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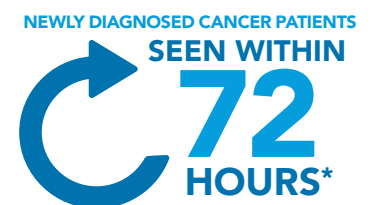
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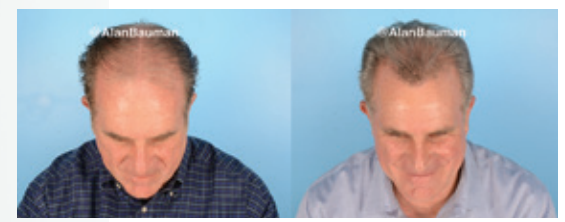


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New Treatments For Knee Arthritis Now Available

By: Regenexx at Gold Coast Orthopedics, Regenerative Medicine

Knee arthritis affects more Americans than any other joint disorder in the United States. By age 60, an estimated 10 percent of men and 13 percent of women have knee arthritis. Knee arthritis and chronic knee pain often mean that you have to avoid the activities you love (from hiking to dancing to chasing the grandchildren), relying on over-the-counter pain medications, toxic steroid injections, dangerous narcotics, knee arthroscopy (which increases the likelihood of a knee replacement down the line), and knee replacement surgery. But new advancements in precise image-guide injections using bone marrow concentrate containing your own stem cells offer hope, healing, and pain relief for arthritis of the knee.

Symptoms and Treatments: How is Knee Arthritis Identified and Cured?

Arthritis of the knee, as with arthritis anywhere else in your body, is the result of chronic inflammation in your joints resulting in deterioration and degeneration of the structures in the knee. Common symptoms for knee arthritis include:

- Swelling and tenderness in your knee especially after activity.
- Unstable knee. Over time, ligaments can weaken and result in instability in your knee. This can cause a buckling sensation when you put weight on it.
- Poor, limited range of motion in your knee when doing everyday activities, such as sitting, standing, and walking.

If your doctor diagnoses you with knee arthritis, he or she may recommend a combination of medical interventions and lifestyle modifications. These may include:

- Low-impact exercise/Physical Therapy
- Losing weight if you're overweight
- Other treatments such as: Acupuncture, natural topical creams, and ice packs

Common medical interventions often start with taking over-the-counter pain medications like aspirin, ibuprofen, and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). NSAIDs can temporarily help pain associated with arthritis but can lead to damage in the heart, kidneys, and GI tract over the long term (and sometimes even in the short-term) and do not improve long-term pain. More serious medical approaches often graduate to:

- Prescription pain drugs
- Injections, such as corticosteroid injections to temporarily reduce pain
- Surgery

Are Corticosteroid injections Helpful For Knee Arthritis?

Your doctor may recommend corticosteroid injections for knee arthritis. Corticosteroids are powerful anti-inflammatory agents that temporarily reduce inflammation in an arthritic joint. Unfortunately, corticosteroids are also toxic to cartilage and increase the rate of arthritic progression. In a recent 2020 study



from The Bone and Joint Journal, patients with knee arthritis who underwent corticosteroid injections were compared to patients with similar levels of knee arthritis who did not have any steroid injections. The patients who were given steroid injections were more than 6 times as likely to undergo a knee replacement.

While helpful for knee pain in the short term, corticosteroid injections can actually worsen knee arthritis and pain over the long term.

Is Surgery the Right Answer For Knee Pain and Knee Arthritis?

Your doctor may recommend a knee replacement, which involves removing the damaged knee joint entirely and installing an artificial knee.

In fact, arthritis is the #1 reason for people to get knee replacement surgery or hip replacement surgery.

However, most surgeons recommend joint replacement surgery be the last resort because:

- Knee replacements can wear out and may need to be replaced, which is an even bigger operation than the first
- There have been many “mechanical problems” and manufacturer recalls related to artificial joints
- May entail a long recovery process
- An artificial joint that becomes infected is a very serious complication that can lead to another joint replacement and long term IV antibiotics in the best case or can lead to leg amputation or death in more serious cases.
- More than one-third of patients who have a knee replacement still have some knee pain.
- Range of motion in the knee after the surgery is often reduced.
- Thankfully, a growing body of research is revealing new, cutting-edge approaches to knee arthritis, with many men and women finding the relief they need through various skilled orthobiologic procedures utilizing the person's own bone marrow concentrate, platelet rich plasma, and/or microfragmented adipose/fat tissue.

Bone Marrow Concentrate (BMAC) and Knee Arthritis

The premise is simple, yet the science is groundbreaking. Your bone marrow and blood get drawn through a patented same-day protocol, and your bone marrow concentrate, where your body's stem cells are found in highest concentration, is processed in a specialized lab.

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Unfortunately, the world of stem cell treatments is often referred to by scientists as a “wild wild west.” The efficacy of “stem cell” procedures for knee arthritis and chronic knee pain means many companies have rushed to market with various health claims and procedures. Alas, many (if not most) of what you'll find on the market – such as the use of exosomes or umbilical cord “stem cells” – isn't backed by real research and in fact, is illegal to use.

When choosing a regenerative treatment for knee arthritis, it's critical that you look for a procedure that's truly backed by science, and specifically peer-reviewed randomized controlled medical trials and other clinical trials.

When reviewing the published research, the science is clear: The most advanced and effective treatment for knee arthritis is from your bone marrow concentrate (BMAC) injected into the joint and sometimes into the bone.

In one study, BMAC injections into the knee joint significantly reduced the need for knee replacement surgery. Another study tracked patients for 15 years and found that BMC injections into the bone (near the joint line) also significantly reduced the need for knee replacement.

At Regenexx, this is the exact same procedure we employ in our clinics. These advancements in regenerative medicine and technology mean our Regenexx approach, overseen by expert technicians and clinicians who have been doing this for over a decade, is far more effective than the run-of-the-mill treatments offered by other providers.

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Screenings Help Detect Head, Neck and Oral Cancers at Early Stages

While not as common as some other types of malignancies, oral cavity and oropharyngeal (head and neck) cancers can often be discovered during routine screening exams by a dentist, medical doctor, dental hygienist, or even by self-exam. During the pandemic, many people have chosen to delay or even skip routine screening exams that can detect these cancers at an early stage, when they are more easily treatable. This has resulted in some people being diagnosed with cancers that are more advanced and more difficult to treat. It is extremely important not to skip regular screening exams with your dentist or primary care physician.

