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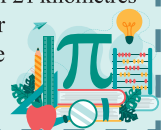


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# Ten Tips for Dealing with Parental Estrangement

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | [info@nancybergeron.ca](mailto:info@nancybergeron.ca)



Parental estrangement is emotional and physical distancing between a parent/s and their adult child, resulting in a strained or severed relationship. It can be triggered by various factors such as disagreements, misunderstandings, differing values, or more serious issues like emotional or physical neglect or abuse. The reasons behind parental estrangement are complex, and individuals may choose to distance themselves from a parent for their own wellbeing. The experience is emotionally challenging for both the parent/s and the adult child involved.

The following are tips which offer help for either person of the estrangement:

- 1. Acknowledge Your Feelings:** Accept and validate your emotions. Feelings of loss, anger, and confusion are valid responses to the situation.
- 2. Build A Support Network:** Surround yourself with friends or support groups who can offer understanding and encouragement.
- 3. Establish Healthy Boundaries:** Clearly communicate and enforce boundaries that protect your emotional wellbeing.
- 4. Practice Self-Compassion:** Be kind to yourself and avoid self-blame. Estrangement is a complex situation.
- 5. Focus On Personal Growth:** Use the experience as an opportunity for self-discovery and personal development.
- 6. Journaling:** Write down your thoughts and feelings to gain clarity and process your emotions.
- 7. Engage In Activities You Enjoy:** Invest time in hobbies and activities that bring you joy and fulfilment.
- 8. Explore Forgiveness:** Consider forgiveness as a personal process, recognizing that it doesn't necessarily mean reconciliation.
- 9. Give It Time:** Healing from parental estrangement is a gradual process. Be patient with yourself and the situation.
- 10. Seek Professional Help:** Consider therapy to help navigate and express the complex emotions that come with parental estrangement. Therapists can teach effective communication skills to navigate difficult conversations if your child wants to talk. Therapy offers a chance to explore the root causes of the estrangement, helping individuals gain insight into their own contribution to the misunderstanding. Therapists will teach you healthy coping strategies to manage emotions. Finally, therapy can help you understand, create, and enforce healthy boundaries for the repaired relationship moving forward.

Therapy is a personalized journey, and the specific benefits can vary depending on individual circumstances and goals. Remember, there is help and hope.





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In World War I, Canadian soldier Harry Colebourn adopted a black bear cub, Winnipeg (Winnie). Donated to the London Zoo in 1914, Winnie captured the heart of Christopher Robin Milne. He named his teddy bear after her, inspiring A. A. Milne's creation of the timeless Winnie the Pooh stories. The rest is cuddly, whimsical history!



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## Get Ready to Spring Forward

DST kicks in on March 10 at 02:00 am! And yes, it's 'Daylight Saving Time' but we won't judge if you say 'savings' as it has become a popular variant in conversations. However, the perfectionists out there will likely remind you that the dictionary says the word saving is singular because it refers to saving time.



# Checking in with Anxiety

by Alberta Health Services

It's normal to feel worried or anxious at times within your daily life. Mild to moderate anxiety can help you focus your attention, energy, and motivation. But when these feelings become severe and out of balance, causing you to feel helpless, confused, or very worried, it may be a symptom of an anxiety disorder or a more serious problem such as depression.

Anxiety can cause physical and emotional symptoms. A specific situation or fear can cause some or all of these symptoms for a short time. When the situation passes, the symptoms usually go away.

## What is an Anxiety Disorder?

Anxiety disorders occur when people have both physical and emotional symptoms. These disorders interfere with how a person gets along with others. They also affect daily activities.

Often the cause of anxiety disorders isn't known. Many people who have them say that they've felt nervous and anxious all their lives. This problem can occur at any age. Children who have at least one parent with the diagnosis of depression are more than twice as likely to have an anxiety disorder than other children.

Did you know? Women are twice as likely as men to have problems with anxiety disorders.

Anxiety disorders often occur with other problems, such as:

- Mental health problems, like depression.
- Substance use problems.
- A physical problem, like heart or lung disease. A complete medical checkup may be needed before an anxiety disorder can be diagnosed.

When you have a generalized anxiety disorder, you feel worried and stressed about many everyday events and activities. But it could result in more serious outcomes like panic attacks and phobias.

