

# PAR-Q+






The Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire for Everyone

Regular physical activity is fun and healthy, and more people should become more physically active every day of the week. Being more physically active is very safe for MOST people. This questionnaire will tell you whether it is necessary for you to seek further advice from your doctor OR a qualified exercise professional before becoming more physically active.

## GENERAL HEALTH QUESTIONS




Please read the 7 questions below carefully and answer each one honestly: check YES or NO.	YES	NO
1) Has your doctor ever said that you have a heart condition <b>OR</b> high blood pressure?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2) Do you feel pain in your chest at rest, during your daily activities of living, <b>OR</b> when you do physical activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3) Do you lose balance because of dizziness <b>OR</b> have you lost consciousness in the last 12 months? Please answer <b>NO</b> if your dizziness was associated with over-breathing (including during vigorous exercise).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4) Have you ever been diagnosed with another chronic medical condition (other than heart disease or high blood pressure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5) Are you currently taking prescribed medications for a chronic medical condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6) Do you have a bone or joint problem that could be made worse by becoming more physically active? Please answer <b>NO</b> if you had a joint problem in the past, but it <u>does not limit your current ability</u> to be physically active. For example, knee, ankle, shoulder or other.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7) Has your doctor ever said that you should only do medically supervised physical activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

 **If you answered NO to all of the questions above, you are cleared for physical activity. Go to Page 4 to sign the PARTICIPANT DECLARATION. You do not need to complete Pages 2 and 3.**

-  Start becoming much more physically active – start slowly and build up gradually.
-  Follow Canada's Physical Activity Guidelines for your age ([www.csep.ca/guidelines](http://www.csep.ca/guidelines)).
-  You may take part in a health and fitness appraisal.
-  If you have any further questions, contact a qualified exercise professional such as a Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology - Certified Exercise Physiologist® (CSEP-CEP) or a CSEP Certified Personal Trainer® (CSEP-CPT).
-  If you are over the age of 45 yr and **NOT** accustomed to regular vigorous to maximal effort exercise, consult a qualified exercise professional (CSEP-CEP) before engaging in this intensity of activity.

 **If you answered YES to one or more of the questions above, COMPLETE PAGES 2 AND 3.**

### Delay becoming more active if:

-  You are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as a cold or fever - wait until you feel better
-  You are pregnant - talk to your health care practitioner, your physician, a qualified exercise professional, and/or complete the **ePARmed-X+** at [www.eparmedx.com](http://www.eparmedx.com) before becoming more physically active
-  Your health changes - answer the questions on Pages 2 and 3 of this document and/or talk to your doctor or qualified exercise professional (CSEP-CEP or CSEP-CPT) before continuing with any physical activity program.

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## FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEDICAL CONDITION(S)

### 1. Do you have Arthritis, Osteoporosis, or Back Problems?

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 1a-1c If **NO**  go to question 2

- 1a. Do you have difficulty controlling your condition with medications or other physician-prescribed therapies? (Answer **NO** if you are not currently taking medications or other treatments) YES  NO
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- 1b. Do you have joint problems causing pain, a recent fracture or fracture caused by osteoporosis or cancer, displaced vertebra (e.g., spondylolisthesis), and/or spondylolysis/pars defect (a crack in the bony ring on the back of the spinal column)? YES  NO
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- 1c. Have you had steroid injections or taken steroid tablets regularly for more than 3 months? YES  NO

### 2. Do you have Cancer of any kind?

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 2a-2b If **NO**  go to question 3

- 2a. Does your cancer diagnosis include any of the following types: lung/bronchogenic, multiple myeloma (cancer of plasma cells), head, and neck? YES  NO
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- 2b. Are you currently receiving cancer therapy (such as chemotherapy or radiotherapy)? YES  NO

### 3. Do you have Heart Disease or Cardiovascular Disease? *This includes Coronary Artery Disease, High Blood Pressure, Heart Failure, Diagnosed Abnormality of Heart Rhythm*

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 3a-3e If **NO**  go to question 4

- 3a. Do you have difficulty controlling your condition with medications or other physician-prescribed therapies? (Answer **NO** if you are not currently taking medications or other treatments) YES  NO
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- 3b. Do you have an irregular heart beat that requires medical management? (e.g., atrial fibrillation, premature ventricular contraction) YES  NO
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- 3c. Do you have chronic heart failure? YES  NO
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- 3d. Do you have a resting blood pressure equal to or greater than 160/90 mmHg with or without medication? (Answer **YES** if you do not know your resting blood pressure) YES  NO
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- 3e. Do you have diagnosed coronary artery (cardiovascular) disease and have not participated in regular physical activity in the last 2 months? YES  NO

### 4. Do you have any Metabolic Conditions? *This includes Type 1 Diabetes, Type 2 Diabetes, Pre-Diabetes*

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 4a-4c If **NO**  go to question 5

- 4a. Is your blood sugar often above 13.0 mmol/L? (Answer **YES** if you are not sure) YES  NO
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- 4b. Do you have any signs or symptoms of diabetes complications such as heart or vascular disease and/or complications affecting your eyes, kidneys, and the sensation in your toes and feet? YES  NO
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- 4c. Do you have other metabolic conditions (such as thyroid disorders, pregnancy-related diabetes, chronic kidney disease, liver problems)? YES  NO

### 5. Do you have any Mental Health Problems or Learning Difficulties? *This includes Alzheimer's, Dementia, Depression, Anxiety Disorder, Eating Disorder, Psychotic Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Down Syndrome*

