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Game On

Here's how—and why—to prevent sports injuries

hat's the No. 1 cause of strains and sprains? Too much too soon and neglecting to warm up, says Robert E. Berry, D.O., an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine on the medical staff at Baylor Regional Medical Center in Plano.

"People don't take part in athletic events during the week, and don't adequately warm up prior to participating in events on weekends. They injure their tendons, joints, ligaments and muscles," he says. "These injuries can put you out of commission for a while."

Kids and teenagers are generally more conditioned but still at risk for strains and sprains from not warming up well. Dr. Berry often sees injuries in young athletes that occur because teams are so eager to begin practice, they cut their warm-up time short. "Injuries are often highest at the start of a season, since athletes are not conditioned yet," Dr. Berry says.

Warm Up and Stay Fit

Although many people grew up doing static stretches, slowly stretching out the muscles, dynamic, functional warmups—starting slowly—are more effective in reducing injuries.

For weekend warriors, Dr. Berry says, "if you maintain cardiovascular



stay safe and strong Be a Good Sport

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fitness by training during the week, you lower your risk of sports injury."

He recommends some type of cardiovascular activity for 20 minutes three or four times a week to maintain a training effect, preserve muscle tone and help with flexibility. He points out that when your heart and lungs are stronger, you're at less risk for sports injuries because you get less fatigued.

Sports in which Dr. Berry sees a high rate of injuries are contact sports such as football and lacrosse, as well as cheerleading, which has become more competitive and includes more gymnastics.

More Trouble Later

Dr. Berry warns young people—and their parents—to take sports injury prevention seriously.

"Baby boomers are experiencing arthritis as a result of sports injuries that occurred when they were 14 or 15 years old and playing youth sports," he says. "These injuries cause our cartilage to degenerate over many years, increasing the need for joint replacement."

He adds that one sports injury can increase your chance of developing arthritis by up to five times. • By Stephanie Thurrott

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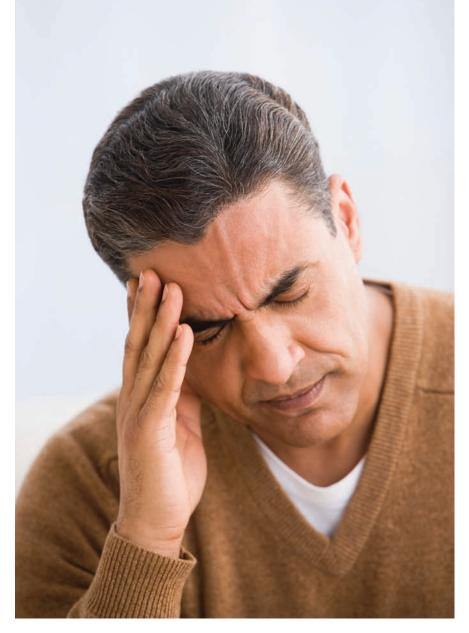
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Beating Migraine Pain How to keep these headaches at bay

igraine headaches strike nearly 30 million Americans, and their debilitating pain sends many people to their doctors seeking help. Christopher Duntsch, M.D., a neurosurgeon on the medical staff at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano, answers questions about identifying, preventing and treating migraines.

Q How can I tell if my headaches are migraines?

A: While symptoms can vary, classic migraine headaches typically have intense, throbbing pain on one side of

the head that can last from a few hours to a few days. Nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light often accompany migraines. Some people notice prodromes, or certain consistent symptoms, that start in the days or hours before the pain of a migraine. Auras, or visual disturbances and other sensory changes, can strike in the hour or so before a migraine.

What causes migraines?

A: The exact cause is unknown, though dilation of the carotid artery may be linked with the pain.

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Are migraines linked with other health conditions?

A: Yes. People with migraines may be at two to three times greater risk for stroke, especially young adults and women using hormonal contraception.

How can I prevent migraines?

A: There are several options that can help reduce the frequency, pain and duration of migraines. Nutritional supplements, increased exercise, and identifying and avoiding migraine triggers can help.

Preventive drugs are an option for people with frequent or severe headaches. However, they aren't generally recommended for people with less troublesome migraines because they can have unpleasant side effects. Your doctor might recommend beta blockers, calcium channel blockers, anticonvulsants or antidepressants.

