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Increase Your Physical Activity

Being active helps reduce your cancer risk by helping with weight control, and can also reduce your risk by influencing your hormone levels and your immune system.

The latest recommendations for adults call for 30 minutes of intentional moderate to vigorous activity a day- this is over and above usual daily activities.

Activities considered moderate are those that make you breathe as hard as you would during a brisk walk. Vigorous activities generally engage large muscle groups and cause a noticeable increase in heart rate, breathing depth and frequency, and sweating.

Eat Fruits, Vegetables, and Whole Grains

You need to eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables every day especially those with the most color. These foods are packed with vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and many other substances that work together to lower risks of several cancers.

Aim for 3 servings of whole grains every day.

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