How did the week go for you?

Did you use any strategies this past week to manage stress and build resilience?

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#### Understanding Anxiety and Depression

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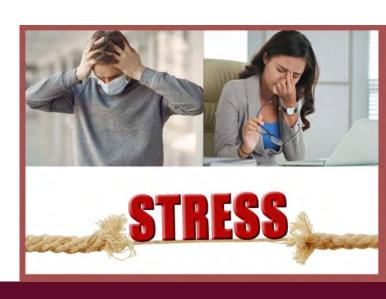
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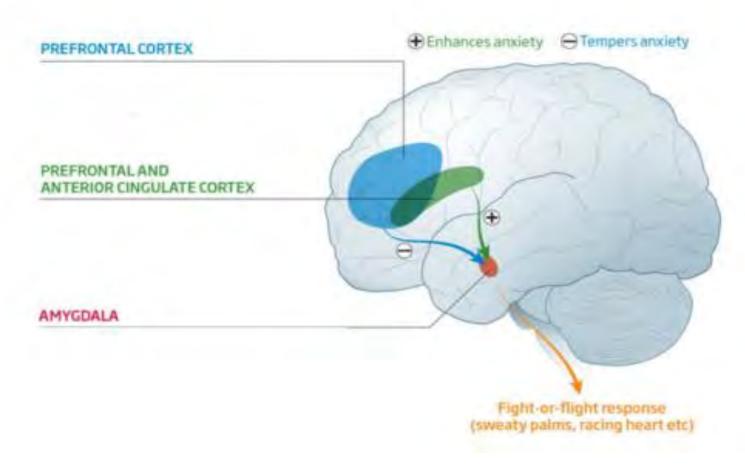
# Living Through a Pandemic



# What is Anxiety?

- Anxiety is the body's natural response to stress.
- It can help us to cope with certain situations.
- Can give us a boost of energy or help you focus.

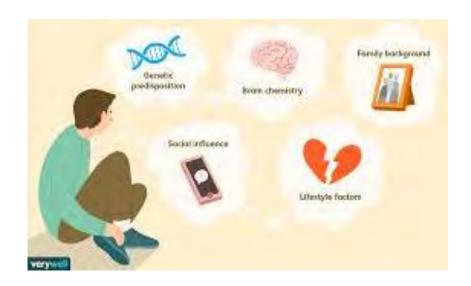
# The Anxious Brain



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# Causes of Anxiety

- Anxiety disorders develop from a complex set of risk factors:
- Genetics
- Brain chemistry
- Personality
- Life events



### **Everyday Anxiety or Anxiety Disorder?**

#### Day to day Anxiety

- Is related to a specific situation or problem
- Lasts only as long as the situation or problem
- Is a realistic response to a realistic problem or situation

#### **Anxiety Disorder**

- Unexpectedly/no apparent reason
- Extreme response to a situation
- Unrealistic anxiety
- Anxiety may last for a long time
- Anxiety may feel impossible to control or manage
- Avoidance

# Coping with Anxiety



# If Diagnosed with an Anxiety Disorder-

- Work with your doctor
- Medication
- Therapy

#### **5 Self-Help Techniques:**

- Breathing Techniques
- Mindfulness
- Grounding Techniques
- Learn what triggers your anxiety
- Take a time out

# What is Depression?

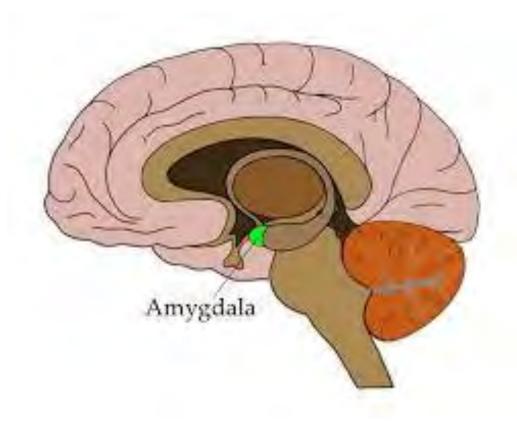
Most people feel sad or depressed at times.

• It's a normal reaction to loss or life's challenges.

- If untreated it can become clinical depression:
  - If lasts for many days to weeks
  - Keeps you from living your life
  - More than sadness.



# The Depressed Brain



# Causes of Depression

- No single cause for depression
- Stress
- Person's susceptibility
- Genetic
- Environmental and psychological factors
- Certain medical conditions may also trigger depression



## Depression

### Situational/Seasonal Depression

- Short-term
- Occurs as the result of a traumatic event or change in a person's life.
  - Loss of a job, loved one etc
  - Other major life changes

#### **Clinical Depression**

- Depressed mood
- Irritability
- Significantly reduced interest or feeling no pleasure in activities
- Significant weight loss or weight gain
- A decrease or increase in appetite
- Insomnia or an increased desire to sleep
- Restlessness or slowed behavior
- Tiredness or loss of energy
- Feelings of worthlessness or inappropriate guilt
- Trouble making decisions or concentrating
- Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide

# **Treatment**

# If Diagnosed with an Clinical Depression-

- Work with your doctor
- Medication
- Therapy

- Get in a routine
- Exercise and get sunlight
- Eat healthy
- Get enough sleep
- Challenge negative thoughts
- Do something new and try to have fun
- Do something for others

# Remember...

- For you:
  - Talk to someone
  - Don't have to deal with it alone
  - Be kind to yourself



- For someone you love:
  - Listen without judgement
  - Just be there
  - Encourage them to seek professional if ready



ACTIVITIES



# Coping with COVID Burnout

Consider Something New

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

#### Topics to be Discussed

Self Care
Self Knowledge
New Hobbies
Self Compassion







#### SELF CARE

Recognize the Gap

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/projectselfcare



#### SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

RECOGNIZE

Know when you are burned out.

TAKE THE TIME

To take care of yourself. Can't help others if you don't help yourself. TOOLS

Exercise - move it outside.

Meditate - Box
Breathing

Time - reach out or take time for yourself as needed

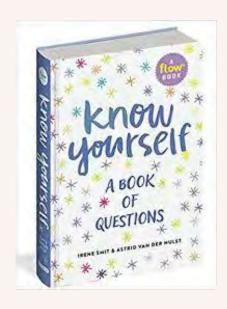
LEAD THE WAY

Break the stigma.

#### **KNOW YOURSELF**

#### **Self Exploration**







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#### TRY A NEW ACTIVITY

HOBBIES



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# TOOLS TO POSITEVLY LEVERAGE STRESS

WITH DIANNE CHRISTENSEN



# You can still make something beautiful and something powerful out of a really bad situation

Gabe Grunewald

### Resources

• NM Crisis Line: 1-855-NMCRISIS (662-7474)

https://www.newmexico.gov/

 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255

• Kid Talk (575)636-3636



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