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### **Cognitive Health - Improving Memory**

Our brains are constantly transforming throughout our lives and mental function changes along with it. With these changes, older adults might experience memory challenges like difficulty recalling names or words, decreased attention, or a decreased ability to multitask. Studies have shown the average human brain shrinks by approximately 5% per decade after the age of 40. This can have a major impact on memory and focus if people are not vigilant about maintaining it.

Research suggests that when it comes to brain health, exercising your body as well as your mind and sticking to healthy habits is the ideal formula. Here are some suggestions as well as lifestyle changes that can boost your memory, concentration, and focus to help keep you mentally sharp as you get older.

- Learn new information regularly
- Eat an anti-inflammatory diet
- · Exercise often
- · Get enough sleep
- Supplement with fish oils, ginkgo biloba, turmeric, B complex or phosphatidyl serine
- Learn a foreign language

- Meditate
- Stay on top of health conditions
- · Connect with friends
- Test your recall
- Do the math in your head
- Take a cooking class
- Learn a new sport

- Put together a jigsaw puzzle
- Play a game of cards
- · Take a dance class
- Teach someone a new skill
- · Listen to or play music
- Take up Tai Chi
- Keep your blood vessels healthy



Music Intervention Increases
Gray Matter Volume and
Verbal Working Memory in
Older Adults



Fenugreek Seed Extract
Improves Memory Status and
Oxidative Stress-Related
Parameters in Older Subjects



Spirulina Extract Improves Visual Learning and Visual Working Memory in Older Adults



<u>Daily Peanut Consumption</u>
<u>Associated with Improved</u>
<u>Memory and Decreased Levels</u>
<u>of Stress and Anxiety</u>

### **Upcoming Event**

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