Ibuprofen can provide pain relief, and naproxen can stop about one-third of migraines. Caffeine, alone or in combination with pain relievers, can help, although in general, people with migraines should limit caffeine intake.

Triptans, which can be taken orally, by injection, via nasal spray or in an oral dissolving tablet, can help fight both pain and nausea. Adding an IV medication called dexamethasone to standard treatment can help keep a migraine from recurring for the next 72 hours.

Migraine surgery can provide permanent pain relief, as well as relief from nausea, vomiting, light sensitivity and sound sensitivity. In the procedure, surgeons remove muscles that compress and inflame nearby nerves, alleviating or eliminating migraine pain. • By Stephanie Thurrott

Heart Attack Comebacks

Cardiac rehab is essential to recovering and staying in good health

decade of heart trouble and a heart transplant a year ago had stripped 46-year-old Byron Green of most of his strength, but not his will. He was determined to get stronger, and cardiac rehabilitation was part of the Dallas resident's recovery program—as it should be for every patient, says Michael Rothkopf, M.D., a cardiologist on the medical staff at Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

"There are studies that suggest that patients who go through cardiac rehab have a better prognosis and actually live longer—just on the basis of cardiac rehab itself, although we don't know specifically why that is," he says.

According to Dr. Rothkopf, cardiac rehab helps patients return to normal activity as much as possible. Exercising in a supervised environment soon after a heart attack or cardiac procedure can also alert patients and caregivers to any potential issues. In addition, cardiac rehab can build confidence in people who are afraid they might have another cardiac event, a common concern.

Supervision and Support

At Baylor Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital, where Green participated in cardiac rehab for three months, the program includes medically supervised exercise, stress management, nutrition counseling, and education on cardiac health, medication and more.

According to Danielle Strauss, BSN, RN-BC, cardiac rehab team leader, the program is patient-centered and individualized.

Katy Kennedy, M.S., a cardiac rehab exercise physiologist, says, "Each patient is evaluated when they come in, and we design a program to help them return to whatever activities they did before."



Out on Your Own

Green's regimen included walking on a treadmill, riding a stationary bike and lifting weights—all of which he does on his own at the gym now. During rehab, he also worked with a dietitian and a social worker to discuss the emotional issues surrounding his condition.

"The program was the best thing in the world I could have done," he says. "I've never felt better."

Strauss emphasizes how essential cardiac rehab is to recovery. "It should be just as important as taking any medication your doctor prescribes," she says. "The more sessions a patient can attend, the better." • By Amy Lynn Smith

HEART-HEALTHY INFORMATION



In addition to cardiac rehab programs, many Baylor locations offer Leap for Life® seminars open to anyone with a history of heart and vascular disease. To learn more, call 1-800-4BAYLOR or visit BaylorHealth.com/LeapforLife. For five ways to make your heart healthier, listen to our podcast at BaylorHealth.com/HealthCast.



The Inside View

Baylor researchers get a close-up look at disease processes by creating cells in the lab

hen you're trying to understand a complex disease, seeing what it does inside the body is essential. Baylor researchers are using stem cells created in a lab to get a closer look at Fabry disease—from outside the body.

People with Fabry disease, a genetic condition, are missing an enzyme that prevents the body from metabolizing certain fatty substances and can lead to heart disease and stroke.

In an effort to understand why this happens, Baylor researchers are re-creating cardiac cells in the lab. They're working with induced pluripotent stem cells, which mimic embryonic stem cells but are created by manipulating adult cells from patients.

"We can differentiate these cells into cardiac cells, so we can study the disease mechanisms and potentially develop new therapies," explains Xingli Meng, M.D., Ph.D., assistant investigator at the Kimberly H. Courtwright and Joseph W. Summers Institute of Metabolic Disease (IMD), a component of the Baylor Research Institute.

These cardiac cells beat like a human heart—except in a Petri dish. For about two years, a team at IMD has been studying these cells to search for abnormalities. They have already discovered one abnormality in the calcium channels in the cardiac cells of mice they're using for their experiments. The

next step will be to determine if the same abnormality is also present in the human cardiac cells.

