

# Benefits of physical activities

FROM CHILDHOOD TO OLD AGE, THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES HELPS REGULATE PHYSIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS AND EVEN CONTRIBUTES TO THE PREVENTION OF VARIOUS DISEASES.

### Main Health Benefits:



Improves the cardiorespiratory system



2 Prevents cardiovascular **Prevents** diseases, diabetes, cancer and depression



3 Prevents bone loss



Improves muscle strength and mobility



Aids in keeping a healthy weight

feelings of

happiness

function

Releases hormones

responsible for the



Improves cognitive

well-being and



Decreases the risk of dementia and Alzheimer's



9 Improves the quality of sleep



## **Get active!**

According to the World Health Organization, every adult needs a mix of different kinds of physical activities in order to live with well-being and health.

See the recommended combinations:

#### Aerobic and moderate intensity activities

The combination of aerobics and muscle exercises generally results in a good toning of the muscles and fat burning as well. While aerobic contributes to a healthy heart, bodybuilding increases muscle mass and accelerates metabolism.

At least 150 minutes of exercise per week is recommended.

#### Examples:

- · Riding a bike
- Walking
- Running
- Swimming
- Dancing
- Walking the dog



Muscle toning and building activities:

At least 2 times a week

#### Examples:

- Bodybuilding (weightlifting)
- **Pilates**



Not being sedentary doesn't necessarily mean becoming an athlete, it only means becoming active! How about starting today?

