

# Overview of the 'Walk with Ease' Study

## Description:

Walk with Ease is an evidence-based walking program designed by the Arthritis Foundation to help individuals with arthritis stay active and reduce pain. However, the program has been expanded to provide support for individuals with low fitness levels looking to become more active through a guided, supervised walking program. Enrollment in the ISU research study is open only to patients that have a direct referral to the program from their physician or health care provider. Programming is run in partnership with Community Health Partners, the ISU Exercise Clinic in the Department of Kinesiology by the ISU ExerCYse program.

## Inclusion Criteria:

- You must be able to stand for at least 10 consecutive minutes, without increasing pain. The use of a walker/cane is permitted.
- You must be referred to the program by your health care provider, to ensure all participants are safe to exercise

## Program Details

- Choice of *Group Hybrid* or *Health Coach* versions of programming (each lasts 6 weeks)
  - Both options guide participants through the same foundation of the program, but provide opportunities to connect with other participants (Group Hybrid) or a trained student health coach (Health Coach)
- Educational material provide tips on safe physical activity as a part of daily life
- Programming is delivered by trained ISU undergraduate Kinesiology students
- No cost to participate!

## Physician approval:

I have approved the following patient for inclusion in the Walk with Ease program:

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Email or Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To enroll or to learn more, contact [WalkwithEase@iastate.edu](mailto:WalkwithEase@iastate.edu)

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