# Try-It-On: Developing Self-Care through Hands-On Techniques

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# Expected Learning Outcomes

- Recognize signs of stress, anxiety, and burn-out
- Learn skills to prevent anxiety and burn-out
- Utilize hands-on immersion techniques to experience self-care
- Develop a tool kit for holistic, integrative direct patient care for treatment of anxiety and stress.

### Eustress

"Good Stress"

Motivates

"I've got this!"



Performance

## Distress

"Bad Stress"

Depletes

"I can't do this!"



Performance

# Stress

Vs.

# Anxiety

React external factors

Feel overwhelmed

Forgetful

Resolves w/ events

May drive you forward!

React internal factors

Feel worry or fear

Recurring thoughts

Doesn't end

Stops your progress

### Stress

Characterized by overengagement

Emotions are overactive

Produces urgency and hyperactivity

Loss of energy

Leads to anxiety disorders

Primary damage is physical

### Burnout

Characterized by disengagement Emotions are blunted

Produces helplessness and hopelessness

Loss of motivation

Leads to depression

Primary damage is emotional

# S **U** $\sigma$



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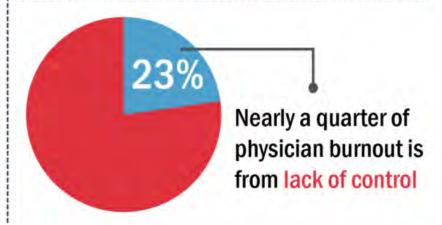
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Less than 7 hours of sleep per night is inadequate



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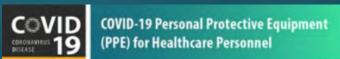
# Covid-19

Every month, frontline health responders around the world need these supplies (and more) to protect themselves and others from #COVID19

- 89 million masks
- 30 million gowns
- 1.59 million goggles
- 76 million gloves
- 2.9 million liters hand sanitizer









Have None

Almost Out

Running Low Have Sufficient Amount

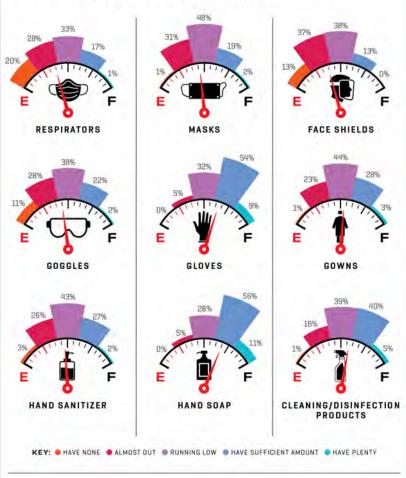
Survey March 23-25, 2020

Have Plenty

### Running on Empty

Healthcare professionals, including infection preventionists, are being asked to risk their own health and their families' health to care for us. The federal government must act NOW to secure more personal protective equipment and coordinate distribution where it's needed most.

Every minute matters. Every minute wasted puts more lives at risk.



**ABOUT THE SURVEY:** APIC conducted an online survey of its 11,922 U.S.-based infection preventionist members March 23-25, 2020. Results shown are based on responses from 1,140 infection preventionists located throughout the United States.

#### SOURCES OF SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Healthcare facilities are actively trying to access supplemental PPE through varied means.

















