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What You Should Know About Medical Tests

(NAPSA)—Do the tests your doctor recommends test your knowledge of medical procedures? If so, you may have many questions, such as, how is the test done? Are there risks? Will it hurt?

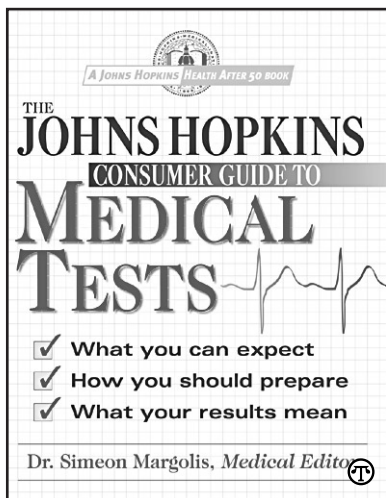
Fortunately, there's an easy way to answer these questions. The just-published *Johns Hopkins Consumer Guide to Medical Tests* (Rebus, \$39.95) offers information on more than 170 diagnostic and screening tests, with special focus on tests done in adults over the age of 50.

The guide gives the reader straightforward descriptions of what is done during the test, how long it takes and why doctors use the test.

You can also find out what the test may indicate; special situations that may affect when and how the test is done; possible side effects and complications of the test; preparations that may affect accuracy and safety; how the test results are analyzed and interpreted; what the doctor may do next, depending on the results of the test; and the average cost range for the test.

The comprehensive resource offers the expertise of the specialists from Johns Hopkins Hospital, which has been rated #1 in the *U.S. News & World Report* "Best of the Best American Hospitals" for 11 consecutive years.

Readers can look up laboratory tests, diagnostic imaging, disease screening, home testing, and/or genetic screening tests in the index either by medical specialty or alphabetically.



All the major preventive and diagnostic tests may be found in a new book.

A 16-page full-color Body Atlas illustrates bodily systems and organs to provide a more complete understanding of the test, its purpose, mechanics, possible risks and relative costs.

With emphasis on prevention, rather than cure, as a cornerstone of good health, this book focuses upon all of the major preventive and diagnostic tests available today.

The book is available in bookstores nationwide, online at www.hopkinsafter50.com, or by calling 1-386-477-6313. A companion volume, *The Johns Hopkins Consumer Guide to Drugs* (\$39.95) offers current information on more than 2,300 brand name and 700 generic prescription and over-the-counter drugs.