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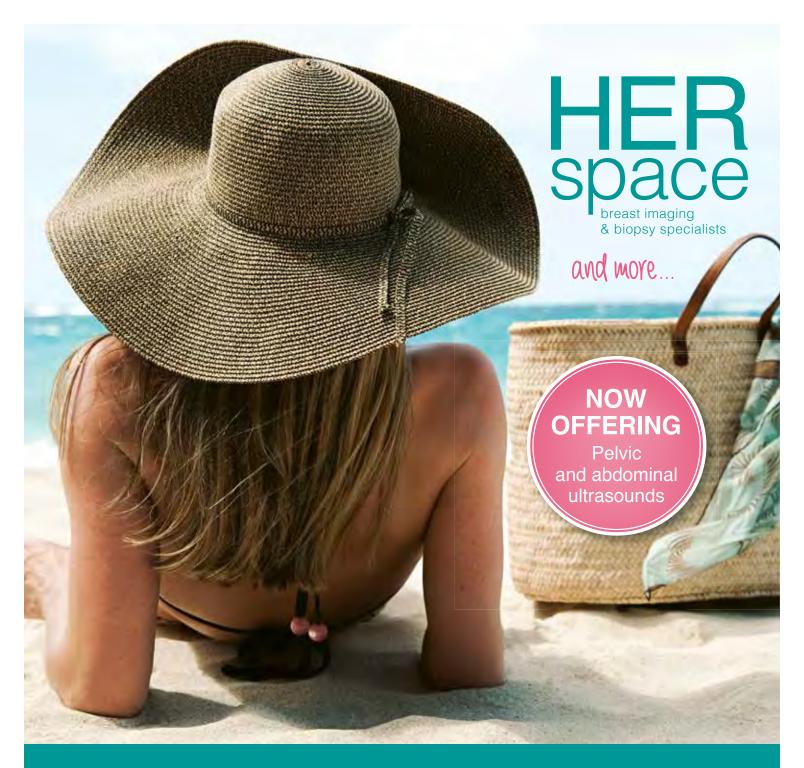
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How common is infertility and when does my fertility start to decrease?

Infertility affects 1 in 8 couples in the United States. A "fertile couple" has a 20% chance of achieving pregnancy in a given month, with 85% of couples achieving pregnancy over the course of 1 year. Research shows that maximum female fertility is seen between the ages of 20-24, after which time fertility begins to decline.

When should I start to be concerned about my fertility chances?

A woman is born with a finite number of eggs, and as a woman ages, so do her eggs. After age 30, there is an increased rate of egg aging making it more difficult to achieve pregnancy. After age 35, pregnancy success diminishes at a faster rate. Therefore, the

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends that a female \leq 35 years of age attempting pregnancy seek a formal infertility evaluation if unsuccessful after a period of 12 months, and if >35 years of age after 6 months of trying.

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Stress may affect behaviors and factors that increase heart disease risk, including high blood pressure, cholesterol levels, smoking, physical inactivity and overeating. So step back and take a deep breath — for your heart's sake.

Overall Body Impact

Bodies react to stress in different ways. You may experience a headache, back strain or even stomach pains if you're stressed out. Your energy level can be greatly reduced and your sleeping patterns disturbed.

All of these factors can set off a chain of events that leads to a potentially compromised cardiovascular system.

When you're stressed, your body releases adrenaline, a hormone that temporarily causes your breathing and heart rate to speed up and your blood pressure to rise. Depending upon how long you're stressed, your body may experience this set of circumstances off and on for days at a time.

And although the link between stress and heart disease isn't clearly defined by organizations like the American Heart Association, chronic stress may cause some people to depend on unhealthy lifestyle habits, like drinking too much alcohol, which can increase your blood pressure and may damage the artery walls.

Dealing with Stress

Managing stress is a challenge, but a necessity if you hope to be a picture of good health. A few studies cited by the American Heart Association have examined how well treatment or therapies work in reducing the effects of stress on cardiovascular disease, and the results have shown positive links.

The best place to start when dealing with your stress is a qualified professional. Speak to your physician about how you're feeling. They will be able to refer you to a specialist who can offer effective treatment or preventive strategies. ■



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ANSWER:

QUESTION:

on't be your own doctor. Back pain, or any pain in the body for that matter, doesn't just happen; there is always an underlying cause that needs professional attention and a proper diagnosis. At some point in their lives, 80% of Americans will experience back pain. Changing your daily activities or the way you sit just to make the pain stop is not the answer. More often than not the problem can be fixed without surgery, but you need to pay close attention to who you entrust with your health. Finding a good doc who can really identify your deficiencies is key.

Most importantly, you need to listen to medical advice given to you and control what you can control. Back pain often comes from environmental stress on body, examples being

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continuous bad posture or improper body mechanics while lifting and bending. Many average Americans experience back pain due to deconditioning of the core muscles that results in an increased amount of force on, as well as a lack of stability around the spinal joints. This combined with a habit of over training in the gym is a biomechanical nightmare that results in increased wear and tear on the spine and its discs.

The best advice a doc could give to a patient is to listen to your body. If something hurts, don't do it! "No pain no gain" is an antiquated mantra that couldn't be further from the truth. While core strengthening is vital to rid back pain, moderation is necessary: pain is your signal to stop. Pushing through your pain can potentially limit the activities you love for a while!



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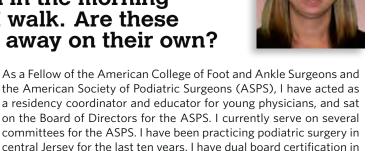
I have been experiencing heel pain in the morning and sensitivity, on occasion when I walk. Are these symptoms serious and will they go away on their own?

The possible causes are: a stress fracture, tendonitis, arthritis, L nerve irritation, or, rarely, a cyst. It is important to have heel pain accurately diagnosed by a podiatrist who is able to determine the underlying source of your heel pain.

Chances are you have plantar fasciitis or heel spurs. The pain is caused by the inflammation of the fibrous tissue on the bottom of the feet (plantar fascia). The pulling of the plantar fascia on the heel bone can cause breakage of the fibers, resulting in pain and swelling and the development of the heel spur.



The likely causes are flat feet, high arched feet, inflexible calf muscle, poor footwear, arthritis, diabetes, irritation or repetitive trauma to the heel tissue. Typical symptoms are sharp pain and tenderness on the sole and at the heel bone when standing and walking.



the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS), I have acted as a residency coordinator and educator for young physicians, and sat on the Board of Directors for the ASPS. I currently serve on several committees for the ASPS. I have been practicing podiatric surgery in central Jersey for the last ten years. I have dual board certification in foot and rearfoot and ankle reconstructive surgery by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery. Fewer than 5% of foot and ankle surgeons in the United States have these surgical credentials.

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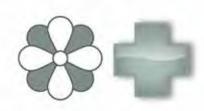
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The National Heart Lung and Blood Institute mentions these possible causes:

- Eating a diet high in cholesterol-rich foods, such as meat, cheese, egg yolks and other animal products. Foods high in saturated and trans fats also increase cholesterol.
- Being overweight or lack of physical activity can lead to extra pounds and boost cholesterol.
- Being age 55 or older increases your risk of high cholesterol.
- Having an inherited condition called familial cholesterolemia leads to high cholesterol.
- Exercise may be just what the doctor ordered to improve heart health.

The National Heart Lung and Blood Institute says potential benefits of exercise include:

- Reducing blood pressure and triglycerides.
- Boosting "good" HDL cholesterol.
- Improving levels of blood sugar, thereby reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes.
- Cutting proteins responsible for harmful inflammation.
- Improving chances of maintaining a healthier weight.

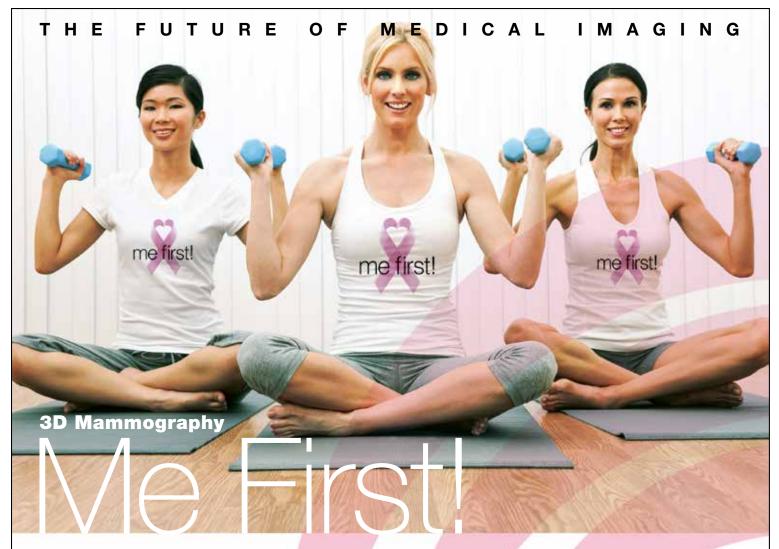


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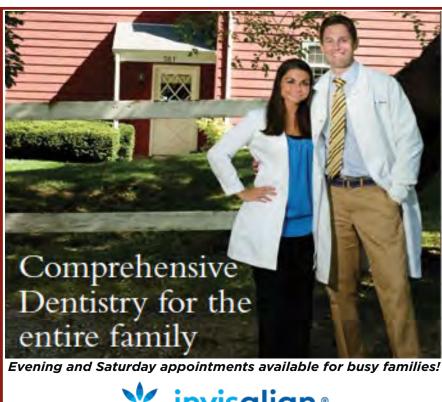
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The Affordable Care Act defines health literacy as the degree to which an individual has the capacity to obtain, communicate, process and understand basic health information and make appropriate health decisions.

Are you health literate? The more you know about health, the better choices you will make.

There are many challenges keeping people from becoming fully health literate. Whether these impediments are socially, economically or politically driven, everyone deserves access to critical information that could improve their health and related finances.

The Basics

So what type of information falls under health literacy? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention establishes the following rights of citizens:

- Find information and services;
- Communicate needs and preferences;
- Process meaning and usefulness of information and services;
- Understand choices, consequences or context of information and services; and
- Decide which information and services match their needs.

Importance

 \hat{A} health-literate citizenry can lead to better overall health for people across the nation. Taking care of personal health issues is a part of everyday life – not just during a doctor's visit.

It is important for people to understand common medical terms and the basic science behind how their bodies work. Staying current on emerging medical information and new statistics also helps people evaluate risks to their own health, perform complicated self-care or become more educated voters for important community issues.

