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9 TIPS TO PREVENT ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

By Nasser Razack, MD, JD

Izheimer's has a devastating effect that many people take for granted. Let's discuss nine ways to prevent the disease and promote better brain health.

1. Engage in brisk walking for at least **30** minutes five times a week. This can reduce Alzheimer's disease risk by 33%. Vigorous aerobic exercise performed three times weekly for at least 20 minutes can also bring it down to 50%. Quite simply, exercise delivers more oxygen and nutrients to your brain, helps repair damage, and removes toxins.

2. Partake in activities that are interactive and mind-engaging. These include playing challenging games such as chess or bridge. Other activities include learning a new instrument or a new language; you can also partake in a new practice such as yoga. These new and diverse activities allow your brain to grow by forming more neural connections. In a sense, all these are also exercise for the brain.

3. Avoid toxins. For example, midlife smoking can double the rate of dementia. Smoking is a fairly obvious toxin, but we are also constantly barraged by other harmful substances throughout our life without knowing it. Please visit Cosmeticsdatabase.com to find out what toxins may be affecting your health. You can check any product you currently use to determine their toxicity.

4. Engage in social activities. A recent Harvard study demonstrated individuals with at least five strong social ties (people they enjoy spending time with) had a 50% reduced rate of cognitive decline compared to those who were more isolated.

5. Have a purpose and life direction. Researchers at Rush University Medical Center demonstrated that people with the highest level of purpose and direction in life had a 2.4-fold reduced risk of developing dementia. So find your passion, pick a cause that is meaningful to you, and work on it regularly!

6. Relax and rejuvenate. There are different ways to do this including prayer, meditation, exploring nature, reading a book, visiting the spa, getting a massage, doing yoga and other forms of exercise. This is important because the opposite of relaxation is stress which can actually damage your brain.

7. Protect your head to prevent brain injury. Patients with head injuries have 2 to 4 times the rate of developing Alzheimer's disease. For most



people, the highest risk of head injury is while driving, so always wear your seatbelt and avoid texting. People who text behind the wheel increase their risks for accidents by as much as 23 times compared to those who don't. One

study demonstrated this was equivalent to driving after having four alcoholic drinks. Head injury is also believed to result in increased inflammation, another factor associated with Alzheimer's disease. Recovery from stroke can also increase brain inflammation, with approximately 30% of stroke survivors unfortunately developing dementia.

8. Reduce inflammation. You can achieve this with a non-inflammatory eating plan such as the Mediterranean diet which favors 7 to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables daily. This diet also includes wild fish twice weekly, plus lots of nuts, almonds, walnuts, beans, and legumes. Additionally, there is a significant social component to this diet as advocates typically interact with each other while they dine.

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9. Have a positive outlook. A positive mindset offers tremendous protection against Alzheimer's disease. In "The Nun Study", researchers demonstrated nuns who had the highest usage of positive words and emotions in their journals aged better and lived longer, healthier lives. Even more remarkable, these incredible women donated their bodies to science. When their brains were examined after death, the researchers found biomarkers typically associated with Alzheimer's disease (neurofibrillary tangles and beta-amyloid plagues). However, these nuns did not have Alzheimer's disease symptoms. It's as if they derived a neuro-protective effect by maintaining a positive outlook. Further, this is an extremely strong message that we have to reduce any negativity in our lives. Negativity is literally toxic, even deadly.

You can remember all of these preventative measures by simply recalling the acronym, "PREVENT AD".

Ρ	Purpose and life direction
R	Relax and rejuvenate
Ε	Exercise daily
۷	Very positive outlook
Ε	Engage in social interactions
Ν	No head injuries
Т	Toxin avoidance
Α	Activities that stimulate your mind
D	Diet (anti-inflammatory)

It also helps to partner with a prevention-oriented physician. Specifically, find a physician that understands the importance of exercise and nutrition in the prevention of Alzheimer's disease. Notice that this is the last item on the list because everyone must be proactive when it comes to healthcare. No one is more concerned with your health than you are. Partnering with a physician is great but you must be in control of your daily activities which, compounded over time, will either hurt you or help you.

