Mayo Clinic Minute

Make a Health Investment

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Vivien Williams	Just like the banker who invests a little every month and ends up wealthy, investing in 4 positive health habits today can help make your future healthy.
Stephen Kopecky, M.D. Cardiology Mayo Clinic	"One is don't smoke."
Vivien Williams	Mayo Clinic cardiologist Dr. Stephen Kopecky says not smoking is a biggie.
Stephen Kopecky, M.D. Cardiology Mayo Clinic	"Two is eating five fruits or vegetables a day."
Vivien Williams	Three is maintain a healthy weight. Your Body Mass Index, or BMI should be under 25. And four is exercise.
Stephen Kopecky, M.D. Cardiology Mayo Clinic	"For every hour you're active vigorously as an adult, you live two hours longer. There's nothing else we have, really, in medicine that good of a return on investment."
Vivien Williams	Dr. Kopecky says if you start investing today, you reduce your risk of heart attack in four years by 40 percent. And if you continue your health investments for 2 decades, that risk drops by 80 percent. For the Mayo Clinic news Network, I'm
	Vivien Williams.