







# 15 Month Calendar

Your Health Matters
Tips for a healthier life
2014-2015





#### Welcome, Bien Venu, Aaniin, Boozhoo, Tanshi, Wotziye, Ho!, Han! Tansi ...

Nine (9) partners have come together to create resources and tools to help community members achieve and maintain a healthier lifestyle while reflecting our shared values.

Our goal is to present an interactive calendar that reflects health and wellness at the forefront of people's minds so that it is reflected in the actions and choices we make on a daily basis. This, in turn, will help achieve the vision of a healthier and vibrant family, community and population.

#### How to use this calendar...

The Calendar Group has provided general information in the form of statistics, graphs, pictures, recipes, web links, etc for you. You can click on the blue links (computer edition) to access more interesting information or you can turn to the last page for contact information.

Each month features a new Calendar group partner who delivers a special message or resource for you to consider. The goal of providing this information is to have you reflect on it as to how it affects you, your family and your community and to think of some plans or goals on how to incorporate or make better choices about your health.

Each month has space allocated for writing in your blood glucose sugar levels (if you are a diabetic) as well as space for you to write down and keep track of your activity for the month. Also, each month has a rating scale for you to monitor your readiness to get involved in new or different activities. After you rate your readiness you can reflect on a goal for the month and participate accordingly. Celebrate your success!

#### Other features...

This is a 15-month calendar that can be used immediately.

At the end of the calendar is a listing of additional resources and a feedback survey.

NADA would like to hear from you about your thoughts on this interactive calendar.

Fill in your responses and fax, email or mail your responses to NADA by January 31, 2016.

Your name will be entered to win 1 of 10 prizes!

#### The Calendar Group

The Calendar Group is an interactive 15-month calendar. Partners represented in this project include: National Aboriginal Diabetes Association (NADA), Manitoba Lung Association, Manitoba Tobacco Reduction Alliance, First Nations Inuit Health Branch – Manitoba (FNIHB), Heart and Stroke Foundation, Kidney Foundation of Canada – Manitoba Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association – Winnipeg (CMHA), Vision Institute of Canada as well as Canadian Diabetes Association.

#### Four Wellness Themes to achieve a Healthier Lifestyle

BE ACTIVE EAT HEALTHY NURTURE SPIRIT RESPECT TOBACCO

We suggest that you make goals for the four wellness themes but also to identify other areas that you would like to work on in achieving and maintaining a healthier lifestyle. When considering personal goals for any one of the above themes, consider any possibility for yourself and then write your goal in the space provided below. Make sure the goal is specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and has a timeframe. (SMART).

#### Here is an example:

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Goal	I will walk for 15 minutes of	every day for one month, s	starting this month. I w	vill evaluate how I feel a	t the end of 30 days									
	and then decide what my	next steps will be.												

Remember to visit your family doctor or health care professional, especially if you are starting any new physical activity or trying to quit smoking.



# October is Eye Health Month





Smoking is the largest and most important modifiable risk factor in the development of macular degeneration. People who smoke are 2 to 4 times more likely than non-smokers to develop macular degeneration. Macular degeneration is a major cause of blindness in adults over 50. The tar and chemicals in cigarette smoke cause a number of damaging effects to the important cells of the retina inside the eye, cells that are responsible for good vision.

Stopping smoking can protect these retinal cells. Other ways to protect the retina is to wear sunglasses that protect the eye from ultraviolet light. Like cigarette smoke, ultraviolet light causes the formation, inside the eye, of "oxidant" molecules or "free radicals" that can damage the structure of retinal cells, and even increases the risk of cataracts.

A diet that is high in "antioxidants" can help protect the eye from these "oxidant" molecules. A diet high in "antioxidants" is a diet that contains lots of the vitamins and minerals found in fresh fruits and vegetables, including the important plant carotenoids called lutein and zeaxanthin, found in dark green leafy vegetables.



"A sensible approach to optimizing visual health and preventing age-related retinal disease would be to consume a balanced diet that is rich in fruits and vegetables that contain these [lutein and zeaxanthin] carotenoids."

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Visit the Vision Institute at <a href="https://www.visioninstitute.optometry.net/">www.visioninstitute.optometry.net/</a> for more great tips in eye care.

