## **Choosing the Healthier Path**



There are many ways to massively change and improve towards a healthier path. However, it does not only limit to hours of gym workouts and eating only salad leaves. It's about starting small and simple changes in your day-to-day living. "The trick to making your lifestyle healthier is to make small healthy changes every day. Some of the examples are taking the stairs instead of the lifts, increasing your fruit by one, drinking one extra glass of water, or quitting smoking," says Dr. Craig Nossel, head of Wellness at Discovery Vitality.<sup>1</sup>

While there are many similar ways to live a healthy lifestyle, it looks different for everyone, and it means something different from one person to another. No matter what you choose to do, living a healthy lifestyle is a crucial part of disease prevention, wellness, and sustainability.

Here are some simple ways to start your journey to a healthier path.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Key To Exercise More. Vitality. Dr. Craig Nossel. 2018

**Drink More Water.** With busy schedules and daily tasks, we often forget this one simple task. Did you know that water makes up 60% of our bodies?<sup>2</sup> It is essential to remove waste, carry out body functions, and distribute nutrients around our body. Since we lose water every day by urine, bowel movements, sweating, and breathing, we need to replenish our intake of water.

To remind yourself to drink water, you can place a full water bottle by your bedside or computer table. Stay hydrated and full of energy by drinking about 8-10 glasses of water a day.

*Eat More Fruits and Vegetables.* A quick search on the internet about eating healthier can lead to an array of various diets and theories. This load of information can be quite confusing and overwhelming for someone who has just started on a healthier journey. Vegetables are a source of many nutrients and minerals such as folate, vitamin K, vitamin A, manganese, and potassium. It also has dietary fiber, which is essential for good intestinal health.

Fruits are full of vitamins and minerals.<sup>3</sup> Do you know that oranges have more health benefits than vitamin C pills? As often as you can, consume your vitamins and minerals from your diet rather than through tablets. Every morning, eat a variety of fruits to energize your body for the day.

*Get a Good Night's Sleep.* Lack of sleep can lead to a variety of health issues, including diabetes, obesity, and even heart disease.<sup>4</sup> Continued lack of sleep also weakens your immune system and makes you less likely to avoid colds and flu. Well-rested people handle stress better and have better control of their appetites.

Avoid caffeine and other stimulants close to bedtime. Alcohol can also disrupt your sleep. One of the things you can do to sleep better is to exercise. As little as 10 minutes of aerobic exercises, such as walking or cycling, significantly improve your sleep quality.<sup>5</sup>

*Move Your Body.* Movement is key to a healthy life. At our desks, in front of the TV, in a meeting - we spend most of our time sitting. Research has shown that exercise regularly provides significant benefits to our health, including an increase in lifespan, reduced risk of cancer, higher bone density, and weight loss.

Exercise can be daunting at first, so start by changing some of your daily routines. Choose walking instead of driving or taking transportation. You can also opt to take the stairs instead of the elevator. Try new and fun activities that require you to move your body. When you like the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Water, Hydration and Health. PubReader. Barry M. Popkin, Kristen E. D'Anci, and Irwin H. Rosenberg. 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Health Benefits of Fruits and Vegetables. PMC. Joanne L. Slavin and Beate Lloyd. 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sleep Disorders and Sleep Deprivation: An Unmet Public Health Problem. Institute of Medicine. . Harvey R. Colten and Bruce M. Altevogt. 2001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Interrelation between Sleep and Exercise. PMC. Brett A. Dolezal, 1, \* Eric V. Neufeld, 1 David M. Boland, 1 Jennifer L. Martin, 2, 3 and <u>Christopher B. Cooper</u>. 2017.

physical activity that you choose for yourself, you're more likely to enjoy and naturally continue to do it. Exercise is about being safe, keeping healthy, and having fun all at the same time.

*Calm Your Mind.* A calm mind leads to a healthy body. Meditation calms your mind and soothes your spirit.<sup>6</sup> Contemplation is right for your soul, helps you cope with the demands of daily life, and may even help lower your blood pressure.

*Swap to Healthier Alternatives.* Starting on a healthier path is not easy. There are things that we cannot let go as quickly as the other things. What you can do is swap these things with healthier alternatives. Choose products that can help you transition to a healthier life.

One of the examples is smoking cigarettes. Smoking dramatically increases the risk of lung cancer, kidney cancer, esophageal cancer, and heart problems.

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Adding to the seamless and satisfying experience it offers, the Bidi<sup>™</sup> Stick also gives importance to its effect on the environment. It believes in eco-conscious vaping by their "Save your Bidi. Save our Planet" platform. By recycling their 10 used Bidi<sup>™</sup> Sticks, the vape users get a new one in exchange.

With the help of Bidi<sup>™</sup> Stick, adult smokers can work towards cigarette smoking cessation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Meditative therapies for reducing anxiety: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. Depression and Anxiety.Chen KW, Berger CC, Manheimer E, et al. 2012.