

I N Y O U R
FORTIES

Now is the time to turn
your awareness of good health
into ACTION.

Check out the **healthy guidelines**
on the back of this card.
Then work with your doctor
or nurse to personalize
the timing of each test to meet
your specific health care needs.

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In Your Forties

General health

- **Full checkup** – Including weight and height.
- **Sleep habits** – Discuss at your annual exam.
- **Thyroid (TSH) test** – Discuss with your doctor or nurse.
- **HIV screening** – Get this test if you are at risk for HIV infection (have had unprotected sex, sexually transmitted disease, or used drugs with needles).

Heart health

- **Blood pressure test** – At least every two years.
- **Cholesterol panel** – Total, LDL, HDL and triglycerides; discuss with your doctor or nurse.

Bone health

- **Blood density screen** – Discuss with your doctor or nurse.

Diabetes

- **Blood glucose or A1c test** – Get screened if you have sustained blood pressure greater than 135/80, take medicine for high blood pressure, or are at risk for developing diabetes.

Breast health

- **Breast self-exam** – Become familiar with your breasts so you can identify any changes and discuss with your doctor or nurse.
- **Clinical breast exam** – At least every three years.
- **Mammogram** – Every 1-2 years. Official recommendations vary. Discuss the schedule that is right for you with your doctor or nurse.

Reproductive health

- **Pap test** – At least every three years.
- **Pelvic exam** – Yearly.

- **Sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests** – Both partners should get tested for STIs, including HIV, before initiating sexual intercourse. Get a chlamydia test yearly if you have new or multiple partners.

Mental health screening

- Discuss with your doctor or nurse.

Eye and ear health

- **Comprehensive eye exam** – Baseline exam at age 40, then every 2-4 years as your doctor advises.
- **Hearing test** – Every 10 years.

Skin health

- **Skin exam** – Monthly self-exam of skin and moles, and as part of a routine full checkup with your doctor or nurse.

Oral health

- **Dental cleaning and exam** – Every 12-24 months; discuss with your dentist.

Immunizations

- **Seasonal influenza vaccine** – Yearly.
- **Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster vaccine** – Every 10 years.

Visit samc.com to find a doctor, or for a full listing of Saint Agnes Medical Center's programs and services.