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diabetes.ca | 1-800-BANTING

People with diabetes are over **20 times** more likely to be hospitalized for a non-traumatic lower limb amputation compared to people without diabetes.

Foot care is essential to diabetes self-management.

# Fit Feet Daily Foot Care Routine

- 1. Wash your feet in warm (not hot) water, using a mild soap.
- 2. Use a pumice stone to prevent calluses.
- 3. Dry your feet carefully
- 4. Check your feet for:
  - cuts cracks blisters ingrown toenails
- 5. Clean cuts or scratches with mild soap and water, and cover with a dry dressing
- 6. Trim and file your toenails
- 7. Apply unscented lotion to your heels and soles.
- 8. Feel the skin temperature on each foot. If the temperature of each foot is different, please contact your health care professional.
- 9. Wear clean, white socks as often as you can. That way, if you have a cut or sore, you can easily see any blood spot.

#### Your ideal foot care kit should include:







Nail file





Nail clippers

Unbreakable Mirror

Pumice stone

Reflection | How fit are your feet? How many of these steps do you follow on a daily basis?

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Sometimes self-care isn't enough and we need professional help.
Know your limit, and know you're worth it.

We all have mental health! How's yours today? Learn to take care of yourself in little ways, to cope with hard days and find resources when you need them! Let's learn new healthy coping and build on one's we already have.

#### **Every Day Survival and Stress-Busting Kit**

**Toothpick** – To remind you to pick out the good qualities in others.

Rubber Band – To remind you to be flexible; things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out.

**Band Aid** – To remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's.

**Pencil** – To remind you to list your blessings every day.

**Eraser** – To remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay.

Chewing Gum – To remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.

**Candy Kiss** – To remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug every day.

**Tea Bag** – To remind you to relax daily and go over that list of your blessings.

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Self-Care is an important part of being our best self. Coping with everyday stressors and big life changes isn't easy. Use these ideas and find more at <a href="https://www.winnipeg.cmha.ca">www.winnipeg.cmha.ca</a>.

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When you can't breathe, nothing else matters

40 years; I am done! I am a non-smoker for the rest of my life!"

Arleigh Firby, Minnedosa, Manitoba

ManitobaQuits
Winner, 2014

"I smoked for

"Winnipeg
Elder Madeline
Hatch quit
smoking for 5
years and this
has saved her
life."

"Tobacco is a

gift from Creator. Keep it Sacred." "Our whole family is healthier now that we have stopped smoking."

Dale and Tara Still, Selkirk, Manitoba

Participated in ManitobaQuits 2013

Quitting is not easy; so take it one step at a time. Do it for you!

Join the ManitobaQuits contest in January and try one of these:

**M**ake your home smoke- free for four weeks

**S**moke fifty percent less

**Q**uit smoking for one week

**M**ake your car smokefree for a month

**Q**uit smoking for the month of March

**B**e a Quit Buddy to someone and help them to quit.

Enter MBQuits for a chance to win up to \$1,000.00!
(Only for Residents of Manitoba)

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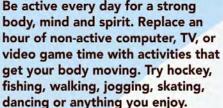


# Take the path to a healthy life



**Get moving** 

Be active every day for a strong







"Tobacco products contain over 4,000 chemicals. They can harm you and the people around you. Traditional tobacco use is not the same as smoking cigarettes, snuff or chew. Say NO to tobacco!"

# Eat healthy foods



Food is a link to the land, to family and community. Following Canada's Food Guide will help you grow and fuel your body.

Strong muscles

Colour

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Fuel

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Grain products

Strong

bones

Limit your intake of sugar-sweetened food and drinks.

Reflection | What step can you take towards the path to a heart healthy life?

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February is Heart Month! Leading a heart healthy lifestyle can delay or prevent heart disease. Visit <a href="http://ehealth.heartandstroke.ca">http://ehealth.heartandstroke.ca</a>.

