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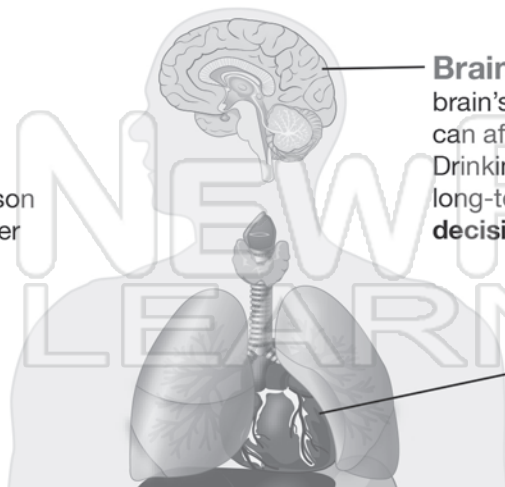
What are the Health Risks?

Young people who drink heavily may put themselves at risk for a **range of potential health problems**. Continued alcohol use can lead to even more severe health problems as adults.

Cancer—The more alcohol a person drinks regularly over time—the higher his or her risk of developing an **alcohol-associated cancer**.

Brain—Alcohol interferes with the brain's communication pathways, and can affect the way the brain works. Drinking can have a significant impact on long-term **thinking** skills, **memory** skills, **decision-making** skills.

Heart—Heavy drinking increases your **blood pressure** and can lead to **heart damage** and even heart attacks.



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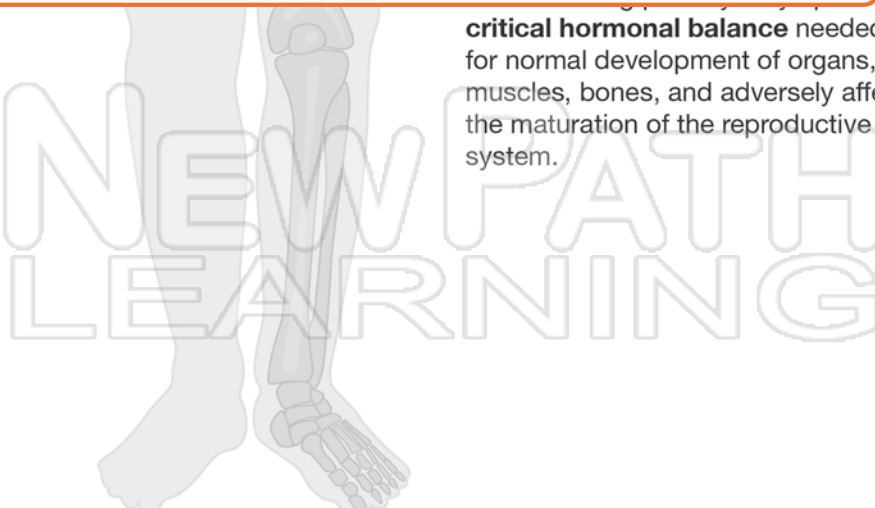
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Liver with Cirrhosis

With **cirrhosis**, the liver becomes scarred and doesn't work as well as it did before. The body can't produce enough proteins or **filter toxins** out of the blood the way it should.

critical hormonal balance needed for normal development of organs, muscles, bones, and adversely affect the maturation of the reproductive system.





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