## Comprehensive Blood Pressure Recording Chart

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Name:
Date of Birth:
Medical Record Number:
Primary Care Physician:
Chart Start Date:

## **Blood Pressure Record**

Date	Time	Systolic (mm Hg)	Diastolic (mm Hg)	Heart Rate (bpm)

Date	Time	Arm Used (L/R)	Body Position	Environment	Notes (Medication, Activity, etc.)

## **Instructions for Accurate Measurement:**

- 1. **Consistent Timing:** Take measurements at the same times each day, typically morning and evening. Avoid measuring right after waking up.
- 2. **Resting Phase:** Rest quietly for at least 5 minutes before taking a reading.
- 3. **Correct Posture:** Sit in a chair with your back straight and supported. Do not cross your legs.
- 4. **Arm Position:** Use the same arm for every reading. Place the cuff on bare skin, not over clothing. The cuff should be level with your heart.
- 5. **Cuff Size and Placement:** Ensure the cuff fits well. It should be snug but not too tight, positioned just above the elbow.
- 6. **Avoid Certain Activities:** Do not eat, drink caffeine, smoke, or exercise for 30 minutes before measuring your blood pressure.
- 7. **Taking the Reading:** Remain silent and still during the measurement. Follow the instructions of your blood pressure monitor.
- 8. **Recording:** Write down your blood pressure reading immediately after measurement. Note any factors that might affect your reading, such as stress, exercise, or medication changes.

## **Notes for Health Practitioners:**

- Review Trends: Look for patterns over time rather than focusing on a single reading.
- Adjustments in Treatment: Consider these readings as part of a broader assessment for any treatment adjustments.
- Patient Education: Ensure the patient understands the importance of accurate measurements and how to interpret their readings.