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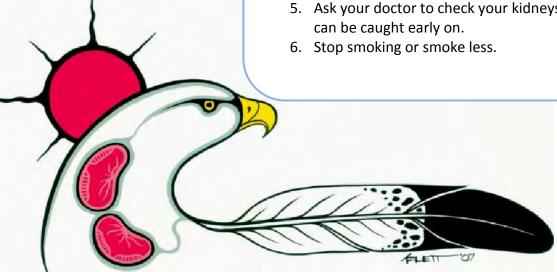
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#### **March is Kidney Health Month!**

Will you be a part of spring welcoming ceremonies or practicing other rites in celebration of the change of season? Consider making a fresh start for better health during Kidney Health Month. Here are some ways to keep your kidneys healthier:

- 1. Manage your diabetes (if you have it).
- 2. Keep your blood pressure in-check.
- 3. Get more active, whatever that means for you. Gardening, fishing, and gathering wood/berries are all great ways to be active!
- 4. Eat a healthy, balanced diet that includes more vegetables and less processed foods and salt.
- 5. Ask your doctor to check your kidneys so that any signs of kidney disease can be caught early on.



Reflection

Are you at risk for kidney disease? Ask your doctor to check your kidneys at your next appointment.

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For more information on our programs and services visit <a href="www.kidney.ca/mb">www.kidney.ca/mb</a> or call 204-989-0800 or 1-800-729-7176.

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#### **Nutrition & the Circle of Life**



A time of new beginnings... healthy foods are an important start for growing children



A time to replenish...
youth can strengthen
mental health &
wellness by
nourishing their
bodies with healthy
foods and spiritual
wellness



A time of working together... to harvest, preserve, and enjoy food together during a fall community feast



A time of reflection... time of rest, nourishing the body with traditional foods

Respect your body... Your choices matter.

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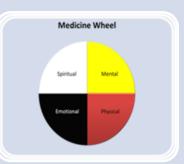
Making healthy food choices can help reduce your risk of nutrition-related chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Visit the First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) website at <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/index-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fniah-spnia/index-eng.php</a>

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April

Reminder:









#### Mental

When people successfully quit smoking they gain confidence in other areas of their lives

#### **Physical**

There are many short term benefits to quitting smoking. Within 2 days, risk of a heart attack decreases.

#### **Emotional**

Nicotine
withdrawal
causes stress,
anger and
irritability.
Those feelings
decrease
greatly only 4-5
days after
quitting.

#### **Spiritual**

Many smokers feel like smoking controls their lives.

Quitting gives us freedom.

The craving to smoke a cigarette goes away quickly. Get rid of the craving by waiting it out or by drinking a glass of water.



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High blood pressure is the number one risk factor for stroke and a major risk factor for heart disease.

Aboriginal Canadians are 2.5 times more likely to have high blood pressure.

# Control your blood pressure through a healthy lifestyle:

- Eat well with more fruits and vegetables
- Cut down on the salt
- Be smoke free
- · Get active more often
- Manage your stress
- Limit your alcohol intake

Category	Systolic/ Diastolic				
Normal	120-129 / 80-84				
High-normal	130-139 / 85-89				
High blood pressure (measured in a doctor's office)	140 / 90				
High blood pressure (measured at home with home monitoring device)	135 / 85				

Contact the Heart and Stroke
Foundation by visiting
<a href="https://www.heartandstroke.ca">www.heartandstroke.ca</a> or by calling
1-888-HSF-INFO (1-888-473-4636)

Small steps lead to big changes.

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Being physically active has many health benefits, for not only your physical health, but also your mental, emotional and spiritual health. It doesn't need to be



Perform resistance activities or exercises at least twice a week and preferably 3 times per week in addition to aerobic activities.

Resistance activities involve pushing, pulling, lifting and carrying and proper technique is needed to prevent injury.



Set specific physical activity goals, anticipate likely barriers to physical activity, develop strategies to overcome these barriers and keep records of your physical activity. For example, I will walk for 15 minutes, every night after dinner.



Get a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity aerobic exercise each week. Moderate to vigorous aerobic exercise is any continuous activity where your heart rate, increases, you are breathing harder and feel warm and are sweating.



Set a goal, make a plan. Every step counts.

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Can you take 20 minutes a day, in periods of 10 minutes at a time, to do something active? Make it something that you enjoy and that fits into your daily schedule.

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As a new mom, it can be hard to find time to be active. Start slowly and look for 10-minute time chunks of time to be active. A quick walk around the block pushing the baby carriage is a good start. When you are ready, slowly increase your daily exercise to help support healthy weight loss.

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# It's up to you!

Chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease, are affecting Indigenous peoples at staggering rates. Through JMI you will have access to tools to plan community events to increase physical activity.

There are many benefits of physical activity: feeling stronger, feeling better, more physical fitness. It also helps to prevent diseases like cancer, type 2 diabetes, and heart disease and helps you control your weight.

Having a walking, jogging or working out partner can be a great motivator to get active. Remember that every step counts, and as you build new habits you will start to enjoy the many benefits of being physically active.

Activities are great places to share information about positive physical activity opportunities within your community, and to link people with healthy lifestyle campaigns.

very best in your journey to bringing winds of change to Indigenous communities through the power of noncompetitive physical activity. Get yourself on the map and share your story!



We welcome you to JMI and wish you the

We can't have a healthy mind, unless we have a healthy body. We can't have a healthy spirit, unless we have a healthy body.



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Visit <u>www.justmoveit.org</u> to find out more about the Just Move It Initiative.

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Early detection and treatment can prevent much of the vision loss caused by diabetes. See your family physician or nurse practitioner regularly and follow instructions about diet, exercise and medication.

It is important to control your diabetes as much as possible to minimize your risks because once damage has occured, the effects are usually permanent.

The numbers tell the story.

People with diabetes are 25 times more likely to become blind than the general population.

1 in 5 Aboriginal people in Canada now lives with diabetes.

80 % of the vision loss from diabetes is preventable.

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Have your eyes checked annually if you have diabetes. Visit <a href="https://www.visioninstitute.optometry.net/">www.visioninstitute.optometry.net/</a> for more great tips in eye care.

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Prevention of Type 2 diabetes results mainly from healthy living, by managing your body weight through a balanced meal plan and a healthy way of eating with regular physical activity/exercise.

Remember, snacking on veggies is like having the healthiest fast food in the world.

### Physical Activity Guidelines:

Ages 0-4 - 180 min/day Ages 5-17 = 60 min/day Ages 18-65+ =150 min/day

Visit www.csep.ca/ for more information.

### What are the signs of Type 2 Diabetes?

Being thirsty often
Having to pee often
Unusual weight gain or loss
Getting tired often
Blurry vision
Getting infections often
Cuts and bruises that won't
heal
Tingly or numb hands and
feet
Problems with erections

Today is a good day for a good day.

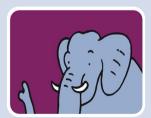
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Prevention is key. For strong mind, body and spirit, be active every day. Type 2 Diabetes happens when your body does not make or use insulin the right way. Visit <a href="https://www.nada.ca">www.nada.ca</a> to find out more information about Type 2 Diabetes.

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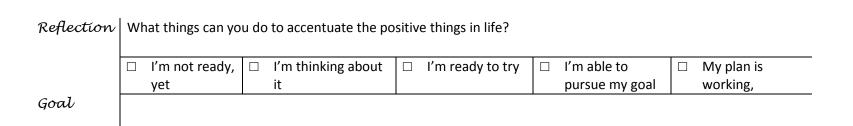
Visit the Canadian Mental Health Association at www.cmha.ca Sometimes a problem, emotional or otherwise, can feel overwhelming; like trying to eat an elephant! In here you'll find some tips to help you tackle those big problems and take care of your mental health.

How do you eat an elephant? By breaking it up into bite size pieces! We all have goals and we all have thoughts, but sometimes it's our thoughts that get in the way of us achieving our goals.

These thought traps are common; we all have them.

By taking control of our thoughts we can take control of how we feel and what we're capable of.

Break down your goals into smaller pieces and support yourself with positive thoughts and motivational messages. Plan for setbacks.





Get more information and support at <a href="www.llttf.ca">www.llttf.ca</a> or take a course near you with the Canadian Mental Health Association <a href="www.cmha.ca">www.cmha.ca</a>.

