

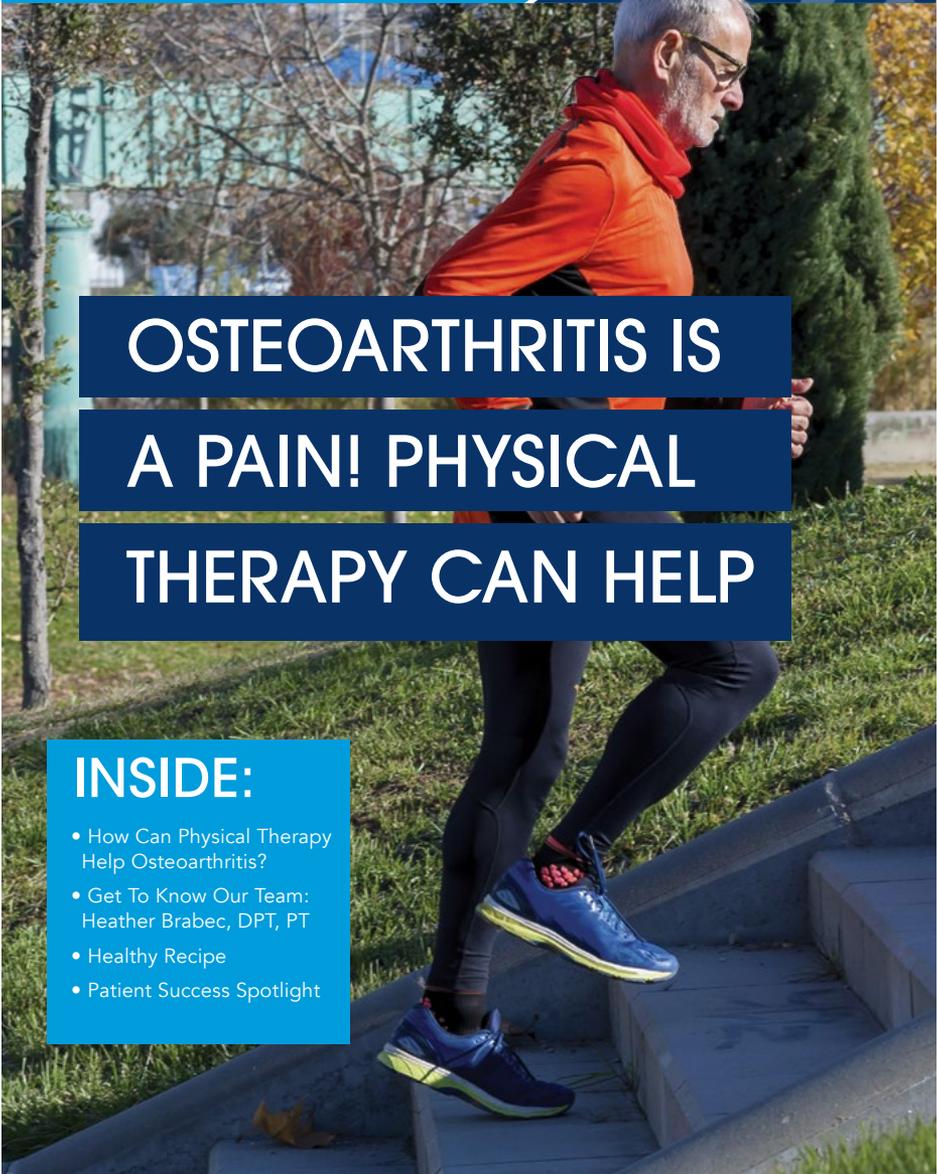
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As we all age, our bodies experience a certain “wear and tear” on cartilage and joints. This can cause inflammation and pain, known as arthritis. According to the American Arthritis Foundation, Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis, making itself apparent in people as they age. It can certainly take a toll on one’s body, resulting in achy or painful joints after exercise, after a long day on one’s feet, or even after longer periods of inactivity, thus causing joints to get stiff over time.

The most commonly affected joints are the fingers, hips, knees, and spine. These are all joints that we use all the time in our daily lives. Just think - by the time you lift yourself out of bed, shower, brush your teeth, eat breakfast, and prepare to begin your day, you’ve already used these joints a multitude of times. Therefore, it isn’t surprising that Osteoarthritis can affect them over time. If you believe you may be experiencing Osteoarthritis, give one of our physical therapists a call today to discuss pain relief.

Why do we experience Osteoarthritis?

While it is true that Osteoarthritis is most common in older folks, it can also occur when younger. Severe joint sprains, weak joints, hypermobility, poor diet, or inactivity all contribute to early onset osteoarthritis.

