



# Wellness and Preventive Care

## Take an easy step towards good health

Your number one way to help yourself and your family stay healthy is with preventive care. When combined with healthy eating and exercise, vaccines and early detection are your key to a long and healthy life. That’s why your employer offers many preventive treatments at no cost to you when you visit a doctor in your network.

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### Your doctor may suggest:

- Screening tests, which may find health concerns before symptoms appear.
- Diagnostic tests, physicals and self-exams, which may find health issues early in their course.

Your doctor may use guidelines to recommend screenings. If you’re considering getting a test, it’s a good idea to speak with your doctor. Together, you can decide what is right for you.

## Screenings for adults

Preventive screening	Group	Recommendation
Abdominal aortic aneurysm	Men, age 65-75	Once for men who have smoked tobacco.
Alcohol and tobacco use	Everyone	Annually
Anxiety	Everyone	Routinely—adults 18 years of age and older, including pregnant and postpartum women.
Blood pressure	Everyone	Annually
Breast cancer	Women, age 40 – 74	Mammogram every two years. Talk with your doctor to decide if you need them more often. <sup>1</sup>

## Screening for adults

Preventive screening	Group	Recommendation
Cervical cancer	Women, beginning at age 21	Pap smear for women 21–65 years of age every three years. Women 30–65 years of age may have a Pap smear and human papillomavirus (HPV) testing every five years. <sup>2</sup>
Cholesterol	Everyone, beginning at age 35	Every five years.
Colorectal cancer	Everyone, beginning at age 45	Every 10 years. Talk to your doctor.
Depression	Everyone	Annually
Hepatitis A & B	Everyone	Talk to your doctor.
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Everyone	Talk to your doctor.
Diabetes	Everyone	Glucose test every three years. Talk to your doctor if you are at increased risk.
Lung cancer	Current or former smokers, age 55–80**	Annually
Osteoporosis	Women	For post-menopausal women; or under age 65 at increased risk for osteoporosis.
Prostate cancer	Men, age 55 – 69	Talk to your doctor.
Sexually transmitted diseases	Everyone	Annually
Tobacco use	Everyone, beginning at age 18	Annually
Tuberculosis infection	Everyone, beginning at age 18	Those with increased risk of latent tuberculosis infection
Unhealthy drug use	Everyone, beginning at age 18	Annually
Vision	Everyone	Annually
Weight	Everyone	Annually

\*Plan features and availability may vary by location and group size. Not all health services are covered. See plan documents for a complete description of benefits, exclusions, limitations and conditions of coverage. Plan features are subject to change.

\*\* Smokers or former smokers with a 30 pack per year or more smoking history and, if a former smoker, has quit within the past 15 years.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Final recommendation statement. Breast cancer: screening. November 2018.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Final recommendation statement. Cervical cancer: screening. August 2018.

**For more information about preventive care, you can visit the website for the United States Department of Health and Human Services at: <http://healthfinder.gov/myhealthfinder>.**

**You can also visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/womens-guidelines> and <https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits>**

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