

# Health Tips from HealthPerks

Now is the time to enjoy all of the hard work you've put into your career, family and — of course — your health. You know how important it is to stay connected and engaged, and you're ready to look forward to every day with a healthy outlook by continuing to prioritize wellness and self-care. These tips and reminders can help you stay healthy.

## New Areas of Focus and Consideration in Your 70s and Beyond

- Joint pain and movement evaluation and treatment, including surgery
- Memory and dementia evaluation
- Sexual health changes and concerns
- Urology changes and concerns
- Home safety evaluation
- Nutritional/diet assessment
- Determine long-term care goals and designate health care proxy

## **Ongoing General** Health Priorities

- Changes in height, weight, pulse and blood pressure
- Cholesterol screening
- Mental and emotional health evaluation, including stress
- Sleep habits
- Medicine review/evaluation
- Testicular exam
- Skin health/evaluation
- Vision and hearing
- Oral health
- Diabetes screening



### **Recommended Check-ups, Screenings and Immunizations for Men in Their 70s and Beyond**

Of course, every man is different and may have unique medical risks and concerns. It's important to develop a trusting relationship with your doctor and together determine how to best prevent, monitor or treat health issues and risks. The following important guidelines can help you manage your health with your doctor's recommendations.

#### **Screening/Description**

**Starting Age** 

Frequency

#### **General Check-ups and Screenings** Complete primary care check-up Ongoing Yearly Blood pressure and pulse Ongoing Yearly Cholesterol panel (total, HDL, LDL, triglycerides) Before 70 Every 2-3 years, as recommended by doctor Blood glucose and A1C tests Before 70 Every 1-3 years based on risk Thyroid function (TSH; possibly T<sub>3</sub>, T<sub>4</sub>, free T<sub>4</sub>) Before 70 As recommended by doctor Mental and behavioral health assessment Ongoing Yearly Sleep habits and issues Ongoing Yearly **Reproductive and Sexual Health** Before 70 As recommended based on risk Digital rectal exam (DRE) As recommended based on risk Prostate-specific antigent (PSA) test Before 70 As recommended based on risk When recommended Testicular exam When sexually active Yearly Sexual health evaluation When needed As recommended based on risk STI screening **Other Specialty Check-ups and Screenings** Every 5-10 years, based on results Colonoscopy Before 70 **Based on risk** As recommended based on risk **Osteoporosis screening** As recommended by doctor **Hearing check** Before 70 Vision check Before 70 Every 1-2 years, or as recommended by doctor Skin check Before 70 Yearly, or as recommended by doctor **Immunizations** Flu shot Ongoing Yearly Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussus (Tdap) booster Ongoing Every 10 years Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) booster Depends on vaccination date One time, if needed When at risk After three doses, protection lasts 25 years **Hepatitis A&B** Specific vaccinations required for some When recommended As recommended by doctor foreign travel