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When Chest Pain Strikes

Chest pain can be caused by anything from indigestion to anxiety to heart attack—but you shouldn't wait to find out. "Calling 911 as soon as possible allows us to treat you sooner and minimize damage to your heart," says Brent Majors, ER director at Baylor Medical Center at McKinney.

But getting to the hospital quickly is only part of the equation, and what hospital you choose matters. In June, Baylor McKinney was awarded Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care, which means it has demonstrated expertise in treating patients who arrive exhibiting symptoms of a heart attack.

To earn this accreditation, the hospital underwent a rigorous evaluation of its ability to assess, diagnose and treat these patients, which included:

- Reducing the time from onset of symptoms to diagnosis and treatment
- Treating patients more quickly during the critical window of time
- Monitoring patients, when it's not certain that they are having a heart attack, to ensure they are not sent home too quickly or needlessly admitted

"Patients experiencing chest pain can feel good about coming to our Accredited Chest Pain Center and letting us take it from here," Majors adds.



Your Heart Is in Good Hands

To learn more about Baylor McKinney's cardiology services and accreditations, visit BaylorHealth.com/McKinneyHeart today.

We're Growing Again

Just two years ago, Baylor Medical Center at McKinney opened its doors to serve families in McKinney and its surrounding communities.


And thanks to the positive response from the community, the hospital is growing again.

This summer, Baylor McKinney completed its emergency department expansion, which added 12 beds and doubled the existing space. And now,

the fifth-floor expansion is complete as well. This expansion has added 47,000 square feet and 48 inpatient beds to the hospital.

"Expanding the space was part of our five-year plan when we opened the hospital," explains Scott Peek, president of Baylor McKinney. "What we didn't realize was how quickly we would need to expand. Almost from the moment we opened our doors we were at capacity. It became immediately apparent that we needed an additional floor to meet the health care needs of the community."

The expansion will include dedicated units for both oncology and orthopedic surgery. "Creating specialized areas for these service lines will enhance the care we're able to provide to our patients," Peek says.



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Don't Overdo It

It's easy to overindulge this time of year. But if you want to avoid heartburn, constipation and an upset stomach, follow these three tips:

1. Pace yourself. Don't eat too much too quickly. Stuffing yourself in one sitting only leads to stomachaches and heartburn. Eating slowly allows you to better heed cues from your body telling you you're full.

2. Cozy up to the veggie tray. Lots of holiday foods are full of fat and sugar but light on nutrients and fiber. Loading half your plate with fruits and vegetables will help keep your digestive system on track.

3. Slow down on the spirits. Dehydration negatively affects digestion. Drink plenty of water, and watch your alcohol and caffeine intake.

A Lighter Green Bean Casserole

For a simple, healthy take on this traditional holiday side, visit BaylorHealth.com/GreenBean today.



HOW TO SURVIVE THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are stressful. There's pressure from all around to buy the perfect gifts, make the perfect meal, host the perfect party. But you feel anything but perfect. Here's how to escape the pressures of the holiday season.

DO: Remember what the season is truly about. Make spending time together as a family

the main focus rather than the food or the gifts.

DON'T: Succumb to Pinterest pressure.

It's great that some people make their own wreaths and bake cupcakes in the shape of snowmen, but you don't have to.

DO: Make time for exercise. Whether you go to a yoga class

or simply walk the neighborhood to see the lights, physical activity is an excellent stress reliever.

DON'T: Overcommit.

Party-hopping sounds like a good idea when you RSVP three weeks out, but save yourself the stress and limit social events to one per weekend.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 6

Osteoporosis, a condition in which bones become brittle, is a debilitating disease. One in six women will experience a hip fracture at some point in their lives, and most cases are attributed to osteoporosis.

Although peak bone mass occurs in your 20s, there are steps you can take to help slow bone loss: Eat a healthy

What's Your Osteoporosis IQ?

Visit BaylorHealth.com/BoneQuiz to take our quiz and learn more about the condition that affects 200 million women worldwide.

diet, get plenty of vitamin D, perform regular weight-bearing exercises, and avoid smoking and heavy drinking.

Source: International Osteoporosis Foundation



GET CHECKED!
Adults 20 and older should be tested every five years.

Cholesterol Reality Check

How much do you really know? It's time to separate fact from fiction

YOU KNOW THAT keeping your cholesterol levels in a healthy range is important, but what do you *really* know about what causes them to become elevated? We separate myth from reality to help you understand how to manage your cholesterol and protect your health.