Who is Responsible?

There are many healthcare professionals who can make a positive impact on improving the overall health literacy of the American population. Doctors, nurses, dentists and pharmacists are crucial in this mission because of their daily interaction with the public.

Other professional sectors that could make a difference include public health workers, human resources professionals, researchers and the media. Disseminating accurate, timely news related to the state of United States healthcare can influence and enlighten citizens.



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By Mia Ingui

September is the official Prostate Cancer Awareness month, bringing men who have or in the future may have prostate cancer a step closer to treatment and cure.

What is prostate cancer?

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men, trailing only behind skin cancer. This form of cancer develops in a man's prostate, the walnut-sized gland that lies below the bladder and produces some of the fluid in semen.

Who is affected by it?

This cancer most commonly affects men who are of ages 50 or older, and actually, most men who are over age 70 already have some form of prostate cancer, though they may not experience any symptoms.

What are its symptoms?

In its earliest stages, prostate cancer can easily go unnoticed. Men can go without feeling any symptoms. But, the later symptoms include frequent urination, difficulty urinating, or a painful or burning sensation while urinating.

What causes prostate cancer?

There are some risk factors that can be controlled. Studies have shown that a diet too low in fruits and vegetables greatly aids the development of cancerous cells in the prostate. But, to debunk some common myths, prostate cancer is NOT caused by having sex.

How can I treat prostate cancer?

Screening tests are available to detect early stages of prostate cancer, but government guidelines don't require routine testing for men. Men that are between the ages of 40 and 50 should go and be tested. If tests show signs of the cancer, where the cancer has spread in the body determines the type of treatment.





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For Those With Social Anxiety, Acts of Kindness May Be Therapeutic

Study found doing good deeds can promote positive feelings, enabling easier interactions.

According to HealthDay news, People with social anxiety who perform good deeds may have less trouble relaxing and interacting with others, new research finds.

These acts of kindness can boost feelings of happiness and foster positive views of the world. Over time, deeds that promote positive interactions may enable people with this disorder to socialize more easily, the Canadian researchers said.

"Acts of kindness may help to counter negative social expectations by promoting more positive perceptions and expectations of a person's social environment," study co-author Jennifer Trew, of Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, Canada, said in a journal news release. "It helps to reduce their levels of social anxiety and, in turn, makes them less likely to want to avoid social situations."

Social anxiety disorder causes people to feel threatened or anxious about mingling with others. It's more than just being shy. The disorder may make people feel so uncomfortable that they avoid socializing entirely to avoid angst or the possible embarrassment.

The four-week study involved 115 undergraduate students with high levels of social anxiety. The students were randomly divided into three groups. The first group was told to perform acts of kindness, such as doing a roommate's dishes, mowing a neighbor's lawn, or donating to a charity. The second group was exposed social interactions, but instructed to not engage in good deeds. The third group recorded what happened daily but these participants were not give any specific instructions on how to interact with others.

The study revealed the group that engaged in acts of kindness

had the greatest reduction in their desire to avoid social interactions. This was especially true during the first part of the intervention, the study found.

The researchers concluded good deeds are a valuable tool to help people with social anxiety interact with others more easily by easing anxiety and fears of possible rejection.

Treatment strategies that involve doing good deeds can improve quality of life for people with social anxiety, the study published recently in the journal Motivation and Emotion concluded.

"An intervention using this technique may work especially well early on while participants anticipate positive reactions from others in response to their kindness," study co-author Lynn Alden, of the University of British Columbia, in a journal news release.



QUESTION:

I need corrective lens eye glasses. How do I know which type is right for me?

ANSWER:

You don't.... at least not without doing lots of research. You can spend many hours surfing the web and trying to find out what your choices are or, you can go to your trusted eye glass professional and ask their educated opinion.

According to recent statistics, 75% of the American population uses some form of corrective lens or 225,000,000 people. Of the 75%, approximately 64% wear glasses and the 11% wear contact lenses.

The eyeglass lenses you choose influence four elements: appearance, comfort, vision and safety. People tend to spend more time thinking about the frame and how it looks or reflects their personality and lifestyle while not spending enough time considering their choices of eyeglass lens materials, designs and coatings.

All prescription lenses for glasses, regardless of your vision issues rely on the following choices of materials along with their features and benefits:

- Glass lenses offer exceptional optics although they are heavy and can break easily, therefore glass lenses are no longer widely used for eyeglasses.
- Plastic lenses were introduced in 1947. Made of a plastic polymer called CR-39, they were half the weight of glass, low cost and had excellent optical qualities.
- Polycarbonate lenses were introduced in the 1970's for safety glasses as they were developed for the air force. They are lighter and more impact resistant than plastic lenses, which makes them ideal for children's eye wear.
- Trivex is a newer, lightweight eyeglass lens material with similar impact-resistant properties as polycarbonate. It was introduced for eyewear in 2001.



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QUESTION:

Why Is Thermography Considered the Best Breast Test?

Studies show that a thermogram identifies precancerous or cancerous cells earlier than mammograms, and produces unambiguous results, which cuts down on additional testing—and it doesn't hurt the body. Thermography's accuracy and reliability is remarkable too according to the American Journal of Surgery and the American Society of Breast Surgeons, Cornell.

Thermography can be used as a whole body approach to wellness with the understanding that there is no "normal" asymmetrical heat in the body. Thermal cameras can detect heat on the skin surface that may show underlying pathologies. Heat is an indication that inflammation exists, and typically inflammation is present in precancerous and cancerous cells, too. (It's also present in torn muscles and ligaments as well as arthritic joints, which thermography can also detect.)

Breast Thermography is a radiation-free state-of-the-art screening procedure that captures heat images of the breast to aid in the early detection of breast cancer. As a tumor grows it develops a blood supply that emits heat that is detected on a modern infrared device. Thermography can establish overall breast health and is an excellent test for assessing fibrocystic breasts and response to treatment. Thermography also can detect many other ailments such as Systematic Dental Disease. Some dentists have long claimed a relationship between oral bacteria and breast cancer. With Thermography imaging, we can see how the bacteria spreads through the lymphatic (immune) system.

OVERALL RESEARCH

The Index Medicus, a comprehensive index of medical scientific journal articles, references more than 800 per-reviewed breast thermography studies, in which over 250,000 women participated. Many of these studies involved very large groups of patients (from 37,000 to over 100,000) and some have followed patients for as much as 12 years. Among other conclusions, these studies found that when thermography has been added to a woman's regular breast health checkups, a 61% increased survival rate was realized, and when used as part of a multi-model approach (clinical examination, mammography and thermography) 95% of early stage cancers will be detected. It is well known that early detection is the best defense against breast cancer and that, if treated in the earliest stages, a 95% cure rate is achieved. The "cure" is early detection.

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It's a health industry buzz phrase that has helped promote the effort of consuming healthier, more natural foods. But "eating clean" is anything but a passing trend.

It is a lifestyle for many people as they try to cut out the added sugars and preservatives that make their way into American shopping carts, homes and bodies.

The nutritional impact that eating clean has on waistlines – and the environment – is the primary catalyst behind the movement. Here's how you can alter your eating and cooking habits to join the movement:

Fruits and Vegetables

The United States Department of Agriculture urges adults to consume about three cups of fruits and vegetables per day. The specific amount of fruits and vegetables your body requires to remain at optimal health depends on your age, sex and level of physical activity.

By making half of your plate fruits and vegetables at each meal, you can easily meet your body's needs. And your body will thank you for the extra vitamins, antioxidants and heart-healthy fiber found in most all fruits and vegetables.

Cut Added Sugars and Soda

The American Heart Association recommends women consume no more than about six teaspoons of added sugar per day and men consume no more than about nine. Drinking one soda per day can wipe out that allowance quickly, since the typical can contains about nine teaspoons.

Other foods to avoid or limit include sugary cereals, candy, yogurt and baked goods. Always read the nutritional information of the products you are considering buying. If the sugar content of a potential purchase makes up a large percentage of your daily intake, consider swapping it out for a fruit or vegetable.

Cook Smarter

Cooking clean doesn't have to translate to you spending hours upon hours in the kitchen. In fact, by simply doubling your favorite clean recipe, you can have plenty to portion and store in the freezer for future meals.

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MEN & WOMEN PREVENTIVE CARE

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en and women alike share personal responsibilities when it Lcomes to staying on top of their health. That means scheduling regular checkups with your physician to check for conditions such as high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, vision issues and various types of cancer.

Unless otherwise noted, John Hopkins Medicine recommends discussing the following conditions with your doctor for clarification and accuracy purposes, as everyone's health care situation may vary.

Men

Diabetes: At least every three years for adults who have had no symptoms and have sustained high blood pressure greater than 135/80.

Lipid disorders: All men ages 35 and older, as well as younger men with a higher risk for coronary artery disease, should be checked every five years.

Blood pressure: Screenings every two years if blood pressure reading is higher than 120/80, according to the Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure.

Colorectal cancer: Discuss this with your health care provider to make an informed decision based on your family history and current medical condition.



Women

Cervical cancer: Women between the ages of 30 and 65 should have a Pap test and HPV test every five years.

Depression: Feelings of depression should be addressed at all routine exams, as long as the clinical practice has staff and systems in place to ensure accurate, effective diagnosis and treatment

Vision: Women (and men) should have a baseline comprehensive exam at age 40; if you have a chronic disease, you should check with your healthcare provider for exam frequency.

Breast cancer: Women should heave yearly mammograms and clinical breast exams.



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Health, Wellness & Regeneration Non-Invasive Pain Treatment, No Surgery – No Cortisone



ountless Americans endure debilitating pain every day. We live longer and therefore have much higher chance to experience painful conditions than our ancestors.

"Pain is a symptom," says Dorota M. Gribbin, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor at Columbia University - College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chairman of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation section at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton and Medical Director of Comprehensive Pain and Regenerative Center. "In order to manage pain effectively, it is essential to pinpoint its cause." Named one of the best doctors in the New York Metro Area by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd. for 14 consecutive years between 1999 and 2013, the pain management specialist uses a minimally invasive approach to outsmart tough pain. Her first step is to obtain a global understanding of the patient, including

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specific complaints and past medical and social history. Next come diagnostic studies such as blood tests, xrays, MRI and electro diagnostic studies (EMG/NCV).

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repair of damaged tissue. Hackett describes prolotherapy as strengthening "the weld of disabled ligaments and tendons to bone by stimulating the production of new bone and fibrous tissue cells..."

