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The air feels crisp and chilly as the season settles in, and before we know it, the year is drawing to a close. December is always a busy time, and with it also comes the increased risk of seasonal illnesses. Please take extra care to stay healthy during this bustling month.

As we approach the New Year, the long holiday break begins. With it comes the temptation to stay up late and let daily routines slip. To maintain good health and energy, we encourage everyone to stick to healthy habits like going to bed early, waking up early, and having a nutritious breakfast. We look forward to seeing everyone return after the break, refreshed and ready for the year ahead! 😊



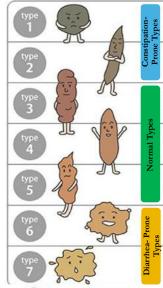
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Digestive Health Tips: Understanding Stool Types

As we enter the season when stomach bugs and gastroenteritis are more common, it's helpful to pay attention to stool health. Did you know stools are classified into seven types? Here's a quick overview:



Hard, pellet-like stool:

Small, hard lumps similar to rabbit droppings.

Firm stool: Sausage-shaped but very hard.

Slightly firm stool: Sausage-shaped with visible cracks on the surface. **Normal Stool** Smooth and soft, resembling a sausage or a

coiled snake.

Slight Soft Stool Soft, semi-solid with clear ridges.

Mushv Stool Loose and unformed with an irregular shape.

Watery Stool Liquid with little to no solid material.

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080808080808080808080 **Preparing for Emergencies During the Year-End** and New Year Holidays

Most hospitals and clinics are closed during the year-end and New Year holidays. To prepare for unexpected illnesses or injuries, it's important to:

- Confirm the operating hours of your regular clinic and identify nearby emergency hospitals in advance.
- If traveling to your hometown or another location, research local emergency hospitals ahead of time for added peace of mind.
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Pediatric Emergency Telephone Consultation

As we approach winter, the demand for influenza vaccines is expected to remain high this year.

To ensure a smooth recovery after vaccination, please keep the following in mind:

- Avoid strenuous physical activities.
- Do not rub or apply pressure to the injected * part.
- Whenever possible, avoid scheduling vaccinations immediately before attending school or daycare.

Constipation: Typically defined as having no bowel movement for three days or more. However, even daily bowel movements can signal constipation if they feel incomplete or cause discomfort. Address constipation by focusing on a balanced diet, hydration, and, if needed, using medication or enemas to develop a healthy bowel routine. These interventions are safe and won't lead to long-term dependency.

Diarrhea: Frequent loose stools accompanied by discomfort, abdominal pain, or appetite loss. In children, diarrhea can lead to dehydration and nutritional deficiencies. Instead of anti-diarrheal medications, dietary adjustments are often the recommended treatment.



Poor air quality is caused by factors like exhaled carbon dioxide, bacteria, viruses, and dust particles. To keep the air fresh and healthy, open windows at least once every hour to allow airflow and bring in fresh air.

Simple measures like regular ventilation can make a big difference in creating a safe and comfortable environment!