Symptoms of Stress

Stress is one way that our bodies respond to the demands of our lives. A little bit of stress can be healthy—it keeps us alert and productive. However, all too often, we experience too much stress. Too much stress can result in serious *physical*, *emotional*, *and behavioral* symptoms.

 ✓ Fatigue ✓ Loss of motivation ✓ Unhealthy eating (over or under eating) ✓ Stomachache ✓ Anxiety ✓ Drug or alcohol use ✓ Depression or sadness ✓ Headaches and migraines ✓ Indigestion ✓ Mood instability ✓ Nausea ✓ Decreased sex drive ✓ Drug or alcohol use ✓ Social Withdrawal ✓ Nail biting ✓ Constant thoughts about stressors ✓ Increased sweating ✓ Weakened immune system 	Physical	Emotional	Behavioral
✓ Neck and back pain	 ✓ Sleep difficulties ✓ Stomachache ✓ Chest pain ✓ Muscle pain and tension ✓ Headaches and migraines ✓ Indigestion ✓ Nausea ✓ Increased sweating ✓ Weakened immune system 	 ✓ Increased irritability and anger ✓ Anxiety ✓ Depression or sadness ✓ Restlessness ✓ Inability to focus ✓ Mood instability 	(over <i>or</i> under eating) ✓ Drug or alcohol use ✓ Social Withdrawal ✓ Nail biting ✓ Constant thoughts