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A New Way to Treat Treatment-Resistant Depression

A New and Highly-Effective Therapy Designed to Help Those With Depressive Disorders, Anxiety, and PTSD

For those who struggle with Treatment-Resistant Depression (TRD), depressive disorders, PTSD, or clinical anxiety, ketamine therapy is a rapid and robust modality having antidepressant effects. Standard treatments for these mental health disorders do not always work, and not only do they take a long time for patients to feel its effects (up to 2 months), but they also do not stay in the system if the medication is not taken regularly. Ketamine, however, is unique in that it enables and promotes connectors in the brain to foster and regrow. Through repairing the connections in the brain responsible for depression, ketamine promotes regrowth and repair of these connections. It is this reaction that is responsible for the efficacy of ketamine, not the presence of the drug in the body as other traditional forms of medications work.

Those with depressive disorders, everyday tasks can be unbearable, affecting their overall quality of life. If the disorder is not managed at a core level, the individual will suffer the anguish that emotional and often physical symptoms can have. The introduction of ketamine in conjunction with behavioral therapy can help patients manage their condition.

What is Ketamine Therapy and What is it Used to Treat

Ketamine therapy is an evidence-based modality prescribed and recommended to those with Treatment-Resistant Depression (TRD), treatment and management of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety, and/or underlying mental disorders. Ketamine-assisted treatment has proven to be highly effective in mitigating the side effects and symptoms of depressive disorders and comorbidities, whereas other pharmacological and first-line treatment methods have failed, or the patient has not responded well to the treatment.

WhiteSands Recovery & Wellness is now offering ketamine therapy at their outpatient offices for those who qualify and meet the criteria.

Offering a full continuum of care and customized treatment options means introducing the latest therapies to patients who struggle with underlying disorders. WhiteSands' inpatient programs provide the most comprehensive, all-inclusive treatment at every level of care. Being at the forefront of the newest and most advanced mental health and substance abuse treatment methods, WhiteSands is

proud to introduce ketamine therapy to help patients heal from depressive disorders like Treatment-Resistant Depression.

How Ketamine is Offered and Administered

WhiteSands Recovery & Wellness administers Ketamine therapy in two ways:

- IV Infusion Therapy
- Nasal spray - SPRAVATO® (esketamine)

Patients considering ketamine therapy are first seen and assessed by a board-certified Psychiatrist and Registered Nurse where they will complete a blood test and urinary analysis (UA). Patients must pass all requirements of these tests before beginning ketamine therapy. A ketamine therapy plan is arranged for each patient so they are aware of where and when their next session is.

Ketamine therapy is administered seven times over four weeks. The procedure, which takes approximately 45 minutes, is completed in a comfortable and quiet room at a WhiteSands outpatient office where patients are administered their dose in a controlled environment. Once the process is complete, they are monitored for the proceeding hour by a Registered Nurse to ensure they are not experiencing any adverse reactions or side effects. Since patients cannot drive once they have completed their therapy session, we arrange a ride home for them.

Efficacy of Ketamine Therapy in Treatment of Depressive Disorders

Or

How Effective is Ketamine Therapy?

With the introduction of Ketamine for a range of depressive disorders, clinical trials and research indicate that 70-80% of patients who undergo the therapy no longer experience the negative emotions, moods, and symptoms of the depressive disorder they once did.

Ketamine therapy is becoming widely considered a treatment option for TRD for its rapid action and lasting effects. After just a single ketamine therapy session, patients reported a significant improvement in their anxiety and depressive symptoms.

Ketamine has shown to:

- Mitigate chronic pain
- Alleviate depression
- Reduce suicidal ideation
- Dramatically lessen the symptoms of depression

With the COVID-19 pandemic taking a toll on mental health and exacerbating depressive disorders, the need for effective and safe therapy is crucial now more than ever. To maximize patient success in managing depressive disorders, it's important that patients are not provided with a 'band-aid' method, but with safe, non-dependency therapies. Ketamine therapy can provide that.

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TRAVELING TIPS FOR HAPPY FEET

With summer around the corner, it's time to enjoy a well-deserved vacation. The last thing you or your family needs is a painful or injured foot to ruin your long-awaited vacation. Fortunately, there are a few steps you can take to prevent foot and ankle injuries while traveling.

1. Wear comfortable shoes while traveling, whether it's for a long car drive or to the airport.

You never know how far you may have to walk while at the airport or if you are running later for a connecting flight that might require you to walk fast or run to your terminal. Loose-fitting flip-flops and sandals increase your risk of tripping, falling and spraining your ankle. It can also lead to heel pain without a proper arch support.

2. Socks are your friend. Socks protect your feet from shoe friction/rubbing that can lead to blisters and painful callosities. You may be required to remove your shoes before you enter the metal detectors at airports. Walking barefoot through an airport exposes your feet to bacteria and viruses that could cause plantar warts and athlete's foot so don't skip on the sock while traveling.

3. Don't bring brand new shoes on vacation. Shoes that you have never worn can cause pain, blisters and other complications. Make sure to use shoes you know are comfortable while traveling especially if you will be on your feet for an extended period of time. It's also important to not use old or excessively worn down shoes.

4. Don't forget your children's shoes. Make sure their shoes fit properly and are comfortable as well.



5. Flip-flops or sandals are useful during certain situations. Use them in place of walking barefoot in locker rooms and around pools. Walking barefoot at these areas increases your risk of acquiring athlete's foot, plantar warts and toenail fungus. Today, it is also common to find ones with built-in arch supports. These are more ideal than a flat flip flop or sandal.

