## **Focus on Longevity**

A recent study in the journal *Circulation* found that vigorous exercise has surprising advantages. The study looked at the exercise habits of 116,000 adults over 30 years. The researchers discovered that participants who exercised both *regularly and* vigorously had a 26% lower rate of mortality and a 38% lower risk of cardiovascular disease. A separate study published in JAMA Oncology showed that even small amounts of vigorous physical activity was associated with a lower risk of eight cancers (bladder, breast, colon, endometrium, esophagus, kidney, lung, and stomach). Other benefits include improved quality of sleep, reduced anxiety, and reduced blood pressure which leads to a lower risk of heart disease, stroke, and type 2 diabetes.

In other words, vigorous exercise dramatically improves the odds a person will enjoy a healthier life for a longer time, and lowers the risk of death. But not all exercise is created equal, which is why

the next advantage is so important.