

Are you up-to-date on all your health screenings?

If not, call today to schedule an appointment with an NMPG Internal Medicine physician.

Personal Health Screening Guidelines

Screening	Purpose	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	
GENERAL	Cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides	Identify people at high risk for coronary artery disease	Every 5 years depending on level	Every 5 years depending on level	Every 1-3 years depending on level	Annually	Annually
	EKG	Identify injury to heart or irregular rhythms			Baseline test between ages 40 and 45	Annually	Annually
	General Physical Exam	Detect conditions before symptoms develop	Every 2-3 years	Every 2-3 years	Every 2-3 years	Annually	Annually
	Immunizations	Create immunity against a particular disease	Diphtheria–Tetanus every 10 years. Rubella once if necessary (females only). Influenza annually age 65 and older. Pneumococcal vaccine once after age 65.				
	Rectal Exam	Detect any abnormalities in the rectum				Annually	Annually
	Colonoscopy	Detect cancers and growths (polyps) on the inside wall of the colon before they become cancerous				Baseline test at 50, then every 5-10 years	Every 5-10 years
	Hemoccult	Detect blood in stool to screen for various diseases				Annually	Annually
	General Eye Exam	Detect hidden disease processes in the eye or body as a whole	Every 5-10 years	Every 5-10 years	Every 3-5 years	Every 3 years	Every 1-2 years
WOMEN	Breast Self Exam	Look for color changes, skin irregularities, lumps and changes in the nipples	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
	Mammography	Detect cancer and precancerous changes			Baseline test at 40	Annually	Annually
	Pap Smear	Detect abnormal cells that may become cancerous	Annually	Every 1-3 years	Every 1-3 years	Every 1-3 years	Every 1-3 years
	Pelvic Exam	Detect cancer and precancerous changes of the cervix, uterus and ovaries	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually
	Bone Density Screening	Detect osteoporosis and bone thinning					Baseline test at 60
MEN	Prostate Specific Antigen	Detect prostate cancer in the earliest stages				Annually	Annually
	Testicular Self Exam	Detect testicular cancer, the most common malignancy in American men between ages 15 and 35	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
	Digital Rectal Exam	Identify an early growth or tumor in the prostate gland				Annually	Annually

These are overall guidelines and should not be construed as a medical recommendation or a substitution for medical advice.

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If you suffer from chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes or poor cholesterol levels, you should be seeing a primary care physician on a regular basis to monitor these conditions.

If you don't have a physician, call **312-926-DOCS (3627)** or visit www.nmpg.com for a referral.