

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 Physical Activity Guidelines for Adults:

- 150-300 minutes/week of moderate-intensity activity or 75-150 minutes/week of vigorous activity (somewhat hard to very hard) or a combination of both
- Muscle strength training 2 or more times a week



### Aerobic Activity (check)

- Frequency (days/week):  1  2  3  4  5  6  7
- Intensity:  Light (casual walk)  Moderate (brisk walk)  Vigorous (like jogging)
- Time (minutes/day):  10  20  30  40  50  60 or more
- Type:  Walk  Run  Bike  Swim/Water Exercise  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Steps/day:  2,500  5,000  7,000  9,000 or more  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### What about aerobic activity?

- Moderate activity is at a pace where you can talk but cannot “sing.” Examples: *brisk walking, light biking, water exercise and dancing.*
- Vigorous activity is done at a pace where you can't say more than a few words without pausing for a breath. Examples: *jogging, swimming, tennis and fast bicycling.*
- You can exercise for any length of time. For example, you might walk:
  - 30 minutes 5 days/week or
  - 20 minutes daily
  - 5 minutes here, 10 minutes there. Just work your way up to 150 total minutes/week.
- Your ultimate goal is to gradually build up to 7,000-9,000 steps/day.



### Muscle Strength Training (check)

- Frequency (days/week):  1  2  3  4  5  6  7

### What about strength training?

- You don't have to go to a gym. Try elastic bands, do body weight exercises (chair sit-to-stands; floor, wall or kitchen counter push-ups; planks or bridges) or lift dumbbells. Heavy work around your home or yard also builds strength.
- Strengthen your legs, back, chest and arms. To start, try 10-15 repetitions using light effort. Build up to medium or hard effort for 8-12 repetitions. Repeat 2-4 times, 2-3 days/week.
- Give yourself a rest day between each strength training session.

Prescriber's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you get started **this week?**