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Life Extension Two-Per-Day Tablets provide much higher potencies of key nutrients and represent a better value than many commercial brands.

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In response to requests for a science-based multi-nutrient, a special formula was compounded to provide the greatest potencies that can fit into two tablets. When compared to conventional “one-a-day” products, Life Extension Two-Per-Day contains up to 50 times more potency!

The box on this page reveals how much more potent the Two-Per-Day formula is compared to the leading commercial multi-vitamin. Few consumers realize that commercial supplements often contain the cheapest form of nutrients that don’t provide optimal benefits. For example, the 30 IU of synthetic vitamin E contained in Centrum® may provide relatively little vitamin E to the bloodstream. Studies show that synthetic vitamin E is distributed throughout the body only about half as much as natural vitamin E. The 200 IU of natural vitamin E contained in Two-Per-Day thus provides about 13 times more vitamin E activity than does Centrum®.

The following table compares the daily dosage of key nutrients included in both the Life Extension Two-Per-Day Tablet and Centrum®’s Daily Tablet:

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Compared to Centrum®, Two-Per-Day Tablets provide about:

- 5 times more Vitamin D
- 8 times more Vitamin C
- 7 times more Vitamin E
- 10 times more Biotin
- 40 times more Boron
- 4 times more Selenium
- 37 times more Vitamin B6
- 50 times more Vitamin B1
- 50 times more Vitamin B12
- More than twice as much niacin, zinc, and many other nutrients

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After Bill Clinton and Dick Cheney’s heart problems re-emerged, mainstream media outlets and “expert” cardiologists lined up to parrot the conventional wisdom that there is no cure for coronary artery disease. Life Extension® members know otherwise. As we have long reported, a wealth of clinical data demonstrates that arterial blockage can be halted and even reversed.
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2. Facilitating more efficient delivery of CoQ10 into the mitochondria, resulting in greater cellular energy output.5-9

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In response to the failure of quadruple-bypass surgery to keep blood flowing to Bill Clinton’s heart, the Associated Press proclaimed that there is no cure for coronary artery disease.1

As we predicted in the November 2004 issue of Life Extension Magazine®, a lot more than statin drugs would be needed to prevent atherosclerotic plaque from re-occluding the former President’s coronary blood flow.

According to his cardiologist, Bill Clinton did everything right since his 2004 bypass, including eating well, exercising, and keeping his blood pressure and cholesterol in check. Despite this, the bypass graft re-occluded at the beginning of this year, necessitating the insertion of two stents to prop the vessel open.

Mainstream cardiologists were quoted in the media stating that those undergoing coronary artery procedures often have to return every four to five years for tune-ups, i.e., to reopen newly blocked coronary arteries. One cardiac surgeon bragged that he had performed 10 or 15 different stent procedures on the same patient over a period of time.

Bill Clinton’s cardiologist stated that we don’t have a cure for this condition, but we have excellent treatments.

These blatant admissions document the inability of conventional doctors to prevent and reverse atherosclerosis.
in 1990. In this study, test subjects were recruited with pre-existing coronary artery disease.2 The patients assigned to Dr. Ornish’s regimen had fewer cardiac events than those who followed standard medical advice.3 What’s more, their coronary atherosclerosis was somewhat reversed, as evidenced by decreased narrowing of the coronary arteries after only one year of treatment. Most patients in the control group, on the other hand, had worsening of their coronary artery blockage at the end of the trial compared to when they started. These favorable results have been replicated by doctors using similar methods (for example, Caldwell B Esselstyn, Jr., MD4 and K. Lance Gould, MD).5

The drawback to Dean Ornish’s program is that it is very restrictive. Participants must avoid all meat and dairy products except egg whites, nonfat milk, and nonfat yogurt; as well as all vegetable oils, nuts, seeds, and avocados. Participants following the Ornish program must supplement with calcium, iron, vitamin B12, and essential fatty acids or deficiencies will develop.

As you’ll read soon, there are other documented ways to maintain healthy coronary artery blood flow that are ignored by most practicing cardiologists.

**Coronary Artery Disease Can Be Reversed**

Contrary to what mainstream cardiologists say, it is possible to reverse the blockage of blood flow through the coronary arteries. One way is to follow the aggressive lifestyle modification program Dean Ornish, MD has prescribed for decades.

