





#### **FACT:**

Benefits of exercise include decreased heart rate and increased blood flow which can improve blood pressure control, increase good cholesterol, and lower blood sugars.

For more information: http://www.bhlcenter.fsu.edu

### Move Around More

Physical activity has many benefits to your health.

Try to get at least 30 minutes of exercise on most days of the week.

<u>DID YOU KNOW?</u> Not being physically active is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

### Ways to Be Physically Active

Consult a physician before beginning any exercises

- ✓ Doing household chores such as gardening and cleaning
- ✓ Joining a walking program
- ✓ Using your chair and other household items to exercise
- ✓ Taking the stairs instead of the elevator

### 'EXERCISE WILL GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK!'



Generally healthy individuals

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Moderate-intense activity

Low risk of adverse events

Stay safe, take it slow!

# 'HOW CAN I TELL IF I AM DOING MODERATE-INTENSITY ACTIVITY?'

The 'Talk Test'

- □Low: you can talk and sing
- ☐ Moderate: you can talk but not sing
- ■Vigorous



## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY WORKS: STRONG EVIDENCE

- Reduces risk for:
  - Early death
  - Chronic diseases, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart diseases, cancers
- Prevents:
  - Weight gain
  - Falls
- Benefits:
  - Weight loss
  - Mental health
  - Heart and muscle fitness

### MOVE MORE, MOVE SMART

- Choose appropriate activities
- Start slow and go slow
- Individuals with chronic conditions, consult a health care provider



### FOR MORE INFO





Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans <a href="https://www.health.gov/paguidelines/">www.health.gov/paguidelines/</a>

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion US Department of Health and Human Services

### **2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans**



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