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#### Resources

Organization	Description	Contact Information
Canadian Association of Wound Care	Foot care Information	http://cawc.net 416-485-2292
TeleCARE Manitoba	Working together to manage your diabetes	http://www.gov.mb.ca 1-866-204-3737
Lung Association of Canada – MB branch	Journey2Quit	http://www.mb.lung.ca 1-877-513-5333
Manitoba Tobacco Reduction Alliance	Tobacco cessation resources	www.mantrainc.ca
Smokers Help Line	Tobacco reduction resources	http://www.smokershelpline.ca/ 1-877-513-5333
Vision Institute of Canada	Eye care resources and services	www.visioninstitute.optometry.net.
Canadian Institute for the Blind	CNIB Helpline	<u>www.cnib.ca/</u> 1-800-563-2642
Kidney Foundation of Canada	Kidney disease information and resources	http://www.kidney.ca
Heart and Stroke Foundation	Heart diseases and Stroke Awareness Prevention and education	http://www.heartandstroke.on.ca
Anxiety Disorders Association of Canada	Awareness, prevention and treatment of anxiety disorders	www.anxietycanada.ca/ 1-888-223-2252
Canadian Mental Health Association	Mental health and anxiety resources	www.cmha.ca.
ConnexOntario - Mental Health Helpline	Free Health Services Information	http://www.mentalhealthhelpline.ca/
		1-866-531-2600
Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention	Mental health resources and network	www.suicideprevention.ca.
Health Canada	Canada Food Guide and other resources	http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca
National Aboriginal Diabetes Association	Diabetes resources	www.nada.ca
Canadian Diabetes Association	Diabetes resources	www.diabetes.ca
Nourish Move Thrive Canada	Nutrition and activity resources	www.nourishmovethrive.ca
Eat Right Ontario	Resources to help improve your health and quality of life through healthy eating.	www.eatrightontario.ca/
Dial-a-Dietitian	Information and nutrition resources.	http://www.dietitians.ca         • BC − 811       • MB − 1-877-830-2892         • ON − 1-877-510-5102       • AB − 1-866-408-5465
Saint Elizabeth Health	Various resources	http://www.saintelizabeth.com
Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology	Physical Activity Guidelines for all Age Groups	www.csep.ca
Manitoba First Nations Diabetes Committee	Diabetes resources and information	www.mfndc.ca.
First Nations Inuit Health Branch	National Native Drug Abuse and Alcohol Program	http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca.
Hypertension Canada	Guidelines and Resources	https://www.hypertension.ca/en/
The Canadian Women's Health Network	Health resources	www.cwhn.ca/ 1-888-818-9172
ConnexOntario - Drug and Alcohol Helpline	Free Health Services Information	http://www.drugandalcoholhelpline.ca/ 1-800-565-8603

#### Your Feedback

We would like to hear from you about this calendar. Your responses are important to us and remain anonymous. In appreciation, NADA will enter your name into a contest for one of 10 great prizes. Please fill in your answers and send this back to us by mail, email or fax. Numbers are provided below.

#### **Rating Scale**

Please use the following rating scale from 1 to 5 to record your answers. Please circle your answer.

1 = unsatisfactory	2 = satisfactory	3= superior	4 = ex	cellent	5 = not applicable				
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#### The rating scale for the following questions has changed to YES or NO type answers. Please circle your answer.

2. Did you think that the calendar was easy to use?	Yes	No
3. Thanks to the calendar, did the information help you to set any goals?	Yes	No
4. If you set a goal, did you accomplish that goal?	Yes	No
5. Did you use any of the informative links on the Resource page?	Yes	No

#### Other questions. Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

- 6. If you set goals for yourself, about how many goals did you set?
- 7. If you did not set any goals, what kept you from doing so?
- 8. If you could make some changes to this calendar, what would they be?

Please send this feedback form to us by fax at: 204-927-1222 or by email at: <a href="mailto:info@nada.ca">info@nada.ca</a> or by mail at: National Aboriginal Diabetes
Association B1 – 90 Garry Street Winnipeg, MB R3C 4H1. All feedback forms received before January 31, 2016 will be entered in the NADA contest for a prize draw.

How can we contact you if you are a prize winner?\_\_\_\_\_\_