



HEALTHY AT 80

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NO MORE YO-YO

Tired of yo-yo diets? Set yourself up for success with tried and true tips on maintaining a healthy weight.

To lose weight, you need to burn more calories than you eat! Take it from people who have successfully maintained weight loss: 98% have modified their eating habits, and 94% have increased their physical activity, especially walking.

- **Set Realistic Goals.** Know where you are today so you know how to get where you want to be. Talk to your health care provider, and learn your Body Mass Index (BMI). Set yourself up for success with short-term goals, like “I will make lifestyle changes which will help me lose (and keep off) 3-5% of my body weight.” Short-term goals can seem more achievable and keep you on track toward your long-term goals.
- **Understand why you eat what you eat.** Use a food diary or tracking app to understand what, how much, and when you’re eating. Being mindful of your eating habits and aware of your roadblocks and excuses can help you get real about your goals.
- **Understand portion sizes.** It’s easy to overeat when you’re served too much food. Smaller portions can help prevent eating too much. Learn the serving size of your favorite foods, and how to keep portions reasonable.
- **Make Smart Choices.** You don’t have to give up all your favorite foods. Learn to make smart food choices and simple substitutions instead. Discover healthy snacks and how fruits, vegetables, and whole grains help keep you fuller longer.
- **Stay active!** Physical activity is anything that gets your heart rate up, like walking. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate activity a week. Even 10-minute blocks count toward your goal.



Healthy at 80 is Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton’s informational newsletter on healthy living, created with the goal of helping you stay healthy and thriving through 80 years old and beyond! To read more Healthy at 80 articles, please visit the archives on our website:
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EMERGENCY STRESS STOPPERS

We all have stress – at work, at home, and on the road. Sometimes we can feel especially stressed because of a bad interaction with someone, too much work, or everyday hassles like getting stuck in traffic. Negative stress can keep you from feeling and performing your best – mentally, physically and emotionally. But no one's life is completely stress-free. Emergency stress stoppers are actions to help you defuse stress in the moment. You may need different stress stoppers for different situations, and sometimes it helps to combine them.

- ◇ **Count to 10 before you speak or react.**
- ◇ **Take a few slow, deep breaths until you feel your body un-clench a bit.**
- ◇ **Go for a walk, even if it's just to the restroom and back. It can help break the tension and give you a chance to think things through.**
- ◇ **Try a quick meditation or prayer to get some perspective.**
- ◇ **If it's not urgent, sleep on it and respond tomorrow. This works especially well for stressful emails and social media trolls.**
- ◇ **Walk away from the situation for a while, and handle it later once things have calmed down.**
- ◇ **Break down big problems into smaller parts. Take one step at a time, instead of trying to tackle everything at once.**
- ◇ **Turn on some chill music or an inspirational podcast to help you deal with road rage.**
- ◇ **Take a break to pet the dog, hug a loved one or do something to help someone else.**
- ◇ **Work out or do something active. Exercise is a great antidote for stress.**

<https://healthyforgood.heart.org/Be-well/Articles/3-Tips-to-Manage-Stress>



NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE

Let's be honest, we all talk to ourselves! Sometimes we talk out loud but usually we do it in our heads. Self-talk can be positive ("I can do this" or "everything will be OK") or negative ("I'll never get better" or "I'm so stupid"). Negative self-talk increases stress. Positive self-talk can help you calm down & control stress. With practice, you can learn to shift negative thoughts to positive ones.

For example:

"I can't do this." → "I'll do the best I can. I've got this."

"Everything is going wrong." → "I can handle this if I take one step at a time."

"I hate it when this happens." → "I know how to deal with this; I've done it before."

"I feel helpless and alone." → "I can reach out and get help if I need it."

"I can't believe I screwed up." → "I'm human, and we all make mistakes. I can fix it."

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Delicious & Nutritious

GRILLED FRUIT KEBABS

Threading fruit onto skewers creates a fun-looking dessert for kids and adults alike. A balsamic-honey glaze adds sweet tartness.



- 2 cups pineapple chunks
 - 2 cups watermelon chunks
 - 2 bananas (peeled, cut into large chunks)
 - 1, (16-ounce) package strawberries (stems discarded)
 - 2 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
 - 2 teaspoons honey
 - 1 tablespoon canola oil
- ⇒ If using wooden skewers, make sure to soak them in water for at least 30 minutes.
 - ⇒ Prepare a grill to medium-high heat. Prepare the fruit by chopping 2 cups pineapple and 2 cups watermelon. Peel and thickly slice bananas and remove stems from strawberries.
 - ⇒ Thread fruit onto the 8 skewers, aiming for 2 pieces of each fruit per skewer: strawberry, pineapple, watermelon, banana, strawberry, pineapple, watermelon, and banana. Place onto a platter or a baking sheet.
 - ⇒ In a small bowl, add vinegar, honey, and oil. Whisk together with a fork. Use a basting brush to glaze fruit with about half the balsamic mixture.
 - ⇒ Add fruit kabobs to the grill. Turning a couple times while cooking and basting with remaining balsamic mixture, until fruit is caramelized about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from grill and serve.

<https://recipes.heart.org/recipes/2041/grilled-fruit-kabobs-with-balsamic-drizzle#>

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