

Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Worry: Resources and Support for You

Did you know?

- Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) involves worry that is excessive and uncontrollable. Often the things you worry about are minor matters and unlikely future events.
- People diagnosed with GAD worry daily and these feelings have lasted for at least 6 months.
- Many people who have GAD have physical symptoms such as:
 - Tense muscles
 - Inability to relax
 - Restlessness
 - Irritability
 - Being easily fatigued
 - Difficulty concentrating
 - Sleep disturbed by worry.

Web sites/Online Resources

Anxiety and Depression Association of America

www.adaa.org

Dr. Martin Antony, Clinical Psychologist

www.martinantony.com

Eli Bay

www.elibay.com

Mood Disorders Association of Ontario

www.mooddisorders.ca

Mood Disorders Society of Canada

mdsc.ca



Apps

MindShift (Free) (iOS, Android)

www.anxietybc.com/resources/mindshift-app

Strategies for managing social anxiety, panic and perfectionism (often related to depression).

Worry Box - Anxiety Self-Help (Free) (Android)

<https://www.excelatlife.com/apps.htm#worryapp>

MoodKit and Moodnotes (\$\$) (iOS only)

thriveport.com

Apps based on cognitive-behavioral therapy methods for improving moods (for example, depression, anxiety). Provide tools for monitoring and changing thoughts and behaviors that contribute to negative moods.

CBT-i Coach for Insomnia (Free) (iOS, Android)

iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/cbt-i-coach/id655918660?mt=8>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.t2.cbti&hl=en>

Calm (Free) (iOS, Android)

www.calm.com

Mindfulness and meditation app.

Headspace (Free; in-app purchases) (iOS, Android)

www.headspace.com

Pacifica (Free; in-app purchases) (iOS, Android, web)

www.thinkpacifica.com

Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and meditation skills for anxiety disorders, mood disorders and stress.



Videos/Audio Clips

Exercise Against Anxiety and Depression / Otto, M. (2015). (Webinar)
https://adaa123.sharepoint.com/Public%20Ed%20Webinars/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?guestaccess_token=RizZ3eygp3xPLz6R6o2roczWgGAXapVDCW1Y2mlkl0M%3d&docid=19981a32643ae468bb7e8384fcfd5ffbc&rev=1

Guided Mindfulness Meditation Practice CDs / Kabat-Zinn, J. (2005).
www.mindfulnesscds.com

Let go: Empowered Breathing and Progressive Muscle Relaxation / Bay, E. (CD)

Mind Over Mood / Greenberger, D. (2016). (Webinar on self-help strategies for anxiety & depression)
https://adaa123.sharepoint.com/Public%20Ed%20Webinars/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?guestaccess_token=S8ByG3rlv5Ts5FVIN40C%2bxnpCn%2bn88ShdVlfHfPfbM8%3d&docid=1c3b3a0c0e11445e1be6c5361ed77603a&rev=1

Mindful Breathing and Meditation Audio Clips / Centre for Clinical Interventions (2008).
www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/infopax.cfm?Info_ID=56

The Mindful Way Workbook (Audio downloads - must register first)
www.guilford.com/MBCT_audio

Mindful Way through Anxiety (Audio downloads)
mindfulwaythroughanxiety.com/exercises/

The Mindfulness Solution
www.mindfulness-solution.com/DownloadMeditations.html

Relaxation Audio / Centre for Applied Research in Mental Health & Addiction (2009).
www.sfu.ca/carmha/publications/relaxation-audio.html

Serenity breathing: Learn to quickly calm, balance and revitalize your mind / Bay, E. (2007). (DVD)



Books (Self-Help/Workbooks/e-Books)

10 Simple Solutions to Worry: How to calm your mind, relax your body, & reclaim your life / Gyoerkoe, K.L., Wiegartz, P.S. (2006).

The Anti-Anxiety Workbook: Includes the most effective, science-based methods to help you identify your anxiety triggers / Antony, M.M., Norton, P.J. (2008).

AnxietyBC
<https://www.anxietybc.com/adults/self-help-strategies-gad>

Becoming a Calm Mom: How to manage stress and enjoy the first year of motherhood / Ledley, D.R. (2008).

The Cognitive Behavioral Workbook for Menopause: A step-by-step program for overcoming hot flashes, mood swings, insomnia, anxiety, depression, and other symptoms / Green, S., McCabe, R., Soares, C. (2012).

Dr. Rami Nader, C.Psych
www.raminader.com/gad_resources.htm

Embracing Uncertainty: Breakthrough methods for achieving peace of mind when facing the unknown / Jeffers, S. (2003).



Books (Self-Help/Workbooks/e-Books) (continued)

Generalized Anxiety Disorder workbook: A comprehensive CBT guide for coping with uncertainty, worry and fear / Robichaud, M., Dugas, M. (2015).

Goodnight Mind: Turn off your noisy thoughts and get a good night's sleep / Carney, C., Manber, R. (2013).

Improving Your Self-Esteem: Overcoming low self-esteem / Centre for Clinical Interventions (2005).
www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/infopax.cfm?InfoID=47

It's Not all in your Head: How worrying about your health could be making you sick -- and what you can do about it / Asmundson, G.J.G., Taylor, S. (2005).