Dr. Ornish and colleagues showed that a regimen that emphasized a very low fat diet, regular exercise, meditation, and avoidance of certain risk factors not only stopped the progression of coronary artery disease, but could reverse it.

This result was demonstrated in a randomized controlled trial, known as the Lifestyle Heart Trial, with data published in The Lancet in 1990. In this study, test subjects were recruited with pre-existing coronary artery disease.2 The patients assigned to Dr. Ornish’s regimen had fewer cardiac events than those who followed standard medical advice.3 What’s more, their coronary atherosclerosis was somewhat reversed, as evidenced by decreased narrowing of the coronary arteries after only one year of treatment. Most patients in the control group, on the other hand, had worsening of their coronary artery blockage at the end of the trial compared to when they started. These favorable results have been replicated by doctors using similar methods (for example, Caldwell B Esselstyn, Jr., MD4 and K. Lance Gould, MD).5

The drawback to Dean Ornish’s program is that it is very restrictive. Participants must avoid all meat and dairy products except egg whites, nonfat milk, and nonfat yogurt; as well as all vegetable oils, nuts, seeds, and avocados. Participants following the Ornish program must supplement with calcium, iron, vitamin B12, and essential fatty acids or deficiencies will develop.

As you’ll read soon, there are other documented ways to maintain healthy coronary artery blood flow that are ignored by most practicing cardiologists.

**Dick Cheney Does Opposite of What Dr. Ornish Recommends**

Perhaps no living political figure exemplifies poor lifestyle choices and ensuing chronic heart disease better than former Vice President Dick Cheney. Cheney was known for eating outrageous quantities of artery-clogging foods and smoked heavily for 20 years. He almost certainly suffers today from cardiac risk factors that extend beyond his early-life unhealthy habits.

Shortly after Bill Clinton’s coronary stents were inserted this year, Dick Cheney suffered his fifth heart attack. The first occurred in 1978, when he was only 37. He suffered his second in 1984 and
a third in 1988 before undergoing quadruple bypass surgery to unblock his arteries. His fourth heart attack occurred in 2000. At that time, doctors inserted a stent to open a re-occluded coronary artery.

In 2001, doctors implanted a device to track and control Cheney’s heart rhythm. In 2008, he underwent a procedure to restore his heart to a normal rhythm after doctors found that he was experiencing a recurrence of atrial fibrillation. Despite all this, Cheney suffered his fifth heart attack in February 2010.

Dick Cheney has reportedly taken statin drugs for nearly two decades. In June 2001, his LDL was an excellent 72 mg/dL, indicating he was taking a high-dose statin drug. This did not, however, prevent him from suffering another heart attack.

The former Vice President has had access to the best that conventional cardiology can offer, yet his chronic heart ailments have not abated.* Cheney’s multi-decade case history presented the media with another opportunity to declare there is no cure for coronary heart disease, something that Dr. Dean Ornish and many others involved in natural healing vehemently disagree with.

**Crestor® Approved by FDA to Reduce C-Reactive Protein**

The FDA has given pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca a gift worth tens of billions of dollars by allowing their statin drug Crestor® to be the only medication approved to reduce the risk of heart attack in aging men & women with LDL-cholesterol less than or equal to 130 mg/dL, elevated C-reactive protein greater than or equal to 2 mg/L, and at least one other traditional cardiac risk factor (e.g. hypertension, smoking, or family history).

Life Extension members were warned long ago about the dangers of excess C-reactive protein in the blood. C-reactive protein is a marker of inflammation. Chronic inflammation, as evidenced by high C-reactive protein blood levels, is one cause of atherosclerosis.7-9 Published studies indicate that elevated C-reactive protein may be a greater risk factor than high cholesterol in predicting heart attack and especially stroke risk.10-14

While generic statin drugs and natural therapies have also been shown to reduce C-reactive protein, the FDA has anointed Crestor® as the only approved drug to treat patients with elevated C-reactive protein who also fit certain age and traditional risk factor criteria. This means that Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance companies have to pay over $125 for 30 20-mg tablets of Crestor® as opposed to as little as $7.30 for 30 40-mg tablets of generic simvastatin (brand name Zocor®).

