ☐ Family Planning/ ☐ STDs and HIV Birth Control □ Weight Concerns □ How to Quit Smoking □ Any other concerns ☐ Your Medication(s) you may have





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Tests/Exams/Visits	19 to 39 Years	40 to 64 Years	65+ Years
Breast Cancer Screening/ Mammogram X-ray of the breasts	No recommendation	Every 2 years from a Ask your doctor if you need a	,
Cervical Cancer Screening Pap smear	Every three years ages 21 to 65 No recommendation		
Chlamydia Screening Test for a sexually transmitted disease (STD)	To be done regularly for women 16 to 24 years if sexually active and only for women over age 25 who are at high risk		
Osteoporosis Thinning of the bone	Screening for 65 years and older or as recommended by your doctor		

STAY HEALTHY WHEN YOU ARE PREGNANT

Before Pregnancy Care

- □ Talk with your doctor about the vitamin (folic acid) that helps prevent birth defects.
- ☐ See your doctor RIGHT AWAY! As soon as you think or know you are pregnant.
- ☐ Know your HIV status RIGHT AWAY as soon as you think or know you are pregnant.

During Pregnancy (Prenatal) Care:		
Checkups:	How Often?	
First 28 Weeks	Every 4 Weeks	
29 - 36 Weeks	Every 2-3 Weeks	
36 Weeks and beyond	Weekly	

After Pregnancy (Postpartum) Care:

Get your postpartum checkup between 21 and 56 days after you have your baby, whether you had a C-section (surgical delivery) or not.

- ✓ You will be screened for healing and postpartum depression.
- ✓ Your doctor will also talk with you about birth control/family planning.
- ✓ Get your C-section (surgical delivery) checkup about 1-2 weeks after giving birth.

Each checkup is important to help keep you and your baby healthy

- ✓ Needed tests are done at each visit.
- ✓ Your doctor may want to see you more often.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STAY HEALTHY!

 See your doctor on a regular basis and after hospitalizations

✓ Take your medication as your doctor told you to

- ✓ Get needed tests/exams
- ✓ Fat well balanced meals
- Keep a healthy weight
- Keep active
- Don't smoke or quit smoking
- Spend time with family and friends
- ✓ Stay connected with people





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