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MEN'S HAIR LOSS – IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER

by Alan J. Bauman, MD, ABHRS



une. It's the month when we honor fathers and the month when I dedicate my article each year completely to men. I thought, why not start off with a little (maybe too little) male hair humor to make you smile? So here goes:

- What did the balding man say when gifted with a comb? "Thanks. I'll never part with it."
- How do you know when a man is definitely going bald? When he starts using more toothpaste than shampoo.
- What has happened between a man who's started losing his hair and his head? They had a falling out.

OK. Those jokes are indisputably corny. Maybe you've even told bald jokes yourself to deflect self-consciousness about your own thinning hair. Hope you didn't stop reading, since all kidding aside, I know that hair loss is no laughing matter for men who're warily watching their foreheads grow larger.

Men's hair loss can start as early as the late teens or twenties and impacts an astounding percentage of the male population. More than a third of men are experiencing hair thinning by age 35, and half of them are dealing with hair loss by age 50.

But why?

Blame genetics, but don't be too hard on Mom. It's a common misconception that hair loss comes only from your mother's side of the family. In fact, it can come from either side. I guess you could call it double trouble.

Most male pattern hair loss is caused by a combination of genetics and hormones called androgens that help men be, well, men. The biggest androgen culprit is DHT (dihydrotestosterone), which is made from testosterone.

In men with certain genetics, DHT causes hair follicles to progressively shrink and produce weaker, thinner hair over time. The outcome: male pattern baldness, also known as androgenetic alopecia. It starts as a receding hairline, then thins the crown. It can result in the loss of all hair up top, sparing the sides and back of the scalp.

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This doesn't mean that a man with male pattern hair loss has more testosterone or DHT than men without hair loss, however. He's just inherited a *sensitivity* to DHT. Sorry, guys.

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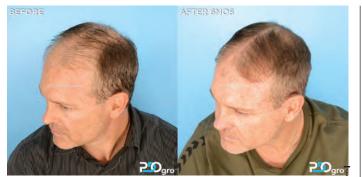
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Ready to stop joking around about your hair loss and start doing something about it that'll make groan-worthy bald jokes a thing of your past? Don't wait another day. Let's talk to see how we can help.



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About Dr. Alan J. Bauman



Alan J. Bauman, MD, ABHRS, IAHRS Hair Loss Expert

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Dr. Bauman is one of approximately only 200 physicians worldwide to achieve the certification from the esteemed American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (ABHRS). Dr. Bauman is known for pioneering numerous technologies in the field of hair restoration including minimally-invasive FUE Follicular Unit Extraction, VIP|FUE[™], Low-Level Laser Therapy, PRP Platelet Rich Plasma, PDOgro[™], eyelash Transplants and others.

Dr. Bauman was voted "#1 Top Hair Restoration Surgeon" in North America by Aesthetic Everything for the 6th consecutive year, "Top Hair Restoration Surgeon of the Decade", and received the 2022 "Lifetime Achievement Award in Hair Restoration". He was also recognized by Forbes as one of "10 CEOs Transforming Healthcare in America."