6. Pack an antifungal cream or powder. If you're staying in a hotel or using public pools, using an antifungal product can help prevent athlete's foot.

7. Place a towel on the floor before entering the shower or bathtub. This can prevent slipping.

8. Stretching is your friend. If you are traveling more than two hours, be sure to stretch your legs and pump your feet. This will help circulate the blood to prevent deep vein thrombosis, aka dangerous blood clots in the legs.

9. Compression socks can be helpful on flights. Compression socks can help prevent with edema or swelling of the legs while traveling. Long car rides and flying can make your swelling worse, if you suffer from lower extremity edema you should definitely use compression socks while traveling. Arriving at your destination with worsening edema can cause you pain, make it hard to fit in your shoes and make your vacation experience less desirable.

10. Pack a small first-aid kit. If you develop blisters, small cuts or abrasions a first aid kit can come in handy. Clean your feet with saline (eye solution), avoid peroxide then apply a small amount of antibiotic ointment and cover with a Band-Aid or gauze. If a puncture wound occurs, see a foot and ankle surgeon within 24 hours for to prevent infections and other complications.

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HOODED EYES ARE NOT JUST A COSMETIC ISSUE:

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT AN ADVANCED BLADELESS TECHNIQUE

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Some people are genetically predisposed to a "hooded" appearance to their upper eyelids, which typically gets worse with age, while others may develop fat-pads later in life due to aging. Bagging or droopy eyelids can occur on the lower eye area as well. In some cases, it's not just an aesthetic concern, but rather a visual disturbance, as it can interfere with one's peripheral vision.

Droopy eyelids can impair your vision and can also make you look older, tired, and less alert. Bladeless eyelid surgery can correct these problems and help you look more youthful. Traditional blepharoplasty

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Blepharoplasty is one of the most common procedures done, with more than 200,000 cases performed nationwide every year. While in many patients it is medically necessary, as their peripheral vision is compromised by the excess skin, others may pursue eyelid surgery for cosmetic reasons to refreshen their look.

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THE "SILENT" KILLER FOR MEN

By Dr. Aneley Yegezu Hundae, M.D., FACC

The term heart disease refers to several types of heart conditions, including coronary artery disease and heart attack, heart failure; arrhythmia, among others. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men in the United States, killing 357,761 men in 2019—that's about 1 in every 4 male deaths.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States, including African Americans, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Hispanics, and whites. For Asian American or Pacific Islander men, heart disease is second only to cancer.

About 1 in 13 (7.7%) white men and 1 in 14 (7.1%) black men have coronary heart disease. About 1 in 17 (5.9%) Hispanic men have coronary heart disease. Half of the men who die suddenly of coronary heart disease had no previous symptoms. Even if you have no symptoms, you may still be at risk for heart disease.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF HEART DISEASE?

Sometimes heart disease may be "silent" and not diagnosed until a man experiences signs or symptoms of a heart attack, heart failure, or an arrhythmia. When these events happen, symptoms may include:

- **Heart attack:** Chest pain or discomfort, upper back or neck pain, indigestion, heartburn, nausea or vomiting, extreme fatigue, upper body discomfort, dizziness, and shortness of breath.
- **Arrhythmia:** Fluttering feelings in the chest (palpitations)
- **Heart failure:** Shortness of breath, fatigue, or swelling of the feet, ankles, legs, abdomen, or neck veins.

Even if you have no symptoms, you may still be at risk for heart disease.

What are the risks for heart disease?

In 2013–2016, 47% of men had hypertension, a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke. Several other medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put people at a higher risk for heart disease, including diabetes, overweight and obesity, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and excessive alcohol use.



HOW CAN I REDUCE MY RISK OF HEART DISEASE?

To reduce your chances of getting heart disease, it's important to do the following:

- **Know your blood pressure.** Having uncontrolled blood pressure can result in heart disease. High blood pressure has no symptoms so it's important to have your blood pressure checked regularly. Learn more about high blood pressure.
- **Talk to your health care provider** about whether you should be tested for diabetes. Having diabetes raises your risk of heart disease.
- **Quit smoking.** If you don't smoke, don't start. If you do smoke, learn ways to quit.
- **Discuss checking your cholesterol** and triglyceride levels with your health care provider.
- **Make healthy food.** Having overweight or obesity raises your risk of heart disease.
- **Limit alcohol** intake to one drink a day.
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AGING AT HOME



The vast majority of seniors prefer to “age-in-place” or continue living in their own homes or communities. According to aarp.org, “nearly 90 percent of people over age 65 want to stay in their home for as long as possible, and 80 percent believe their current residence is where they will always live.”

While it is a fantastic feat for seniors to continue to care for themselves as they age; eventually, adult children of these wildly independent baby boomers realize that their aging parents need more support – and likely are not asking for it.

Baby-boomers are stubborn about maintaining their independence and for excellent reasons. These reasons are shaking up traditional senior living and senior care programs.

They are Living Longer

Statista reports a higher life-expectancy for baby boomers. Women can look forward to a life expectancy of 81 years while men are averaging a 76-year life expectancy.

Not only are they living longer, but medical and technological advancements have promoted healthier, fuller lives for this generation, more than any generation before. These advancements are how baby boomers have more drive, ambition and desire to maintain independent living.

They are Passionate about Hobbies, Jobs, Activities and Lifestyle

Don't expect to see baby boomers sitting around knitting with NPR on the radio station. You're more likely to see this age group hiking a popular trail with friends, participating in triathlons, volunteering at their grandchildren's schools and working from the comfort of their home.

