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Health Screenings



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of Texas**

Are you looking for a way to talk with your employees about the importance that preventive health care screenings can play in their lives?

This edition of BlueResource provides information about screening tests, as well as some detail about risk factors and symptoms for conditions such as:

- Prostate cancer
- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Skin cancer

Check out the messages and artwork in this booklet. Every file shown is available in both English and Spanish. Locate the files you want on the CD provided by your Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Representative or at **www.bcbstx.com/employer.html**.

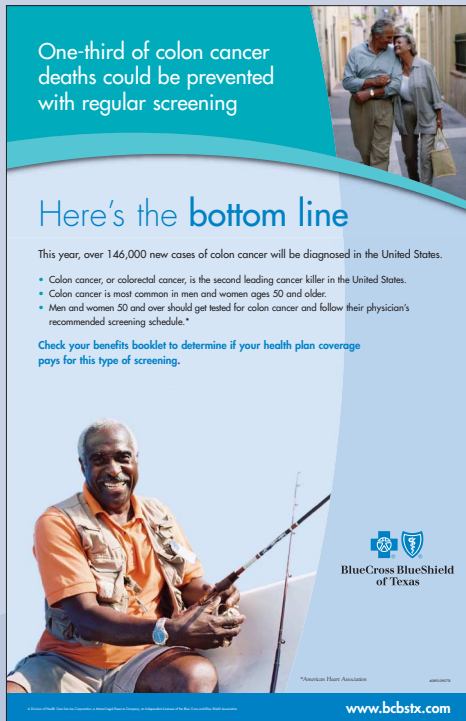
Use the files electronically, cut and paste copy from the Word documents or print from the PDFs and distribute. It's your choice.

Be sure to keep each edition of BlueResource you receive. The focus of each booklet is different and taken together, they offer a very useful collection of communications.

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Tip!

Print and hang posters in employee break rooms.



Colon Cancer Poster
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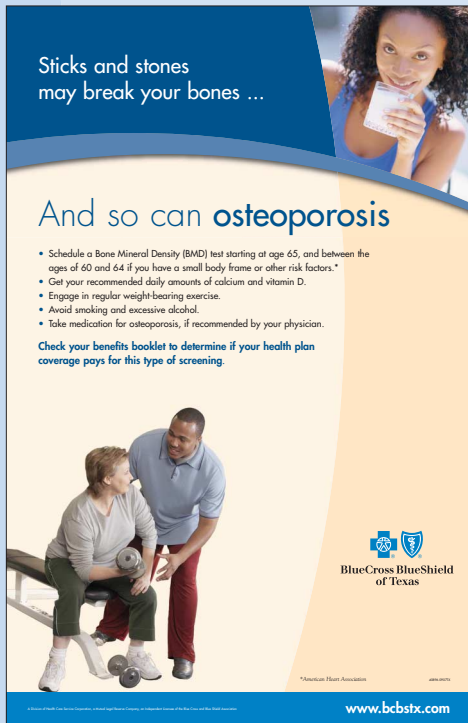


Well Woman Poster
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Tip!

Use BlueResource elements on your intranet site.

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Sticks and stones may break your bones ...

And so can osteoporosis

- Schedule a Bone Mineral Density (BMD) test starting at age 65, and between the ages of 60 and 64 if you have a small body frame or other risk factors.*
- Get your recommended daily amounts of calcium and vitamin D.
- Engage in regular weight-bearing exercise.
- Avoid smoking and excessive alcohol.
- Take medication for osteoporosis, if recommended by your physician.

