

Before and after reaching menopause, at least 85% of women have symptoms; the occurrence and intensity of which vary among individuals<sup>2</sup>

During menopause, your hormones are changing, which may cause bothersome symptoms<sup>1</sup>

- Vasomotor symptoms (VMS), also known as hot flashes and night sweats
- · Trouble sleeping
- Vaginal dryness
- Pain during sex
- · Joint pain

# Menopause: age of onset and other health conditions



#### Age

Black, Hispanic, and Chinese women in the U.S. tend to start menopause earlier.<sup>3\*</sup> Earlier age at menopause can increase the chances of cardiovascular disease and mortality<sup>4</sup>

If you're experiencing menopause symptoms—you don't have to go through it alone

There are therapies and resources available that may help you manage menopause.<sup>7</sup> Talk with your healthcare provider to learn more.

# Menopause and other health conditions



Menopausal women have an increased risk of cardiovascular disease compared to pre-menopausal women<sup>5,6</sup>



For menopausal women, decline in bone health is a concern<sup>1</sup>



Insulin resistance occurs in many post-menopausal women<sup>1</sup>



High blood pressure is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease and the prevalence of high blood pressure is increased in menopausal women<sup>6</sup>



## Your race or ethnicity may play a role in your menopause experience<sup>1</sup>

Some studies have shown racial and ethnic differences in women's experiences with menopausal symptoms<sup>1</sup>

## Hispanic



Onset of menopause 20 months earlier3\*



More frequently reported<sup>†</sup> and longer duration<sup>‡</sup> of hot flashes and night sweats8,9



More time awake after falling asleep<sup>10§</sup>



More reported vaginal dryness<sup>11||</sup>

## Black



Onset of menopause 4 months earlier3\*



More frequently reported<sup>†</sup> and longer duration<sup>‡</sup> of hot flashes and night sweats8,9



Worse reported sleep quality and more time awake after falling asleep<sup>10§</sup>

### Asian



Onset of menopause 1.6 months earlier for Chinese women and 7 months later for Japanese women3\*



Less frequently reported hot flashes and night sweats for Chinese and Japanese women<sup>8,9¶</sup>



Worse reported sleep quality for Chinese and Japanese women<sup>10§</sup>



Fewer and less severe digestive symptoms in Asian women12#\*\*

#### White





Onset of menopause 4 months later3\*



More frequent and more severe digestive

- \*Compared to the median age at a woman's last menstrual period; based on the Study of Women's Health Across the Nation (SWAN), which followed 3,302 eligible women aged 42 to 52 years through 10 annual visits from 1996 to 2007. The study found no significant differences in the age of woman's last period based on race or ethnicity after considering socioeconomic, lifestyle, and health factors.3
- <sup>†</sup>Compared to White, Chinese, and Japanese U.S. women in the SWAN study.<sup>9</sup>
- <sup>†</sup>Compared to the median total duration of hot flashes and night sweats in the SWAN study.<sup>8</sup>
- <sup>6</sup>Compared to the average of all participants in 1 U.S. study, which included White, Black, Hispanic, Chinese, and Japanese women.<sup>10</sup>
- Compared to non-Hispanic Caucasian women in 1 study in the U.S.<sup>11</sup>
- Compared to White, Black, and Hispanic U.S. women in the SWAN study.9
- \*Compared to White, African-American, and Hispanic women in 1 study. 12
- \*\*Digestive symptoms of menopause include stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, appetite loss, weight loss or gain, bloating and heartburn.12
- <sup>††</sup>Compared to Asian, African-American, and Hispanic women in 1 study.<sup>12</sup>

## Symptoms of menopause are manageable

You and your healthcare provider are a team. If you think you're experiencing menopause symptoms, talk with your healthcare provider, who can discuss resources and treatments with you.

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