25% Dextrose (Solution of sugar with a local anesthetic). Is injected to tendon/ ligament area this method heals the ligaments and tendons by making them stronger and thicker. No corticosteroids are used. This is an effective treatment for all joints and ligaments and all age patients. Depending on the body part ultrasound and or fluoroscopy guidance may be used. Three to six sessions every 1-2 weeks are required.

RADIOFREQUENCY:

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Radiofrequency ablation of the median branch sensory nerve "turns off" a small nerve, which conducts pain. It is used for effective treatment of pain with long lasting results. The outcomes are amazing: years of pain relief, lowering or eliminating the need for pain medications. Skin tightening, nonsurgical face-lift and smoothing of the skin surface have proven to be effective in the treatment of acne scars and sun damaged skin as well as cellulite and excessive fatty tissue.

Remember, you do not need to live with your pain. Pain treatment does not need to involve dangerous medications or surgery. You do not need plastic surgery or painful derma-abrasions to erase years from your face and body.

If you have been suffering from pain and want to improve your quality of life, please consider treatment by Dr. Gribbin who specializes in the comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of painful conditions, regenerative medicine, medical weight loss and the newest aesthetic medicine techniques of rejuvenation and anti-aging medicine.

FALL PREVENTION AND BALANCE DISORDERS TREATMENT:

More than 90 million Americans have experiened a balance disorder. 30% of people over age of 65 will fall each year. That number increases to 50% for people over age of 85 ! Falls account for more than half of accidental deaths among the elderly. 30% of falls in population over 65 year result in hip fracture. 30% of surery for hip fracture result in heart attack, stroke or pulmonary embolism. 50% of patients after hip fracture and hip surgery don't survive first year. According to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons 30-40% of all falls can be prevented. Diagnosis and treatment of dizziness and disequilibrium are now available. State of the art diagnostic studies: posturography and VNG testing are followed with customized balance and gait retraining with safety and vestibular adaptation training.



SLEEP YOURSELF TO BETTER HEALTH

Are you bright-eyed and bushy-tailed today or beat down and just plain bushed? Being chronically tired to the point of exhaustion translates to decreased performance in nearly every physical and mental activity.

f we do not recharge our brains and rest our muscles, our body is not given the chance to L fully recover from various activities.

Sleep plays a critical role in our health across immunity, metabolism, memory, learning and other vital functions.

Sleep & Learning

Researchers at the Division of Sleep Medicine at Harvard Medical School are conducting studies that suggest various sleep stages are involved in the consolidation of different types of memories and that being sleep deprived reduces one's ability to learn.

You'd probably guess that the better rested you are, the more likely you are to focus and learn new information. But what about after you learn?

Slow-wave sleep, which is defined as deep, restorative sleep plays a signification role in processing and consolidating newly acquired information, according to Harvard's sleep researchers. REM sleep, on the other hand, is necessary for our ability to consolidate the memory of how to perform repetitive tasks.



How to Get More Sleep

In today's 24/7 world of informationsharing, socializing and working, sleep is getting harder to come by. The fact is, our bodies still require an ample amount of sleep to most effectively get through the day. How much sleep depends on your age. A study by the National Sleep Foundation found that sleep needs vary across populations.

The National Sleep Foundation offers these tips for maximizing your mattress time:

· Choose one consistent bedtime and maintain it, even on the weekends;

• Avoid napping late in the afternoon if you want to catch your Zs at night;

· Daily exercise is beneficial, as long as it doesn't cut into your sleep time;

• Design a sleep-friendly room with the noise and darkness levels best suited to your personal sleep preferences; and

• Reach out to your physician if sleep deprivation is impacting your daily life.

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QUESTION:

How can a dentist help with my snoring?

S noring may be common but it is not normal. Snoring can be a red flag for sleep apnea. It is one of the symptoms, along with shortness of breath, that arouses you from sleep, sporadic pauses in your breath during sleep, and disproportionate daytime drowsiness. If you have any of these signs, you need to determine why.

Left untreated, sleep apnea can increase the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, obesity, diabetes, heart failure, and arrhythmias; as well as increase work-related or driving accidents.

I have been practicing orthodontics for adults and youth for 20 years in Monmouth County, currently in Colts Neck at the Colts Neck Center for Orthodontics and Invisalign. My involvement with sleep apnea is a personal one. My incessant snoring was an issue with my wife, so I had a sleep study done and found out that I had severe sleep apnea. I tried the standard CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) mask, only to find it annoying and difficult to sleep with. I tried numerous devices and dental appliances, but they were all uncomfortable and ineffective.

While working with doctors from Stanford University Medical Center, I was introduced

Sleep apnea can increase the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, to, and now personally wear, the first dental appliance for snoring, Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), and Upper Airway Resistance Syndrome (UARS). It is a perfect alternative for those who cannot tolerate their CPAP therapy. This appliance is FDA approved as a medical device in two separate classifications; (1) as a mandibular repositioner for treatment of snoring and sleep apnea, and (2) as a nasal dilator for improved ease of breathing. In most cases, your medical insurance will pay for the appliance.

I have brought my many years of dental expertise, personal experience, and research to Shore Dental Sleepcare to assist others in determining the cause of their snoring and the best treatment for it. It has impacted my own life in such a positive way; I hope to share the experience with you.

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Suffering From Neck or Back Pain? What You Need to Know

If you're suffering from neck or back pain, you know how confusing it can be to figure out the best treatment. Dr. Pinakin R. Jethwa, a neurosurgeon at **Atlantic NeuroSurgical Specialists** (ANS), offers these clarifying insights:

- Get an accurate diagnosis as quickly as possible so you can begin the right treatment.
- A board-certified, fellowship trained neurosurgeon is the most qualified to provide an accurate diagnosis because he/she is specifically trained to treat the intricacies of the spine and surrounding nerves.
- The cervical spine or neck controls the head and everything below the neck including the arms, legs, bowels and bladder.
- The most common chronic problems affecting the cervical spine are disc herniation and spondylosis. In both conditions, the discs that normally cushion the bones and joints of the spine become damaged and displaced. They press on surrounding nerves or the spinal cord, causing pain, numbness and weakness.
- While injury to the cervical region can be catastrophic, most patients with cervical spine disorders can manage their symptoms without surgery.
- When surgery is needed, the two most common types are decompression and fusion. Decompression surgery removes the disc, ligament or bone that's pressing on the nerve or spinal cord. Fusion surgery stops the movement between two bones.
- Most patients can return to work a few weeks after surgery.
- In the past decade, spine surgery has become much safer and less invasive thanks to advances in minimally invasive techniques, spinal instrumentation, artificial discs and the materials that promote spine fusion.
- Minimally invasive surgery can be performed on an outpatient basis with rapid return to daily function.
- ANS, which performs the most minimally invasive spine surgeries in the state of New Jersey, is one of a few practices nationwide participating in a national outcomes database which carefully monitors outcomes in spinal care. This powerful tool helps identify the right treatment for the right patient at the right time.
- Cervical spine surgeries have a high rate of success. They not only manage symptoms, they also limit the chances of continued degeneration and future major spinal cord injury.

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KNEE PAIN

Dr. Scot Paris

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lubrication is restored and many patients experience amazing pain relief.

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WHAT IF YOU ALREADY TRIED KNEE INJECTIONS?

If you have had injections like this in the past and experienced poor results, there is still hope! Many doctors in this area offer similar injections, but very few use precision fluoroscopy guidance. Fluoroscopy guidance ensures that the pain relieving Hyalgan reaches the knee capsule where it bonds with the joint fluid to create a lubricating and cushioning layer. Without fluoroscopy, it is estimated that doctors "miss" the capsule over 30% of the time resulting in poor results. We want each and every one of our patients to have the greatest chance of success, so every injection is done with precision fluoroscopy guidance to ensure that the Hyalgan gets into the capsule 100% of the time. Because of this, patients who previously felt little to no relief with non-flouroscopy guided injection are now getting excellent results.

The other "big difference" in our results is the multitude of other supportive care options that we have available to enhance the effectiveness of the Hyalgan procedure. These options include state of the art medical laser treatment, physical therapy, manipulation, corrective osteoarthritis bracing (takes pressure off the damaged section of the knee), and natural anti-inflammatory products. The combination of these treatments offers you what we feel is the most comprehensive non-surgical knee treatment program available.

DOES IT HURT?

Many of our patients report that they feel little to no pain at all! We do everything possible to minimize any pain from the procedure, from pain relieving spray and a local anesthetic, to precision guidance that ensures we are always in the right spot.

WILL MY INSURANCE COVER HYALGAN?

This procedure is covered by most major insurance companies including Medicare. Our insurance department pre-verifies every patient.

WHO WILL BE PERFORMING THE HYALGAN PROCEDURE?

Dr. Scot Paris is the medical physician who performs the Hyalgan injection. Dr. Paris is trained as a general surgeon and has extensive experience with a variety of surgical procedures. With his conservative approach, he has excelled in the non-surgical treatment of knee pain with the use of fluoroscopy guided Hyalgan injections.

SO HOW DO I KNOW IF YOUR KNEE PAIN TREATMENT PROGRAM WILL HELP ME?

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CERVICAL CANCER: Reducing the Risk

The National Cancer Institute estimates that more than 12,000 new cases of cervical cancer and 4,000 deaths from the disease will be reported in the U.S. this year.

Cervical cancer forms in tissues of the cervix, which is the organ connecting the uterus and vagina. It is usually a slow-growing cancer that may not have symptoms.

Cervical cancer is almost always caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection, according to the National Cancer Institute. And while these types of cancers start from pre-cancerous cells, only some women with pre-cancers will actually develop cancer.

The change from cervical pre-cancer to cervical cancer usually takes several years, but it can happen in less than a year, according to the American Cancer Society.

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The Papanicolaou (Pap) test was introduced in the 1950s and still serves as the most crucial screening to identify cervical cancer. The test – named after the doctor who invented it – examines a sample of cervical cells under a microscope to identify any problems and detect cervical cancer early.

The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening begin at age 21, regardless of when a woman becomes sexually active. As a result of the Pap test, cervical cancer rates have declined dramatically: U.S. cervical cancer incidence and death rates were reduced by more than 60 percent between 1955 and 1992.

Treatment & Coping

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Cervical cancer treatment options include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy and vaccine therapy. Depending on a patient's specific needs, treatment may need to employ only one of these treatment plans. Others strategies may contain a combination of options.

