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SUBJECT: JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

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June is Men's Health Month.

Abdominal aortic aneurysm or triple A is a relatively common condition that can lead to sudden death among older male smokers. Yet, triple A is highly treatable if detected early.

Triple A is usually seen in male smokers over the age of 60. The aneurysm often shows no symptoms and can slowly grow in size over a period of years. As it grows, the chance that it will burst or rupture also grows. Few people will survive a ruptured triple A.

Signs of a triple A rupture may include sudden, intense abdominal or back pain and trouble breathing. You may be at an increased risk for triple A if you smoke, have high cholesterol or blood pressure or have a family history of triple A.

Men between the ages of 65 and 75 who have smoked should undergo a one-time ultrasound screening test, even if they show no symptoms.

Knowing the risk factors for triple A and getting screened can help save your life.

For more information, visit *RadiologyInfo.org*.

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