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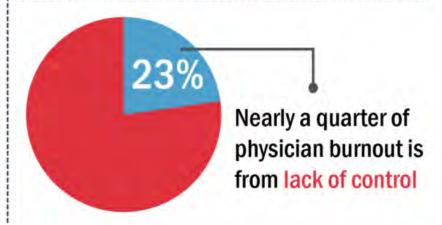
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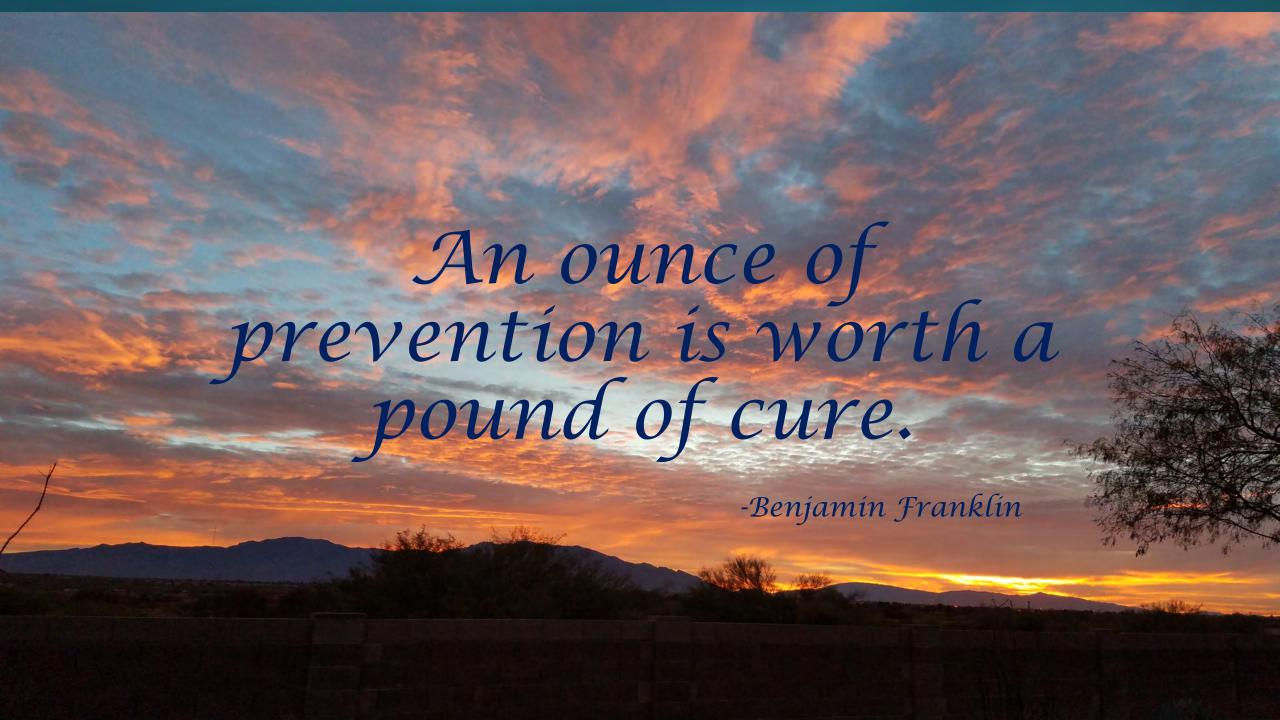
Depression 50.4%

Anxiety 44.6%

Insomnia 34%

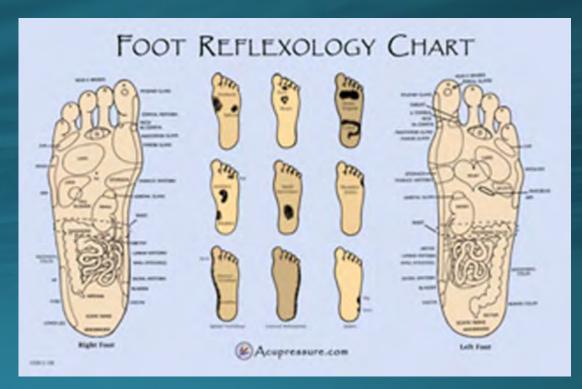
Distress 71%

Working on the frontline of the pandemic was an independent risk factor



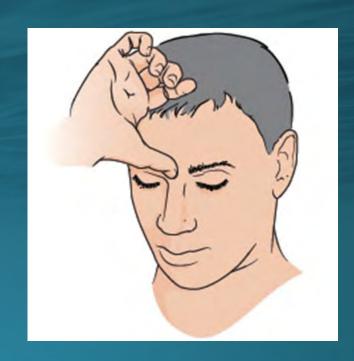
### Acupressure

- A form of Chinese medicine
- Same principles as acupuncture
- Sends a "signal" to "turn on" self-healing or regulatory mechanisms.
- Stimulation of meridians
   promotes healing and wellness



# Acupressure: Pressure Point Extra-1 (Yin Tang) Relieves anxiety

- Sit back in a comfortable position.
- Place your right thumb or forefinger between your eyebrows
- Apply pressure in a circular motion on this point for 5 to 10 minutes. The pressure should be gentle and shouldn't cause discomfort.
- You can do acupressure on this point several times a day, or as needed for your symptom to go away.



