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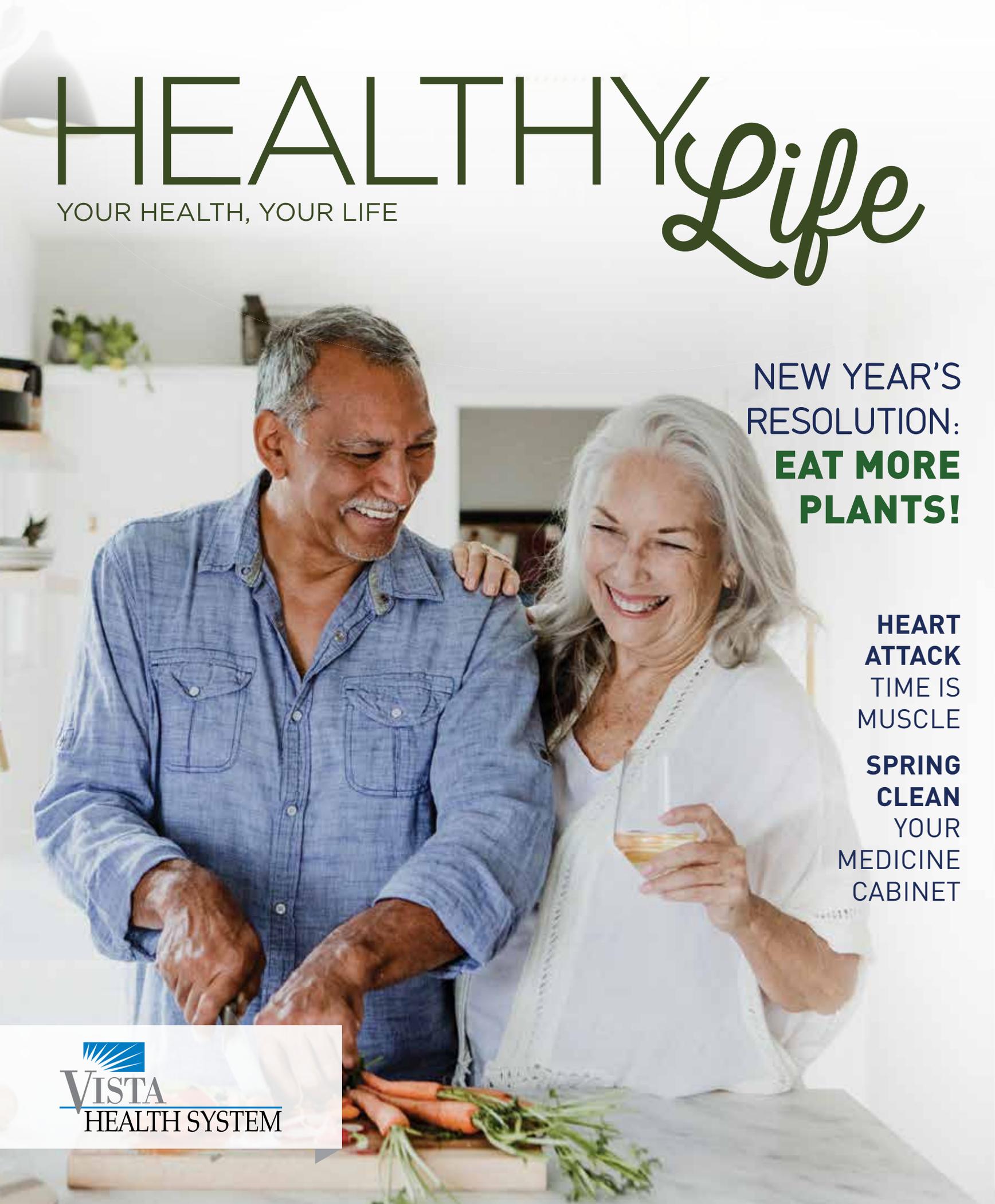
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLUTION:
**EAT MORE
PLANTS!**

**HEART
ATTACK
TIME IS
MUSCLE**

**SPRING
CLEAN
YOUR
MEDICINE
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— What Is — SOCIAL ANXIETY DISORDER?

Does interacting with people make you nervous? Do you always feel self-conscious and afraid of meeting someone new?