Baby boomers DO NOT sit still. They are tech-savvy, active, social and are retiring at older ages than previous generations. They are more educated and on-base with modern technology. You might see them playing games on their smartphones, taking online courses or listening to podcasts. One thing is for sure – they are not sitting around waiting for other people to tell them what the rules are, what's for dinner and what time lights are out.

With the lifestyles that baby boomers are living, it is easy to see why this age group fearlessly challenges any threat of losing it. However, just because an aging parent has lived a strongly independent life does not mean that they will be capable of living without assistance forever. When the time comes for support to step in, in-home care provides the best type of care for individuals who want to remain in their homes, participating in the community and continue to enjoy a self-reliant lifestyle.

Gone are the days where senior living facilities were the “go-to” method of support for seniors. With in-home services, your bold and active parents can rely on assistance catered to their individual needs. Suppose mom and dad enjoy decorating their homes, choosing their meals, keeping beloved pet companions and caring for their gardens, but struggle with personal hygiene and housework or have limited sight or mobility. In that case, an in-home aide can provide that extra support so that they can stay comfortable and happy.

If you have a baby boomer in your family who is adamantly guarding their self-reliance but requires day-to-day or constant support, in-home care services are an ideal option that you can mold to meet specific needs. This way, they still get to live in the home they love, do the things they love without the fear of losing their beloved independence.

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A DIFFERENT HEALTHCARE CAREER PATH

By Dr. Francis Ikeokwu

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Why become a CPA? There are plenty of reasons, ranging from opportunities to salary. If you're already working for an organization, then passing the CPA exam may mean a bonus for you. More importantly, it could mean advancement within the organization. Over the course of a career, CPAs will make, on average, \$1M more than a non-certified professional will. Public accounting is a steady and stable career choice. Having the CPA designation behind your name makes you an even more attractive candidate for any position you seek.

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Nicotine's Effect on the Brain

Mark Twain once said “quitting smoking is easy. I should know, I have done it a thousand times.” Many tobacco users may be able to relate to this statement as it often requires multiple attempts to kick the habit for good.

There are several reasons quitting smoking is challenging. First, it is legal for adults to use tobacco products; therefore, there is less legal risk with tobacco than with other illegal substances. Second, nicotine is available for purchase at many convenient locations. The third and most significant reason is due to nicotine's effect on the brain. In fact, research has shown that nicotine is as addictive as alcohol, heroin, and cocaine and is often more difficult to quit.¹



When an individual smokes a cigarette, nicotine is delivered to the brain within seven seconds. Once in the brain, nicotine activates seven different neurotransmitters – many of which are responsible for pleasure, appetite suppression, reduction of tension and anxiety and increased focus. These outcomes can be perceived as positive and rewarding which strengthens the addiction to nicotine. It is important that individuals find other ways to get these same benefits without the tobacco products when quitting. Quitting tobacco involves “retraining” the brain's reward pathway as nicotine levels are reduced during the quit process.

The addiction to nicotine itself accounts for the biological component of addiction; however, addiction can happen on the psychological and cultural level as well. Tobacco can be used as a coping mechanism during challenging situations and as self-medication. Developing a dependence on tobacco during the tough times can make quitting even harder. Tobacco may also be promoted as part of social activities and norms.

Although quitting tobacco can be challenging, it can be done! According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, more than three out of five adults who have ever smoked cigarettes have quit. It is important to seek out support when quitting tobacco as those that attempt to quit on their own have a success rate of about 5-7%. Group sessions through Gulfcoast South AHEC and Tobacco Free Florida address all aspects of nicotine addiction, in addition to helping you develop a quit plan and identify your quit date. Studies have shown that group sessions plus the use of Nicotine Replacement Therapy can more than double your chances of quitting and staying quit.²

Quitting tobacco for good comes with many benefits to your physical and psychological health. These benefits are numerous and will greatly improve the quality of life for individuals who quit for many years to come.

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RECOGNIZING RESILIENCE DURING NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVOR MONTH

By Dr. Amy Fox

Every June, the country celebrates National Cancer Survivor Month. During this month, the first Sunday in June is National Cancer Survivor Day.

There are approximately 16.9 million cancer survivors in the United States. According to the National Cancer Institute, someone is considered a cancer survivor from the time of diagnosis through the rest of their life. Some patients prefer to count from their day of diagnosis while others begin counting after their first cancer-free post-treatment scan.

The National Cancer Survivor Day Foundation (NCSDF) states that National Cancer Survivor Day is a celebration for those who have survived, an inspiration for those recently diagnosed, a gathering of support for families, and an outreach to the community. It is also a time to recognize the unique challenges that cancer survivors face whether they are physical, emotional, or financial.

Each cancer survivor's journey is a unique one. The month of June gives us all an opportunity to celebrate their resilience in the face of a serious and challenging diagnosis.

This national observance also serves to increase awareness about the importance of cancer screening. Almost everyone knows someone who has been personally affected by a cancer diagnosis. The month shines a light on all forms of cancer, including the types that are most commonly diagnosed in the state of Florida:

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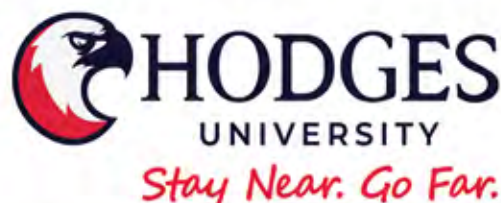
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Treating Venous Ulcers at Joyce Vein & Aesthetic Institute

Venous dysfunction in the legs can lead to painful chronic skin ulcers that will not heal. To resolve this kind of problem correctly, there's only one solution: consult someone with extensive expertise in the field like Douglas H. Joyce, DO, founder of Joyce Vein & Aesthetic Institute in Punta Gorda.

