

Tai Chi for Arthritis/Health



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Tai Chi for Arthritis/Health is a 1-hour class led by a trained instructor. Tai Chi is an enjoyable exercise that can relieve your pain, improve your health, and increase your ability to do things. It's easy and fun to learn. Tai Chi consists of slow continuous whole-body movements, strung together in a form. Like dance, the movements are learned and follow one after the other.

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PROGRAM BENEFITS

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WHAT IS PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS

Participants will learn Tai Chi movements in a fun, non-threatening environment.

RESOURCES

- Tai Chi for Health Institute website:
<https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/programs/tai-chi-for-arthritis>
- Tai Chi for Arthritis and fall prevention;
<https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/tai-chi-for-fall-prevention>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM

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WHY MAKE A REFERRAL?

- Tai Chi for Arthritis/Health is an excellent exercise program for older adults who are at low to moderate fall risk.
- It is a great class for adults who may not be regular exercisers because the small group format is non-threatening, and the moves are easy and fun to learn.

SOURCES

1. Tai Chi for Health Institute program information and research:
<https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/programs/tai-chi-for-arthritis/>
<https://taichiforhealthinstitute.org/tai-chi-for-fall-prevention/>
2. National Council on Aging Tai Chi for Arthritis/Health Program Information:
<https://www.ncoa.org/resources/tai-chi-arthritis-program-information-guidance/>

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