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National Cholesterol Education Month

Too much cholesterol in the blood is one of the main risk factors for heart disease and stroke—two leading causes of death in the United States. One way to prevent these diseases is to detect high cholesterol and treat it when it is found.

What is cholesterol?

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that your body needs. But when you have too much in your blood, it can build up on the walls of your arteries and form blockages. This can lead to heart disease, heart attack, and stroke.

There are two kinds of cholesterol:

- high-density lipoprotein (HDL) "Good" cholesterol keep this high
- low-density lipoprotein (LDL) "Bad" cholesterol keep this low

How can you prevent or treat high cholesterol?

Lifestyle choices make a huge difference:

- Eating a healthy diet. Avoid saturated fats and trans fats, which tend to raise cholesterol levels. Other types of fats, such as polyunsaturated fats, can actually lower blood cholesterol levels. Eating fiber also can help lower cholesterol.
- Exercising regularly. Physical activity can help lower cholesterol. The Surgeon General recommends that adults engage in moderate-intensity exercise for 2 hours and 30 minutes every week.
- Maintaining a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese can raise your cholesterol levels. Losing weight can help lower your cholesterol.
- Not smoking. If you smoke, quit as soon as possible.



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6 Phytonutrients You May Know About

Phytonutrient	Proposed Benefits	Food Sources
Beta-Carotene	Immune System Vision Skin Health Bone Health	Pumpkin, Carrots, Sweet Potato, Kale, Winter Squash, Cantaloupe, Broccoli, Apricots, Spinach, Collard Greens
Lycopene	Cancer (Prostate) Heart Health	Tomatoes, Tomato Products, Watermelon, Pink Grapefruit, Red Peppers
Lutein	Eye Health Cancer Heart Health	Collard Greens, Kale, Artichokes, Lettuces, Spinach, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts
Resveratrol	Heart Health Cancer Lung Health Inflammation	Red Wine, Grapes, Peanuts
Anthocyanidins	Blood Vessel Health	Blueberries, Blackberries, Plums, Cranberries, Raspberries, Red Onions, Red Potatoes, Red Radishes, Strawberries
Isoflavones	Menopause Cancer (Breast) Bone Health	Soybeans
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September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in American men. The *prostate* is a walnut-sized organ located just below the bladder and in front of the rectum in men. It produces fluid that makes up a part of semen. The prostate gland surrounds the urethra (the tube that carries urine and semen through the penis and out of the body).

Prevention of Prostate Cancer

- 1. Eat fewer calories or exercise more so that you maintain a healthy weight.
- 2. Try to keep the amount of fat you get from red meat and dairy products to a minimum.
- 3. Watch your calcium intake. Do not take supplemental doses far above the recommended daily allowance. Some calcium is OK, but avoid taking more than 1,500 mg of calcium a day.
- 4. Eat more fish evidence from several studies suggest that fish can help protect against prostate cancer because they have "good fat" particularly omega-3 fatty acids. Avoid trans fatty acids (found in margarine).
- 5. Try to incorporate cooked tomatoes that are cooked with olive oil, which has also been shown to be beneficial, and cruciferous vegetables (like broccoli and cauliflower) into many of your weekly meals. Soy and green tea are also potential dietary components that may be helpful.
- 6. Avoid smoking for many reasons. Drink alcohol in moderation, if at all.
- 7. Seek medical treatment for stress, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and depression. Treating these conditions may save your life and will improve your survivorship with prostate cancer
- 8. Avoid over-supplementation with megavitamins. Too many vitamins, especially folate, may "fuel the cancer", and while a multivitamin is not likely to be harmful, if you follow a healthy diet with lots of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish, and healthy oils you likely do not even need a multivitamin.
- 9. Relax and enjoy life. Reducing stress in the workplace and home will improve your survivorship and lead to a longer, happier life.
- 10. Finally, eating all of the broccoli in the world does not take away your risk of having prostate cancer right now. If you are age 50 or over, if you are age 40 or over and African-American or have a family history of prostate cancer, you need more than a good diet can guarantee. You should consider a yearly rectal examination and PSA test, and you should discuss the risks and benefits of these screening procedures with your doctor.

Two tests are commonly used to screen for prostate cancer

- Prostate specific antigen (PSA) test: PSA is a substance made by the prostate. The PSA test measures the level of PSA in
 the blood, which may be higher in men who have prostate cancer. However, other conditions such as benign prostate
 hyperplasia (BPH, an enlarged but noncancerous prostate), prostate infections, and certain medical procedures also may
 increase PSA levels.
- **Digital rectal exam (DRE):** A doctor, nurse, or other health care professional places a gloved finger into the rectum to feel the size, shape, and hardness of the prostate gland.







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