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## **Depression Warning Signs**

Depression is a treatable medical illness involving an imbalance of brain chemicals called neurotransmitters and neuropeptides. What are the symptoms?

- Prolonged sadness or unexplained crying spells
- Significant changes in appetite and sleep patterns
- Irritability, anger, worry, agitation, anxiety
- Loss of energy, persistent lethargy and others

If you are feeling depressed, don't wait. Get help from your Employee Assistance Program today.

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## What Is **Resilience?**

Resilience is more than coping; it's about confronting crises and difficult situations without getting overwhelmed by them. Resilient people are better able to handle life's stressors and to adapt to changing situations. Being resilient can help protect you from stress, as well as depression and anxiety. Talk to your Employee Assistance Program today to learn how to build your resilience.

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## Mental Benefits of **Exercise**

The physical benefits of exercise are numerous. But did you know that exercise also has mental benefits? These include: lower stress levels, better mood, increased self-esteem, more energy and better sleep patterns. Exercise can also help you to develop a more positive outlook on life as well as help you look better and feel good about yourself. For more tips, talk to your Employee Assistance Program.

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### **Developing Good Habits**

To make a positive change, think about what you would like to accomplish and research which habits you should implement to achieve these goals. Write down your goals and get started by executing your new healthy habit at least once a day. Keep track of your progress and setbacks, then keep at it. It can take up to six months to adapt to a new habit. For more tips, talk to your Employee Assistance Program.

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You don't have to be a dedicated athlete to maintain a healthy heart and avoid cardiovascular disease. Keeping track of a few numbers like cholesterol and blood pressure and making a few small lifestyle changes are all you need to put yourself on the road to sound heart health. Talk to your Employee Assistance Program for more tips.

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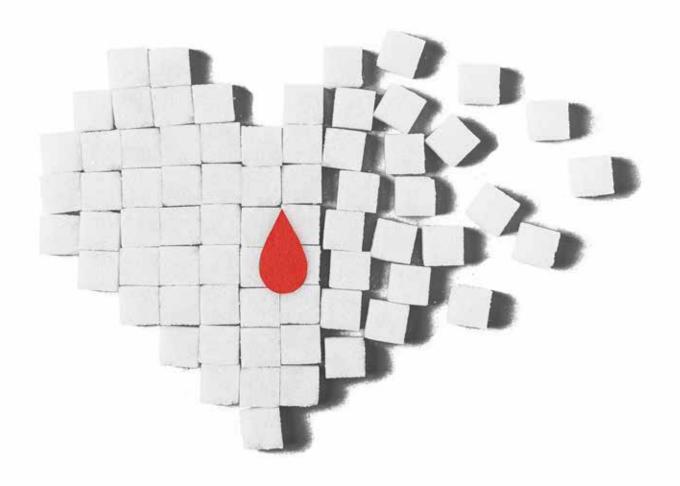
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#### Diabetes Awareness

Over time, complications from diabetes can cause serious health problems, such as heart disease, vision loss and kidney disease. There isn't a cure yet, but healthy lifestyle habits, taking medicine as needed, getting diabetes self-management education and keeping appointments with your healthcare team can greatly reduce its impact on your life. Talk to your Employee Assistance Program for help.

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