

# Heart, Muscles & Brain

Key factors in maintaining independence

# What is Lifestyle Medicine?

Evidence- based lifestyle therapeutic approaches:

Whole food, plant-based diet

Exercise, sleep, stress management

Alcohol moderation, and tobacco cessation

Other non-drug modalities, to prevent, treat, and oftentimes, reverse the lifestyle-related, chronic disease that's all to prevalent.

# The Power of Lifestyle

More adults are living longer, but not necessarily better.

20% adults considered thriving

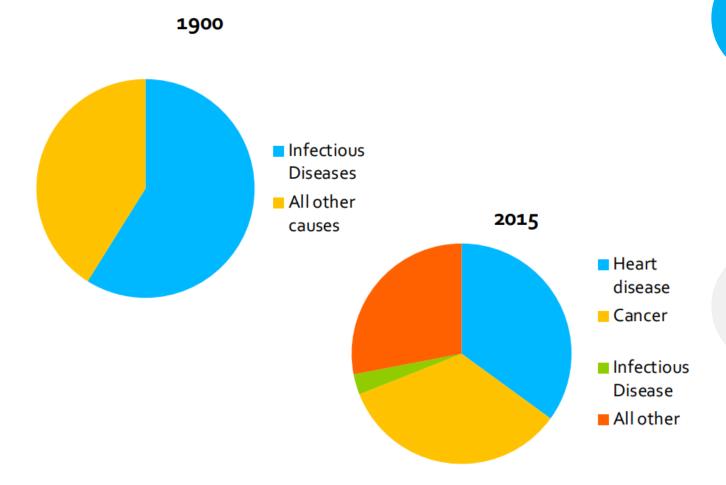
1 in 3 US women will develop cancer

1 in 2 US men will develop cancer

Almost 70% of all US deaths are the result of heart disease or cancer

40-60% of cancers are lifestyle related

Around 80% of chronic diseases are driven by lifestyle choices.



## What we know so far

- 7 out of 10 of the top deaths in the US are chronic diseases
- Chronic diseases are related to lifestyle choices
  - Sleep
  - Exercise
  - Diet

- 1. HEART DISEASE
- 2. CANCER
- 3. RESPIRATORY DISEASE
- 4. ACCIDENTS
- 5. STROKE
- 6. ALZHEIMER'S
- 7. DIABETES
- 8. SEPTICEMIA
- 9. KIDNEY DISEASE
- 10. SUICIDE

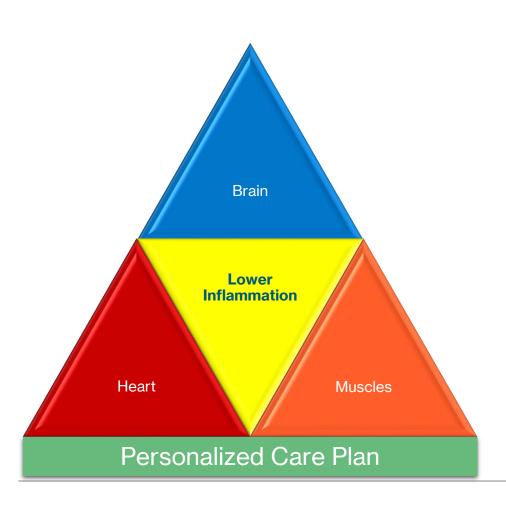
HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/NCHS/FASTATS/DEATHS.H

### All of these Diseases are Related

- Obesity
- Sleep Apnea and Insomnia
- Gallbladder Disease
- Type 2 Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome
- Kidney Disease
- Coronary Heart Disease, High Cholesterol, and Heart Attacks
- High Blood Pressure and Stroke
- Osteoporosis
- Depression
- Cancers



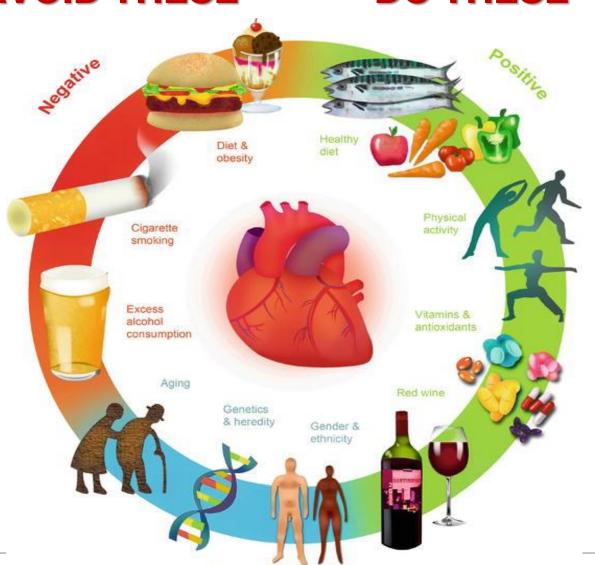
# Focused on whole health for quality of life



There are three major players in keeping the body healthy.

