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By Tšhegofatšo Ndobane on May 20, 2021Mindfulness meditation definedBenefitsHow to get startedBeing consistentAs I settle into my seat to write this article, I take a deep, slow, breath. The sun’s rays are beginning to seep through the curtain, my cup of rooibos-ginger tea warms the palm of my left hand. I notice the slight kink between my shoulder blades. I remember to text a friend to confirm our walking date, resisting the urge to quickly pick up my phone. I note the smell of the jasmine-scented incense burning on my bookshelf, and the purr of my cat as he curls his tail around my right calf. I take another deep, slow, breath. And then I open my laptop. This is my mindfulness meditation practice. Share on PinterestIllustration by Maya ChastainFounded by meditation coach Will Williams, World Meditation Day is observed on May 21st as a time to pause from normal everyday life and find calmness through participating in the ancient practice of meditation. While meditation remains a fundamental component of many religions around the world, including Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and other Eastern or New Age belief systems, it is also practiced by individuals who don’t identify as religious or spiritual. In India, written texts on meditation practices date back as early as 1500 BCE. Mindfulness meditation, in particular, is a mental training practice that is rooted in Buddhism. It rests on the premise of intentionally honing into the present moment, observing your thoughts, feelings, physical sensations, and external environment through a lens of kindness, while resisting the urge to place value judgements on all that arises. So, rather than reflecting on a completed task or anything else specific in your day, and labeling those experiences as “good” or “bad,” and “right” or “wrong,” mindfulness meditation encourages you to simply observe the thoughts and feelings that come up, even when they register as unfamiliar or uncomfortable. A study looked at the benefits of mindfulness for law students who were awaiting their results on bar exams. They found that relative to other forms of controlled meditative practices, the participants who exhibited high levels of intolerance for uncertainty reportedly benefited from mindfulness the most. Now, bar exams may not be the stressful waiting period you might be wading through currently, but something like the COVID-19 pandemic would definitely be an example of global uncertainty that most can relate to. It wouldn’t be a surprise if mindfulness meditation practices were on the rise post-2020. Over time, mindfulness meditation has been associated with various health and well-being benefits such as:Lowered stress levelsMindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) is a therapeutic approach that was developed by Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn in 1979. It combines mindfulness meditation and yoga with the aim of reducing stress. When your body registers fear or danger, it naturally releases your cortisol hormone to induce a fight-flight-freeze-fawn response. By increasing mindfulness, emotional reactivity and arousal can be lowered, while increasing a sense of calm. A research review also found that mindfulness-based interventions within workplace environments reduced the production of cortisol, which suggests lowered stress levels.Increased immune responseAn old, small 2003 study of mindfulness’ effect on brain and immune function found that an 8-week mindfulness meditation program had a positive effect on brain and immune function. It’s been well reported that stress suppresses the immune system. Nevertheless, this study found that not only did the participants’ moods indicate a marked improvement, participants also showed significant increase in antibodies which, help prevent and fight illness. Reduced psychological distressA research review found that mindfulness-based interventions can aid in the treatment of several mental, physical, and social health conditions, which can lead to psychological distress. Some of these include:anxietydepressioninsomniaaddictionhypertensionchronic paincancer-related symptomsWhile mindfulness alone may not successfully treat all of these conditions, these findings highlight mindfulness meditation’s ability to increase self-awareness, connectedness, insight, and a sense of purpose. These can, in turn, promote health changes.The notion of mindfulness meditation may conjure images of being seated in the cross-legged position with a straight back and palms resting gently in a mudra on your knees for a set period of time. You may even want to lay out a specific space and symbolic tools such as crystals, incense, affirmations, or essential oils for your practice. But normal, everyday activities can serve as an opportunity to practice mindfulness, regardless of where you are. All you really need is you, your breath, and your ability to observe. Below are some of the ways I practice mindfulness in my daily life that you can adapt as you wish.Waking up. Resisting my mind’s urge to immediately jump out of bed. Feeling the cozy warmth of my covers, scanning my body for any stiffness, wiggling my toes, noting the coolness of the room when my bare feet touch the floor. Preparing a morning cup of tea. Noting the sound of the boiling kettle, the scent of the tea leaves, the sound of water filling my cup, and its changing colors as the leaves steep. The warmth against my tongue and the insides of my cheeks when I have the first sip.Taking an afternoon walk. Listening to the sound of my shoes against the gravel beneath my feet in the woods. Broken branches along some paths, cooler temperatures beneath heavily-shaded canopies, cars whirring by in the distance.Cooking a meal. Lighting a scented candle on the kitchen counter. Noting the sound of the knife against the vegetables and the board as I chop. Noticing the sound of steaming pots and crackling sautes. Taking in the smells of various seasonings.Painting as play. Feeling the softness of my cushion beneath me on the floor. The sound of my paintbrush against the jar when I shake the water off it. Noting the slightly varied shade of colors when they are no longer on the palette. Hearing the light swish of the bristles against the paper.On this World Meditation Day, take some simple habits that are already a natural part of your day, and use them as a vehicle of mindfulness meditation. Take some extra time to appreciate them and experience them on a deeper level than just completing a task.Ultimately, mindfulness practice is exactly that — practice. But this isn’t the kind of practice that’s about doing something over and over to perfection. Rather, it’s about being. Being in the moment. All that matters is that you show up, even if it’s only for a few minutes every day. Then, return as often as you need to — and always without any judgement. Tšhegofatšo Ndobane is a health and wellness writer based in South Africa. Some of her primary interests include indigenous food & nutrition, mental health, and intentional living. You can connect with her on Instagram. Medically reviewed by Karin Gepp, PsyD — By Cathy Cassata — Updated on June 8, 2021Mindfulness meditation helps keep you in the moment and provides physical and mental health benefits, too.To many folks, mindfulness means being in the moment — right here, right now. The American Psychological Association (APA) defines mindfulness as the awareness of your internal states and surroundings.Mindfulness meditation is the practice of focusing attention on your breathing, thoughts, feelings, and sensations as they arise. According to the APA, this meditation is used to become highly in tune with sensory information and to focus on each moment as it happens.