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### THESE TWO WOMEN ARE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AGE.



### **Osteopathic Medicine**



### MIND - BRAIN HEALTH



### **BIRTH TO 10 YEARS OLD**

Our brains reach 90% of their adult size by age 5 as cells become better at communicating with each other. Language and spatial understanding regions of the brain grow dramatically between ages 5 and 10.





### AGE 10 TO 30

Our brains reach maturity in our 20s, as the reasoning, planning and impulse-control areas are fully formed. Complex reasoning, long-term memory functions begin to peak, and creativity may be at its highest





### AGE 30 - 40

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Even though there are rarely any outward signs, brain volume begins to slightly decline as neurons (the brain cells) start to shrink. It's a very slow and gradual process.



### AGE 40 - 50

The first signs of gradual decline in brain volume begin to show: short-term memory may be less sharp. Reactions to complex stimuli—things like challenging calculations or card games—may take a little longer.



### AGE 50 - 60

Conceptual understanding, language and vocabulary is still sharp.

The ability to understand how things work, can remain strong, as can creativity.

Financial literacy is still strong, but may begin to decline after age 60.



### AGE 60 - 70

Knowledge, experience, reasoning, creativity and problem solving can remain strong.

Changes in our 50s continue into our 60s. Cognitive processing speed may take longer as some parts of the brain may be shrinking.



### AGE 70 AND BEYOND

Many individuals' reasoning, creativity, language and procedural memories will remain sharp.

For some, genetic predisposition, lifestyle and health issues will begin to show noticeable effects. Early signs of brain issues like Alzheimer's and dementia can occur, sometimes even at earlier ages.













Brain games





Brain software – booming business

2014 study in PLOS Medicine Australia -

examined 52 different studies on computerized cognitive training (4885 participants)

The games are NOT effective in improving brain performance

## Experts recommend sticking to real world activities, with new spin if possible



**Test your recall.** Make a list — of grocery items, things to do, or anything else that comes to mind — and memorize it. An hour or so later, see how many items you can recall.

Let the music play. Learn to play a musical instrument or join a choir

Do math in your head.

Take a cooking class.

**Challenge your taste buds.** When eating, try to identify individual ingredients in your meal, including subtle herbs and spices.

Learn a foreign language. (preferably one that you were familiar with earlier in life)

**Create word pictures.** Visualize the spelling of a word in your head, then try and think of any other words that begin (or end) with the same two letters.

Draw a map from memory.

Refine your hand-eye abilities. Take up a hobby that involves fine-motor skills, such as knitting, drawing,

painting, assembling a puzzle, etc. (e.g. floss with opposite hand) Learn a new sport. Start doing an athletic exercise that utilized both mind and body such as yoga, golf, or tennis.



### Dust Off That French-English Dictionary: Study Shows Bilingualism Can Delay Onset of Alzheimer's

BY SHARON MIKI, ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 2010



A new Canadian <u>study</u> from the <u>Rotman Research Institute</u>, including researchers from York University and the University of Toronto, finds that speaking two or more languages from an early age can delay the onset of certain forms of dementia by as much as five years.



UCLA scientists have found that for computer-savvy middle-aged and older adults, searching the Internet, triggers key centers in the brain that control decision-making and complex reasoning. The findings demonstrate that Web search activity may help stimulate and possibly improve brain function.

**American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry** 





### **CROSSWORD PUZZLES**

Visual cortex – seeing the crossword puzzle

- Frontal cortex thinking about and planning out responses
- Temporal lobe hearing your colleagues speak their thoughts
- Wernike's center auditory understanding
- Broca's area speaking the answers



### Visual cortex – seeing the question

- Frontal cortex thinking about and planning out responses
- Temporal lobe hearing your colleagues speak their thoughts Wernike's center - auditory
  - understanding
- Broca's area speaking the answers



### WORD GAMES





### fMRI of those playing word games on left vs. those not on right





### What can you expect as you age?

The Consumer Reports National Research Center conducted an online survey of a nationally representative sample of 2,066 Americans 50 and older in December 2013. Some important findings:



WOMENS HEALTH

You should get a Pap smear every 3 years until you are\_\_\_\_\_\_
A. 65 years old.
B. 70 years old.
C. 75 years old.