There's nothing wrong with being an introvert, but if anxiety is affecting your work or your ability to enjoy life, you could have social anxiety disorder. This condition affects an estimated 7 percent of adults, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Talk to your primary care provider if social settings cause you to experience any of the following:

- aversion to conversation or eye contact
- extreme blushing or nervousness
- fear you are being judged
- feeling of panic
- nausea
- rapid heart rate
- tense posture

It might be difficult to talk about, but seek help. Social anxiety disorder is treatable, and your primary care provider can help you find solutions like talk therapy or medications, so you can more fully enjoy your life.

STRONG to the CORE

Did you know that if you're experiencing lower back pain, it could be because your core muscles need strengthening? Your core consists of your abdominal muscles, back muscles, diaphragm and pelvic floor muscles. Strengthening these muscles will help improve stability in your back, lessening or possibly eliminating pain for many people.

Your doctor or a physical therapist can suggest easy exercises to strengthen your core, like:

- abdominal crunches
- hamstring stretches
- hip flexor stretches
- leg lifts
- planks

Pilates, swimming and yoga are also great and gentle ways to work on your core strength.

TAKE CONTROL OF INCONTINENCE

According to the American Urological Association, almost a third of people in the U.S. suffer from urinary incontinence. But bladder leakage isn't just a medical concern — incontinence can make you feel embarrassed to go places, wear protection or even talk about it. While incontinence is common in older adults, it's not inevitable and can signal serious diseases like Parkinson's or diabetes.

There are four different types of incontinence:

- **Stress incontinence**, when there is leakage during laughing or coughing. This is the most common type in middle-aged women.
- **Urge incontinence**, when leakage occurs before a person can get to the toilet due to a disease like Alzheimer's or stroke.
- **Overflow incontinence**, when leakage happens because the bladder won't ever fully empty. This often occurs in men with enlarged prostates.
- **Functional incontinence**, which normally happens in older people who simply move too slowly to get to a toilet in time.

Discuss any signs of incontinence you are having with your primary care provider (PCP). There are treatments available, and lifestyle changes may also help.



Don't put off addressing incontinence issues. Make an appointment with your PCP or a urology specialist today. Visit VistaAnytime.com to schedule.



Your Heart's SOS

When signs of a heart attack appear, the numbers to know are 9-1-1.

Prescription for Partnership

Did you know your primary care provider (PCP) is one of the best friends your heart can have? That's because your PCP will work with you to identify heart disease risk factors within your control and help you manage health conditions that can put you at greater risk for heart disease.

As with all healthy friendships, it's important for your heart and your PCP to stay in touch. To do that, see your PCP for an annual physical exam. During this appointment, your PCP will:

- **check key indicators of health**, including your blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels, and adjust your plans (if needed) to control related conditions, like high blood pressure and diabetes
- **recommend ways to reduce heart disease risk factors within your control**, which may include quitting smoking, eating healthier or exercising regularly

The warning signs of a heart attack are like the starting flag of a race. The only contestants are your heart and time — the longer you wait to seek help, the more damage your heart muscle may suffer. That's why it's important to call 9-1-1 as soon as symptoms appear. Don't think driving yourself will save time: Transport to the emergency room by ambulance can be up to an hour faster than by car, according to the American Heart Association (AHA).

To put time on your side, recognize signs of a heart attack, including:

- chest pain or pressure
- cold sweat
- lightheadedness
- nausea
- shortness of breath
- upper body discomfort, especially in the arms, back or jaw
- vomiting

YOU TO THE RESCUE

If you see someone experiencing heart attack symptoms, you can help. First, call 9-1-1. Second, use an automated external defibrillator (AED), if one is available.

An AED can deliver an electric shock to restart the heart during cardiac arrest. To use an AED, attach its pads to the person's bare chest — wipe his or her chest dry first, if needed — plug in the connector and clear. Push the "analyze" button. If the machine determines a shock is necessary, push the "shock" button. Perform CPR after the shock, if no shock is necessary or if an AED is unavailable.

In 2020, the AHA updated its CPR guidelines. The fundamentals remained the same — to perform hands-only CPR, a bystander should place both hands in the center of the person's chest and press firmly and rapidly. Think of the beat from the Bee Gees' song "Stayin' Alive" for a good compression cadence. The new guidelines are a reminder of bystander CPR's importance — it can be lifesaving, but far too many people don't receive this assistance when they need it.