According to Dr. Meng, the research has two goals. One is to gain a greater understanding of the disease process of Fabry's. The second is to develop a cell-based therapy that could someday lead to a treatment or cure for this disease.

What's more, the research could apply to other diseases. "This technology could be used with diseases that are caused by genetic defects or have a genetic factor," says Dr. Meng. "There are still diseases we could understand better and new ways we could use cell-based therapies like cell transplantation. For example, grafting of a patient's own cardiac cells manipulated from their skin biopsy may benefit heart conditions such as myocardial infarction and heart failure in the future. This area of research holds a lot of promise."

By Amy Lynn Smith



Although this study is not enrolling participants, you can learn more about other trials at Baylor that are seeking participants at BaylorHealth.com/AdvancingMedicine.

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YOUN SICE

When subtle symptoms signaled a cancer diagnosis, Baylor was ready By Stephanie R. Conner

Janel Hollister learned she had breast cancer in June 2008. She had a double mastectomy followed by chemotherapy, and nearly six months after her original mammogram, a scan showed she was cancer-free.

But a year later, when Hollister mentioned to her doctor that she thought she might have arthritis in her hip, her doctor was concerned.

"She ordered a scan, and sure enough, the cancer had spread to the bone," says Hollister, 60. "I had a tumor in my hip."

Some of cancer's signs are clear—like a suspicious mammogram or elevated prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels—while others, like unexplained pain, are more subtle. In addition to having regular screenings, it's wise to watch for these subtle symptoms.

Breast Cancer

"Like many cancers, early-stage breast cancer doesn't have a lot of systemic symptoms," says Anita Chow, M.D., a breast surgical oncologist on the medical staff at Baylor All Saints Medical Center at Fort Worth.

See Janel's Story

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Janel Hollister's son Dusty lent support—and even helped shave her head—during cancer treatment.

Nipple discharge, particularly a bloody discharge, or skin dimpling, can be symptoms of cancer. Nipple inversion, meaning a nipple that's turned inward, can also be a sign.

Even though most of the time these symptoms are not linked to cancer, they should be evaluated, Dr. Chow says.

"The key is to be aware of subtle changes in the breast," she adds. "I still recommend self-exams. Being aware of your body is never a bad thing."

Lung Cancer

"Unfortunately, for lung cancer, there is no particular telltale sign," says Kartik Konduri, M.D., a medical



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oncologist and co-medical director of Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center's lung cancer center of excellence.

The main signs, he says, are a cough, increased shortness of breath and fatigue. And if you're coughing up blood, see a doctor immediately.

These symptoms are also signs of bronchitis or upper respiratory diseases,

Dr. Konduri says, but the best course of action is to see a doctor.

"The worst situation is when patients have been coughing up blood for months and didn't see a doctor sooner," he says.

Other Signs of Cancer

Many cancers have some of the same symptoms. These include unintentional weight loss, fevers and sweats. In addition, any lumps or pain that doesn't go away might be signs, says Manish Gupta, M.D., a medical oncologist on the medical staff at both Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano and Baylor Medical Center at Garland.

"Watch for any changes to your body. I see people who knew something was wrong and ignored it," Dr. Gupta says. "Something that's not normal for you and doesn't go away should be looked at."

You may learn that something other than cancer is to blame, Dr. Gupta says, but if it is cancer, the sooner it can be diagnosed, the better.

Looking Forward

Hollister's cancer continued to spread—later to her liver, and she has been treated with strong doses of targeted radiation.

Fact or Fiction

Thanks to the Internet and easy email-forwarding, rumors about cancer abound. Anand T. Shivnani, M.D., a radiation oncologist on the medical staff at both Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton and Baylor Medical Center at Irving, sheds some light on a few.

Security scans at the airport are exposing me to harmful amounts of radiation.

RUMOR

"Those types of scanners

REALITY

use a very superficial kind of radiation," Dr. Shivnani says. "It's less radiation than you'll be exposed to on the flight [from the sun]."

The nuclear power plant disaster in Japan has put us all at risk.

"For people in North America, the chances of significant exposure is very small," Dr. Shivnani says. "There was a lot of hyped-up concern, which was misguided."

I shouldn't microwave my lunch in a plastic container because of the chemical BPA (bisphenol A).

There's not enough good data to know for sure, Dr. Shivnani says. But using glass containers until more is known isn't a bad idea.