"There are two systems of veins in the leg," explains Dr. Joyce. "The main system, in the middle of the muscles, is called the deep system. The other system is made up of all the veins you see under your skin, and are called the superficial veins. These two systems are connected by perforator veins. If you picture a ladder, with the superficial system being the left rail and the deep system being the right rail, the perforator veins are the rungs on the ladder going across between the two sides. The superficial side of the ladder is under low pressure, and the deep system side is under high pressure. Each perforator vein has a one-way valve. When you relax, the perforator valves open, and blood passively drains from the superficial into the deep system. When you walk, the deep system is compressed, generating the high pressure that returns blood back to the heart against gravity. All the valves in the perforators snap shut, so that the high pressure blood does not move out to the skin veins. "When perforator veins malfunction, each leg movement causes blood to flow backward at high pressure into the superficial system. This increases the pressure in the superficial system dramatically causing damage to the delicate superficial veins and skin. We call this problem chronic venous insufficiency and it is the cause of venous ulcers. Severe intractable ulcers can make life nearly unbearable. Patients suffer with painful, draining wounds which will not heal despite skin grafts and compression. The answer is to remove the reasons for the increased skin vein pressure by treating the dysfunctional perforator veins themselves."

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9 TIPS TO PREVENT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

By Nasser Razack, MD, JD

Alzheimer's has a devastating effect that many people take for granted. Let's discuss nine ways to prevent the disease and promote better brain health.

1. Engage in brisk walking for at least 30 minutes five times a week. This can reduce Alzheimer's disease risk by 33%. Vigorous aerobic exercise performed three times weekly for at least 20 minutes can also bring it down to 50%. Quite simply, exercise delivers more oxygen and nutrients to your brain, helps repair damage, and removes toxins.

2. Partake in activities that are interactive and mind-engaging. These include playing challenging games such as chess or bridge. Other activities include learning a new instrument or a new language; you can also partake in a new practice such as yoga. These new and diverse activities allow your brain to grow by forming more neural connections. In a sense, all these are also exercise for the brain.

3. Avoid toxins. For example, midlife smoking can double the rate of dementia. Smoking is a fairly obvious toxin, but we are also constantly barraged by other harmful substances throughout our life without knowing it. Please visit Cosmeticsdatabase.com to find out what toxins may be affecting your health. You can check any product you currently use to determine their toxicity.

4. Engage in social activities. A recent Harvard study demonstrated individuals with at least five strong social ties (people they enjoy spending time with) had a 50% reduced rate of cognitive decline compared to those who were more isolated.

5. Have a purpose and life direction. Researchers at Rush University Medical Center demonstrated that people with the highest level of purpose and direction in life had a 2.4-fold reduced risk of developing dementia. So find your passion, pick a cause that is meaningful to you, and work on it regularly!

6. Relax and rejuvenate. There are different ways to do this including prayer, meditation, exploring nature, reading a book, visiting the spa, getting a massage, doing yoga and other forms of exercise. This is important because the opposite of relaxation is stress which can actually damage your brain.

7. Protect your head to prevent brain injury. Patients with head injuries have 2 to 4 times the rate of developing Alzheimer's disease. For most



people, the highest risk of head injury is while driving, so always wear your seatbelt and avoid texting. People who text behind the wheel increase their risks for accidents by as much as 23 times compared to those who don't. One study demonstrated this was equivalent to driving after having four alcoholic drinks. Head injury is also believed to result in increased inflammation, another factor associated with Alzheimer's disease. Recovery from stroke can also increase brain inflammation, with approximately 30% of stroke survivors unfortunately developing dementia.

8. Reduce inflammation. You can achieve this with a non-inflammatory eating plan such as the Mediterranean diet which favors 7 to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables daily. This diet also includes wild fish twice weekly, plus lots of nuts, almonds, walnuts, beans, and legumes. Additionally, there is a significant social component to this diet as advocates typically interact with each other while they dine.

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9. Have a positive outlook. A positive mindset offers tremendous protection against Alzheimer's disease. In "The Nun Study", researchers demonstrated nuns who had the highest usage of positive words and emotions in their journals aged better and lived longer, healthier lives. Even more remarkable, these incredible women donated their bodies to science. When their brains were examined after death, the researchers found biomarkers typically associated with Alzheimer's disease (neurofibrillary tangles and beta-amyloid plaques). However, these nuns did not have Alzheimer's disease symptoms. It's as if they derived a neuro-protective effect by maintaining a positive outlook. Further, this is an extremely strong message that we have to reduce any negativity in our lives. Negativity is literally toxic, even deadly.

You can remember all of these preventative measures by simply recalling the acronym, "PREVENT AD".

P	Purpose and life direction
R	Relax and rejuvenate
E	Exercise daily
V	Very positive outlook
E	Engage in social interactions
N	No head injuries
T	Toxin avoidance
A	Activities that stimulate your mind
D	Diet (anti-inflammatory)

It also helps to partner with a prevention-oriented physician. Specifically, find a physician that understands the importance of exercise and nutrition in the prevention of Alzheimer's disease. Notice that this is the last item on the list because everyone must be proactive when it comes to healthcare. No one is more concerned with your health than you are. Partnering with a physician is great but you must be in control of your daily activities which, compounded over time, will either hurt you or help you.

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ARTHRITIC KNEE PAIN: DO YOU REALLY NEED SURGERY?

By Physicians Rehabilitation

Walking, standing and exercising put a lot of strain on our knees. For example, a person that weighs 150 lbs. walking up a flight of stairs will put approximately 500 lbs. of pressure on their knees with each step. Not only is the knee one of the most intricate of all the joints in the body, but they are also the most susceptible to arthritis. Multiple types of arthritis affect the knees, but osteoarthritis is by far the number one type that surpasses all others.

What is Osteoarthritis (OA) of the Knee?

Positioned between the three bones of the knee (the femur, tibia, and patella) the articular cartilage provides a smooth gliding surface and acts as a shock absorber. This cartilage is smooth and resilient but susceptible to wear and tear. Once the cartilage begins to break down it is difficult to stop and often the cartilage breaks down completely and wears away. This can cause soreness, swelling, and stiffness, and it is the beginning stages of osteoarthritis, or bone rubbing against bone, which in turn causes bone spurs and a great deal of discomfort.

Articular cartilage has no blood supply. The cells that make the cartilage are nourished by the synovial fluid, and hydrostatic pressure of the joint influences the health and pathological condition of arthritis. The wear and tear process can be slowed often by weight reduction, strengthening the muscles surrounding the joints, and by minimizing or reducing activities that put excessive weight on the knee joints. However, there are well-known non-invasive treatments that have helped numerous people regenerate knee joint function and tissue.

Osteoarthritis develops slowly, and the often the pain becomes worse with time. This type of arthritis is also known as degenerative joint disease, because it is often associated with the aging process. But occasionally, this process can also affect younger people too. The pain can be debilitating and interfere with daily activities, affect your ability to work and create limited range of motion in your life.

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NATURAL DEFENSE DRIP

By Amanda Tezyk, APRN, BSN, RN

If you're feeling under the weather or are already sick with the common cold or flu, this dose of Vitamin C, Zinc and other nutrients will boost the immune system, so you can bounce back quickly and live life to the fullest. If you are excited about summer travel plans, getting your immune system on track is just as important as booking a plane ticket.

What is in the "Natural Defense" drip?

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The **B vitamins** help enzymes in our bodies do their jobs and are important for a wide range of cellular functions, like breaking down carbohydrates and transporting nutrients throughout the body. In addition, B complex can provide health benefits like healthy brain function. The B vitamins play an inter-related role in keeping our brains running properly. Adequate amounts of B vitamins in the body are essential for optimal physiological and neurological functioning. Some data shows that vitamin B6 in particular may play a role in the prevention of the neurological disorder Parkinson's Disease.

Vitamin B-12 (cobalamin) plays an essential role in red blood cell formation, cell metabolism, nerve function and the production of DNA, the molecules inside cells that carry genetic information. Food sources of vitamin B-12 include poultry, meat, fish and dairy products. Vitamin B-12 is also added to some foods, such as fortified breakfast cereals, and is available as an oral supplement. People who follow a vegetarian or vegan diet might be prone to deficiency because plant foods don't contain vitamin B-12. Older adults and people with digestive tract conditions that affect absorption of nutrients also are susceptible to vitamin B-12 deficiency.



Magnesium is an essential mineral necessary for proper functioning and maintenance of the body. It is vital that you get adequate amounts of magnesium daily to support health and prevent deficiency. Fortunately, magnesium is naturally abundant in a variety of foods such as grains, vegetables, legumes and nuts. All bones, cells and organs in the body require magnesium for proper functioning and maintenance. The mineral is required for the contraction and relaxation of muscles and nerve function. It also necessary to produce enzymes and other proteins in the body. Magnesium is an essential mineral because it cannot be made in your body and must be abundant in your diet. It also necessary to produce enzymes and other proteins in the body.

Among all the health benefits of **calcium**, the most important ones are that it aids in maintaining bone and dental health, as well as helps in the prevention of colon cancer and the reduction of obesity. We need it from birth all the way until we reach old age. In our infant days, it is required for proper bone and tooth growth; during adolescence, as the bones develop, calcium is again essential to support the growth. When we get older, our bones tend to get porous and weak, thereby requiring ample calcium intake. With so many fancy diets around us, we often tend to avoid calcium-rich foods like whole food groups, including dairy products.

Zinc is an essential mineral that women require on a daily basis to stay healthy. Although zinc is needed in small amounts, a zinc deficiency can cause some serious and unpleasant side effects - like hair loss, problems with your sense of taste and smell or poor wound healing. Good sources of zinc include red meat, chicken, seafood, dairy products, legumes, and nuts. of a cold.

Vitamin C, or ascorbic acid, is an important nutrient found in many foods, such as oranges, red and green peppers, and kiwi. Vitamin C has many important functions in the body including synthesizing collagen, an important protein, healing wounds, repairing and maintaining cartilage, bones, and teeth and functioning as an antioxidant, (meaning it neutralizes free radicals—unstable molecules that can damage cells at the genetic level). Historically, vitamin C was used to prevent or treat scurvy, a condition caused by vitamin C deficiency. Today, vitamin C is considered an "immune booster" and is often taken as a cold remedy. There is some evidence that taking it may shorten the length and severity.

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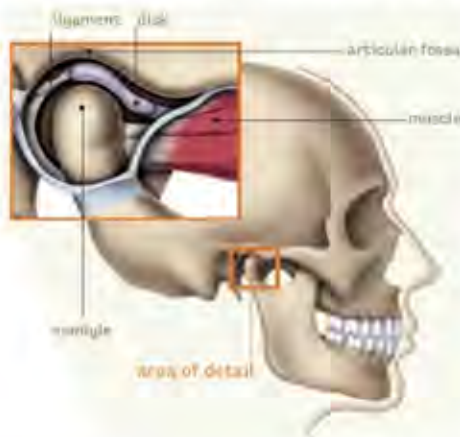
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The Daily "Grind"

By Dr. Joseph Farag

Too much stress can contribute to a wide range of health problems. From a dental perspective, stress often plays a role in the development of Temporomandibular Disorders, or TMD. Grinding of teeth which causes headaches, jaw soreness and pain, among many other symptoms can be exacerbated during times of high stress. The temporomandibular joint (TMJ) is the hinge joint that connects the lower jaw to the temporal bone of the skull, which is immediately in front of the ear on the side of your head. The cause of TMD is not clear, but dentists believe that symptoms arise from problems with the muscles of the jaw. Severe cases can be caused by injury to the jaw. In more common cases, grinding or clenching of the teeth puts a lot of pressure on the TMJ and people feel tooth sensitivity, earaches, and neck tension and pain.



