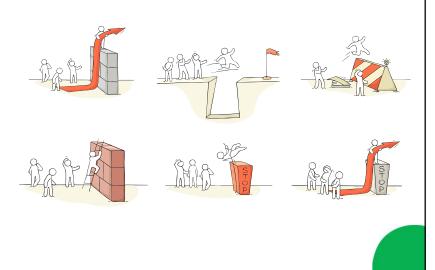




Life...is Not Always Easy

Levels of Challenges

- · Bumps and humps
- Exceed daily tolerance level
- Overwhelming

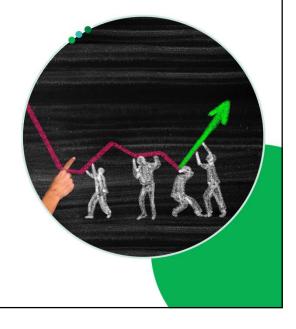


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Dealing With Challenges

Here are your options:

- 1. Stay broken and weak
- 2. Get back to baseline
- 3. Become stronger



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What is Resilience?

In Physics:

 Ability of a substance to return to its original shape after being bent, stretched, sheared, strained, or pressed

In Psychology:

 Ability to mentally or emotionally cope with a stressful situation, a crisis, a defeat, or to withstand an unfavourable condition; to return to pre-crisis status quickly



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What Resilience is NOT

- Avoiding stress/hardship/failure
- No control over:
 - Genes
 - Culture
 - Critical life events



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The Victim Mindset

The Tell-tale Signs

- You feel powerless
- You put yourself down
- You overgeneralise the negative
- · You catastrophise
- · You feel paranoid



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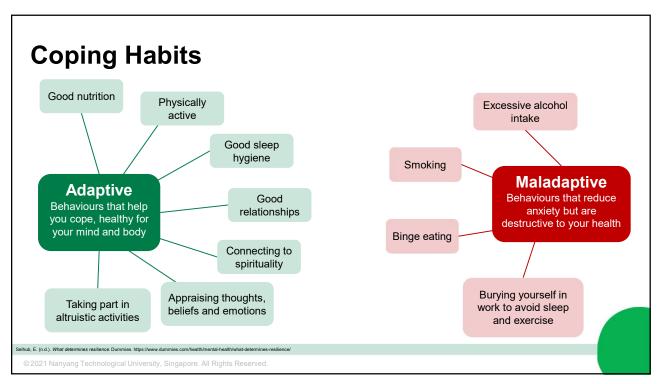
Victim Cycle Signs of Hopelessness No interest in normal activities Feels it's too late to change Feels that no one can help you Procrastination Signs of Learnt Helplessness Easily frustrated Gives up easily Lacks motivation Low self esteem Procrastination

Taking Back Control

Breaking the Victim Cycle

- Work towards factors within your control:
 - Beliefs
 - Behaviours
 - Attitudes
 - Lifestyle
 - Chosen network of support
- · Accept challenges
- Access tools and resources that will support you





Adaptive Behaviour: Good Nutrition

- · Good nutrition will
 - Improve health and vitality
 - Increase energy
 - Maintain ideal weight
 - Improve learning ability
 - Increase enjoyment
 - Reduce negative emotions
- · Food as medicine



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Adaptive Behaviour: Increasing Physical Activity and Reducing Sedentary Behaviour

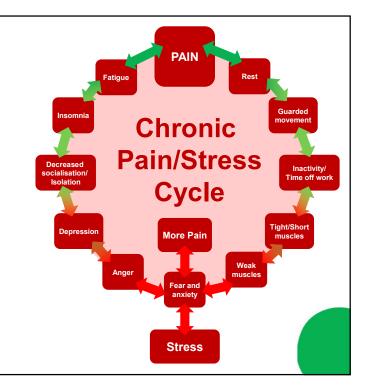


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Adaptive Behaviour: Managing Acute and Chronic Injuries

- Chronic pain leads to stress, and stress can lead to chronic pain. This is a vicious cycle.
- · Impact of chronic pain:
 - Physical
 - Emotional
 - Financial
 - Social
- Therapies to treat not just a person's pain but his outlook.

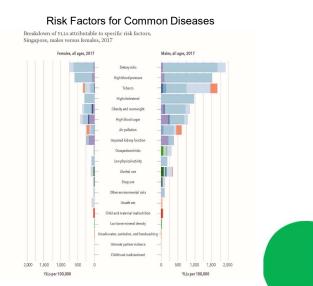
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Adaptive Behaviour: Preventing or Delaying Diseases

- Targeting risk factors for common diseases
- · Lessons from Okinawa
 - Food and nutrition
 - Movement and activity
 - Environment
 - Social interactions



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Why did you choose Paediatric Cardiac Surgery?



What are the challenges involved in Paediatric Cardiac Surgery?

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Lessons from the Heart...



What is your advice for young people managing chronic conditions?

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Do you feel that Diabetes has added or subtracted to your quality of life?



What are your tips for dealing with the challenges that undergraduates encounter?

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How do you cope with anxiety during exams?



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