

Dr. Joe Galati's Top-Ten Tips for a Healthy Liver

- 1. <u>Limit your alcohol intake</u> men should not consume more than 2 alcoholic beverages/day and women no more than 1 alcoholic beverage/day. Note: beer/wine/spirit are all the same regarding alcohol content.
- 2. <u>Maintain a healthy weight</u>. If overweight or obese, try and lose a minimum of 10% of your body weight now.
- 3. Exercise regularly and attempt to complete 10,000 steps/day.
- 4. <u>Acetaminophen (Tylenol)</u> is potentially toxic to your liver. Never take more than the recommended dose and avoid taking it if you have been consuming alcohol.
- 5. If you have ever been told your <u>liver tests</u> in your blood have been elevated, regardless of the results, you need to have a comprehensive evaluation. Talk with your doctor.
- 6. Get vaccinated for hepatitis A and hepatitis B.
- 7. If you have been told you have a <u>"fatty liver"</u> you are at risk for more serious liver problems even cirrhosis. Make plans for a complete evaluation.
- 8. Eat more <u>fruits and vegetables</u> and exclude all processed foods. Avoid foods that come in a can, box, or bad.
- 9. Make sure you consume between 35-40 grams of dietary fiber each day.
- 10.Beware of <u>herbal supplements</u> and other "natural" products that claim to cleanse or protect the liver. These are unregulated products and claims that can lead to serious, even fatal complications.

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