Acid reflux GERD Indigestion

- Tend the digestive fire:
 Avoid cold/raw foods, esp. in winter
 Ginger tea and lemon water in the morning
 Biggest meal at noon, no food after 6pm
 Eat in moderation to 70% full, not stuffed
- Include all flavours in every meal: pungent (think radish), sweet, sour, salty and bitter (radicchio, dandelion, arugula, bitter melon, digestive bitters, dark chocolate)
- Exercise daily, some cardio but especially weight bearing / strength training will stimulate appetite and improve digestion
- Consider some level of fasting:
 No snacks between meals
 Skip a meal (16:8)
 Look into Dr. Jason Fung (i.e. Life in the fasting lane)
- Avoid or reduce the following foods:
 Carbs
 Gluten/wheat
 Alcohol, Coffee (green tea is better for digestion)
 Sugar / excessive sweets
- Have a Tbsp of Apple Cider Vinegar (ideally raw) in water with every meal
- Eat mindfully savour the flavour, don't talk, watch TV, worry, read etc.
- Chew your food really well
- Take a walk after each meal
- Drink plenty of water, up to 30 minutes before a meal and 1 hour after
- Herbal teas: mint, chamomile, **meadowsweet**, fennel, cardamom, caraway Aloe Vera juice (unsweetened)