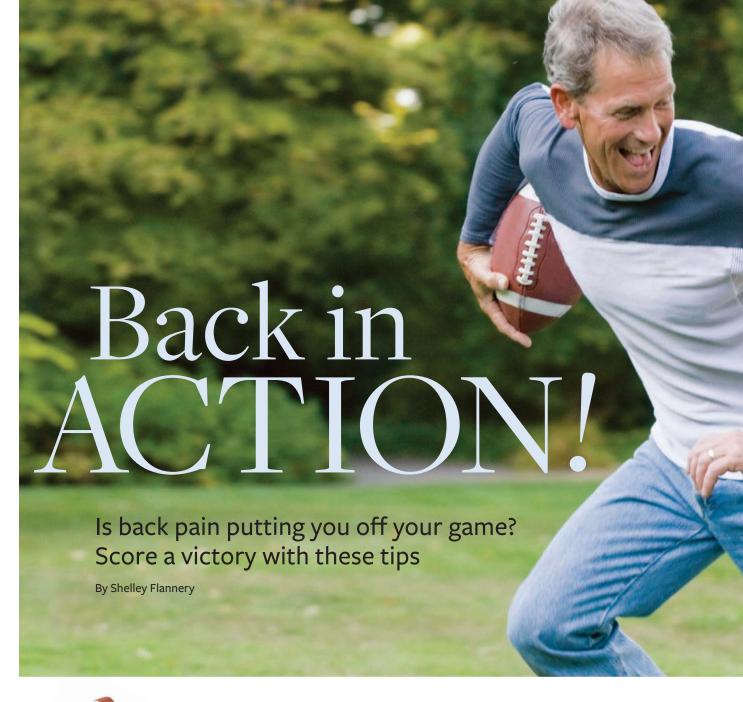
"My hair has fallen out not once but twice. I've had no eyebrows, no eyelashes," she says. "But there's no woman I've seen who doesn't look absolutely beautiful bald."

She leans on her husband and two adult sons, and Hollister, an avid bridge player, stays positive and lets other cancer patients lean on her as a certified American Cancer Society Reach to Recovery volunteer.

"These are the cards I've been dealt," she says, "and I'm doing the best I can with the hand I've been given."



Talk to your doctor about cancer screenings. If you need a physician, get a referral at FindDrRight.com or by calling 1-800-4BAYLOR.



We all know the sitcom scene. A middleaged man tries to relive his glory days of high school sports hero when "crack!" his back goes out. Twenty-two minutes later, he's learned his lesson of acting his age and he's moved on to the next scene. But rarely is back pain that simple—or funny—in real life.

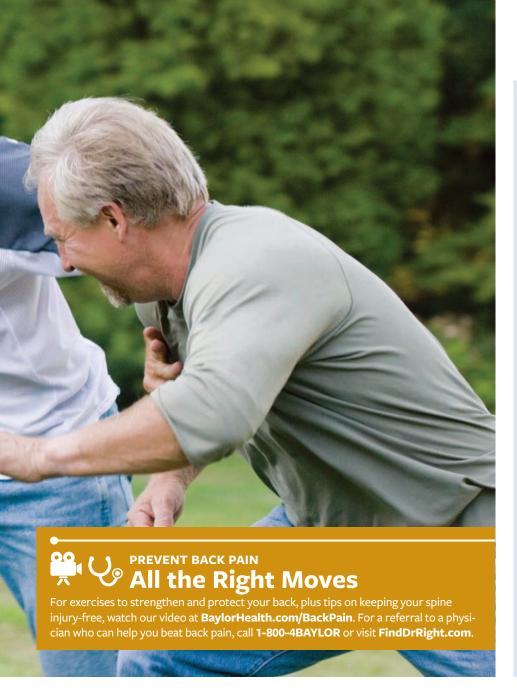
One thing TV shows have right is how common back pain is. "It's the second most common reason behind cold and flu that people visit their doctors," says Melanie B. Kinchen, M.D., medical director of the Baylor Spine Center at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine.

Read on to learn about four types of back pain—and what to do about it.

Sprains and Strains

Like the scene with the weekend warrior, sometimes you know exactly what happened that caused your back pain. But often, it's less clear. "You may not even be able to pinpoint an activity," Dr. Kinchen says.

