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Naturopathic Lifestyle Tips

In addition to the advice given to you by your nutritional therapist, here are some lifestyle suggestions to promote great health.

Honour your emotions

- Treat yourself, your environment, other people and animals with respect. Kindness to others is one of the best antidotes to stress.
- Give yourself time everyday to process your emotional response to the day's events.
- Keep your heart open, believe in magic and allow wonderful and unexpected things into your life.
- Don't allow food or stimulants to compensate for unfulfilled emotional needs.
- Find something everyday to make you laugh out loud.
- Nurture and trust your instincts. Quiet time with a castor oil pack over your abdomen is a great way of accessing your 'gut' feelings.
- Write some positive affirmation statements which define how you want to feel and repeat them to yourself several times throughout the day.
- Make a list every day of everything you have to be grateful for.

Exercise daily

- Aim for a minimum of a brisk 45 minute walk every day,
- Do some stretching and strengthening activity every week.
- Remember what activity you loved to do when you were nine and do that.

Support your digestion

- Eat in a relaxed environment and chew food thoroughly
- Avoid drinking whilst eating as this can dilute digestive juices.

Support your organs of elimination

- Skin
- Dry skin brushing
- Alternating hot and cold showers
- Avoid hygiene and beauty products containing harmful chemicals. There are lots of gorgeous natural products available from www.beingcontent.com
- Bowels
 - Drink at least 1.5 -2 litres of water daily
 - Allow yourself time every day to go to the loo

- Liver
- Every week, soak a muslin cloth in castor oil, place over your liver, cover with a hot water bottle and relax completely for 20-30 minutes.
- -Lungs
 - Take regular steam inhalations with essential oils of tea tree or thyme
 - Take time to breathe deeply several times daily, ideally outdoors in nature

Sleep and relaxation

- Keep regular sleeping patterns, ideally getting to bed by 10pm and having 7-8 hours of sleep every night.
- Ensure your bedroom has adequate ventilation.
- Avoid working or watching television in the bedroom.
- Build relaxation into your day. Reading, bathing, massage and listening to music are relaxing, watching television isn't.

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