

THE 14 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO REDUCE ILLNESS AND DEATH



he physicians of the Genesee County Medical Society identified the following 14 actions that are key to living a longer, healthier life:

- **1.** Eliminate all exposure to tobacco, including passive smoke.
- **2.** End addictions (such as alcohol, tobacco, sex, drugs, food, gambling, etc.).
- 3. Increase physical activity and limit screen time.
- 4. Reduce exposure to toxins.
- **5.** Reduce prolonged exposure to sunlight and avoid tanning beds.
- 6. Reduce salt, sugar and all processed foods. Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables and whole grains daily. Maintain a proper body weight.
- **7.** Wash hands often and appropriately.

- **8.** Breast feed infants and assure their proper immunizations.
- **9.** Babies are fragile. Refrain from inappropriate forcer to calm or discipline your child.
- **10.** Get sufficient sleep.
- **11.** Brush and floss your teeth.
- 12. Don't drive impaired or distracted.
- **13.** See your physician about disease prevention ideas.
- **14.** Take as few medications as possible and with advice from your physician.

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