

### Finding the Link Between Physical and Mental Health

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#### Agenda:

- Learn symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Learn the impact mental health disorders have on physical health
- Learn the benefits physical exercise has on mental health
- Learn additional treatment options for mental health needs
- Tips for getting motivated to incorporate physical activity into your routine



### **Mental Disorders**

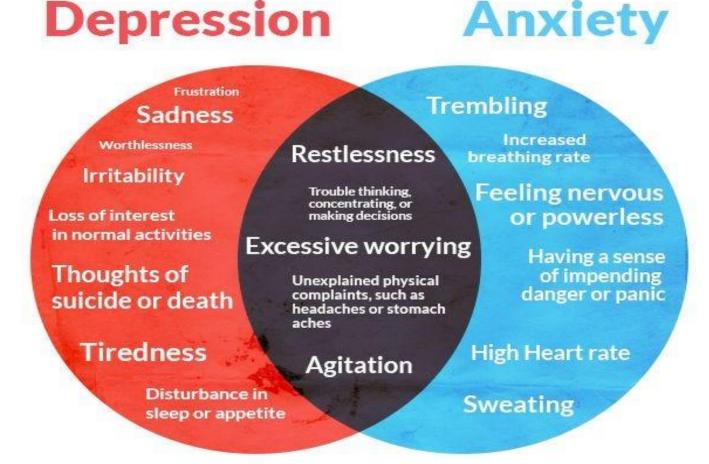
#### According to the World Health Organization, in 2019:

- 1 in every 8 people or 970 million people around the world were living with a mental disorder, with anxiety and depressive disorders as the most common
- In 2020, the number of people living with anxiety and depressive disorders increased significantly because of the COVID-19 pandemic

