# Shiatsu for Winter Wellness



Shiatsu based self-help practices can empower us to feel more in control of our health and life conditions. Using the simple practices below, or having a treatment from a professional practitioner, can help support your health.

Shiatsu touch and allied practices can be learned and practiced by anyone and shared with loved ones as a form of self-care.

From early December to the end of January the Shiatsu Society is releasing themed guides for your 'wellness survival kit' to support you and your family through the winter months.

#### What is Shiatsu?



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#touchforlife

Shiatsu touch is caring, compassionate, nourishing, respectful. It affects the body, mind and emotions.

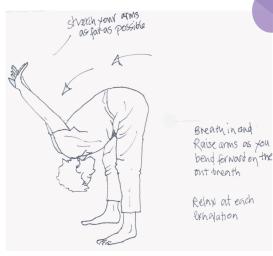
# Points and Practices for colds, immunity and respiratory health



#### Seasonal nutrition

Soup is an excellent immunity booster for this time of year. Include root vegetables, some slices of fresh ginger and a little miso at the end of cooking for flavour, extra minerals and beneficial gut bacteria. Stews and roast vegetables help to keep you warm and nourished. A slice of ginger in your tea helps to fight off the bugs too.

#### Stretch



The images show points you can gently press to bring relief from specific symptoms, or support body and mind as required.

# **Activity**

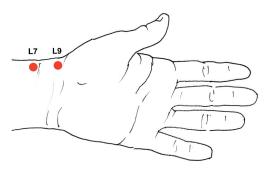
Breathing through your nose helps immunity by filtering out dust, viruses and bacteria. Long slow breaths help the part of the nervous system dedicated to resting, digesting food and repairing the body. Go for a walk while breathing through your nose, with your tongue on the roof of your mouth, your lips lightly together and your teeth apart.

## **Acupressure**

Guidance: Find the point, press as you breathe out, feel for warmth or tingling, and hold as long as it feels good. Press the points on both sides of the body.



LI20: nasal congestion, loss of sense of smell



L7: start of a cough, cold, runny nose L9: chronic cough, cold hands, chilblains



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