Crestor® is the most potent statin drug, so some people may require 40 mg of simvastatin to achieve the same results as 20 mg of Crestor®. Both of these doses are higher than what is usually needed to lower LDL (low-density lipoprotein). Statin drug side effects are amplified as the dose escalates, so one can expect that those prescribed high-dose Crestor® (to reduce C-reactive protein) will suffer more liver-muscle damage.

An increased risk of type 2 diabetes was recently suggested in statin drug users, which further emphasizes the need to use the lowest effective dose if one chooses to use this class of drug.15 There are other options.
The Phony Health Care Cost Crisis

The FDA’s gift to AstraZeneca means that only high-cost Crestor® can be advertised and health insurance-reimbursed for the purpose of reducing cardiac risk in patients with a combination of elevated C-reactive protein, “normal” LDL cholesterol, advancing age, and at least one traditional cardiac risk factor like high blood pressure, smoking, and family history. While AstraZeneca enjoys gargantuan profits, taxpayers will be forking over 17 times more than what a generic of probable equal efficacy would cost.

Remember, there is no real health care cost crisis. It is governmental over-regulation of our disease-care system that causes medical prices to be hyper-inflated. Our 500-page book FDA Failure, Deceit and Abuse thoroughly documents this tragedy that politicians still cannot grasp.16

Life Extension has long advocated that those who need statin drugs should use the lowest possible dose. For many people with excess C-reactive protein, the lifestyle modifications you will soon read about (and/or low dose 5-10 mg/day simvastatin) can bring elevated C-reactive protein down to safer ranges.

Too Many Statin Drug Users Suffer Heart Attacks

Pharmaceutical companies have promoted statin drugs as a virtual universal remedy to prevent heart attack. According to conventional guidelines, statin drugs are to be prescribed when LDL blood levels exceed 130 mg/dL and lifestyle modifications like stopping smoking and losing weight fail to bring LDL cholesterol to an optimal level.

Life Extension has long argued that LDL levels should be kept below 100 mg/dL in healthy people to optimally protect against atherosclerosis. In certain high-risk cardiac patients, LDL levels need to be suppressed below 70 mg/dL.

The high dose used in the Crestor® study pushed median LDL level down 50% to a low of 55 mg/dL from a median of 108 mg/dL at baseline and it reduced C-reactive protein by 37%. Despite these impressive reductions in two proven cardiac risk factors, a significant number of subjects taking Crestor® still suffered “major cardiovascular events.”17 This further exposes the fallacy of relying only on statin drugs to maintain healthy arterial blood flow. Remember Bill Clinton and Dick Cheney took statin drugs for years, but their coronary arteries re-occluded anyway.

Crestor® will soon be promoted as a panacea for heart attack prevention. What will not be disclosed in drug advertising, however, is that more than half of the major cardiovascular events in the Crestor® study would occur despite the high-dose use of this drug. In statistical terms, while Crestor® reduced the relative risk of the combined endpoint of heart attack, stroke, or death from cardiovascular causes by 47%, the majority (53%) of these cardiovascular endpoints in this high-risk study group would still take place!

What this means is that if you have cardiac risk factors and rely solely on a high-dose statin drug, you are still at significant risk of suffering a heart attack.

Why Crestor® Failed to Protect All the Study Subjects

There are at least 17 independent risk factors involved in the development of atherosclerosis and subsequent heart attack and stroke. Statin drugs do not come close to correcting all of these risk factors. Based on the findings from...
the Crestor® study, it is obvious that even when LDL (and total cholesterol) is reduced to extremely low levels, too many people still suffer a major cardiovascular event.

This study will nonetheless be the basis of a national advertising campaign to tout Crestor®. An analysis of the study findings, however, documents the critical need to correct all known cardiovascular risk factors (including elevated LDL, total cholesterol, and C-reactive protein).

We are not vilifying the proper use of statin drugs. For many people with stubbornly high LDL and C-reactive protein levels, they represent an important weapon against arterial disease. Our emphasis is that statin drugs are not the only way to lower LDL and C-reactive protein, and they should not be relied on as the only approach to protect against atherosclerosis.