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/healthscreeningsandimmunizations/recommendedscreeningsforwomen50/qu iz/question\_1.html

You should get screened one time for the Hepatitis C virus (HCV) if A. you were born between 1945 and 1965. B. you have ever injected drugs. C. you received a blood transfusion before 1992. D. all of the above

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/healthscreeningsandimmunizations/recommendedscreeningsforwomen50/quiz/question\_2.html?score=1

Tests that can detect colon cancer include

- A. a stool test or a colonoscopy.
- B. a urine sample or a blood test.
- C. a pap smear or a pelvic exam.

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/healthscreeningsandimmunizations/recommendedscreeningsforwomen50/quiz/question\_3.html?score=2

If you are a woman or man aged 60 or older, it is recommended that you have a comprehensive dilated eye exam

A. every year.B. every two years.

C. every three years.

### **MEN'S HEALTH**

Talk to your health care provider about being screened for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) if you are between the ages of 65 and 75 and

- A. have been exposed to secondhand smoke.
- B. have ever been a smoker.
- C. have never smoked

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/healthscreeningsandimmunizations/recommendedscreeningsformen50/quiz/question\_1.html have never smoked.

Get a flu shot A. every two years. B. every year. C. only once, when you turn 60.

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Get a shot to prevent shingles if you are A. 40 or older. B. 50 or older. C. 60 or older.

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## WOMEN'S AND MEN'S HEALTH

Talk to your doctor about getting vaccinated against pneumococcal disease, including pneumonia, if you are
A. 65 or older.
B. 55 or older.
C. 50 or older.

http://nihseniorhealth.gov/healthscreeningsandimmunizations/recommendedimmunizationsforadults50 /quiz/question\_4.html?score=3 older **Blood pressure** : checked at least every two years if your blood pressure is normal.

You may need screening more often if your pressure is higher than normal or if you have other risk factors.

<u>Colorectal cancer screening</u>: The USPSTF recommends screening in adults beginning at age 50 years and continuing until age 75. You may need to be screened earlier and more frequently if you have risk factors.

Fecal occult <u>blood</u> testing (each year) Sigmoidoscopy (every 5 years) paired with fecal occult <u>blood</u> testing (every 3 years) <u>Colonoscopy</u> (every 10 years) **Prostate cancer screening.** The USPSTF concludes that there is moderate certainty that the benefits of screening for <u>prostate cancer</u> -- measuring a man's <u>prostate</u>-specific antigen (<u>PSA</u>) level -- do not outweigh the harms.

A mammogram is recommended every one to two years starting at age 40 or 50

**For women, a pelvic exam and pap smear**. Pap smears are recommended for women every three years. Osteoporosis Women should have a bone density test at age 65. If a woman is

at a higher risk, a screening test may need to be done at an earlier age.

Hearing test. At least 25% of people age 65 to 74 have disabling <u>hearing loss</u>, most of which is treatable. That number increases to 50% after the age of 74.

<u>Gum disease</u> can be an important indicator of your overall health. Your <u>teeth</u>, gums, <u>mouth</u>, and throat need to be regularly examined by a dentist. Regular brushing with fluoride <u>toothpaste</u> and flossing is important

**Eyes**: Eye diseases, such as <u>macular degeneration</u>, <u>cataracts</u>, and <u>glaucoma</u>, are common with age.

The American <u>Cancer</u> Society recommends regular screening. Ask your doctor to check your skin if you have any unusual moles or skin changes.

#### Blood tests:

Blood Sugar

<u>Thyroid</u> hormone test.

Cholesterol test

CBC – anemia

Obesity screen

Looking for moles. Remember this: Although the majority of your sun exposure occurred before age 18, <u>skin</u> cancers can take 20 years or more to develop. Luckily, most skin cancers are curable.



# Immunizations



Get a flu shot every year.

Get a shot for tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough. Get a tetanus booster if it has been more than 10 years since your last shot.

If you are 60 or older, get a shot to prevent shingles.

If you are 65 or older, get a pneumonia shot.







## WHAT TO PUT ON YOUR PLATE

Colorful fruits and vegetables.

The <u>antioxidants</u> in colorful vegetables and fruits, such as leafy greens, deep red tomatoes, blueberries, and carrots, help stop unstable molecules from damaging healthy cells.

Your goal is five to nine servings a day.





Antioxidants like vitamin C can help skin health.

