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Abstract : A healthy lifestyle is essential for promoting physical, mental, and social well-being. Modern societies face increasing challenges due to urbanization, sedentary behaviors, and technological dependence, which contribute to chronic diseases such as obesity, cardiovascular disorders, and depression. This study explores the role of balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, and mental health practices in enhancing overall human health. Evidence-based interventions and recommendations are provided to support sustainable healthy habits. The findings emphasize the importance of integrated approaches that combine dietary guidance, exercise routines, and psychological support to improve quality of life and prevent non-communicable diseases.

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The prevalence of lifestyle-related diseases has increased significantly in the past decades, partly due to sedentary behaviors and poor dietary habits. The World Health Organization reports that insufficient physical activity and unhealthy diets are among the leading risk factors for non-communicable diseases globally. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle—including a balanced diet, adequate exercise, and mental wellness—is therefore critical for individual and societal health outcomes. Previous studies indicate that interventions targeting these three areas lead to improved physical performance, reduced psychological stress, and enhanced social functioning (Smith, 2019 , Brown, 2021).

This study employs a literature review and synthesis methodology, analyzing peer-reviewed articles, WHO guidelines, and case studies on lifestyle interventions. Inclusion criteria were: publications from 2010–2023, English language, and relevance to nutrition, physical activity, and mental health. A total of 50 sources were evaluated to identify effective strategies for promoting healthy behaviors. Data were categorized into three domains: dietary habits, exercise routines, and mental health interventions.

1. Nutrition

Balanced nutrition is a cornerstone of health. Diets rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins improve cardiovascular outcomes and immune function. Excessive intake of processed foods, salt, and saturated fats contributes to obesity, hypertension, and metabolic disorders (Harvard T.H. Chan, 2021).

2. Physical Activity

Regular exercise enhances cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, and cognitive health. WHO recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week. Strength training, stretching, and flexibility exercises provide additional health benefits (Lee et al., 2012).

3. Mental Health

Mental wellness practices, including mindfulness, meditation, and creative activities, reduce stress, anxiety, and depression. Positive social interactions and supportive environments further enhance resilience and life satisfaction (Sarris et al., 2014; Goldberg, 2018).

Integrating nutrition, exercise, and mental health into daily routines provides a comprehensive approach to disease prevention and well-being promotion. Universities and workplaces can support healthy behaviors by offering educational programs, access to exercise facilities, and mental health resources. Tailored interventions considering age, gender, and cultural factors are essential for effectiveness.

Healthy lifestyle adoption is essential for physical, mental, and social well-being. Sustainable behavioral changes, encompassing balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, and mental wellness practices, reduce the risk of chronic diseases and improve quality of life. Policymakers, educators, and individuals should prioritize these interventions for long-term health outcomes.

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