(More) Help Wanted: Fewer than 40 percent of people who experience cardiac arrest in nonhospital settings receive CPR from a bystander, according to the American Heart Association.

For a closer look at your heart, visit VistaHeartRisk.com and take Vista's online Heart Health Risk Assessment. It's free, takes five minutes and even provides a report you can share with your doctor.

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Heart Health in Your Hands

Coronary heart disease causes most cases of angina, and the two share many risk factors. Work with your primary care provider to manage heart health by focusing on the risk factors in your control:

- **Chronic medical conditions.** Controlling Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and unhealthy cholesterol levels can reduce your heart disease risk.
- **Diet.** Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean sources of protein. Limit consumption of processed foods and foods high in sodium, sugar, and saturated and trans fats.
- **Drinking.** Women should have no more than one alcoholic drink per day and men no more than two, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **Exercise.** The American Heart Association recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity five days per week.
- **Smoking.** When you quit smoking, the risk for plaque buildup in your arteries and your overall heart disease risk decline.



ANGINA'S TRIPLE THREAT

Chest pain called angina is your heart's way of asking for help. For unstable angina, medical care can't wait.

Plaque that narrows or blocks one of the heart's arteries robs the muscle of some of the oxygen-rich blood it needs to function properly. When that happens, the heart may issue a warning in the form of angina, which is chest pain or pressure. This discomfort isn't always confined to the chest — some people also experience it in the back, arms or elsewhere in the upper body.

STABLE, UNSTABLE OR VARIANT?

Chest pain is a medical emergency — if you experience it, the safest thing to do is go to the nearest emergency room to find out the cause. Not all chest pain is a sign of angina. Angina treatment depends on which of the three main types is present. They include:

- **Stable angina.** The most common type of angina, stable angina occurs when the heart needs more oxygen than usual, like during exercise. Rest and nitroglycerin tablets can reduce symptoms.
- **Unstable angina.** Unstable angina — unpredictable chest pain that typically occurs during rest — can be a sign of a heart attack and needs emergency care. A physician may perform a cardiac catheterization to find and treat blockages in the heart arteries.
- **Variant angina.** A rare condition, variant angina occurs when spasms affect the coronary arteries, often during rest. A physician may prescribe medications to manage the spasms.

If your heart uses chest pain to send a message, be sure to listen.

If you experience chest pain, call 9-1-1. To find a primary care provider who can help you address angina and its underlying cause, visit VistaPhysicianGroup.com.

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Healthy Pantry Checklist

Your fridge and pantry should inspire you to eat healthy, not break your diet. Set yourself up for success by keeping these items on hand for healthier, well-rounded meals.

IN THE FRIDGE:

VEGGIES AND FRUITS

- apples
- broccoli
- carrots
- colorful bell peppers
- spinach
- strawberries
- seasonal favorites

PROTEIN-RICH ESSENTIALS

- cheese
- eggs
- lean beef or poultry
- seafood

IN THE CABINET:

MEAL BUILDERS

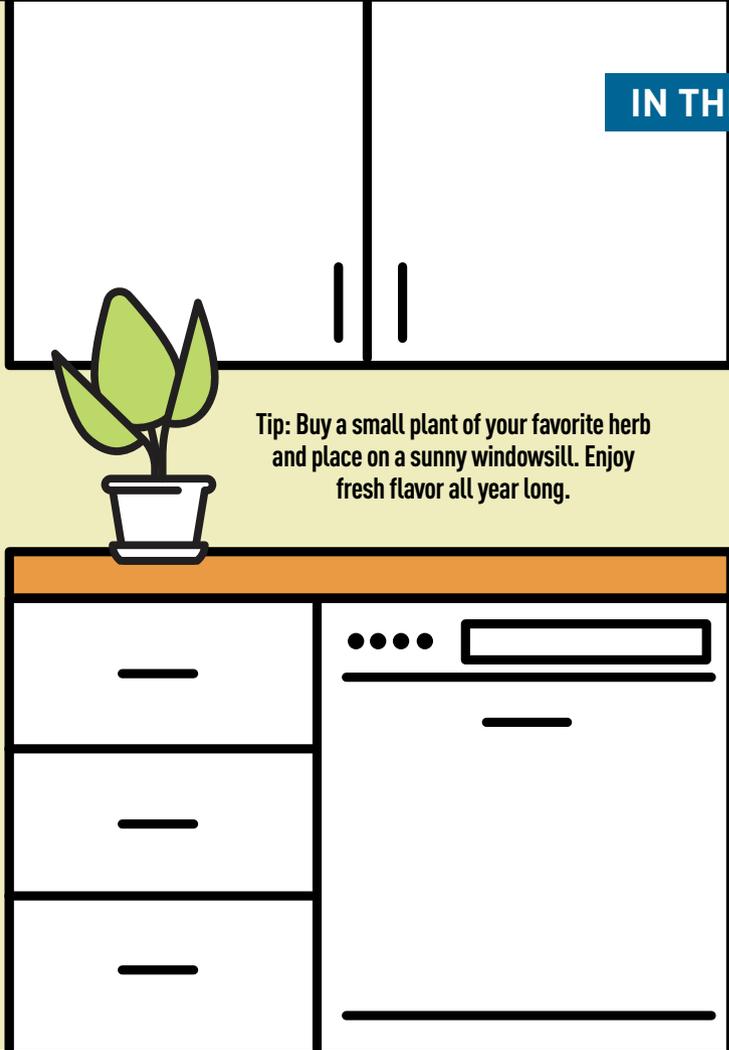
- legumes
- low-sodium soups and broth
- low-sodium canned vegetables
- olive oil
- tomato sauce
- whole grain rice and pasta

SATISFYING SNACKS

- popcorn
- sunflower seeds
- unsalted nuts
- whole grain crackers

SPICE RACK

- basil
- cinnamon
- cumin
- oregano
- paprika
- rosemary
- sage



Tip: Buy a small plant of your favorite herb and place on a sunny windowsill. Enjoy fresh flavor all year long.

Breakout Star: Cauliflower

This cruciferous vegetable has steadily risen in popularity as more people adopt low-carb or gluten-free diets. Look for riced cauliflower and cauliflower crust pizza in the freezer section. Try tossing cauliflower florets in olive oil and your favorite spices, and roast on a parchment lined cookie sheet for 15 to 20 minutes in a 425 F oven.

On the rise: Plant-based milk options are also expanding quickly. Look for oat, almond, coconut and rice varieties.



Maintaining healthy eating habits can be challenging, but you don't have to do it alone. Connect with your primary care provider for guidance along your journey. In-person and telehealth virtual appointments are available at VistaAnytime.com.



Toenail Troubles

Your toenails battle a variety of challenges in the line of duty.
What's behind some of the most common concerns?

Toenails rarely occupy the spotlight when it comes to your health — until a problem arises. Some toenail conditions can be painful or make you want to hide your feet in shoes and socks. Common symptoms of concern include:

- **Curving.** Curving, especially on the sides of the toenail, can lead to an ingrown toenail. That's when the toenail grows into the skin, which can be painful and open the door to infection. Using proper toenail cutting technique — see "Have Diabetes? Step Up Your Foot Care" to the right — can help prevent curving.
- **Discoloration.** When toenails change shade, it's often a sign of a problem. A white or yellow toenail may indicate a fungal infection. A white spot may develop due to a traumatic injury. White lines may appear because of a recurring injury, like damage from toes hitting the end of a shoe that's too small, according to the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. If you have a black or purple toenail, it's probably because you dropped something on the toe, causing trapped blood beneath the nail.
- **Flaking.** One of the most common causes of toenail flaking is a fungal infection. Infected nails can turn brittle and crack, or they may thicken. If left untreated, some infections become severe enough to cause toenails to fall off.

When a toenail problem occurs, whether it's a change of color, shape or texture, or something else, see a podiatrist, who can determine the cause of symptoms and recommend a way to put your toenails on the path back to health.

Dealing with a toenail problem? Find a podiatrist who can help you turn things around at VistaHealth.com or call our Find-a-Physician line at (847) 360-4246.

Have Diabetes? Step Up Your Foot Care

If you have diabetes and get a blister on the sole of your foot, you may not notice it due to diabetes-related nerve damage. The wound may be slow to heal because of reduced blood flow caused by diabetes. That's why it's important to pay extra attention to your feet.

