## STRESS AND SLEEP OPTIMIZATION

Supporting Metabolism Through Rest and Resilience



## What You'll Achieve This Week

- Explore how stress and sleep impact metabolic health.
- Learn practical techniques for managing stress.
- Understand the components of restful sleep.
- Use tools to track and optimize your stress and sleep patterns.

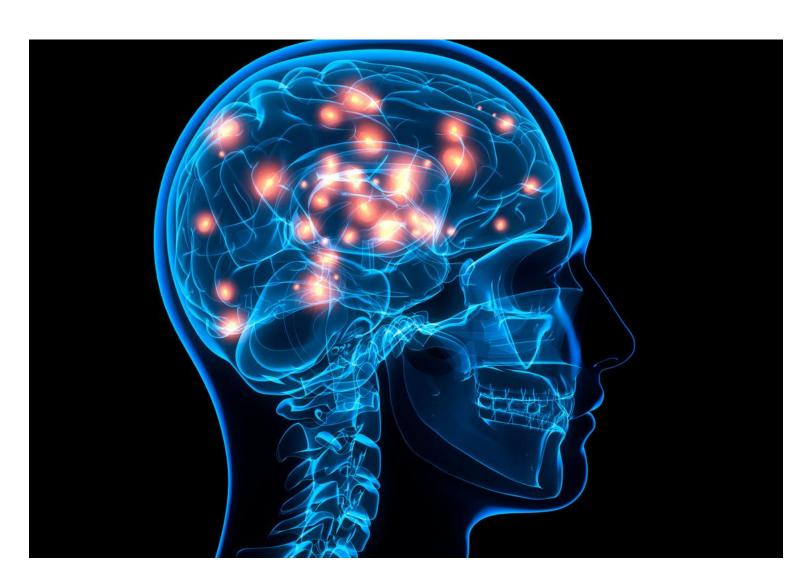
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## Stress and Your Body



- Chronic stress raises cortisol levels, increasing fat storage and cravings.
- Reduces insulin sensitivity, leading to energy imbalances.
- Impacts digestion and sleep quality.
- Managing stress supports weight regulation and overall well-being.



# Tools for Reducing Stress

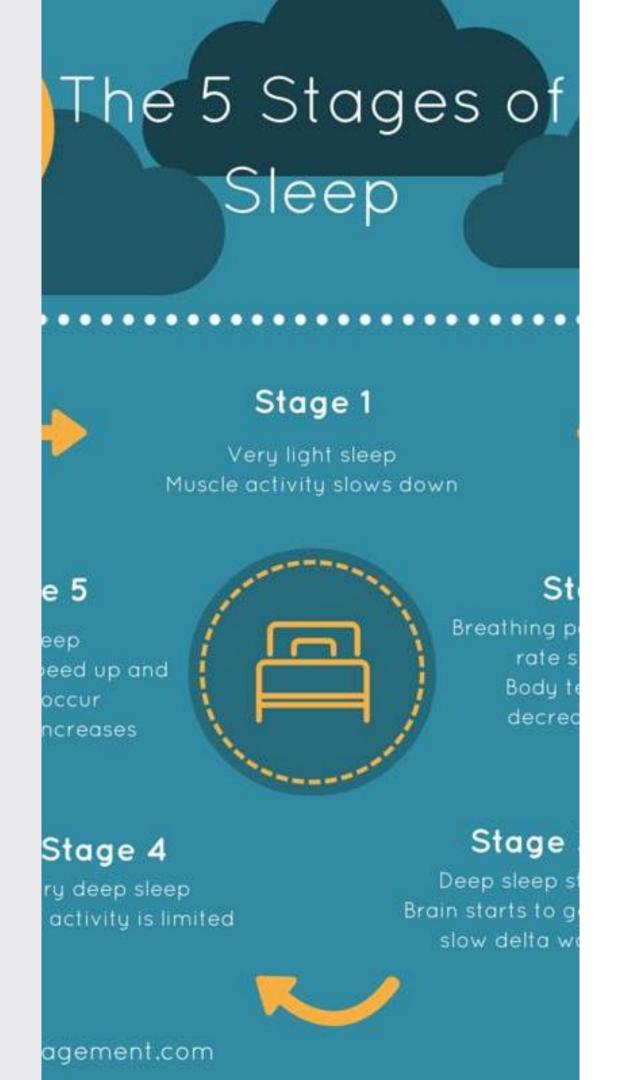


- Breathwork: Practice diaphragmatic breathing to lower cortisol.
- Mindfulness and Meditation: Ground yourself in the present moment.
- Movement: Use gentle exercises like walking or stretching.
- Social Connection: Spend time with supportive friends or loved ones.



