



Controlling the symptoms of heartburn due to CIII

Eating

M Keep meals small and low in fat

M Eliminate or cut down on some of the following foods:

· Caffeine-containing foods like coffee, tea, cola

Tomatoes, citrus fruits, milk, peppermint, spearmint, chocolate

Any food that upsets your stomach

Personal Habits

Bi Avoid or reduce use of:

- · Cigarettes or any other tobacco
- Alcohol

M Lose weight, if needed

M Avoid tight-fitting clothes

Sleeping

Allow your food to digest at least 3 hours before lying down

Raise the head of the bed with 4- to 6-inch blocks

Medications

M Take antacids and/or other GERD medication as directed by your physician

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medications

Take the full course of medications exactly as prescribed by your doctor

GERD (GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE)

Next scheduled appointment: