



## **STRESS & SLEEP HYGIENE:**

WHAT'S YOUR ROUTINE?









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## **DISCLOSURES**









## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TODAY...

- Hygiene vs Routine
- Definition of Stress
- How stress impacts our health and what we can do to reduce stress
- Sleep vs. Rest
- How we can improve our sleep
- What role wearables can play
- Strategies to build and keep a routine









## **HYGIENE**

Hygiene refers to conditions and practices that help to maintain health.



Walking for **60 minutes** per day.



SLEEP HYGIENE



Sleeping for 8 hours per night.









### **ROUTINE**

A sequence of **actions regularly followed**, a <u>fixed program</u>.







- Get up at 6:00am
- Put exercise clothes on immediately
- Leave after brushing teeth



SLEEP ROUTINE



- No screen for 1 hour before bedtime
- White noise
- Sleep Mask







## **COMMON METHODS TO COPE WITH STRESS**

## PERCENTAGE USING EACH METHOD TO COPE WITH STRESS

By Generation

	Generation Z	Millennials	Generation X	Baby Boomer
Entertainment	100%	95%	98%	94%
Relaxation	77%	72%	73%	62%
Exercise & Sex	63%	70%	73%	69%
Substances	58%	59%	53%	39%
Chores	58%	56%	50%	49%
Therapy	12%	12%	10%	4%

Source: Survey of 1,008 People.

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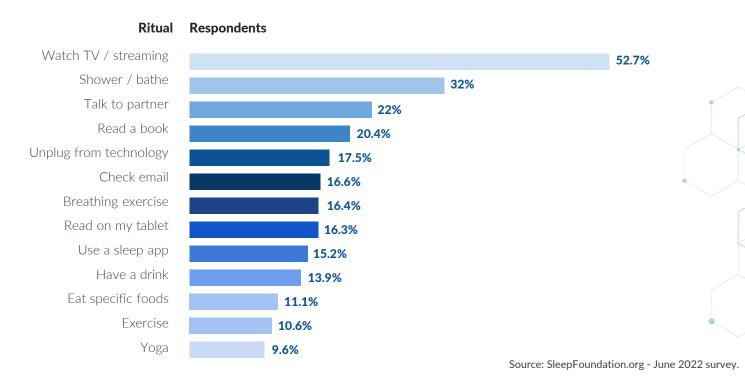




## **COMMON METHODS TO IMPROVE SLEEP**

#### **TOP BEDTIME ROUTINES**

When asked about their night-time rituals to help them sleep, 52.7% of survey respondents say they watch television.







### **DEFINITION OF STRESS**

#### • What is stress?



... a physical and mental reaction to life experiences. ... the body's response to physical, mental, or emotional pressure.

#### How does it happen?

Stress can be triggered by everyday responsibilities from work or family. It can also be brought on by serious life events such as death, a medical diagnosis, or a new job.



Everyone experiences stress from time to time, but it can become unhealthy if it affects your daily functioning.





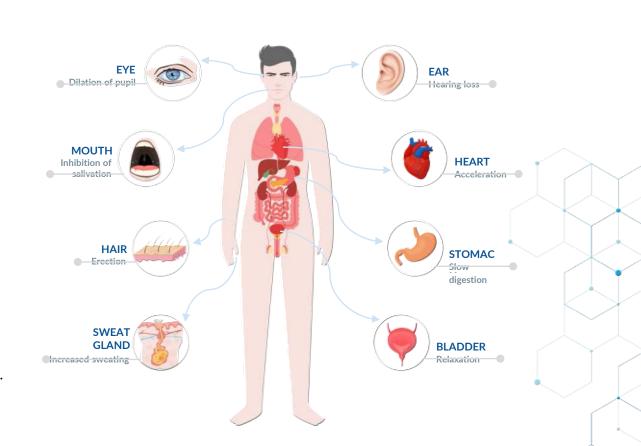


## WHAT HAPPENS IN THE BODY?

The **fight or flight** response is what your body does when it thinks it's in danger.

Your body gets ready to "fight" or "run away" by doing the following:

- Releasing stress hormones
- Increasing your heart rate and blood pressure
- Redirecting blood to your muscles, etc.









## WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

- When it comes to the fight or flight response, your body doesn't recognize the difference between running to catch the bus because you're late for work, or being chased by a saber-toothed tiger.
- Your stress response is the same.
  Your fight or flight response kicks in!











### **COMMON CAUSES OF STRESS**





## **HOW STRESS AFFECTS THE BODY**

#### **BRAIN**



Difficulty concentrating, anxiety, depresion, irritability, mood, mind fog.

#### **CARDIOVASCULAR**



Higher cholesterol, high blood pressure, increased risk of heart attack and stroke.

#### **JOINTS & MUSCLES**



Increased inflammation, tension. aches and pains, muscle tightness.

#### **IMMUNE SYSTEM**



Decreased immune functions, lowered immune defenses, increased risk of becoming ill, increase in recovery time.



#### **SKIN**

Hair loss, dull/brittle hair, brittle nails, dry skin, acne, delayed tissue repair.



#### **GUT**

Nutrient absorption, diarrhea, constipation, indigestion, bloating, pain and discomfort.



#### **REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM**

Decreased hormone production, decrease in libido, increase in PMS symptoms.











## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Deep breathing



Yoga



Exercise



Mindfulness Meditation





Progressive Muscle Relaxation



Social Support



Time Management



Bilateral Stimulation







## **PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS**



Talk to your therapist



Mindfulness based stress reduction (MBSR)



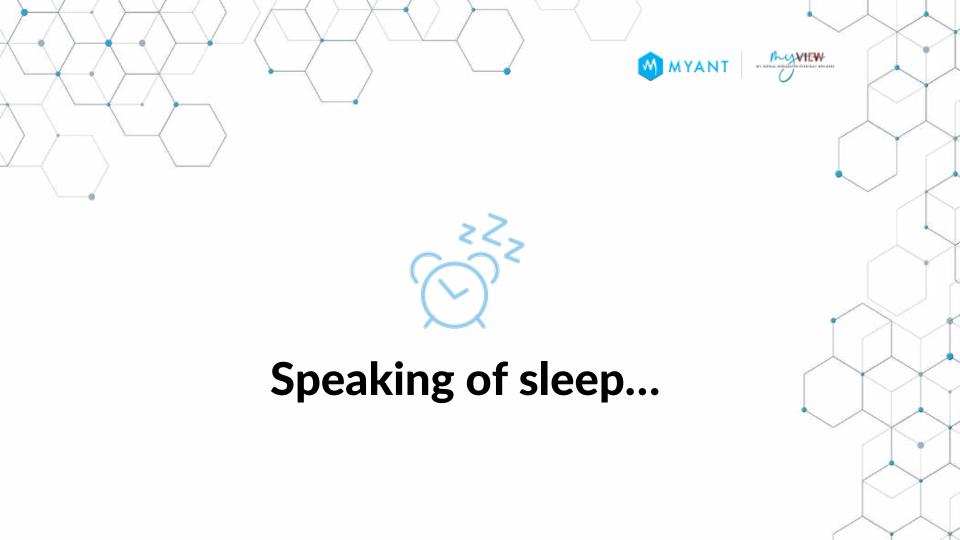
Journaling



Gratitude practice













## WHAT IS SLEEP? WHAT IS REST?

Sleep	Rest
State of rest accompanied by altered consciousness.	Set aside mental to do list.
Relative inactivity - Inactive Rest!	Decreased state of activity - but can still involve movement.
	Feeling of being refreshed.









### **TYPES OF REST**

- Physical The body's movements and functions
- **Mental** Thoughts and emotions
- **Sensory** Sights, sounds, and environment
- **Spiritual** Spiritual practices and time commitments
- **Creative** Generating and creating new ideas or projects
- **Social** Time spent with and for others









## THE ROLE OF REST

Getting enough rest can:

- Decrease stress
- Improve sleep
- Give your more energy
- Improve memory and concentration
- Elevate mood
- Promote healing









## **SLEEP QUIZ**

On a scales of 1-10, how important is your sleep quality to your daily life?

1











#### Select which statement best describes your sleep challenges and goals:

- I need help falling and staying asleep
- I am challenged by insomnia
- I want to create a better sleep environment (mattress, pillows, etc.)

- I want to better understand my sleep challenge
- I have breathing and snoring challenges
- I have pain during and after sleeping (back, etc.)



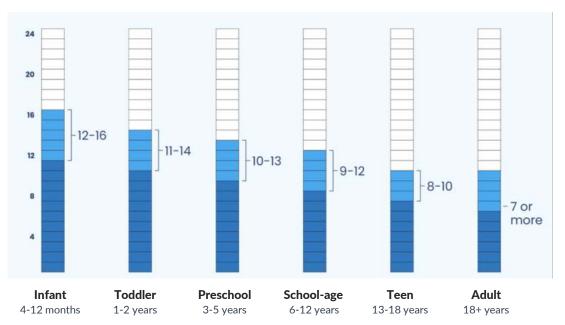






### **HOW MANY HOURS OF SLEEP DO WE NEED?**

#### **RECOMMENDED HOURS OF SLEEP**







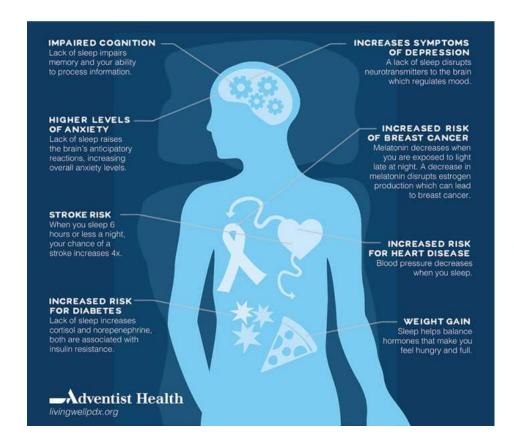




## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE FALL SHORT?

