

Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire (PAR-Q) and You

Regular physical activity is fun and healthy, and increasingly more people are starting to become more active every day. Being more active is very safe for most people. However, some people should check with their doctor before they start becoming much more physically active. If you are planning to become more physically active than you are now, start by answering the questions in the box below. If you are between the ages of 15 and 69, the PAR-Q will tell you if you should check with your doctor before you start. If you are over 69 years of age, and you are not used to being very active, check with your doctor. Common sense is your best guide when you answer these questions. Please read the questions carefully and answer each one honestly:

Check YES or NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition <u>and</u> that you should only do physical activity recommended by a doctor? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Do you feel pain in your chest when you do physical activity? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. In the past month, have you had chest pain when you were not doing physical exercise? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Do you lose your balance because of dizziness or do you ever lose consciousness? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by a change in your physical activity? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Is your doctor currently prescribing medication for your blood pressure or heart condition? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Do you know of any other reason why you should not do physical activity? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Do you have Type I or Type II diabetes? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Do you have asthma, COPD, or any other breathing disorder? |

YES to one or more questions

Your doctor must be contacted by phone, fax, or in person BEFORE you start becoming much more physically active or before you have a fitness assessment.

-- You may be able to do any activity you want—as long as you start slowly and build up gradually. Or, you may need to restrict your activities to those which are safe for you. Talk with your doctor about the kinds of activities you wish to participate in and follow his/her advice.

No to all questions

If you answered NO honestly to all PAR-Q questions, you can be reasonably sure that you can:

- Start becoming more physically active—begin slowly and build up gradually. This is the safest and easiest way to go.
- Take part in a physical assessment—this is an excellent way to determine your basic fitness so that you can plan the best way for you to live actively.

Delay becoming much more physically active

- If you are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as a cold or a fever—wait until you feel better: or
- If you are or may become pregnant—talk to your doctor before you start becoming more active.

Please note: If your health changes so that you then answer **YES** to any of the above questions, tell your fitness or health professional. Ask whether you should change your physical activity plan.

I have read, understood and completed this questionnaire. Any questions I had were answered to my full satisfaction.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Home phone: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 years of age): _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Doctor's Phone: _____

Witness Name: _____ Witness Signature: _____