

# HealthWatch: Heart Attack

## Steps to take each day:

- Take your medicine as directed by your doctor
  - Call your doctor if you have side effects that prevent you from taking your medicine
  - Keep a list of your current medicine with you at all times
  - Bring your medicine list to all appointments
  - Call for refills one week in advance
- Keep all follow-up appointments
- Choose foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, and cholesterol
- Aim for less than 2,000 mg of sodium (salt) per day
- If you smoke – we have smoking cessation counselors to help you quit
  - Call (220) 564-QUIT (7848) for an appointment

**Doctor Phone Number:**

**Follow-up Appointment:**

## Take prompt action if you have any of the symptoms listed below:

### Yellow Zone

#### Call your doctor if you have:

- New chest pain that is relieved by 1 nitroglycerin tablet
- Chest pain that becomes more intense and occurs more often
- If you take nitroglycerin for chronic chest pain, and it is not helping as quickly as with previous pain
- If your chest pain wakes you up at night
- Any new shortness of breath, especially with physical activity

### Red Zone

#### Warning Signs of a Heart Attack – CALL 9-1-1 NOW

The main symptom of a heart attack is chest pain. Call 9-1-1 if you have any chest pain with exertion that does not ease while resting or after resting and taking 1 nitroglycerin tablet.

#### You may feel:

- Painful pressure or squeezing
- Fullness
- Pain in the center of your chest
- Pain in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach
- Shortness of breath, with or without discomfort
- Breaking out in a cold sweat
- Nausea or lightheadedness

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1 (220) 564-4006 (TTY: 1 (220) 564-4729).

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1 (220) 564-4006 (TTY: 1 (220) 564-4729)。

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