

A Woman's Body: Through the Ages



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Checkups And Screenings

Ages

20-39 40-49 50+

Frequency

General Physical Exam: Review overall health status, perform a complete physical exam and discuss health related topics	●	●	●	Every 1 to 3 years Every year
Blood Tests & Urinalysis: Screens for various illnesses and conditions (anemia, high cholesterol, diabetes, kidney) before symptoms occur	●	●	●	Every 1 to 5 years
Breast Exam - To find abnormal lumps in their earliest stages	●	●	●	Monthly self-exam/physician exam at physical
Mammogram - An x-ray of the breast to detect & diagnose breast disease	●	●	●	Usually not required Yearly after age 40
Pelvic Exam & Pap Smear: Examination of the female genitalia with laboratory analysis to detect cancerous and precancerous cells of the cervix	●	●	●	Pelvic every 1-3 years.
Colonoscopy: A colonoscopy is a flexible scope that examines the rectum, sigmoid and descending colon for cancer at its earliest and treatable stages. It also detects polyps, which are benign growths that can progress to cancer if not found early.	●	●	●	Usually Not Required Baseline at 50, then every 5 - 10 years
Rectal Exam: A rectal exams screens for hemorrhoids, lower rectal problems, and colon cancer.	●	●	●	Usually Not Required Every Year
Hemoccult: Screens the stool for microscopic amounts of blood that can be the first indication of polyps or colon cancer	●	●	●	Usually Not Required Every Year
Diabetes: A disease where high levels of glucose accumulate in the blood and testing should be done by your physician	●	●	●	Usually Not Required Fasting glucose test at age 45 Every 3 years with normal results
Immunizations: Influenza (flu) Vaccine Pneumonia Tetanus HPV Vaccine	●	●	●	Every year Discuss with your physician Every 10 years Ages 11-26 as recommended by a doctor
Bone Density Evaluation: Bone mineral density scan estimates the strength of your bones and is done under the supervision of your physician	●	●	●	Discuss with your physician Begin at age 65
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs): Sexually active adults who consider themselves at risk for STDs should be screened for syphilis, chlamydia and other STDs.	●	●	●	Discuss with your physician
Skin Self-Exam: To look for signs of changing moles, freckles, or early skin cancer	●	●	●	Monthly by self & part of general physical exam