An important first step to protect your feet is to keep your blood sugar under control. Other steps include:

- **Cut toenails correctly.** Cut nails straight across rather than curving. Don't cut nails too short.
- **Defend against dryness.** Moisturize your feet daily but skip the skin between your toes to avoid potential fungal infections.
- **Keep them covered.** Avoiding walking barefoot, even at home.
- **Snuff out smoking.** Smoking makes it harder for blood to reach your feet.
- **Stay clean.** Wash your feet daily in lukewarm water.
- **Take a good look.** Check your feet daily for cuts, sores and blisters, and address these issues immediately — don't wait to tell your doctor.



Options for Bariatric Surgery



One of the most exciting tools for weight loss is bariatric surgery. Here are three commonly used options.

- **Adjustable Gastric Banding** — A silicone band is placed around the top of the stomach. The band is tightened or loosened from a port outside the abdomen to adjust the amount of food restricted to the top part of the stomach.
- **Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass** — The top of the stomach is sectioned off and connected to the small intestine. This bypasses much of the stomach, limiting the space available for food and the amount of nutrients absorbed by the body.
- **Sleeve Gastrectomy** — Nearly 80 percent of the stomach is removed, which limits food consumption and reduces the production of the hormone ghrelin, reducing appetite.

Your Weight Loss Toolbox

Need a whole-body solution to improve your health?
Make sure you grab the right tools.

Being overweight increases the risk for diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and more. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 73.6 percent of Americans age 20 and older are overweight or obese. Fortunately, there are safe, effective tools to help people trim down and improve their health.

1. LIFESTYLE CHANGES

Lifestyle modifications may be all you need for weight loss. For best results, seek the services of a nutrition expert or doctor. He or she can recommend changes to your sleep, eating and exercise routine. Also, a medical expert can help you manage overeating triggers.

2. MEDICATION

The FDA has approved a handful of weight loss medications. Some limit the amount of fat your body absorbs from your diet, while others help you feel full faster or less hungry overall. These may cause side effects, so use under a physician's supervision.

3. SURGICAL INTERVENTION

For people with a body mass index of 40 or higher, or 35 and higher with a chronic condition like high blood pressure or Type 2 diabetes, bariatric surgery can help patients achieve their weight loss goal and improve their health.

WHERE YOU FIT

No matter which weight loss tool you choose, it will not succeed without making a lifelong commitment to good health. It starts with regular exercise. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise each week. However, you shouldn't stop there. Put a greater focus on eating healthy foods. Fill half your plate with vegetables and fruit, include lean protein — chicken, fish or legumes — round out with whole grains and low-fat dairy, and stick to healthy fats like olive oil and almonds.

Talk with your doctor about your personal risk factors for chronic disease and healthy lifestyle choices you can start now.

Ready to change your health for the better? Learn more about Vista's nationally accredited bariatric surgery options and view a free informational seminar online at VistaHealth.com/WeightLoss or call (847) 360-2439.

Take It or TOSS IT?

Start spring cleaning by throwing out old, expired and unneeded medications.

Maybe you've changed medications. Maybe you didn't need all of the prescription medicine you were given. But if you've got a cabinet full of pills, cough syrups and assorted supplements, now's a great time to take stock and see what can be tossed out.

CHECK YOUR MEDS

The National Library of Medicine recommends throwing out all expired medications. You should also examine unexpired medications. Throw them out if medicine:

- appears broken
- has changed color, smell or texture
- has softened or hardened
- is sticking together

The best way to prevent unexpired medications from going bad too early is by storing them properly: Keep them in a cool, dry place, away from heat, light or moisture. A cabinet in your bedroom or kitchen may be better than one in the bathroom. Wherever you store medications, make sure they remain out of the reach of curious kids or locked up safely.

SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

If you have unused pain medications or other substances that could be addictive or misused, check for a Drug Enforcement Administration or local police drug take back collection location. If you can't find one nearby, wrap the unused pills in something like a bag of used cat litter or coffee grounds. This will make it harder for kids, animals or thieves to find pills in your trash. The Food and Drug Administration says certain medications, such as those containing opioids, should be flushed down the drain, while others are harmful to the environment. Your doctor or pharmacist should be able to answer your questions about which drugs are safe to flush.

If you have questions about your medications, speak to your primary care provider today. Find a new provider and schedule an appointment at VistaPhysicianGroup.com.