Oral, head, neck and throat cancers account for about 4% of cancers in the U.S. and are more than twice as common among men than women, according to the National Cancer Institute. Most of these cancers begin in squamous cells, which are cells that line moist surfaces, such as those inside the mouth, nose, sinuses and throat. Salivary gland cancer, another category of head and neck cancer, has many different forms because these glands are made up of many different types of cells that can become malignant. As you might suspect, tobacco use, heavy alcohol use, and infection with human papillomavirus (HPV) increase the risk of many types of head and neck cancer.

One of the factors that can increase your risk of oral cancer is tobacco usage of any kind; this includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco and snuff, among others. Heavy alcohol use and excessive sun exposure to your lips can also increase your risk. In recent years, there has also been a rise in cases of oropharyngeal cancer linked to infection with human papilloma virus (HPV) in Caucasian men and women.

According to the American Cancer Society, some of the early warning signs and symptoms can include:

- A sore in the mouth that does not heal (most common symptom)
- Pain in the mouth that doesn't go away (also very common)



- A lump or thickening in the cheek
- A white or red patch on the gums, tongue, tonsil, or lining of the mouth
- A sore throat or a feeling that something is caught in the throat that doesn't go away
- Trouble chewing or swallowing
- Trouble moving the jaw or tongue
- Numbness of the tongue or other area of the mouth
- Swelling of the jaw that causes dentures to fit poorly or become uncomfortable
- Loosening of the teeth or pain around the teeth or jaw
- Voice changes
- A lump or mass in the neck
- Weight loss
- Constant bad breath

Of course, many of these symptoms can also indicate conditions other than cancer; that is why it is so important to get regular dental and physical checkups. See your dentist or medical doctor right away if any of these symptoms lasts for more than two weeks.

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PANDEMIC FALLOUT:

How Post-Quarantine Crash Diets Can Lead to Hair Loss



It has been a challenging year, and many of us took on some unhealthy habits as coping strategies to get us through it. But as we slowly inch forward back to normalcy, we all want to look and feel our best as we rejoin friends and families and the outside world.

But before you consider turning to an extreme diet to lose those extra pounds you put on during quarantine, you may want to reconsider...

CRASH DIETS AND HAIR LOSS

Many men and women don't realize that what you eat, or don't eat, can have a significant impact on the health of your hair. In fact, so-called 'crash dieting' isn't just bad for the body, it can also lead to hair loss.

Within weeks after the start of a crash diet, a major shedding event can occur. It's a condition known as telogen effluvium – in this case, caused by a steep drop in nutrients to the body, which forces some hair follicles to shed their hair strands and go into a prolonged resting phase during which time no new hairs are grown. Fortunately for patients, this condition is usually

temporary, but it can still take six to ten months for the hair to return back to normal. The condition can be truly frightening for many people, particularly younger women, so it's important that people understand its causes and prognosis.

Many patients falsely believe that their shedding or hair loss will stop as soon as they end their diet. The reality is, first it's going to take a few months to see all the shedding, then a minimum of six to twelve months for the body to stabilize and the hair follicles to return to normal operation. However, for some, the loss may be long-term, especially in those people who have underlying risks like those with a tendency toward genetic hair thinning, have high levels of stress, or on certain medications for conditions like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, anxiety or depression.

Because there is a risk for long-term or even permanent hair loss, if you're experiencing shedding, thinning, or decreased hair volume or coverage, you may want to consult with a full-time board-certified Hair Restoration Physician who can help assess the risks for hereditary hair loss and other risks, as well as scientifically track and

monitor the hair's progress and prescribe a course of treatment in more serious cases. Similar to sudden hair loss associated with childbirth and menopause, a readily treatable tendency toward permanent hereditary hair loss may be revealed by this typically temporary situation.

HAIRCHECK MONITORING

The HairCheck™ device is one of the many tools being used by Bauman and his team to measure hair loss and regrowth. HairCheck is a simple, painless, non-invasive way to measure and track the amount of hair growing in a given area of the scalp (called the Hair Mass Index or "HairScore"). The highly sensitive hand-held 'trichometer,' measures hair caliber and hair density together and expresses them as a single number. It can also measure the percentage of hair breakage, which is a common cause of hair loss. Tracking these numbers over time can help determine the extent and rate of a patient's hair loss and/or breakage and inform them of any changes. HairCheck can also be used to quantify the degree of hair breakage from harsh hair care regimens or hair loss from extreme diets and also to track regrowth as the acute shedding phase resolves or treatments have begun.



The HairCheck® tool can accurately determine the amount and quality of hair growing in a given area of the scalp to gauge the severity of hair loss and measure results during treatment.



Before and after FUE Hair Transplant by Dr. Alan Bauman

The data collected through HairCheck monitoring provides consumers with actionable information by combining scientific hair tracking measurements with a series of non-invasive, easy-to-follow hair improvement plans and options. The good news is that HairCheck measurements also help track regrowth and improvements before they're noticeable to the naked eye – so you can know what's working and what's not when it comes to your treatment.

NUTRITION TIPS FOR HEALTHY HAIR

While the HairCheck and other tools allow doctors a better understanding of the damage a patient's hair has suffered, the best way to protect the hair is through preventative measures. One of the simplest preventative actions consumers can take is a healthy diet, which gives your hair follicles the vitamins and nutrients they need. There are many ways to protect your hair while you shed those extra pounds.

- Caloric, iron, and protein deficiencies are among the most common nutritional triggers for unhealthy hair, while vitamins, especially B, are important to the overall health of your hair and preventing hair loss and thinning.

- Some of the best food choices for healthy hair include salmon, which is loaded with omega-3 fatty acid, dark green vegetables for vitamins A and C, and Nuts, which are a terrific source of zinc, which can prevent hair shedding.

- Many women take calcium supplements to improve their health – but the same should also be true for hair supplements. Scientifically developed treatments like Viviscal PRO, Nutrafol, and Biotin (also known as 'Vitamin H' or B7) support the growth of thicker, healthier hair.

For more information on the causes and treatments for hair shedding, telogen effluvium, or other types of hair loss, and to learn what treatment regimen is right for you, please call **561-220-3480** or point your camera at the QR code below to schedule your consultation at www.baumanmedical.com.



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AVOID BACK AND SPINE SURGERIES!!!



Back surgeries can fail for a devastatingly simple reason; the operation was not the right treatment, because the surgeon never pinpointed the source of the pain. As a result, patients may be just as miserable as they were before, or worse off. Unfortunately a desperate number choose to try surgery again. This is usually the wrong decision as well and this should be avoided. Statistics show also that by two years after a patient's first surgery, about 8% of patients have had another operation and by 10 years after, the rate jumps to 20%, an analysis of Washington State hospital data found.

