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for information
on FREE group classes
for patients, caregivers,
and anyone touched
by cancer.

Health Psychology During and After Cancer Care

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Psychosocial Issues

Cancer is not just a physical disease, but a disease that affects many, if not all, aspects of a person's life. Moreover, cancer treatment (e.g., chemotherapy and radiation therapy) can cause or increase psychological issues. Psychosocial issues often associated with a cancer diagnosis include:

- Lifestyle change: Weight gain, problems with nutrition, lack of physical activity, financial concerns, fatigue, and impaired sleep
- Emotional Distress: Depression/sadness/anxiety
- Fear of recurrence
- Communication and other problems with family members

Psychology/Mental Health Support

Psychology services can help patients manage anxiety, depression, and stress. The Institute of Medicine recognizes the importance of addressing psychosocial needs stating that it is "not possible to deliver good-quality cancer care without using existing approaches, tools, and resources to address patients' psychosocial health needs." Due to recognizing this importance, the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons now requires routine screenings for psychological distress. Talk therapy can lessen negative emotions, increase well-being, increase quality of life, improve sleep, facilitate positive growth, and decrease stress hormones and immune system dysregulation. Patients who undergo therapy may notice health benefits as well as perhaps increase survival.

Health Psychology

Health psychologists, also referred as medical psychologists, are a type of psychologist that focus on how patient's mental, emotional, and social factors affect their physical well-being. This field takes a biopsychosocial



perspective looking at how the mind, body, and person's environment are related. Often times, a patient can work to improve their mental health, thus improving their physical health by making lifestyle changes. Health psychologists help patients, survivors, and families understand and transform the unique challenges that a cancer illness can present through education and activities drawing upon the integration of current psychological research with biomedical information. Health psychology services may also benefit people wanting to improve lifestyle changes, such as maintain a healthy weight and improving diet and exercise.

Health Psychology Approaches:

Some treatments a health psychologist at the Integrative Medicine Center can provide include:

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT): Teaches patients to evaluate their thinking patterns in hopes of improving their behaviors and emotions.
- Motivational Interviewing: Helpful when patients want to work on behavioral change, such as improving their diet or physical activity, or making important decisions in their life.
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT): Allows patients to notice and become aware of their experiences, while using acceptance and mindfulness strategies to increase psychological flexibility.
- Interpersonal Therapy: Helps patients improve their relationships.
- Mindfulness-based treatment: Teaches patients to non-judgmentally focus their attention on their present experience, which can help with increasing qualities like acceptance, gratitude, and wellbeing.

For more information on scheduling a consultation, please refer to page 4 of this newsletter or call 713-794-4700.

Outpatient Group Clinical Services

All Classes are free. Please call **713-794-4700** to sign up.

Physical



Brief Relaxation Massages

Experience a brief upper body massage for relaxation. These chair massages are generously funded by Angie's Spa.



Shape-Up Circuit*

A fitness class designed to improve body composition by increasing muscle strength and burning calories. Led by the Integrative Medicine Physical Therapist, this class will follow a "circuit" format, with different exercises at each station. Suitable for any fitness level. Please bring a water bottle.



Tai Chi

Find balance and strength through continuous flowing movements that link mind to body.



Get Moving

Recharge and energize with uplifting music and a blend of yoga, dance, and martial arts.

Mind-Body



Qigong

Experience this ancient Chinese system of self-care using meditation, breath, and movement.



Tibetan Meditation*

Relax and access a deeper awareness through connecting your mind, body and heart through breath, sound and movement practices. Class method rotates weekly (see calendar).

- **Power of Breath**

Through breath, learn various contemplative stress-relieving methods to use in everyday life.

- **Sacred Sounds**

Use sound techniques in combination with the breath, that can be helpful to increase memory and cognitive function.

- **Breath & Movement**

Experience meditation through simple movements & breathing techniques, supportive of better sleep.



Yoga for Health

Features a gentle form of yoga including stretching, breathing, relaxation, and meditation techniques.

Social

Cooking for Optimal Health*

The dietitian for the Integrative Medicine Center demonstrates how to prepare dishes meeting the whole foods, plant-based diet recommendations. Participants will also have the chance to enjoy some delicious samples. Recipes will emphasize a different theme each month.



Meditation and Daily Life*

Learn meditation in an interactive class format. Each meditation experience includes an exploration of Tea, Art, Writing, or Nature. Themes rotate weekly. Goals include lowering stress and enhancing connectedness with self and surroundings.

Activity Level:



= Gentle



= Active



= Very Active

*Program support provided by the Duncan Family Institute

- Call the Integrative Medicine Center at 713-794-4700 to register.
- All participants must arrive 15 minutes early to check in for group classes.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Health
4 8:00-12:00 Brief Relaxation Massages 2:00-3:00 Yoga for Health	5 9:30-10:30 Tibetan Meditation: Sacred Sounds 11:00-12:00 Get Moving 2:00-3:00 Yoga for Health 3:30-4:30 Tai Chi	6 8:00-5:00 Brief Relaxation Massages 10:30-11:30 Yoga for Health 2:30-3:30 Meditation and Daily Life: Nature	7 11:00-12:00 Shape-Up Circuit 3:30-4:30 Qigong	8 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Health
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All classes are for outpatients and their caregivers and are offered at the Mays Clinic location – ACB2.1005

Individual Outpatient Clinical Services

An MD Anderson physician's order is required before scheduling any of the services listed below.

For additional details, please:

- Call 713-794-4700
- Visit our website <http://www.mdanderson.org/integrativemedcenter>
- Visit one of our **2 outpatient locations**:
 - **Main Clinic**: R1.2000, a free standing facility east of the Main Building near valet
 - **Mays Clinic**, 2nd floor near elevator T

Integrative Oncology Consultation

Our physicians and advanced practice providers can give guidance on achieving a comprehensive and integrative approach to your cancer care.

Exercise/Physical Activity Consultation

Being more physically active may benefit patients during and after cancer treatment by decreasing fatigue and improving strength. A senior physical therapist provides recommendations on achieving safe and optimal exercise during each consultation.

Acupuncture

Acupuncture is a safe and often effective medical treatment that can be used to manage side effects from cancer and related treatments, including nausea and vomiting, pain, neuropathy, hot flashes, fatigue and dry mouth. Treatments range from \$65 to \$75. An additional \$10 may apply.

Oncology Massage Treatment

Oncology massage may help patients address anxiety, relieve pain, decrease fatigue and improve sleep quality. The initial treatment is \$70 and follow up treatments are \$40.

Health Psychology Consultation

A licensed clinical psychologist will provide both evaluation and interventions to help with lifestyle change and address symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression.

Nutrition Consultation

A registered dietitian provides personalized nutrition counseling and education to help patients manage side effects and reach their goals during and after cancer treatment. Education emphasizes a whole foods, plant-based diet for optimal health.

Meditation Consultation

Meditation decreases anxiety and negative emotions, improves sleep and memory and increases spiritual awareness and a sense of well-being. Initial visit fee is \$50. Follow-up visits range from \$25 to \$50.

For information on our inpatient services, please call 713-794-4700.

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exists to raise awareness within MD Anderson and the larger Houston community of the important role complementary and integrative medicine can play in cancer prevention and in helping those with cancer live better and longer.

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Contact Dr. Alejandro Chaoul at machaoul@mdanderson.org for membership information.



The Fountain of Joy, which stands in front of the Integrative Medicine Center, was donated by longtime Friend of Integrative Medicine member and patient Joyce Arrington Smith.