



TRANSCEND HEALTH

8 ESSENTIAL STRESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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This goes without saying, but this content is for educational purposes only.

While I am a board-certified neurologist, I am not your personal neurologist and therefore do not know everyone's unique health backgrounds, considerations, and needs.

So before undertaking any of the action steps we discuss, you should consult any changes to your personal routine with your physician who does know you and can best advise you on these topics.

YOUR PERSONALIZED ACTION PLAN

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STRESS RESPONSE

What is stress? A mismatch between perceived obstacles and the resources available to cope with them. While acute stress helped your ancestors survive, chronic stress in modern life can be detrimental to your health.

Quick assessment: Mark which symptoms you experience when stressed:

- ☐ Elevated heart rate
- ☐ Increased blood pressure
- ☐ Muscle tension
- ☐ Rapid breathing
- ☐ Excessive sweating
- ☐ Difficulty focusing
- ☐ Sleep disturbances
- ☐ Irritability or mood changes



MY 8-POINT STRESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

1. ACCEPT THE REALITY OF STRESS

Stress is inevitable, but your response to it isn't fixed. The first step to managing stress is acknowledging its presence in your life.

Action step: List three recurring stressors in your life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. USE STRESS AS A CUE

When you feel stress rising, use it as a signal to engage stress-reduction techniques rather than reacting automatically.

Action step: What physical signs tell you you're becoming stressed?

(Examples: tense shoulders, clenched jaw, rapid heartbeat)

3. PRACTICE THE PHYSIOLOGICAL SIGH

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Action step: List three recurring stressors in your life:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

4. TRANSFORM "HAVE TO" INTO "GET TO"

Practicing gratitude shifts your perspective and has been shown to increase longevity.

Action step: Reframe these statements with gratitude:

"I have to attend this meeting" ---->

"I have to prepare dinner" ---->

"I have to exercise" ---->

5. INCORPORATE STRATEGIC MOVEMENT

Exercise is perhaps the most powerful tool for reducing stress and improving your overall health.

Action step: What quick movement breaks could you incorporate when stress hits?
(Examples: 10 push-ups, quick walk, stretching)

6. CREATE PROTECTED TIME BLOCKS

Your brain works optimally in 90-minute intervals and requires breaks to reset.

Action step: Schedule three 15-minute breaks in your calendar this week:

1. Date/Time: _____ Activity: _____
2. Date/Time: _____ Activity: _____
3. Date/Time: _____ Activity: _____

7. PRIORITIZE RESTORATIVE REST

Quality sleep and downtime are non-negotiable components of your stress management.

Action step: What is one change you can make to improve your sleep environment tonight?

8. BUILD YOUR STRESS TOOLKIT

Having multiple strategies ensures you can manage stress in any situation.

Action step: Circle the techniques you'll commit to exploring this week:

- Deep breathing exercises
- Brief meditation
- Nature walks
- Journaling
- Physical exercise
- Connecting with loved ones
- Limiting screen time
- Other: _____

MY STRESS MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT

I, _____, commit to implementing these stress management strategies to optimize my brain health, reduce chronic stress, and live a longer, more impactful life.

I will begin by focusing on these three specific actions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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- Free weekly email insights on brain health, longevity, and stress management

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