Schedule a Prescription Checkup

If you've been taking the exact same medication for years, it's easy to assume everything's fine. But if you haven't seen your physician for a while, as many of us haven't during the pandemic, it's time to make an appointment for a medication checkup.

Here's what to ask your doctor:

- Do I still need to take this medication? Has my condition improved enough that I no longer need it?
- Should I be at the same dose if I have gained or lost weight since starting it?
- Could any of these medications interact negatively with each other or with any foods or supplements?
- Is there a cheaper generic version of this medication that would work just as well?

If your doctor prescribes you new or different medication, ask about when and how to take it and any side effects you might experience.

TAKE SLEEP APNEA TO

Heart

If you have sleep apnea, your energy level isn't the only thing that may pay a price. This condition can also place your heart at risk.

Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) — the most common type of sleep apnea — occurs when throat muscles relax during sleep and block the airway, leading to repeated pauses in breathing. That can cause loud snoring and gasping, and leave you feeling exhausted during the day.

The brief breaks from breathing that occur with OSA cause the body to release stress hormones that can increase heart disease risk over time, according to the American Heart Association. Sleep apnea can increase your risk for high blood pressure, heart failure, heart attack and stroke.

YOUR SLEEP, STUDIED

If you think you might have sleep apnea, it's important to find out for sure — with treatment, sleep apnea-related heart problems don't have to be your destiny. A sleep medicine specialist may want you to undergo a sleep study. There are two main types:

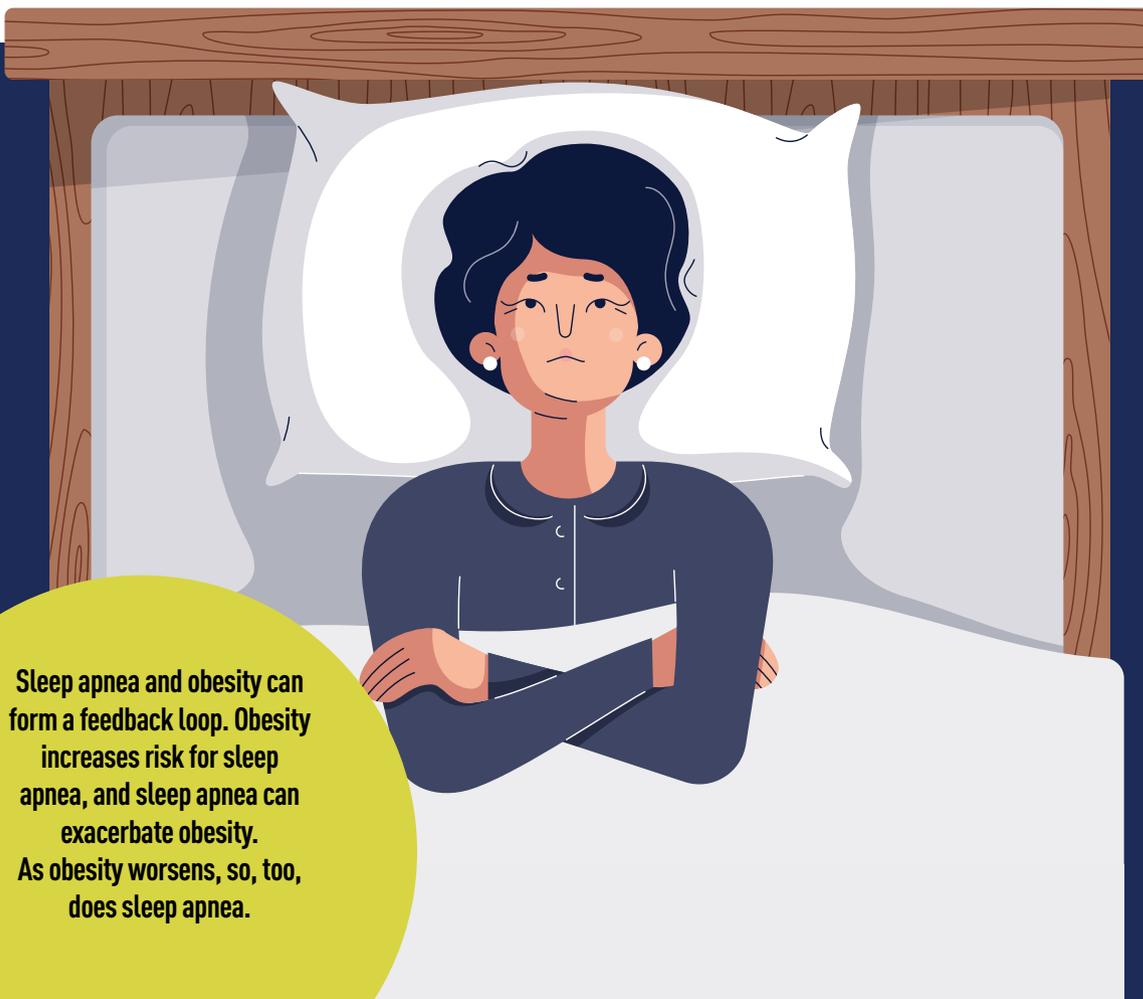
- **Home sleep study.** As its name suggests, you can perform this test at home by following a sleep technician's instructions. You'll use special equipment to record data about your breathing, heart rate and oxygen levels.

