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Written by Jeanna D. Smiley on June 07, 2021

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Written by Zia Sherrell on June 07, 2021

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Written by Robby Berman on June 07, 2021

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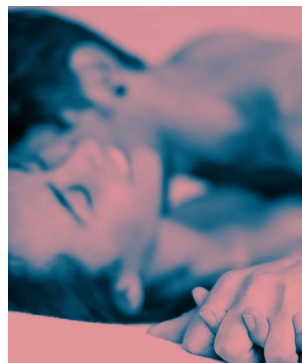
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Written by Lauren Martin on September 13, 2021

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It is with great joy to announce that Operation Hope has taken a momentous step and merged with Compelled By Love.

This means you now have the opportunity to partner with something even bigger, as we expand our reach to help more people, in more countries.

Our values have always framed how we work and operate, and it is these values that have led us to make this exciting decision to merge with Compelled By Love.

Change is not new for Operation Hope. We have had many organisational changes through the years including changing our name. However this change is the most significant.

Operation Hope has functioned with a volunteer board, only one volunteer staff and many other volunteers through the years. However, the ability to grow and deepen our partnerships and work has been limited by both our size and capacity. Not wanting to compromise what has been built over the last 87 years, we felt the need to find a solution that was more sustainable for the future; a solution that would help continue our work where partnership and collaboration was key.

The merge with **Compelled By Love** solidifies this search. Compelled By Love not only share a similar philosophy, mission and vision with Operation Hope but our values are also very aligned. So, after many conversations, meetings and prayer, Operation Hope merged with Compelled By Love at the start of July 2021.

As part of our work both local and overseas, Operation Hope has been privileged to be part of many people's stories and for this we are truly thankful. Our impact is your impact, so we are grateful that you have journeyed with us.

To learn more about our history and impact please [click here](#).

This exciting new phase will ensure our 87-year legacy that was started by Shelton Schokman Snr in Sri Lanka will continue, that our resources will be shared and maximised, that our work will be more efficient and as a result, our impact increased. To learn more about CBL and the merge please [click here](#).

Fiona will continue on the CBL Board and as paid staff managing the projects in Sri Lanka, eSwatini (formerly Swaziland), Rwanda and India. If you have any questions about the merge or would like to continue to give of your time and resources, please do not hesitate to contact Fiona at fiona.grech@cbl.org.au. You will continue to receive news and updates as we merge our database with CBL. But if you'd like to learn more about CBL, please visit the Compelled By Love [website](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and on [Instagram](#).

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Anxiety disorders: Does physical activity reduce risk?

Written by Robby Berman on September 13, 2021

A study finds that participants in an ultra-long cross-country ski competition developed fewer anxiety disorders over time than a control group.

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1 in 6 people in the U.S. become ill after eating contaminated food each year.

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5 surprising benefits of walking



The next time you have a check-up, don't be surprised if your doctor hands you a prescription to walk. Yes, this simple activity that you've been doing since you were about a year old is now being touted as "the closest thing we have to a wonder drug," in the words of Dr. Thomas Frieden, former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of course, you probably know that any physical activity, including walking, is a boon to your overall health. But walking in particular comes with a host of benefits. Here's a list of five that may surprise you.

- 1. It counteracts the effects of weight-promoting genes.** Harvard researchers looked at 32 obesity-promoting genes in over 12,000 people to determine how much these genes actually contribute to body weight. They then discovered that, among the study participants who walked briskly for about an hour a day, the effects of those genes were cut in half.
- 2. It helps tame a sweet tooth.** A pair of studies from the University of Exeter found that a 15-minute walk can curb cravings for chocolate and even reduce the amount of chocolate you eat in stressful situations. And the latest research confirms that walking can reduce cravings and intake of a variety of sugary snacks.
- 3. It reduces the risk of developing breast cancer.** Researchers already know that any kind of physical activity blunts the risk of breast cancer. But an American Cancer Society study that zeroed in on walking found that women who walked seven or more hours a week had a 14% lower risk of breast cancer than those who walked three hours or fewer per week. And walking provided this protection even for the women with breast cancer risk factors, such as being overweight or using supplemental hormones.
- 4. It eases joint pain.** Several studies have found that walking reduces arthritis-related pain, and that walking five to six miles a week can even prevent arthritis from forming in the first place. Walking protects the joints — especially the knees and hips, which are most susceptible to osteoarthritis — by lubricating them and strengthening the muscles that support them.
- 5. It boosts immune function.** Walking can help protect you during cold and flu season. A study of over 1,000 men and women found that those who walked at least 20 minutes a day, at least 5 days a week, had 43% fewer sick days than those who exercised once a week or less. And if they did get sick, it was for a shorter duration, and their symptoms were milder.

