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ENTERTAINMENT: SUCCOUR TO HEALTHCARE

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Abstract.

In recent years, physicians, psychologists and economists have embarked on a journey to illuminate the connection between joy and wellness. Fascinating research exists, and there is value in understanding the effect of happiness on our lives. Happiness has been correlated with better health, both in individuals and communities. Some studies have even suggested that states of happiness may be associated with lower stress-related hormones and better immune function. Various Data collated from different researches have shown that positive mood, optimism and humor are linked to better health and well-being. One key factor that brings about happiness however is Entertainment because of its ability to provoke laughter through the humour it creates. Entertainment is a way of teaching or passing information in a more relaxed atmosphere. It consists of sports and physical exercises, music, dance and drama. This paper therefore is a sojourn into the various ways entertainment can contribute to the physical well being of those who participate in it. It presents an individual analysis of the various tools of entertainment (sports and physical exercises, music, dance and drama) and the roles they play in healthcare.

Key words: Entertainment, healthcare, health, wellbeing, relaxation

Introduction

Human lives are full of hectic activities. We all live in a fast paced world which is too demanding and difficult to stay calm, cool and friendly all the time while dealing with family, friends and many other people whom we meet on daily basis. Consequently, the twenty four hour day seems too short to complete our everyday hectic routine and this makes it very difficult to have time for relaxation. This is an unfortunate situation that makes an average man forget that he is a man and not a machine. It is therefore not

surprising to see homes filled with tension; streets full of medical crisis; hospitals full of patients suffering from all sorts of ailments, especially hypertension; and mortuaries full of dead bodies. These tensions can be reduced in homes, crises can be curtailed on the streets, hospitals can be decongested and mortuaries depopulated. If these very difficult and hectic routines could be balanced with some pleasurable spices of life such as joy, happiness, laughter and relaxation, then human beings will live a better life.

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Various studies by physicisms, psychologists and economists and other actolies have shown that there is a connection between joy. tuppiness and wellness. Intrestingly, happiness has been correlated with better health, both in individuals and communities. State of happiness according to them, may be associated with lower stress-related hormones better immune function and well being. One key factor that brings about happiness however is Entertainment because of its ability to provoke laughter through the humour it creates. It reduces tension, relieves and rid the mind of pent up emotions, which according to Aristotle is a major function of drama. (Butcher, 1898).

A Look At Entertainment

Entertainment is the principal medium of expressing a certain mood, feeling, opinion or communicating and passing a particular message in a pleasant way. It is an informal teaching. method of disseminating information, or carrying out our activities in a more relaxed atmosphere. Entertainment is any activity that gives pleasure enjoyment. Entertainment does necessarily have to involve money. It is any activity aimed at relieving the mind of mental stress. Stress is very dangerous to health and one effective way of overcoming it is to get involved in any form of entertainment. It could consist of sports, physical exercises, music, film, dance and drama Entertainment is an action, event or activity that aims to entertain, amuse and interest an audience of one or more people. The audience may have a passive role, as in the case of persons watching a play, opera, television show or . movie, or an active role, as in the case of games. Entertainment can be public or scripted involving formal. private, performance, as in the case of theatre or concerts; or unscripted and spontaneous, as in the case of children's games. While many forms of entertainment have persisted over

tenturies, such as Roman games (Ludi Roman) in the early Roman Theatra; others in modern times, like, films and video games, have come about as a result of technological developments. Some activities that were once considered entertaining, particularly public punishments, have been removed from the public arena. Other activities, such as fencing or archery, once necessary skills for some, have become serious sports and even professions for the participants, at the same time developing into entertainments for their audiences.

The Entertainment Factor In Health

Entertainment has great tendencies to affect the wellbeing and state of health of a person. Here it performs a psychological function that starts with the mind and ends with the body. In Nigeria, where little or no attention is given. to vacation, recreation and entertainment, the hazardous state of health of the citizens attest to this. Work and more work, money and more money, is the order of the day. Even when some go on annual leave, they only continue to work harder at making more money. Subsequently at resumption such an individual is tired, drained and exhausted and consequently cannot give the best. The succeeding paragraphs shall discuss features of entertainment and their benefits to health.

Laughter

Laughter is the best medicine for many people. Doctors recommend it for patients healing from surgery or going through depression. Humor is infectious. The sound of roaring laughter is far more contagious than any cough, sniffle, or sneeze. When laughter is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. Laughter also triggers healthy physical changes in the body. Humor and laughter strengthen your immune system, boost your energy, diminish pain, and protect you from the damaging effects of stress. Laughter is also a powerful

because of these dependably to bring your most body back into balance than a good back one lightens your burdens, impires contexts you to others, and keeps you because to beal and renew the ability to be surely and frequently is a tremendous for surmounting problems, seeing relationships and supporting both and emotional health. The following a few benefits of laughter to health:

Caughter reduces the level of stress bormones like cortisol, epinephrine (adrenaline), dopamine and growth bormone

Laughter provides a physical and emotional release

Laughter leaves the muscles more relaxed afterwards and provides a good workout for the heart