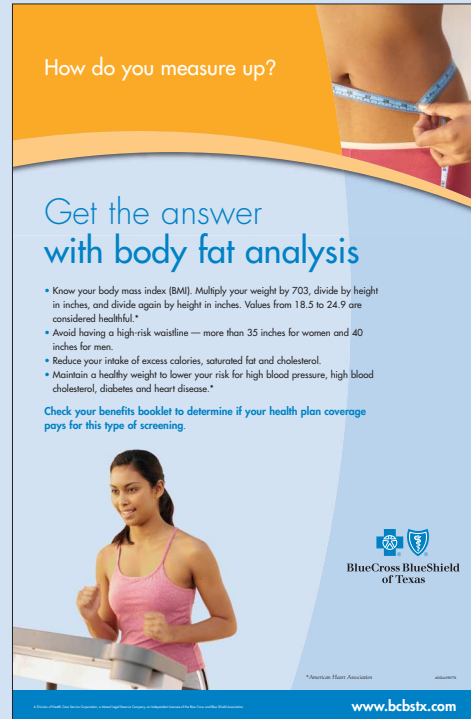
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*American Heart Association

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Osteoporosis Poster
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How do you measure up?

Get the answer with body fat analysis

- Know your body mass index (BMI). Multiply your weight by 703, divide by height in inches, and divide again by height in inches. Values from 18.5 to 24.9 are considered healthful.*
- Avoid having a high-risk waistline — more than 35 inches for women and 40 inches for men.
- Reduce your intake of excess calories, saturated fat and cholesterol.
- Maintain a healthy weight to lower your risk for high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, diabetes and heart disease.*

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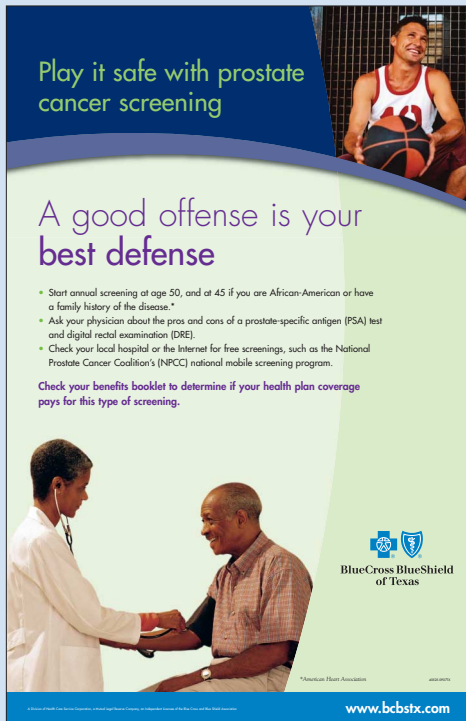
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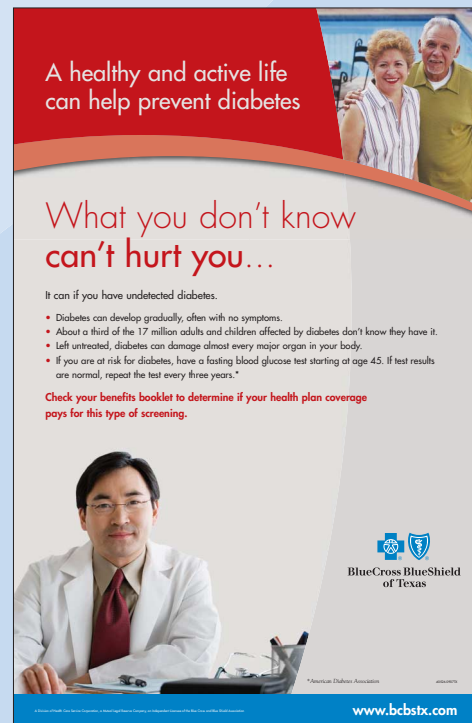
Body Fat Poster
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Tip!

Use handouts at health fairs or add to enrollment packets.



Prostate Cancer Poster
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Diabetes Poster
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Posters are designed in an 11x17-inch format. To scale down to an 8.5 x 11-inch format, use Adobe Acrobat (full version) and follow these steps:

- Select File, then Print Setup.
- Click on the Properties box, and select the Effects tab.
- Check the Print Document On box, then select Letter in the drop-down box, and check Scale to Fit. Click on OK.

