

**¡Proteja su corazón—
baje su colesterol!**



**Protect Your Heart—
Lower Your Blood Cholesterol!**



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Make changes today. It's never too late!

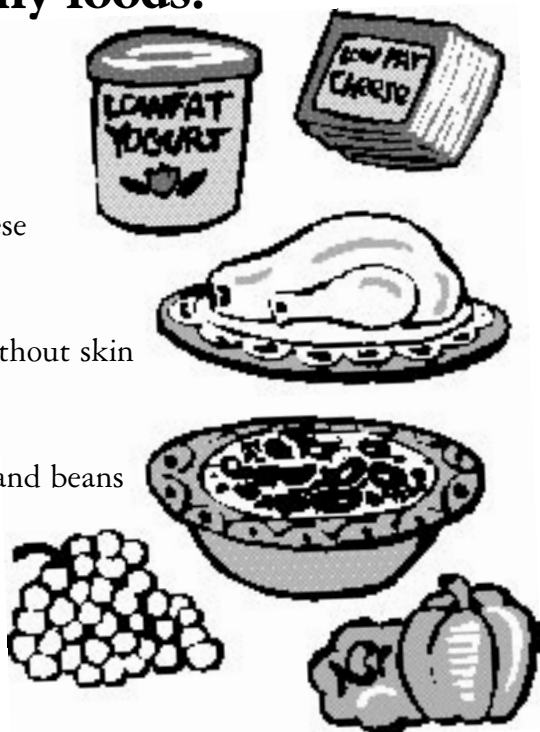
I knew it was time to do something to lower my high blood cholesterol. I made a few changes at a time with the foods I buy and how I prepare them. Each day I try to be active. I walk at my lunch break or jump rope with my kids. Making changes paid off. I lost two dress sizes in 3 months! And my cholesterol is slowly dropping. I feel good.”

—Pilar Crespo

Take steps to lower your risk for high blood cholesterol.

Eat heart-healthy foods.

- ▶ skim or 1% milk
- ▶ low fat frozen yogurt
- ▶ low fat or fat free cheese
- ▶ fish
- ▶ turkey and chicken without skin
- ▶ lean cuts of meat
- ▶ cereals, pasta, lentils, and beans
- ▶ corn tortillas, breads
- ▶ fruits and vegetables



Go easy on these foods.

- ▶ 2% milk
- ▶ oils and margarine
- ▶ avocados, olives, and coconuts
- ▶ nuts

Cut back on these foods.

- ▶ whole milk
- ▶ creams and ice creams
- ▶ high-fat cheeses
- ▶ butter
- ▶ fatty cuts of meat and refried pork
- ▶ sausages, hot dogs, bologna
- ▶ liver, kidneys, and other organ meats
- ▶ egg yolks
- ▶ lard, coconut, palm, or palm kernel oil



Be physically active every day.

Choose activities that you and your family can enjoy.

- ▶ walk
- ▶ do aerobics
- ▶ garden
- ▶ dance
- ▶ play sports
- ▶ jump rope
with your kids



Aim for a healthy weight. Take steps to lose weight if you are overweight.

Try losing weight slowly.

- ▶ Cut back on foods high in fats and calories.
- ▶ Eat smaller portions.
- ▶ Eat fruits and vegetables for snacks.
- ▶ Bake, broil, or boil your foods.
- ▶ Be active every day.



**¡Tome acción para bajar su colesterol
en la sangre!
*Más vale prevenir que lamentar.***



**Take steps to lower your
blood cholesterol!
An ounce of prevention
is worth a pound of cure.**



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