



# Daily Neural Recovery Kit

## Personalized Tools for Pain Relief

The Daily Neural Recovery Kit combines neuroscience, lifestyle medicine, and evidence-based recovery practices to enhance your pain recovery program. Each daily practice builds your capacity for healing and creates new possibilities for tomorrow.



Start with just a few practices that you can consistently maintain, allowing them to become habits before adding more. This focused approach helps build lasting success in your recovery journey.

This kit is designed to be used daily, helping you track your progress and build healthy recovery practices.



**Remember: You are more than your diagnosis. Your path forward is shaped by each step you take today, not defined by past medical experiences. Every small action you choose builds toward your recovery and renewal.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Morning Connection (Upon Waking)

1. Three uplifting memories from your life:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.



2. Today's chosen music for morning stretches:



3. Gentle movements completed (check which feels possible today):

- a  Finger movements
- b  Wrist rotations
- c  Ankle circles
- d  Deep breathing with belly movement
- e  Other:

### Nourishing Your Body (Upon Waking)

4. Water intake started at (time): \_\_\_\_\_

5. One healthy choice I'll make today:

6. Morning nourishment  
What I ate:

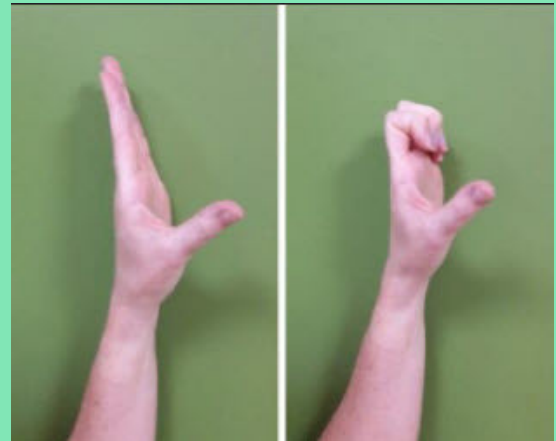
How it made me feel:

7. Mid-day nourishment  
What I ate:

How it made me feel:

8. Evening nourishment:  
What I ate:

How it made me feel:



## Sensory Engagement for Neuroplasticity (Early Mid-Morning)

### 9. Visual Exploration:

- a  Track shadows moving across the room (2-3 minutes)
- b  Follow a piece of dust floating in sunlight
- c  Study the patterns in fabric or ceiling texture
- d  Watch clouds through window (if visible)
- e  Focus on a photo, noting new details
- f  Observe color changes in natural light

Observations:



### 10. Auditory Awareness:

- a  Listen to instrumental music, follow one instrument
- b  Identify 3 distant sounds, 2 middle-distance, 1 close
- c  Notice the silence between sounds
- d  Listen to rainfall or nature sounds
- e  Focus on rhythm in music or environmental sounds
- f  Track moving sounds (cars passing, birds flying)

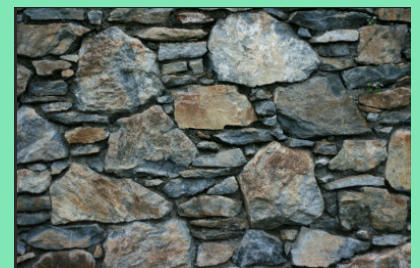
What I heard:



### 11. Tactile Exploration:

- a  Compare textures of 3 different fabrics
- b  Notice temperature changes on skin
- c  Feel air movement from breathing/fan
- d  Experience different pressures (light touch vs firm)
- e  Roll something smooth then something rough in hand
- f  Compare left vs right side sensations

Sensations noticed:



## 12. Proprioception (Body Awareness):

- a  Notice position of fingers without looking
- b  Feel weight of blanket on different body parts
- c  Sense contact points with bed/chair
- d  Aware of head position on pillow
- e  Focus on muscle tension/relaxation

Body awareness insights:



## 13. Gentle Exploration of Smell/Taste:

(Explore only if these senses are comfortable for you today)

- a  Notice subtle natural scents (fresh air, plants)
- b  Compare morning vs afternoon air
- c  Experience temperature differences in drinks
- d  Notice how hunger affects taste
- e  Other safe exploration:



### Optional Smell/Taste (if appropriate):

If you choose to explore these senses:

