

# LivingWithIMPN

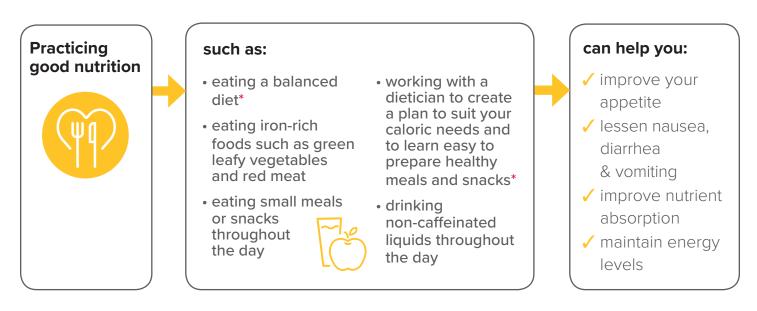
### MANAGING Cancer-Related Fatigue

Cancer-related fatigue (CRF) is a persistent feeling of physical or emotional exhaustion related to cancer or cancer treatment.

#### EXCERISE & NUTRITION may help alleviate general cancer-related fatigue



Note: Before starting an exercise program, always consult with your doctor or nurse practitioner.







#### **TREATMENTS** for cancer-related fatigue

Discuss the following treatment options with your doctor.

### Condition: Treatment: · Add iron-rich foods and vitamins to your diet • Use blood transfusions to alleviate symptoms and make sure you ANEMIA have enough oxygen in your system (low red blood cells) • Try erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESAs)- drugs to treat chemo-related anemia • Cancer medication may be changed or the dosage increased PAIN · Cancer medication dosage may be adjusted Medication **DEPRESSION** Counseling – support groups, stress management training · Both medication and counseling Reduce stress • Increase psychosocial support (counseling, stress management, **PSYCHOSOCIAL** coping strategies) **PROBLEMS** • Cognitive behavioral strategies (progressive muscle relaxation or relaxation breathing)



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