MYTH: Cholesterol is something older people need to worry about.

REALITY: "With a western lifestyle that includes being sedentary and a high intake of calories, fatty foods and carbohydrates, even younger people may have elevated cholesterol levels and not know it," says Haojie Wang, MD, a cardiologist on the medical staff at Baylor Jack and Jane Hamilton Heart and Vascular Hospital.

All adults 20 and older need to have their cholesterol levels checked at least every five years and more frequently for those with other risk factors for heart disease, such as smoking, diabetes or high blood pressure, Dr. Wang says.

MYTH: I take my cholesterol medication, so I can eat what I want.

REALITY: The cholesterol in your blood comes from two sources: what your body takes in through your diet and what your liver produces. Some medications block cholesterol absorption, while others block production.

"Either way, it's not 100 percent," Dr. Wang says. "If you're eating more cholesterol or fatty foods or even carbohydrates [than you should], the liver will use whatever it can get to build the cholesterol."

MYTH: Cholesterol is a bigger concern for men.

REALITY: While women's hormones do offer a good deal of protection against heart disease premenopause, after menopause their risks quickly catch up to men's, Dr. Wang says.

"Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, so they can't ignore this or their cholesterol," he says. "An awareness of this cannot be emphasized more."

MYTH: My cholesterol numbers are good, so I'm not at risk for heart problems.

REALITY: "There's a lot more to cholesterol than just a number," Dr. Wang says. "We have tools to investigate the *quality* of the cholesterol, especially for individuals with a strong family history, and can treat them more aggressively to reduce future risk."

Keep It in Check

If you haven't had your cholesterol checked in the past five years, talk to your doctor. To find a primary care physician on the medical staff at Baylor McKinney, call **1.800.4BAYLOR**.

LUNG CANCER UNCOVERED



A by-the-numbers look at lung cancer—and what you can do about it

CONSIDERING LUNG CANCER is the most common cancer worldwide, it doesn't get the media attention it deserves.

"There's not nearly as much awareness surrounding lung cancer detection and screening as there is around breast and prostate cancer," says Himalaya Lele, MD, a thoracic surgeon on the medical staff

at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine. "But this is a disease that has a much better prognosis when caught early, so it's really something people need to be aware of."

Don't let lung cancer fly under your radar. These statistics will get you up to speed.

THE CAUSES



The vast majority (90 percent) of lung cancer cases are attributed to active smoking. Other causes include exposure to radon, occupational carcinogen and air pollution.

23x

The increased likelihood that men who smoke will develop lung cancer compared with nonsmoking men. Women are 13 times more likely to develop the disease.

THE TAKEAWAY:

Smoking increases your risk. You've heard it before, but it's still true: If you smoke, you need to quit for good.

THE COST

#1

Lung cancer is the No. 1 cancer killer of both men and women in the U.S. It causes more annual deaths than the next three most common cancers (breast, colon and pancreatic) combined.

>50%

More than half of all individuals diagnosed with lung cancer die within one year.



The number of Americans estimated to die from lung cancer in 2014.

THE TAKEAWAY:

Lung cancer claims many lives, making prevention and screening crucial.

THE SURVIVORS

54%

The five-year survival rate for individuals diagnosed with lung cancer while it is still localized in the lungs (stage one).



About 1 in 7 lung cancer cases is diagnosed while still in stage one.

16.6%

The average five-year survival rate for individuals diagnosed with lung cancer (all stages).

THE TAKEAWAY:

The sooner lung cancer is caught, the better the odds.

THE POWER TO PREVENT

30–50%

The decrease in lung cancer risk after being smoke-free for 10 years.

Age 55

The age at which current or former smokers (who have quit within the past 15 years) should begin screening. "A low-dose CT scan is currently recommended for lung cancer screening," Dr. Lele explains.

THE TAKEAWAY:

A low-dose CT scan is the only screening shown to reduce the risk of death from lung cancer, Dr. Lele says.

We've Got You Covered

To learn more about the cancer screenings and treatments available at Baylor McKinney, visit BaylorHealth.com/McKinneyCancer today.

Sources: American Cancer Society, American Lung Association and U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

Sneak Attack

Jan Reinhart *never thought* a stroke could happen to her, but she was wrong

When you think of a stroke patient, what picture comes to mind?

Jan Reinhart never pictured herself.

“To me, strokes only happened to old people,” she says. “I was only 58 when it happened to me. It wasn’t even on my radar.”

Fortunately, on the night of Reinhart’s stroke, her brother was visiting.