Coping with cervical cancer can be challenging, even for the strongest of patients and families. Many people who have been diagnosed with or treated for cancer can develop symptoms that affect their quality of life.

From physical to emotional hardships, patients are urged to reach out to their local physicians or support groups to find ways to cope.

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Our team of healthcare professionals and medical research experts are focusing on providing our patients with the latest and safest cosmetic treatments, employing the latest technology. Unlike other Medispa facilities, our team is comprised of only board certified medical aesthetic and anti-aging practitioners. Together, we bring to you the secrets chosen by celebrities to revive beauty and health", says Corina Ianculovici, RN, MEP-C, CRNI and founder of this unparalleled facility.

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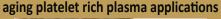


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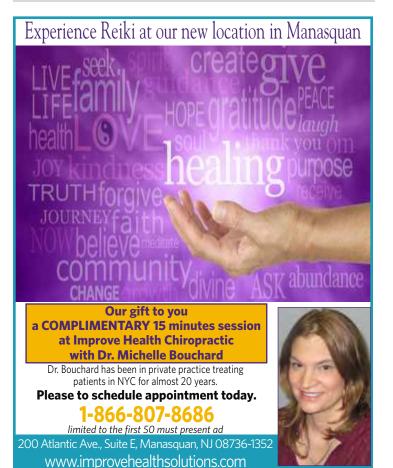
Mild Cognitive Impairment is not so "MILD"

This term MCI standing for Mild Cognitive Impairment is a very common ailment of older adults (age 50 and over). What is MCI? Very simply defined it is a condition where a individuals memory is impaired greater for what can be expected for their age. When loved ones tell you the forgetfulness is serious it likely is MCI. Since so many millions of Americans have MCI, how do you know if it actually due to a serious neurological conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease?

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One must first consider that the course of this disease after an early initial diagnosis can run its course over a period of ten years. Also, the pathology is sometimes present in the brain an additional ten years before the first symptoms appears. When confronted with a disease process of this length there is a tendency upon many individuals to accept a lessening of cognitive abilities as a normal occurrence and a willingness to replace it with compensating support from their family and friends. This becomes a virtual trap



for both the patient and the caregiver. Although both parties to this arrangement are quite comfortable at first, this relationship will eventually disintegrate as the months turn into years. In a research environment, I have seen the bonds between husband and wife and child and parent strengthen over time. The very act of doing "something" rather than accepting one's fate can be both emotionally and physically therapeutic.

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Breathing in too much radon over time can cause lung cancer, especially if you smoke.

If you are breathing in too much radon, you won't feel sick or have any symptoms right away. Testing your home is the only way to know if there's a radon problem.

Test your home with a short-term test.

Testing your home for radon is easy and doesn't cost very much. You can test for radon yourself or hire a professional to do it for you. If you rent your home, ask your landlord to get it tested.

There are 2 main types of radon test kits. Short-term tests take between 2 and 90 days. Long-term tests take more than 90 days. Start with a short-term test.

Test for radon in the lowest level of your home that people spend time in. If you use part of your basement for living space, like a playroom, test there. If you only use your basement for storage, test the ground floor. You can buy test kits at home improvement or hardware stores. To order a test kit over the phone, call the National Radon Hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236).

If your home has a radon level of 4 or higher, it's time to take action. There is no safe level of radon, so you may still want to fix your home if the radon level is between 2 and 4.

Test your home again if the radon level is 4 or higher.

If your home has a radon level of 4 or higher, fix your home.

If 2 radon test kits show that the radon level in your home is 4 or higher, make a plan to fix your home. You may also want to take action if the radon level is between 2 and 4.

Be sure to hire a contractor who is qualified to fix radon. It's a good idea to get at least 2 price estimates.

For help finding a contractor or your state radon office, visithttp:// www.epa.gov/radon/whereyoulive.html.

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By Mia Ingui

our home is your pride and joy, and keeping it looking as beautiful as it did when you first bought it makes you feel like a great homeowner. A clean home, inside and out, is a happy home, and so the best way to keep your house's exterior looking fresh and clean is to power (also known as pressure) wash it! When you power wash the exterior of your home, it removes grime, dirt, and other stains that could have been making your driveways, porches, and decks look subpar and filthy. Power washing has the ability to benefit the look, appeal, and resale value of your home in multiple ways.

1. Increases the value of your home- Power washing your home could add anywhere from \$10,000-15,000 on to the value of your home. It keeps the house in mint condition! Also, power washing takes preventative measure against damage from rotting or decaying of the exterior, and therefore avoiding costly repairs.

2. Increases curb appeal- Especially if you are looking to put your house up for sale, the curb appeal of your home is very important to keep in mind. The view of the outside of your house can make or break the sale, so keeping it clean is the way to go.

3. Protecting your family- Without washing the outside of your house, it will be exposed to all kinds of contaminants from the outside, such as dirt, mold, mildew, and pests. Power washing the exterior of your home prevents bacteria from growing, therefore protecting those who live in your house.



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HOW TO FIX A SCREEN DOOR

Many exterior doors have a screen, glass or combination door on the outside to allow air or light in if you want to leave the main door open.

hese doors are generally made of aluminum and have one or two automatic closers attached to them. Over time, the automatic closer can get out of adjustment causing either the door to slam shut or worse, never close completely.

A door that won't close completely is defeating the purpose, and a door that constantly slams shut can cause other components to break or get out of adjustment.

Fortunately, adjusting these doors is fairly simple. All that is required is a screwdriver.

First, open the door all the way. On the rod that connects the closer to the door, there is a small washer. If you move the washer against the closer, it will stay open in that position. If your door doesn't have this feature, just take a pair of locking pliers and clamp them to the rod next to the closer mechanism. This will serve the same purpose.

PIN POSITION

On the other side of the closer, where it attaches to the door, there is a small pin which holds the closer in one of three positions. Try moving that pin to the other positions and see if that helps. If it is still not perfect, just leave it in the position that works the best.

ADIUSTMENT

On the end of the closer barrel, there is a small adjustment screw. Turn the screw a quarter of a turn in either direction and test the closer.

If this makes the problem better, continue making small adjustments and testing after each adjustment. If the first test is worse, then turn it back a quarter turn in the opposite direction.

Continue making small adjustments and testing until the door closes completely without slamming shut. If your door has two closers, make the same adjustments on both.



SAFE GARAGE, SAFE HOME

arage security is a crucial, yet often-overlooked aspect to the overall safety of your belongings and family. Some reports have shown that experienced burglars can open a locked, yet deficient garage door in only six seconds.

And once they're in your garage, they can get away with valuable tools and toys, not to mention having easier access to the inside your home.

And with the fall season full of trips to family members' homes and the shopping mall, it's time to check all of the doors, windows and other features of your garage to measure its security level when you're away from home.

Service and Entry Doors

The side door on your garage is the most common point of entry for burglars. Why? Because many homeowners overlook the importance of have a dead-bolted door to the garage, which is just as important a feature on other exterior doors.

Install a dead bolt and heavy-duty strike plate to make forced entry a difficult task.

Lighting – Inside and Out

Bright lighting can deter a burglar – especially motion-detector lighting that not only can spook a thief, but will also be more cost-efficient for you than lighting that stays on all night.

As for the interior of your garage, think on the opposite end of bright lighting when you are away or sleeping. Cover all of your windows to keep visibility from the outside to a minimum. A crook may be more likely to pass on trying to enter if he can't see inside.

Keep the Clicker Close

If you leave your garage-door remote affixed to your sun visor, you are in danger of simply giving away access into your home. A thief who breaks in to your car – no matter where you are – can also swipe the remote for easy access into your garage.

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QUESTION:



I put a lot of time and attention into parenting my teen, but don't seem to get the desired results. What can I be doing differently?

Many parents feel a loss of control when they are constantly battling with their teen. If you are experiencing this, you may have even thought that you should stop fighting. However, giving up the battle and just being permissive doesn't feel right either. So what's a parent to do?

It's very simple. Work on improving your relationship. Make the switch from trying to improve your teen to trying to improve your relationship with your teen. You can do this by focusing on doing and saying things that will help improve your relationship. If you don't think that something will help improve your relationship, don't do it or say it. When you make this switch, you will actually end up having more influence on the choices that your teen makes.

Think about it. Who are the people that you talk to when you have a concern? What is it about your relationship with these people that makes it easy for you to talk to them? Chances are you talk to people you are close to. You care about each other and listen to each other, and you are influenced by the people that talk to and listen to you.

You can develop the same kind of close relationship with your teen, and you can do it by using the same strategies that you would use to build a good relationship with anyone. Try the following:

• Talk to each other - avoid lecturing and scolding.

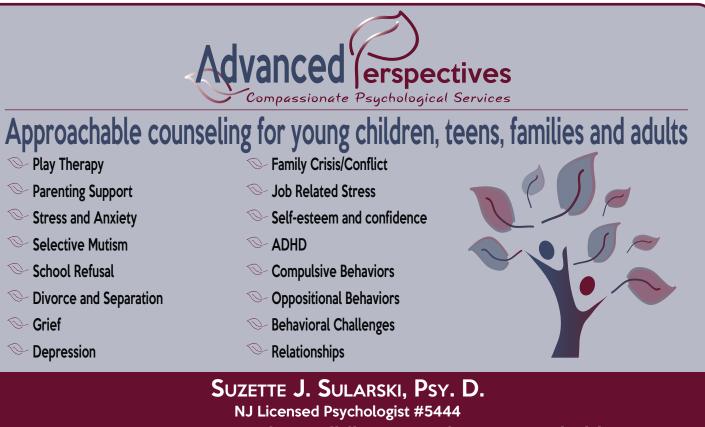
- Do things together don't be seen as someone who does nothing but criticize and complain.
- Pay attention to how well you get along iron out bad feelings.
- Get both of your needs met have a discussion rather than dictate rules.

Let's be clear. Building a better relationship with your teen does not mean that you are absolved of your responsibilities as a parent. Sometimes you will still have to make rules, but the key to making rules is to have a discussion about why you feel you need to have the rule. In this way, your teen will understand your reasons for the rule and you will understand how he/she feels. You can also be open to discussing the rule in the future and if possible, modifying it.

Keep in mind that there are many reasons why getting through the teen years can be challenging. Even in the best of circumstances a teen may have a rough time, and even the best parent may not know how to help. Compassionate psychological services are available. For information on counseling for children, teens, families, and adults please contact Dr. Suzette J. Sularski at Advanced Perspectives, LLC.

