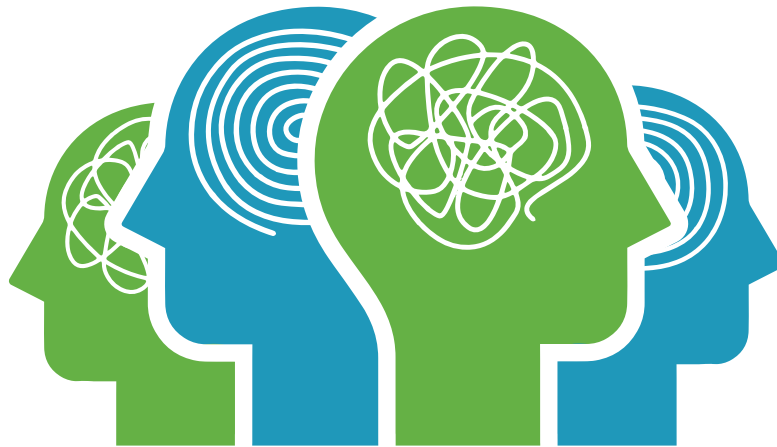




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**AWARENESS MONTH**

# KAMRYN'S CORNER

Hello everybody! April is Stress Awareness Month. Stress can cause a variety of symptoms affecting your physical, mental, and emotional health. Long term stress can cause chronic or worsen existing conditions. Chronic stress can weaken your immune system causing frequent illness, persistent fatigue, and chronic anxiety or depression. There are many options for managing and treating stress, both pharmacological and nonpharmacological. If you are experiencing high stress in your life and are in need of help, please call me for assistance scheduling an appointment with your primary care provider at Bamberg Family Practice.