How sleep affects your health

**SLEEP DEPRIVATION** 







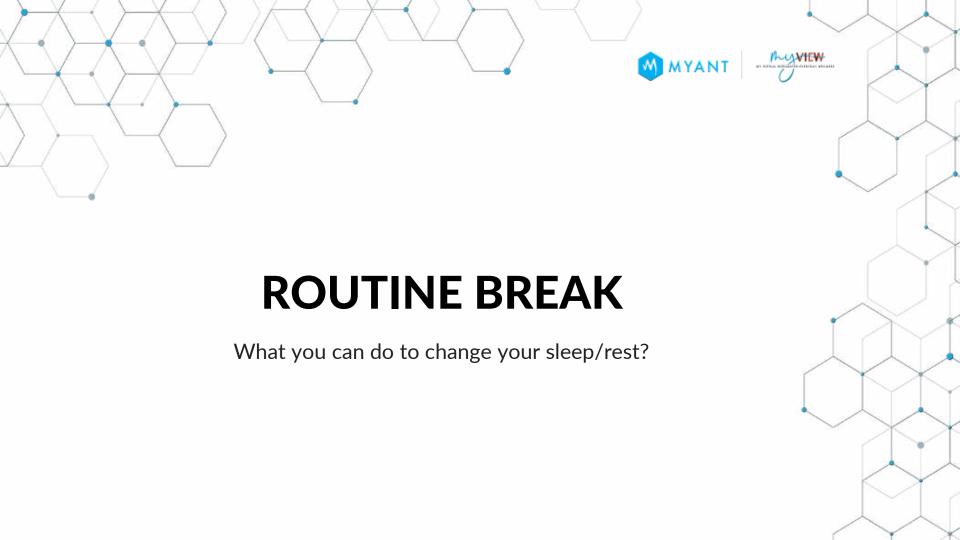






### **SO WHAT CAN WE DO?**

- 1. Keep a consistent sleep schedule get up at the same time every day, even on weekends and vacation!
- 2. Don't go to bed unless you are sleepy.
- 3. If you don't fall asleep after 30 minutes, get out of bed.
- 4. Make your bedroom quiet and relaxing. Keep the room at a comfortable, cool temperature.
- 5. Limit exposure to bright lights in the evenings.
- 6. Turn off electronic devices at least 30 minutes before bedtime.
- 7. Don't eat a large meal before bedtime.
- 8. Exercise regularly.
- 9. Maintain a healthy diet.
- 10. Avoid consuming caffeine and alcohol in the evening.







## WHAT ROLE DO WEARABLES PLAY?

COMMON STRESS TRACKERS

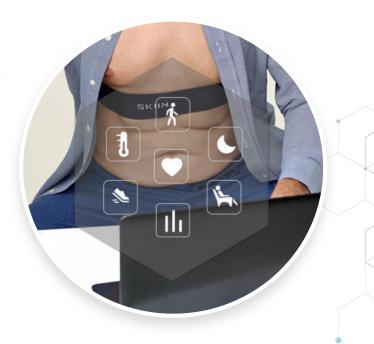


- Resting Heart Rate
- Heart Rate Variability (HRV)
- EEG Sensors

COMMON SLEEP TRACKERS



- Sleep Cycles
- Snore Detection
- Breathing Rate









## WHAT ARE SOME GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS?



Fitbit



Apple Watch



Muse S headband



Withings Sleep tracking mat



Myant Skiin Chest Band



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## **BUILDING AND MAINTAINING A ROUTINE 101**

- 1. Keep the routine less rigid.
- 2. Expect days where not everything (or anything) gets done.
- 3. Expect bad days.
- 4. Be kind to yourself.
- 5. Minimize the size of a task or a problem.
- 6. Get help from professionals when you need it!









## HOW DO WELLNESS PROGRAMS HELP?

A wellness program is a structured holistic approach that helps promote wellbeing in the main areas of health.

- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Stress Management
- Mental health

Wellness programs provide support and guidance for people who need help in more than one key health area.







### WHERE DO I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Information about stress: <a href="https://ontario.cmha.ca/documents/understanding-and-finding-help-for-stress/">https://ontario.cmha.ca/documents/understanding-and-finding-help-for-stress/</a>

Information about sleep: <a href="https://www.heartandstroke.ca/heart-disease/recovery-and-support/emotions-and-feelings/sleep">https://www.heartandstroke.ca/heart-disease/recovery-and-support/emotions-and-feelings/sleep</a>

Information about methods of relaxation:

https://www.concordia.ca/cunews/offices/provost/health/topics/stress-management/manage-stress-relaxation-strategies.html

How to track my sleep?

https://myanthealth.com/

Where can I find a wellness program?

http://www.my-view.ca



## **QUESTIONS?**