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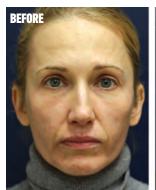
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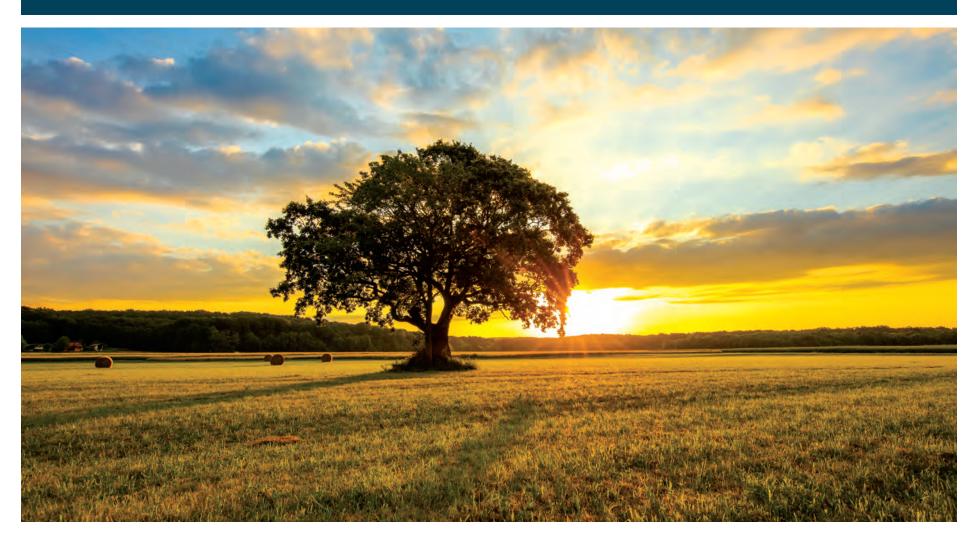
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About Accepting Death

By Ernest Morgan, from Dealing Creatively with Death

f we were to walk across the fields in summertime to some undisturbed spot and mark off a piece of ground say four feet square then examine this little area minutely, we would find an astonishing variety of life. There would be many species of plants; possibly a mouse's nest, and other small creatures. Then resorting to a microscope, we would observe an incredible host of microorganisms functioning in association with the larger life forms.

In that little square of ground we would have seen an interdependent community of life in which birth and death were continuously taking place and in which diverse life forms were sheltering and nourishing one another. Written in the rocks beneath was a story of a similar process going back through eons of time.

Humankind is part of the ongoing community of nature, on a world scale, subject to the same cycle of birth and death which governs all other creatures and, like them, totally dependent on other life. Sometimes we tend to forget this. Birth and death are as natural for us as for the myriad of creatures in that little square of ground.



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Replacing Missing Teeth – More Options than You May Think

t is astounding how many individuals live their lives with one or more missing teeth. When asked why they have not replaced their teeth, common answers include fear, cost, embarrassment and pain. What they may not realize is that living without a proper compliment of teeth often leads to malnutrition, excess chewing on the remaining teeth (often causing them to break down even faster), tooth shifting and for many, insecurity related to their smile.



The good news is that there are numerous options to replacing missing teeth, many of which are relatively pain free and often are not astronomically expensive. Actually, costs increase as we attempt to function on the remaining teeth, asking them to carry the load of not only themselves, but of the teeth that have been lost. Overloading the teeth you still have frequently leads to their more rapid demise and the need for more extractions, dental work or tooth replacement.

Options:

The first question you must ask yourself is simple, "what do I want?" It does not matter what your friends, significant other or even your mother wants. Some will decide they want a full mouth makeover, while others simply want to have a healthy mouth with proper function. Once you decide the answer to this question, the options ahead of you will fall into place. Although there are numerous treatments available, I will focus on a few commonly chosen ones along with some of their advantages and disadvantages.

Removable Appliances (Dentures or Partial Dentures)

One of the oldest treatments that exist to help replace teeth (whether it is one or all of your teeth) is the fabrication of dentures. This treatment is often the least costly, but is also the one with the least



patient satisfaction. A mold is made of your mouth and an appliance is provided to you that typically consists of a plastic like material which rests on the remaining teeth and gums. This material supports fake teeth that fill in the spaces where your original teeth are missing. Dentures are a simple and affordable way for you to regain function and chewing ability, but they do not come without problems. Often times they are not stable and will move while you chew and talk. Bulky material in the mouth, change in taste of food and irritation to the gum tissue are also frequent complaints.