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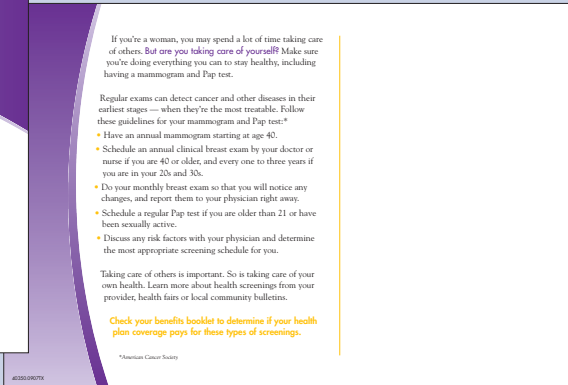
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Every woman needs to keep herself healthy...
Scheduled your Well Woman exam?

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Well Woman Postcard
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If you're a woman, you may spend a lot of time taking care of others. But are you taking care of yourself? Make sure you're doing everything you can to stay healthy, including having a mammogram and Pap test.

Regular exams can detect cancer and other diseases in their earliest stages — when they're the most treatable. Follow these guidelines for your mammogram and Pap test:

- Have an annual mammogram starting at age 40.
- Schedule an annual clinical breast exam by your doctor or nurse if you are 40 or older, and every one to three years if you are in your 20s and 30s.
- Do your monthly breast exam so that you will notice any changes, and report them to your physician right away.
- Schedule a regular Pap test if you are older than 21 or have been sexually active.
- Discuss any risk factors with your physician and determine the most appropriate screening schedule for you.

Taking care of others is important. So is taking care of your own health. Learn more about health screenings from your provider, health fairs or local community bulletins.

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*American Cancer Society



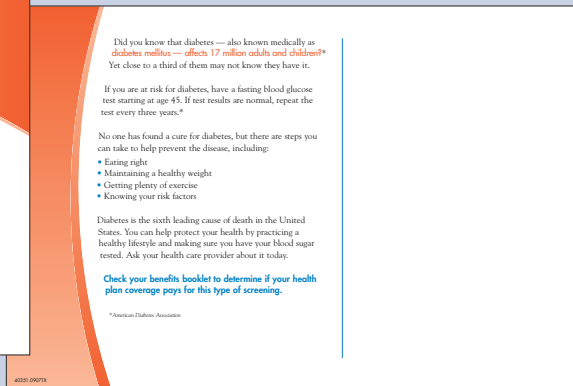
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We're not going to sugar coat this...
 More Americans have diabetes than ever before

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Diabetes Postcard
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Did you know that diabetes — also known medically as diabetes mellitus — affects 17 million adults and children? Yet close to a third of them may not know they have it.

If you are at risk for diabetes, have a fasting blood glucose test starting at age 45. If test results are normal, repeat the test every three years.*

No one has found a cure for diabetes, but there are steps you can take to help prevent the disease, including:

- Eating right
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- Getting plenty of exercise
- Knowing your risk factors

Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. You can help protect your health by practicing a healthy lifestyle and making sure you have your blood sugar tested. Ask your health care provider about it today.

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*American Diabetes Association



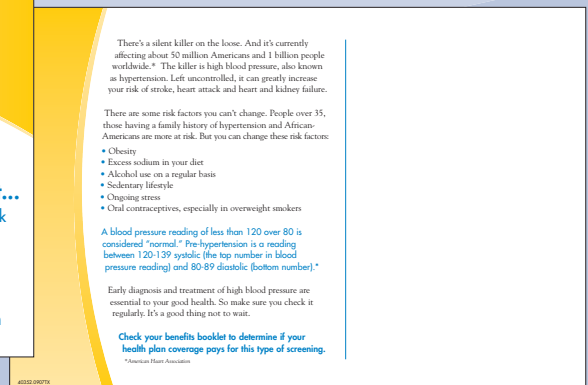
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Good things come to those who wait...
 Except when it comes to your blood pressure check

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Hypertension Postcard
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There's a silent killer on the loose. And it's currently affecting about 50 million Americans and 1 billion people worldwide.* The killer is high blood pressure, also known as hypertension. Left uncontrolled, it can greatly increase your risk of stroke, heart attack and heart and kidney failure.

