

Empirical Support for Health and Wellness Offerings

Yoga

There is a multitude of studies assessing the efficacy of yoga in treating chronic pain, PTSD, stress, anxiety, depression, and sleep disturbance. Here are a few recent meta-analyses.

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Green Exercise

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