To learn about additional benefits of walking, check out [Walking for Health](#), a Special Health Report from Harvard Medical School

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Written by Zia Sherrell on June 10, 2021

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Written by Caitlin Geng on June 10, 2021

Yoga could help reduce the severity and frequency of migraine headaches. Learn more about the current research and poses that might help here.

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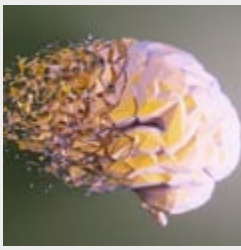
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Daily Fruit Consumption Decreases Risk of Type 2 Diabetes

Daily fruit consumption decreases risk for type 2 diabetes, according to a study published in *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*. Researchers compared fruit intake with blood sugar levels for 7,675 participants from the Australian Diabetes, Obesity and Lifestyle Study. Those with moderate fruit intake of two servings per day had better blood sugar control and a 36% less chance of developing diabetes after five years when compared to those who ate the lowest amount of fruit. Fruits such as apples, oranges, and bananas have a low glycemic index, which is associated with better blood sugar control, and are rich in fiber, vitamins, minerals, and phytochemicals linked to diabetes prevention.



Reference

Bondonno NP, Davey RJ, Murray K, et al. Associations between fruit intake and risk of diabetes in the AusDiab cohort. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2021;dgab335. doi: 10.1210/clinem/dgab335

Alzheimer's drug controversially approved

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has [approved the first new drug for Alzheimer's disease in 18 years](#): aducanumab, developed by US biotechnology company Biogen. It is also the first approved drug that attempts to treat a possible cause of the neurodegenerative disease — plaques of amyloid- β protein in the brain — rather than just the symptoms. But many researchers do not welcome the FDA's decision. Evidence that links reductions in plaque levels to improvements in cognition is "thin, at best", says geriatrician Jason Karlawish. Approval of a drug that focuses on amyloid might dampen efforts to find other treatments. "This is going to set the research community back 10–20 years," says neurobiologist George Perry.

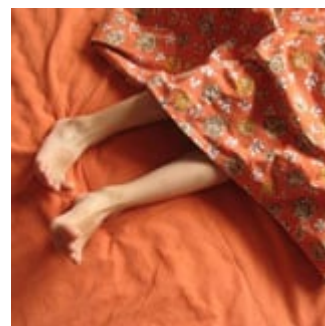
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It takes a wood to raise a tree

In 1997, ecologist Suzanne Simard made the cover of *Nature* with [the discovery](#) of a subterranean lace of tree roots and fungal filaments, or hyphae, in British Columbia, Canada. It was "a network as brilliant as a Persian rug", [she recalls in her book *Finding the Mother Tree*](#) — a network through which many tree species were cooperating. In this scientific memoir, Simard weaves the threads of her life and career into a meditation on the power and beauty of connectedness.

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Hotter world leave lakes gasping for life

Lakes are getting hotter and their concentration of dissolved oxygen is dropping, writes physical geographer Antonia Law. Researchers analysed 393 temperate lakes between 1981 and 2017 and found that their temperatures rose by 0.39 °C every decade, and dissolved oxygen fell by 5% at the surface and 19% in the depths. We can expect [more harmful algae blooms, a rise in fish pathogens and the loss of cold-water habitats that shelter fish such as trout and salmon](#), writes Law.

“Without immediate action to curb emissions and slow climate change, many of the world’s lakes are on course for a sweltering, breathless and lifeless future,” she argues.

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What are the different types of brain cancer?

Written by Lauren Martin on June 09, 2021

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Written by Zawn Villines on June 09, 2021

Some causes of head pressure and dizziness include allergies, ear infections, and high blood pressure. [Learn more about the causes and how to treat them here.](#)

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COVID-19: New study highlights potential role of diet

Written by Robby Berman on June 09, 2021

New study finds that doctors and nurses who ate a plant- or fish-based diet experienced milder COVID-19 symptoms than those eating low carb, high protein diets.

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Anti-dengue mosquito trial success

Cases of dengue fever plummeted by a “staggering” 77% after researchers released modified mosquitoes that are resistant to the virus. [These mosquitoes carry dengue-blocking Wolbachia bacteria](#), which they spread through local mosquito populations. *Wolbachia*-carrying mosquitoes were released over a six-month period in randomly designated parts of Yogyakarta in Indonesia, starting in 2017. Early results last August were so encouraging that researchers have since released *Wolbachia*-carrying mosquitoes over all of central Yogyakarta and plan to expand the project.

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Read more: [Meet public-health researcher Adi Utarini, who is leading this completely new approach to controlling dengue](#) (*Nature's 10* | 4 min read, from December)

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