

Several factors can influence blood pressure readings. Here are some guidelines to follow:

- Sit still and rest for five minutes before taking your pressure.
- While taking your blood pressure, sit with your back supported and your legs uncrossed. Put your feet flat on the floor.
- Ensure your arm is supported and resting at the same level as your heart.
- Make sure the blood pressure cuff is the right size. A cuff that is too tight may result in inaccurate readings. Ask your pharmacist to help you choose a cuff that properly fits your arm.
- Avoid smoking, and avoid drinking tea, coffee, energy drinks, or caffeinated beverages 30 minutes prior to taking your blood pressure.

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My target	blood press	ure is	/	mmHG.
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Date	Time	Heart rate (beats/min)	Systolic	Diastolic	Comments