Laughter brings the focus away from anger, guilt, stress and negative emotions in a more beneficial way

Laughter can give a more lighthearted perspective and help to view events as 'challenges', thereby making them less threatening and more positive

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man beings respond to music in a variety ways. Responses can be physiological, tor, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, or sted to changes in mood or arousal. No patterns have emerged relating to siological measures, responses to specific ments of background music, and perceived sical experience Children who take music sons could be doing their brains a fayour. many elitists' homes, music lessons have ome a common phenomenon. It has also in linked with improved academic formances in learners because of its ability enhance concentration and focus. The more anild is trained in music during childhood, better the verbal memory of a child. More so, music has been applied as therapeutic measures for some illness and this has yielded positive results. (Oganbona, Oyeniyi and Fakeye, 2013). There are two dimensions to music ramely, singing and listening to music. There is a reason why singing talent shows are so popular on Television in recent times. Both have immeasurable benefits to health as will be highlighted below.

- Singing delivers a host of physical and cmotional benefits including increased heart rate and improved breathing, hing capacity, posture and mood.
- While singing alone is good, singing with others can be even better because it builds community. Group singing is a powerful personal and social health promotion activity, with benefits such as increased self-confidence, empowerment, wellbeing and interpersonal skills, and lowered feelings of isolation, depression and anxiety.
- Singing promotes mental and physical fitness; it creates endorphins and gives a feeling of being uplifted and energized.
- Singing is a physical activity involving the lungs and respiratory muscles. It is beneficial for everyone, like expectant mothers, asthma, lung disease and respiratory disorders.
- The breathing techniques promoted by singing are also useful for counteracting stress. It is difficult to sing and be stressed at the same time.
- Listening to music reduces stress. In studying emotional responses to music, it is important to note that all people do not respond in the same exact way to a piece of music
- Listening to music eases anxiety. People who participate in music somehow not

only has decreased anxiety, but also better blood pressure levels and improved mood.

- Listening to music while lying on the operating table could help to lower stress during surgery or major sessions.
- Listening to music protects ears' soundprocessing
- It boosts heart health. There is a link between listening to music and heart health. Listening to joyful music is linked with dilation of blood vessels' inner lining, meahing more flow of blood through the blood vessels
- It also soothes pain. Listening to music is effective as a distraction for anxiety-prone people from feeling pain and as a result, could help people feel less pain.

Dance

Dance is one of the oldest forms of self-expression and entertainment on earth, existing since antiquity. According to Olomu (2007:27-28) dance is

activity verv intimately an connected with the · human condition, it reveals aspects of human development...therefore, when the human body moves in space, forming shapes, within a given time sequence, maintaining a given rhythm in an organized pattern, the resultant effect is what one may call dance...dance is life expressed in dramatic terms.

Dance is a physical activity and it has all of the same physical health benefits as walking, bicycling, or swimming. Dance is a great way to strengthen bones and muscles; maintain a healthy weight, improve balance and stay healthy in general. Dancing can be magical and transforming. It can breathe new life into a tired soul; make a spirit soar; unleash locked-away creativity; unite generations and cultures; inspire new romances or rekindle old ones; trigger long-forgotten memories; and turn sadness into joy. On a more physical level, dance on give a great mind-body workout. Dancing that requires remembrance of dance steps and sequences boosts brain power by improving memory skills. Dance is great for helping people of all ages and physical abilities get and stay in shape. Aside from just being an enjoyable way to express and entertain one's self, great health benefits to dance are listed below.

- Dance is an activity that is appropriate for nearly everyone because it is so easy to vary the intensity based on fitness level and ability. Simply by increasing the dance tempo or adding a turn or dip, dancers can increase the intensity and get more of a physical benefit.
- One of the best ways to increase bone density and reverse the bone loss of osteoporosis is low impact, weight bearing exercise, such as dancing. Dance increases muscular strength as well, something that is lost as people age. The loss of strength and bone density adds up to a loss of mobility and quality of life as people get older.
- Dance is a great way to maintain a healthy weight as well. A healthy weight is essential to everyone, no matter the age.
 However, as people get older, metabolism slows. In addition, more and more people have sedentary lifestyles, with more people working in offices instead of in physical jobs, such as construction. By spending a little time dancing, people can rev up their metabolism and have some fun doing it.
- In addition to better health, dancing can make people feel better in other ways as well. Dance has been shown to help prevent mild depression and improves confidence among dancers.

Desce is a social activity; it helps with believes of isolation that people who perfer from depression, or older people wing alone, often feel.

Each time a new dance step is mastered, dancers experience an increase in confidence in addition to an elevated mood.