- **Lab sleep study.** For this type of study, you'll stay overnight at a sleep center, where a technician will monitor you and collect data while you sleep.

Using information from a home or lab sleep study, a sleep medicine specialist can determine whether you have sleep apnea and, if so, how to treat it. Treatments include lifestyle changes such as losing weight, oral or mechanical devices that help keep the airway open, and surgery to make the airway less prone to blockages.

If you're experiencing symptoms of sleep apnea, do your heart a favor and seek evaluation with an expert. Visit VistaHealth.com/Sleep for more info on Vista's two nationally accredited sleep disorder centers in Lindenhurst and Waukegan.

Patient results may vary. Consult your doctor about the benefits and risks of any surgical procedure or treatment.



Sleep apnea and obesity can form a feedback loop. Obesity increases risk for sleep apnea, and sleep apnea can exacerbate obesity. As obesity worsens, so, too, does sleep apnea.

Is Your Sleep on Track?

Many smartwatches and wearable fitness devices track your sleep, allowing you to view information about sleep duration and quality, and how often you woke during the night. That data can provide insight into your sleep and may even lead to greater sleep satisfaction. In a 2020 study, University of Arizona researchers found that individuals who wore a sleep tracker for one week felt their sleep quality was better than it was during the week they didn't wear it.

To evaluate sleep quality or diagnose a sleep disorder, a sleep medicine physician relies on clinically proven information that sleep studies produce, not the data you get from your wearable device. However, sleep app data can be a good starting point for discussing sleep concerns with your physician. According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, information from sleep trackers can "enhance the patient-clinician interaction" during clinical evaluations.

Eating a Plant-Based Diet

Ring in the new year with healthy habits like a plant-based diet. Your heart will thank you.

The start of a fresh year is the perfect time to tweak your eating habits. While fad diets come and go, you can't go wrong with eating more vegetables. Skip the trendy detox plans and quick fixes and instead resolve to follow a plant-based diet. Not only will you be eating more nutrient-rich foods but also reducing your risk of heart disease — the leading cause of death in the U.S., according to the American Heart Association (AHA). Here's how to follow a plant-based diet and adapt it to your health needs.



GOING PLANT-BASED? Avoid malnutrition and make sure to get enough of these key nutrients.



Calcium: Try soybeans, almonds and dark leafy greens.



Iron: Eat more beans, broccoli, tofu and iron-fortified cereals.



Omega 3s: Try flaxseed meal or oil.



Protein: Include more nuts, seeds, grains, legumes, tofu and soy milk in your diet.



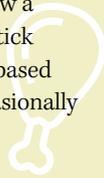
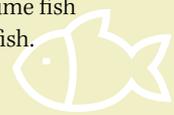
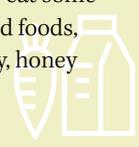
Vitamin B12: Vegetarians can try eggs and dairy products. If vegan, go for fortified soy milk and cereals.



Zinc: Eat more beans, nuts and soy products.

