# How to Talk About Physical Activity With **Your Patients**



## **ASSESS**

- Raise the topic of physical activity with permission.
- Assess current physical activity using self-assessment and/or device measurement.
- Assess influences on physical activity.



## **ADVISE**

- Advise patient on the benefits of being active and the recommended amount/type/intensity of physical activity.
- Use motivational interviewing eg "Elicit-Provide-Elicit".



# **AGREE**

- Collaboratively set goals with your patient.
- Identify barriers and strategies to manage barriers.
- Develop an action plan.



### **ASSIST**

- Assist patient to develop self-monitoring strategies.
- Collaboratively identify community/home activities.
- Share plan for social support.



# **ARRANGE**

- Arrange referral to community physical activity.
- Arrange social support as needed.
- Arrange follow-up and check on progress.

#### **EVERY MOVE COUNTS**

Almost all adults would benefit from being more active, particularly older adults and people with disability.

#### **BENEFITS OUTWEIGH RISKS**

The benefits of physical activity outweigh the risks for people with long term conditions or disability.

#### TRUSTED ADVICE WORKS

One in four people would be more active if advised by their health professional.



















