Mindfulness – Just This Breath

Objective

To focus on the present to increase feelings of calm and well-being.

You Should Know

This 7-minute mindfulness audio file is designed to help people experiencing emotional distress by providing them an opportunity focus on the present. The audio is courtesy of Dartmouth College Health services with a script made at Georgia Southern University Counseling Center. Edited by Martin Grant.

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Use the following chart to record your daily relaxation practice. Make several copies of this chart, and keep a record of the time you spend practicing this relaxation technique until it is truly a habit. You want it to become routine – something you do without thinking, like brushing your teeth. It is also useful to note your general mood, both before and after, your daily relaxation exercise.

| Day | Time of Day | Minutes | Mood Before Relaxation | Mood After Relaxation |
|-----------|-------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday | | | | |
| Monday | | | | |
| Tuesday | | | | |
| Wednesday | | | | |
| Thursday | | | | |
| Friday | | | | |
| Saturday | | | | |

| How helpful was this exercise? (1 = not very helpful, 5 = moderately helpful, 10 = extremely helpful) What did you learn from this exercise? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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