

If your family member is at increased risk, tell him/her to talk to his/her doctor about what you can do to prevent heart disease.

Important:

A family history of type 2 diabetes is a risk factor for heart disease. So, if one of the relatives listed in the blue or green boxes has been diagnosed with heart disease, type 2 diabetes, or both, that relative counts as one relative toward your family member's risk.

Some tips that may help prevent and detect heart disease...



Quit smoking or don't start:

• One year after quitting, your added risk of heart disease drops down to half of a smoker's risk



Talk to a doctor about screening:

 Regular blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol testing can help find a problem before it becomes heart disease