WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR blood pressure, DON’T MISS A BEAT.
Managing high blood pressure is vital. Learn how you can better your heart with simple changes to your lifestyle.

TAKING YOUR HEART TO HEART.

It’s your most important organ. Still, one in three people suffer from high blood pressure, also known as hypertension.¹ Don’t be that one in three. Take the right steps to monitor and manage your heart to decrease your risk of heart disease and increase your life expectancy.

KNOWING THE NUMBERS.

When taking your blood pressure, it’s always good to know exactly where you stand. But first things first: What do the numbers actually mean?

**Systolic Pressure** is the top number. It represents the pressure as your heart contracts to pump blood to the body.

**Diastolic Pressure** is the bottom number. It represents the pressure between beats, when your heart relaxes.

**NORMAL**

Below this level is considered normal; however, you should continuously strive to reduce your blood pressure.

Systolic \ Diastolic

- \( \leq 134 \)
- \( \leq 84 \)

**HYPERTENSION**

When reaching these levels you are considered to have high blood pressure, but it’s still manageable.

- \( \geq 135 \)
- \( \geq 85 \)
You can easily manage your blood pressure by monitoring at home, morning and night.

**HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS.**

It’s surprising how often your numbers can change; that’s why home monitoring is important. Did you know that blood pressure in the morning can be significantly different than at night, or when you visit a doctor’s office?

By using an accurate monitor at home, you’ll be able to detect and track the changes in your blood pressure. This way you can make the right lifestyle changes.
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Eat smart
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SMALL CHANGES, HUGE REWARDS.

Managing your high blood pressure doesn’t have to take a lot of work. In fact, small improvements to your lifestyle can significantly better your heart. Here’s what you can do:

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LIVE WELL TO LOVE YOUR HEART.

Managing your blood pressure can be easy by following a healthy program you and your doctor have created. Make a pledge to start monitoring frequently and track your progress with the memory storage feature within your monitor or with the log sheet provided at the back of this brochure.

For more information about managing your blood pressure, go to www.OmronHealthCare.ca
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