

- 1. NAFLD is characterized by fat accumulation in the liver.
- 2. It can affect individuals who consume little to no alcohol with progression similar to alcohol related liver diseases.
- 3. Approximately 25-30% of Americans are affected by this disease, including 10% of school age children.
- 4. NAFLD can be present for many years with no visible symptoms.
- 5. Prolonged untreated NAFLD can lead to cirrhosis, liver cancer, or liver failure.
- 6. Rísk factors include being overweight/obese, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high triglycerides.

Doctor's Tip

Diet and lifestyle modification are the cornerstone in prevention and treatment of NAFLD.

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