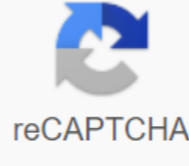




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By Emily Delzell If you live with arthritis , especially in the face of global upheavals – caring for yourself is essential for health and well-being. We see our doctors occasionally, but it's what we do every day that drives our health and determines our quality of life, says pain psychologist and scientist Beth Damall, PhD, clinical professor at Stanford University in California. This daily decision about whether to move more, eat well, manage stress and sleep properly can either increase our pain or dampen our pain and improve or hinder our functioning and quality of life. A mindset of kindness, meekness and acceptance of yourself when you experience challenges and failures can boost your ability to take care of yourself, says Fuschia Sirois, PhD, a psychologist at the University of Sheffield in the UK Sirois study on self-compassion in chronic diseases, recently published in the journal Mindfulness, helps explain why. More self-compassionate people were less stressed and more likely to take good care of themselves than people who tended to judge themselves for perceived failures and blame for what increases anxiety and distress, she says. Treat yourself to the same kindness that you give to friends who are struggling. Good self-sufficiency can mean committing to regular physical activity, a plant-based diet, or sufficient sleep, but it also involves mental and emotional care – learning to break negative thought patterns and avoid social isolation. The habit of self-care makes it easier to maintain it when things get tough. Photo: Cassandra McDLeEt talks about taking care of herself. Not the self-care that companies use as an excuse to get you to buy their shit, but how you can meet the basic needs of your body and mind. Feed yourself good food so you don't long for junk food so muchWe all have a meal that we probably know we should eat less. I'm not going to judge, but if something certain came to mind, if you read it, then you already know what it is. Maybe cookies. Maybe ice cream. You might take it from a place that is definitely not healthy, but they're always right there when you're hungry. Before you start beating up, take a minute to plan how your diet should look realistic. I don't care if it's high in calories or low-calorie, carnivores or vegans; but get some kind of good food, and feed yourself early and often. Vegetables. Protein. If you have healthy food in front of you, eat a lot Then you won't be tempted by this tempting thing when it happens. And if you decide to treat yo'self, it's not a big deal because you have such a healthy diet otherwise. Set a realistic exercise planexercise is ridiculously good for us. It reduces our risk of heart disease and diabetes, it prepares us for a lively age, it sometimes takes the edge of depression or anxiety. The bottom line is that your life is better with a little movement than as a Nothing. So select some in your calendar. If you leave the exercise as a last priority of the day or week, it will fall out of your schedule. Find out what minimum you can manage, and then block those times in your calendar. Zero exercise is not enough. Going for a walk every day is probably a good thing. And if you... Read moreNo gym? Try bodyweight workouts that you can do at home, or check out our bar-bone gym workout guide, as you might find it in a hotel or apartment building. Clean one thing! sucks to sit around in your own mess, but we don't all have the energy for a Marie Kondo-style cleanup. So: Clean one thing. This should probably be a horizontal surface that you use a lot (or wish you could), such as your kitchen table or desk or stack, that you are pretty sure of being a dresser. Spend 20 minutes and you'll be surprised how clean it is. (Take pictures before and after!) Then declare it clean, and from now on, if you look at it, it won't be the mess of a table, it's going to be my clean table, but with three things on it I should put away. I'll tell you a secret about picking up your stuff: it's not harder if you do it right... Read morePlanning the big thingsWhat doctor's appointments do you need to go to this year? What other major events are on your mental calendar? Choose a calendar (the default app on your phone is fine) and enter the important things that basically contain everything you'll probably forget. This deadline, which you do not have to worry about for another eight months? Set a reminder for seven months. Get enough sleepYou get to decide what time to go to bed and what time to wake up, but make sure these two numbers match each other. If you stop late, whether to work or celebrate, there is a line where you will get a bit less sleep from tonight to tomorrow will really suck crossed. Practice allows you to find this line; You probably already know where it is. Stop telling everyone that you are one of the rare people who can exist on four hours of sleep; You know you're not. Go to bed. Any sleep needs are a little different, but most adults should always between 7 and read morecheck in on someone, or let someone check on youSometimes self-sufficiency is often a gap for care that someone else should provide for us, Shayla Love points out on Vice. For example, to find peace, we look at bubble baths and meditation apps but what if we lived in a society where we could count on good mental health care? See how your company, family, or friends can help you and how you can help others. Should you go to the Food Bank? Can you give something to the food bank? If you need something that you can't provide