## Acupressure

Stress

Anxiety

Neck pain

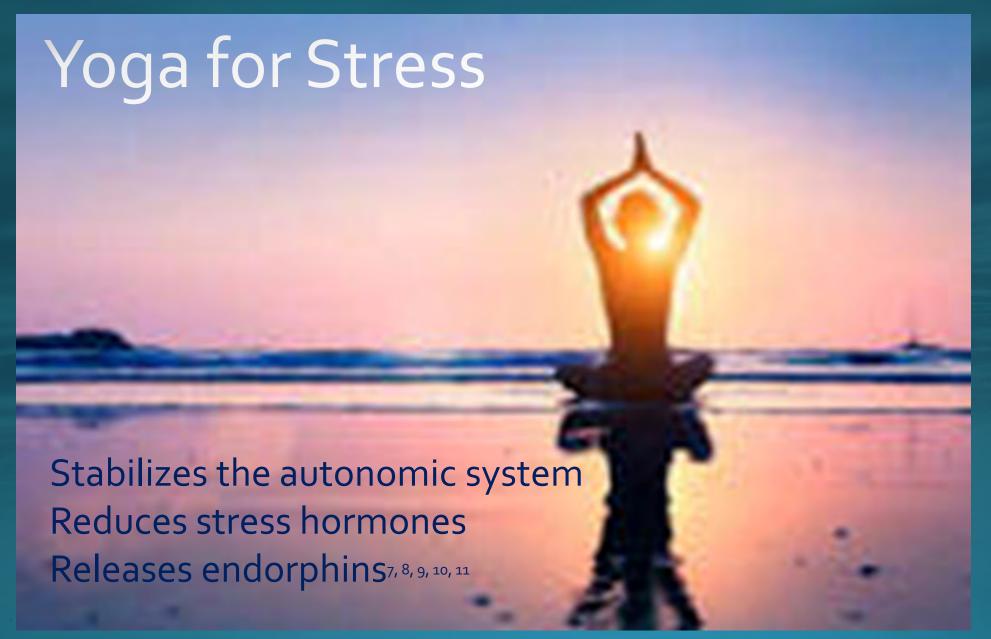
Lower back pain

Headaches

Sinus pain

Dental pain, 8, 9, 10, 11







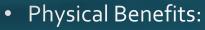
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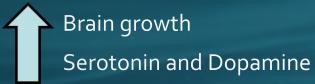
- Stress management
- Positive mental health
- Depression
- Back pain
- Neck pain
- Knee pain

### May Improve:

- Osteoarthritis
- Fibromyalgia
- Migraine

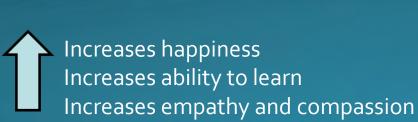






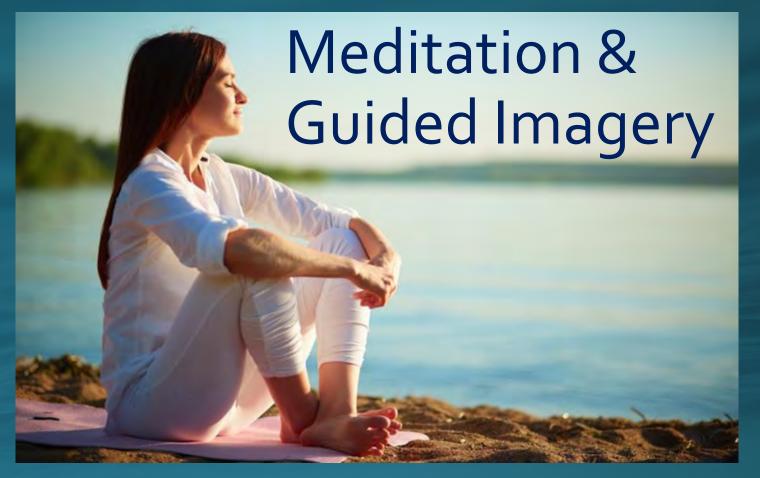
Cortisol
BP and HR
Aging

Mental Benefits:





Reduces stress<sup>7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20</sup>



### Meditation Literally Rewires your Brain!

Brain scans of people who meditate regularly show:

Brain tissue density associated with anxiety.

Blood markers for inflammation

Loss of brain white matter (aging)

Brain area associated with empathy
Brain tissue in relaxation areas<sup>7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20</sup>

### Meditation

Anxiety Depression Headaches Knee pain Back pain Neck Pain Fibromyalgia 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20



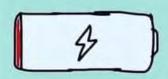


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# Help is Here!

- National Alliance on Mental Illness at 800-950-NAMI
- SAMHSA Hotline at 800-662-HELP
- National Suicide Hotline at 800-273-TALK

- Covid-19 Anxiety Management Program
  - Free to HCP's
  - https://www.talkspace.com/



YOU WOULDN'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR PHONE. DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU EITHER.

SELF CARE IS A PRIORITY, NOT A LUXURY.

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