



Ease Anxiety to Ease ADHD

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Tips for Easing Anxiety

Do you suffer with anxiety on top of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)? You're certainly not alone.

Many chronic illness sufferers also have anxiety. This could be a pre-existing condition, but it often develops because of the stress of ADHD and chronic illness.

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, anxiety disorders include: generalized anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder, panic disorder, phobias, agoraphobia, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Add any one of these on top of ADHD and you can see why it's so important to manage your anxiety. You can only help your ADHD so much if you're also juggling anxiety.

Remember to take steps to ease your anxiety yourself, while also seeking professional treatment.



Ways to Ease ANXIETY

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WHAT IS ANXIETY?

Anxiety is a normal feeling of uneasiness, worry and apprehension that everyone experiences from time to time. If anxiety gets in the way of your day-to-day life, it becomes a disorder.

Anxiety Disorders Include:ⁱ

- ❖ Generalized Anxiety Disorder
- ❖ Social Anxiety Disorder
- ❖ Panic Disorder
- ❖ Phobias
- ❖ Agoraphobia
- ❖ Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- ❖ Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)



PRACTICE DEEP BREATHING

Deep breathing techniques will soothe your body and help ease feelings of anxiety in a few short minutes.ⁱⁱ

LAUGH

Laughter feels good and calms the mind, but it also increases the amount of oxygen we take in (much like deep breathing).ⁱⁱⁱ



TRY SOME NATURAL REMEDIES

Chamomile, lemon balm, lavender, passionflower and valerian may be helpful for anxiety.^{iv}

MEDITATE

Meditation can help quiet the mind of racing thoughts that accompany anxiety. With more practice, it can be a great tool to help manage other symptoms, too.^v



EXERCISE

On top of the countless physical and mental benefits of exercise, the endorphins released during physical activity can reduce stress greatly.^{vi}

YOGA

Many kinds of yoga have been shown to help with anxiety and depression by modifying your body's stress response.^{vii}



Next time you feel your anxiety creeping up,
remember to take back control and work to ease your symptoms.
Your body and mind will thank you!

RESOURCES

- ⁱ <http://www.wadaa.org/understanding-anxiety>
- ⁱⁱ <http://www.calmclinic.com/anxiety/treatment/breathing-exercises>
- ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.healthypiece.com/blogs/anxiety-schmanxiety/2014/12/laughter-can-chase-away-anxiety/>
- ^{iv} <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/generalized-anxiety-disorder/expert-answers/herbal-treatment-for-anxiety/faq-20067345>
- ^v <http://www.chopra.com/cc/how-meditation-can-help-anxiety>
- ^{vi} <http://www.wadaa.org/living-with-anxiety/managing-anxiety/exercise-stress-and-anxiety>
- ^{vii} <http://www.health.harvard.edu/mind-and-mood/yoga-for-anxiety-and-depression>



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