

# MAXIMIZING REST FOR IMPROVED OUTCOMES

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## WHAT IS REST?

Florence Nightingale Maslow's Hierarchy Is it Sleep?

## **REST RESEARCH**

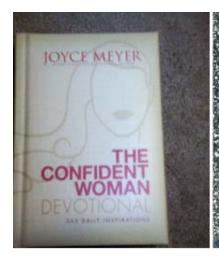
Sleep

Rest

## **REST RESEARCH**

#### Perspectives of Rest

- Southern African American Women
  - Restful Context and Environments
  - Rest Rituals
  - Rest as Self Care
  - Psychological Safety
  - Opposite of Rest









### GOD'S LIGHT PEEKING THROUGH

#### **Restful Context and Environments**

"Rest is sitting alone and in the quiet of the morning, thanking God for the beauty of the trees, so lush and the light of the sun that shines on the leaves, listen to the birds singing and chirping and watching the squirrels run up and down the trees. What peace you give me lord, thank you for the beauty of nature, what peace you give me before I begin my busy day."



BUBBLES, CANDLES, AND BATH

#### **Rest Rituals**

"I just lit the candle and I had one side light on...me sitting in my bath to relax and rest."



SOLO LUNCH

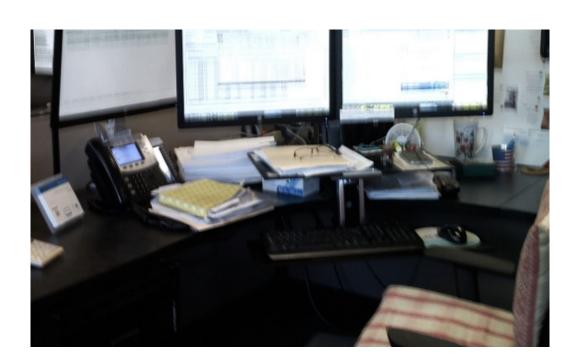
#### **Rest as Self Care**

"I wanted to get away from the office, get away from everybody. I went across the street to this restaurant...eventually I was the only person in the restaurant. There is no noise, there was nothing but me, my iPad and my food."



"It gives me peace to know that my children- they're healthy and they're sound and for them to know we are there for them."

MY BABIES



### UNPLANNED CHAOS

#### **Opposite of Rest**

"My desk does remind me of stress. I have three monitors....I get emails all day long, phone calls all day long, and my order screen never stops. I'm constantly busy; and it's a never ending task"

## REST FOR IMPROVED OUTCOMES

Lack of Rest & Sleep with increase Stress Linked to

increased incidence of:

- weight gain and obesity
- diabetes
- hypertension
- •heart disease
- stroke
- depression
- increased risk of death

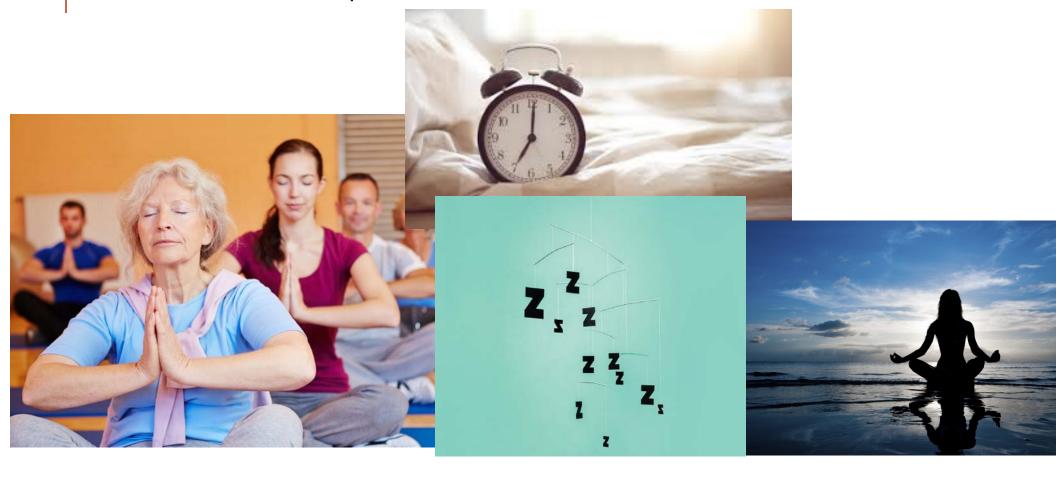


## LETS TALK ABOUT REST

- R- relaxation/sleep
- E- exercise/movement
- S- stress management
- T- time for self



## R: RELAXATION/SLEEP





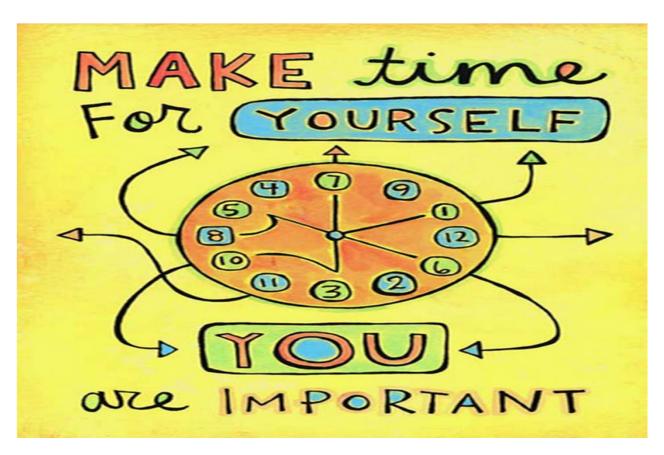


## S: STRESS MANAGEMENT



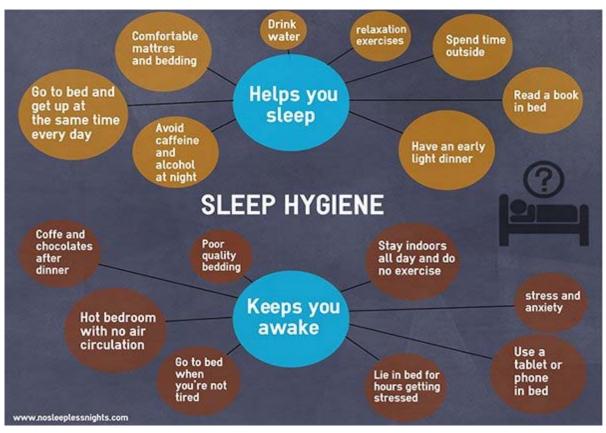


## T: TIME FOR SELF



# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT FOR CLIENTS WITH SLEEP DIFFICULTY

❖Start with Sleep Hygiene



MEDICAL MANAGEMENT FOR CLIENTS WITH SLEEP **DISORDERS** 

#### Drug Therapies

- Melatonin
  - ❖Difficulty falling asleep
  - ❖ Difficulty maintaining sleep
- Magnesium
  - Helpful in control of body stress response system
  - ❖ Defict more common in women
  - ❖Best to increase though Diet or Topical application
- ❖ Zolpidem
  - Short term management
  - ❖Increased side-effect profile











Buckwheat groats Peanuts







Spinach

Whole-wheat bread Mackerel

## PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH



## **QUESTIONS**