







BLOOD PRESSURE MEASURENENS

DON'T SMOKE, EXERCISE, DRINK **CAFFEINATED BEVERAGES OR ALCOHOL WITHIN 30 MINUTES** OF MEASUREMENT.

REST IN A CHAIR FOR AT LEAST 5 MINUTES WITH YOUR LEFT ARM RESTING COMFORTABLY ON A FLAT SURFACE AT HEART LEVEL. SIT CALMLY AND DON'T TALK.

> **MAKE SURE YOU'RE RELAXED. SIT STILL IN A CHAIR WITH YOUR FEET** FLAT ON THE FLOOR WITH YOUR BACK STRAIGHT AND SUPPORTED.

TAKE AT LEAST TWO READINGS 1 MIN. APART IN MORNING **BEFORE TAKING MEDICATIONS,** AND IN EVENING BEFORE **DINNER. RECORD ALL RESULTS.**

USE PROPERLY CALIBRATED AND VALIDATED INSTRUMENT. CHECK THE CUFF SIZE AND FIT.

PLACE THE BOTTOM OF THE CUFF ABOVE THE BEND OF THE ELBOW.

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American Heart Association recommended blood pressure levels

BLOOD PRESSURE CATEGORY	SYSTOLIC mm Hg (upper number)		DIASTOLIC mm Hg (lower number)
NORMAL	LESS THAN 120	and	LESS THAN 80
ELEVATED	120-129	and	LESS THAN 80
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 1	130-139	or	80-89
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION) STAGE 2	140 OR HIGHER	OR	90 OR HIGHER
HYPERTENSIVE CRISIS (consult your doctor immediately)	HIGHER THAN 180	and/or	HIGHER THAN 120



* Wait a few minutes and take blood pressure again. If it's still high, contact your doctor immediately.

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