Dance increase mental acuity for people of all ages,

Dance also wards off illnesses like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, osteoporosis, and depression.

irts and Physical Activities

hough research interest on physical activity I health dates back to the 1950s, the akthrough in the scientific evidence on 1th benefits of physical activity largely k place during the 1980s and 1990s. There an overwhelming amount of scientific dence on the positive effects of sport and sical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. e positive, direct effects of engaging in physical activity are particularly parent in the prevention of several chronic seases, including: cardiovascular disease, cancer, hypertension, pression and osteoporosis. Physical activity ntributes to developing healthy bones, ficient heart and lung function as well as iproved motor skills and cognitive function. iysical activity can help to prevent hip actures among women and reduce the Tects of osteoporosis. Remaining physically tive can enhance functional capacity among der people, and can help to maintain quality life and independence.

re evidence relating to health benefits of sysical activity predominantly focuses on tra-personal factors such as physiological, emitive and affective benefits, however, that have not exclude the social and inter-personal emefits of sport and physical activity which

can also produce positive health effects in individuals and communities.

- Sports and physical activity can make a substantial contribution to the well-being of people in developing countries.
- Exercise, physical activity and sports have long been used in the treatment and rehabilitation of communicable and noncommunicable diseases.
- Physical activity for individuals is a strong means for the prevention of diseases and for nations is a cost-effective method to improve public health across populations.

Theatre

Theatre enables drama to come to life. The history of theatre dates back to the arrly man's performances of religious rituals, festivals, storytelling, re-enactment traditional occupations. It is re-lived and relevant to the audience especially when all the paraphernalia of theatre is incorporated during a performance. Elements such as, costume, lights, scenic design, makeup, songs, props and others enhance a theatrical production. The origin of theatre can be traced to the early man's performances of religious rituals, festivals, storytelling, re-enactment and traditional occupations. Theatre' as a interactive arts process, creates social. experience that enables the development of cognitive, emotional, social, cultural and creative understanding and skills in an individual (Bowell, 2013).

The use of entertainment industry as a platform for advocating health information and education is a communication strategy that has become increasingly popular in recent times. The most appealing strategy now, is for health communication professionals to create partnerships with creative writers so that public health information can be incorporated into stories within the production. In health sector, theatre has since been identified as an

agent to promote public health. This is strongly supported by the view of World Health Organisation (WHO).

The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention has formed a strong partnership with Hollywood, Health, and Society, at the University of Southern California Norman Lear Centre to continue to produce new storylines on television and in film studios that will help to promote public information. Some of the resources provided with this partnership include comprehensive "tip sheets" to provide writers with easy to access and . trustworthy information on health issues, and meetings and panels to discuss new information and resources. Writers and storyline developers have an increased motivation to continue to incorporate public health information into their scripts with the creation of the Sentinel for Health Awards in 2000. which honours storylines that effectively promote health topics and audience awareness of public health issues. (WHO, 1995:135).

Theatre has the ability to perform the following

- Theatre does no harm. Theatre is one of those human activities that do not really hurt anyone or anything. While we're engaged in making or attending theatre, or any of the arts for that matter, we are not engaged in war, persecution, crime, wifebeating, drinking, pornography, or any of the social or personal vices we could be engaged in instead.
- Theatre is a sophisticated expression of a basic human need: one might call it an instinct to minic to project stories onto ourselves and others, and to create meaning through narrative and metaphor.
- Theatre brings people together. For a performance to happen, anywhere from a

hundred to a thousand or more people need to gather in one place for a couple of hours to constitute an audience, and share together in witnessing and contemplating an event that may be beautiful, funny, moving, thought-provoking, motivating and interesting

- Theatre models a kind of public discourse that lies at the heart of democratic life, and builds skills for listening to different sides of a conversation or argument. It empathises with the struggles of fellow human beings irrespective of their views
- Both the making of theatre and attending of theatre contribute to education and literacy. Watching the characters talk back and forth in the theatre is tricky; it requires rapt attention, quick mental shifts, and nimble language skills. It teaches about human motivation and psychology
- Theatre as an industry contributes to national economy and plays a special role in the revitalization of neglected neighbourhoods
- It influences the thought pattern and feelings about life and encourages a critical outlook on values and behaviour

Conclusion

Constant sitting at office all day working on a computer or dealing with hundreds of clients and files leaves a person tired and exhausted. This scene continues the next day, as well as days, weeks, months and years, but the hectic work remains same. And with the passage of time there is the tendency to look older than ones ages due to the pressures of the routine work which is habitual. This hectic life routine force one to ask, besides all the activities performed daily, is there any special moment which is only dedicated to self rest and relaxation? Are we enjoying our lives? Are we giving enough time to ourselves? These are a few questions which one must ask

andamental for a basic living a sound rough, it is a reality that we are all great pressure for time but, being we need certain activities other than refresh our body and mind in order Other important tasks. Entertainment that activity in so many different ways. tal to take out some time for relax in to be refreshed. Some traditional of entertainment are books, theaters, Out with friends and family and so on, in today's world, entertainment has ne even easier as little resources are because of the modern developments ield of information technology. Now, s, CD's, games and many others are available and affordable as good es for entertainment. It is a popular 18 that "a sound mind in a sound body is e wealth". Therefore to keep body and sound, it is expedient to take time out entertainment on regularly. Activities r than work are good for health and mind.

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