#### Stress Assessment

- 1. There are many people in my life making demands on my time and energy.
- 2. I am always in a hurry and I'm often running late.
- 3. I'm quick to notice loud noises and they irritate me a lot.
- 4. I'm often caught off guard by events and demands.
- 5. I often feel that I have no control over what is happening to me.
- 6. I usually keep my feelings to myself; it's more important to get on with the job at hand.
- 7. When someone else is talking, I try to hurry the conversation along. I sometimes finish sentences for others.
- 8. I get impatient when I see something being done more slowly than I think it can be done.
- 9. I get very irritable if I am delayed or have to wait. I hate lineups and slow drivers.
- 10. I do one or all of the following often; fiddle with my hair, scratch, touch my nose, shake my legs, tap my foot or doodle.
- 11. I like to be busy. I always carry something to do. If nothing is planned for the evening or the weekend, I take work home.
- 12. I am competitive by nature. People who know me well think of me as a hard driving individual.
- 13. I can stay alert and suppressed fatigue long after most other people I know have packed it in.
- 14. I thrive on deadlines. I like to work at maximum speed and will do anything to make a delivery.
- 15. I'd rather have the admiration of my friends and coworkers then their affection.
- 16. I rarely have any time to myself.
- 17. I know I should exercise more and eat better, but I don't have time.
- 18. When I'm under stress, I often have a cramp or a headache. Other times I felt nauseated, dizzy or faint, or broken out in a rash.
- 19. I have trouble going to sleep. I can't turn off my mind after a busy day.
- 20. I eat quickly, and I often eat and read at the same time. On workdays, I either eat at my desk or skip lunch altogether. Sometimes I get indigestion.

(If you say yes to more than 11 statements you may be experiencing the negative effects of high levels of stress)

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## Conditions for which stress management and de-stressing are recommended:

- Fatigue/low energy
- Low mood/depression
- Sleep issues/sleep debt
- Anger management
- Weight loss
- High stress lifestyle
- Hormones imbalance
- Immune improvement
- Increased life fulfillment
- Increased inner peace
- Life work balance
- Improved life quality
- Cardiovascular risk factors
- Infertility
- Healthy aging

# Signs and Symptoms of Stress

# Body

- Fatigue/sleep problems
- Greeting/grinding teeth
- Light headedness/dizziness
- Heartburn/stomach pain
- Constipation/diarrhea

### Mood:

- Lack of motivation
- Difficulty concentrating/racing thoughts
- Memory problems/forgetfulness
- Irritability
- Feeling overwhelmed

### Behaviour:

- Angry outbursts
- Isolation
- Difficulty making decisions
- Over or under eating
- Frequent use of over the counter drugs
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Impulse buying or excessive gambling
- Relationship difficulties