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The benefits of meditation and how to start your own practice

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## **Benefits of Meditation**

#### GOAL OF MEDITATION: TO BE PRESENT

Consistent Mindfulness Meditations have been shown to:

- Decrease stress
- Reduce mindwandering
- Ease symptoms of depression, anxiety, and pain related to stress



- Improve focus
- Improve sleep quality
- Increase pain tolerance in those with chronic pain
- Improve relationships

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# How to Meditate

MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS

Set a time- Even a few minutes a day

can make a difference!





Focus on your breath

Acknowledge thoughts as they come into your mind and release them

Try guided meditations to walk you through 1, 3, or 5 minute practices Search "guided meditations" on YouTube, Google, or in the App Store

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## The Importance of Self-Care

The Barton Lab emphasizes the importance of self-care. Our lab is committed to engaging in self-care because of its impact on our individual and collective well-being. We also know that self-care looks different for every individual. Your self-care needs might change depending on what else is happening in your life. We encourage you to find the ways to take care of yourself that work for you. **Please share with us the ways you engage in self-care!** 

### Resources

More information with free guided meditations: https://www.nytimes.com/guides/well/how-tomeditate https://www.mindful.org/how-to-meditate/ https://www.headspace.com/meditation/dailymeditation