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VACCINES AND ANTIBIOTICSa safe combo?

By Mia Ingui

requently asked questions in the medical world are, "Can I take my antibiotic and get vaccinated at the same time? Is it unsafe? Will it cause unwanted side effects?"

The answer is this: although it is not known to be incredibly harmful, you can never be sure about what mixing an antibiotic with a vaccine could do to you or your child's body. So, to do so would be a bit of a risk. Sometimes, vaccines can cause side effects such as fevers or certain minor viruses like a cold, and so to get a vaccine while you are already taking antibiotics for a certain sickness could worsen or extend your illness. If you receive a vaccine while you're already under the weather, it will become difficult to differentiate if what you are feeling is a side effect of the vaccine or part of your actually illness. Actually, some vaccines contain antibiotics to help prevent bacterial contamination in the vaccine, and so if you unknowingly take a vaccine that already contains an antibiotic, you could be counteracting or negatively affecting the way your current

antibiotic is working to treat you. The last thing you want to do is to mistakenly worsen your or your child's health, so your best bet is to hold off on receiving the vaccine until you are cured from your illness. But, as soon as the antibiotic is finished and you are well again, that would be the time to securely and safely receive your necessary vaccination.







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VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

With the hustle and bustle of the back-to-school season, it is crucial to not overlook the vaccinations that your child needs.

All school-age children – from preschoolers to college students – need vaccines to keep them protected from serious diseases. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urges parents to check in with their child's pediatrician to make sure they are up to date on recommended and required vaccines.

Parents can find out which vaccines their children need and when the doses should be administered by reviewing CDC's recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule (www.cdc.gov). Different states also have specific vaccine requirements for particular grade levels.

Young Children

The CDC identifies 14 diseases that can become serious or even lifethreatening to a child during the early years of life. Parents who choose not to vaccinate against them risk the disease not only for their children, but also for other children and adults throughout the entire community, the CDC says.

Preteen and Teen

As children move into the teenage years, they are more at risk for catching certain diseases, like meningococcal meningitis, according to the CDC. HPV is a vaccine built to protect against certain cancers and is recommended to be given during the preteen years. Check the CDC list for a complete immunization schedule for people ages seven through 18.

For diseases such as whooping cough, the protection from vaccine doses can wear off in the preteen years. Kids ages 11 and 12 are recommended to get the booster shot Tdap, which is a version of the protective DTaP vaccine given to infants and young children.

The Flu Vaccine

Flu vaccines are recommended for all children 6 months and older. This obviously includes kids in preschool and elementary school. If your child is afraid of shots, your family doctor may have the option of using a nasal spray instead.

The flu can be a potentially serious issue affecting your child's overall health, as well as the school attendance record. The CDC recommends adding the flu shot to your back-to-school routine every year.

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Youngsters For "Glue Ear" By Mia Ingui

Nasal Balloon Can Treat

For kids with a common hearing problem, a simple procedure may be an alternative to antibiotics or drainage tubes.

simple procedure using what's known as "nasal balloon" can treat hearing loss in children with a common middle-ear problem, preventing unnecessary and ineffective treatment with antibiotics, according to a new study.

Many young children develop a condition in which the middle ear fills with thick fluid -- so-called "glue ear." Often, children have no symptoms and parents seek medical help only when they notice that youngsters have hearing problems.



Dr. Jordan Josephson is an ear, nose and throat specialist at Lenox

Hill Hospital in New York City. He said that kids are much more prone to glue ear because "the eustachian tube -- which is the tube that connects the ear to the back of the nose -- gets clogged," often during a sinus infection, allergy or even pollution-linked inflammation.

Right now, treatments such as "antibiotics, antihistamines, decongestants and intranasal steroids are ineffective and have unwanted effects, and therefore cannot be recommended," wrote a team of British researchers led by Dr. Ian Williamson of the University of Southampton in England.

In the new study, Williamson's team assessed another glue ear treatment -- "auto-inflation" with a nasal balloon -- in a group of 320 children aged 4 to 11 years. During the treatment, the child blows through each nostril into a nozzle to inflate the balloon.

The children were randomly assigned to either use the balloon treatment three times a day for one to three months, or to undergo standard care.

Compared to those in the standard-care group, children who used the balloon treatment were more likely to have normal middleear pressure at one month (about 36 percent versus 47 percent, respectively), and at three months (about 38 percent versus 50 percent, respectively). They also had fewer days with symptoms, the researchers reported.

"Auto-inflation is a simple, low-cost procedure that can be taught to young children in a primary-care setting with a reasonable expectation of compliance," according to the study authors, who believe the treatment should be used more widely in children over age 4.

The nasal balloon "has been around for decades," Josephson said. "When I treat children with these problems, I tell the parents to have the child blow up balloons and squeeze their nose and try to pop their ears," he explained.



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STAYING FOCUSED ON FITNESS AT WORK

Dear Iill.

I work in a busy office setting. Every day there is food being dropped off in our break room as a gift or a "thank you" by vendors, coworkers or management. I start every morning with great intentions to eat healthy and every day, by mid-morning or afternoon I find myself so tempted by the sights & smells that I give in. How do I stay focused on my health & fitness goals with all these temptations surrounding me every day? Signed, HW, Eatontown

Dear HW,

Great question! You just described most offices in the United States (and probably the entire planet!). This is also a common scenario when living with others

(kids, spouse, room-mates, etc) that do not share your same fitness goals. The biggest thing to remember when you are in this situation is to run your own race. To stay focused, consider your underlying reasons to get healthy, reflect

on what is at stake for you (it's not just about fitting into skinny jeans or looking good for a reunion or vacation-your health matters). There was a reason you started this journey. From a coaching standpoint, I can offer you one effective strategy to handle this very common situation: Being (co-existing) with temptation rather than resisting it or avoiding it.

Resisting temptation ("willpower") is the use of strength, force or whiteknuckling. This technique usually leaves you with the experience of deprivation or frustration, like you are missing out or sacrificing something. It may work occasionally, but is so exhausting that most people give in within a short time.

Avoiding temptation is a close cousin of resisting temptation. The theory is "out of sight, out of mind". Also, "You can't eat what's not there". If the food is in one room and you are in the other room, then you can't eat the food. If you are not staring at it, then the temptation is minimized. Sounds like a logical plan, right? Well, this can work in theory, and does, but not consistently. It can build negative energy and can be draining. Psychologically, you know the food is there, but are deliberately avoiding it, so it can be a set up to overeat later. Also, when you avoid temptations, your world tends to get much smaller since you avoid the people and places where you may be tempted. Not much fun.

Being with the temptation works by embracing the concept of mindfulness. This technique involves taking a conscious step back to observe yourself and how you operate under certain conditions. It is a tool of self-discovery & self-mastery that works 100% of the time when you practice it. It develops reciprocal respect & neutrality for you and the object of your desire. One where neither of you overpowers the other; you simply coexist. Pretty deep, right?

How mindfulness would work in practice: You walk into the break room and immediately notice donuts. You suddenly want one. Before you eat one, however, you stop to notice a few things about your line of thinking and get curious. You ask yourself. "Five minutes ago, were donuts even on my radar?" Probably not. Notice why you want the donuts right now. Did something just happen? Are you stressed out? Is it just because they are in front of you? Is it simply a habit? Are you genuinely hungry? Do you want to fit in because everyone else is enjoying them? Often, we mindlessly grab for food simply because its there. Take the scenario all the way through to the very end. "How will I feel after I eat the donut?" (Probably angry with myself & distracted from the sugar induced brain-fog). Once you take a step back to notice you then are in a position to powerfully decide "it's not worth it" and choose to not eat the donut. After a while, you won't even notice the donuts at all (truly). They will not call to you or tempt you.

This scenario is multiple steps, but once practiced, it all occurs instantaneously. And, if you forget to use this strategy, the minute you find yourself eating the donut and think "How did I do this again ?!" You can engage a mindfulness-based "slowmotion instant replay" technique to understand at one point your decision making started to go south.

Developing the skills of mindfulness and self talk are powerful tools to stay focused on your health & wellness goals. Learning to distinguish your goals, beliefs, thoughts and actions is something in which a life coach can support you.

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7 Steps to Better Nail Care

From handshakes to high fives, our hands are some our most important tools for human interaction.

Keeping your fingernails in good shape is crucial to your overall hand health.

Routine care can usually keep your nails maintained for many years.

Healthy fingernails and toenails are smooth, uniform in color and free of discoloration.

If your nails change colors, swell or cause pain, this can leave you less than confident about extending a hand for any type of activity. Nail issues also can lead to further health problems if not taken seriously and brought to the attention of a dermatologist.

Serious nail problems must be reported, especially if you have diabetes or poor circulation. See a dermatologist with any of the above symptoms, or if you have any other general concerns about your nail health.

Here are sevens steps you can take today to make sure your nails are at their best:

- 1. Clean them: Keep nails clean and dry to prevent bacteria from growing under your nails. Wear gloves when washing dishes or cleaning, as repeated contact with water can contribute to damaged nails.
- 2. Cut them: When cutting your nails, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends that you use sharp nail scissors or clippers and round the nails slightly at the tips for maximum strength.
- 3. No biting: Do not bite fingernails or remove the cuticle. Doing so can damage the nail, and according to the Mayo Clinic, damage the skin around the nail and increase the risk of colds by spreading germs from your fingers to mouth.
- 4. Foot soaks: Regular soaks in warm salt water can help if your toenails are thick or difficult to cut.
- 5. Ingrown issues: Never try to take care of a ingrown toenail yourself, cautions the American Academy of Dermatology. Instead, see your dermatologist for treatment.
- 6. The right fit: Wear shoes that fit properly, and make sure to try on all shoes before you buy them, as sizes can seemingly range between brands and shoe styles.
- 7. Protect your feet: Always wear flip flops at the pool or in public showers to reduce your risk of fungus-induced infections. ■



WHAT IS A BROW LIFT?

By Mia Ingui



Final lines and wrinkles be-gone! For those who are seeking smoother, more youthful looking skin on their faces, a brow lift might be the perfect solution. But, what is a brow lift? A brow lift, also known as a forehead lift, is a cosmetic procedure that treats wrinkles and fine lines on the forehead. The lift places the eyebrows back to a very youthful position and can reduce the sagging of skin on the face. There are two types of brow lifts: the classic lift and the endoscopic lift. The classic brow lift

involves making an incision beginning at ear level and going up to around the hairline. The endoscopic lift involves a couple of smaller cuts that will be made in the scalp, and after, small anchors will be used to secure the tissue. This type of procedure typically results in a shorter recovery time with less scarring. The procedure is normally done in the surgeon's office or in a hospital and will take about two hours. Recovery usually isn't too brutal. With either surgery done, (classic or endoscopic) there will be staples or stitches that will need to be removed after a couple of days. You may experience swelling or bruising in your face for about a week, and some minor pain, which the doctor will control by prescribing painkillers. But, all minor side effects should heal within 10 days, and then you can say hello to your now wrinkle-free skin!

