## **Crisis Response Training**

**Providing Support for Health Care Staff In Crisis Situations** 

**Topic:** Positive Self Talk in the Workplace

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## **Objectives**

- Introduction
- What is Self Talk?
- What is Positive Self Talk?
- What is Negative Self Talk?
- How To Apply Positive Self Talk at Work



## What is Self Talk?

- Your inner voice
- The running commentary always going on in the background
- Ongoing internal conversation with ourselves, which influences how we feel and behave



# What is Positive Self Talk?

Your inner monologue that encourages you to

- Look at the bright side
- Pick yourself up when you fall
- Recognize when you fail



## Why is this Important?

- It affects how you feel about yourself
- It influences your decisions, health and behavior

Positive self-talk allows you to look at the bright side and encourage yourself



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## Why is it Good for you?

Positive self-talk comes with many health benefits

- Increased vitality
- Greater life satisfaction
- Improved immune function
- Reduced pain
- Better physical well-being
- Less stress and distress



## **Negative Self Talk**

- Negative self-talk makes you feel bad about yourself and your overall life
- Negative self-talk encourages misery and can even impact recovery from physical and mental health difficulties



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## **Common Forms of Negative Self Talk**

- Filtering. You magnify the negative aspects of a situation and filter out all of the positive ones
- Personalizing. When something bad occurs, you automatically blame yourself
- Catastrophizing. You automatically anticipate the worst
- Polarizing. You see things only as either good or bad

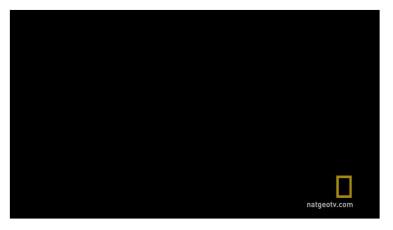




# The Power of Positivity | Brain Games

#### **National Geographic**

See firsthand how positive and negative reinforcement can affect a player's game on the court



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kO1kgl0p-Hw&feature=youtu.be

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## **Change Your Thinking**

- You can learn to turn negative thinking into positive thinking
- The process does take time and practice
- You're creating a new habit
- Here are some ways to think and behave in a more positive and optimistic way



## **How To Manage Self Talk**

- Do it consciously and intentionally
- Interrupting the negative
- Reframe by substituting the negative with hopeful and accurate
- Repeat consistently



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## **Improve Self Talk**

- Identify areas to change
- Check yourself (self awareness)
- Be open to humor
- Follow a healthy lifestyle
- Surround yourself with positive people
- Practice positive self-talk



## **Improve Self Talk**

- Mantras & Affirmations
- Visualization
- Environments
- Self-Other Comparisons
- Avoid Minimization of the Positive



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**Negative Self Talk** 

#### **Positive Self Talk**

Negative Self Talk	Positive Self Talk
I've never done it before	Here's an opportunity to learn something
	new
It's too complicated	I am resourceful and capable
I don't have the resources	Necessity is the mother of invention
I'm too lazy to get this done	I wasn't able to fit it into my schedule, but
	I can re-examine some priorities
There's no way it will work	How can I make it work?
It's too radical a change	Let's take a chance
No one bothers to communicate with me	I'll see if I can open the channels of
	communication

### **Positive Self-Talk Results During Pandemic**

Positive Self-Talk opens the door for innovation. Consider NYC Health + Hospitals during the pandemic

- Expansion in use of technology
- Creative solution approach ex: Use of hotels as quarantine station and temporary Hospitals
- Initiatives and hard work resulting in numerous awards and recognition ex: Community Care, Post Acute, Nursing, Medicine, Administration, Employees at Elmhurst as Glamour Women of the year and more



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### Conclusion

Your self talk is a reflection on how you view yourself. Therefore

- Be Kind
- Be Compassionate
- Be Understanding
- Be Openminded
- Be Gracious
- Believe in yourself



## HEALTH+ HOSPITALS Conclusion

Never forget how far you've come. Everything you have gotten through. All the times you have pushed on even when you felt you couldn't. All the mornings you got out of bed no matter how hard it was. All the times you wanted to give up but you got through another day. Never forget how much strength you have learned and developed.

Edward F. T. Charfauros



## Resources From NYC Health + Hospitals



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To request emotional or psychological support, go to: http://hhcinsider.nychhc.org/sites/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-19.aspx

For more resources, please visit colleague Resource Center at: http://hhcinsider.nychhc.org/corpoffices/erc/Pages/Index.aspx







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