

## Heart Disease

*Heart disease is a general term for conditions that affect the heart and blood vessels. This includes high blood pressure, congestive heart failure, arrhythmia, and coronary artery disease.*



### Educate Yourself

Learn about heart disease **symptoms** like chest pain, shortness of breath, palpitations, and high blood pressure, along with **treatment options**. This knowledge helps you recognize warning signs and manage care effectively.

### Manage Medication

To better manage heart disease, ensure medications are **taken as prescribed** and monitored for any side effects. Follow a **medication schedule**, keep a **medication journal**, and **communicate** regularly with healthcare providers.

### Healthy Lifestyle

Lifestyle changes can significantly improve heart health and overall well-being. Encourage your loved one to adopt a heart-healthy lifestyle that includes eating a **balanced diet**, **regular exercise**, and **avoiding smoking**.

### Regular Monitoring

Keep track of **vital signs** such as blood pressure and heart rate. Regular monitoring helps detect any changes or complications early. **Maintaining a log** of these readings can be useful during medical appointments.

### Innovative Heart Disease Management

**Innovative approaches** to managing heart disease you can share with your loved one include:

- **Technology** like heart rate monitors that provide valuable data.
- **Nutrition apps** that **assist in planning** heart-healthy meals.
- **Practices** like **meditation**, **yoga**, and **biofeedback** that improve heart health.