There is no one best way to treat everyone. But the chance of finding relief for ongoing pain unquestionably lies in understanding what has gone wrong. This is not an easy task. Then seeing the most appropriate specialist for your problem and asking the right questions is quite important. With back problems, perhaps more than with any other medical condition, getting the best care at the utmost importance. The most important doctor you can see, at this point, is an Interventional Pain Management Specialists like Dr. Aaron Rosenblatt. A well qualified and certified doctor like him can evaluate a patient completely. He will order the appropriate scans and or test needed in order to come up with a plan to properly diagnose and the treat the issues WITHOUT SURGERY.

Once all of the appropriate tests are done Dr. Rosenblatt can see what diagnostics need to be completed in his state-of-the-art pain management facility. That's why it's critical to have a thorough workup. To get a sense of the cause of your pain X-rays and MRI/CT scans can be helpful but just because these scan say you have a disc problem here and or an arthritic problem there does not mean that this is where your pain is generated from.

As an interventionalist, Dr. Rosenblatt will take this information and set up diagnostic tests within his office to properly pinpoint the exact regions of the spine which require any type of treatment. Without these diagnostic tests, the wrong diagnoses can be made and then ineffective treatment with

surgery becomes likely. That's because high-tech images routinely uncover bulging discs and other "abnormalities." Dr. Rosenblatt will use this information and interventional techniques to avoid surgery.

Trouble is, many findings on scans often have nothing to do with what's hurting. If you take 100 people off the street and give them MRI's or Cat Scans, 33% of them, even if they had no back pain whatsoever, would have obvious structural problems. Data also points out that less the 5% of all patients who experience back pain will EVER require surgery but, unfortunately, a much higher percent of patients wind up with an operation. We will help avoid this situation.

Here's the real problem... Patients tend to think of back surgery as the BIG CURE or consider it the treatment that will work successfully. Sometimes, in our desperation to get our lives back, it may seem like a good idea to jump over those less invasive procedures and go right to the big one. This is rarely true.

Dr. Rosenblatt says, "Per my experience, it is rarely the case that a patient I see in my office will ever require surgery for pain. I also see too many patients who have already had 1 or more back surgeries without any relief." Surgery should NEVER be seen as worth trying for pain. This approach usually fails to help patients overcome their pain and now their spines are complicated and worse off due to after effect of surgery.

If a doctor recommends an operation, get a second opinion as soon as possible. A good surgeon should understand that you need to be comfortable with any decision and prior to having a surgery other opinions are necessary. For a truly useful second look, Dr. Rosenblatt can fully evaluate this situation and give what options exist.

Dr. Rosenblatt explains, "There have been too many times where patients were scheduled for one type of surgery and something totally different was causing their pain. Specifically, issues with sacroiliac

joints, hips and other regions of the body can mimic pain which would also NOT require surgery."

Dr. Rosenblatt continues, "I'm always trying to help a patient fully understand what is causing them a pain issue. This is usually pinpointed easily, diagnosed properly and then treated successfully without the need for any type of surgery."

Avoiding surgery is our number one goal to help to treat a growing older and active community. At Dr. Rosenblatt's beautiful freestanding interventional pain management building in Delray Beach, FL, he serves at the medical director and is board certified. Every patient is evaluated by Dr. Rosenblatt himself and a comprehensive treatment plan is always tailor made for each individual. Patients are NOT seen by PA's (physician assistants) or NP's (nurse practitioners). You will see the doctor at each and every visit. Dr. Aaron Rosenblatt specializes in performing Interventional Pain Management procedures and also in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. His knowledge encompasses each region of the body which can cause pain. He runs on time and does not make patients wait hours in his office to see him. He is not only a pleasure to talk to regarding pain issues, but also enjoys every day topics such as sports, movies, entertainment and current events. Please look forward to more articles about Dr. Aaron Rosenblatt and the vast number of procedures he performs to help people with all types of pain. His main focus is to help individuals avoid surgery, eliminate pain medications and to ultimately feel much better on a daily basis and enjoy life!

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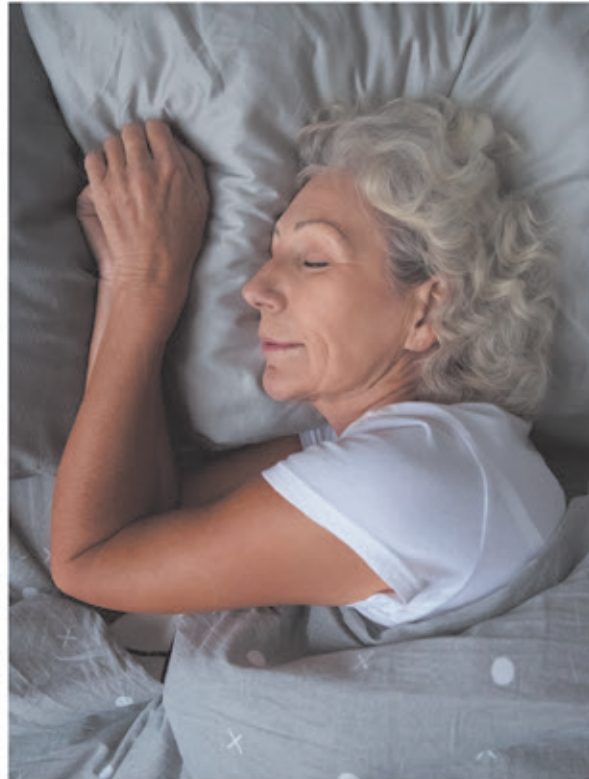
Sleep apnea is one of the most common sleep disturbance problems in America. It ruins the sleep of 25 million Americans with likely millions more un-diagnosed sufferers. The condition prevents the sleeper from entering REM and Delta sleep causing them to become anxious, cantankerous and tired during the day. There are very serious health consequences of prolonged sleep disturbance and deprivation.

When diagnosed, the patient is told to lose weight, drink less alcohol and quit smoking. Beyond that, surgery is offered, though it is painful and has provided only limited success. Dental mouth-pieces can be difficult to sleep with and long-term effects on tooth alignment are questionable. Another common option is CPAP. This is a forced air mask, worn during sleep, that insures proper inhalation. Experience has shown that 60% of patients are not able to tolerate the mask and ultimately discontinue using the equipment. Some users develop respiratory infections from the mask. Finally, there is an herbal and natural approach that we can explore.

