

# Take Wellness with You

Carry these wellness cards with you wherever you go, for any moment you might need. Lost a card or want to share? A printable version is available at empathyandcompassion.ucsd.edu or compassioninstitute.com/healthcare



Calm & Settle the Mind

#### Breathe to Center

- 1. Rest your attention on three full breaths
- 2. OR on the sensation of your feet rooted into the ground, OR the weight of your seat on the chair

**During:** Routine activity, transition, or moment of stress

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#### **Box Breathing**

- 1. Inhale for 4 counts
- 2. Hold for 4 counts
- 3. Exhale for 4 counts
- 4. Hold for 4 counts

**During:** Moment of stress



Managing Emotions

## Self-Compassion Antidote

When stressed / feeling self-critical

- 1. Recognize: "This is suffering."
- 2. Choose a self-compassion ritual (hand on chest/belly/wrist).
- 3. Acknowledge: "I'm doing my best."

  "Everyone is doing their best."

  "I let go of outcomes beyond my control."

Managing Emotions

#### Just Like Me

Compassion for a neutral / difficult person

- 1. Pick a word/phrase that describes this moment of unease.
- 2. Reflect: "Just like me, this person also suffers and
- 3. Extend a wish: "May you be well" or "May you feel ease."

Managing Emotions

### Breathing Compassion (GESR)

When triggered / overwhelmed by a strong emotion

- **1. Ground** your attention on deep breaths/your feet on the earth.
- 2. Notice the **Emotion** as body sensations.
- 3. Inhale, breathe in the emotion into vast Space.
- 4. Exhale, breathe out Relief for yourself and others.