There are some risk factors you can't change. People over 35, those having a family history of hypertension and African-Americans are more at risk. But you can change these risk factors:

- Obesity
- Excess sodium in your diet
- Alcohol use on a regular basis
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Changing stress
- Oral contraceptives, especially in overweight smokers

A blood pressure reading of less than 120 over 80 is considered "normal." Pre-hypertension is a reading between 120-139 systolic (the top number in blood pressure reading) and 80-89 diastolic (bottom number).*

Early diagnosis and treatment of high blood pressure are essential to your good health. So make sure you check it regularly. It's a good thing not to wait.

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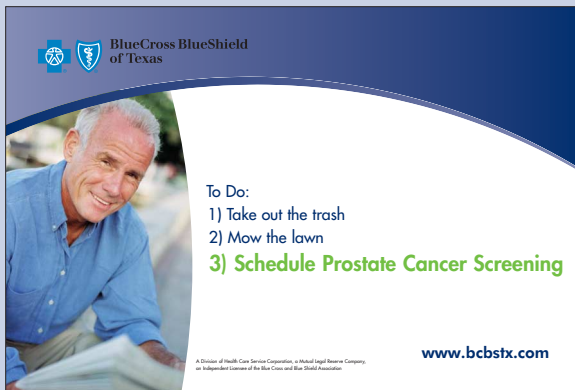
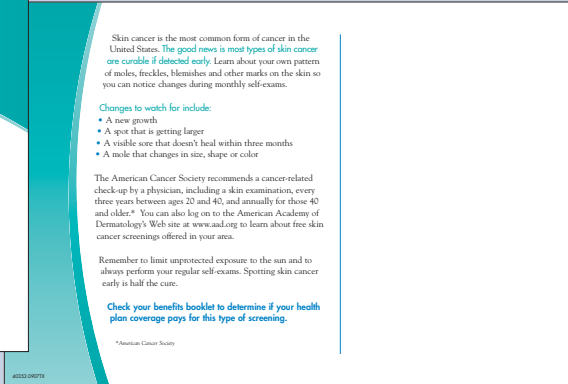
*American Heart Association

Tip!

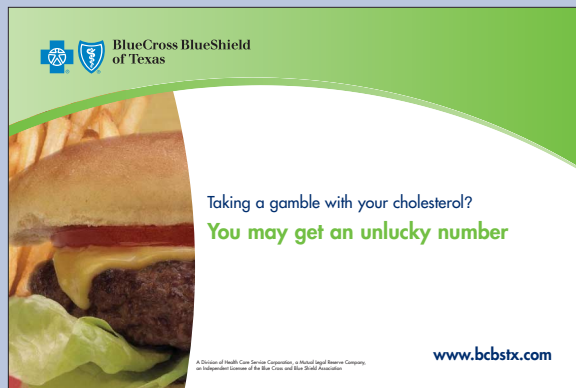
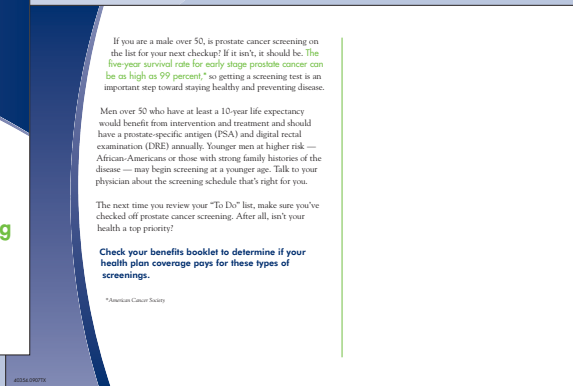
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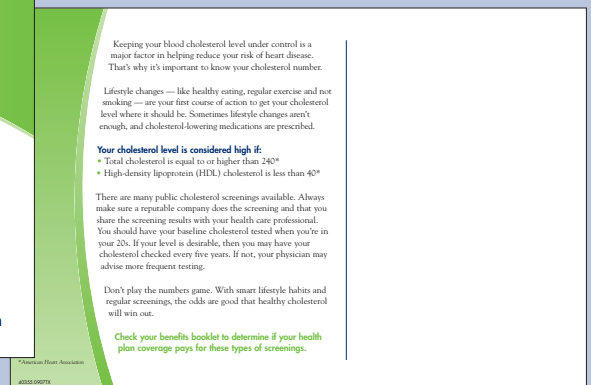
Skin Cancer Postcard
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Prostate Cancer Postcard
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Cholesterol Postcard
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Life's full of surprises