WHAT TO DO: If the pain is limited to your back and not radiating down your leg, take it easy, ice the area and use over-thecounter pain relievers. If the pain doesn't subside after a few days, see your doctor. "Still, most back pain will go away on its own," says Christopher Duntsch, M.D., a neurosurgeon on the medical staff at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano.



Ruptured or Herniated Disk

As we age, disks become dehydrated and therefore less supportive and resistant to injury. A ruptured disk or herniated disk in the lower back causes pain to radiate into one or both legs (called sciatica).

WHAT TO DO: Once the legs are involved, most likely a nerve is being affected. If you have severe leg pain or you can't flex your ankle, call your doctor as soon as possible. "If the nerve is damaged too badly, it might never heal," Dr. Kinchen says. "Get it checked right away."

Spinal Stenosis

This slow-to-develop condition occurs when joints and ligaments in the spine thicken, causing the spinal canal to get narrower. Other symptoms besides back pain include leg heaviness, burning, fatigue and cramping.

WHAT TO DO: Talk with your physician about treatment options, which range from medication and physical therapy to minimally invasive surgery and spinal fusion. "Treatment depends on your pain level and the affected areas," Dr. Duntsch says.

BEKIND TO YOUR SPINE

Give your spine some credit. "It's the one area of the body that never gets a break," says James Guess, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon and chairman of the department of surgery at Baylor Medical Center at Carrollton. "It's still working even when you're lying down." Go easy on your back with these tips:

DON'T TWIST. Turn your body anyway you want, but don't twist or rotate your back.

LIFT WITH YOUR LEGS. Squat at the knees; don't bend at the waist.

MOVE OFTEN. Don't sit for long periods. Get up every now and then to replenish your spine with nutrients.

USE A LUMBAR ROLL WHEN SEATED. It helps maintain the natural curvature in your spine.

CHOOSE A FIRM MATTRESS. Sleep on your back or side and, if necessary, place a pillow between your knees.

BUILD YOUR CORE. Strong muscles in the midsection help support your spine and prevent injury.

Degenerative Disk Disease

This condition is largely attributed to aging; however, it can also be brought on by an injury. Pain is usually felt in the back and neck, but the arms or legs may also be affected.

WHAT TO DO: "Most people over age 30 have at least some disk degeneration," Dr. Kinchen says. "But it doesn't always cause pain." If you have consistent pain, talk to your doctor. Treatment options include applying ice or heat to the area, medication, physical therapy and surgery.

Where to Turn

In a health emergency, knowing your options can save time—and lives

Lots of injuries and illnesses—from stomachaches to fevers to twisted ankles-warrant treatment. But sometimes it can be tough to figure out where to seek help. These guidelines can point you in the right direction.

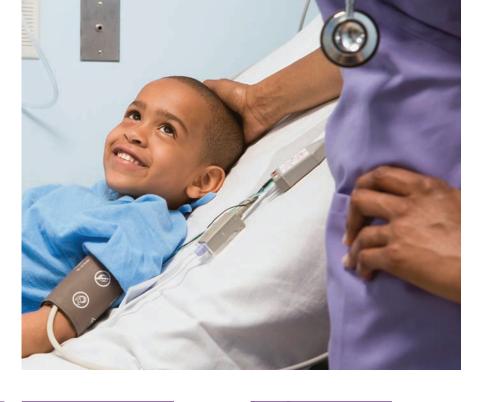


If a condition seems lifethreatening, call 911. "Don't try to drive yourself or someone else to the emergency department [ED] if a life is in danger," says James D'Etienne, M.D., medical director of emergency services at Baylor Medical Center at Waxahachie.

→ WHEN TO GO TO THE **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

The ED is the place to turn for serious situations, when you need help right away. According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, you should head to the emergency department for:

- Any trouble breathing
- Pain or pressure in your chest
- · Feeling faint, dizzy or weak
- · Severe pain that comes on suddenly
- Bleeding that doesn't stop
- Excessive vomiting or diarrhea
- Bringing up blood when you cough or vomit
- · Feeling suicidal
- Having trouble speaking
- Vision changes
- Mental status changes
- Unusual abdominal pain



→ WHEN TO VISIT URGENT CARE

Urgent care centers are springing up in many locations. For less-serious conditions, they provide care comparable to what's offered in the ED, often with shorter waits. "They can be the place to turn if you need care on nights, weekends and holidays when your doctor's office is closed," says Ronald Jensen, D.O., medical director of the emergency department and vice president of medical affairs at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine.

