Walk Doc Healthy Living Series

# HYDRATION

Water. Aqua. H2O. The majority of your body is made up of it, so it only makes sense that it's critical to stay hydrated throughout the day with fluids and water-rich foods! Water is a vital nutrient and helps numerous body systems to function properly, so check out some of these reasons and tips for maintaining your water levels.

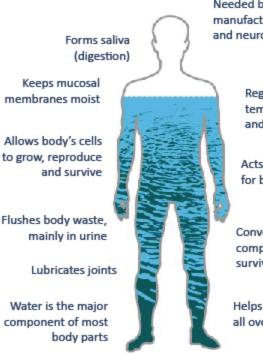
#### Hydration Tips

- Bring a reusable water bottle everywhere you go, it's good for you & the planet
- Avoid soda and other sugary beverages add lemon or lime to your water for taste
- Drink a glass of water first thing in the morning and before meals
- Eat more water-rich foods like fruits and vegetables
- Look out for dehydration symptoms: fatigue, constipation, dry mouth, dark urine, dizziness, & thirst (duh!)
- Keep track of your daily water intake

#### Daily Recommended Amount of Water

Children (4-8 years)	5 cups (40 ounces)
Children (9-13 years)	7–8 cups (56–64 ounces)
Children (14-18 years)	8–11 cups (64–88 ounces)
Women (19+ Years)	9 cups (72 ounces)
Pregnant Women	10 cups (80 ounces)
Men (19+ years)	13 cups (104 ounces)

### What Does Water Do For You?



Needed by the brain to manufacture hormones and neurotransmitters

> Regulates body temperature (sweating and respiration)

Acts as a shock absorber for brain and spinal cord

Converts food to components needed for survival - digestion

Helps deliver oxygen all over the body

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