“Meditation is a cognitive technique that improves a person’s mind, body, and soul. Psychological aspects, like insight, attention, reflection, and self-regulation are deepened,” says Dr. Deborah Serani, professor at Adelphi University in New York. “Meditation can also increase physical experiences, such as increase relaxation, fortify healing, recovery and a stronger immune response, as well as decrease pain, anxiety, stress, depression and blood pressure,” adds Serani.Practicing mindfulness meditation may help you reap the following health benefits.According to the National Sleep Foundation, adults 18-64 years old need about 7-9 hours of sleep a night. Those 65 and older can go with an hour less than that. Being sleep-deprived can wreak havoc on your body and mind. “Mindfulness meditation has long been shown to help with insomnia and sleep habits,” says Serani.According to a study published in JAMA Internal Medicine, which researched 49 older adults with moderate sleep difficulties, mindfulness meditation helped the participants experience fewer insomnia symptoms and less daytime fatigue.The researchers pointed out that meditation’s impact on sleep most likely has to do with the following:improves relaxation affects the autonomic nervous system, which impacts awakeningincreases production of the sleep hormone melatoninincreases serotonin, which is released in the body before melatonin and helps regulate sleep-wake cyclingreduces heart ratereduces blood pressureaffects areas of the brain that control sleepIf managing your weight is difficult, practicing mindfulness might help.According to a 2017 review of studies, mindfulness meditation can help you lose weight and adhere to a positive change in eating habits. Also, those who practiced mindfulness meditation were more likely to keep the weight off. Researchers discovered that:Weight loss interventions based on mindfulness were “moderately effective for weight loss” and “largely effective in reducing obesity-related eating behaviors.”People who participated in mindfulness programs and lost weight kept off the weight compared to those who participated in “lifestyle-change” programs.The APA defines mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) as a therapeutic intervention of weekly group classes and daily home mindfulness exercises over an 8-week period.A review of 23 articles about MBSR and workers found that the therapy improved psychological functioning in employees and reduced levels of emotional exhaustion (burnout), stress, psychological distress, depression, anxiety, and occupational stress.MBSR also improved the following:The effects of loneliness on health and mental health have come to the forefront in recent years. Research by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) reports that many adults 50 or older who are lonely have a higher chance of health complications, such as heart disease, stroke, dementia, depression, anxiety, and suicide.If you’re one of the 61% of adults feeling lonely, according to Cigna’s 2020 Loneliness Index, meditation might help ease your feelings.Research published in BMC Psychology reviewed 13 studies that looked at meditation and its effect on loneliness. The review concluded meditation’s influence on alleviating loneliness is promising.Practicing mindfulness while you engage in movement-based behaviors, such as walking, standing, and sitting, can decrease stress, anxiety, and depression.According to a smartphone-based 14-day study of college students, mindfulness during movement-based behaviors was associated with lessened negative states. “Meditation is awesome for your mental health. It can also improve positive thinking,” says Serani. If you find it difficult to pay attention for long periods of time, meditation might enhance your focus. According to 2018 research, various studies showed that the initial effects of brief meditation could impact attention even in people who are new to meditating.Depression is a serious condition that requires treatment from a qualified professional. In addition to medication and traditional psychotherapy, research shows that mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT), which incorporates mindfulness meditation practices, can lower the occurrence of depression relapse.Also, research conducted in 2019 of Brazilian university students found that while meditation training reduced depression and anxiety symptoms, participants needed to continue to meditate to experience the benefits.Reduced anxiety was seen in people with high levels of anxiety who participated in an introductory session of mindfulness meditation, according to a 2018 study.The researchers reported a reduction in anxiety in the first hour after the meditation session and significantly lower levels of anxiety 1 week after the session.Also, the researchers found that a single mindfulness session may help to reduce cardiovascular risk in those with moderate anxiety as reduced stress on the arteries was shown an hour after the session. Researchers reported that this could help reduce stress on organs, such as the brain and kidneys, and help prevent high blood pressure.“Meditation is not only great for your physical and psychological health, it can shift neural pathways and create positive brain changes,” says Serani. “Some science suggests meditation need not be something you have to practice for months or even years to reap major brain benefits. Taking a daily restful alertness break can change your brain for the better in as little as 11 hours.”To determine if mindfulness could affect cognitive impairment in Alzheimer’s disease, a 2016 randomized clinical trial analyzed people with Alzheimer’s disease. Participants were observed over a two-year period as they attended weekly sessions of stimulation based on mindfulness, cognitive stimulation therapy, and progressive muscle relaxation.The mindfulness group showed significant scores compared to the control and muscle relaxation groups and was on par with the cognitive stimulation therapy group.Researchers determined that mindfulness could be an option to slow cognitive impairment in people with Alzheimer’s disease.Mindfulness is about purposefully and fully leaning into the present moment: sounds, sensations, and your internal self. Meditation is a tool for that awareness practice. Together, mindfulness and meditation can help reduce anxiety, body fat, chronic medical condition symptoms, depression relapse, dementia, loneliness, negative sentiments, and stress levels. Mindfulness meditation can also improve attention span, sleep, positivity, and overall peace of mind.The practice is easy to implement and requires no accessories. It very well may be the single best supplement to your mind-body restoration.You can learn how to get started with mindfulness meditation here. Last medically reviewed on June 3, 2021



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