

Holistic Pain Relief Checklist

Home/Self-Care Remedies

ACUPRESSURE

POINTS FOR PAIN RELIEF

Please remember to apply gentle, yet firm pressure for 1-2 minutes on each point:



LI4 (Hegu): Located on the back of your hand, where the thumb and index finger meet. Known to relieve headaches, neck pain, and stress.



LV3 (Taichong): Found on your foot, between the first and second toe. It's helpful for alleviating stress, lower back pain, and menstrual cramps.



GB20 (Fengchi): Located at the base of the skull, in the hollows on either side of the neck. This point is great for alleviating tension headaches and neck pain.

FOODS TO EAT AND AVOID

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- **Berries:** Berries such as blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries are rich in antioxidants and can help reduce inflammation.
- **Fatty Fish:** Salmon, sardines, and mackerel are high in omega-3 fatty acids, which have potent anti-inflammatory effects.
- **Green Tea:** Green tea is packed with antioxidants that can help reduce inflammation and slow cartilage destruction.

FOODS TO AVOID:

- **Refined Carbohydrates:** Foods such as white bread and pastries can trigger inflammatory responses.
- **Fried Foods:** Deep-fried foods can contribute to increased inflammation.

Sugary Drinks: Soft drinks and other sugar-sweetened beverages can induce inflammation.

Remember, self-care is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Feel free to tweak this checklist to suit your individual needs, and always consult your healthcare provider before starting any new exercise or diet regimen. As you work towards a healthier, pain-free life, remember that every step counts, and your efforts will bear fruit in due time.

Embarking on a journey of self-care is one of the most empowering decisions you can make for your health. As an acupuncturist, I can assist you in this journey by offering treatments specifically tailored to your needs. However, there's plenty you can do at home to support your wellbeing. Here is a holistic self-care checklist that includes acupressure points for pain, dietary recommendations, yoga poses for pain relief, and other wellness tips.

YOGA POSES FOR PAIN RELIEF

- **Child's Pose (Balasana):** This restorative pose can help relax your body, stretch your lower back, and alleviate stress.
- **Cat-Camel Stretch (Marjariasana-Bitilasana):** This stretch can help alleviate tension in the back, neck, and shoulders.
- **Pigeon Pose (Eka Pada Rajakapotasana):** This hip-opening pose can help reduce lower back pain and sciatica.



ADDITIONAL SELF-CARE TIPS

- **Stay Hydrated:** Drinking plenty of water can help flush toxins out of your body and maintain overall health.
- **Get Regular Exercise:** Regular physical activity can help reduce inflammation and pain. Choose activities you enjoy to keep your routine sustainable.
- **Get Plenty of Rest:** Make sure to prioritize rest and recovery. Sleep is vital for your body to repair itself.
- **Practice Mindfulness:** Incorporate mindfulness practices like meditation or deep-breathing exercises into your routine to help manage stress, which often exacerbates pain.

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