Your cartilage works hard in protecting your joints by absorbing the shocks that your body experiences on a daily basis when moving around. When joint alignment changes and the muscles around a

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joint weaken, this can cause the cartilage to have to absorb abnormal joint shifting, resulting in cartilage damage. As cartilage wears down, Osteoarthritis becomes a reality.

As Osteoarthritis progresses, symptoms can arise. The most common symptoms are:

- Joint pain.
- Swelling or tenderness in or around the joint(s).
- Pain flare-ups in the joint(s) after use due to inflammation.
- Feeling stiff after a period of sitting or lying down especially when getting up in the morning.
- Crepitus: The “cracking or crunching” feeling when moving the joint(s).

How can Physical Therapy help Osteoarthritis?

The answer is that, while we cannot take away the joint damage, as shown on your x-ray or MRI. We can, by improving the strength, stability and flexibility, reduce the movement stress on the affected joint. This most typically results in significant improvements of function, and pain relief.

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HOW CAN PHYSICAL THERAPY HELP OSTEOARTHRITIS?

According to the American Occupational Therapy Association, 1 in 5 adults are diagnosed with arthritis annually. Physical Therapy is the most common treatment for Osteoarthritis, usually helping with the relief of joint pain in just a few sessions.

If you have arthritis, don't fret - there is hope! While anti-inflammatory and pain medications will help for the time being, they are very much a short-term solution. Physical therapy can help in actually strengthening your joints and muscles once again, allowing for a much healthier and long-term pain relief solution.

Our physical therapists are trained to help you with joint alignment, stability, muscle regeneration, and most importantly, pain relief. They are dedicated to helping you get back to your normal levels of mobility. Don't settle for a life of aches and pains - physical therapy can get you back on your feet and doing the activities you used to love!

If you are suffering from Osteoarthritis, give us a call today – we can get you back to living your best, most pain-free life.



Sources: [https://www.aota.org/~media/Corporate/Files/AboutOT/Professionals/WhatsOT/PA/Facts/Arthritis%20fact%20sheet.pdf](https://www.aota.org/~/media/Corporate/Files/AboutOT/Professionals/WhatsOT/PA/Facts/Arthritis%20fact%20sheet.pdf)
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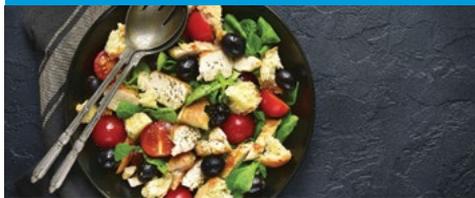


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MEDITERRANEAN CHICKEN SALAD



INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2 tbsp snipped fresh mint
- 2 tbsp snipped fresh basil
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp honey
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- 5 cups shredded romaine lettuce
- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken breast
- 2 plum tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 (15 oz) can garbanzo beans
- 2 tbsp pitted Kalamata olives
- 2 tbsp crumbled reduced-fat feta cheese
- 6 Whole kalamata olives

DIRECTIONS

In a screw-top jar, combine lemon juice, mint, basil, olive oil, honey, and black pepper to make dressing. Cover and shake well. Place lettuce on a large platter. Top with chicken, tomatoes, garbanzo beans, the quartered olives (if using), and feta cheese. Drizzle with dressing. If desired, garnish individual servings with whole olives.

GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM: HEATHER BRABEC, DPT, PT



Dr. Heather Brabec received her BA in Biology from Ave Maria University in 2014. She completed her graduate studies at the University of New England where she earned her Clinical Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy in 2017.

Heather is passionate about utilizing her education and her talents, to provide personalized high quality Physical Therapy to patients of all ages. Everyone has a goal to work towards and that goal, your goal, is her rehabilitation target.

Her clinical expertise includes Balance and Vestibular Disorders, Pelvic Health, Geriatrics, and Orthopedics. She is a recognized clinical specialist in vestibular rehabilitation and pelvic floor rehabilitation.

Outside of work, Heather enjoys being with her friends, spending time training for marathons, cycling on her Peloton, kayaking and doing cooking awesome vegan meals.

Patient Success Spotlight



All of the staff were extremely pleasant!

"I was a little concerned about doing PT due to COVID-19. However, I was pleasantly surprised with Temperature checks and hand sanitizer. The staff and patients wore masks, there was social distancing of patients, and the equipment was cleaned after each use. All of the staff were extremely pleasant. Therapists were caring and extremely knowledgeable. I highly recommend this facility." - S.F.

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