AGING WELL

Preventing and Delaying Cognitive Decline

How can you prevent or delay cognitive decline?

Martha is a busy, independent Elder. She noticed it is hard to make time to focus on her health. She feels more forgetful and is having trouble keeping track of appointments. Martha wants to stay mentally sharp so she can continue caring for her grandchildren and volunteering at the senior center. After talking with her provider, Martha was connected with a registered dietitian who assisted her with making healthy changes to her diet. She also began taking exercise classes to stay active. Martha noticed these changes improved her focus and memory. Taking steps to prevent cognitive decline is important to keep your mind and body sharp as you age.

What are some considerations for preventing and delaying cognitive care?

- Difficulty remembering or concentrating
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes

Cognitive decline is when a person has difficulty remembering, learning new things, concentrating, or making decisions that affect everyday life.

Questions to ask yourself:

- Are you having difficulty remembering or concentrating?
- Do you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or diabetes?



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What can you do?

- · Maintain a healthy diet.
- Be physically active.

 Find ways to stay socially and mentally active such as participating with the Elder Program, learning circles, or community groups.

Where can you find support?

Contact your primary care team directly or contact

Anchorage Native Primary Care Center 907-729-3300

Registered Dietitians 🔇

Registered dietitians can assist in making healthy changes to your diet.

Your Primary Care Team 🔇

Your primary care team can assist with improving your blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes.

Mt. Marathon gym907-729-6683

Mt. Marathon gym can assist you to be physically active and find fun ways to exercise.

Exercise Physiologists907-729-6683

Exercise physiologists can provide support for being physically active and help create individual exercise programs to help achieve your wellness goals.

The Elder Program can help you stay connected and provides learning circles to exercise your brain.



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