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colorectal cancer, will claim more than 56,000 lives in the United States this year. Prevented by finding and removing polyps that could become cancerous. You are at a higher risk for the disease if you have a family history of the disease or colon polyps or cancer in your family history.

In addition to the prevention of colon cancer, you should begin preventive screenings at age 50, or earlier if you have risk factors. These include an annual fecal occult blood test, and a flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years or a colonoscopy every 10 years. Your doctor can help you determine the most appropriate screening schedule for you — so colon cancer doesn't take you by surprise.

Determine if your health plan coverage pays for this type of screening.

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Source: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
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Colon Cancer Stuffer
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Heard the latest wrinkle on skin cancer?



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After the age of 65 will develop squamous cell or basal cell carcinoma, the most common form of skin cancer, causes more than 75 percent of all deaths from skin cancer. Melanoma — the most serious form of skin cancer — are preventable and curable if detected early.

Prevention includes limiting exposure to the sun by staying in the shade, applying sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, and avoiding tanning bed sun lamps. It's also important to check your moles, freckles, and blemishes regularly so you can catch them early during regular clinical skin exams with your health care provider.

Regular skin exams are an important measure for your skin health. You may even keep some wrinkles away, too.

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*American Cancer Society, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
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Skin Cancer Stuffer
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We have a bone to pick with you



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More than 10 million Americans have low bone mass,* which puts them at risk of developing osteoporosis? In fact, 10 million Americans estimated to have osteoporosis, eight million are women and two million are men?

Left unchecked, it can be a debilitating bone disease that leads to bone fragility and fractures. So if you are at risk factors or age 65 or older, talk with your physician about scheduling a Bone Mineral Density (BMD) test. It's also important to get enough calcium in your diet.*

To prevent osteoporosis, take the medication your physician prescribes. Following these steps is the difference in your bone health.

Determine if your health plan coverage pays for this type of screening.

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* National Osteoporosis Foundation
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Osteoporosis Stuffer
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Tip!

Planning to use paycheck stuffers electronically?

Crop marks can be eliminated in Adobe Acrobat (full version) by using the Crop Tool.



Having too much
down time?

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Depression Stuffer
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Source: National Institute of Mental Health
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Watch for curves

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Body Fat Stuffer
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What goes up
must come down

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Are appearances deceiving you?

The truth about undetected diabetes

Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Yet close to a third of the 17 million adults affected by the disease may not know they have it. Many people first learn they have diabetes through blood tests for other conditions or during routine physical exams. Left undetected and untreated, diabetes can do irreversible damage to your eyes, kidneys and other major organs.

There are two types of diabetes, Type 1 and Type 2. Type 1 diabetes, also known

Diabetes

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Taking blood pressure screening to heart

Do you have high blood pressure? The only way to find out is to have a blood pressure check. High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is one of the most common diseases in the United States. Currently, about 50 million Americans have high blood pressure. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to serious risks including stroke, heart attack and heart and kidney failure.

Controlling your weight, following a low-fat, low-sodium diet and

Blood Pressure

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Stay in the game with prostate cancer screening

Whether you're playing football, baseball or basketball, a smart game plan can make a difference in whether you win or lose. And the same holds true for your health. By having a wellness plan that includes regular prostate cancer screening, you can increase your odds of beating one of your toughest opponents.

Prostate cancer is the most common male malignancy diagnosed in the United States, with an estimated 189,000 new cases each year.