Treatment Options

If stress is causing you to grind your teeth, ask your doctor or dentist about options to reduce your stress. Also, avoid foods and drinks that contain caffeine, alcohol, and do not chew gum. Relax your jaw muscles at night by holding a warm washcloth against your cheek. When these

options do not relieve your pain, your dentist can offer a variety of treatment modalities for your specific case. An occlusal guard, often called a nightguard, can be fabricated by your dentist to allow your muscles to rest and protect your teeth from further wear.

Patients who present with TMD should also have an occlusal analysis

This helps determine if there are any bite discrepancies that may be corrected with a simple procedure to reshape how the teeth come together when you bite. Medications such as over the counter ibuprofen are helpful because they reduce inflammation to aid in the healing process. Occasionally, a mild muscle relaxant may be prescribed for a few days or weeks to help relieve pain. Surgery for TMD should only be considered after all other treatment options have been tried and you are still experiencing severe, persistent pain.

Relaxation Techniques May Help Alleviate TMJ Symptoms

Simply becoming more aware of tension-related habits — clenching your jaw or grinding your teeth — will help you reduce their frequency. Because stress can contribute to TMJ disorders, relaxation techniques like yoga, meditation and deep breathing may also help alleviate TMJ symptoms.

This season, survive the holiday grind with a little planning, prioritizing and perhaps a trip to your dentist. To learn more about TMD or to schedule an appointment, please call Dr. Joseph Farag at Port Charlotte Dentalcare, 941-764-9555.



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COMPRESSION BACK FRACTURES

By Omar Henriquez, M.D.

If you've had a compression fracture in one of your vertebrae, then you know how painful it can be. It can make moving difficult due to bone fragments rubbing against each other. For fractures like this, kyphoplasty may be a viable solution.

What Is Kyphoplasty?

Kyphoplasty is a minimally invasive procedure designed to stop the pain caused by a spinal fracture. The procedure works to stabilize the bone and restore some or all the lost vertebral body height.

Benefits of Kyphoplasty

Kyphoplasty can have numerous benefits. The procedure has been shown to achieve restoration of vertebral body height as well as correction of vertebral body deformity. Additional benefits include:

- Reduction in back pain
- Increased mobility
- Increased ability to perform activities of daily living
- Improved quality of life
- Kyphoplasty Procedure

Before the procedure

Before the kyphoplasty procedure, your doctor will order blood and imaging tests. This will ensure you are healthy to undergo the procedure and will help direct the surgeon to the area or areas in need of repair.

On the day of the procedure, an intravenous line (IV) will be placed in your arm to deliver anesthesia. You may also be given antibiotics to prevent infection.

During the procedure

The procedure usually takes less than one hour. Your surgeon will perform the following steps.

- A tube is inserted through a small incision on the back into the damaged vertebrae.
- A thin catheter with a balloon at the tip is guided into the vertebrae.
- The balloon is inflated which creates a cavity. In this cavity, liquid bone cement is injected.
- The balloon is deflated and removed as the bone cement is injected.
- The liquid bone cement hardens in about 10 minutes.
- The needle is removed, the area is bandaged, and your IV and monitoring equipment are removed.



After the procedure

Following the kyphoplasty procedure, you will rest in a recovery area for a short period of time. Your nurse or doctor may encourage you to get up and walk within an hour of the procedure. You will likely experience some soreness but will probably be able to go home later that day.

Some patients require additional monitoring if their procedure involves more than one vertebra, if there were complications, or if their general health is not optimal.

Kyphoplasty Recovery Time

Most patients can go home the same day as the procedure. You may experience soreness, but you should start feeling better within 48 hours. Your doctor will let you know when you can resume your normal activities. Talk to your doctor about bone-strengthening supplements.

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Dr. Henriquez is double board certified in Anesthesiology and Interventional Pain Management by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

He is well versed in the use of fluoroscopy and ultrasound guidance to perform many spine and joint procedures such as epidurals, facet blocks, spinal cord stimulators, kyphoplasty for vertebral fractures, nerve blocks, migraine headaches, joint injections, and much more. He is very passionate about the new innovative field of regenerative medicine and has dedicated much of his time to learning and researching the best options out there for his patients.

"The one thing missing in the medical field today is being able to take the time to listen and understand our patients. It is through this process where we can formulate a comprehensive plan to produce the best possible outcomes."

— Dr. Omar H. Henriquez

Dr. Henriquez is a true Florida native having lived most of his life in Florida. When he is at home he enjoys spending time with his wife and four children, exploring their city, and playing outdoors. They are very excited to have chosen Sarasota County as their home and continue their journey as a family and helping out in the community through charities and fundraisers.



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Things to Remember.... When Traveling this Summer....

By Dr. Noël Crosby, Au.D.

The summer travel season is almost upon us. Whether for business or vacation, traveling can be as stressful as it is enjoyable, and for the more than 20 million people in the U.S. with hearing loss, travel can be especially difficult. If you are a hearing aid user there are a few things you should consider when creating your travel plans. The following list includes those items that you should bring with you when vacationing or traveling.