14. What did you notice?

15. How did your body respond?

16. What felt comfortable/uncomfortable?

## 17. Cross-Sensory Integration: Choose one:

- a  Feel fabric texture while listening to music
- b  Watch moving shadows while feeling air temperature
- c  Listen to nature sounds while looking at a nature photo
- d  Touch different textures with eyes open, then closed
- e  Other combination:



Describe the experience in detail:

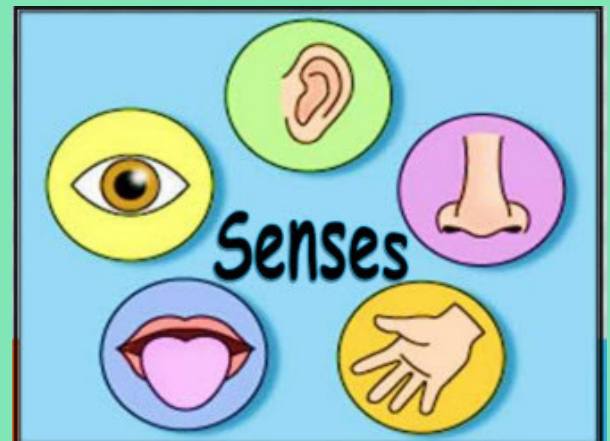
## 18. Sensory Memory Exercise:

Recall a pleasant sensory memory:

Type of memory:

- a  Visual
- b  Sound
- c  Touch
- d  Smell
- e  Taste

Description:



Current feelings while remembering:

### Neuroplasticity Notes:

19. Today's most vivid sensation:

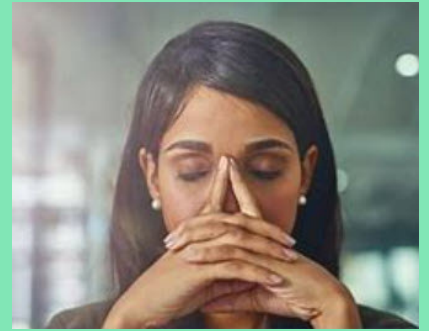
20. New sensory detail I noticed:

21. Sensation I'd like to explore more:

22. Comfort level during exercises (1-5):

## Mind & Spirit Nourishment (Late Mid-Morning)

- 23.** Thought Awareness & Acceptance Practice: Notice if you're carrying any difficult thoughts today about:
- a  Past medical experiences
  - b  Relationship changes
  - c  Work/career changes
  - d  Daily challenges
  - e  Other:



### Choose one thought to work with:

- 24.** Acknowledgement Practice (choose one):
- "This is where I am today, and I can hold space for that"
  - "My past experiences are part of my story, not my whole story"
  - "I acknowledge these feelings without needing to change them"
  - "I can feel this and still move forward"
  - Your own words:

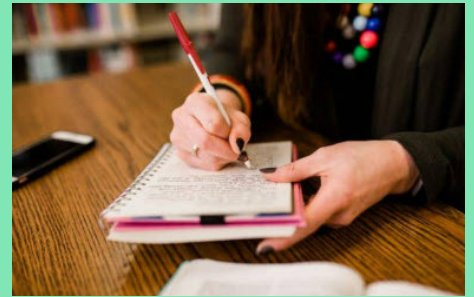
- 25.** Redirect Focus: One thing I can influence right now:

- 26.** One small action I can take today:

- 27.** One strength I'm discovering:

**28. Present Moment Check (choose 1-2):**

- a  Notice 5 things you can see right now
- b  Find 3 things you're curious about
- c  Identify 2 choices you can make today
- d  Name 1 way you've grown stronger



**Today's Growth: A new way of looking at things:**

**29.** A difficulty I'm learning to accept:

**30.** A small step forward I've taken:

**31.** Wisdom Gained: Something I understand better now:

**32.** A new skill I'm developing:

**33.** Today I read/listened to:

**34.** One interesting thing I learned:

**35.** One question it made me wonder about:

**36. Stress relief activity chosen today:**

- a  Deep breathing
- b  Visualization
- c  Gentle music
- d  Other:



## 37. Creative Expression (Late Morning)

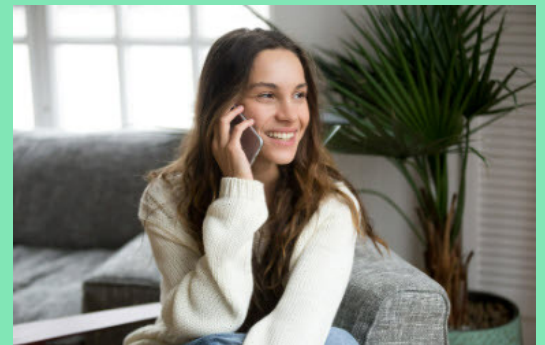
Choose one:

- a  Describe a peaceful scene in detail
- b  Create a short story using these three words: sun, water, breeze
- c  Design something in your mind and describe it
- d  Other creative activity:

Your creation space:

## Social Connection (Afternoon)

- 38. Person I connected with today:
- 39. Type of connection (text, call, visit):
- 40. One thing this connection added to my day:
- 41. Tomorrow I'd like to connect with:
- 42. Meaningful Social Media Engagement:
- 43. Platform chosen today:





**44. Positive interaction (choose one):**

Shared knowledge/experience in a support group

- a  Contributed to a discussion about a shared interest
- b  Connected with someone facing similar challenges
- c  Offered encouragement to others
- d  Participated in a creative community
- e  Joined a virtual event or livestream
- f  Other:



**45. What I gained from this interaction:**

**46. New connection made today (if any):**

**47. Topic I'd like to explore/discuss tomorrow:**

**Restorative Rest Check-In**

Morning Sleep Review (Rate 1-5):

- 1 = Very restless, no restoration
- 2 = Frequent disruptions
- 3 = Some rest achieved
- 4 = Generally restorative
- 5 = Deeply restorative

**48. Overall sleep quality: \_\_\_**

**49. Ease of falling asleep: \_\_\_**

**50. How refreshed upon waking: \_\_\_**

**51. What supported morning rest:**

- a  Room temperature
- b  Lighting level
- c  Comfort of bedding
- d  Position adjustments
- e  White noise/silence
- f  Other:



**Afternoon Rest Period (Rate 1-5):**

- 1 = Mind racing, body tense
- 2 = Slightly relaxed
- 3 = Moderately peaceful
- 4 = Significantly restored
- 5 = Deeply peaceful

**52.** Rest quality: \_\_\_

**53.** Ability to relax: \_\_\_

**54.** Mental quietness: \_\_\_

**55. What supported afternoon rest:**

- a  Timing of rest
- b  Environmental comfort
- c  Pre-rest routine
- d  Breathing practice
- e  Guided relaxation
- f  Other:



**56. Today's Rest Victories:**

**57. Tomorrow's Rest Goals:**

- a  Earlier rest time
- b  Different position
- c  New relaxation technique
- d  Environmental adjustment
- e  Other:

**58. Notes for better rest tomorrow:**

## Evening Reflection

**59.** Today's nutrition choices I feel good about:

**60.** Movement victories today (any movement counts):

**61.** Three things that went well today:

1.

2.

3.

**62. Today's Recovery Progress**

Time when I felt most capable today:

a  Morning

b  Afternoon

c  Evening

**63. What supported my wellbeing today? (Check all that apply)**

a  Movement/stretching

b  Sensory awareness

c  Mindfulness practice

d  Social connection

e  Creative activity

f  Rest/relaxation

g  Healthy eating

h  Other:



**64.** One moment I handled well today:

**65.** A strategy that helped me cope today:



**66.** Something I learned about myself today:

**67.** Tomorrow I'd like to:

- a  Try something new:
- b  Do more of what worked:
- c  Adjust what didn't work:

**68. Daily Wellness Achievements (Check what you accomplished)**

- a  Morning reflection
- b  Hydration started early
- c  Nourishing food choices
- d  Music session
- e  Any gentle movement
- f  Sensory engagement activity
- g  Creative activity
- h  Connected with someone
- i  Learned something new
- j  Made one environment adjustment for comfort
- k  Practiced stress relief
- l  Quality rest
- m  Evening reflection

**69. Tomorrow's Intention**  
I look forward to:

**70.** One small step I'll take:



**Remember:**

- **This kit is a flexible tool to support your recovery**
- **Adapt its use to fit your needs and energy levels each day**
- **Every small step builds your recovery journey**
- **You don't need to complete everything on this worksheet**
- **Any entry is a victory**
- **Focus on what you CAN do today**
- **Progress isn't always visible day to day**
- **Small consistent actions create lasting change**

