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MILD DEPRESSION

Symptoms of depression include:

- o a dull mood,
- o disinterest,
- o tiredness,
 - guilt that is not justified,

unguarded or distracted, and
 recurrent thoughts of death or getting hurt
 weight loss or gain may occur.

The causes of depression may be psychological o (burnout, traumatic experience, adrenal fatigue) or physical o (heavy metals in the body, electrolyte deficiency, serotonin deficiency). Coaching focuses on providing similar help as for stress. Above all, it is important to make:
a fundamental lifestyle change that will vitalize the body and mind

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Mindfulness,

focusing on the present moment,

- doing various activities mindfully,
 - expressing gratitude, which helps to make
 - the person aware of positive events,
 - experiences and positive personality traits
- **being active**

have been proven to help

Life needs to be enriched with: o new content, o new meaning needs to be created, and o a new life story needs to be written.

Affirmations and visualizations are very helpful in this process.

Contact with nature helps the person to become aware of the healing effects of the wonderful surroundings.

A forest shower, or <u>shinrin-joku</u> as it is called in Japan, is walking through the forest and at the same time bathing in the positive effects that trees and other vegetation have.

Cypress is believed to reduce stress and anxiety and to increase creativity and calm.

- Creativity,
- o relaxation techniques,
- recreation and
 - optimizing your diet
- may also be introduced to improve depressi

A well balanced diet makes sure that that the person gets all the essential nutrients into the body.

L-tryptophan is an amino acid that is a building block for serotonin, which is known as the happiness hormone. Therefore, it is important to consume good quality protein foods that contain all the amino acids.

L-tryptophan is found in

- o grains and grain products (amaranth, quinoa),
- cashew nuts,
- o pumpkin, sunflower and sesame seeds,
- o chocolate

o seaweed (spirulina),

soya,
eggs,
dairy products
fish and seafood.

It is important to consume healthy unsaturated fats, especially omega 3 fatty acids that restore and strengthen the central nervous system and to avoid unhealthy fats. Foods that rejuvenate the brain, protect heavy metals from the body include: wild blueberries and other berries, apricots, walnuts, kale, Brussels sprouts spinach and other leafy green vegetabl coriander, seeds (including hemp, sesame, sunflower and pumpkin seeds), avocado water with lemon juice, aloe vera juice, sugar-free coffee, saffron.

Several domains of the personal stability model need to be included:

o Emotional awareness,

• Health related awareness,

Spiritual awareness

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o Social awareness,

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o Physical awareness.

It is also a good idea for the person to strengthen her/his inner power and to reflect on what activities can enrich her life.

It is important that the person learns to cope effectively with her/his inner and outer world and to acquire a more optimistic world view.

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