Movement Is Medicine



ILLNESS, SYMPTOM	OBJECTIVE	FORM OF EXERCISE
Stress symptoms, depression, anxiety, sleep disorders	 general maintenance of physical condition releasing psychological tensions strengthening physiological safety mechanisms that adapt to stress 	 walking, Nordic walking, water exercise breathing and relaxation exercises. Exercise and relaxation boost each others effects moderate stress in difficult exhaustion
Rheumatic illnesses, muscle and joint pains, fibromyalgia	 pain management maintaining the strength and mobility of the musculoskeletal system 	 relaxation methods group exercise water exercise pain-free gymnastics, stretching
Back, neck and shoulder issues	 maintaining strength of the core muscles maintaining mobility releasing muscular tension improving muscular co-ordination improving load tolerance 	 regular, simple exercise even during the working day improving muscular strength, e.g. with circuit training learning postures that reduce load Nordic walking Pilates
Illnesses of the respiratory and circulatory systems Diabetes and metabolic syndrome	 managing risk factors (fats, sugar, obesity) improving sleep quality maintaining the functional capacity of the heart, lungs and the circulatory system strengthening the muscles used in breathing and breathing mechanics improving endurance 	 endurance exercise (walking, Nordic walking, swimming, cycling) varied gym exercises for different muscle groups at 40–50% of maximal capacity yoga, taiji, breathing exercises, Pilates