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When Are Dental X-Rays Necessary?

Are dental x-rays dangerous? Is once a year too often? Should you make a risk-benefit analysis next time you're in the dentist's office? A new study conducted by researchers at Yale University has found an association between dental x-rays . . . → Read More: When Are Dental X-Rays Necessary?



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President Barack Obama has proclaimed November as National Family Caregivers Month, a time to recognize and appreciate family caregivers

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- High Blood Pressure
- Parkinson's Disease
- Skin Cancers
- Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

and shine a light on the crucial role they play in caring for our nation's seniors and those with chronic . . . → Read More: National Family Caregivers Month Highlights the Crucial Role of Family Caregivers



US Govt Does More than Honor Veterans for Veterans Day

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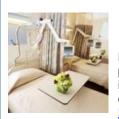
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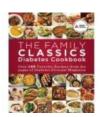
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Wellness: Diet, Exercise, Hygiene & Healthy Living



Everyone May Benefit from Diabetes-Friendly Recipes at Thanksgiving

As part of its national observation of Diabetes Awareness Month this November, the American Diabetes Association has published a new Family Classics Diabetes Cookbook with diabetes-friendly recipes, which it says can benefit everyone this Thanksgiving — whether you have . . . → Read More: Everyone May Benefit from Diabetes-Friendly Recipes at

Thanksgiving



Have a Healthy Thanksgiving Without Eating Like a Pilgrim

By Deane Alban The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the early settlers with help from the Native Americans as a way to offer thanks for their surviving another brutal year. They constantly lived with the uncertainty that there would $\ldots \to \mathsf{Read}$ More: Have a Healthy

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Smoke-Free Workplace Laws Linked to Lower Incidence of Heart Attacks

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Healthy Aging/ Stories of Inspiring Seniors



Caregiving for a Dear Friend with Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS): Part II of a Hope-Inspiring Story

Contributed By Shirley A. Woods EDITOR'S NOTE: In a previous post, our dear friend Jackie Barber told the inspiring story of how she is overcoming the dreaded Guillain Barre Syndrome (GBS) that eighteen months ago left her completely paralyzed . . . \rightarrow Read More: <u>Caregiving for a Dear Friend</u>

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Still Driving – Safely – at 100 Years Old

100 Year Old Suzie Dixon of the UK is still driving her own car at age 100. She started driving a 1920's "Bull Nose Morris" car in the early 1930's, and she has been driving ever since — over . . . → Read More: Still Driving — Safely — at 100 Years Old



90-Year-Old Triathlete

90-Year-Old Charlie Futrell was believed to be the oldest person to finish a USA Triathlon-sanctioned race. He finished more than 120 triathlons and

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Parkinson Foundation Offers Free Webcast on Young Onset Parkinson's – Nov. 17

The National Parkinson Foundation has announced that its Midwest Young Onset Parkinson's Conference will take place November 16-17, 2012 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and will include a free Webcast open to the public on November 17 – starting at 8:00 . . . → Read More: Parkinson Foundation

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Other Medical News & Resources



Avoid Unnecessary Medical Tests That Involve Exposure to Radiation

Originally published January 6, 2011; Updated November 28, 2012 A study funded by the National Institute of Aging and published in the New England Journal of Medicine, shows that 66% of Americans underwent medical testing involving exposure to radiation . . .

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