Examples of Crawl, Walk, Run Goals

Following are several suggested SMART* goals to give you an idea for how you might break bigger goals into achievable actions. Starting small can be motivation to stick with it. And after you feel a positive difference from a newly forming habit, you can gradually build to levels that help you feel even better.

Crawl (1-4 weeks)	Walk (5-8 weeks)	Run (9+ weeks)	Why (the benefits)	Overall Goal
Limit amount of "added sugar" in your diet to fewer than 35 grams daily	Limit amount of "added sugar" in your diet to fewer than 25 grams daily	Cut all "added sugar" from your diet	Reduce cravings, reduce pain in joints and lessen risk of developing inflammation-related diseases	Feel healthier. Be inspired to do more activities that promote your physical, mental and emotional well-being
Eat 1 veggie and 1 fruit per day (e.g., carrot and apple)	Eat 3-4 veggies and fruit per day (e.g., carrot and celery, apple and orange)	Eat 5+ veggies/fruits per day (e.g., carrot, celery, kale, avocado, mushrooms, apple, orange, banana, berries)	Promote healthy bowels; lose weight	
 Use olive oil instead of butter or other fats Eat 1-2 veggies/fruit per day Walk 15 min. per day 	 Continue olive oil Eat 2-4 veggies/fruit per day Eat fish 1x a week Walk 30 min. per day 	 Continue using olive oil Eat 5+ veggies/fruit per day Eat fish 2x a week Walk 60 min. per day 	Adopt Mediterranean Diet and lifestyle for better overall health; weight loss	
Do 5 minutes of stretching twice a day	Do 10 minutes of stretching twice a day	Do 15 minutes of stretching three times a day	Promote joint and muscle health and maintain or increase range of motion	
Lift a 5-pound weight for 10 reps three times a week	Lift a 5-pound weight for 20 reps every other day	Lift a 5-pound weight for 20 reps every day	Strengthen muscles	
Begin each morning with 1 minute of deep breathing	Begin each day with 2 minutes of deep breathing	Begin and end each day with 2 minutes of deep breathing	Increase oxygen levels, promote relaxation	

These are general examples for illustration purposes only. Please consult your personal provider before you start a new diet, exercise program or other practice that might impact your health condition.

*SMART goals are:

- Specific or Significant.
- Measurable or Meaningful.
- Attainable or Action Oriented.
- Relevant or Rewarding or Realistic.
- Time bound or Trackable.

