Stroke Risk Scorecard

RISK FACTOR	HIGH RISK	CAUTION	LOW RISK
Blood Pressure	>140/90 or unknown	120-139/80-89	<120/80
Atrial Fibrillation	Irregular heartbeat	I don't know	Regular heartbeat
Smoking	Smoker	Trying to quit	Nonsmoker
Cholesterol	>240 or unknown	200-239	<200
Diabetes	Yes	Borderline	No
Exercise	Couch potato	Some exercise	Regular exercise
Diet	Overweight	Slightly overweight	Healthy weight
Stroke in Family	Yes	Not sure	No
TOTAL SCORE	High Risk	Caution	Low Risk

Each box that applies to you equals 1 point. Total your score at the bottom of each column and compare with the stroke risk levels on the back.



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Risk Scorecard Results

Ask your health care professional how to reduce your risk of stroke.

To reduce your risk:

- 1. Know your blood pressure.
- 2. Find out whether you have atrial fibrillation.
- 3. If you smoke, stop.
- 4. Find out if you have high cholesterol.
- 5. If diabetic, follow recommendations to control your diabetes.
- 6. Include exercise in your daily routine.
- 7. Eat a diet low in salt and animal fat.

High Risk ≥3: Ask about stroke prevention right away.

Caution 4-6: A good start. Work on reducing risk.

Low Risk 6-8: You're doing very well at controlling stroke risk!

BE FAST and CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY at any sign of a stroke:

- **Balance:** Is there a sudden loss of balance or coordination?
- **Eyes:** Is there persistent blurred vision and/or sudden trouble seeing?
- **Face:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- **Arms:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?
- Time: If you observe any of these signs, call 911 immediately.

Call **202-4YOU (4968)** to find a Baptist Primary Care physician or neurologist.

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