## What is a Panic Attack?

Panic attacks are sudden feelings of extreme anxiety or an intense fear without a clear cause or when there is no danger. While common, panic attacks sometimes occur in otherwise healthy people. They usually only last a few minutes but can last longer. For some, anxiety can worsen quickly during the attack.

Symptoms include:

- Feeling like you're dying or losing control of yourself.
- Rapid breathing (hyperventilation).
- Numbness or tingling of the hands or lips.
- A racing heart. You may feel dizzy, sweaty, or shaky.
- Trouble breathing, chest pain or tightness, and an irregular heartbeat. These symptoms come on suddenly and without warning.

Sometimes symptoms of a panic attack are so intense that you may fear that you're having a heart attack. Many of the symptoms of a panic attack can occur with other illnesses, such as hyperthyroidism, coronary artery disease, or COPD. A complete medical checkup may be needed before an anxiety disorder can be diagnosed.

People who have repeated unexpected panic attacks and worry about the attacks are said to have a panic disorder.

## What is a Phobia?

Phobias are extreme and irrational fears that interfere with daily life. While phobias are common, they can present as fears that are out of proportion to real danger. Some individuals with severe phobias are unable to control their fears and can occur with other conditions, such as panic disorder or Tourette's disorder.

Most people deal with phobias by avoiding the situation or object that causes them to feel panic. This is called avoidance behaviour. A phobic disorder occurs when the avoidance behaviour becomes so extreme that it interferes with your daily activities.

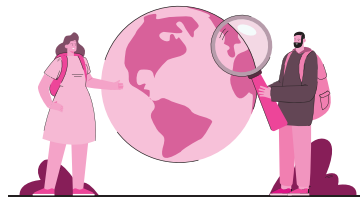
There are three main types of phobic disorders:

- Agoraphobia: fear of being alone or in public places where help might not be available, or escape is impossible.
- Social Phobia: fear of situations where you might be exposed to criticism by others.

## GAMES & PUZZLES

### Guess the Country!

1. Over 80% of this Asian country is mountainous.
2. This European country is also known as The Emerald Isle.
3. Asmara is the capital of this African country.
4. It is mandatory in this South American country to play the national anthem twice on television and radio every day.
5. This Central American country's capital has a rain forest within its city limits, making it the only known one in the world.
6. This Oceanic country, known for its 7s rugby team, is composed of over 300 islands.



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## BRAIN GAMES

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- Specific Phobia: fear of specific things.

Phobias can be treated to help reduce feelings of fear and anxiety.

### Paying Attention to Anxiety

Life is full of ups and downs which can cause shifts in your anxiety from time to time. It's important to check in with yourself, finding time each day to take notes or monitor how you are feeling in certain situations. Documenting these moments of anxiety can help you process and work through those issues, but it can also help you determine a baseline. This can help make it clear when things are going well or if you need to check in with your doctor and develop a plan to address your anxiety.

Anxiety can be treated through cognitive-behavioural therapy, relaxation therapy, anxiety reduction classes, medicines, or a combination of methods. Talk to your doctor and ask questions if you think you are struggling with anxiety.



## Spicy Chicken Curry

by Jennifer Puri

Spice it up! Spices improve the natural flavour and appearance of food. There are over 300 spices but the most popular are Black pepper, Mustard, Cumin, Turmeric, Cloves, and Cinnamon.



Spices have been used for centuries for their medicinal and preservative qualities. In addition to their antibacterial and antifungal properties they are also a good source of vitamins, calcium, iron and antioxidants.

Saffron often referred to as “red gold” is the most expensive spice in the world and because of its distinctive yellow colour is used in everything from liquor, cheeses, curries, meat and rice dishes and soups.

Generally used in small amounts spices are probably the easiest way to create a great tasting meal.

