

100 WELLNESS TIPS

- 1. Establish regular exercise routines in your life.
- 2. Continue to work on eating healthily; vigilance will always be needed to be successful.
- 3. See your doctor regularly for wellness exams and health/disease screenings/tests.
- 4. If you have symptoms, seek medical attention; don't ignore warning signs of issues.
- 5. Along with your body, make efforts to stimulate and strengthen your brain as you age.
- 6. Maintain satisfying social relationships.
- 7. Keep involved in activities and pursuits that interest you.
- 8. Try to maintain a positive attitude to support your resilience when life hands you setbacks.
- 9. Keep your body hydrated with water.
- 10. Avoid toxins and unhealthy environments.
- 11. Take care of your skin.
- 12. Know your health numbers and what they mean, regardless of how healthy or unhealthy you are now.
- 13. Get adequate sleep.
- 14. Spend less time in front of the TV; at minimum, get up and move during commercials.
- 15. Learn to relax more.
- 16. Focus less on your weight, and more on your overall health.
- 17. Find things to be grateful for in your life.
- 18. Don't forget to smile and laugh routinely.
- 19. Do something fun every day.
- 20. Have a sense of purpose in your life.
- 21. Let go of the past, focus on what you can do to improve your present and future.
- 22. Give your focused attention on what you can do to address your most unhealthy habit.
- 23. Remind yourself it takes time and patience to change ingrained habits.
- 24. Know your family health history.
- 25. Eat a variety of foods, especially fruits and vegetables.
- 26. Limit your use of alcohol.
- 27. Don't forget your dental health.
- 28. Don't forget your eye health.
- 29. Continue to educate yourself about overall health and wellness, over time new findings result in updated recommendations from health experts.

- 30. Replace bad habits with good ones.
- 31. Learn to cook healthy foods you enjoy.
- 32. Learn to modify recipes you love to make them more nutritious.
- 33. Allow yourself to splurge periodically on special foods in limited quantities or frequencies.
- 34. Slip vegetables into your favorite recipes.
- 35. Make sure you get some good fats in your diet.
- 36. Stretch your body every day.
- 37. Eat more fish.
- 38. Start each day with a healthy breakfast.
- 39. Spend some time in solitude on a regular basis.
- 40. Wash your hands often.
- 41. Focus on eating whole-grains when you eat bread products.
- 42. Make sure that the protein foods you eat are leaner versions.
- 43. Develop a 'gentle firmness' with yourself; be kind but honest in your mental 'self talk'.
- 44. Remember that small changes can really add up and lead to big results.
- 45. Try to eat more natural/raw/core foods, and less processed food.
- 46. Try to eat a variety of food 'colors'.
- 47. Try to eat more volume and fewer calories in your diet.
- 48. Experiment with food combinations and spices to see what you like.
- 49. Reward yourself for your positive efforts in ways that do not involve food whenever possible.
- 50. Enjoy your food, take time to sit down and concentrate on what you are eating.
- 51. Watch salt, sugar, harmful fats and other additive levels in your food.
- 52. Consider taking vitamins and other supplements as recommended by your doctor or pharmacist.
- 53. When someone asks you what you would like for a gift, be ready with a healthy idea.
- 54. Write down your health goals and prioritize them.
- 55. Track your progress on health goals so you have feedback to review.
- 56. Have realistic expectations for yourself and your body.
- 57. Compete only with yourself, not others.
- 58. Look for healthy role models in your life.
- 59. Ask for tips or advice from people in your life who are healthy and/or struggling with similar challenges.
- 60. Develop healthy rituals but be prepared to be flexible as needed.
- 61. Plan and allow time for you to keep up with your healthy habits and routines.
- 62. Don't forget portion control.
- 63. Concentrate of keeping your body strong and flexible.

- 64. Seek to resolve nagging problems in your life.
- 65. Accept the things in your life that you cannot change.
- 66. Do something for others just because you can.
- 67. Try to be spontaneous or try something new each week.
- 68. Gravitate towards healthy people whenever possible.
- 69. Use your support systems.
- 70. Expect setbacks and plan for them if possible.
- 71. Take your medications as prescribed and report side effects to your physician.
- 72. Make sure your physician(s) have complete information about your health.
- 73. Take breaks during your work day.
- 74. Learn to breathe properly.
- 75. Don't engage in wishful thinking about your health; take action, even small steps, as soon as you can to get going towards a healthier you.
- 76. If you are ill or have an injury, rest and/or get treatment.
- 77. Use trusted websites for excellent health advice and/or recipes.
- 78. Listen to your body.
- 79. Are you already managing a specific condition, like diabetes or arthritis? Read up on what you can continue to do to mitigate progression of the condition through any lifestyle changes.
- 80. Watch the level of over the counter medications you use.
- 81. Make sure you understand contraindications and/or interactions for any medication you take or conditions you have, including improper mixing of meds and other meds and/or food.
- 82. Join a health related class or program, a great way to get new ideas/tips and/or supports.
- 83. Carry healthy snacks with you.
- 84. Read nutrition labels regularly.
- 85. Get rid of excess clutter in both your physical and mental world.
- 86. Stop doing what doesn't work for you, and keep doing what does work for you.
- 87. Be willing to try a new sport or physical activity at least once to see if you would enjoy it.
- 88. Develop an array of exercise and physical activity options in your life to keep active.
- 89. Know the key nutritious healthy or 'super' foods and include them in your diet.
- 90. Keep educating yourself about health update information.
- 91. Remember that while you may have your own health challenges, you are likely someone else's role model in some aspect of their life.
- 92. Make yourself 'work' for a special food through an exercise 'payment' first; you may find after the exercise you really don't want the food.

- 93. Understand that as with all important aspects of life being healthy will take some work and effort on your part and it will be worth it over the long haul.
- 94. Consider rewarding yourself with cash; save up what you would have spent on unhealthy foods or tobacco and use the money to purchase something you would really love.
- 95. Whenever you need to do so, just start over fresh, at the next meal, the next day, the next month, the next year, whichever comes first for you.
- 96. Understand that being healthy or unhealthy is a choice you get to make continually through many daily decisions.
- 97. The more you develop other interests and activities in your life, the less appealing over eating or inactivity will be for you.
- 98. The way out of any rut is simple, just do it; get started in any way that you can.
- 99. Post reminders, incentives or inspiration for yourself to see to help support your goals.
- 100. <u>Don't ever give up</u> on efforts to improve your health.