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How to treat a minor wound

Have you ever had a minor injury from working with tools in the garage or a knife in the kitchen?

Disinfect it

Start by gently cleaning the wound with lukewarm water and mild, unscented soap or a sterile saline solution. Avoid rubbing alcohol, antiseptics and peroxide, as they can cause irritation.

Treat it

Contrary to popular belief, wounds don't need to "breathe." After stopping the bleeding, apply a thin layer of antibiotic ointment to the cleaned area to promote healing.

Cover it

Health professionals recommend using sterile compresses or dressings to protect minor wounds. Remember to change them regularly to keep the area clean and free from infection.

You can find plenty of quality first-aid products at your local pharmacy. Make sure you stock up for any little accidents that might come your way!



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Does it seem counterintuitive for you to open your windows in winter? You may think it's a bad idea because it could make your home colder, force your heating system to work overtime and drive up your energy bill.

In fact, airing out your home or apartment is a good habit, no matter the season. Indoor air is often more polluted than outdoor air. Also, the excess humidity from showers, laundry and cooking can lead to mould growth.

Keeping your indoor air clean can help minimize issues like asthma or infections. Here are a few tips for keeping the air in your home fresh and healthy this winter:

Open your windows wide for five to 10 minutes every day.

Remember, regularly refreshing the air in your home this winter is essential for protecting your health and the health of your family.

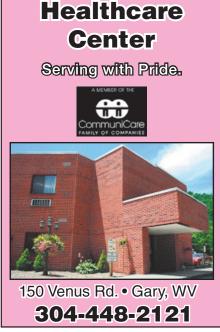
- Avoid opening windows near a thermostat. You can also temporarily turn off your heating system while airing out your home.
- Turn on your bathroom fan and range hood to get rid of humidity.

Do you have an air purifier? It's a good device, but it has its limits. It won't replace all the benefits of clean outdoor air. Go ahead and let the fresh air in!



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Have a health concern? Go to the pharmacy!

If you have a minor health issue, try to avoid going to the emergency room, which is reserved for urgent care. Instead, why not consult your pharmacist? They can recommend over-the-counter products and prescribe certain medications.

Depending on your province, your pharmacy may be able to help if you or someone close to you is in one of the following situations:

- You need emergency oral contraception (the "morning-after pill")
- You want to stop smoking
- You're pregnant and suffer from nausea that requires medication
- · Your family has head lice
- You need a vaccine

Pharmacists can assist with various health concerns, such as eczema, diaper rash, traveller's diarrhea, flu, insomnia, digestive issues, minor injuries, allergies and incontinence. No matter your health problem, your pharmacist can be a valuable ally in helping you find relief.

March is Pharmacy Appreciation Month. It's the perfect reminder of the significant role pharmacists play in your daily life. Their professionalism, expertise and accessibility help ease the burden on emergency services and contribute to a healthier community. Say a big thank you to these essential healthcare professionals.



Sedentary lifestyle = danger!





Most people spend a lot of time sitting at the computer, binge-watching TV shows, playing video games or scrolling on their phones. However, did you know that this sedentary lifestyle can lead to serious health issues like type 2 diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, cancer and even depression? It's also linked to a higher risk of mortality.

Recommendations

According to specialists, adults aged 18 and over should aim to get at least 150 minutes of moderate- to high-intensity aerobic physical activity per week. This means getting your heart rate up and breaking a sweat with activities like jogging or dancing.

Although physical activity can help reduce your risk of developing certain health problems, it doesn't cancel them out entirely. If you spend most of your time virtually immobile, you're still subject to its harmful effects.

Get into the habit of moving throughout the day. Take the stairs instead of the elevator, walk while talking on the phone or stand instead of sitting while riding the bus. These little changes can make a big difference in thwarting a sedentary lifestyle and improving your overall health. Time to get moving!



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March is National Nutrition Month

Eating together means making healthier choices

March is National Nutrition Month® and this year's theme, "Food Connects Us," celebrates the amazing power of food to bring people together. Sharing meals creates a vibrant space for conversation, allowing you to connect on deeper levels, share stories and build stronger relationships.



Shared meals for healthier eating Enjoying meals together can enhance your eating habits. Here's how:

You eat more variety

When you share meals, you're more likely to include a balanced mix of food groups, such as vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains and healthy fats, making it easier to create a nutrient-dense plate. Plus, it exposes you to new flavors and cooking styles.

You savor your food

Eating with others allows you to eat more mindfully, encouraging you to slow down and truly enjoy each bite. This mindful approach helps you listen to your body's hunger signals, reducing the chances of overeating. Mindful eating promotes better digestion and enhances the overall enjoyment of food.

You eat less junk food

Planning and enjoying meals together means you rely less on unhealthy snacks or rushed meals. Sitting down for a thoughtfully prepared meal decreases the temptation for less nutritious options. Additionally, cooking together can be a fun bonding experience.

This National Nutrition Month®, take the time to enjoy meals with others. Whether it's family, friends or even coworkers, creating shared experiences around food can lead to healthier eating habits and stronger relationships.



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