

Adult Health Checklist Make Preventive Care a Priority

Take control of your health today for a healthier tomorrow. Use this checklist to keep screenings and visits top of mind. Preventive care services are covered at no cost when you use in-network providers.

WHAT		WHO/WHEN	WHY	
General Preventive Care				
Annual Checkup Wellnes)	Once a year	This visit with your primary care provider is a great opportunity to discuss exercise, diet, sleep, medications, mood and any screenings or immunizations you may be due for. Talk to your doctor about your fall risk.	
Annual Obstetri Gynecol (OB/GYN	ogist	Once a year until age 65	This visit with your OB/GYN focuses on reproductive health, contraception, family planning and fertility care, including menstruation, breast/breast mastectomy, cervix, pelvis, uterus and pelvic floor health.	
Blood Pl Screeni	ressure	Ages 18-39, every 3-5 years, and once a year after age 40	Getting your blood pressure checked can give your doctor important information about your risk for stroke and heart attack.	
Bone He Osteopo Screeni	rosis	Age 65+ or post-menopause	Age, family history, menopause and other factors may put you at risk. Help keep your bones strong with exercise and a diet rich in calcium and vitamin D.	
Choleste Screeni		Every 4-6 years	Too much cholesterol makes it harder for blood to flow through your body. Lower your risk with healthy eating and exercise.	
Depress Screeni	ion ng	Everyone, including pregnant or postpartum people and older adults	Talk to your health care provider if you have persistent low mood, feelings of sadness, problems sleeping, or loss of interest in normally enjoyable activities over a two week period.	
Diabetes Screeni	s (Type Z)	Age 35-70, once a year if overweight/obese	There are lots of ways to prevent and manage diabetes if you are aware of your risk.	
E HIV Scr	eening	At least once in a lifetime; once a year if at high risk	The only way to know you do not have HIV is to get tested. HIV screening is important at any age if you are at risk.	
Sexual Transmir Infection Screening	n (STI)	If sexually active, including pregnant people	Sexual infections may not have symptoms and are shared through sexual contact. STIs including chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes, or HIV can be tested in a doctor's office or clinic using a sample of urine, blood, tissue, or saliva and then sent to a lab. Home testing options are available.	

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Cancer Screenings may result in earlier detection, make it easier to treat, and possibly cure. Your cancer screening needs may vary if you have had breast, chest or genital surgery, hormone therapy, or due to other personal health risk factors. Your health care provider can confirm screenings best for you based on your health and health history.					
	Breast Health – Mammogram (diagnostic x-ray)	Mammograms are covered starting at age 50 and every 1-2 years until age 75.	Mammography screening uses an x-ray of the breast tissue to detect breast tissue changes that may be cancer.		
9	Cervical Cancer Screening	Ages 21-65, every 3-5 years	The cervix is the lower part of the uterus (womb). Regular Pap and HPV testing can help find abnormalities before they turn into cancer.		
•	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Ages 45-75 (earlier if at higher risk), every 5-10 years (or more frequent based on health risk)	Special tests can detect colorectal cancer early, which makes it easier to treat.		
	Lung Cancer Screening	Ages 50-80 who are heavy smokers (20 year history), currently smoke, or have quit in the past 15 years	People who smoke, especially heavy smokers, are at a high risk for lung cancer.		
	Prostate Screening	Ages 55-69	The prostate is a part of the reproductive system, which includes the penis, prostate, and testicles. With age the prostate can increase in size and decrease urine flow. Talk with your doctor to decide if screening is right for you.		
Vaccines/Immunizations					
J	Vaccines/ Immunizations	As directed by your health care provider or based on your personal health risk	Vaccines save lives, even for otherwise healthy people. Most vaccines are no cost, including those that prevent COVID-19, flu, pneumonia, tetanus, and human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV). A shingles vaccine (Shingrix) is recommended for people age 50+.		

Screening recommendations are based U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) guidelines as of April 2023.

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*A well visit or preventive service can sometimes turn into a "sick visit," in which out-of-pocket expenses for deductible, copay and/ or coinsurance may apply. There may also be other services performed in conjunction with the above preventive care services that might be subject to deductible, copay and/or coinsurance. Does not include procedures, injections, diagnostic services, laboratory and X-ray services, or any other services not billed as preventive services.

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