for yourself, find out how to get it. The first step may be to contact a friend or family member who can help you figure out what to do next. If you're going through a hard time and know that people are asking how they can help, a list of things you can use to help. On the other hand, if you have the time and energy and money, consider agitating for better care for everyone else. This can be a check-in on your friends, or it can make some political phone calls. After all, building a better world is something like the ultimate in self-sufficiency. Instagram might think that the only way to practice self-sufficiency is to take a photo shoot worthy of bad (and post a picture of it, obv). But uh, that's definitely not the case (although if you love a good bubble bath, do). In terms of self-sufficiency, you first have to do one thing: Don't think there's a perfect or right way to do it. Even then, it can be difficult to know where to start. Here, experts share self-sufficiency advice for everything from sniffing to time with the right people. Whether they suit you every day or commit to it once a month, make it a priority to add them to your routine to help yourself feel better and better.1. Drink water first in the a.m. BraunSGetty Images Drink a glass of water as soon as you wake up, says Vandana R. Sheth, R.D.N., certified diabetes educator and spokeswoman for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. We often wake up slightly dehydrated after a night, which often means starting the day. 2. Write down five things every day that haven't quite sucked. No matter how badyour day sucks, we all have something to be grateful for – a home, a car, a vision, two legs, etc., says Nancy B. Irwin, Psy.D. Focusing on what you are grateful for can help put things into perspective – and not put so much emphasis on the stressors you might have to deal with. 3. Make a menu for the week. PeopleImagesGetty Images Healthy, fresh food sounds simple enough until, well, life happens. Peter LePort, M.D., medical director of the MemorialCare Surgical Weight Loss Center at Orange Coast Medical Center, says planning for fixed meals comes into play. By pre-planning your meals, you can often eliminate the impulse, 'pressed on time' purchases, he says (think: candy bars at the register). 4. Try this new yoga class. Bert Mandelbaum, M.D., a sports physician and orthopedist, says a little adaptability goes a long way, especially when it comes to fitness. Burnout and injuries happen, and the willingness to change your workout makes it less suffocating – and perhaps even more exciting. 5. Take a new way to work. It turns out that, like the rest of your body, your brain is subject to use it or lose it theory, says Vernon Williams, M.D., Center for Sports Neurology and Pain Medicine at Cedars-Sinai Kerlan-Jobe Institute. Take care of your brain by challenging it – and, no, you don't need a fancy app. Williams suggests learning a foreign language or trying out a new sport, or simply taking another path to work in the morning.6. Have a mini dance party. Our lives are so busy and Nowadays, it's important to remember, have fun and connect with our loved ones, says Erica M. Wollerman, Psy.D., psychologist and founder of Thrive Therapy Studio. Make plans with friends, treat yourself to your favorite TV show, or blast music and dance your day out in the middle of the living room.7. Take five minutes to decompress each day. It's important to take time to breathe, says Alexandra Elle, author of Growing in Gratitude. People believe that self-sufficiency must be expensive and expensive, but it doesn't, she says, adding that it can look as simple as plugging the phone (or any other device) away for five minutes just to sit with your own thoughts. 8. Move for at least 30 minutes per day. Should you do a full, high-intensity workout every day? Probably not, but getting at least 30 minutes of aerobic exercise - whether it's a solid gym session or a lunch walk - is as good for your mental health as your physical one, Sheth says. Even better, you don't have to do everything at once – take three 10-minute walks if you can't do a full half hour. 9. Get some sleep. Dmitry BilousGetty Images It seems simple enough and yet, 40 percent of Americans get less than seven hours of sleep a night, according to a 2013 Gallup poll. (Healthy adults should have an average of seven to nine hours of closed eyes per night.) During sleep, your brain frees itself from toxins, consolidates memory and builds neural highways, Williams says. Which means that you can sleep through self-sufficiency.10. Practice bowling exercises. In case you haven't heard toning and strengthening exercises for your pelvic floor are crucial for overall health down there, including better orgasms. The best part of the bowling exercises? No one will ever know you're doing it, says S. Adam Ramin, M.D., urologist and medical director of urology cancer specialists. Not sure how to do it? Think about what it feels like when you stop your piss mid-stream (though, thh, you should never do that). This squeezing happens in your pelvic floor muscles – as soon as you find it, keep this squeeze for three to ten seconds. You can do 10 repetitions of it, work your way up to three sets per day. Self-care that also improves your sex life? Yes, please. 11. Start your day with something pleasant. So yes, that doesn't mean snoring five times and then racing to the door. It can be very exhausting to have pleasant rituals built into the day, says Wollerman. Maybe start your day with a cup of tea or coffee or a gentle stretch. 