

10 WAYS TO MANAGE DEPRESSION AFTER A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

01 Seek Professional Help

- Connect with others who understand what you are going through
- Join a TBI support group

- Consult a healthcare provider to help diagnose depression
- Consider cognitive behavior therapy

Build a Support System

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- Create a daily routine to combat helplessness
- Set small goals to build confidence

03 Establish a Routine

- Physical activity can boost mood and reduce stress
- Choose exercises that are safe and suitable for your condition

Stay Active

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05 Practice Mindfulness

- Eat a balanced whole-food diet
- Avoid excess caffeine and sugar

- Mindfulness encourages living in the moment, reducing the tendency to dwell in the past

Eat a Healthy Diet

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07 Prioritize Sleep

- Pursue hobbies that bring you joy
- Socialize with others to lift your spirits

- Establish a routine to regulate your sleep cycle
- Create a restful sleep environment

Engage in Activities

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09 Monitor Progress

- Avoid alcohol and drugs that can worsen depression and interfere with medications and brain functions

- Keep a journal to track mood and activities that bring joy
- Acknowledge and reward yourself for improvements

Avoid Substances

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