

# HOW **STRESS** AFFECTS THE BODY

## **BRAIN**

Difficulty concentrating, anxiety, depression, irritability, mood, mind fog

## **CARDIOVASCULAR**

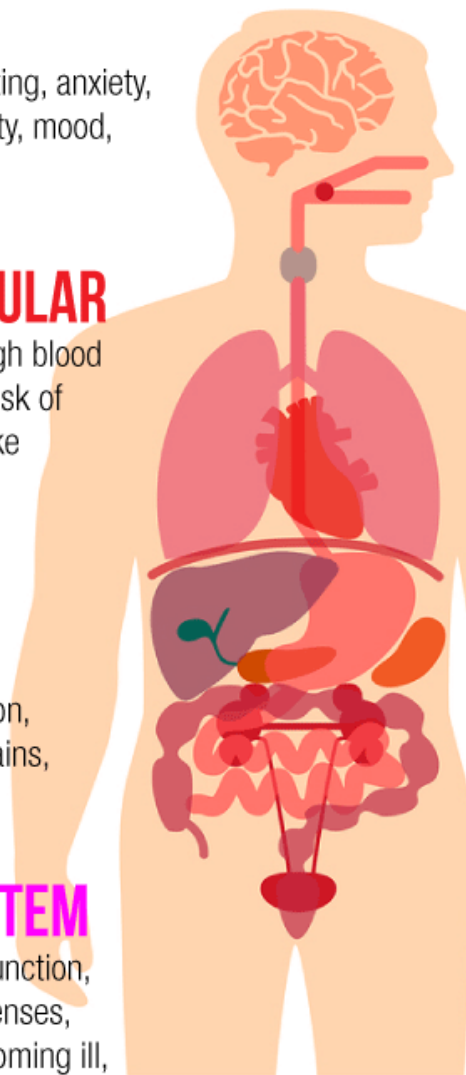
higher cholesterol, high blood pressure, increased risk of heart attack and stroke

## **JOINTS AND MUSCLES**

increased inflammation, tension, aches and pains, muscle tightness

## **IMMUNE SYSTEM**

decreased immune function, lowered immune defenses, increased risk of becoming ill, increase in recovery time



## **SKIN**

hair loss, dull/brittle hair, brittle nails, dry skin, acne, delayed tissue repair

## **GUT**

nutrient absorption, diarrhea, constipation, indigestion, bloating, pain and discomfort

## **REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM**

decreased hormone production, decrease in libido, increase in PMS symptoms