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### Evidence-based health benefits of physical activity



#### Health benefits of physical activity

#### Reduced likelihood of:

- Premature death
- Hypertension
- Coronary heart disease
- Stroke
- Respiratory conditions
- Diabetes
- Certain cancers
- Back pain
- Osteoporosis
- Falls in older adults
- Obesity
- Metabolic conditions





#### Physical benefits of physical activity

- Improvements in functional capacity and the maintenance of independence in older individuals
- Weight management
- Improving all body systems: muscular, skeletal, cardiovascular, neuroendocrine
  - Stronger heart and improved circulation
  - Stronger bones, improved bone density and stonger muscles
  - Strengthening the immune system
- Reducing the risk of many chronic diseases.
- Assisting with the management of many health conditions
- Quality of life and general wellbeing



#### Psychological benefits of physical activity

- Reduced likelihood of stress and anxiety
- Reduced likelihood of clinical depression and the symptoms of depression
- Improved ability to respond to and handle stress
- Improved self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improved mental alertness
- Reduced frustration with daily problems



#### Social benefits of physical activity

- The opportunity to make new friends
- The opportunity to share an active hobby with friends or family members
- Reduced social isolation
- Improved social confidence

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