10 Tips to Keep Your Heart Healthy



- Move More, Sit Less: Add more movement to your day! Short walks, stretching sessions, or chair exercises will keep your blood flowing.
- Find Enjoyable Activities:
 Low-impact exercises 150
 minutes per week can help
 maintain heart health without
 straining joints.
- Eat for a Healthy Heart: Fill your plates with fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins. Cut back on sodium, saturated fats, and added sugars to support healthy blood pressure and cholesterol levels.
- 4 **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water throughout the day to support circulation and overall heart function.
- Get Fresh Air & Sunshine:

 Spending time outdoors can reduce stress, improve mood, and encourage physical activity. Take a morning or evening stroll in the neighborhood or enjoy light gardening.
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- 6 Manage Stress: Chronic stress can take a toll on your heart. Stress-reducing activities such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, yoga, or spending time with loved ones can alleviate stress.
- Preparing your own meals gives you better control over ingredients and portion sizes. Try heart-healthy cooking methods like baking, steaming, or grilling instead of frying.
- 8 Know Your Numbers: Stay on top of your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels with regular check-ups. Work with your doctor to manage any heart-related conditions and medications.
- Watch Your Portions: Mindful eating, such as paying attention to hunger and fullness cues, and avoiding oversized portions can support heart health.
- Prioritize Restful Sleep: Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep each night by establishing a consistent bedtime routine and creating a comfortable sleep environment.