## **Exercise Physiology**

## Exercise

Being physically active is a key to living a longer, healthier and happier life.

It can help relieve stress and provide an overall feeling of well-being.

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Exercise physiology is the study of how the body adapts to physical activity.

An exercise physiologist creates an exercise plan that helps enhance your overall health.

## **Benefits of Exercise**

#### Exercise can help you:

- maintain a healthy weight
- increase your energy
- sleep better
- manage stress
- build muscle strength
- control your blood glucose
- increase your HDL ("good") cholesterol.

#### Exercise can help lower your:

- risk of heart disease
- blood pressure
- blood glucose

- risk of osteoporosis (weak, brittle bones)
- risk of diabetes
- risk of arthritis
- risk of certain cancers, such as colon and breast
- anxiety and depression.

# How an Exercise Physiologist Can Help

An exercise physiologist will meet with you. He or she will:

- check your fitness level
- assess your heart's endurance
- measure your body fat
- assess your strength
- assess your flexibility
- look at your posture
- teach you exercises
- check your cholesterol
- check your blood pressure
- give you education.

### For More Information

For more information, talk with your nurse or doctor.