Cause of the condition:

Before we evaluate the “solutions”, let’s consider what is causing the condition. When we begin to fall asleep, we move from stage one (drowsiness) into stage two sleep. Stage two sleep, is the transition stage before entering REM (rapid eye movement). REM sleep is where we dream. Dreaming is critical to a good nights sleep. When we enter stage two sleep in preparation for dreaming, muscular activity is inhibited (blocked). It is called “reduction of muscle tonus”. This is a function that occurs primarily to keep the dreamer from physically acting out the movements of their dreams.

The first problem is that the inhibition of signals from the brain tends (inadvertently) to reduce the signal that tells the diaphragm to breathe. In some individuals, upon entering stage 2 sleep, the breathing will actually come to a stop (Sleep Apnea means *cessation of breathing*).



As our breathing becomes shallower, the blood oxygen level drops and the carbon dioxide levels rise. In a young and healthy individual, this would elicit stronger and deeper breathing from the physiological control system that regulates these activities. In an older individual the respiration reduces in intensity and the blood oxygenation drops. This is where the safety back-up system comes in. When the blood gas levels get too far imbalanced, the brain intervenes and causes the body to make a large and immediate inhalation. This causes a large pressure differential in the pharynx and literally sucks the sagging-soft palate into the airway. This obstructs the air flow and causes a loud “SNORT” partially or fully awakening the subject. Most times, the subject is not fully awakened and thus isn’t aware that this is even happening. It still disturbs their sleep enough so that they return to stage 1 sleep.

Upon awakening or returning to stage 1 sleep, the inhibition causing the reduction of muscle tonus for entry into stage two sleep is released and respiration begins again in a somewhat normal manner. As the subject starts to drift off to sleep again, they move into stage two, the muscle tonus drops, the soft palate sags, the signal to the diaphragm diminish and the cycle repeats. The resulting snorting awakenings typically occur every 1 to 5 minutes or so.

The Solution:

If your breathing was sufficiently deep enough, then you would not make a rapid inhalation, suck your soft palate into the airway and snort; disturbing your sleep.

The appropriate solution is to accentuate (increase) the ability of the brain to communicate with the diaphragm so that you breathe deeply and steadily throughout the night.

Sure it is beneficial to strengthen the muscles of the soft palate. Yes it is advantageous to reduce muscular tension in the neck. Both of these things will make a noticeable improvement in the condition. In fact some foods like wheat products and cheese should not be eaten near to bed time as they can cause congestion which aggravates the condition. However; the most dramatic impact can be made by the administration of just a few common herbs.

Lobellia, when used in small doses, acts as a respiratory stimulant. It has been used for thousands of years to treat respiratory conditions. This herb, when taken before bed, can *actually increase* the quiescent level of respiration sufficiently so as to avert the dangerous drop in blood oxygen level that occurs upon muscular inhibition. It can maintain deep steady breathing throughout the stage 2 sleep period.

Thyme has traditionally been used to enhance pleural activity. It actually improves the ability of the lungs to exchanges CO2 for oxygen and makes an excellent contribution to maintaining sufficient respiratory amplitude. To round out the combination, Chamomile aids the subject in relaxing and Cramp Bark helps the upper trapezius muscles to relax.

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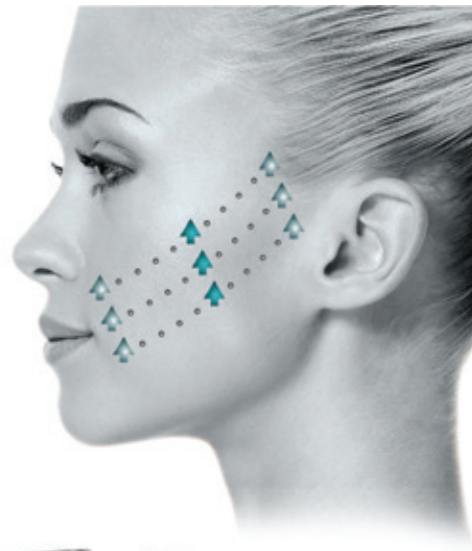
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Little-Known VA PENSION Can Be a LIFE-SAVER

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Established in 1952 under Title 38 of the United States Code, Congress created two types of benefits for war Veterans and their survivors within the Department of Veteran Affairs. The first is “compensation for service-related disability or death” and second, “a pension for non-service connected disability or death”. A little-known VA pension, which falls under the non-service connected section of Title 38, is called **Aid & Attendance**. The **Aid & Attendance** Pension pays for a caregiver to assist with activities of daily living such as meal preparation, bathing, dressing/undressing, transportation, light-house keeping, laundry and various others.



If you are a war veteran or surviving spouse of a war veteran 65 years of age or older, who served 90 days or more on active duty, with one of those days occurring during a declared period of war, you may qualify for Aid & Attendance. In addition to the war service requirements, to qualify, you must have the medical need (i.e. assist with activities of daily living) and meet certain financial requirements. In general, Aid & Attendance is intended to pay for homecare or assisted living care and in some rare cases, independent living facilities. This significant monthly benefit can pay as much as \$25,000 per year toward your care. Very few war veterans know about this benefit and even fewer surviving spouses are aware of this help available from the VA.

There are approximately 600,000 war veterans currently living in Florida that are 65 years of age or older. If we include surviving spouses of war veterans, the number is easily in excess of one million. Conservative estimates indicate that at least 25% of these veterans and spouses would qualify for Aid & Attendance Pension, if they only knew it existed. Maybe that's you.

If you are veteran of foreign war or the surviving spouse of a war veteran, and you feel you may qualify, please **call Attorney Andrew Curtis at 561-998-6039** and his staff will review your situation with you and determine if you qualify.

Do You Need a Little Something to Brighten Your Day?

Many People are Requesting Aesthetic Treatments, But are They Safe During this Unique Time?

It's been about five months now that we've been safely confined to the comforts of our homes. Many people are now starting to go back into the workforce and other activities, while others will be continuing their face-to-face meetings with co-workers via video chat platforms for a while longer.

Of course, we're not going to back to our "normal" sense of lives as they once were for some time, but we are starting to see a change and an overall acceptance of our new life as it is. In saying this, many people are calling Aesthetic treatment Centers in Naples office asking about their protocols for patient safety because they want to maintain their aesthetic needs or add treatments to their repertoire to look better, feel better and boost their confidence.

If you haven't had Botox or Fillers for a while, you might just now be saying to yourself, "It's time, but is it safe?"