12. You are your om. Meditation can help lower blood pressure, as well as symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), anxiety, and depression, according to the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health – making it an ability worth learning. Don't know where to start? Remember, meditation doesn't have to be a big time investment (and you don't have to completely erase your mind) – here are some quick tips on how to start Now. 13. Confront your negativity – on paper. Write down the lies – the negative self-talk, self-doubt -- and then fight that with what you know to be true, what you're capable of, Says Elle. Putting that on paper helps to acknowledge the negative, but not to let it overtake the positive in your life. 14. Get a tomato plant. Even if you think you don't have the space for a full garden (or just don't have a green thumb), choose an item you consume regularly and explore how to grow it in the space you have available, LePort says. Can it grow in a pot? Inside?, he asks. If you take a trip to a local nursery, someone can help you find a way to grow it. Bonus? The care of plants has great therapeutic benefits, he adds. Stop smelling the coffee – literally. Try to find a few moments a day when you just sit or stand and just connect with your senses at the moment, Wollerman says. Really pay attention to what you hear, feel, see, etc. This is a quick way to bring a little mindfulness to your day. Do you need an example? Try the coffee you brew – but don't just smell it; Thinking about how it smells: a little sweet, a little bitter, totally soothing. 16. Volunteer only one hour a month. You know, or more. Giving back is good for the soul and increases the morale of the community, says Irwin. If everyone volunteered just one hour a month, imagine the difference it could make in the world! Whether you're giving back with a donation or volunteering your time and talents, it will feel like you're making a difference. 17. Go purse shopping. Turn your arm, don't you? But seriously, your ultra-sweet bag could wreak havoc on your neck and back, says Neel Anand, M.D., professor of orthopaedic surgery and director of spinal trauma at the Cedars-Sinai Spine Center in Los Angeles, California. Opt for a smaller handbag or ease the load in the one you have, leaving room for just the essentials. 18. Take a family dinner. A set meal where you sit with your family, another, or just alone to eat and enjoy, can be a really nice way to connect with your loved ones or yourself, Wollerman says. 19. Just expose yourself. Mum was right: attitude is crucial for general personal care. When they're like most people, it becomes second nature to walk around with poor posture or sit at a desk, and some people don't even notice they do, says Anand. Instead, try sitting in your chair, placing your hands on your thighs and squeezing your shoulder blades while holding for five seconds. Anand recommends repeating this three to four times during the day for improved posture.20. Don't eat kale if you don't like it. Yes, kale salads on Instagram are the epitome of wellness – but if you prefer romaine (or uh, plates with sweet potato fries), that's okay. It's important to realize that everyone is different to find the health sweet spot that works for you, that the goes for exercise (if you hate running, don't feel obliged to sign up for a half marathon). Work with your doctor or registered nutritionist or trainer to respect the specific needs of your own body, Wollerman says. Overall, don't compare your body to others' and don't expect their health practices to work for you as well.21. Detox of technology and work. Because we often track our working lives through our phones these days, with strong limits around emails, texts and calls, or even just Facebook, if that's very distracting for you, we can really help create more downtime, Wollerman says. Still, it's easier said than done just to limit your screen time – fortunately, your phone might actually be able to help you (some let you set a daily limit). If this isn't an option, set a certain time before bed and relax with a book instead of scrolling through Instagram.22. Schedule a training date with a friend. LePort says it's important to keep friends in your corner who support your overall health and life goals. You can adjust to health success by staying with the friends who will be there for you and supporting you, rather than those who drag you and plunge you into old, unhealthy habits, LePort says. This does not mean that you have to drop your (slightly toxic) BFF. Instead, ask her if she would like to join you for jogging next time. 23. Enjoy breakfast. Sure, sometimes you have to eat on the run. But as often as possible, Sheth says, you should sit down to eat, with the aim of consuming something with protein and carbohydrates to keep you refueled throughout the day (think: a piece of toast with bananas and peanut butter). Sheth says you should also enjoy regular meals and snacks throughout the day to avoid feeling hungry.24. Make some boards. Even if you don't have time to squeeze into a full workout, Anand says planks can help strengthen your core and eliminate lower back pain. Most people who live with chronic back pain can benefit from strengthening their core muscles and introducing only a few exercises per day can help improve the pain. 25. Say no to these dinner plans. Stop being over-fulfilled: our expectations of us in different situations are unrealistic, so you're probably not able to do all the things you might think you need to do - that's okay, Wollerman says. 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