“We were watching TV, and all of a sudden, it was like the TV speaker was blaring in my head,” she says. “I was trying to grab the remote control to turn down the volume, and I went into a seizure. I couldn’t speak, walk or move.”

Reinhart’s brother called 911, and Reinhart was transported to Baylor Regional Medical Center at Grapevine, where it was determined that she was having a stroke.

“Grapevine didn’t have a neurologist there that night, so they contacted a [neurologist] at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas, and all of a sudden he was on this screen in my room talking to me,” Reinhart says. “The nurses told me that he could zoom in and look at my pupils and everything. It was like he was standing right there.”

Thanks to telemedicine and the fast-acting Baylor team, Reinhart has made a full recovery.

“My doctors weren’t able to determine why it happened,” she says. “My cholesterol was great, my blood pressure was great, and I’m not obese. I didn’t have your typical risk factors.”



Thanks to her brother, Steve, who called 911, Jan Reinhart is fully recovered after having a stroke.



Minutes Matter

Visit BaylorHealth.com/StrokeQuiz to assess your stroke risk. To learn more about stroke care and services at Baylor McKinney, visit BaylorHealth.com/McKinneyNeuro today.

It wasn't until after her stroke that Reinhart learned more about the condition. And she's not alone. Surveys show that most Americans are not well-educated on the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. Are you?

Where in the body does a stroke occur?

- A. Heart
- B. Head
- C. Legs
- D. Anywhere

ANSWER: B. Stroke has many of the same risk factors as heart disease, so many people mistakenly think stroke occurs in the heart. "But it's a brain issue," says Dion Graybeal, MD, a neurologist and medical director of the stroke program at Baylor Dallas. "There are two types of stroke. One is caused by a lack of blood flow in the brain. The other is due to a hemorrhage in the brain."

Which is the least common symptom of a stroke?

- A. Facial droopiness
- B. Weakness in one arm
- C. Slurred speech
- D. Severe headache

ANSWER: D. People who report headache as a symptom of their stroke often describe it as the worst headache of their life. But other symptoms, which tend to

be subtler, are much more common. And remember that being a brain condition, stroke often clouds the patient's judgment.

"Most of the time, patients just try to ignore it," says Muhammad Naeem, MD, a neurologist on the medical staff at Baylor Grapevine. "That's why it's very important for family members to be able to recognize symptoms.

TRUE OR FALSE: The clot-busting drug TPA is effective only if administered within three hours of the first signs of stroke.



ANSWER: TRUE. But that doesn't mean you can wait two and a half hours before seeking treatment. Think about the time it takes to get to the hospital, and then the evaluation, diagnostic scans and the actual administration of the drug. It all boils down to this: You need to get there as quickly as possible. And the best way to do that is by calling 911.

"Think of having a stroke as having a penetrating chest wound," Dr. Graybeal says. "You wouldn't drive yourself to the hospital in that case. You need to call 911."

Being transported by ambulance is not only faster, but it also allows treatment to begin en route and for hospital staff to be alerted and ready for your arrival.



If you suspect stroke, the first thing to do is call 911. Fast treatment can save your life.

IN CASE OF STROKE

When a stroke strikes, every minute matters. Fast treatment lowers the odds of devastating losses to speech, cognitive function and physical ability—or even death.

To quickly recognize stroke symptoms, remember the acronym FAST (**F**ace drooping, **A**rm weakness, **S**peech difficulty, **T**ime to call 911). And remember that choosing a hospital experienced in stroke care is just as important.

This fall, Baylor Medical Center at McKinney is pursuing stroke certification. This requires meeting stringent criteria and demonstrating an ability to effectively and efficiently treat even the most complex stroke cases.

"At Baylor McKinney, our staff devotes a great amount of effort and dedication to treat stroke patients quickly and efficiently throughout their continuum of care," says Nikoma Wolf, director of neuroscience at Baylor McKinney. "We're proud to offer our community quality stroke care, which we believe translates into even better patient outcomes."

A Diabetes-Friendly Holiday Season

You've been eating right and taking care of yourself all year—don't let the **upcoming festivities** undo your hard work

The holidays are a diet and exercise minefield for most Americans, especially those with diabetes. We show you how to navigate common situations while safeguarding your health.

SITUATION #1:

Special dinners, like Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.

Safeguard yourself: "It's OK to indulge a little bit on special days—you don't have to deprive yourself of everything," says Sherry Davidson, a diabetes education coordinator on staff at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano. "But keep it to a special day. Don't extend it to a week of indulging."

