

#### STRESS: HOW TO PREVENT IT

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#### STRESS IS A PART OF OUR LIFE

1. Eustress is good 2. Distress (too much stress) is bad and can cause symptoms and diseases: we have to learn to manage it!

### 1. Sleep at least 7-8 hours per night (slow down at least 30 min before going to bed)

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### 2. Slow down

(take 15 minutes a day to relax, take a tea, do a walk, do yoga, have a hot bath, take time for you ...)

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## **3. Exercise** (do regularly every day or at least 2 time a week)

#### 4. Express gratitude (each night before you fail asleep, contemplate 3 good thinks about your day or your life: feel deep appreciation)

# 5. Be present (at least one a week listen wih your whole heart to the concerns of a friend or family member – and ask for the same in return)

# 6. Smile, laugh and lighten up

(laughter lowers the stress hormon cortisol and release endorphin: take 1-2 minutes a couple of times each day to think of something that makes you smile)

## 7. Get organized (sit down and prioritized and schedule all thinks that you need to do ...)