

WHAT IS NAFLD? NONALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE

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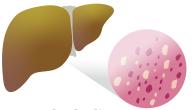
NAFLD is excess fat stored in the liver

not caused by alcohol use¹



Healthy Liver

Filters blood, regulates sugar levels and blood clotting, and performs hundreds of other vital functions²



Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver (NAFL)

Fat in the liver with little or no inflammation or cell damage, can progress to NASH'



Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)

Fat in the liver with inflammation and cell damage, can lead to cirrhosis or liver cancer¹

NAFLD in the United States



1 in 5

people with NASH will progress to liver cirrhosis



NASH

is expected to be the leading cause of liver transplant in the U.S. between 2020-2025⁴

Risk factors and disparities

Risk factors for NAFLD and liver cancer include overweight and obesity (BMI > 25), diabetes or insulin resistance, and other metabolic factors^{5,6}

Racial disparities exist in many aspects of NAFLD, including prevalence, severity, genetic predisposition, and overall chance of recovery⁷ Hispanics and Asian Americans have higher prevalence of NAFLD compared with other ethnic and racial groups⁷

How can I lower my risk of NAFLD?



Maintain a healthy weight and exercise most days of the week



Limit sugar; choose a plant-based diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthy fats



Ask your physician about screening for NAFLD and NASH