If there's one food that you really look forward to, like stuffing or pumpkin pie, skip the more mundane items, like cheese and crackers, so you don't totally overdo it.

Most importantly, don't forget to test your blood sugar and make adjustments accordingly. For instance, you may need to compensate with additional activity after a large meal.



SITUATION #2:

The neighbor's holiday party.

Safeguard yourself: Ask if you can bring anything, then come armed with something healthy. You'll be known as a gracious guest, and there will be at least one dish that's not a total sugar-spiker.

"Planning and preparation are key. If you can, always make sure that wherever you're going, there is something you can eat," Davidson says.

But plan responsibly: Don't try to "save up room" by not eating all day—it will only backfire in the end. "Not only do you run the risk of messing with your blood sugar, but you'll also be starving and end up eating everything in sight."

SITUATION #3:

Your co-worker's desk.

Safeguard yourself: There's something about this season that makes people want to bake treats and put out candy for their co-workers. While the intention is nice, it can make it awfully tough to avoid all that extra sugar.



Knowledge Is Power

For more information or to preregister for one of the classes in the Diabetes Education Program at Baylor McKinney, please call **469.764.1815**.



Diabetes Education Helps

If you have diabetes, proper management will keep you healthy and reduce your risk for complications.

But there's a lot to remember and, whether you were recently diagnosed or have lived with diabetes for years, it can be tough to incorporate all that information into your lifestyle.

Diabetes education classes, like those offered at Baylor Medical Center at McKinney's Diabetes Center, can help you get a grasp on it—or refresh your memory and enable you to take control again.

The Diabetes Education Program at Baylor McKinney is staffed by registered nurses and dietitians, all of whom are certified diabetes educators, and is covered by Medicare and most insurance plans. Current program offerings include:

Training for Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. Offered in a one-on-one or group format, this program covers everything from healthy eating and exercising to monitoring and medications.

Diabetes During Pregnancy. This program covers individual meal planning, blood glucose testing, exercise planning and insulin therapy, if required.

Medical Nutrition Therapy. With a focus on meal planning, a registered dietitian uses a variety of tools to help patients with diabetes and prediabetes find ways to improve their diet.

Stock your own desk with healthy options like dried fruit and mixed nuts so you're less tempted. And suggest taking a walk outside with a co-worker to discuss a project, rather than perching at his or her treat-laden desk.

"If you know where the treats will be lurking, try to take a different route when walking through the office," Davidson says. Out of sight, out of mind.

SITUATION #4:

Traveling to the in-laws.

Safeguard yourself:

Airports and highways aren't usually known for their healthy dining options, so arm yourself with snacks.

"Again, it's hugely important to plan ahead when you know you'll be away for a while," Davidson says. She recommends throwing some granola bars and trail mix in your carry-on for easy (and healthy) munching on the go. "Always aim for a balanced mix of protein and carbohydrates with your snacks."

Once you've reached your destination,

keep those healthy habits going. "When you're spending time with friends and family, try incorporating exercise and movement into your group activities in a fun way—mix things up with a game of Twister, croquet or Frisbee," Davidson suggests.

Lastly, hopefully you've packed your medication, but always carry your insurance card and doctor's contact information with you in case you need to have a prescription called in.



SITUATION #5:

Creating New Year's resolutions.

Safeguard yourself:

Moderation should be your mantra by now—apply the same rules you've used throughout the holidays to reset your health goals for the upcoming year. Avoid going on super-strict fad diets, and instead opt for eating well and exercising.

"It's true for the holiday season and beyond: Don't deny yourself all the treats and foods you love, but be reasonable. Have a couple bites, then get right back on track," Davidson says.



A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

The cancer treatments of the future could come in vaccine form

SMALL POX. DIPHTHERIA. POLIO. In the past century, vaccines have helped prevent millions of deaths worldwide from these and other diseases, and today, researchers at the Baylor Institute for Immunology Research (BIIR), a division of Baylor Research Institute, and other institutions are investigating whether vaccines could also be effective in preventing and treating cancer.

“Immunotherapy is a major clinical and laboratory interest at BIIR,” says Joseph Fay, MD, director of immunotherapy for cancer at BIIR. “It really is the next frontier in the treatment of cancer.”

HOPE IN A VACCINE

One particularly exciting effort on this front is the Multiple Myeloma Vaccine Trial, a multi-institutional trial partially sponsored

by the National Cancer Institute. Multiple myeloma is the second-most common blood cancer in the U.S. (after non-Hodgkin lymphoma) and has a 69 percent five-year survival rate.

