Survey of Stress Symptoms

Check each symptom that you have experienced within the last month, then count the number of items that you have checked. The symptoms must be experienced to a level that you identify as critical.

Psychological Symptoms

| anxiety | lonliness | |
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| depression | intrusive thoughts | |
| difficulty concentrating | relationship problems | |
| forgetfulness | family problems | |
| agitation, hyper | work problems | |
| feeling overwhelmed | irritability | |
| irrational thoughts/fears | excessive worry/obsessing | |
| compulsive | feelings of guilt | |
| confusion | tearful | |
| feelings of unreality | nightmares | |
| feeling of being detached from oneself | social isolation/withdrawal | |
| restlessness/on edge | apathay/indifference | |
| mood swings | sexual dysfunction | |

Physical Symptoms

| headaches | fatigue |
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| muscle tension | high blood pressure |
| low back pain | sleep disturbance |
| upper back, neck or shoulder pain | appetite disturbance |
| clenching teeth | diarrhea |
| abdominal stress | digestive problems |
| nausea | constipation |
| shaking or trembling | rash/hives/shingles |
| numbness or tingling | use of alcohol/cigarrettes or other drugs to deal with stress |
| feeling of choking | bowel problems |
| chills or hot flashes | thyroid dysfunction |
| sweating | other stress-related health problems |
| sleep disturbance | |

Estimate Your Stress Level

| Number of items checks | Estimated Level of Stress |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0-7 | Low (within the normal range) |
| Q 14 | Madanata (aunanian a anna diatraaa) |
| 8-14 | Moderate (experiencing some distress) |
| 15-21 | High (experiencing difficulty coping) |
| 22+ | Very High (unable to cope) |
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As you review your symptom list think of ways that you can take care of yourself, make changes, delegate tasks to others, etc. that can alleviate the physical and emotional distress that you experience.