

## MAY . . . A MONTH OF HEALTH OBSERVANCES

May is a big month for health observances! Besides being Skin Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month, it is also:

American Stroke Month
Better Sleep Month
Clean Air Month
Mental Health Month

National High Blood Pressure Prevention Month National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month . . .



A common behavior that influences ALL of these health issues and reduces many other health risks is EXERCISE or increasing your level of activity! Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> is National Employee Health and Fitness Day, a day set aside to encourage individuals to take advantage of opportunities at the worksite to move more!!!! Here are a few suggestions from the American Heart Association:

- 1. Brainstorm project ideas with a co-worker while taking a walk.
- 2. Stand while talking on the phone.
- 3. Walk down the hall to speak with a coworker instead of using the phone.
- 4. Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- 5. Walk around your building for a break during the day or during lunch.
- 6. Sit on a stability ball instead of a chair.
- 7. Do a few stretching exercises periodically throughout the day.
- 8. Be ambitious and bike or walk to work . . . or, park further away and walk a few blocks to work!



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