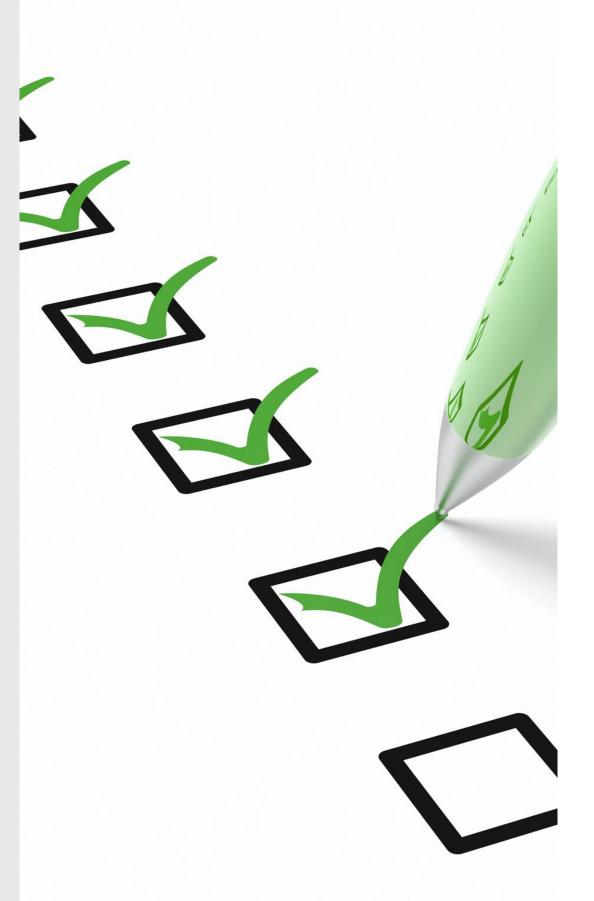
# Sleep as a Metabolic Ally





- Restorative sleep regulates
   hunger hormones (ghrelin
   and leptin).
- Poor sleep disrupts
   metabolism and increases
   cravings.
- Aim for 7-9 hours of highquality sleep nightly.

## Your Sleep Sanctuary



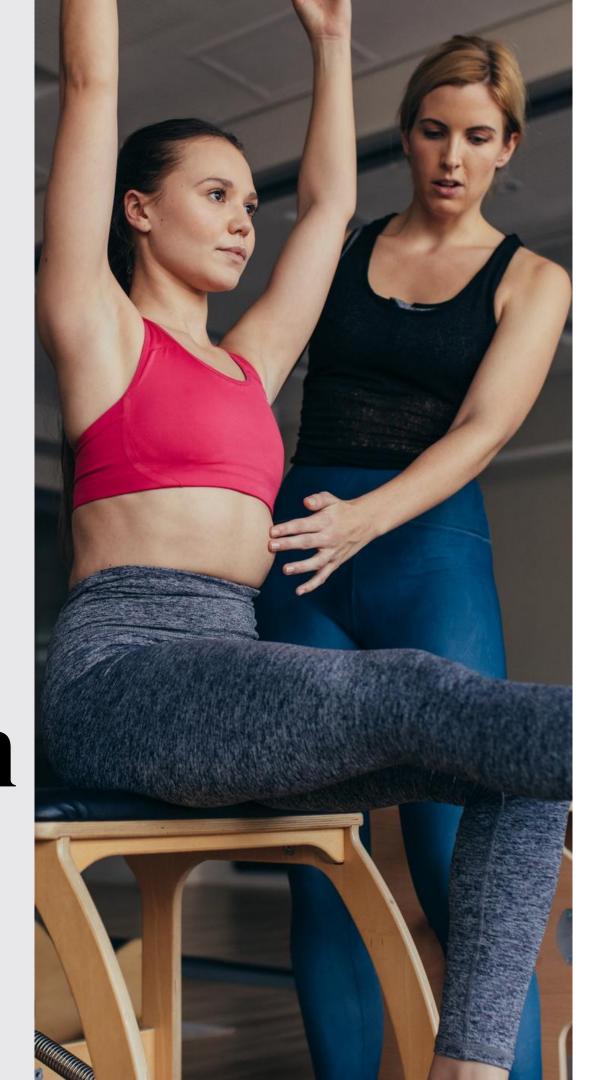


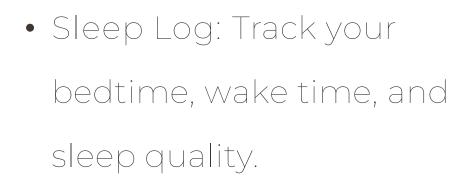
- Maintain a consistent sleep schedule, even on weekends.
- Reduce screen time 1-2 hours before bed.
- Create a calming pre-sleep ritual (e.g., reading or taking a warm bath).
- Optimize your sleep environment:
  - Cool, dark, and quiet room.
  - Comfortable mattress and pillows



