

Stress Exhaustion Symptoms

Occupational Therapy

Physical	Emotional	Mental	Socio-cultural	Spiritual
↑ heart rate	mood swings	numbness / dulled	hiding	apathy – "I don't care"
↑ blood pressure	anxiety – nervous	senses	withdrawal	loss of meaning
↑ cholesterol levels	laugh, worry	boredom	isolation	loss of direction
↑ respiratory rate/	discouragement	lethargy	loneliness	emptiness
hyperventilation	the 'blues' /	↓ attention	↓ emotional intimacy	cynicism
↑ sweating	depression	↓ concentration	clamming up	need to 'prove' self
↑ urination	crying spells	↓ creativity	nagging	unforgiving
↑ fatigue		\productivity	lashing out	doubt
↓ sex drive	grief	decision-making	intolerance	
↑↓ sleep – nightmares	irritability	↓ problem-solving	mistrust	
↑↓ appetite	short temper / fuse	↓ memory	resentment	
weight changes	frustration	forgetfulness	using people	
↑ substance use	anger	suspiciousness		
↑ muscular tension i.e.	jealousy	frequent 'spacing out'		
neck / back	feeling sorry for self	negative attitude /		
headaches	powerlessness	self-talk		
dry mouth / throat		racing thoughts		
teeth grinding		poor judgment		
nausea / indigestion / vomiting				
diarrhea				
twitching / trembling restlessness – tapping, finger drumming				

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