- The Brain
- The Heart
- The Musculoskeletal system Lowering inflammation in these areas increases body wellness within the whole system.

### PREVENTION: AVOID THESE DO THESE



**Stress reduction** 

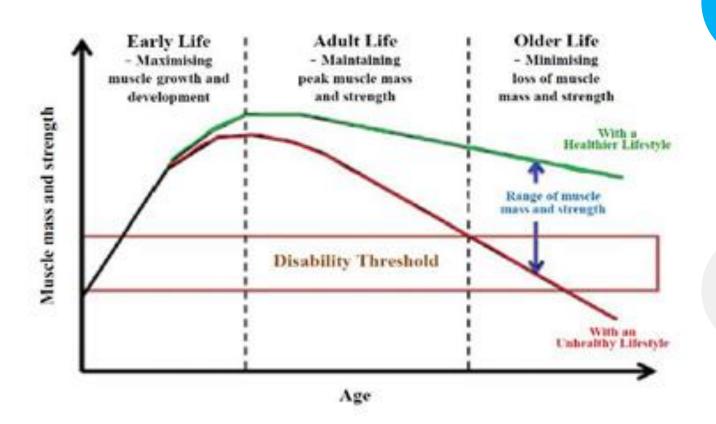
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# Age Related Sarcopenia

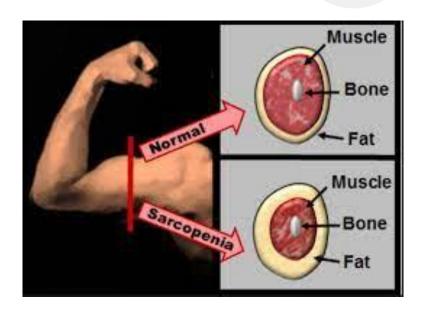
Progressive and generalized loss of skeletal muscle mass, strength and function that is associated with adverse outcomes, such as:

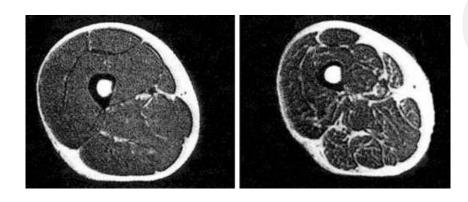
- Falls
- Fractures
- Physical disabilities
- Frailty
- Mortality



### **The Dilemma**

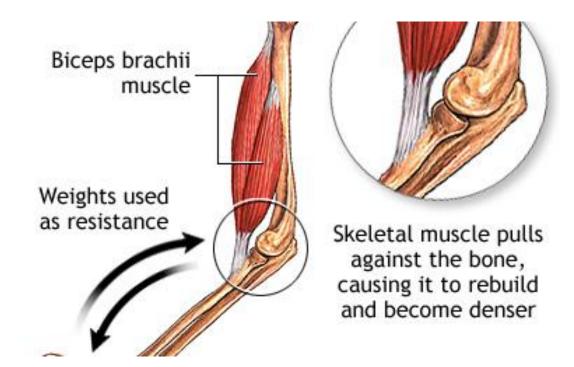
- As we get older our muscle mass and strength begins to decrease at a faster rate.
- When this happens, our bodies lose the ability to function at an optimal level.
- This process starts around our thirties and slowly creeps up as we age, so don't see it coming until often the symptoms are severe.





# Strength: Putting more than usual load on your muscles to make them stronger

- Somewhat different than muscle mass
- Is a better indicator for physical wellness





### **Fitness Strategy**





#### Health Benefits of Physical Activity for Adults



#### IMMEDIATE

A single bout of moderate-to vigorous physical activity provides immediate benefits for your health.



Regular physical activity provides important health benefits for chronic disease prevention.













Reduces risks of developing dementia (including Alzheimer's disease) and reduces risk of depression







#### **Heart Health**

Lowers risk of heart disease, stroke, and type 2 diabetes



#### **Cancer Preventi**

Lowers risk of eight cancers: bladder, breast, colon, endometrium, esophagus, kidney, lung, and stomach



Reduces blood pressure



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#### **Healthy Weight**

Reduces risk of weight gain



Nieman, "The Compelling Link," 201-277.
Jones, "Exercise, Immunity, and Illness," 317-344.