Aesthetic Treatment Centers (ATC) is the Leading Medical Spa in Naples

ATC's Safety Protocols

Aesthetic Treatment Centers in Naples is always on the cutting edge of the latest procedures, and their modern, clean-lined locations are representative of their high standards, and you can trust that they are going above and beyond to accommodate their patients. From the waiting area to the treatment rooms, rigorous disinfection and sanitizing are continued throughout the day, and thorough attention to cleaning after each patient visit is impeccably implored by the entire staff.

Each patient is required to wear a face-covering in and out of the office, and there is no patient to patient contact, directly or indirectly. The appointments are spaced out so that each patient has privacy and 100% attention during their procedure or consultation. The staff is tested regularly and they are testing patients as well.

Upon arrival, each patient's temperature is checked, and they are asked to fill out a questionnaire. The staff also has their temperature checked daily and wear masks and PPE to make your visit worry-free.

IV Therapy

Many patients ask for ATC's IV therapy as an additional treatment during their visit. IV therapy is known to boost immunity, improve energy levels, increase hydration, illuminate the skin, and help fight off airborne illnesses.

From vampire facials, vaginal rejuvenation to threading, body sculpting, laser resurfacing, skin tightening, and injectables, Aesthetic Treatment Centers has got you covered. No matter what your areas of concern are, or what treatment you're in need of, ATC is known as the creme de la creme of aesthetics. In fact, Mindy DiPietro, the CEO, and Dr. Kathleen Marc are often referred to as the dynamic duo. Your visit will be personalized, and you will receive not only top-quality-care but also extra add-ons to make your day a little brighter.

ATC is Gaining Attention

Mindy and Dr. Marc were recently featured on Kathy Ireland's show, Worldwide Business with Kathy Ireland to discuss the connection between science and beauty. You can view the full video here, ATC. [WorldwideBusinessYoutube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

Whether you're wanting a little boost or a transformation, the tranquil, relaxing environment of the Aesthetic Treatment Centers will take your mind off of the day-to-day issues and give you time to enjoy doing something for yourself.

There is a lot to be said about feeling better, being more confident and looking your best that radiates into the rest of our lives. When we feel good, we give more, do more and are generally content and happier in all circumstances.

Aesthetic Treatment Centers is the newest aesthetic concept in Southwest Florida. They specialize in minimally and non-invasive cosmetic services including fat reduction, body sculpting, wrinkle reduction, hair removal, IV hydration, and feminine rejuvenation.

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Serving West Palm Beach, Boca Raton and Miami, Simply Men's Health is quickly grabbing attention as the leader in Men's Sexual Health and Regenerative Medicine for introducing the most advanced, cutting-edge treatments to CURE ED and Peyronie's Disease. Even when all else has failed, Simply Men's Health has over 90% success rate in restoring your sexual vitality.

Turn back the clock with Simply Men's Health, RejuvaWAVE® and RejuvaEnhancement™ Stem Cell Treatments. Men of all ages can enjoy a spontaneous, active sex life once again, as they did when they were much younger.

Why Medicate When You Can CURE?

Simply Men's Health has revolutionized the standard of care by introducing and developing the ground breaking RejuvaWAVE® and RejuvaEnhancement™ Procedure to CURE ED and Peyronie's. Traditional ED Treatments such as the "blue pill" just offer a "band aid" approach to mask the condition, while the underlying disease and degenerative age-related erectile dysfunction continues to progress until eventually the pills stop working. Their exclusive, state-of-the-art RejuvaWAVE® (acoustic-pressure wave) combined with RejuvaEnhancement™ Procedure (stem cells) repairs damaged tissues and regenerates and grows new blood vessels helping to REVERSE and CURE the underlying cause of Erectile Dysfunction and Peyronie's.

Simply Men's Health is the leader in Men's Sexual Health and a pioneer in the field of regenerative medicine. Simply Men's Health was the first to introduce Acoustic Pressure Wave

therapy (shockwave) for erectile dysfunction (ED) in South Florida. And now Simply Men's Health is revolutionizing the field of men's sexual health by introducing the state-of-the-art RejuvaEnhancement® Procedure to help reverse the inevitable aging process and treat ED and Peyronie's Disease. Peyronie's is a build up of scar tissue in the penis that causes a curvature or bend in the erected penis. This disorder typically causes a great deal of pain during intercourse.

Is RejuvaWAVE® Safe? Instead of Medicating – Cure with RejuvaWAVE®?

Yes RejuvaWAVE® is an FDA cleared technology, originally developed in Europe and used worldwide and has virtually no risk and no side effects. Although acoustic pressure wave technology has been used in Europe for almost 20 years, it is relatively new to the US for ED and Peyronie's. RejuvaWAVE® uses state-of-the-art, scientifically proven technology that uses Acoustic Pressure Waves to stimulate cellular metabolism, enhance blood circulation, and to stimulate tissue regeneration, which creates new blood vessels in treated areas. As the leader in men's sexual health, Simply Men's Health introduced their exclusive RejuvaWAVE® technology in 2015, and the results have been nothing short of amazing!

The RejuvaWAVE® is revolutionary, non-invasive, and HEALS THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF ED. Traditional treatments for ED, such as pills or injections, lose effectiveness over time and have to be used every time a man wants to engage in sexual activity. Our treatment is about regenerative medicine; helping men return to their younger healthier selves, and enabling a spontaneous, active sex life.



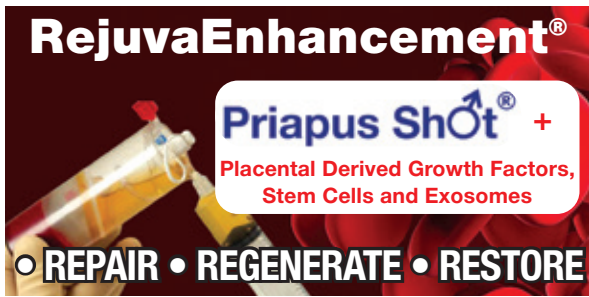
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What are Amniotic and Umbilical Stem Cells?

Simply Men’s Health uses stem cells, undifferentiated biological cells derived from the amniotic fluid, amniotic membranes and umbilical cord that can differentiate into various cell types that can help your body repair, regenerate and renew your health and vitality. These are derived from donated afterbirth from full term babies whose mothers have been thoroughly screened.

What are Exosomes?