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 5a-5b If **NO**  go to question 6

- 5a. Do you have difficulty controlling your condition with medications or other physician-prescribed therapies? (Answer **NO** if you are not currently taking medications or other treatments) YES  NO
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- 5b. Do you **ALSO** have back problems affecting nerves or muscles? YES  NO

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**6. Do you have a Respiratory Disease?** *This includes Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Asthma, Pulmonary High Blood Pressure*

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 6a-6d If **NO**  go to question 7

6a. Do you have difficulty controlling your condition with medications or other physician-prescribed therapies? (Answer **NO** if you are not currently taking medications or other treatments) YES  NO

6b. Has your doctor ever said your blood oxygen level is low at rest or during exercise and/or that you require supplemental oxygen therapy? YES  NO

6c. If asthmatic, do you currently have symptoms of chest tightness, wheezing, laboured breathing, consistent cough (more than 2 days/week), or have you used your rescue medication more than twice in the last week? YES  NO

6d. Has your doctor ever said you have high blood pressure in the blood vessels of your lungs? YES  NO

**7. Do you have a Spinal Cord Injury?** *This includes Tetraplegia and Paraplegia*

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 7a-7c If **NO**  go to question 8

7a. Do you have difficulty controlling your condition with medications or other physician-prescribed therapies? (Answer **NO** if you are not currently taking medications or other treatments) YES  NO

7b. Do you commonly exhibit low resting blood pressure significant enough to cause dizziness, light-headedness, and/or fainting? YES  NO

7c. Has your physician indicated that you exhibit sudden bouts of high blood pressure (known as Autonomic Dysreflexia)? YES  NO

**8. Have you had a Stroke?** *This includes Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) or Cerebrovascular Event*

If the above condition(s) is/are present, answer questions 8a-8c If **NO**  go to question 9

8a. Do you have difficulty controlling your condition with medications or other physician-prescribed therapies? (Answer **NO** if you are not currently taking medications or other treatments) YES  NO

8b. Do you have any impairment in walking or mobility? YES  NO

8c. Have you experienced a stroke or impairment in nerves or muscles in the past 6 months? YES  NO

**9. Do you have any other medical condition not listed above or do you have two or more medical conditions?**

If you have other medical conditions, answer questions 9a-9c If **NO**  read the Page 4 recommendations

9a. Have you experienced a blackout, fainted, or lost consciousness as a result of a head injury within the last 12 months **OR** have you had a diagnosed concussion within the last 12 months? YES  NO

9b. Do you have a medical condition that is not listed (such as epilepsy, neurological conditions, kidney problems)? YES  NO

9c. Do you currently live with two or more medical conditions? YES  NO

**GO to Page 4 for recommendations about your current medical condition(s) and sign the PARTICIPANT DECLARATION.**

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- If you answered NO to all of the follow-up questions about your medical condition, you are ready to become more physically active - sign the PARTICIPANT DECLARATION below:**
  - It is advised that you consult a qualified exercise professional (e.g., a CSEP-CEP or CSEP-CPT) to help you develop a safe and effective physical activity plan to meet your health needs.
  - You are encouraged to start slowly and build up gradually - 20-60 min of low to moderate intensity exercise, 3-5 days per week including aerobic and muscle strengthening exercises.
  - As you progress, you should aim to accumulate 150 minutes or more of moderate intensity physical activity per week.
  - If you are over the age of 45 yr and **NOT** accustomed to regular vigorous to maximal effort exercise, consult a qualified exercise professional (CSEP-CEP) before engaging in this intensity of activity.

- If you answered YES to one or more of the follow-up questions about your medical condition:**

You should seek further information before becoming more physically active or engaging in a fitness appraisal. You should complete the specially designed online screening and exercise recommendations program - the **ePARmed-X+** at [www.eparmedx.com](http://www.eparmedx.com) and/or visit a qualified exercise professional (CSEP-CEP) to work through the ePARmed-X+ and for further information.

- Delay becoming more active if:**
  - You are not feeling well because of a temporary illness such as a cold or fever - wait until you feel better
  - You are pregnant - talk to your health care practitioner, your physician, a qualified exercise professional, and/or complete the **ePARmed-X+** at [www.eparmedx.com](http://www.eparmedx.com) before becoming more physically active
  - Your health changes - talk to your doctor or qualified exercise professional (CSEP-CEP) before continuing with any physical activity program.

- You are encouraged to photocopy the PAR-Q+. You must use the entire questionnaire and NO changes are permitted.
- The authors, the PAR-Q+ Collaboration, partner organizations, and their agents assume no liability for persons who undertake physical activity and/or make use of the PAR-Q+ or ePARmed-X+. If in doubt after completing the questionnaire, consult your doctor prior to physical activity.

## PARTICIPANT DECLARATION

- Please read and sign the declaration below.
- If you are less than the legal age required for consent or require the assent of a care provider, your parent, guardian or care provider must also sign this form.

*I, the undersigned, have read, understood to my full satisfaction and completed this questionnaire. I acknowledge that this physical activity clearance is valid for a maximum of 12 months from the date it is completed and becomes invalid if my condition changes. I also acknowledge that a Trustee (such as my employer, community/fitness centre, health care provider, or other designate) may retain a copy of this form for their records. In these instances, the Trustee will be required to adhere to local, national, and international guidelines regarding the storage of personal health information ensuring that they maintain the privacy of the information and do not misuse or wrongfully disclose such information.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARE PROVIDER \_\_\_\_\_

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