Transitioning Makeup from Summer to Fall

By Mia Ingui

h, don't look so sad! Even though the summer is coming to a close, there is something to love about every season, and the makeup styles for the fall are definitely something to look forward to! Here are some easy ways to start transitioning your summer beauty routine to one for the fall.

Transitioning your nails: During the summer, it's all about the neon nails. The brighter, the better. But, once your tan begins to fade, those neons can become too harsh. Perfect, trendy nail colors for the fall are deep hues. Oxbloods (deep reds), jades, and plums are always elegant to try for the fall. Try OPI's We'll Always Have Paris and OPI's Jade is the New Black.

Transitioning your lip color: Similarly to your nails, the bright colors used on your lips in the summer become a bit too bold for the fall styles. Now is the time to try some darker colors, like deep reds, plums, and nudes. Try Revlon's Black Cherry lipstick or L'Oreal's Spiced Cider lipstick.

Transitioning your eyes: Now is the time to try that smoky eye! Metallic

and smoky hues are huge for the fall. Creating that smoky look is simple with light and dark eye shadow colors. The Maybelline Nudes palette has the perfect fall color scheme in its shadows.

Adjusting your bronzer: Everyone wants to keep up their summer glow with self tanners and bronzers, but to adjust your glow to one more appropriate for the fall, lighten up on the bronzer and go for a contoured and highlighted look instead.





EAT MORE CEREAL, LIVE LONGER?

If your breakfast bowl often contains raisin bran, you may be eating your way to a longer life, two scoops at a time. A recent study has shown that cereal fiber and whole grains have a positive impact on your health.

These cereals can be great tools in the fight against certain cancers, inflammation and obesity.

So spoons up to a healthier you.

Reduced Risks

Scientists at the Harvard School of Public Health published a study in a recent issue of BMC Medicine that analyzed more than 360,000 people from the ages of 50 to 71.

What they found will have you filling up your cereal bowl. A 19 percent reduced risk of death was found for people eating a diet rich in cereal fiber.

The study also found that people who ate high-fiber cereals saw reduced risk of death from specific diseases, including:

- Diabetes (34 percent lower risk);
- Cancer (15 percent lower risk); and
- •All-Cause mortalities (17 percent risk).

Choose the Right Cereal

While finding high-fiber cereals should be a priority, that doesn't mean loading up your shopping cart with sugary varieties. Cereals with sugar among their top ingredients should be avoided, as they can actually do your body more harm than good when it comes to a healthy diet.

Diabetes and obesity are two of the main issues associated with the intake of too much sugar in our diets.

The Harvard researchers say to find options boasting 10.22 grams of cereal fiber per day, based on a 1,000 kcal daily diet. While that doesn't necessarily mean opting for cereals with "fiber" in the title, these will likely be your best choices.

Check the ingredients of your cereal and make sure it's giving you enough daily fiber. Your life span thanks you.





HEART HEALTHY DIET SPOTLIGHT: THE NUT

Unless allergic, everyone has a favorite nut. Almonds, cashews, peanuts and every nut in between each has its own distinct flavor.

hile enjoyed by many people, new research shows that nut consumption is not nearly high enough when considering the positive impact nuts can have on the heart.

Nutrition experts recommend the inclusion of nuts in a hearthealthy diet, but a new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that about 60 percent of Americans don't consume these foods on a daily basis.

The study, released in December 2014 and conducted in 2009 through 2010, highlights a major gap in the American diet that could be doing more harm than we realize.

The ideal level of consumption is about an ounce-and-a-half of nuts – equal to about 240 calories – according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration guidelines on reducing heart disease.

The CDC study reveals that only about 14 percent of men and 12 percent of women reached that level of consumption.

The Power of Nuts

Because nuts are high in protein, small portions can be eaten as a replacement for other protein foods. Adequate consumption of nuts has been linked, the CDC reports, to decreased obesity, cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome and diabetes.

For the purpose of the study, the CDC definition of nuts included everything from peanuts, peanut butter and cashews to pumpkin seeds and sesame paste, among many others.

Snack Versatility

The best part about adding nuts to your regular diet is how easy and convenient it is to do so. From cashews to almonds, nuts are easy to pack and require no cooking. Throw some nuts into smoothies or salads, and watch the flavors come alive.

Nuts also are great for on-the-go snacking. You can fill up a sandwich bag with your favorite variety of nuts and dried fruit for a nutritious, heart-healthy boost.

Fight Fat Recipes

Eat lots of protein, fiber, and healthy carbs, which boost your metabolism and keep you feeling full all day long! If you're not sure how to work these calorie-burning ingredients into your daily menu, start with these recipes. They all include at least one weight-loss superfood, and, best of all, they can be made in 30 minutes or less!

Green Tea Spiced Smoothie

(2 serving recipe) Only 82 Calories Per Serving!

Green tea is one of the top fat-burning foods, thanks to a metabolism-boosting compound known as EGCG. In one study, drinking four cups of green tea a day helped people shed more than six pounds in eight weeks!

INGREDIENTS

3/4 cup strong green tea, chilled

- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Juice of 1 lemon (2-3 TBSP)
- 2 teaspoons agave nectar
- 1 small pear, skin on, cut into pieces
- 2 tablespoons fat-free plain yogurt
- 6-8 ice cubes

DIRECTIONS

Put all ingredients in blender. Blend until smooth. Drink cold. This 1 serving meal has only 213 calories and 9 grams of protein. It is low in sodium and sure to target unwanted belly fat and bloat.

Spicy Black Bean Chili

This hearty soup, delivers 17 grams of protein and 13 grams of fiber per serving, is a delicious way to keep you full and satisfied.

This recipe features two types of hot pepper: chili powder and jalapeños. As with all spicy foods, eating these peppers will light a fire under your metabolism, increasing your calorie burn rate.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 large chopped onion (about 1 1/2 cups
- 1 cup jalapeno, seeded and chopped
- 1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 4 (32 ounces) boxed roasted red pepper and tomato soup
- 2 (15.5 ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup firm-ripe diced peeled avocado Cilantro sprigs (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat; add the onion and jalapeño; cook, stirring until softened (about 3 minutes). Stir in the garlic, chili powder, and cumin; cook 1 minute. Stir in soup and black beans; simmer 5 minutes. Stir in the chopped cilantro. Ladle soup into bowls; top with 1 tablespoon of sour cream, avocado, and cilantro sprigs, if desired.







DIET LINKED TO CANCER

Eat well and exercise. How often are we advised by medical professionals that these two simple lifestyle choices can help us live longer, healthier lives?

Well, recent international research on the link between high-fat diets and breast cancer only strengthens the validity of the guidance.

The Epic Breast Cancer Study researched more than 300,000 women in 10 European countries, and its results were published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

The study found that a high-fat diet increases the risk of the most common form of breast cancer by one-fifth. A 28-percent rise in risk is attached to heavy consumption of saturated fat, which is what comes from butter, lard, cuts of meat and some dairy products.

The study amplified the call for women to eat healthier to improve their odds of avoiding breast cancer.

More research is being done in the area through another study called Women's Healthy Eating and Living (WHEL), which is looking into how diets rich in fruits and vegetables and low in fat can help reduce breast cancer recurrence

What You Can Do

If you or someone you know struggles to maintain a healthy diet, you can take these steps:

• Lower Your Fat Intake: Sounds simple, but what does it mean? Fruits and vegetables have less fat and more fiber than animal products. Most are packed with helpful nutrients, so be sure to mix them in throughout the day. If you're not likely to sit down and eat an entire carrot for a snack, chop one up and add it to your salad or spaghetti sauce.

· Variety is Key: Research has shown that the healthiest way to make sure your body is nutrient-rich is to consume a wide variety of foods. Fruits, vegetables, legumes and whole grains are all great diet options on their own, but even more effective when working together to fuel your body.

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LOVE GARLIC? PLANT IT IN THE FALL

Garlic can absolutely thrive out of the garden, especially if you plant it during the fall months. It is a perennial bulb that, when planted in the fall, will root, make limited growth before the first hard freeze and produce a bountiful harvest the next summer.

The Chill Factor

What many green thumbs may not realize about garlic is that it has an internal chill requirement, according to the University of Illinois agriculture extension center. When planting it in the spring, garlic should be stored in the refrigerator for at least eight weeks prior to planting. This will ensure proper chilling.

Not as much planning is needed if you decide to plant garlic in the fall, since it will obtain its chilling directly in the soil. Fall-planted garlic will also have the advantage of gaining much earlier maturity.

Planting Your Garlic

Here are the proper planting methods for garlic, according to the University of Illinois extension:

· Soil recommendations include high organic matter levels, good

drainage and a couple of pounds of fertilizer per every 100 square feet.

 Lay out your planting rows 15 to 18 inches apart.

· Separate individual cloves from the main bulb and plant them about four to six inches apart in the row.

• Set your cloves tip up and one to two inches below the soil surface.

Weed Control

The University of Illinois identifies garlic as a "weak competitor," which explains its needs for extra help fighting against garden weeds. You shouldn't have to worry about the weeds much in the fall or winter, but

be prepared to stave them off during the spring and summer seasons.

Since you will likely consume your garlic, avoid all chemicalbased weed killers and instead opt for mulch, straw or other organic materials that can help keep weeds from taking over. Doing so directly after planting the bulbs can also help alleviate winter soil frost.

BAD VS. GOOD CHOLESTEROL

In the fight between LDL vs. HDL cholesterol, which type is winning within your body?

holesterol is transported through your bloodstream by carriers called lipoproteins, which are characterized in two ways: low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and highdensity lipoprotein (HDL). These are what make up the total cholesterol count you receive from your doctor, as well as onefifth of your triglyceride level.

LDL (Bad Cholesterol)

Considered bad cholesterol because it contributes to plaque, LDL cholesterol can clog arteries and make them less flexible. This condition is known as atherosclerosis.