## Resources for Stress and Sleep Optimization



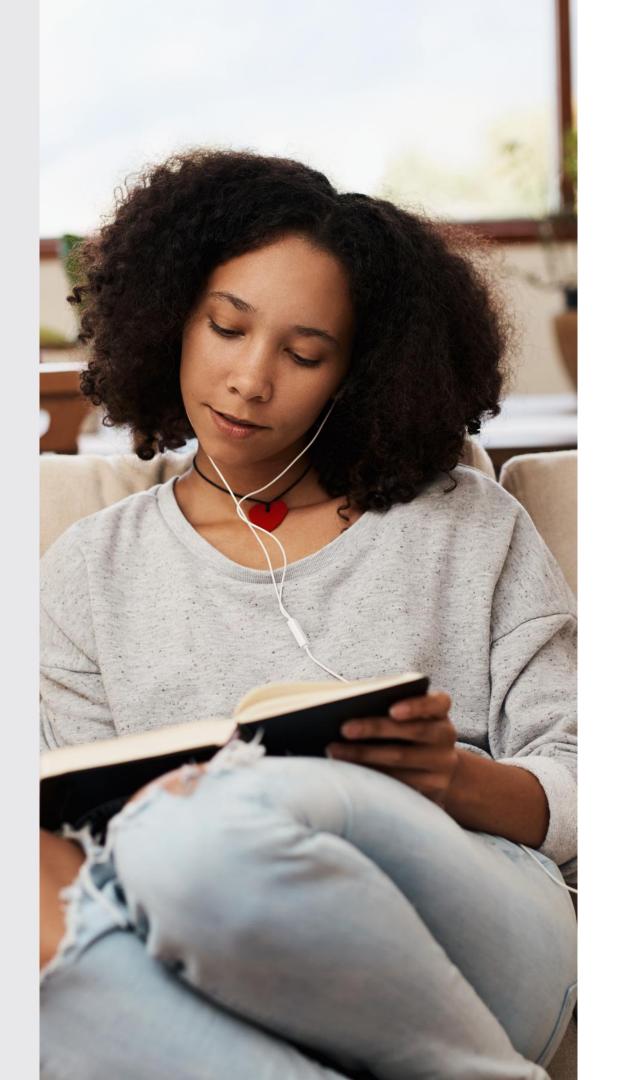




- Stress Tracker: Record stress levels and coping strategies.
- Guided Relaxation:
   Access audio or video
   meditations.

## Sustaining Stress and Sleep Health

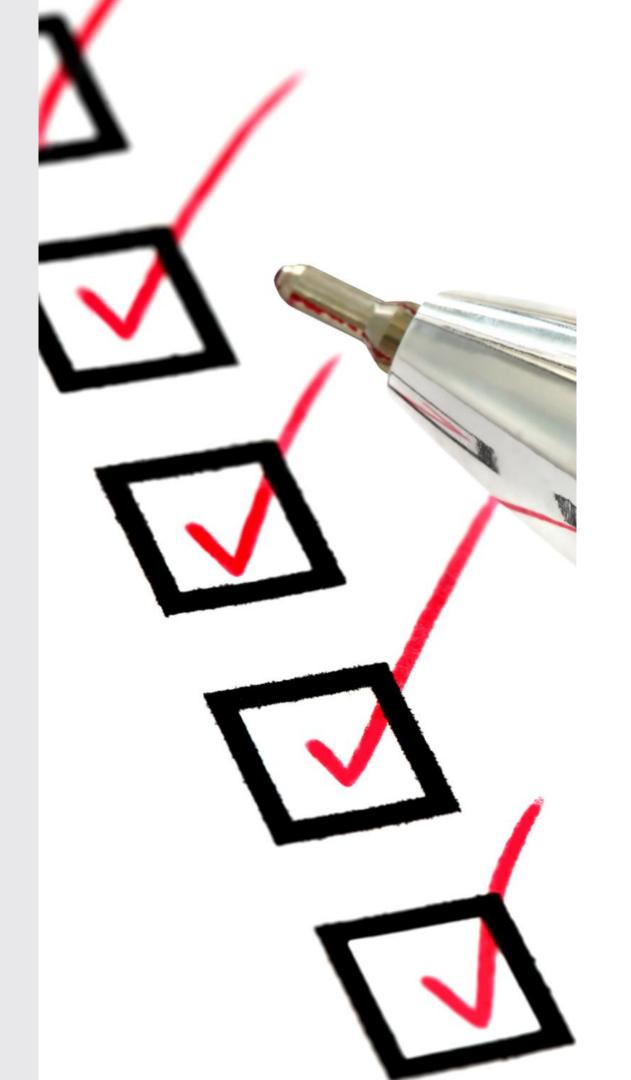






- Recognize stress signals early and take proactive steps.
- Incorporate 5-10 minutes
   of relaxation into your
   daily routine.
- Reflect on how better
   sleep and stress
   management enhance
   your energy.
- Celebrate progress, even small improvements, as steps forward.

# Your Stress and Sleep Action Plan





- Complete the Sleep Log and Stress Tracker for one week.
- Practice one relaxation technique daily.
- Commit to a consistent bedtime routine this week.
- Share your favorite
   stress-reduction activity
   in the community
   forum.



## Thank You