- Basic maintenance tools such as wax picks and brushes.
- A carrying case to protect your hearing aids anytime they're out of your ears.
- A dehumidifier to protect your hearing aids from moisture – especially if you're travelling to a humid climate.
- A stock of extra parts such as tubing and domes. Extra batteries.
- A copy of your audiogram, along with your audiologist's phone number.
- Accessories such as portable phone amplifiers, vibrating alarm clocks and devices to help with hearing the TV.
- A spare hearing aid – if you have one – but make sure it's working.
- To prevent loss, avoid storing your hearing aid equipment in checked luggage.

There are many travel arrangements that can be made that will provide less stress when you are travelling. Some of these are:

Try to make all travel arrangements in advance. Once your transportation arrangements have been made, request a written confirmation to ensure that all information is correct. Always inform whomever you are making the arrangements with that you are hearing-impaired.

If at all possible, meet with a travel agent to allow the opportunity for lip reading, or if necessary, written exchange to help confirm travel plans. Agents can then contact airlines, hotels, and attractions to make necessary reservations and also inform them that you are hearing impaired.



Travel information and reservation services are also available on the internet. Be sure to print copies of important information such as confirmation numbers, reservations, and maps. Keep copies of your travel arrangements, including confirmation numbers, easily available.

Try to arrive early at the airport, bus terminal, or train station. Inform the agent at the boarding gate that you are hearing-impaired and need to be notified in person when it's time to board.

Check the display board repeatedly while waiting in the terminal to confirm your flight destination and departure time as there may be delays or the departure gate may change. Confirm the flight number and destination before boarding.

Inform the senior flight attendant that you are hearing-impaired and request that any in-flight announcements be communicated to you in person. Requesting an aisle seats can allow easier communication with the flight staff.

Do not be afraid to ask for help from fellow travelers. Most are more than willing to offer assistance.

It is important to know that in most cases, hearing aids worn on or in the ears will not set off the alarms during security screening at airports. Keeping the hearing aids on will allow you to communicate with the security officers during screening. It is ok to ask a security officer if it would be advisable to take your hearing aids off; however, body worn hearing aids and personal listening devices may contain enough metal parts that they should be packed in your carryon bag. If the security scanner is operating correctly it will not harm your hearing aids or other related devices.

Many major airlines and transportation companies have Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) services to assist passengers. Hand-held personal communication devices provide the ability to send and receive text messages without the need to access public resources.

Once you arrive at your hotel, notify hotel personnel of your hearing impairment and request that you be informed of any emergency. Become familiar with the "A.D.A. Requirements for Services and Aids for People Who Have Hearing impairments or Deafness". You should check in advance to find out if your hotel is in compliance with A.D.A. In advance of your trip, contact your local organization for the hearing impaired for the address of a possible counterpart agency at your travel destination. This agency will likely have a TTY and interpretation service, if one is needed.

It is important to remember, that in many cases, hearing impairment is invisible to those around you; this means that the people around you are unaware of your hearing impairment. I can't stress enough the importance, at every step of your travels, to let key personnel know about your hearing impairment so that proper arrangements can be made that will ensure your enjoyment and safety while traveling or vacationing.

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CAN I AVOID ESTATE TAX WITH AN LLC?

By James W. Mallonee

I get calls from time to time about individuals who want to avoid estate taxes and how to do it. The short answer is if you do not have greater than a \$10 million dollar estate (a single person) or \$20 million dollar estate (a married person) you do not need to be concerned with estate taxes in Florida or with the Federal Government. If you do have greater than the amounts stated then you might be open to learning about IRS Section 2036 tax planning under Florida law.

Generally speaking, upon death, all of a person's assets are grouped together to form the decedent's gross estate. It is the gross estate that needs to be reduced to avoid Federal estate taxes. The federal government looks at the estate to see who retains power over such assets as to its control or beneficial enjoyment. For example, if a house on the beach is used by both the decedent and children prior to his or her death, then the control of the residence is suspect and may be included in the decedent's estate. The reason being that the decedent maintained beneficial enjoyment.

How is the beneficial ownership of the beach property (previously mentioned) removed from the decedent's estate? In many cases it is by transferring the ownership to an LLC where the decedent had no control over the Company except for decisions involving the maintenance of the property. The decedent cannot have the LLC pay for his or her living expenses while alive, nor can any rental amounts be used to pay the decedent's spouse or



decedent while alive as income. The IRS uses the term "Substantial Present Economic Benefit" which is translated to mean benefiting from the property. Once this test is overcome, then placing the LLC into a trust is the next step.

The decedent must also not have any right to designate interests. For example, if the LLC owner designates that the beach house is to be placed into a trust for the benefit of the children then this is a form of designation interests. Which translates into the decedent designating the individuals who will benefit from the use of the property while in the trust. In addition, the person transferring the property into an LLC should not have any control over who will benefit from any of the rental or sale proceeds earned by the property. In essence, the decedent (while alive) could not have any control or benefit over the LLC.

Generally speaking, if a taxpayer desires to protect LLC assets placed into a trust from IRS scrutiny, the following suggestions are recommended:

1. A well prepared and coordinated LLC operating agreement showing the trust grantor did not retain any control over the LLC or trust instrument.
2. A well-documented control sheet showing trust administration along the lines of the trust agreement and the operating agreement of the LLC.
3. Clearly defined duties and documentation of those duties being carried out.
4. Limitations to the person who transferred the property to the LLC or trust from being able to determine any allocation of income or property to the members of the LLC or trust beneficiaries.
5. Avoidance of any conflicts of interest among the beneficiaries, trustees or members of the LLC.

