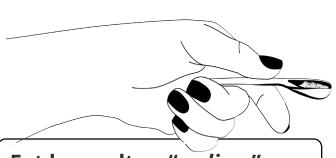
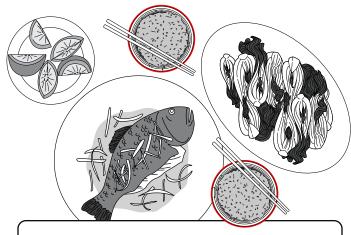
# Powerful Daily Habits to Lower Your Blood Pressure

Controlling high blood pressure helps prevent health complications, like stroke or heart attack. Most people need healthy habits and medicine to lower blood pressure.



#### Eat less salt or "sodium"

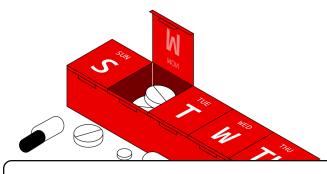
**Aim for less than** 1 teaspoon or 1,500 mg of sodium daily. Instead of salt, use garlic, ginger, vinegar, chili pepper.



### Eat heart-healthy foods

#### **Drink less alcohol**

No more than 1 drink for women and 2 drinks for men each day.



### Take your blood pressure medicines as instructed

Use a pillbox or phone alarm to remember.



### **Stay active**

Aim for 3 or more hours each week. Try a fun activity with a friend, like fast walking, Tai Chi, or dancing.

### Aim to keep a healthy weight



## **Keep Learning about High Blood Pressure**

- Contact your doctor's office or
- Ask for patient education resources like customized handouts and videos



