

Partnering for Your Best Health: Understanding Our Work Together

What is Functional Health Optimization?

In our sessions, we focus on **optimization** rather than just "treating" a specific illness. While a doctor looks for a disease to name and treat, we look at how your body is functioning as a whole. Our goal is to find the "root cause" of why you feel the way you do and give your body the tools it needs to restore its own natural balance.

Why This Matters For You

Understanding our roles ensures you get the safest and most effective care possible:

- * **A Complete Care Team:** You don't have to choose between modern medicine and natural health. By working within my professional scope, I can coordinate with your doctor to make sure all your health needs are met.
- * **Safety First:** We take extra care to ensure that any lifestyle changes or supplements we discuss won't interfere with medications your doctor has prescribed.
- * **Personal Empowerment:** Instead of just "fixing" a symptom, we focus on building your "physiological resilience." This means making your body stronger and more capable of staying healthy on its own.
- * **Clear Communication:** We use the "Language of Wellness." Instead of focusing on a label or a diagnosis, we talk about how to help your body's systems work together in harmony.

What You Can Do Today

1. **Keep Your Doctor in the Loop:** Always share our wellness plan with your Primary Care Physician (PCP). They are a vital part of your health journey.
2. **Be an Active Reporter:** Keep a simple log of how you feel as we make changes. Your "subjective experience"—how you sleep, your energy levels, and your mood—is our best guide.
3. **Check Your Supplements:** Before starting any new herb or vitamin, double-check that your doctor is aware of it, especially if you are taking prescription medications.
4. **Focus on the Foundation:** Start with the "low-hanging fruit." Focus on sleep, hydration, and movement. These lifestyle pillars are the safest and most powerful ways to support your body.

Questions to Discuss with Your Practitioner

- How can we best share my progress or functional findings with my regular doctor?
 - If my symptoms start to improve, what is the best way to talk to my doctor about my current medications?
 - What are the "red flags" I should look for that mean I should call my doctor immediately?
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