A heart attack or stroke can occur if a clot forms and blocks a narrowed artery. Another condition, peripheral artery disease, can develop when plaque buildup narrows an artery supplying blood to the legs.

HDL (Good Cholesterol)

HDL cholesterol helps remove LDL cholesterol from the arteries, carrying away the bad cholesterol from the arteries and back to the liver, where it is broken down and passed from the body.

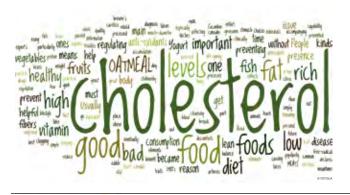
The American Heart Association states that one-fourth to one-third of blood cholesterol is carried by HDL. A healthy level of HDL cholesterol may protect against heart attack and stroke, while low levels have been shown to increase the risk of heart disease.

Triglycerides

Another type of fat, triglycerides work to store excess energy from your diet. High levels of triglycerides in the blood are associated with atherosclerosis, and many people with heart disease or diabetes also have high triglyceride levels.

Heightened triglycerides can be caused by obesity, physical inactivity, cigarette smoking, excess alcohol consumption and a diet very high in carbohydrates.

Additionally, underlying diseases or genetic disorders are sometimes the cause of high triglycerides. People with high triglycerides often have a high total cholesterol level, including a high LDL cholesterol level and low HDL cholesterol level.



DE-STRESS FOR YOUR HEALTH

Money, relationships and work – there are many contributing factors to the stress facing many men. But it is how you deal with these stressors that can play a big role in determining your overall health.

Stress strains our physical, mental or emotional well-being, and if left untreated, can have a damaging impact on our relationships, jobs and home life.

It is sometimes difficult to pinpoint exactly what is causing stress, but identifying key factors is the first step in successfully eliminating them from your life.

Types of Stress

The American Institute of Stress breaks down the definition of stress into various forms.

Acute stress is defined as fight or flight – an in-the-moment stress that requires the body to defend itself in some way.

Chronic stress is caused by everyday factors such as bills and jobs. The institute works hard to educate medical practitioners, scientists, health care professionals and the public to drive a more collaborative, less stressful society.

Serious Disorders

Research shows that elongated stress can contribute to serious emotional and physical disorders, including depression, anxiety, heart attacks and stroke, among others.

A recent study by the American Psychological Association found that men are much more likely than women to report that their own stress has slight or no impact on their health.

Men were also found to be less confident in a psychologist's ability to help improve lifestyle and behavioral changes.

Stress Busters

Exercise and vigorous physical activity can help you de-stress in a hurry, boosting feel-good endorphins and distracting you from your worries.

The Mayo Clinic recommends virtually any form of exercise to effectively manage stress, improve your mood and sharpen overall focus.

Another way to beat stress is to talk about it. Find someone who is willing to listen to you vent, and let them know exactly what is going on in your life. They may have knowledge from their own past experiences that can help you navigate through stressful situations.





Dealing with the Blues

We've all had a bad day. It's how we bounce back from negative experiences that helps us move forward and achieve our life goals. And the key to bouncing back is having a strong support group around us.

Deople who are lonely have more physical and mental health problems than those who feel connected to others, according to a new report in Psychological Science.

The report details the importance of creating and maintaining positive relationships in the workplace, family and other social circles. Without people to interact with and vent to, we can become even more inclusive and shut ourselves out to the external world. This behavior has been proven to be harmful to our confidence levels and abilities to cope with negative situations.

The Science Behind Loneliness

Scientific research shows the positive impact that strong social lives can have on our overall health. One Colorado State University study found that the more positive social interactions people with depression had, the more improvement in the symptoms they experienced.

Other research in the journal Health Psychology has shown that you'll eat less healthful food if you frequently eat by yourself, and you are more likely to be physically inactive the lonelier you feel.

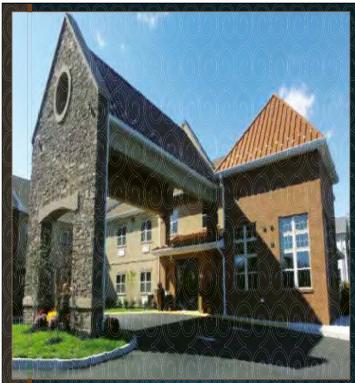
Make New Friends

Your community is likely ripe with opportunities to meet new people and build new relationships. Try visiting local businesses to establish rapport with business owners and workers.

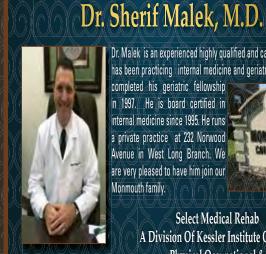
Even if you don't actually interact with these types of connections on a daily basis, the conversation and camaraderie can be enough to make you feel more comfortable in other social situations.

Other ideas for making new connections include joining a professional association, enrolling in a cooking class at your local community college or signing up for a gym membership. You will find like-minded people, leading to common ground and easy, comfortable conversations.





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WHAT IS A CATARACT?

A cataract is a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision. Most cataracts are related to aging. Cataracts are very common in older people. By age 80, more than half of all Americans either have a cataract or have had cataract surgery.

A cataract can occur in either or both eyes. It cannot spread from one eye to the other.

What are the most common symptoms of a cataract?

Cloudy or blurry vision.

Colors seem faded.

Glare. Headlights, lamps, or sunlight may appear too bright. A halo may appear around lights.

Poor night vision.

Double vision or multiple images in one eye. (This symptom may clear as the cataract gets larger.)

Frequent prescription changes in your eyeglasses or contact lenses.

These symptoms also can be a sign of other eye problems. If you have any of these symptoms, check with your eye care professional.

What research is being done?

The National Eye Institute is conducting and supporting a number of studies focusing on factors associated with the development of age-related cataract. These studies include:

The effect of sunlight exposure, which may be associated with an increased risk of cataract. Vitamin supplements, which have shown varying results in delaying the progression of cataract.

Genetic studies, which show promise for better understanding cataract development.

This online resource guide provides information about cataracts. It answers questions about causes and symptoms, and discusses diagnosis and types of treatment. More information can be found at www.nei.nih.gov.





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SEPTEMBER IS HEALTHY AGING MONTH

Tips for Reinventing Yourself And Aging Healthy & Happy

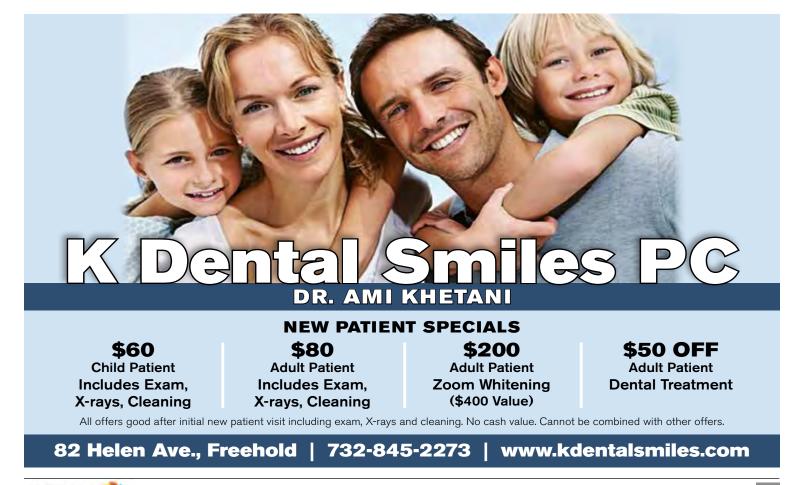
By Mia Ingui

Healthy Aging® Month is an annual observance month designed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older.

Think it's too late to "reinvent" yourself? Think again. According to Carolyn Worthington, editor-in-chief of Healthy Aging® Magazine and executive director of Healthy Aging®, it's never too late to find a new career, a new sport, passion, or hobby. Worthington is the creator of September is Healthy Aging® Month, an annual health observance designed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older.

To get you started on reinventing yourself, here are some ideas from the editors of Healthy Aging® Magazine (www.healthyaging.net). Maybe they will help you think outside the box:

- 1. Be positive in your conversations and your actions every day. When you catch yourself complaining, change your inner voice and change the conversation to something positive. (Tip: Stop watching the police reports on the local news).
- 2. Have negative friends who complain all of the time? Drop them. As cruel as that may sound, distance yourself from people who do not have a positive outlook on life. They will only depress you and stop you from moving forward. Surround yourself with energetic, happy, positive people of all ages and you will be happier too.
- 3. How's your smile? Research shows people who smile more often are happier. Your teeth are just as important to your good health as the rest of your body. Not only is it the first thing people notice, but good oral health is a gateway to your overall well-being. (Tip: Go to the dentist regularly and look into teeth whitening. Nothing says old more than yellowing teeth!)
- 4. Make this month the time to set up your annual physical and other health screenings. Go to the appointments and then, hopefully, you can stop worrying about ailments for a while.
- 5. Find your inner passion and do it! Take a music class or art class!





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MAKING HEADS OR TAILS OUT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

By Susan Heckler

In 2010 many changes regarding health insurance were signed into legislature affecting everyone regardless of age or who pays the premiums.

Many people are fortunate enough to receive their benefits from employers and others have to research their options on their own and self-pay. With employer subsidized benefits, you need to understand your options and how they best work. For your own plan, are you knowledgeable enough to sort through all the options and nuances available? Making the decisions without the advice of a knowledgeable broker can end in a costly decision for an entire year.

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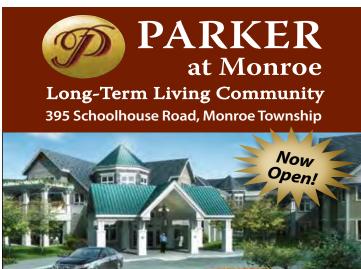
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Is your dog a Chubba Wubba?

When The Green Leaf Pet Resort built their state of the art facility two years ago, they included an indoor pool both for dogs at the resort to enjoy but also to give dog owners an additional way to exercise their dogs. During the cold winter and hot summer months it can be uncomfortable for owners and dogs alike to go for walks, so the pool is the perfect solution!

As our pets become more and more a part of the family, it's easy to spoil them in ways that are not always in their best interest healthwise. A few treats here and there can really add up over time. Obesity in dogs is becoming more prevalent more than ever before as well as other health concerns such as cancer and diabetes. Having an overweight dog can lead to an array of health issues and possibly a shorter life span than that of a fit, healthy dog.

It is for this reason The Green leaf Pet Resort has introduced their weight loss program for dogs.