Exosomes are little vesicles that are released by stem cells that carry all the regenerative messages and actually impart the regenerative benefit. Exosomes are being described as the ‘secret sauce’ of stem cells. Exosome therapy is a very concentrated form which harnesses the highly potent natural regenerative capability from stem cells.

Are Stem Cells and Exosomes Safe?

This cryogenically preserved amniotic and umbilical tissue has a “100-year history” with no reported recipient rejections since the amniotic tissue is immunoprivileged and does not express HLA type antibodies.

How to Get Started?

At Simply Men’s Health, we respect your time and privacy. You receive individualized care with our experienced staff of physicians. We pinpoint the exact cause of your sexual health and create a customized treatment plan. Almost everyone will experience a decline in sexual functioning. But with the advent of Regenerative medicine, Erectile Dysfunction is no longer an inevitable part of aging. Simply Men’s Health’s innovative approach of regenerative medicine can restore your sexual confidence and allow you to enjoy a Spontaneous and Active Sex life again!

WHAT OUR PATIENTS ARE SAYING:

Testimonial: “I am celebrating my second anniversary since being treated at Simply Men’s Health and I am maintaining the high level of performance I achieved with RejuvaWAVE® treatment. My spontaneity and stamina is back and my frustration and performance anxiety that goes along with it is gone. I am performing like I did decades ago. It’s like magic! There are a lot of copycats out there, but Simply Men’s Health was the first to provide this treatment and they are the best!” – Steve, Wellington

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Testimonial: “I am in my 70’s and have diabetes, high cholesterol, and had prostate removed for cancer several years ago. I had tried everything, and thought my sex life was over. I have been coming to Simply Men’s Health for about six months, and the results have been amazing. They have restored my ability to enjoy a spontaneous sex life again. The RejuvaWAVE® and RejuvaEnhancement™ Stem cell procedures are remarkable. I feel like Superman.” – E.M.

Testimonial: “I have chronic renal failure and diabetes and am on dialysis and suffer from chronic symptoms and knee pains. I had IV stem cells treatment and I noticed a difference right away in my wound healing and my knee pain was gone.” – Joshua
Testimonial: “I have been suffering from degenerative arthritis and was getting steroid injections for knee pain which didn’t help much or for long. Several months ago, I had stem cell injections for my knees. The procedure was quite painless and after a month or so I notice remarkable improvements. I can walk pain free.” – John M.

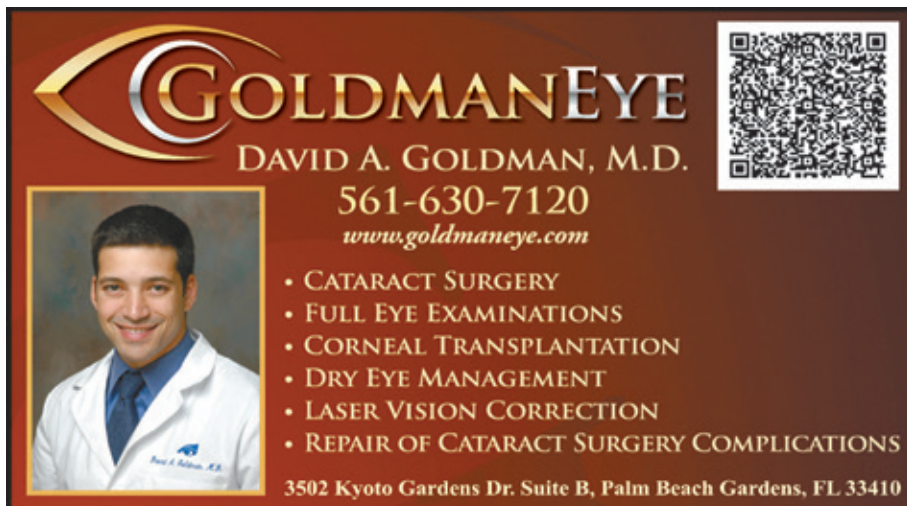
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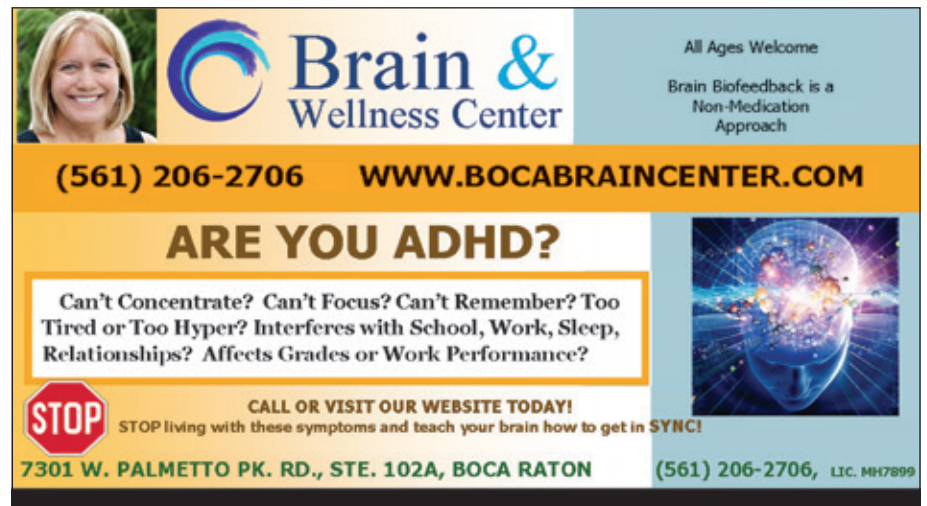
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IMPORTANT TERMS YOU SHOULD