One study linked eating lots of yellow and green vegetables to fewer wrinkles.



#### Whole grains.

Eating whole grains rich in fiber – oats, quinoa, barley, wheat, and brown rice – lowers your chance of developing <u>type 2 diabetes</u>.



## Resveratrol,

#### A powerful antioxidant in grapes and red wine

may help lower your odds of getting

- cancer
- heart disease
- premature aging



Omega-3 fatty acids in fatty fish offer many anti-aging benefits. They help protect your <u>heart</u>, lower your odds of having a <u>stroke</u> may even help guard against <u>Alzheimer</u>'s disease.

Two servings a week of fatty fish such as salmon, lake trout, or tuna.



(If you typically get tuna from a can, choose albacore packed in water for the most omega-3s).

## Dairy.

The <u>calcium</u> and fortified <u>vitamin D</u> in dairy foods are crucial to strong bones. They help prevent <u>osteoporosis</u>, for instance.

Include 3 cups of low-fat milk, yogurt, or other dairy products a day.



## Nuts.

The fats in nuts are among the healthiest you can find. one study showed that snacking on nuts cut the risk of <u>high blood pressure</u> and <u>high cholesterol</u> by about 20%.

1/4 of an ounce a day to get the benefits – that's about 4 almonds.





## Beans and lentils. loads of fiber and plant-based protein

- Three particular antioxidants \_
- vitamin C, zinc, and beta-carotene –
- help protect your <u>vision</u> from <u>macular degeneration</u>,
  - the leading cause of blindness after age 64.





EASY on high-fat meat, high-fat dairy bakery treats

The saturated fat found in these foods can clog your arteries, which can lead to heart problems.







Limit added sugar as much as possible Too much sugar can cause dramatic variations in <u>blood sugar levels</u> Long time, excessive sugar may cause <u>insulin resistance</u> which can lead to <u>type 2 diabetes</u> <u>Diabetes</u> damages <u>blood</u> vessels and often leads to <u>heart disease</u>.



Spare the salt.

too much salt, or sodium, can raise your <u>blood pressure</u>. chronically, <u>high blood</u> <u>pressure</u> can damage <u>kidneys</u>, <u>eyes</u>, and <u>brain</u>.

.imit sodium to 2,400 milligrams – about 1 teaspoon of table salt – throughout your entire day.

you have <u>high blood pressure</u>, are 51 or older, are African-American, or have diabetes or <u>chronic kidney disease</u>, you should eat even less: no more than about 1,500 mg a day.





http://www.webmd.com/

healthy-aging/features/anti-aging-diet?page=3

# How Much Alcohol Is Too Much?



People over age 65 no more than seven drinks a week no more than three drinks on any one day.

One drink is equal to one of the following: One 12-ounce can or bottle of regular beer, ale, or wine cooler One 8- or 9-ounce can or bottle of malt liquor One 5-ounce glass of red or white wine One 1.5-ounce shot glass of hard liquor (spirits) like gin, vodka, or whiskey. The label on the bottle will say 80 proof or less



# BELL Mind Body Spirit





### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE BRAIN FUNCTION

#### Fames, engagement in problem solving



Grandkids Keeping a diary Nutrition Stop smoking Walking Visitors Visiting Laughter Acknowledgement of personal value



https://www.agingcare.com/Articles/social-activities-mind-function-133301.htm

#### SEXUALITY

A woman may notice changes in her <u>vagina</u>. As she ages, her <u>vagina</u> shortens and narrows. The walls become thinner and also a little stiffer. Most women will also have less vaginal lubrication. This could affect sexual pleasure.



A man may find it takes longer to get an erection. His erection may not be as firm or as large as it used to be. The amount of ejaculate may be smaller. The loss of erection after orgasm may happen more quickly, or it may take longer before an erection is again possible. Some men may find they need more foreplay.

As men get older, impotence becomes more common. Impotence is the loss of ability to have and keep an erection hard enough for sexual intercourse. By age 65, about 15 to 25% of men have this problem at least one out of every four times they are having sex.

This may happen in men with <u>heart disease</u>, <u>high blood pressure</u>, or <u>diabetes</u>-either because of the disease or the medicines used to treat it.

http://www.webmd.com/healthy-aging/guide/sex-aging?page=3



















































































































































We're not over the hill, we're only half way up it.












































































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