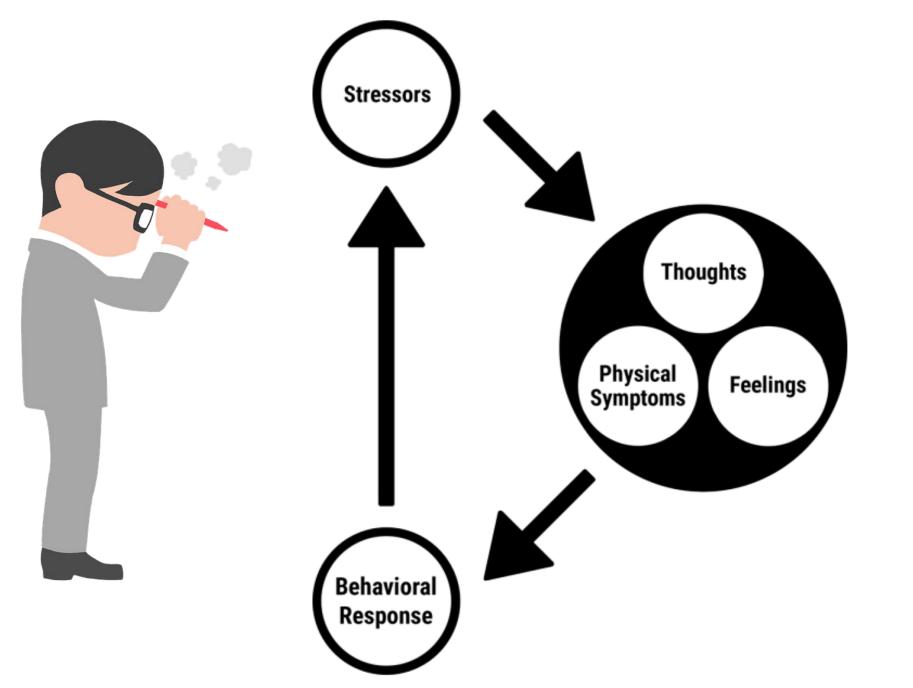




### Symptoms for Depression and Anxiety

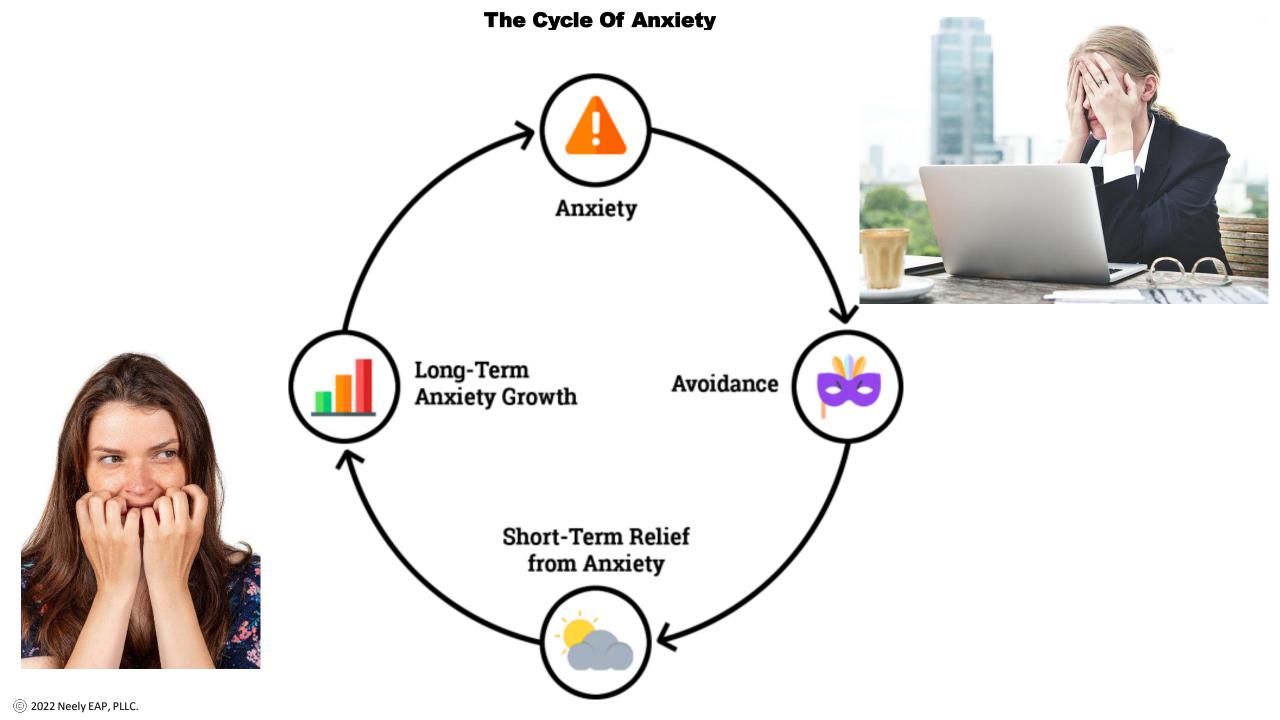






Out Sick





## Things I Cannot Control

Other People's Thoughts

Other People's Words

# Things I Can Control

My Thoughts

My Words

My Actions

My Behaviour

**My Feelings** 

People's Feelings

Other

People's

Behaviour

Other



Other People's Actions

## Impact of Depression and Anxiety on Physical Health

- Weakened Immune System
- Chronic Pain
- Sleep Disorders
- Increased Risk of Heart Disease
- Weight Changes
- Digestive Issues
- Respiratory Problems
- Muscle Tension



#### **Poll Question**



## Benefits Physical Exercise Has On Mental Health

- Mood
- Sleep
- Coping
- Self-Esteem
- Distraction
- Energy
- Emotional Outlet
- Relaxation
- Health
- Brain Chemicals



## **Poll Question**



## **Treatment Options for Mental Health Disorders**

- Primary Care Physician
- Mental Health Professional
- Support Groups
- Peer Support
- Stay Active
- Sleep
- Healthy Eating







## Tips for Getting Physically Motivated

- Work Out Clothing
- Calendar
- Realistic Goals
- Workout Buddy
- Positive Affirmations
- 5 Second Rule
- Exercise Log or Journal
- Workout Apps for Tracking & Planning (Fit Bit, Garmin Fitness Tracker, Strava, Map My Run, Couch to 5K Runner)

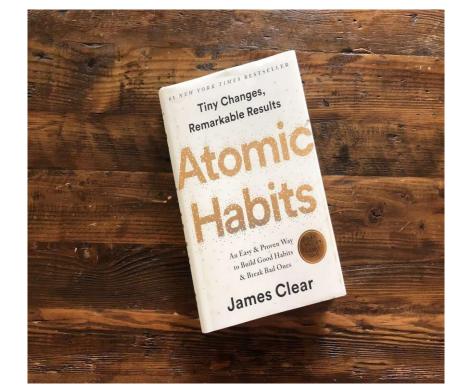




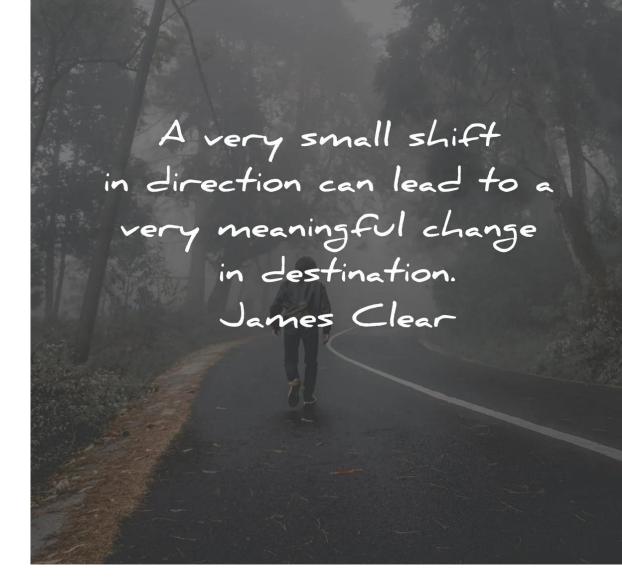


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"Improving by 1% isn't particularly notable, sometimes it isn't even noticeable, but it can be far more meaningful – especially in the long run."



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Wellness Resources



We are what we eat. Our food choices directly impact our mood, health, and energy levels. Maintaining a healthy and well-balanced diet can be challenging with a hectic schedule and family demands. Fortunately, our Nutritional Wellness Services can help you achieve your nutritional goals.

#### **How Can Nutritional Wellness Services Help Me?**

Nutritional Wellness Services is a professional nutritional consultation service that can help you make positive changes in your diet and lifestyle. A Certified Functional Nutritionist will assess your eating habits, identify dietary concerns and answer questions to support your journey. Initial Consultation is complimentary.

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#### Areas of Expertise

Receive help from a Certified Functional Nutritionist on a variety of concerns including:

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- Autoimmune Disease
- Gut Health
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- Complementary initial consultation with a Certified Functional Nutritionist to assess your current eating habits and health status.
- 25% off all laboratory testing and nutritional packages.
- Access to HIPAA compliant mobile app with resources and private food journal.



#### **EAP Benefit Spotlight**

