# ADULT PRE-EXERCISE SCREENING TOOL

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### STAGE 1 (COMPULSORY)

**AIM:** to identify those individuals with a known disease, or signs or symptoms of disease, who may be at a higher risk of an adverse event during physical activity/exercise. This stage is self administered and self evaluated.

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<td>1. Has your doctor ever told you that you have a heart condition or have you ever suffered a stroke?</td>
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<td>2. Do you ever experience unexplained pains in your chest at rest or during physical activity/exercise?</td>
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<td>3. Do you ever feel faint or have spells of dizziness during physical activity/exercise that causes you to lose balance?</td>
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<td>4. Have you had an asthma attack requiring immediate medical attention at any time over the last 12 months?</td>
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<td>5. If you have diabetes (type I or type II) have you had trouble controlling your blood glucose in the last 3 months?</td>
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<td>6. Do you have any diagnosed muscle, bone or joint problems that you have been told could be made worse by participating in physical activity/exercise?</td>
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<td>7. Do you have any other medical condition(s) that may make it dangerous for you to participate in physical activity/exercise?</td>
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**IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' to any of the 7 questions, please seek guidance from your GP or appropriate allied health professional prior to undertaking physical activity/exercise**

**IF YOU ANSWERED 'NO' to all of the 7 questions, and you have no other concerns about your health, you may proceed to undertake light-moderate intensity physical activity/exercise**

I believe that to the best of my knowledge, all of the information I have supplied within this tool is correct.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
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<th>INTENSITY CATEGORY</th>
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<td>SEDENTARY</td>
<td>&lt; 40% HRmax</td>
<td>Very, very light RPE# &lt; 1</td>
<td>• Activities that usually involve sitting or lying and that have little additional movement and a low energy requirement</td>
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<td>LIGHT</td>
<td>40 to &lt;55% HRmax</td>
<td>Very light to light RPE# 1-2</td>
<td>• An aerobic activity that does not cause a noticeable change in breathing rate • An intensity that can be sustained for at least 60 minutes</td>
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<td>MODERATE</td>
<td>55 to &lt;70% HRmax</td>
<td>Moderate to somewhat hard RPE# 3-4</td>
<td>• An aerobic activity that is able to be conducted whilst maintaining a conversation uninterrupted • An intensity that may last between 30 and 60 minutes</td>
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<td>VIGOROUS</td>
<td>70 to &lt;90% HRmax</td>
<td>Hard RPE# 5-6</td>
<td>• An aerobic activity in which a conversation generally cannot be maintained uninterrupted • An intensity that may last up to about 30 minutes</td>
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<td>HIGH</td>
<td>≥ 90% HRmax</td>
<td>Very hard RPE# ≥ 7</td>
<td>• An intensity that generally cannot be sustained for longer than about 10 minutes</td>
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# = Borg’s Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE) scale, category scale 0-10
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**STAGE 2 (OPTIONAL)**

**AIM:** To identify those individuals with risk factors or other conditions to assist with appropriate exercise prescription. This stage is to be administered by a qualified exercise professional.

#### RISK FACTORS

1. **Age**
   - Gender: 
   - ≥ 45yrs Males or ≥ 55yrs Females +1 risk factor

2. **Family history of heart disease (eg: stroke, heart attack)**
   - Relative | Age | Relative | Age
   - Father | | Mother | |
   - Brother | | Sister | |
   - Son | | Daughter | |
   - If male < 55yrs = +1 risk factor
   - If female < 65yrs = +1 risk factor
   - Maximum of 1 risk factor for this question

3. **Do you smoke cigarettes on a daily or weekly basis or have you quit smoking in the last 6 months?**
   - Yes     No
   - If currently smoking, how many per day or week: 
   - If yes, (smoke regularly or given up within the past 6 months) = +1 risk factor

4. **Describe your current physical activity/exercise levels:**
   - Sedentary | Light | Moderate | Vigorous
   - Frequency | sessions per week
   - Duration | minutes per week
   - If physical activity level < 150 min/ week = +1 risk factor
   - If physical activity level ≥ 150 min/ week = -1 risk factor (vigorous physical activity/ exercise weighted x 2)

5. **Please state your height (cm) and weight (kg):**
   - BMI = 
   - BMI ≥ 30 kg/m² = +1 risk factor

6. **Have you been told that you have high blood pressure?**
   - Yes     No
   - If yes, = +1 risk factor

7. **Have you been told that you have high cholesterol?**
   - Yes     No
   - If yes, = +1 risk factor

8. **Have you been told that you have high blood sugar?**
   - Yes     No
   - If yes, = +1 risk factor

**Note:** Refer over page for risk stratification.

**STAGE 2 Total Risk Factors =** 

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1. **BMI (kg/m²)**
   - BMI \( \geq 30 \) kg/m² = +1 risk factor

2. **Waist girth (cm)**
   - Waist > 94 cm for men and > 80 cm for women = +1 risk factor

3. **Resting BP (mmHg)**
   - SBP \( \geq 140 \) mmHg or DBP \( \geq 90 \) mmHg = +1 risk factor

4. **Fasting lipid profile**
   - Total cholesterol \( \geq 5.20 \) mmol/L = +1 risk factor
   - HDL cholesterol \( > 1.55 \) mmol/L = -1 risk factor
   - Triglycerides \( \geq 1.70 \) mmol/L = +1 risk factor
   - LDL cholesterol \( \geq 3.40 \) mmol/L = +1 risk factor

5. **Fasting blood glucose**
   - Fasting glucose \( \geq 5.50 \) mmol = +1 risk factor

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**RESULTS**

**STAGE 3 (OPTIONAL)**

**AIM:** To obtain pre-exercise baseline measurements of other recognised cardiovascular and metabolic risk factors. This stage is to be administered by a qualified exercise professional. (Measures 1, 2 & 3 – minimum qualification, Certificate III in Fitness; Measures 4 and 5 minimum level, Exercise Physiologist*).

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**RISK STRATIFICATION**

- **\( \geq 2 \) RISK FACTORS – MODERATE RISK CLIENTS**
  - Individuals at moderate risk may participate in aerobic physical activity/exercise at a light or moderate intensity (Refer to the exercise intensity table on page 2)

- **\(< 2 \) RISK FACTORS – LOW RISK CLIENTS**
  - Individuals at low risk may participate in aerobic physical activity/exercise up to a vigorous or high intensity (Refer to the exercise intensity table on page 2)

**Note:** If stage 3 is completed, identified risk factors from stage 2 (Q1-4) and stage 3 should be combined to indicate risk. If there are extreme or multiple risk factors, the exercise professional should use professional judgement to decide whether further medical advice is required.