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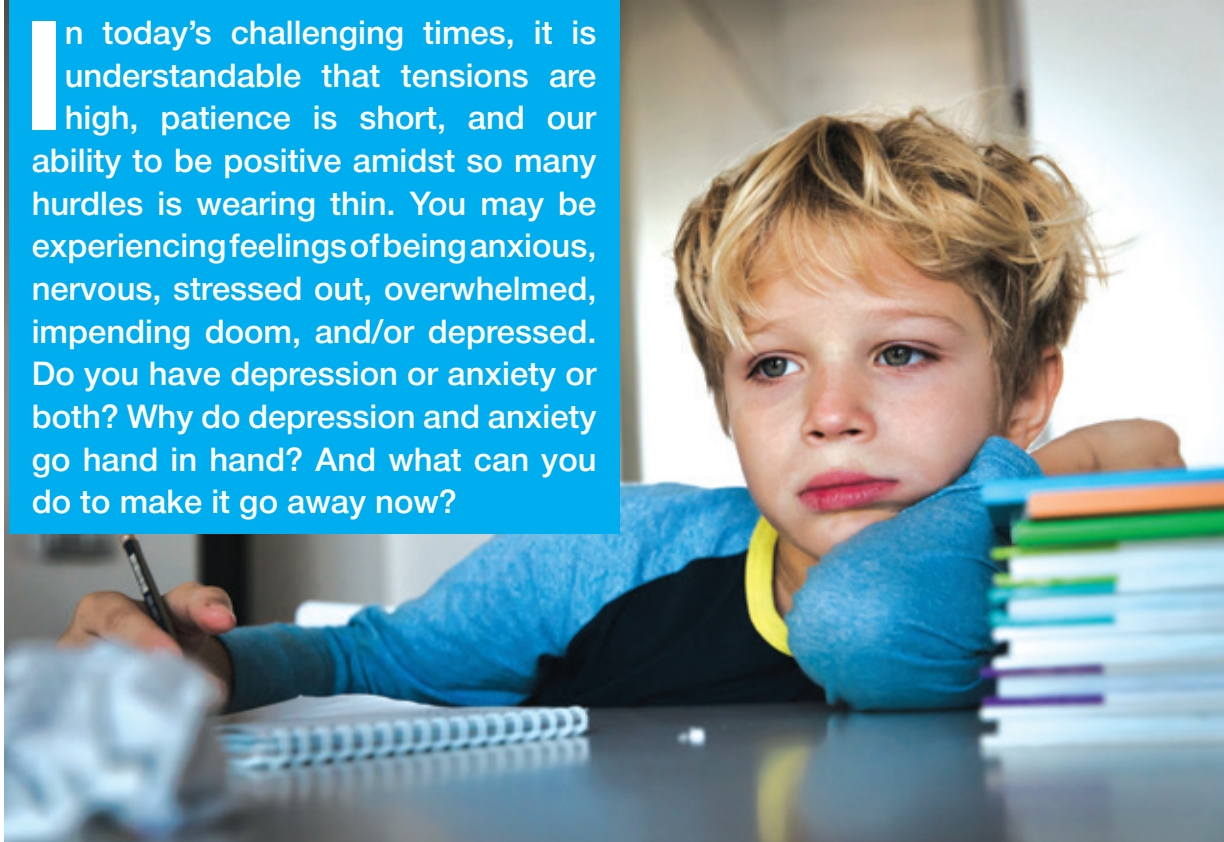


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Treating ANXIETY and DEPRESSION with NEUROFEEDBACK

By Renee Chillcott, LMHC

In today's challenging times, it is understandable that tensions are high, patience is short, and our ability to be positive amidst so many hurdles is wearing thin. You may be experiencing feelings of being anxious, nervous, stressed out, overwhelmed, impending doom, and/or depressed. Do you have depression or anxiety or both? Why do depression and anxiety go hand in hand? And what can you do to make it go away now?



The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines **Anxiety**: (1): apprehensive uneasiness or nervousness usually over an impending or anticipated ill: a state of being anxious (2): an abnormal and overwhelming sense of apprehension and fear often marked by physical signs (such as tension, sweating, and increased pulse rate), by doubt concerning the reality and nature of the threat, and by self-doubt about one's capacity to cope with it: mentally distressing concern or interest.

So, in layman's terms, anxiety is stress that won't go away, it takes an ugly turn to "negative and fear town", and indicates that the "rest and relax" response from the parasympathetic nervous system isn't there.

What we see in the brain is similar but a little more simply stated. Stress is an event in our life that causes our brain to initiate a calming response and anxiety is a neuron pattern in the brain that impedes the calming response. An anxiety pattern in the brain is typically inherited, although still possible to change, and may or may not be associated with a trauma. This anxiety pattern can be triggered by major stresses, no stresses or by very minor stresses, thus making it an issue for all ages, even young children.

Anxiety manifests in many different ways such as:

- excessive worrying
- nagging sense of fear
- restlessness
- overly emotional
- negative thinking
- catastrophizing
- defensiveness
- poor sleep
- irritability
- Lack of concentration
- feeling overwhelmed
- fatigue/exhaustion

Depression as defined by the American Psychiatric Association is a common and serious illness that negatively affects how you feel, the way you think and how you act. Depression causes feelings of sadness and/or a loss of interest in activities once enjoyed. It can lead to a variety of

emotional and physical problems and can decrease a person's ability to function at work and at home.

Often, we will describe depression as a "low" feeling where we just cannot "get happy". Other times we notice feeling irritable, angry, or overreacting to events, again not able to feel "happy".

Depression symptoms can vary from mild to severe and can include:

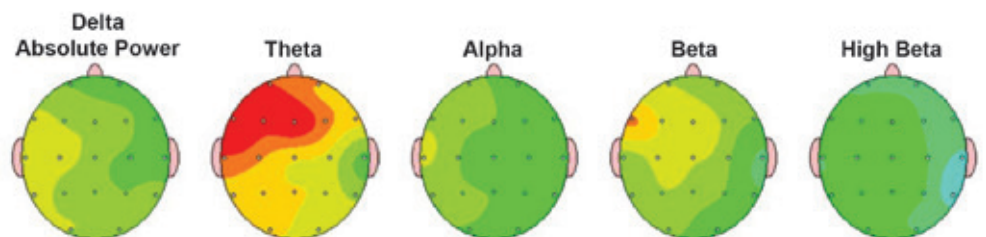
- Feeling sad or having a depressed mood
- Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed
- Changes in appetite – weight loss or gain unrelated to dieting
- Trouble sleeping or sleeping too much
- Loss of energy or increased fatigue
- Increase in purposeless physical activity (e.g., hand-wringing or pacing) or slowed movements and speech (actions observable by others)
- Feeling worthless or guilty
- Difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions
- Thoughts of death or suicide

As you can see, there is an overlap in the diagnosis of Depression and Anxiety because there is an overlap in the symptoms of Anxiety and Depression as well as an overlap in how you feel.

The medical solution to feeling depressed and anxious is to take medication. Specifically, an anti-depressant, which in some cases can relieve symptoms of anxiety as well as depression. But medication is only a temporary solution. We now need to find out what CAUSES my symptoms of anxiety and depression.

In **Neurofeedback** we can see this in neuron firing patterns. For example, an excessive Theta (Slow firing neurons) firing pattern in the left frontal lobe can cause major depression:

Where as a slow firing pattern in the center of the frontal lobe can cause an anxiety firing pattern: Here's a **DEPRESSION** example:



It is suffice to say that this is why there's an overlap in medication treatment as well.