#### **Bone Strength**

Improves bone health



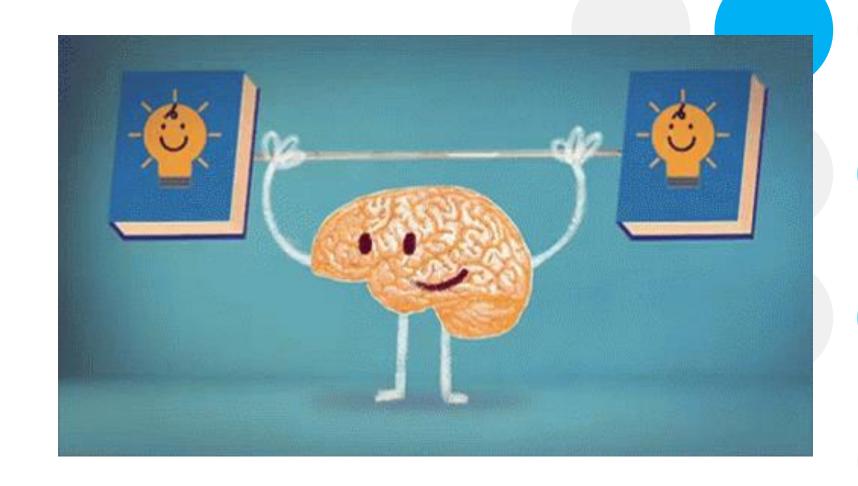




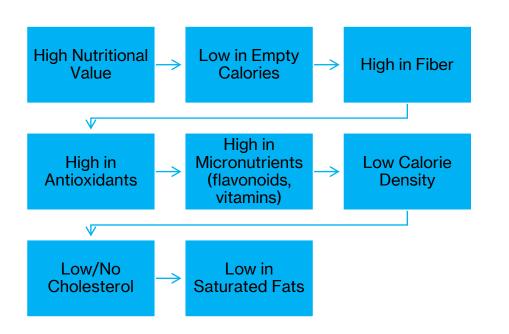
#### Balance and Coordination

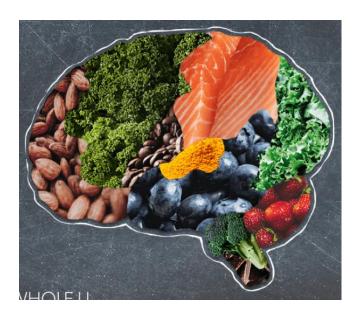
Reduces risks of falls

Although not a muscle the brain can train like one.



### What is the best diet?





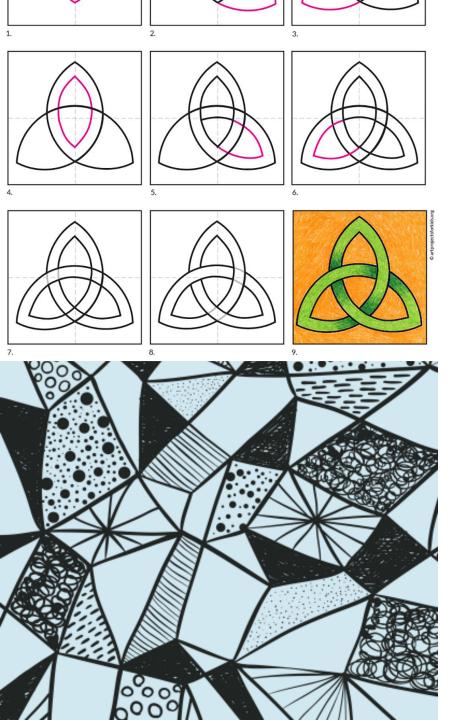




#### **How Sleep Impacts** Your Brain. Organizes new More efficient information thought process Keeps your Solidifies your body healthy memories Regulates Leads to more creative thinking your appetite Clears out harmful toxins

### Sleep Hygiene

Judgement, memory, and reaction time can all be impaired when someone does not have enough sleep.



## **Creative art for mental** health

Doodling activates creativity.

Drawing/painting elicits a relaxation response.

Synchronizing hand & eye coordination can become a calming and meditative experience.

https://www.forbes.com/health/healthy-aging/doodling/

#### Motivation is Key How to set yourself up for success

Social Support

Environment/home

Spiritual practice

Finding accountability: friends, classes, professionals



### Yours in Health,



