Evidence Based Weight Loss: Physical Activity

Set one physical activity goal every day

Shoot for 150 minutes per week (30 min 5 days per week)



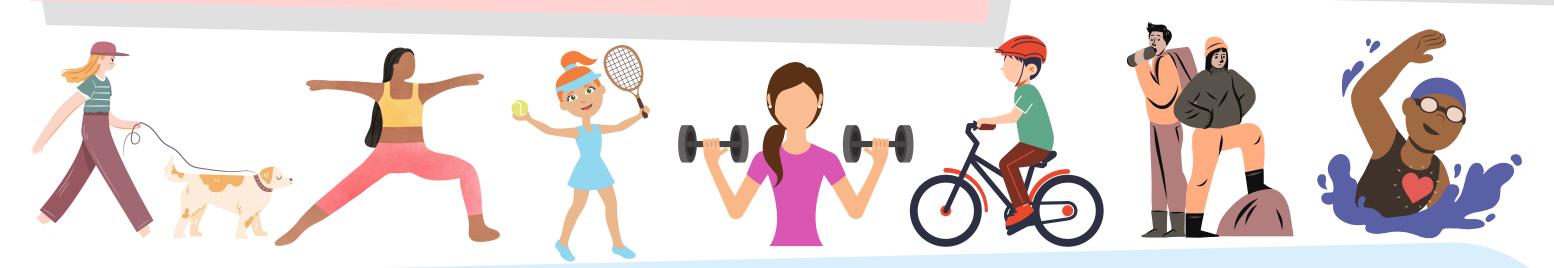
Exercise Ideas

Go for a walk with a friend, family member, or furry companion, play pickleball or tennis, lift weights, ride a bike, hike, swim

Minimize Sitting

- Walk around during TV commercials or during a portion of your lunch break
- Take the stairs at work or when out
- Park far away from the doors when shopping
- Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Have fun! Start with activities and locations that you enjoy



Turn negative thoughts into positive ones

- **Don't have time to be active?** Monitor your daily activities for 1 week and fine three 30 minute time slots you can use for physical activity. Add it to your schedule as a regular part of your day.
- **Don't want to exercise alone?** Join a group at the YMCA or hiking club.
- Too tired after work? Schedule physical activity for a different time of day/week when you feel energetic.
- Can't leave my children alone? Take them on a stroller walk/run.

Sources:

- https://www.aafp.org/family-physician/patient-care/prevention-wellness/healthy-lifestyle/obesityactivity/helping-patients-set-fitness-goals.html
- https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/physical_activity/getting_started.html

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