

### $\left( \right)$ MICHAEL & SUSAN DELL CENTER for HEALTHY LIVING



## ACTIVE

Workspace

#### Take a Break:

- For every one-hour of sitting you do, take a 1-2 minute break to walk around, jog in place, or do jumping jacks.
- . Instead of getting coffee to keep you alert, take a 10-minute stroll around the block or up & down the stairs.

#### **Grab Lunch:**

Rather than getting your food delivered to your desk, take a quick stroll to a nearby restaurant. Make maps of nearby restaurants in your area for employees to use.

#### Skip the Elevator:

- Jump-start your day by opting to take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- If going up the entire flight of stairs is too much, try getting off at an earlier floor and walking the rest of the way.

MEETING

Meetings

#### Stand Up:

During meetings choose to stand rather than sit. For longer meetings, alternate between standing and sitting.

#### **Meeting Musical Chairs:**

Every 20 minutes or so everyone should get up to switch chairs with someone.

#### **Day Long Meetings:**

For daylong meetings, aim to provide an active break for every 2 hours of the meeting, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

#### **Host Walking Meetings:**

Instead of having sit down one on one meetings, have a walking meeting around the building.

#### **Active Ice Breaker**

Provide icebreakers or meeting activities that provide opportunities for movement.

# GUIDE



#### **Active Applause:**

Put an active spin on applause by standing up and clapping every time applause is needed.

#### **Choose Further Parking Spots:**

Instead of parking as close as possible to the conference area, park a little further to increase walking distance.

#### **Conference Planning:**

Build in physical opportunities during the morning and afternoon conference sessions.

#### Stretching:

- After a long day of conferences, lead everyone in a long stretch of all body parts.
- Do yoga stretches before or after conference talks.

#### **Choose Hotel Wisely:**

Choose a hotel that is within walking distance of the conference. If possible, choose one that has a fitness center.

#### Walk Around

During breaks, take a walk around the conference area.

UT Health MICHAEL & SUSAN DELL CENTER for HEALTHY LIVING www.msdcenter.org

The University of Texas **School of Public Health**