The trial involves vaccinating patients with a personalized cocktail of their own cells to help induce immunity against their cancer.

“We fuse a patient’s myeloma cells to their dendritic cells in order to induce a beneficial therapeutic response,” Dr. Fay says. “We hope that will prevent the progression of the myeloma and potentially cure them of their disease.”

Dendritic cells are “a type of white blood cell that teaches the immune cells how to adapt and respond to a threat,” Dr. Fay explains. By fusing

these cells with the patient’s myeloma cells, they learn how to fight the cancer and can then help the rest of the body’s immune system do the same.

COMMITTED TO THE CURE

The trial, which began screening patients this November, was initiated by the Multiple Myeloma Research Consortium, of which Baylor Research Institute is a member.

“Myeloma is a big focus of ours because of our affiliation with the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and the Central Transplant Network,” Dr. Fay says. “We are quickly emerging as a myeloma research center in Dallas.”

Dr. Fay adds that the Myeloma Vaccine Trial is only the first of many to come at BIIR to look at using immunotherapy to treat blood cancers. “If effective, this treatment has great potential,” Dr. Fay says. “In the future, it may be used to treat not only multiple myeloma but countless other cancers like it.”

Give It a Shot

To find out how you can participate in future immunotherapy research trials, visit BaylorHealth.com/AdvancingMedicine today.

Get the Exclusive

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TIPSHEET

Gather Your Family Health Info

Holiday gatherings are the perfect time to ask questions about your family's health history. Download a worksheet at BaylorHealth.com/FamilyHealthTree to get started.



ONLINE

Sign Me Up

Baylor McKinney offers classes, support groups, events and more to help you stay healthy. Find them online at BaylorHealth.com/McKinney by clicking "Classes and Events."



Expecting?

Get ready for baby by registering for a childbirth or parenting class.

RECIPE

The Perfect Holiday Hostess Gift

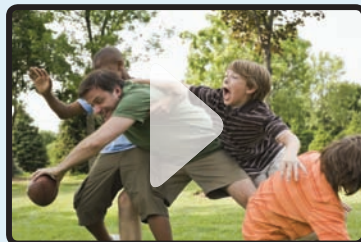
Need an easy party dish you can make ahead of time? Or how about a healthy hostess gift? Mix up a batch of Gingered Fruit and Nut Mix, tie a ribbon around the bag and voila! Get the recipe at BaylorHealth.com/Recipe today.



VIDEO

Safe and Simple Ways to Prevent Back Pain

Want to avoid becoming one of the millions of Americans with back pain? Visit BaylorHealth.com/DigitalShort to watch this video on how to strengthen your back and prevent pain.



ONLINE

10 Seconds to Improve Your Health

When it comes to your health, small changes can lead to big results. Go to BaylorHealth.com/Exclusive and click "Live Better" for 10-second health tips.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November & December 2014

Registration required for all events unless otherwise indicated. Call **1.800.4BAYLOR** to register.

CHILDBIRTH AND FAMILY EDUCATION

Prepared Childbirth encompasses three weekly sessions beginning Nov. 4 and Dec. 2, 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. No charge.

Power Prepared Childbirth is a two-day version of Prepared Childbirth. Nov. 15 and 16, and Dec. 20 and 21, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$15

Basics of Baby Care teaches infant care and

development. Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4 and Dec. 18, 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. No charge.

Breastfeeding is designed to discuss the many benefits of breastfeeding your baby. Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. No charge.

Infant Safety and CPR teaches basic skills but is not a certification course. Nov. 8 and Dec. 13, 9 a.m. to noon. \$35



REAL PATIENTS. REAL STORIES.

“A severely broken wrist repaired. A musical ability restored.”



Moments after Emily Pool's car accident, she glanced at her broken hand and wondered if she'd ever play flute again. Her wrist was fractured in six places. At a friend's recommendation, Emily saw an orthopedic trauma surgeon on the medical staff at Baylor Medical Center at McKinney. He reviewed the x-rays with her and explained how he would repair the bones with screws and a metal plate. During pre-op, he came in to reassure her. "Everyone there really cared about me," adds Emily, "I even had a visit from the hospital president." After a successful procedure and several weeks of rehab with a certified hand therapist, she's back on track. "I'm teaching flute and doing what I want in life."

For a physician referral or for more information about orthopedic services, call **1.800.4BAYLOR** or visit us online at BaylorHealth.com/McKinneyOrtho.

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