In short, to take advantage of moving an estate into an LLC and the LLC placed into a trust to avoid scrutiny by the IRS takes careful planning and review on an annual basis. These types of estates require continuous assurance that the decedent had no real interest in the plan once it is set up. In essence, seek out the attorney of your choice and confer with him or her on what it is that you want to accomplish prior to death to avoid IRS scrutiny.

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- Stress incontinence
- Urge incontinence
- Mixed incontinence
- Overflow incontinence
- Functional incontinence

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Sacral Neuromodulation

Sacral neuromodulation is an advanced procures that uses a tiny wire that is placed on the glut muscle with a quarter-size impulse device that sends messages to the brain to regulate urination. This procedure takes around 30 minutes to perform, and if the procedure does not work, or if a patient decides they want it removed, we can take it out quite easily. Other similar devices can also be placed on the sacral nerve to induce sacral neuromodulation to send small impulses to the bladder.

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When You Are At Your Wits End

By Pastor Timothy Neptune

Have you ever been at your wits' end? Have you ever been so confused that you didn't really know which way was up? Have you ever had the feeling, "I know I need to do something...but I don't know what 'something' to do."

The Bible tells the story of a group of sailors who went out to sea and encountered a huge storm that almost killed them:

²³Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. ²⁴They saw the works of the LORD, his wonderful deeds in the deep. ²⁵For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves. ²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in their peril their courage melted away. ²⁷They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their wits' end. ²⁸Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. ²⁹He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. ³⁰They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven. ³¹Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Psalm 107:23-31

Can you relate to this group of sailors? Maybe the circumstances in your life have caused your courage to melt away. Perhaps you are going through a storm of your own. You may find yourself at your wits' end without any clear direction as to what to do next. If so, follow the example of the sailors in the Bible.

There first thing they did was cry out to the LORD in their trouble. Don't underestimate the power of prayer. An old gospel song says, "when God is all you have, you'll find He's all you need." God responded to the sailor's prayer by bringing them out of their distress. In fact, it says he stilled the storm to a whisper and the waves of the sea were hushed. God can do that in your life and in your situation as well. Call out to him. His timing is not always as quick as we may like but He knows what is best for each of us.



When the storm was over, the text says that God guided the sailors to their desired haven. They found their place of rest and peace. Storms don't last forever... and neither will yours. Keep your faith in God. Cry out to Him in your pain. Trust that He knows what's best and keep praying and seeking your desired haven... it may be just around the corner.

And then, don't forget to thank God when He does bring you through the storm. The story concludes by saying, "Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men."

Storms, crises, pain and problems are an unfortunate reality of life. We grow through the pain and learn valuable lessons during these times. Don't give up, give in, or quit. When you find yourself at your wits' end...hang on, cry out to God, and look for His deliverance.



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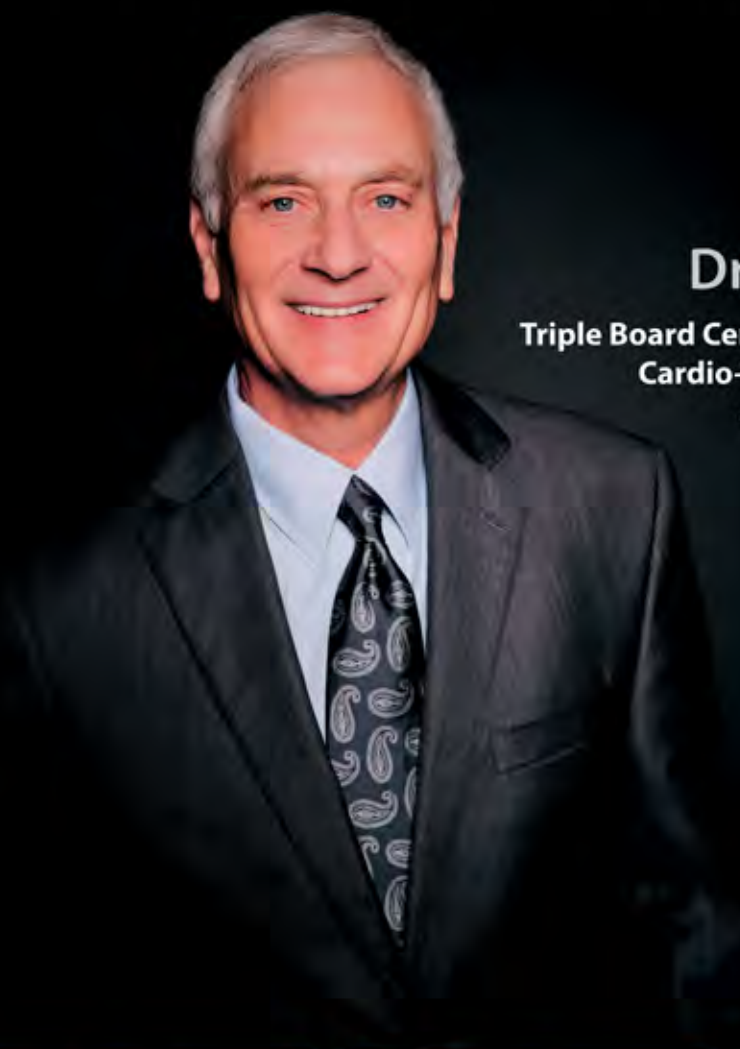
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- TIRED, HEAVY, RESTLESS
- ITCHY
- ACHY
- SWOLLEN

Varicose Veins



Swelling



Skin Changes



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