

From Healing to Habit: Building Your Resilient Future

What is Sustainment?

Sustainment is the "bridge" between feeling better for a few weeks and staying healthy for the rest of your life. It is the process of moving from "managing a sickness" to becoming the **Architect** of your own health. Instead of just following a plan to fix a problem, you are creating a lifestyle where being healthy is simply who you are.

Why This Matters For You

- **Stop the "Yo-Yo" Effect:** By shifting your mindset, you won't fall back into old patterns once your symptoms disappear.
- **Trust Your Body Again:** After being sick for a long time, it's common to feel "afraid" of your body. This approach helps you feel safe and strong again.
- **Make Health Easy:** When you design your environment correctly, you don't need "willpower." Being healthy becomes your default setting.
- **Protect Your Future:** This isn't just about feeling good today; it's about making sure you have the energy and vitality to enjoy your life 10, 20, and 30 years from now.

What You Can Do Today

1. **Use the "2-Minute Rule":** If you want to start a new habit (like meditating or stretching), make it take less than two minutes to start. Don't try to "exercise for an hour"—just put on your sneakers. Consistency is more important than intensity.
2. **Try "Habit Stacking":** Pick a habit you already do every day and "stack" a new healthy habit on top of it.
 - *Example:* "After I pour my morning coffee, I will take my supplements."
 - *Example:* "After I brush my teeth, I will do two minutes of deep breathing."
3. **The "Threshold Breath":** Every time you walk through a doorway (into your house, into your office, or even into the kitchen), take one long, slow exhale. This tells your nervous system that you are safe and helps prevent stress from building up during the day.
4. **Rewrite Your Story:** Notice how you talk about yourself. Instead of saying "I'm a person with chronic fatigue," try saying "I am a person who nourishes my body and values my energy."

Questions to Discuss with Your Practitioner

- When I think about myself 10 years from now, what does my "most resilient self" look like?
- Are there any parts of my "old self" or my "sick identity" that I am afraid to let go of?
- Which healthy habit feels the hardest to keep, and how can we make it take less than 2 minutes?
- How can we use my wearable data (like sleep or heart rate) to help me trust that my body is actually healing?

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