PLANT-BASED APPROACHES

There isn't only one way to follow a plant-based diet. You can strictly avoid animal-derived foods or have some flexibility in your meal plans. Here are some different ways to go plant-based.

flexitarian	pescatarian	plant-forward	vegan	vegetarian
<p>People who follow a flexitarian diet stick to mostly plant-based foods while occasionally eating meat.</p> 	<p>Pescatarians avoid red meat and poultry, but consume fish and shellfish.</p> 	<p>This is a style of cooking that emphasizes plant-based foods, but is not limited to them. Meat is consumed but never the main feature of the meal.</p>	<p>A vegan diet excludes any meat and animal-derived foods.</p> 	<p>Vegetarians avoid eating meat but may eat some animal-derived foods, like eggs, dairy, honey and gelatin.</p> 

IS PRO-PLANT PRO-HEALTH?

Some people choose to eat plant-based diets for ethical concerns about the treatment of animals in the food supply and/or the overall impact livestock raised for food has on the planet. However, focusing on the health side, what risks does meat consumption pose to your health?

Red meat, which includes beef, pork and lamb, is high in saturated fat. Excess saturated fat can raise blood cholesterol levels and increase risk of heart disease. The typical meat-focused American diet includes an unhealthy amount of saturated fat: The AHA recommends having no more than 13 grams of saturated fat per day for a 2,000 calorie diet. For perspective, you would reach nearly half your recommended daily limit of saturated fat after eating only 4 ounces of full-fat ground beef.

It doesn't stop with red meat — processed meats can be a worse offender. In one meta-analysis published in *Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition*, for every 1.75 ounces of processed meats consumed, the risk of heart disease rose 18 percent.

Still, there are healthy meat and fish options. Some researchers stress that lean cuts have fewer harmful fats and provide protein and nutrients that our bodies need. Certain types of fish have omega-3 fatty acids that can reduce the risk of heart failure.

If you are starting a plant-based diet for your health, it may be helpful to try eating plant-forward or pescatarian first and determine if you can still get adequate protein and nutrients without eating meat or dairy.

What do french fries, potato chips and candy have in common? They are all meatless options. Remember that sometimes eating junk food that is technically vegetarian or vegan can give you the false sense of eating healthier. Stick to unprocessed foods and well-rounded meals.



Out With the Old

Cutting down on meat consumption is just one way to focus on your heart health for the new year. Here are three more unhealthy habits to leave in 2021.

- **Vaping:** E-cigarettes or vaping poses serious risks to your lungs but also your heart. The American College of Cardiology found that e-cigarette users were 56 percent more likely to have a heart attack and 30 percent more likely to have a stroke than nonusers. People who vape were also at higher risk for coronary artery disease and blood clots. This year, reach out for help from a trusted friend, family member or counselor to quit vaping/smoking once and for all.
- **Alcohol:** Excessive drinking can lead to high blood pressure, heart muscle disease, irregular heartbeat and heart rhythm problems. Heavy drinking can even prematurely age arteries, particularly in men. If you drink, moderation is key to avoid harming your heart. Make it a goal to drink less in the coming year.
- **Inactivity:** Not getting enough daily exercise can lead to heart disease even if you have no other risk factors. This year, slowly work up to getting at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity each week, or roughly 30 minutes five times a week.

MAKE THE SWITCH

Changing your eating habits is a big goal, especially if you are cutting out a major food group in your diet. It may be easier to stick to your plan if you take it step-by-step, setting smaller goals to consume a more plant-based diet. You can:

- **Divide your plate.** Challenge yourself to fill half your plate with vegetables each meal.
- **Plant a mini garden.** Backyard gardens give you constant access to fresh produce. Your garden doesn't have to be elaborate. Start with three easy-to-grow vegetables in your area, like cherry tomatoes, green beans and cucumbers.
- **Try Meatless Monday.** This is simply one day during the week — whether it be Monday or not — when you avoid meat to cut back on your overall meat consumption. Add more days as you adjust.

If you're starting the new year with a new diet, don't forget to discuss your plans with your primary care provider. Visit VistaAnytime.com to schedule an in-person or virtual telehealth appointment to ensure you're on the right path for your health.

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HERE FOR

You

In a crisis, emergency rooms (ERs) provide prompt medical care and determine next steps, if needed. Don't hesitate — severe symptoms may require an ER visit.

CALL 911 if you or a loved one experience:

- bleeding that won't stop
- chest pain or discomfort
- excessive abdominal pain
- loss of consciousness
- numbness isolated to one side of the body or an upper body part
- slurred speech
- vision problems

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But remember:

This list is not exhaustive! Seek emergency care if you experience any unusual or alarming symptoms.