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Hands On Arthritis Facts and Care Tips

Follow your medical professional's advice and speak with them before changing diet, exercise, or supplements.

This May marks National Arthritis Month to bring attention to the condition of joint pain and joint disease.

For those wondering whether they have Arthritis, it's best to go through a primary care provider or Rheumatologist for a diagnosis. In general, Arthritis symptoms may come and go and include mild to severe swelling, pain, stiffness, and decreased motion range. It can also limit one's ability to do some daily activities.

Read on to learn about arthritis types and ways to help arthritic conditions.

Types of Arthritis

- Osteoarthritis is the most common Arthritis type. Risk factors include family history, overweightness, age, and prior injuries. Those with non-severe Osteoarthritis can help the condition with a healthy weight, proper exercise, rest per activity level especially during flare ups, avoiding repetitive movements, strengthening muscles by joints, and hot/cold therapy.
- Inflammatory Arthritis is another type. Rheumatoid and Psoriatic Arthritis are in this category. It occurs when the immune system creates inflammation to rid of what • it falsely sees as infection. It occurs in people with genetic predisposition and environmental risk factors, like smoking. Early diagnosis and strong treatment are key in slowing the condition.



American Adults Diagnosed: 54 million+ Americans Likely to Have Arthritis: 91 million **Types of Arthritis That Exist: Over 100** Working Adults With Arthritis: 60%

Arthritis Pain Management Tips:

Are you dealing with Arthritis pain? Try some of the below tips for potential relief:

- Create a plan with your rheumatologist.
- Be aware of, and track, your warning signs, like a dull hand ache or daytime sleepiness.
- Stay up to date on vaccinations and wash hands frequently to avoid infections which could trigger a flare.
- Stay on top of your emotional health. Anxiety and stress can raise inflammation.
- Slow your movements, but continue moving to avoid stiff joints.
- Do hot & cold therapy, no more than 15 minute intervals, two to four times a day.
- Sleep on a schedule with lights off, devices off, and have no caffeine hours before bed.

We hope you find pain relief this National Arthritis Month. Let us know if you've found this helpful or received relief from these tips!





Happy Birthday!



Special Moments

Those born in May are Taurus (May 1-20) and Gemini (May 21-June 20). The birthstones for May are emerald and pearl. The birth flower for May is lily of the valley. A UK study showed that May is the luckiest month in which to be born!

May 2021 Highlights

May observes Blood Pressure Education, Asthma Awareness, and **Osteoporosis. It celebrates BBQs, Nurses, Photography, & Seniors!**

01 Kentucky Derby; Scrapbook Day; Fit Day 16 BBQ Day; Sea Monkey Day; Mimosa Day 02 Lemonade Day; Truffle Day; Tuna Day 03 Garden Meditation Day; Textiles Day 04 Firefighters Day; Teacher's Day; Bird Day 19 Devil's Food Cake Day; Juice Slush Day 05 Astronaut Day; Cartoon Day; Hoagie Day 20 Quiche Day; Pick Strawberries Day **06 Nurses Day; Beverage Day** 07 Space Day; Military Spouse Day 08 Mother's Day; Coke Day; Mini Golf Day 09 Lost Sock Memorial Day; Moscato Day 10 Shrimp Day; Hamster Day 11 Twilight Zone Day; Eat Whatever Day 12 Intl. Nurses Day; Receptionists' Day; Third Shift Workers' Day 13 Apple Pie Day; Fruit Cocktail Day 14 Buttermilk Biscuit Day; Chicken Dance Day 15 Chocolate Chip Day; Armed Forces Day; World Baking Day

17 Cherry Cobbler Day; Walnut Day 18 Cheese Souffle Day; Intl. Museum Day 21 Waitstaff Day; Pizza Party Day; Tea Day 22 Solitaire Day; Vanilla Pudding Day 23 Lucky Penny Day; Taffy Day; Turtle Day 24 Brother's Day; Scavenger Hunt Day **25** Tap Dance Day; Wine Day; Geek Pride Day 26 Sr. Health/Fitness Day; Paper Airplane Day **27 Grape Popsicle Day** 28 Burger Day; Road Trip Day; Brisket Day 29 Paperclip Day; Coq Au Vin Day 30 Water Flowers Day; Mint Julep Day 31 Memorial Day; Macaroon Day; Smile 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.

May 6th is Beverage Day! Our residents and staff shared their favorite

drinks!

"Coke is It" - Christine "Ice cold Lemonade" - Wanda "Cup of Tea with Milk" - Wendy "White Wine" - Mary "Long Island Iced Tea" - Jackie "Coffee First Ting in the Morning" - Viki "I Just Want Water" - Elsie "Please Give Me Coffee Anytime" - Betsey



Staff Spotlight: Mari

We honor in our spotlight an incredible caregiver, Mari. Having been part of the Arbors' family for over a year, we are fortunate to have such a compassionate person watching over our residents. She takes extra time and patience helping the residents prepare for their day and making sure that their hair is styled and beautiful. This gives our residents a feeling of confidence and self-esteem. Mari helps to engage residents to participate in innovative activities that supports their individual needs. She shows love and respect in her interaction with the residents and other team members, alike. Mari's enthusiastic manner brings joy into the workplace for all.



Resident Spotlight: Barbara

This very bubbly lady is always looking for ways to help others every day. She is former administrative assistant and was the backbone of any office she worked for. Barbara is very social and greets all her friends throughout the community. She is a cat person and admires their amazing abilities to twist and then stay in that contorted position for hours, as Barbara is able to do herself. Barbara's happy place is listening and singing along to music, and this puts a big smile on her face. She enjoys looking through magazines and loves reminiscing about her past. Barbara adds a bright spot to all our lives, here at the Arbors.

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