The Impact of Lifestyle

Making Healthier Choices for a Better Future

Part 4: The OptiHealth Model Worksheet

My Past, Present, and Futures

Knowing the low cost and high return of a healthy lifestyle, are you willing to make therapeutic lifestyle changes in order to achieve and maintain optimal health? Yes - No - Maybe

INSTRUCTIONS

Using the "My Life Graph" worksheet and 3 colored pens (black, red, blue), plot your Life Courses as explained below.

1. Your Present Position - using a BLACK pen:

- Mark your current **Age** in years along the **Quantity Scale** along the bottom.
- Mark your current Health Status (% of Potential) along the Quality Scale on the left-hand side.
- Place a large "Dot" in the Life Graph area where the two side-marks would intersect.

2. Your Past Life Course - using a BLACK pen:

- Plot your **Health Status** with small "dots" at **5**-year increments going **backwards** from your present position to your **Birth**.
- Then, **connect** the dots.
- 3. Your <u>Probable</u> Future Life Course using a RED pen:
 - If you were to continue your **current** lifestyle...
 - Mark your probable Age in years at Death along the Quantity Scale along the bottom.
 - Plot your probable **Health Status** with small "dots" at **5**-year increments going **forward** from your present position to your probable Age at **Death**.
 - Then, **connect** the dots.
- 4. Your <u>Potential</u> Future Life Course using a Blue pen:
 - If you were to develop an "optimal" lifestyle...
 - Mark your potential **Age** in years at Death along the **Quantity Scale** at the bottom.
 - Plot your potential **Health Status** with small "dots" at **5**-year increments going **forward** from your present position to your potential Age at **Death**.
 - Then, **connect** the dots.

Optional: Color the **area** of the graph **between** your probable and your potential life courses light green using a colored pencil.

QUESTIONS

1. Considering your options for your Future life course, which future do you choose?

____ Your Probable Future Life Course

____ Your Potential Future Life Course

2. Would it be "worth the effort" to **change** your lifestyle? (Costs/Benefits Analysis) Yes No

Costs:

Benefits:

3. When would be the best time to start developing a healthier lifestyle?

-- YOUR "optimal lifestyle" for YOUR optimal health and life!

Date:_