**Prep Time:** 15 minutes

**Cook Time:** 40 minutes

**Servings:** 5 to 6

### Ingredients:

- 3 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 2 small onions finely sliced
- ¾ cup Canola oil
- 1 ½ tbsps minced ginger
- 1 ½ tbsps minced garlic
- 3 tbsps curry powder
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 ½ tsps powdered red chilli peppers
- 2 bay leaves
- 1.5 tsps salt
- 1 cup plain yoghurt
- ½ can (398 ml) crushed tomatoes
- 1 ½ cups water
- 1 tsp sugar
- ¾ cup coconut milk
- 1 ½ tsp Garam Masala
- 3 to 4 tbsps chopped cilantro

### Directions:

- Cut chicken breasts into bite size pieces. Heat oil in a large pot or skillet, add onions and sauté until onions are lightly brown. Add ginger and garlic and sauté for a minute then add chicken and continue sautéing until the chicken is no longer pink on the outside about two to four minutes.
- Add curry powder, cumin, turmeric, red chilli peppers and the bay leaves and stir fry for two to three minutes. If the mixture is sticking to the pot sprinkle a little water and reduce heat.
- Next add the yoghurt and blend in followed by the water. Cover the pot and allow the curry to simmer for approximately 15 to 20 minutes or until chicken is tender.
- You can now add the crushed tomatoes, sugar and coconut milk and simmer for two to three minutes.
- Remove the curry from the heat and garnish with garam masala and chopped coriander leaves.
- Serve Spicy Chicken Curry with a tossed salad, steamed rice or naan bread.

Bon Appétit!





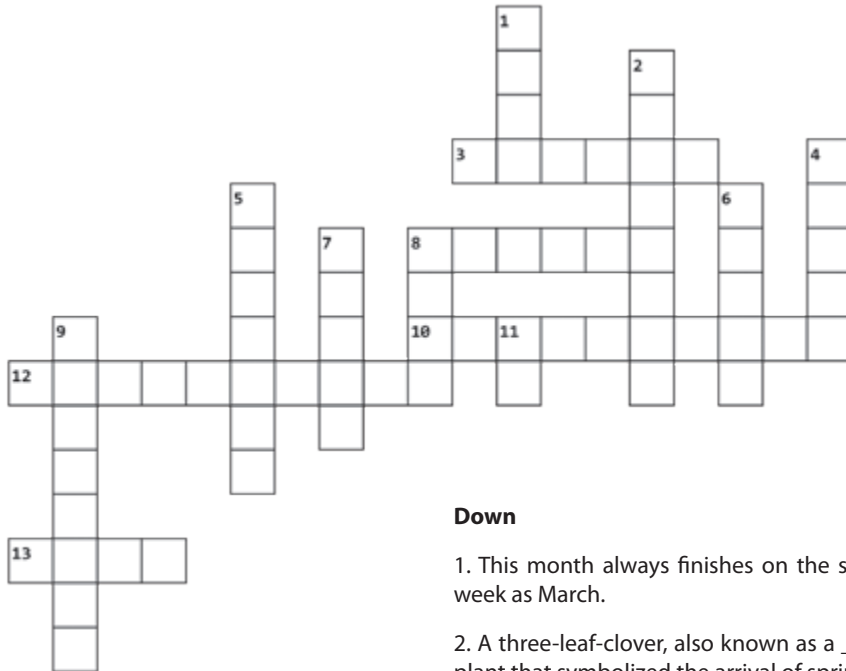
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# March Crossword



## Across

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ Equinox is observed this year on March 19, and is one of only two moments in the year when day and night are almost equal in duration.
8. This Canadian pop sensation, Justin \_\_\_\_\_, was born on March 1, 1994, and turns 30 this year.
10. This mythical creature is often associated with St. Patrick's Day celebrations.
12. March Madness, an annual NCAA college tournament, is associated with this sport.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of March is well-known as the day Julius Caesar was assassinated.

## Down

1. This month always finishes on the same day of the week as March.
2. A three-leaf-clover, also known as a \_\_\_\_\_, is a plant that symbolized the arrival of spring for the Celts.
4. International \_\_\_\_\_'s Day is annually celebrated on March 8, with this year's theme being "inspire inclusion."
5. Now known as X, this social media platform was first introduced on March 21, 2006, in San Francisco.
6. This novel, *Cloud* \_\_\_\_\_ by David Mitchell was released in March 2004 and subsequently made into a film starring Tom Hanks, Hugh Grant, and Halle Berry in 2012.
7. March was originally the first month in the ancient \_\_\_\_\_ calendar.
8. Alexander Graham \_\_\_\_\_ made the first telephone call on March 10, 1876.
9. This flower, which symbolizes new beginnings, is the official birth flower for March.
11. Rajveer Meena holds the record for reciting the most digits of this mathematical phenomenon at 70,000 digits.



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**Imponderabilia:** *plural noun*  
(im-pon-der-uh-bil-ee-uh)

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