

# MEN'S UROLOGY TUNE-UP

Men's Urology? It's the urinary tract and the male *reproductive organs* – the systems below the belt.

> Think of men's urology like car maintenance – there's general upkeep, maintenance and occasional warning signs.

## GENERAL UPKEEP

WITH A CAR, KEEPING GAS IN THE TANK AND AIR IN THE TIRES IS A MUST. DID YOU KNOW THAT CERTAIN HEALTHY LIVING TIPS CAN MAKE AN IMPACT ON MALE UROLOGIC HEALTH?



### **DRINK WATER** Cars need oil - so do our bodies.

Drinking 6 or more cups of water (60-75 ounces) daily can prevent kidney stones

### **REDUCE STRESS**

Try to de-stress – Even 10 minutes a day can lower blood pressure, which may help improve erectile dysfunction

### **GET EXERCISE**

Try for 30 minutes of moderate exercise, 5 days a week

#### EAT HEALTHY

Caffeine, alcohol and spicy foods can irritate the bladder; red meat and high-fat diets can increase the risk of kidney stones and cancer



### **DON'T SMOKE**

There are seven urologic conditions impacted by smoking

- 1. Bladder cancer
- 2. Erectile dysfunction
- 3. Infertility
- 4. Kidney cancer
- 5. Kidney stones
- 6. Painful bladder syndrome
- 7. Urine leakage

### MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

IT'S KNOWN THAT A CAR SHOULD HAVE SCHEDULED OIL CHANGES. MEN, HERE'S HOW TO KEEP YOUR UROLOGIC HEALTH IN CHECK.

#### YOUNG MEN | 18-40 **BASIC CARE**

- Perform routine testicular self-exams
- **□** Find out if there is a family history of bladder, kidney or prostate cancer

### MIDDLE-AGED MEN | 40-50 WATCH YOUR GAUGES

- High blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol can cause kidney disease and erectile dysfunction
- Get screened for prostate cancer if you are African American or have a father, brother or son with prostate cancer

### OLDER MEN | 50-70+ **INSPECTIONS**

- **Talk to your doctor about** prostate screening
- Look for changes in bathroom breaks like urgency, frequency, decreased flow or frequent nighttime urination



### WARNING SIGNS

WHEN THAT LIGHT APPEARS ON THE CAR DASH – THERE'S A PROBLEM. IT'S THE SAME WITH UROLOGIC HEALTH. THERE ARE SOME WARNING SIGNS THAT INDICATE IT'S TIME TO CALL THE DOCTOR.



**PAIN BELOW THE BELT** - Pain that doesn't go away in the pelvis, genitals, side, abdomen, back or when you urinate



**ERECTION PROBLEMS** - Getting or maintaining an erection



**BLOOD IN URINE** - Even a small amount of blood may be a sign that something is going on under the hood

**TOO MANY PIT STOPS** - Passing urine as often as every one to two hours, mainly at night, may be a sign of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)





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