Preventive Care Screenings

Getting the right screenings at the right times are some of the most important things you can do for your health. Eating right, staying active and maintaining a relationship with a primary care physician can help you get healthy and stay healthy. If you're not up-to-date on your health screenings, then it's time for a check-up from a Utica Park Clinic doctor.



Cholesterol: At least once every five years for adults ages 20 and older.

General wellness exam: Check blood pressure, heart rate, temperature and overall health every one to three years for adults ages 19-49.

Hepatitis C: Once for adults ages 18 or older.

HIV: Annually for adults ages 18–65 based on risk.

Vision: Every two to four years for adults ages 20–64.

Men

Testicular exam: Annually for men ages 14–35.

Women

Breast cancer: Mammography every three years for women ages 20-39.

Cervical cancer: Pap test every three years for women ages 21-29. Pap test with HPV screening every five years for women ages 25-65.



Age 40-49

Cholesterol: At least once every five years for adults ages 20 and older.

Diabetes: Begin at age 45, then every three years. More frequently based on risk.

General wellness exam: Check blood pressure, heart rate, temperature and overall health every one to three years for adults ages 19-49.

Hepatitis C: Once for adults ages 18 or older.

HIV: Annually for adults ages 18–65 based on risk.

Vision: Every two to four years for adults ages 20–64.

Men

Prostate cancer: Begin at age 45 for African Americans and other men with higher risk, and at age 50 for men with lower risk following an informed decision-making discussion with your PCP.

Women

Breast cancer: Choice to start annual mammography for women ages 40-44.

Annual mammography for women ages 45-54.

Cervical cancer: Pap test with HPV screening every five years for women ages 25-65.



Age 50-74

Cholesterol: At least once every five years for adults ages 20 and older.

Colon cancer: Colonoscopy by age 50 then every ten years, or annual fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or sigmoidoscopy every five years.

Diabetes: Every three years. More frequently based on risk

General wellness exam: Check blood pressure, heart rate, temperature and overall health annually.

Hepatitis C: Once for adults ages 18 or older.

HIV: Annually for adults ages 18–65 based on risk.

Lung cancer: Once if you are a current or former smoker, age 50-80 and have a smoking history of at least 20 pack-years.

Vision: Every two to four years for adults ages 20–64.

Man

Abdominal aneurysm: Once between ages 65-75 if you have smoked.

Prostate cancer: Begin at age 45 for African Americans and other men with higher risk, and at age 50 for men with lower risk following an informed decision-making discussion with your PCP.

Women

Breast cancer: Annual mammography for women ages 45-54.

Mammography every two years based on risk for women ages 55 and older.

Cervical cancer: Pap test with HPV screening every five years for women ages 25-65.

Osteoporosis: Begin at age 60 or 65 based on risk.



Cholesterol: At least once every five years for adults ages 20 and older.

Colon cancer: Colonoscopy by age 50 then every ten years, or annual fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or sigmoidoscopy every five years.

Diabetes: Every three years. More frequently based on risk.

General wellness exam: Check blood pressure, heart rate, temperature and overall health annually.

Hepatitis C: Once for adults ages 18 or older.

Lung cancer: Once if you are a current or former smoker, age 50-80 and have a smoking history of at least 20 pack-years.

Vision: Every one to two years.

Men

Prostate cancer: Begin at age 45 for African Americans and other men with higher risk, and at age 50 for men with lower risk following an informed decision-making discussion with your PCP.

Women

Breast: Mammography is optional after 74.



Haemophilus influenza, type B: One or three doses if not previously immunized if you have asplenia, sickle cell anemia, stem cell transplant and other risk factors.

Hepatitis A: Two doses if not previously immunized if requested or at risk.

Hepatitis B: Three doses if not previously immunized.

Human papillomavirus (HPV): Women ages 18-26 if not previously immunized. Men ages 18-21. Two to three doses.

Influenza: One dose annually at the beginning of flu season (typically September).

Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR): One to two doses if unvaccinated, born after 1957 and no evidence of immunity.

Meningococcal (Meningitis): One or more doses if not previously immunized, depending on risk factors and other indicators.

Pneumococcal: PCV13 – one dose after age 65. PPSV23 – one to two doses based on medical history.

Shingles: Two doses after age 50.

Tetanus, Diptheria (Td): Tdap – one dose. TD booster every 10 years.

Varicella (Chicken pox): Two doses four to eight weeks apart without evidence of immunity.

The screening guidelines above are general recommendations. Talk to your primary care physician about screening frequencies that are right for you.

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