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How to Boost Cognition with Diet & Exercise

Please follow advice of your medical professional and speak with them before changing diet, exercise, or supplements. This is for informational use only.

Cognitive health is affected by genetics, age, environment, diet, and physical lifestyle, among other influences. Some factors are out of our control, but diet and exercise are within reach. Here are several approaches to diet and exercise to improve cognition.

When it comes to diets, several approaches may achieve better brain health. One is the **Mediterranean Diet** which includes fish, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts and olive oil. It aids heart and brain health, red meat ought be limited, and herbs -not salt- should flavor food.

A second is the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension Diet, or the DASH Diet. It focuses on vegetables, fruits, and low-fat or fat-free dairy products. It includes whole grains, fish, poultry, beans, seeds, nuts, and vegetable oils. It encourages limited sodium, sweets, and red meat.

Another is the Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay Diet, or the **MIND Diet**, combining Mediterranean and DASH parameters, to promote a healthy mind. It emphasizes berries over other fruits, recommends fish at least once per week, and promotes leafy vegetables along with other vegetables.

A common thread through each diet is that sugar should be avoided as much as possible. Multiple studies have found a correlation between a diet high in refined sugars and impaired brain function, as well as a worsening of mood disorder symptoms like depression.



A study of 16,000 older women over 15 years found those who consumed at least 1/2 cup of blueberriesor strawberries weekly had slower cognitive decline.

10 foods on the brain health "yes" list

include fish (salmon and trout especially), blueberries, cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, spinach, kale, Brussel sprouts, collard greens, cauliflower, arugula), nuts (especially walnuts), avocados, beans and lentils, eggs, seeds, whole grains (like brown rice, whole-wheat bread, quinoa, and oats), and coffee and tea.

Regular exercise may be beneficial in helping to lower Alzheimer's and vascular dementia risk. Several studies have found a link between physical activity and reduced risk of cognitive decline.

Exercise can help prevent things that can lead to memory loss, like diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, and stroke. It may increase blood and oxygen flow in the brain benefiting brain cells, may reduce stress hormones, and may reduce inflammation.

A diverse menu of physical activities may bring the best results, including walking regularly, tai chi, aerobic exercise, resistance training, balance and coordination exercises, weightlifting, and dancing.

We hope these ideas inspire you as they have us. Help others boost cognition and share these tips with friends and family!





Happy Birthday!



Wendy-January 3 Wanda-January 12



Those born in January are Capricorn (Jan. 1-19) or Aquarius (Jan. 20-31). Their birthstone is garnet which symbolizes love and was discovered in Ancient Egypt. Their birth flowers are Carnations and Snow Drops. Carnations are among few flowers that can bloom in the cold!

January 2021 Highlights

January observes Healthy Weight Week, Bath Safety Month, and Mentoring Month. It celebrates hot tea, oatmeal, soup, pizza, and fresh squeezed juice, as well as taking part in beloved hobbies!

01 New Year's Day; Bloody Mary Day 02 Cream Puff Day; Science Fiction Day **03 Chocolate Cherry Day** 04 Spaghetti Day; Trivia Day; Braille Day 05 Whipped Cream Day; Bird Day 06 Bean Day; Tech Day; Shortbread Day 07 Bobblehead Day; Tempura Day **08** Argyle Day; English Toffee Day 09 Apricot Day; Balloon Day **10 Bittersweet Chocolate Day** 11 Milk Day; Vision Board Day 12 Pharmacist Day; Marzipan Day 13 Rubber Duck Day; Sticker Day 14 Dress Your Pet Day; Pastrami Day 15 Hat Day; Bagel & Lox Day 16 Fig Newton Day; Intl. Spicy Food Day

17 Hot Buttered Rum Day 18 Winnie the Pooh Day; Thesaurus Day **19 Popcorn Day; Tin Can Day** 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Cheese Day 21 Granola Bar Day; Squirrel Lovers Day 22 Blonde Brownie Day; Library Fix Up Day 23 Pie Day; Handwriting Day 24 Compliment Day; Peanut Butter Day 25 Opposite Day; Irish Coffee Day **26 Green Juice Day; Peanut Brittle Day** 27 Bubble Wrap Day; Chocolate Cake Day 28 Kazoo Day; Blueberry Pancake Day 29 Corn Chip Day; Puzzle Day **30 Croissant Day** 31 Inspire with Art Day; Backwards Day; **Hot Chocolate Day**

Regarding Covid-19: Resident and staff safety and comfort remains our number one priority during the Coronavirus cases that have happened nationwide. It is important to communicate our plans to mitigate risk in our community. We are following mandated health guidelines. All activities are subject to cancellation per those current guidelines. To read our measures taken, and our current visitor policy, please visit our website. Jan. 6 is **Shortbread Day** and here's a recipe for it (modified from a Food Network version)! **3/4 lb. salt free butter; 1 cup of sugar; 1 tsp. vanilla extract; 3 1/2 cups of flour; 1/4 tsp. salt; 7 oz. of semisweet chocolate chopped**

Preheat oven to 350. Mix butter + 1 cup sugar with mixer until combined. Add vanilla. In medium bowl sift flour with salt and add to the butter and flour. Mix on low until dough comes together. Dust a surface with flour and put dough on it. Shape into flat circle. Wrap in plastic and chill for 30 min. Roll dough 1/2" thick and cut with 3 by 1" rectangle cutter. Put cookies on ungreased baking sheet and top with extra sugar. Bake 20-25 min until edges start to brown. Cool to room temp.



Staff Spotlight: Ramon

Our caregiver spotlight is on Ramon. Ramon cheers the halls of Arbors with his wonderful singing voice that brings joy to our residents and team workers alike. His singing helps us release endorphins!

Ramon has an easy yet respectful way about him that helps residents open up. This caregiver is a true team player that consistently steps up to any task asked of him.

Ramon has been a leader in our fight against Covid-19 with using everyday best cleaning and safety practices. He is amazing with the deep cleaning, necessary for high touch areas and surfaces, with our Victory Electrostatic spray gun.

To care so deeply about residents and staff alike is really Ramon's true gift to everyone who has the pleasure of knowing him. Thank you for all you do, Ramon!



Resident Spotlight: Mary

This very sweet lady, who is originally from New York, married the boy next door or at least from down the street, and they raised five children. Her close-knit family moved to North Carolina and lived for a short while in California. Once retired Mary and her husband returned to North Carolina and in the past couple of years, they settled in Nevada with their daughter. Mary loves to stay active and you can find her in our morning exercises kicking her legs up. She loves to strengthen her mind with puzzles, trivia, and crosswords on iN2I. Mary is a natural at crafts and has made cards, wreaths, and gingerbread houses, as well as attending every art class we have. Her greatest joy comes from music and you can find her tapping her toes to the music and singing along to every song she knows.

Mary is a wonderful addition to the Arbors community.

JANUARY 2021 Arbors Memory Care Monthly Activities						
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