### **CHOLESTEROL**



# What is **CHOLESTEROL?**

A fat-like substance in your blood. Too much can clog your arteries and make a heart attack or stroke more likely.











TRIGLYCERIDES/5



TOTAL CHOLESTEROL

## What Causes HIGH CHOLESTEROL?











#### **FOOD TIPS**

- ✓ HDL-RAISING:
- Olive oil, avocados, walnuts
  LDL AND TRIGLYCERIDELOWERING:
  Oatmeal, apples, oranges,
  salmon, tofu
- LDL-RAISING:
  Egg yolks, fatty meats,
  shellfish, full-fat dairy,
  processed snacks
- TRIGLYCERIDE-RAISING:
  Excessive drinking,
  simple carbs/starches,
  sugars, animal products
  What raises LDL can also raise Triglycerides.

### What YOU CAN DO











Stay on top of other risk factors

if needed, usually a statin to start

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