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# Care for Your Aging Loved Ones.



They raised you well. Now you want to return the favor. Take a few moments to learn how to care for your aging loved ones.

## **Covering the Needs**

**Care for aging loved ones** covers a lot of ground.

Day-to-Day Life. Your loved one may need help cooking, cleaning, remembering to take medication and performing other daily activities.

**Finances.** Aging is expensive. Look into programs to lighten the financial burden.

**Living Situation.** Wherever your aging parent lives, you want it to be comfortable and safe.



### **Remember Yourself**

Providing ongoing care can lead to burnout. Avoid burning out with these tips.

> **Recognize stress sources and symptoms.** Then reduce stressors and increase

stress-relieving activities.

#### Set a simple personal goal.

Plan to walk 10 minutes a day or make an appointment for your annual check-up.

#### Write things down.

You have a lot of responsibilities and questions. Don't expect to remember them all. Grab a pen and paper and write them down.

### Reach Out

### You don't have to do all the caregiving on your own.

Ask family and friends to sit with loved ones, run errands or do other tasks to lighten your load.

**Contact Weill Cornell Medicine's Geriatric** and Palliative Care program for expert medical assistance.

Talk with a counselor or advisor when you feel burnout building up on you.



Learn more at: weillcornell.org/services/geriatrics-and-palliative-medicine

