

# High Blood Pressure

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### Other names:

- Hypertension
- HBP
- HTN

The purpose of this guide is to help patients and families find sources of information and support. This list is not meant to be comprehensive, but rather to provide starting points for information seeking. The resources may be obtained at the Mardigian Wellness Resource Center located off the Atrium on Floor 2 of the Cardiovascular Center. Visit our website at <http://www.umcvc.org/mardigian-wellness-resource-center> and online Information guides at <http://infoguides.med.umich.edu/home>

### Brochures, Fact sheets

- American Heart Association:
  - **What is High Blood Pressure?**  
<https://www.heart.org/-/media/Files/Health-Topics/Answers-by-Heart/What-Is-High-Blood-Pressure.pdf>
  - **What is High Blood Pressure Medicine?**  
<https://www.heart.org/-/media/Files/Health-Topics/Answers-by-Heart/What-Is-HBP-Medicine.pdf>
  - **How Can I Reduce High Blood Pressure?**  
<https://www.heart.org/-/media/Files/Health-Topics/Answers-by-Heart/How-Can-I-Reduce-High-Blood-Pressure.pdf>

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- Michigan Medicine  
**What Steps Should I Take When Checking My Blood Pressure at Home?**  
<http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/CVC/ACSBook/BPatHome.pdf>
- National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)  
**Your Guide to Lowering Your Blood Pressure with DASH.**  
A 56-page booklet contains a week's worth of sample menus and recipes.  
Available online at:  
[https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/files/docs/public/heart/new\\_dash.pdf](https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/files/docs/public/heart/new_dash.pdf)

### Books

- Heller, M. **The DASH Diet Action Plan.** Northbrook, Ill: Amidon Press, 2011.
- Koslo, Jennifer. **The Complete DASH Diet for Beginners.** Berkeley, CA: Rockridge Press, 2017.
- Manger, William. **101 Questions & Answers about Hypertension.** Alameda, CA: Hunter House, 2011.
- Mann, Samuel J. **Hypertension and You: Old Drugs, New Drugs, and the Right Drugs for Your High Blood Pressure.** Lanham, MD: Rowan & Littlefield, 2012.

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- Rust, Rosanne. **Hypertension Cookbook for Dummies**. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Pub., 2011.
- Snyder, Mariza. **The Dash Diet Cookbook: Quick and Delicious Recipes for Losing Weight, Preventing Diabetes, and Lowering Blood Pressure**. Berkeley, CA: Ulysses Press, 2012.

### Audiovisual Resources

- **American Heart Association High Blood Pressure Videos**  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/americanheartassoc/search?query=high+blood+pressure>  
Includes videos on screening, prevention, diet and general education.

### Web Resources

- **American Heart Association: High Blood Pressure**  
<https://www.heart.org/>
  - Click on “**Health Topics**”
  - Click on “**High Blood Pressure**”

Detailed information about high blood pressure including prevention, symptoms, treatment, and tools and resources.

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- **The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): High Blood Pressure**

<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health-topics/high-blood-pressure>

Provides an easy-to-read overview of high blood pressure including causes, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment.

### **High Blood Pressure Apps (Applications)**

#### **Blood Pressure Companion Pro by Maxwell Software**

- Cost: \$0.99
- Features: Measures your Blood Pressure and heart rate. The app can create charts, graphs, and histograms to analyze your progress over time. You can export your data to share with medical professionals. You can also track weight and set reminders.
- For: Apple and Android

#### **Blood Pressure Monitor by Taconic System LLC**

- Cost: Free
- Features: Use your iPhone or iPad to track your pulse and other health information. The app graphs your stats to show trends and warn you about unhealthy Blood Pressure. You can export your data to share with medical professionals. The app also lets you set reminders.
- For: Apple

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- **iBP by Leading Edge Apps LLC**
  - Cost: \$0.99
  - Features: Lets you record and track your blood pressure over time. You can also monitor one other area, like blood glucose or medication usage. The app syncs to Apple Health and Withings, making Blood Pressure measurement simple. Can export data and share the information with your doctor.
  - For: Apple
- **Smart BP Smart Blood Pressure**
  - Cost: Free
  - Features: SmartBP allows you to record, track and analyze trends in your blood pressure.
  - For: Apple and Android

### Michigan Medicine Resources

- **The Cardiovascular Disease Prevention & Rehabilitation Program at Domino's Farms** offers a number of relevant program and services including:
  - Hypertension Clinic
  - Exercise Consultations
  - Nutrition Services
  - Stress Management ServicesFor more information access <http://www.umcvc.org/medical-services/cardiovascular-disease-prevention-and-rehabilitation> or call: 888.287.1082

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- **Tobacco Consultation Service**

Group and individual quit-smoking programs.

For more information access:

<http://hr.umich.edu/mhealthy/programs/tobacco/> or call (734) 998-6222 or email [quitsmoking@med.umich.edu](mailto:quitsmoking@med.umich.edu)

### **Patient Support Organizations**

- **American Heart Association**

<http://www.heart.org>

(800) 242-8721

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