Regardless of the diagnosis, Neurofeedback helps change and balance these neuron patterns so that the symptoms improve and the brain and body function better.

WHAT IS NEUROFEEDBACK?

Neurofeedback, also known as EEG biofeedback, has been studied and practiced since the late 60's. Neurofeedback is a type of exercise for your brain. It allows you to see the frequencies produced by different parts of your brain in real-time and then through visual and auditory feedback, teaches the brain to better regulate itself. Neurofeedback can be used to help detect, stimulate, and/or inhibit activity in the brain safely and without medication. It can help restore a wider "range of motion" in brain states, much like physical therapy does for the body.

While the client sits comfortably watching a movie or pictures appear on the screen (a calm and focused state), the EEG equipment measures the frequency or speed at which electrical activity moves in the areas where electrodes have been placed. This information is sent to the therapist's computer. The therapist is then able to determine what frequencies are out of balance. For example, when the EEG shows that you are making too many "slow" or "sleepy" waves (delta/theta) or too many "fast" waves (high beta), the therapist adjusts a reward band to encourage more balanced activity. This encouragement or "reward" happens through visual recognition of the changes on the screen and the auditory reinforcement of "beeps".

WHAT RESULTS SHOULD I EXPECT TO SEE AND HOW LONG BEFORE I SEE THEM?

As every brain is different, every response is different as well. Typically adults will notice feeling symptom relief within 10 sessions and notice things like being calmer, happier, sleeping better, less panic, less worrying, more relaxed and able to enjoy life. Treatments are individualized and as no two brains are alike,

no two treatment plans are alike. We will evaluate your symptoms and how your brain is functioning to customize training for you. All you have to do is call our office to make the appointment!

WHAT ELSE COULD I DO TO FIGURE OUT THE CAUSE?

• COUNSELING

Mental health counseling can open up a world of exploration when it comes to anxiety and depression. How we cope, the connections we make, and our past trauma can all contribute to the current state functioning and feeling that we are experiencing. There is no "right or wrong" way to benefit from counseling. Rather, it's all about the "fit" and needs of our clients. At the Brain and Wellness Center we offer many different options and techniques of counseling to fit those needs. Different counseling styles and approaches for individual clients of all ages, couples and families; make us a unique and inviting place to heal and grow. Our therapists offer additional services such as EMDR, Play therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Talk Therapy, and Couples and Family therapy.

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SEEKING A SECOND OPINION ABOUT YOUR EYE CARE

By David A. Goldman MD

Throughout my career I have seen patients come to me for second opinions, and I have also had patients ask me if I would ‘mind’ if they saw another specialist for a second opinion.

For the patient, seeking a second opinion is a difficult thing to do. To begin, he or she may not know who is a reputable person to seek for second opinion. Furthermore, they may have a good relationship with their ophthalmologist and may feel they are betraying their doctor’s confidence by seeking another MD. Finally, they may be concerned whether their insurance will cover a visit for second opinion.

For the doctor, discovering a patient has seen another physician may make them feel that they are not trusted or even felt to be incompetent. In some cases, when a patient seeks second opinion it may completely end their care with the first physician.

It has always been my belief that second opinions are an excellent idea. If the care rendered to date is appropriate, the second physician can confirm that and set the patient’s mind at ease. In some cases, the physician may actually find something that the first doctor missed, and in these cases both the physician and patient still benefit. This is because at the end of the day, doctors want their patients to do well. If I am unable to treat a patient completely, I am thankful that another doctor could. On the other side, I am happy to help out my colleagues when they have gotten stuck, or just to tell their patients that everything is going well. Medicine is not performed in a vortex - referrals to subspecialists are very common place. While intra-subspecialty referrals are less common, I am always comfortable recommending the patient seek second opinion if they have any questions or concerns. In this way, doctor-patient relationships are strengthened rather than weakened and care can be given the best way possible.



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I Have A Wait Problem

Brent Myers

You're reading a health and wellness magazine and you're thinking: that guy can't spell. But the truth is that you read it correctly: I have a wait problem: I don't like to wait. But who does?

Think about it... do you like to wait? Do you love sitting in the waiting room at the doctor's office? Do you look for the longest line at the grocery store so you can spend more time waiting? When the light turns green, does it make you happy when the car in front of you just sits there? Do you keep your fingers crossed that wait times are an hour at the amusement park? If you answered "no" to the questions above, then you have a wait problem too.

It's been estimated that we spend ten percent of our lives waiting. That comes out to be over two hours of everyday. I have a wait problem: I'm not very good at it. But I don't have a choice. Waiting is a part of our lives.

And waiting isn't just a part of everyday menial tasks, but big things in life too. Things like waiting for Mr. Right or Miss Perfect; waiting for your first grandchild; waiting for retirement; waiting on test results; waiting to hear back about the interview; waiting...

From a spiritual perspective, waiting is very important. So important, in fact, that God talks about it including these words: *"Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:30-31, ESV)

Waiting is expected by God.

Notice what he says... "...they who wait for the LORD..." Isaiah doesn't single out an individual

or use the word "if". God – the creator and controller of time and all circumstances – knows we will have seasons of waiting. And He expects us to wait on Him.

God uses waiting to build our character.

Look at the different stages of development: flying high (wings), running, and walking. Waiting gets us to a place where we learn to take in the highest highs, but at the same time realize that slow and steady gets us where we need to go. Waiting helps us grow into constant and consistent forward movement in our lives... even when we are waiting.

Waiting is rewarded by God.

Isaiah shows us that waiting has its rewards. Tired of being tired? Close to giving up? Don't want to wait anymore? Read the passage again: "...and not be weary..." "...and not faint..." God honors us when we wait. God rewards our faithfulness in the midst of our waiting.

Waiting is the fruit of our faith.

Finally look at this: "...but they who wait for the LORD..." When we learn to trust our circumstances to God, we show that we really believe that He is in control. We demonstrate that we actually believe that He knows best and that He works all things together for good. When we wait on the LORD, we show the depth of our faith. So... how do I get better at waiting? The ability to wait on the Lord stems from being confident and focused on who God is and in what God is doing. It sounds simple – and it is – but simple is not the same as easy (because it's not).

But look at it like this... I heard the other day, "there are no problems, only opportunities". So at least now I know I don't have a wait problem after all – just a wait opportunity (and lots of them)!



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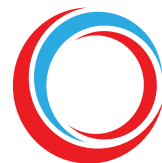


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