Prostate Cancer

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Tip! Integrate copy in your company's intranet site and existing materials, like enrollment booklets and newsletters.

Making sense of vision and hearing exams

We depend on our senses every day, often without even thinking about them. But imagine navigating the world around us without the ability to see or hear. While many people schedule routine physicals and other wellness exams, sometimes the health of our eyes and ears is overlooked. However, regular vision and hearing exams are very important when it comes to your health and well being.

Three kinds of specialists—ophthalmologists, optometrists and

Vision and Hearing Exam

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Be safe, not sorry

Facts about your Well Woman exam

Today's woman is busier than ever. Family, work and personal demands can pull you in several directions at once. That's why it's important to take care of yourself, especially when it comes to your health.

Make sure that you include an annual mammogram and Pap test in your wellness regimen to keep yourself healthy. By scheduling these exams regularly, breast cancer and cervical cancer can be detected early, when they're easier to treat. In fact, thanks to the Pap test, cervical

Well Woman Exam

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Are you up on high cholesterol?

Learning the facts about high cholesterol is essential to good heart health. To keep your cholesterol levels under control and help reduce your risk of heart disease, schedule regular screenings to monitor your cholesterol levels. Your cholesterol is considered high if total cholesterol is 240/mg/dL or greater and/or high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol is less than 40.*

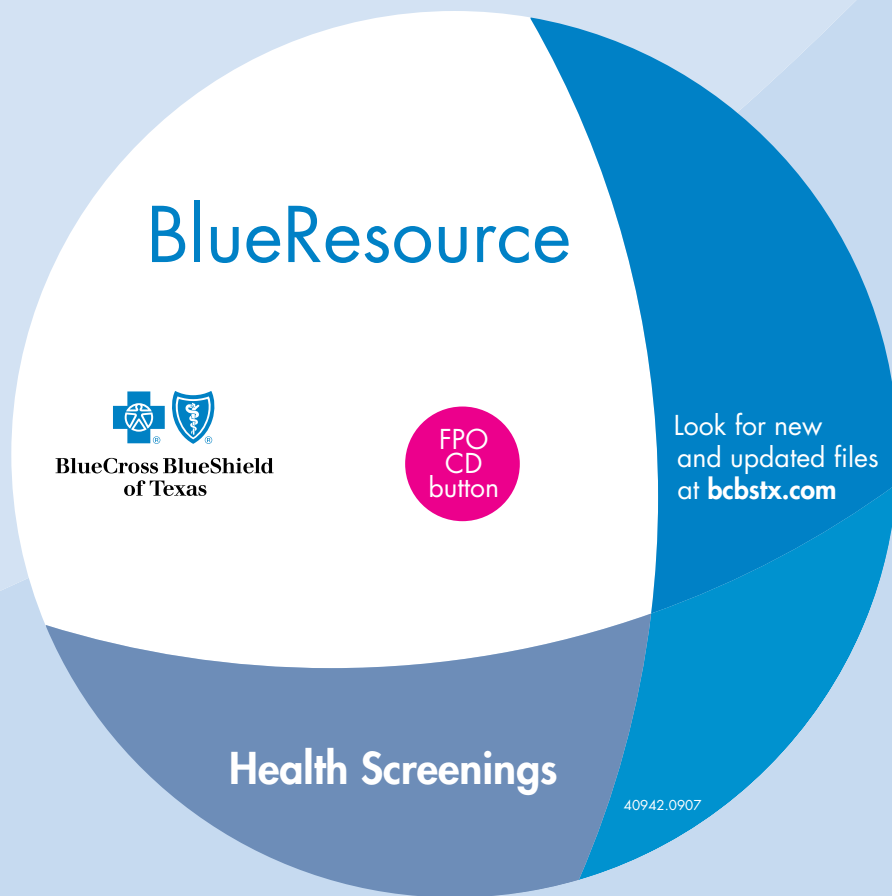
Certain risk factors, such as inactivity, obesity and a high-fat, high-cholesterol diet, can cause or

Cholesterol

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Tip!

Use copy provided to create messages specifically for your employees.





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