

THE POWER OF LAUGHTER

A PATH TO JOY AND WELLNESS



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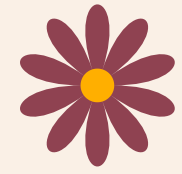
Why Laughter Matters



When was the last time you had a good belly laugh?



The Impact of Laughter on the Body



Boosts Brain Chemistry

Releases endorphins (the “feel-good” chemicals), reducing pain and improving mood

Lowers cortisol levels, reducing stress and anxiety



Supports Heart Health

Increases blood flow and improves circulation

Lowers blood pressure, reducing the risk of heart disease



Improves Oxygen Intake

Deep belly laughs bring in more oxygen, improving lung function

Stimulates the diaphragm and abdominal muscles (a mini core workout!)



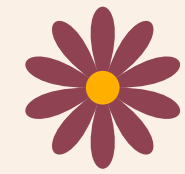
Strengthens the Immune System

Increases production of immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies

Helps the body fight off illness more effectively

The Impact of Laughter on the Body

⚡ Relieves Tension & Relaxes Muscles



Laughter releases muscle tension and can reduce physical pain
The relaxing effect can last up to 45 minutes after laughing



🔥 Burns Calories

10-15 minutes of laughter burns about 100 calories = 30
minutes on the rowing machine

Helps with digestion and metabolism by stimulating internal
organs

🛏 Improves Sleep

Reduces stress and promotes relaxation, making it easier to fall
asleep. Increases melatonin production, supporting better
sleep quality

The Laughter Gap



Kids laugh 300-400 times per day
Adults only laugh 10-15 times a day



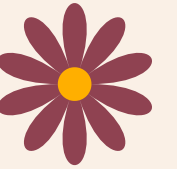
Why do we stop laughing as we get older?

(Stress, societal norms, responsibilities)



The Science of Laughter

Laughter is more than just a reaction to humor—it's a full-body experience that engages the brain, nervous system, and even our muscles. Studies have shown that laughter activates multiple regions of the brain, boosting neuroplasticity, improving mood regulation, and enhancing cognitive function.



Neurological Benefits – Laughter increases dopamine and serotonin while reducing cortisol, creating a natural "happiness boost" that can help combat stress, anxiety, and depression.

Respiratory & Cardiovascular Effects – Laughter is a form of aerobic exercise, increasing oxygen intake, expanding lung capacity, and improving circulation—similar to deep breathing in yoga.



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Impact on the Nervous System – Laughter activates the parasympathetic nervous system, shifting the body from a state of stress (fight-or-flight) to relaxation (rest-and-digest), which can be particularly beneficial for conditions involving muscle tension and involuntary movements.

Pain Management & Motor Function – The release of endorphins during laughter not only provides natural pain relief but may also support motor coordination by stimulating neural pathways involved in movement control.

Have you ever noticed how you feel physically after a deep laugh?
Relaxed? Energized?



What is Laughter Yoga?



Laughter Yoga is a unique practice that combines intentional laughter exercises with yogic breathing techniques (pranayama) to promote holistic well-being. Developed by Dr. Madan Kataria in 1995, it's based on the principle that the body doesn't differentiate between real and simulated laughter—both provide the same physiological and psychological benefits. Through playful group exercises, deep breathing, and eye contact, laughter quickly becomes genuine, helping to reduce stress, improve mood, and enhance social connection.



Five Benefits of Laughter Yoga

1. **Elevates Mood** - Laughter Yoga can change your mood in minutes by releasing endorphins from your brain cells. This makes you feel good and cheerful throughout the day.



2. **Health Benefits** - Laughter Yoga reduces stress and strengthens the immune system.

3. **Business Benefits** - Our brain needs 25% more oxygen for optimal functioning. Laughter exercises can increase net supply of oxygen to our body and brain which helps to improve efficiency and performance. You will feel more energetic.



Five Benefits of Laughter Yoga



4. **Social Connector** - Quality of life depends on quality of our friends and our relationships. Laughter is a great connector of people and brings lots of good friends with caring.



5. **Laughing Through Challenges** - Anyone can laugh when times are good, but Laughter Yoga teaches people to laugh unconditionally so that they can laugh even when times are hard. It provides strength in adversity, a coping mechanism to help people keep a positive mental attitude regardless of circumstances.



Mental and Emotional Benefits of Laughter



- Reduces stress and anxiety by lowering cortisol levels.
- Improves mood by increasing dopamine and serotonin.
- Enhances resilience – helps shift perspective and cope with challenges.
- Fosters connection – shared laughter strengthens relationships and social support.



Physical Benefits of Laughter Yoga



- Supports heart health – Laughter increases blood circulation and helps lower blood pressure, promoting cardiovascular health.
- Strengthens the respiratory system – Deep breathing and laughter improve lung capacity and oxygen intake, leaving you feeling more energized.
- Boosts immunity – Laughter increases immune-boosting cells and reduces stress hormones, helping the body fight off illness.



Physical Benefits of Laughter Yoga



- Energizes the body – The combination of deep breathing and laughter stimulates the nervous system, reducing fatigue and increasing overall vitality.



- Aids digestion – Laughter stimulates the abdominal muscles and organs, supporting healthy digestion and gut health.



How to Laugh More in Everyday Life



- Morning Laughter Stretch – Start the day by stretching with a long “haaaaa” sound (even if it’s fake at first!).
- Laughter Coffee – Pour yourself a laughter latte and when you drink it, let out a big laugh!
- Mirror Laughter – Look in the mirror and force yourself to smile for 10 seconds—it often leads to real laughter!
- Laughter Buddy – Find a friend or family member to share funny moments, jokes, or laughter exercises together.



Let's Laugh!



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