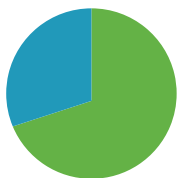


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# Stress

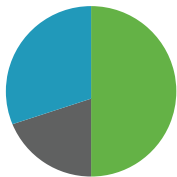
## All about stress



70% of people are constantly under stress



women are stressed more often than men



18-33 years old 45-60 years old 65+ years old

young people are more prone to stress



stress is the cause of 80% of disease

## Stress factors

financial problems



relatives death



divorcement



health problems



## Stress symptoms

fatigue



irritability



insomnia



headache



## Stress treatment

sport



antidepressants



music



meditation



bath



aromatherapy



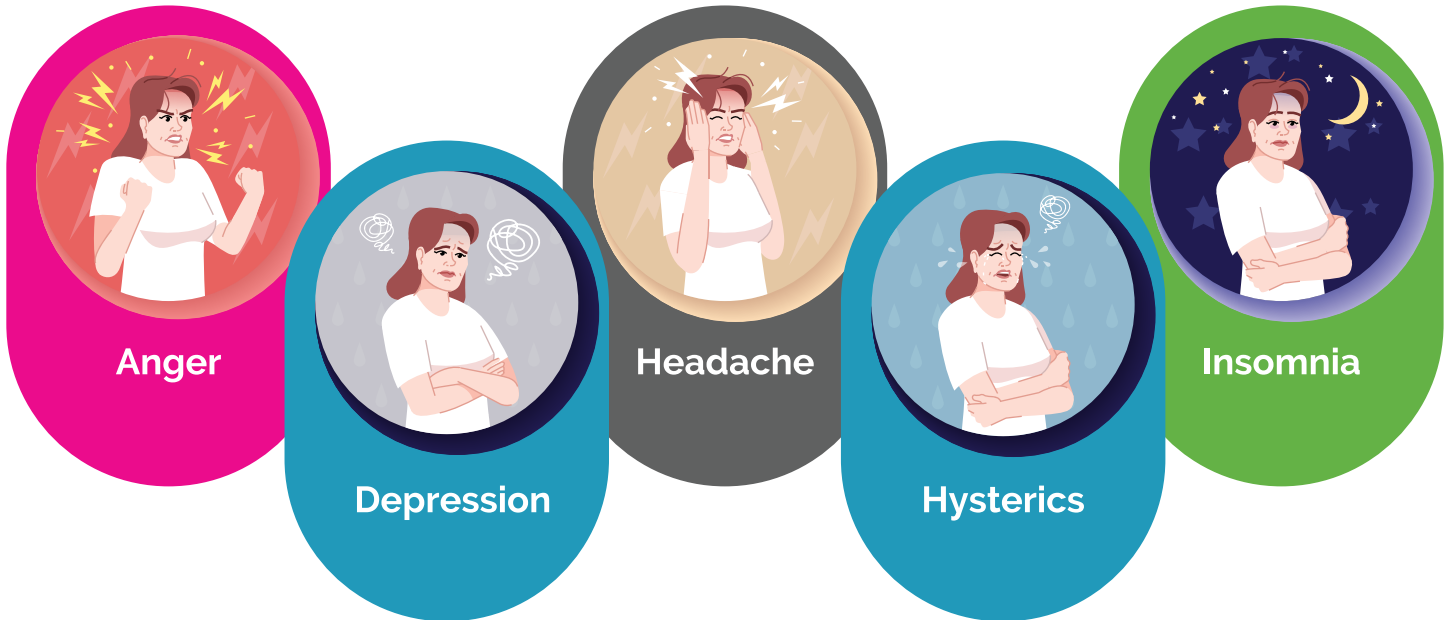
healthy food



herbal tea



## Stress Symptoms

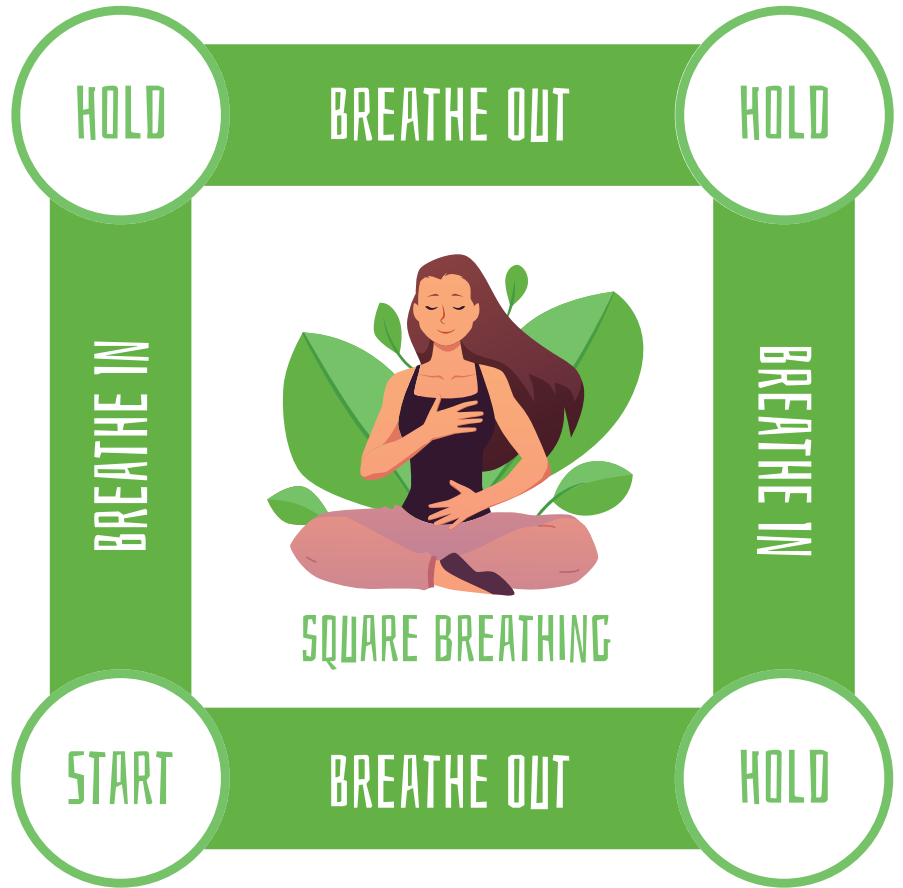


- Overwhelmed
- Nervous
- Sense of dread
- Tense
- Lonely
- Sweating
- Rash or itchy skin
- Decreased and increased appetite