Reducing C-Reactive Protein Requires a Multimodal Approach

Life Extension has reviewed thousands of C-reactive protein blood test results over the years. Our consistent observation is that overweight and obese individuals have stubbornly elevated C-reactive protein levels.18 Our findings were confirmed in a recent study that showed overweight and obese individuals are far more likely to have elevated C-reactive protein. In fact, obese people are three times more likely to have elevated C-reactive protein levels than normal-weight individuals.19,20

C-reactive protein is a marker of chronic inflammation. A large body of evidence correlates chronic inflammatory reactions with the increased risks of cancer,21-23 stroke,24 heart attack,25-27 and dementia.28 People who accumulate excess body fat suffer sharply higher incidences of all these diseases, further validating the importance of maintaining C-reactive protein at optimal ranges.

In the Crestor® study, median C-reactive protein levels were 4.2 mg/L in the Crestor® group, and 4.3 mg/L in the placebo group at baseline.17 Obese individuals can have C-reactive protein levels that are easily double this.29 The biological challenge in overweight people is to combat the excess C-reactive protein made directly by fat cells (adipocytes) and the C-reactive protein made in the liver in response to excess amounts of interleukin-6 expressed in abdominal fat that is dumped directly into the liver.

Since obese and overweight individuals spew out C-reactive protein from their liver and fat cells, it is often challenging to bring this lethal inflammatory compound (C-reactive protein) into safe ranges.

We are impressed with the data from the Crestor® study showing the reduction in C-reactive protein and major cardiovascular events. Our decade-long evaluation of C-reactive protein blood results, however, prompts us to warn that it will require more than statin drugs to suppress dangerously high C-reactive protein levels prevalent in so many individuals.

The good news is that low-cost nutrients and hormones, along with dietary changes, can work as well as statins in reducing deadly C-reactive protein.

Vitamin C Reduces C-Reactive Protein

Soon after the media put the Crestor® clinical trial on the front pages, a study was published showing that 1,000 mg a day of vitamin C reduces C-reactive protein as effectively as some statin drugs.19

In this University of California Berkeley study, participants who received vitamin C and started out with C-reactive protein levels greater than 2 mg/L had 34% lower levels compared with the placebo group after only two months.19,20

This study was done based on previous findings that vitamin C supplements reduce elevated C-reactive protein. This study received scant media coverage.
triglycerides, glucose, cholesterol and other cardiac risk factors when taken before each meal.34-41 There are over-the-counter dietary supplements that exhibit some of these same effects.

Another study shows that eating cholesterol-lowering foods works about as well as consuming a very low-fat diet plus statin drug therapy. One study showed a 33.3% reduction in C-reactive protein and 30.9% reduction in LDL in subjects eating a very low-fat diet and taking a statin drug. Those who ate the cholesterol-lowering foods showed a 28.2% reduction in C-reactive protein and a 28.6% reduction in LDL.42 This study showed that eating cholesterol-lowering foods achieved almost the same benefit as those who followed a very low-fat diet and took a statin drug.

The cholesterol-lowering foods used in this study include almonds, soy protein, fiber, and plant sterols.42 Few people can follow a rigorous low-fat diet and some people want to avoid statin drugs. Based on this study, those who need to reduce LDL and/or C-reactive protein blood levels can accomplish this by eating cholesterol-lowering foods or taking supplements such as soluble fiber powder before heavy meals.

In a study of 3,920 people, subjects who ingested the most dietary fiber were found to have a 41% lower risk of elevated C-reactive protein levels, compared with those who ate the least fiber. The doctors who conducted this study concluded: “Our findings indicate that fiber intake is independently associated with serum CRP concentration and support the recommendation of a diet with a high fiber content.”43

There is an important take-home lesson here for those with high C-reactive protein levels that persist even after initiating statin drug therapy. You may be able to achieve significant additive benefits by making dietary modifications, taking at least 1,000 mg of vitamin C each day, and following other proven ways to quell chronic inflammatory reactions.

A Healthy Diet Significantly Reduces C-Reactive Protein

Eating too much saturated fat or high-glycemic carbohydrates increases C-reactive protein.10,31 One study showed a 39% decrease in C-reactive protein levels after only eight weeks of consuming a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol.32 The study participants also saw reductions in their LDL, total cholesterol, body weight, and arterial stiffness.

So while you may soon see ads promoting the 37% C-reactive protein reduction in response to high dose Crestor, you should be aware that the same benefit has already been shown in response to healthier eating—with no drugs used.