Crowns and Bridges

Another common treatment is to replace missing teeth with crowns/bridges. Typically, patient satisfaction is

very high with this treatment modality as it provides you with "glued in" teeth. Teeth adjacent (on both sides) to the missing ones are prepared to be fitted with dental crowns (also known as a cap). Consecutive crowns or caps can be joined together as one piece (known as a bridge). As the bridge is glued into place on the supporting teeth on either side of the missing ones, this empty space is filled by crowns that appear to be naturally coming out of the gum tissue but in actuality are being supported as part of the bridge connection itself. A great real life comparison is an actual bridge.

Typically there is a pillar on either side supporting the bridge and the center part which has no support from beneath only from the sides.



Dental Implants

To some this sounds very scary when in actuality it can frequently be less invasive than other options. A tooth is comprised of 2 parts, a crown (the part you see and chew with) and the root (the supporting part under the gum). A dental implant is simply a root replacement. This new root can be placed where your old root used to be. After a number of months of healing, a crown can be placed on this new root just like a crown can

be placed on a tooth root. This treatment works very well in a situation when a tooth is lost between other teeth. An implant root can be placed with its own crown (a few months later) as opposed to cutting down adjacent teeth to fit a dental bridge.



All of the above treatments (and numerous others) have many variables and need to be determined on a case by case basis. A complete examination is required to help you understand the complexity of your individual situation and the options available to you. Knowing ahead of time what your overall desire is (such as a Hollywood makeover or a simple tooth replacement) will help you narrow down the options best suited to your "want."

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The focus of his interests are conservative approaches to treating gum, bone and tooth loss. He utilizes advanced techniques including the use of the Periolase Dental Laser (LANAP procedure) to help save teeth, dental implants, regenerate supporting bone and treat periodontal disease without the use of traditional surgical procedures. Additionally, Dr. Cohen is certified in **Pinhole Gum Rejuvenation**, which is a scalpel and suture free procedure to treat gum recession with immediate results.

Dr. Cohen uses in-office, state of the art 3D Green 2 CT imaging which offers **Hi Resolution 5 Second Low Dose Scans** to develop the least invasive dental implant and bone regeneration treatment options. Dr. Cohen and his facility are state certified to perform both **IV and Oral Sedation** procedures. Botox® and Dermal Fillers are also utilized to enhance patients' cosmetic outcomes.

Dr. Cohen formerly served on the Board of Trustees for the American Academy of Periodontology and the Florida Dental Association. He is past president of the Florida Association of Periodontists and the Atlantic Coast District Dental Association. Dr. Cohen is a member of the American College of Maxillofacial Implantology and the American Academy of Facial Esthetics. In addition, he has been awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.



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- Painful sports injuries
- **Degenerated discs**
- Back pain
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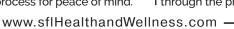




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How Doctors Choose Surgeons

By David A. Goldman MD hen it's time to have an elective surgical procedure how would you choose a surgeon? Most people will ask friends and family, others may do their own internet research. When I needed a hernia repair, I did what all other doctors do – I asked another doctor. Not just any doctor, but in this case the residents who worked with all the doctors in the department of surgery. When a family member needed surgery, I called and spoke to one of the scrub nurses at the local surgery center. While top degrees and awards certainly contain value, there is not always a direct correlation with surgical skill. Scrub nurses, OR technicians, and residents are in unique positions to compare surgeons not on a one-time basis, but on an annual day-in day-out experience. Surgical representatives are often the best because they survey hundreds of doctors within a large geography (and yes, I have relied on the advice of surgical reps many times for my family members).

This is not to downplay the value of resumes, accolades, internet research, and word of mouth. If a personal associate of yours had an excellent experience with a surgeon, you should absolutely trust their opinion. In southern Florida, the population is continually changing, with new patients relocating here every day. In some cases you may not know whom to see for care. Remember that there are multiple sources available for you to check.