- Weight gain or weight loss
- Dizzy or faint
- Chest pain
- High blood pressure
- Blurred vision
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches

# Managing Stress

1. Inhale for 4 seconds
2. Hold for 4 seconds
3. Exhale for 4 seconds
4. Hold for 4 seconds
5. Repeat for 3 to 5 cycles



A central infographic titled "9 EASY WAYS TO MANAGE STRESS". The number "9" is large and white, followed by the text "EASY WAYS TO MANAGE STRESS" in white. Surrounding the central text are nine illustrations, each representing a different stress management technique:

- EXERCISE**: A woman running on a treadmill.
- SPA**: A woman relaxing in a hot tub with spa balls.
- SOCIAL NETWORK**: A woman sitting at a desk with a laptop, looking at a screen with social media icons.
- MEDITATION**: A woman sitting in a meditative pose with her hands in a prayer position.
- PRACTICE BREATH MEDITATION**: A woman sitting in a meditative pose with her hands on her chest.
- PLAYING WITH PET**: A woman playing with a dog and a ball.
- YOGA**: A woman performing a yoga pose (Tree Pose).
- LISTEN TO MUSIC**: A woman sitting in a red armchair, listening to music.
- READ A BOOK**: A woman lying on the floor reading a book.

# Lifestyle

## Nutrients to focus on:

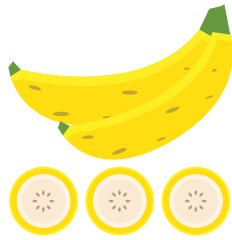
- **Omega-3 Fatty Acids** – aids in inflammation and calming
- **Magnesium** – relaxes the body and decreases anxiety
- **Vitamin C** – aids in managing cortisol
- **Probiotics** – supports gut health to lower anxiety levels.

## Foods Infographics

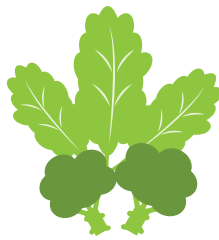
### 10 Food For Reduce Stress



**Green Tea**  
It has anti-oxidants



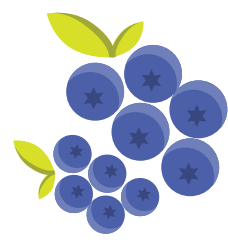
**Banana**  
Potassium & minerals



**Spinach, Broccoli**  
Magnesium & minerals



**Salmon**  
Choline & Vitamin B



**Blueberries**  
It has anti-oxidants



**Almonds & nuts**  
Magnesium & Vitamins



**Chocolate**  
It has Magnesium



**Orange**  
Anti-oxidants & Vit C



**Milk & yogurt**  
Calcium & proteins



**Avocados**  
Proteins & Vitamins

# FACTS AND STATS

- 77% of Americans report symptoms of stress.
- People aged 30 to 49 report the highest levels of stress and the lowest sleep quality.
- 48% of Americans report difficulty sleeping due to stress in their life.
- Chronic stress is considered a primary killer in the United States.
- 73% of Americans report that their stress levels affect their mental health.



## WHAT WE ASPIRE TO BE

### OUR VISION

Every South Carolinian is connected to healthcare services

## WHAT WE ARE

### OUR MISSION

To improve access to healthcare services in rural and underserved communities in South Carolina through telehealth, technology, broadband and education.

## WHAT WE DO

### OUR VALUES

- Transform healthcare delivery
- Build trusted relationships
- Empower communities
- Innovative solutions
- Keep healthcare local
- Inclusion
- Equitable access
- Advocate

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