Mind Over Mood: Change how you feel by changing the way you think / Greenberger, D., Padesky, C. (2016).

The Mindful Path Through Worry and Rumination: Letting go of anxious and depressive thoughts / Kumar, S.M. (2009).

The Mindful Path Through Shyness / Flowers, S. (2009).

The Mindful Way Workbook: An 8-week program to free yourself from depression and emotional distress / Teasdale, J., Williams, M., Segal, Z. (2014).

The Mindfulness and Acceptance Workbook for Anxiety: A guide to breaking free from anxiety, phobias, and worry using acceptance and commitment therapy / Forsyth, J.P., Eifert, G.H. (2008).

Overcoming Health Anxiety: Letting go of your fear of illness / Owens, K., Antony, M. (2011).

Overcoming Worry: A self-help guide using cognitive behavioral techniques / Meares, K., Freeston, M. (2008).

Perfectionism in Perspective: Overcoming perfectionism / Centre for Clinical Interventions (2009).
www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/infopax.cfm?InfoID=52

The Pregnancy and Postpartum Anxiety Workbook: Practical skills to help you overcome anxiety, worry, panic attacks, obsessions and compulsions / Wiegartz, P., Gyoerkoe, K.L. (2009).

Quiet your Mind and Get to Sleep: Solutions to insomnia for those with depression, anxiety, or chronic pain / Carney, C., Manber, R. (2009).

'What? Me Worry!?: Mastering your worries / Centre for Clinical Interventions (2016).
www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/resources/infopax.cfm?InfoID=46

When Perfect isn't Good Enough: Strategies for coping with perfectionism. 2nd. ed. / Antony, M.M., Swinson, R.P. (2009).

Women who worry too much: How to stop worry and anxiety from ruining relationships, work, & fun / Hazlett-Stevens, H. (2005).

Worry less, live more: The mindful way through anxiety workbook / Orsillo, S.M., Roemer, L. (2011).

The worry trap: How to free yourself from worry & anxiety using acceptance & commitment therapy / Hayes, S.C., LeJeune, C. (2007).

Insomnia and Depression

Free Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for Insomnia (Insomnia Treatment study)
Sleep and Depression (SAD) Laboratory
Ryerson University

(416) 979-5000 ext. 2185

psychlabs.ryerson.ca/carney/be-a-participant

Mindfulness-Based Group Programs

Humber River Hospital

(416) 242-1000 ext. 43000

www.hrh.ca/uploads/MentalHealthandAddictions/000563-MH-Referral-Form-print.pdf

The Centre for Mindfulness Studies (\$)

(647) 524-6216

www.mindfulnessstudies.com

The Mindful Mood Centre

(416) 686-2138

www.mindfulmood.com

North York General Hospital

(416) 483-3778

www.nygh.on.ca/Default.aspx?cid=1210&lang=1

University Health Network

(Catchment area: South of Eglinton Ave., from Yonge St. to Keele St.)

Toronto Western: (416) 603-5738

UHN: (416) 340-4452

www.uhn.ca/MOT/PatientsFamilies/Kidney_Transplant_Program/Transplant_Surgery/Kidney_Transplant_Guide/Documents/Mindfulness_application_form.pdf

Please note: You need a doctor's referral to enrol in any of these programs.

The **Patient & Family Resource Centre** offers staff and residents in the community free access to our electronic, print and audiovisual collection on health and wellness matters. The items listed in this resource are a selection of some of the materials available to you.

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Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We are located on Level 0, in front of the Food Court.

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English: This information is important! If you have trouble reading this, ask someone to help you.

Italian: Queste informazioni sono importanti! Se ha difficoltà a leggere questo, chiedi aiuto a qualcuno.

Spanish: ¡Esta información es importante! Si tiene dificultad en leer esto, pida que alguien le ayude.

People with generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) display excessive anxiety or worry, most days for at least 6 months, about a number of things such as personal health, work, social interactions, and everyday routine life circumstances. The fear and anxiety can cause significant problems in areas of their life, such as social interactions, school, and work. Generalized anxiety disorder symptoms include: Feeling restless, wound-up, or on-edge. Being easily fatigued.

Generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) is an anxiety disorder characterized by excessive, uncontrollable and often irrational worry, that is, apprehensive expectation about events or activities.[2] This excessive worry often interferes with daily functioning, as individuals with GAD typically anticipate disaster, and are overly concerned about everyday matters such as health issues, money, death, family problems, friendship problems, interpersonal relationship problems, or work difficulties.[Living with generalized anxiety disorder can be a long-term challenge. In many cases, it occurs along with other anxiety or mood disorders. In most cases, generalized anxiety disorder improves with psychotherapy or medications. Making lifestyle changes, learning coping skills and using relaxation techniques also can help. Generalized anxiety disorder care at Mayo Clinic. Products & Services. Book: Mayo Clinic Guide to Stress-Free Living. People who have generalized anxiety disorder, or GAD, worry uncontrollably about common occurrences and situations. It's also sometimes known as chronic anxiety neurosis. GAD is different from normal feelings of anxiousness. It's common to feel anxious about the things happening in your life " such as your finances " every once in awhile.