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?

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| Cars need oil - so do our bodies. Drinking 6 or more cups of water (60-75 ounces) daily can prevent kidney stones | Try for 30 minutes of moderate exercise, 5 days a week | Caffeine, alcohol and spicy foods can irritate the bladder; red meat and high-fat diets can increase the risk of kidney stones and cancer

REDUCE STRESS

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

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)

talk to your doctor about your personal maintenance plan, including your urologic health.

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Pain and sexual dysfunction may be related. When you feel pain, you may not feel like your usual self. When you feel your usual self, you may not feel pain. If your sexual life is affected, you may need to talk to your urologist.