So what occurred in my situation? I selected a surgeon based on the advice of residents and fellows who worked with all general surgeons. I had minimal postoperative discomfort and was extremely satisfied with the end result. Of note, a colleague sought out a "renowned" surgeon for the same procedure and had significant pain. When he developed a hernia on the opposite side he saw my surgeon. He couldn't believe how much better the experience was.

In summary, there are many ways to select a surgeon. But, if in doubt, do what the doctors do.



DAVID A. GOLDMAN

Prior to founding his own private practice, Dr. David A. Goldman served as Assistant Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Palm Beach Gardens. Within the first of his five years of employment there, Dr. Goldman quickly became the highest volume surgeon. He has been recognized as one of the top 250 US surgeons by Premier Surgeon, as well as being awarded a Best Doctor and Top Ophthalmologist.

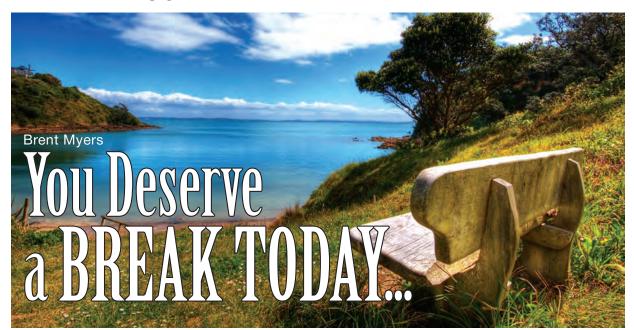
Dr. Goldman received his Bachelor of Arts cum laude and with distinction in all subjects from Cornell University and Doctor of Medicine with distinction in research from the Tufts School of Medicine. This was followed by a medical internship at Mt. Sinai – Cabrini Medical Center in New York City. He then completed his residency and cornea fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida. Throughout his training, he received multiple awards including 2nd place in the American College of Eye Surgeons Bloomberg memorial national cataract competition, nomination for the Ophthalmology Times writer's award program, 2006 Paul Kayser International Scholar, and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) research award in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Dr. Goldman currently serves as councilor from ASCRS to the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In addition to serving as an examiner for board certification, Dr. Goldman also serves on committees to revise maintenance of certification exams for current ophthalmologists.

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PHYSICALLY. Sleep and metabolism are controlled by the same area of the brain. Sleep releases hormones that control appetite. Researchers at the University of Chicago found that dieters who were well rested lost more fat. And a 2010 study found that C-reactive protein, which is associated with heart attack risk, was higher in people who got six or fewer hours of sleep a night.

EMOTIONALLY. Sleep and stress have similar affects on your cardiovascular stress. Being well rested can reduce stress levels and improve your overall health.

MENTALLY. Lack of sleep can make it difficult for you to concentrate and retain information. When you sleep, your brain goes through all the activities and impressions of the day which is important for memory formation.

But what's most interesting about rest, is that God knew the importance of rest long before the golden arches recommended it. God created us with the need for rest; He modeled it and even commanded it.

His Model

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he *rested* from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he *rested* from all the work of creating that he had done." (Genesis 2:2-3, NIV)

God didn't NEED rest. But he CHOSE to rest – giving us an example to follow. Think about this: if the Creator of the heavens and earth and the Sustainer of all living things was able to rest, then I think I could carve out some time to make sure I'm resting, too.

His Command

""Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20:8-11) This, by the way, is in the Ten Commandments. Consider this: of all the possible things God could tell us to do - if you pared them down to the "top ten", most of us would start with the Ten Commandments. And one of the top ten things God tells us to do is: REST.

As God's creation, He knows us better than we know ourselves. He designed us and put us together so He knows exactly what we need. And with all that knowledge and wisdom, what does He tell us to do? Rest.

We should be working hard to make sure that we rest daily (getting a good night's sleep); rest weekly (taking at least one day off from work); and rest annually (retreating for an extended time of refreshment).



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