

## WHAT IS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Hypertension is a condition in which the force of the blood against the artery walls is too high.

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- 1. High blood pressure can increase your risk to serious heart problems, such as heart attack and stroke.
- 2. Most people with high blood pressure will no have signs, so symptoms can vary. Some people may have headaches or shortness of breath.
- 3. Risk factors: age, family history, being overweight, not being active, diet, stress, and certain chronic conditions.
  - 4. 1 in 3 Americans adults have high blood pressure
  - 5. Make sure to stay in contact with your doctor and have monthly checkups

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