Preventative Health Maintenance with First Physicians Group

Preventing chronic disease starts with living an active lifestyle and eating a healthy diet, but getting regular health screenings is just as important for your continued well-being. Preventative screenings are the best way to detect common diseases and illnesses early on; and the earlier they are treated, the better the chance of a successful outcome.

Please review the information below, which includes national guidelines for common health screenings based on average population. **Talk with your doctor to determine which screening methods and time frame are right for you.** Use the accompanying chart to reference future screening due dates.

- ▶ **Colorectal Cancer Screening** Age: 50 and older Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer, but when found early, the 5-year survival rate is about 90%.
- ▶ **Breast Cancer Screening** Age: 40 and older
 Approximately 1 in 8 women born in the U.S. will get breast cancer sometime in her lifetime, and is the 2nd most common type of cancer in women.
- Cervical Cancer Screening Age: 21-65
 Over the last 40 years, the use of the Pap test has increased, and the cervical cancer mortality rate has dropped by more than 50 percent.
- ▶ Lung Cancer Screening Age: 55-77

 Lung cancer can be detected in its earlier stages when the tumor is still localized and the five year survival rate is higher at 55-75% with many of these patients being cured.
- ▶ **Diabetes Prevention and Management** Age: all ages with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes
 There is now extensive information on the optimal management of diabetes, offering the opportunity of improving the immediate and long-term quality of life of those living with the condition.
- Maintaining Healthy Body Mass Index Age: 12 and up
 By maintaining a healthy weight and Body Mass Index (BMI), you reduce your risk of chronic diseases, including heart disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, and some forms of cancer.
- ▶ Mental Health Screening Age: 12 and up

 Depression is more than feeling sad for a few days- it's a common illness that can be easily treated, and getting help is the best thing that you can do.