

Openings and Closings to Boost Your "Feel Good" Chemicals

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Your Bodies Hormones

- Hormones are chemicals produced by different glands across your body. They travel through the bloodstream, acting as messengers and playing a part in many bodily processes.
- One of these important functions? Helping regulate your mood.
- Certain hormones are known to help promote positive feelings, including happiness and pleasure.

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THE CHEMICALS THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY

SEROTONIN

MOOD STABILIZER MORE SENSITIVE TO DIET THAN ANY OTHER NEUROTRANSMITTER

THE "REWARD" CHEMICAL

RELEASED DURING PLEASURABLE SITUATIONS

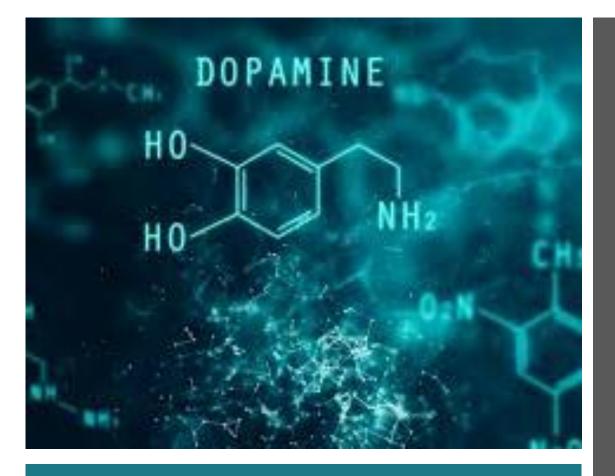
OXYTOCIN - ENDORPHIN

THE "LOVE" HORMONE RELEASED DURING SEX, CHILDBIRTH AND LACTATION

WORKS AS A PAIN-KILLER RELEASED AFTER EXERCISE

Happy Hormones

- Dopamine
- Serotonin
- Oxytocin
- Endorphins



Dopamine

 Getting enough sleep, exercising, listening to music, meditating and spending time in the sun can all boost dopamine levels.



- Loving Kindness Meditation
- Body scan or progressive relaxation
- Mindfulness Meditation
- Breath Awareness
- Kundalini Yoga

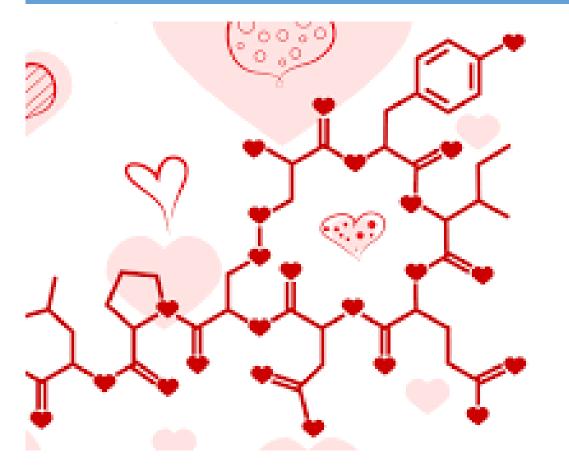
Meditation



Seratonin

 The four ways to boost serotonin activity are sunlight, massage, exercise, and remembering happy events.

Oxytocin



- Listen with your eyes
- Give a gift
- Share a meal
- Meditate while focusing on others
- Soak in a hot tub
- Hug somebody for 20 seconds
- Pet a dog
- Use the "L" word
- Tell someone how much you care



Endorphins

- Exercise
- Dark chocolate
- Drink wine
- Giving
- Have sex
- Get a massage
- Meditate
- Laugh
- Affirmations



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