# UNDERSTANDING WOMEN'S HEALTH

### Waterbury HEALTH

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Women experience depression twice as often as men.

Irritable bowel





syndrome affects twice as many women as men, while gastroesophageal reflux occurs in two thirds of all pregnant women.

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#### Women are at greater risk for health problems like osteoporosis and breast disease.



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Almost two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's are women.



#### To learn more, visit

waterburyhospital.org/all-services/ womens-health-program/

#### HEART DISEASE AND STROKE

**1** in **3** women will die of heart disease or stroke.

## Women have different signs of a heart attack than men. Common descriptors and experiences:

- A sharp pain in the upper body
- Chest pain that is sharp and burning
- Nausea or vomiting



- Women more frequently have pain in the neck, jaw, throat, abdomen or back
- Over 50% of women having a heart attack experience unexplained or unusual tiredness or muscle fatigue not related to exercise

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#### STAY ON TOP OF YOUR HEALTH

 Make physical activity an important part of your life



- Make good nutrition a priority
- Stop smoking and drink alcohol moderately. Doing so will greatly reduce your chances of developing lung and heart disease
- Maintain annual wellness checks and mammograms. This habit can increase the chances of early detection of disease or chronic conditions



- Challenge and activate your brain with games or learning something new. Stay socially engaged by volunteering or share activities with friends and family
- Don't skimp on sleep