

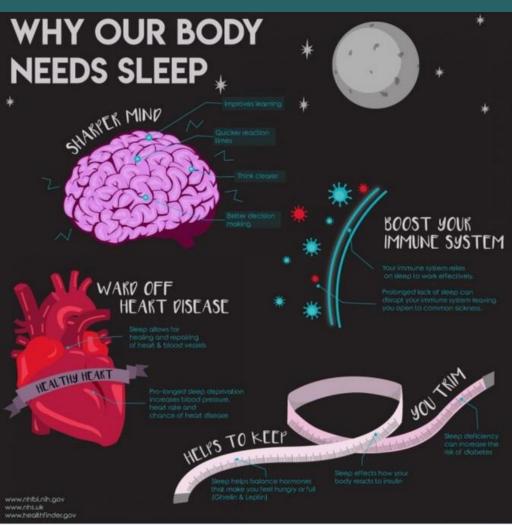


Of those exposed to the common cold virus, individuals having slept at least 7 hours had

4.5 times

greater odds of escaping illness than those that slept 5 hours or less.

SOURCE: SLEEP RESEARCH SOCIETY





Your Immune System relies on sleep to

Stay Healthy

THE STAGES OF SLEEP





Your brain activity decreases from its stage of wakefulness. The feeling of falling (officially named hypnic myoclonia) is sometimes experienced. Usually lasts 5-10 minutes

Intense dreaming with periods of muscle paralysis. First period lasts around ten minutes, and each REM cycle is longer than the last.

RAPID EYE MOVEMENT (R.E.M.) SLEEP



Periods of muscle tone mix with periods of muscle relaxation. Body temperature decreases and heart rate slows in preparation for deep sleep.

Deep sleep. Your body begins rebuilding processes: tissue regeneration, building of bone and muscle, and strengthening of your immune system.

STAGE 384



Source: webmd.com/sleep-disorders/guide/sleep-101



When we sleep, our body restores

not only the energies spent throughoutthe day, but also the energy spent by ourimmune system when it fights diseases.





Eat meals around the same time each day.

Dinner should always be 2-3 hours before bedtime to allow your bodysome digestion time in preparation for sleep and restoration.



Limit daytime naps to 20 minutes if at all.

Short naps if needed, allow restoration without going into the deep sleep cycle which can leave you feeling more tired. Longer naps will also interfere with your ability to fall asleep at night time.



Stay Active

Any activity during the day is good for your body and will assist with quality sleep. Moving for at least 20-30 minutes each day and at least 5-6 hours before bedtime is best.



Limit your caffeine

Limiting your caffeine and avoiding it after 12pm altogether will aid in a better night sleep. Other stimulants such as decongestants and nicotine should also be avoided.



Set your bedtime

Going to bed at the same time each night trains your body into a sleeppattern so that it is ready for sleep. Likewise, rising at the same time each morning can be beneficial also.