These centers are generally a good choice for many conditions, including:

- Non-life-threatening allergic reactions
- Allergies and asthma
- **Bronchitis**
- Minor burns
- Congestion
- Coughs
- Earaches and ear infections
- Flu
- Migraines
- Rashes
- Sinus infections
- Sore throat
- Stomachaches
- Fractures
- Cuts/stitches
- Sprains and strains

WHEN TO SEE YOUR DOCTOR

If your doctor's office is open, he or she can treat most of the conditions that would otherwise send you to an urgent care center. With any non-lifethreatening health concern, it's often good to call your primary care physician.

"But if you think it's an emergency, especially if you have chest pain, difficulty breathing, stroke-like symptoms or trauma, the ED is open 24/7," Dr. D'Etienne says. "If you don't feel it's an emergency, and it can wait, you may prefer to call your doctor and make an appointment."

Many doctors will return your call even outside of normal office hours and can recommend a home treatment, an office visit, or tell you if a trip to an urgent care center or ED is necessary once you describe your symptoms.

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Six Baylor Hospitals Ranked by U.S.News



For the 19th consecutive year, U.S.News & World Report has listed Baylor University

Medical Center at Dallas in its "America's Best Hospitals" issue.

Baylor Dallas is ranked among the nation's top 50 hospitals in gastroenterology (28), nephrology (23), pulmonology (50) and urology (33), and has climbed within the rankings in all four specialty areas. Baylor Dallas also ranked regionally in seven additional specialties.

Also receiving regional rankings for the Dallas-Fort Worth area are Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation, Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano, Baylor All Saints Medical Center, Baylor Medical Center at Irving and Baylor Medical Center at Garland.

"The number of Baylor hospitals on this list shows the strength and the breadth of the Baylor Health Care System," says Joel Allison, president and CEO, Baylor Health Care System. "It is proof of our commitment to provide advanced, quality care to all the communities and patients we serve."

Following Doctor's Orders

If you're battling a chronic disease such as diabetes or congestive heart failure, complying with your doctor's recommendations should be top priority. Here are three tips to help you partner effectively with your physician so you can more easily follow their recommendations.

1. ASK your doctor for common-sense recommendations to help you manage your condition, from a healthy diet to an exercise plan. Don't be afraid to speak up if you don't understand something: Your doctor wants to help.

2. TELL your doctor about new symptoms, adverse reactions to medications or changes in your health. Share your symptom diary. The better your doctor understands your health, the better your care will be.

3. TAKE your medications as prescribed. When you're feeling well, you may be tempted to skip them. To help you remember, take them at the same time each day and store them in a weekly medication dispenser.



WHAT'S CAUSING YOUR HEADACHES?

When you have a headache, you just want the hurting to stop. But could you be doing—or not doing—something to bring on the pain?

Sure, some people are more prone to headaches than others, and changes in barometric pressure can even be a culprit. But unhealthy lifestyle factors may also play a role. Here are the most common headache triggers to watch out for, so you can minimize your headache risk:

- Working excessively long hours
- Not getting enough sleep
- Skipping meals
- Drinking alcohol
- Ignoring clear signs of stress and anxiety

TIME TO RELAX **Don't Stress It**

Take a stress and anxiety assessment at BaylorHealth.com/StressTest to find out where you stand, so you can reduce your headache risk.

The USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans recently changed shape. The familiar food pyramid has been replaced by a more user-friendly plate, with half designated for **fruits** & **vegetables**, and the other half divided between grains & protein, with room for a serving of dairy on the side.





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- Oct. 15: Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano Elizabeth Jekot, MD, Breast Imaging Center

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Sept. 8 & Oct. 13, 5:30-7 p.m.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group Sept. 14 & Oct. 12, 6–8:30 p.m. To register, call **469-814-5677**.

Program Sept. 19 & Oct. 17; 5:30–7:30 p.m.

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