## STRESS LESS WITH

When you are under chronic stress you could potentially be putting yourself at risk of cancer. When your brain recognises there is a potential threat, it sends signals to your adrenal glands, which produce stress hormones such as adrenaline and cortisol to help kick-start the stress response.

This is fine if you have to dodge an oncoming car or explain a missed deadline to your boss, as the stress response sends blood to your brain and limbs to move or think fast and avoid danger. The problem is continued exposure to stress. This is where the health risk lies.

Some of the theories on how prolonged stress can contribute to a person's risk of developing cancer include:



Continued activation of the stress response and the hormones required to help the body cope over a long period could promote the development of cancer.

Chronic stress may weaken your immune system which makes it difficult for the immune system to do its job.



Chronic stress may also lead to chronic inflammation which can increase your risk for cancer.

Chronic stress can also cause people to turn to unhealthy lifestyle habits.

Annique has solutions to help combat stress and potentially reduce the risks associated with developing cancer and other diseases.

