Frailty is a medical condition of reduced function and health in older individuals. Getting older increases the likelihood of developing frailty, however it is <u>not</u> an inevitable part of aging!

There are many things that can be done to AVOID frailty:

Activity



- It's important to stay active by incorporating strength, balance, flexibility, and aerobic exercises regularly.
- Aim for 30 minutes of exercise daily break this into 10 minute increments.
- Watch videos from Hal & Joanne on strength and balance here!

Vaccinate



- Infectious diseases like the flu, pneumonia and COVID-19 are harder to recover from as we age.
- Check with your healthcare provider to make sure your vaccinations are up to date, including your booster shots & this seasons flu shot.
- Watch Hal & Joanne discuss the importance of vaccines <u>here!</u>

Optimize Medications



- As the number of medications you take increases, the risk of harmful effects, drug interactions, and hospitalizations increases.
- Ask your healthcare professional for a medication review, including prescriptions, over the counter medication, and vitamins or supplements.
- Learn more from Hal & Joanne here!

Interact



- Loneliness and social isolation can have a negative impact on your physical and mental health.
- If you're feeling lonely, reach out to a friend or family member, or click here for CFN's tips to stay connected <u>with</u> and <u>without</u> technology.

Diet & Nutrition



- A balanced diet is an important way to reduce the risk of frailty.
- Making sure you get enough protein, vitamin D, and calcium can help you maintain strong muscles and bones and stay healthy as you age.
- Watch Hal & Joanne discuss diet and nutrition, or try their chili recipe here!