

Sensible Beliefs to Help You Through the Therapy Process for OCD

- 1. You don't have to be Superman/woman. You just have to be average.
- **2.** Behavioural Therapy will not make you worse.
- **3.** It's never too late to change yourself.
- **4.** Don't fear life after recovery it's just life.
- Don't hesitate to use medication if you really need it think of it as a tool.
- **6.** Accept that life just isn't fair.
- Frustration exists it's part of every important accomplishment, so work to tolerate it.
- **8.** Never underestimate depression.
- **9.** Have reasonable expectations for recovery, and life in general.
- **10.** Think of yourself as a person who also happens to have OCD.
- **11.** Understand that this is <u>your</u> illness, and that you are responsible for your own recovery.
- **12.** Don't let your past cripple your present.
- **13.** Anytime you begin working at recovery is 'the right time'.

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