The program runs for 4 weeks at a time, 2 sessions per week. Over the course of the four weeks there are weekly weigh-ins to keep track of progress and the lucky pups will each receive a free Kong toy, courtesy of Kong for extra pool time fun.

Why choose swimming your dog?

The benefits of swimming for dogs are similar to those for humans:

- · Increases muscle strength and tone, endurance, flexibility, balance and coordination
- Encourages healthy cardiovascular & respiratory systems
- Offers and excellent, low-impact aerobic workout
- Lessens stress on joints & ligaments



Stars of the program:

Abby & Cody are three year old Yellow Labs. They first learned how to swim with the instructors at The Green Leaf Pet Resort as puppies. After reviewing and adjusting their diet, they began the weight loss program on March 19, 2015. Abby's starting weight was 89 pounds and after a few months of doggy paddling with Talina, the instructor, she is a trimmer 82.2 pounds. Cody's starting weight was 109.8 pounds and currently weighs 101.6 pounds. Both dogs have lost the equivalent of an Oven Stuffer and have over- all improved health and fitness after three four-week rounds of the program. The loving owners are thrilled with their progress and have signed them up for a fourth round as well as exercising the pups at home.

If your dog has never swam in a pool Talina will be more than happy to evaluate your pup in the pool.

For more information on the weight loss program, or for information on swimming in general, give Green Leaf a call at 609-259-1500 or stop in for a tour at 23 Burnt Tavern Road in Millstone.

HEALTH SPOTLIGHT: Psoriasis

Psoriasis is a common skin condition that changes the life cycle of skin cells, causing them to build up rapidly on the skin's surface. The condition is a chronic one, with persistent and sometimes painful symptoms.

More than 7.5 million Americans have psoriasis, according to research by the National Psoriasis Foundation.

Psoriasis Basics

Psoriasis is not contagious but may run in families. Its occurrence can range from mild cases with small areas of rash to larger, more inflamed areas of raised red areas. Symptoms can oftentimes go into remission, even without treatment, and then return without notice.

Experts with the National Psoriasis Foundation identify many external factors as contributing to flare-ups, including cold and dry climates, infections, stress, dry skin and taking certain medications.

In some cases, psoriasis can cause joints to become swollen, tender and painful. Labeled psoriatic arthritics, this affliction also can affect the fingernails and toenails.

Treating Psoriasis

A doctor can diagnose psoriasis by studying the patches on the skin, scalp or nails. Most cases are mild in terms of symptoms and require common skin care.

In terms of dealing with the condition, the National Psoriasis Foundation recommends a balanced diet to be fit and maintain a healthy weight.

Avoiding certain foods may help ease psoriasis symptoms. This may require some trial and error throughout your life, so be sure to log what you've eaten following a particularly notable flare-up.

In treating psoriasis, the primary goal is to stop the cells from growing so quickly. Treatment cannot fully cure psoriasis, but there are many options can provide that relief. significant Some of the most basic forms include:

- Common skin creams or lotions
- Baths or soaks to keep the skin hydrated
- Aloe vera
- Non-prescription cortisone cream
- Exposing skin to small amounts of natural sunlight



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Lyme Disease Tick Borne Illness

Question and Answer

Will you always get a bulls eye rash?

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I tested negative but I feel achy all over, tired and everything hurts?

The standard testing by Lab Corp or Quest misses 50% of Lyme Disease cases. There is newer testing available to diagnose those cases. Many doctors do not test for co-infections. The tick could carry Lyme and Bartonella or Babesia infections. These are separate tests and often are very difficult to detect in standard labs.

I took 3 weeks Doxycycline, felt a little better, then felt sick again when I stopped the medication?

Often 3 weeks wont clear the infection and it returns again as the infection is in the bloodstream and also has cystic forms which the Doxycycline will not help. Newer protocols use more than just Doxycycline as well as treating any coinfections.

Dr Lisa Zimmermann has over 20 years of experience as an internist. Her daughter had multiple tick borne infections and required newer protocols to get better. Dr Zimmermann trained with ILADS, the International Lyme Association Disease Specialists, to learn all the newest information to get her daughter better after a long battle with this illness. Dr Zimmermann's new practice is dedicated to helping the patient identify the cause of their chronic fatigue and to finally get better. **Call for consultation and finally begin to get better.**

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OPTIMISM HELPS YOUR HEART

Smiling, laughing and simply being happy can make all the difference for our hearts. In fact, new research shows that people with higher levels of optimism may be less at risk for heart failure than those who are more pessimistic.

And with the breadth of heart failure's effect on the nation – about 5.1 million Americans are afflicted ever year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – a little extra optimism is surely needed.

Heart Failure Statistics

Other eye-opening statistics from the CDC include:

- One in nine deaths include heart failure as a contributing cause.
- About half those who develop heart failure die within five years of diagnosis.

Heart failure costs the nation about \$32 billion worth of health care services, medications and missed days of work annually.

The main behaviors that can increase your risk for heart failure are, the CDC reports:

- Smoking tobacco.
- Eating foods high in fat, cholesterol and sodium.
- Not getting enough physical activity.
- Being obese.

Positivity Study

In the study linking happiness to heart health, optimism was defined as "an expectation that positive things will happen." Researchers from the University of Michigan and Harvard University analyzed the linkage between optimism and heart failure diagnoses in older adults, since statistics show that people ages 65 years and older are most prone to heart failure diagnoses.

Researchers gathered, analyzed and translated data of more than 6,800 older adults, including health history, background information and psychological data over the course of four years. They also took into account factors that could affect heart failure risk, such as chronic illnesses and demographic factors.

The findings, published in the journal "Circulation: Heart Failure," showed that the adults who had higher levels of optimism reduced their risk of heart failure by 73 percent. deduced Researchers that staying positive may lead people to making healthier lifestyle choices, therefore reducing their risk for heart failure.







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PREVENTIVE TESTS FOR MEN

The words "men" and "doctor" don't always fit in the same sentence, but they should. Screening tests can find potentially harmful diseases early on, when they're easiest to treat. This can mean more years of enjoying time with your family and friends, as opposed to fighting illness or worse.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends the following screenings for men:

Body Mass Index

BMI is a measure of your body fat based on your height and weight. It is used to screen for obesity and can serve as a helpful measurement to keep you on track with your diet and exercise plan.

Cholesterol

Once you turn 35 years old, have your cholesterol checked regularly. High blood cholesterol is one of the major risk factors for heart disease. Catching it early can lead to effective treatment and better heart health.

Blood Pressure

High blood pressure increases your chance of getting heart or kidney disease, and is recommended to be checked every two years.

Cardiovascular Disease

Beginning at age 45, you should ask your doctor about incorporating a daily aspirin to help reduce your risk of a heart attack. A special screening will help your doctor make the decision.

Cancers

Men ages 50 and above should be tested for colorectal cancer.

How often you are screened depends on your risk factors, and you may need to be checked before age 50. Also ask your physician about testing for other cancers, including prostate, lung, oral or skin.

Depression

If you have felt "in the dumps" during the past couple of weeks,

you may need to speak with your doctor about depression. It is a treatable illness, and keeping it in check can help you maintain interest in the hobbies and activities that you enjoy.

Diabetes

If your blood pressure is higher than 135/80, ask your doctor to test you for diabetes. High blood sugar can cause problems with your heart, eyes, feet, kidneys, nerves and other body parts.



HEALTHY MOUTH: The Early Years

Caring for your teeth and gums is a lifelong journey that begins shortly after birth. Dental professionals urge parents to bring their child in for a visit whenever the first primary tooth is visible.

his recommendation, which used to define 3 as the starting age, has shifted over the years as the L science related to oral hygiene has improved.

What's behind the change? The importance of baby teeth now carries more weight than ever before. The American Dental Association says that properly caring for those mini-pearly whites that begin popping up through the gums at around 6 months is crucial in keeping space in the jaw for adult teeth.

Parent Education

A child's first trip to the dentist can be an educational experience for parents. Dental professionals will show you how to properly clean your baby's teeth and recognize trouble signs in the mouth, which are critical health tips not usually doled out during pregnancy or within parenting magazines.

Dentists can also explain baby-specific concerns regarding dental health, which include baby bottle tooth decay. Avoiding this potentially damaging issue is simple: The ADA recommends wiping your baby's mouth with a clean gauze pad to help remove plaque that can harm erupting teeth. Gentle brushing with a toothbrush and water should begin as soon as you start seeing teeth.

Dental Emergencies

Once more teeth start showing up, the risk for dental emergencies increases. Accidents happen, but knowing how to react in such situations can be the key to retaining your child's oral health. Here is how the ADA recommends you act in a dental emergency:

- Keep a knocked-out tooth moist at all times. If you can, place the tooth back in the socket without touching the root and call your dentist right away.
- For a cracked tooth, immediately rinse the mouth with warm water to clean the affected area. Look out for facial swelling and treat appropriately with cold compresses.





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HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital of Tinton Falls CELEBRATES NATIONAL REHABILITATION WEEK

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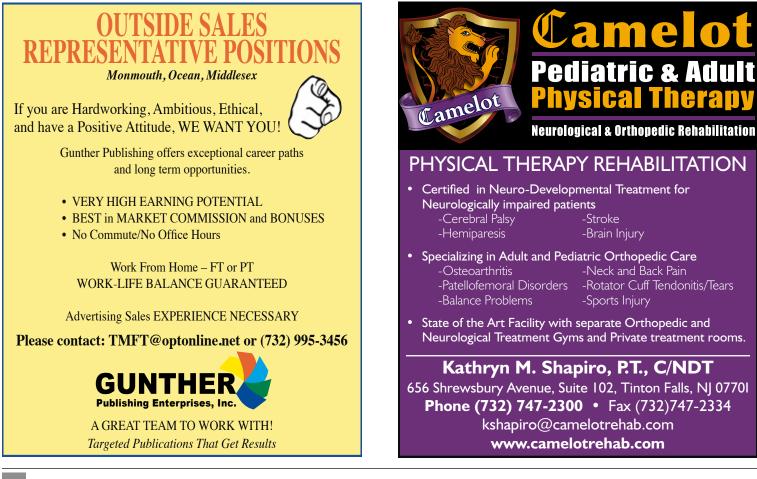
National Rehabilitation Week was established in 1976 to create awareness of people with disabilities and the positive impact of rehabilitation. In 1991, a presidential proclamation designated the third week of September as National Rehabilitation Week, which has grown to include more than 7,000 organizations.

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