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Heart healthy: Easy ways to get and stay active

When was the last time you got your heart pumping? Experts say adults should exercise 30 minutes a day for at least 5 days a week. But you don't have to overhaul your life for the sake of your heart. Sometimes all it takes is a little tweaking of your daily routine.



Here are some ideas on how to be more active every day:

- Walk or cycle instead of driving a car or taking the bus
- Instead of calling or texting, catch up with friend while taking a walk
- Park your car as far away as you can to add steps
- Replace your coffee break with a walking break
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator
- Be active during TV commercial breaks by doing some squats or chair dips
- Have fun with a pickup game of basketball or soccer
- Find your inner child with your kids play games and be active outdoors

Heart-healthy foods to add to your shopping list!



When it comes to your heart, what you eat matters. Follow these 3 tips for heart-healthy eating:

- **1. Eat less saturated and trans fat**. Limit or avoid fatty meats, fried foods, cakes and cookies.
- **2. Cut down on sodium (salt).** Look for the low-sodium or no salt added foods. These include canned soups, veggies, snack foods and lunch meats.
- **3. Eat more fiber.** Fiber can be found in veggies, fruits and whole grains.



Wellness Webinar Series

ABC's of Good Heart Health

Date February 21, 2017

Time 9:00 AM, 11:30 PM and 3:30 PM CST
Attend- Click Here to Register for the Wellness Webinar

Minestrone Soup

Stay warm with this heart healthy soup.

Ingredients

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 dove garlic, minced
- 1 1/3 cups onion, coarsely chopped
- 1½ cups celery and leaves, coarsely chopped
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 cup sliced carrots, fresh or frozen
- 4 ¾ cups cabbage, shredded
- 1 can (1 pound) tomatoes, cut up
- 1 cup canned red kidney beans (drain and rinse)
- 1½ cup frozen peas and 1½ fresh green beans
- Dash hot sauce
- 11 cups of water
- 2 cups of spaghetti, uncooked and broken

Directions:

- 1. Heat oil in a 4-quart saucepan
- 2. Add garlic, onion, and celery and sauté about 5 minutes
- 3. Add remaining ingredients except spaghetti, and stir
- Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer about
 45 minutes
- 5. Add uncooked spaghetti, and simmer 2-3 minutes only



Webinar Sweepstakes Winners!





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