

How to Sleep Better

Sleep is such an important part of your health

It affects everything

It is the time for your body to detox and recover

1 Make a good evening/bedtime routine

Turn off screens 90-120 min before bed or wear blue light blocking glasses

Do something relaxing that you enjoy

Try to be asleep by 10 pm to maximize sleep hormones

2 Have a good sleep environment

Cool

Dark – avoid lights/room darkening curtains

Quiet

No electronics

3 Pay attention to what foods you eat

Caffeine – avoid 6-8 hrs before bed

Alcohol – limit and avoid at least 4 hours before bed

Sugar -- Waking in the night 1-4 am

Timing – right before bed; shorten eating window to 10-11 hours

Diet – eat anti-inflammatory diet

Chamomile tea can help

4 What you do during the day matters too

Go outside – try to touch the ground

Get some morning sunlight

Exercise – especially weight lifting, but not right before bed

Manage your stress