For those who cannot adequately control their food intake, the lipase-inhibitor drug orlistat reduces absorption of dietary fat by 30%.33 A drug called acarbose reduces the number of absorbed carbohydrate calories by inhibiting the glucosidase enzyme.34,35 Both of these drugs lower LDL, triglycerides, glucose, cholesterol and other cardiac risk factors when taken before each meal.34-41 There are over-the-counter dietary supplements that exhibit some of these same effects.

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Sex Hormones and Inflammation in Men

Aging men are plagued with declining testosterone levels while their estrogen remains the same or even increases. This imbalance often sets the stage for a host of chronic inflammatory disorders, while increasing the amount of abdominal adiposity.

For years, we at Life Extension have advised maturing men to restore their free testosterone to youthful ranges (between 20 and 25 pg/mL of blood) and keep their estrogen from getting too high. Ideal estrogen (estradiol) levels in men have been shown to be between 20 and 30 pg/mL of blood.
Dietary Supplements That Suppress Inflammation

Chronic inflammation is the result of a host of underlying pathologic processes. While statin drugs help suppress these inflammatory events, dietary supplements function via additional mechanisms to suppress the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines and C-reactive protein. Here is a partial list of nutrients that have demonstrated effects in suppressing chronic inflammatory reactions:

- Curcumin
- Irvingia
- Vitamin K
- Luteolin
- Fish oil
- Borage oil
- Acetyl-L-carnitine
- Vitamin C
- Theaflavins
- Soluble fiber
- Coenzyme Q10
- Isoflavones

We have seen countless cases of men with chronic inflammation experience a reversal of their elevated C-reactive protein (and painful symptoms) when a youthful sex hormone profile is properly restored. Independent published studies corroborate our findings that low testosterone and high estradiol predisposes aging men to chronic inflammatory status and higher C-reactive protein.

**Pomegranate Restores Coronary Artery Blood Flow**

In stating that there is “no cure for heart disease,” the media never bothered to look at the scientific literature, where there is a host of documented natural approaches to reverse clinical markers of atherosclerosis.

In one study, doctors tested a group of heart disease patients to ascertain pomegranate’s effects on inducible angina and the rate of blood flow through the coronary arteries. The entire group was given a baseline stress test to induce angina and an advanced diagnostic technique to measure coronary blood flow.

One group of cardiac patients received their medications plus placebo, while the second group received their medications plus pomegranate juice. After three months, coronary blood flow was again measured using the same tests performed at baseline. In the group receiving the pomegranate juice, stress-induced angina episodes decreased by 50%, whereas stress-induced angina increased by 38% in the placebo group.

When measuring coronary artery blood flow, the placebo group worsened by 17% after three months, whereas coronary blood flow improved by 18% in the pomegranate group.

This study showed that daily consumption of pomegranate can improve blood flow to the heart in coronary artery disease patients in a relatively short period of time. The doctors noted that the test they used to measure coronary blood flow was shown to be the best predictor of future heart attack risk.

Another study compared one group of patients receiving statin and other drugs to a group who received the same drugs plus pomegranate juice. In the drug-only group, a measurement of systemic atherosclerosis (carotid intima-media thickness) increased by 9% in a year, whereas the group receiving the drugs plus pomegranate showed a 35% reversal in carotid intima-media thickness.

One way that pomegranate protects cardiovascular health is by augmenting nitric oxide, which supports the functioning of endothelial cells that line the arterial walls. Nitric oxide signals the vascular smooth muscle to relax, thereby increasing blood flow through arteries and veins. In the aforementioned study, pomegranate also protected against atherosclerosis by reducing LDL’s basal oxidative status by an astounding 90% and increasing beneficial paraoxonase-1 (PON-1) by 83%.

Pharmaceutical companies would pay a lot for a patented compound that performs as well as pomegranate. If such a compound were developed, you would see national TV ads promoting it as the “drug” every American should take to protect against heart attack. Fortunately, pomegranate is a low-cost dietary supplement. You won’t see it advertised by the mass media, but then again, you don’t have to pay inflated prescription drug prices for it.

Avoid Foods Cooked at High Temperatures

What one eats plays a major role in chronic inflammatory processes. Cooking foods at temperatures greater than 250 degrees Fahrenheit results in sugars and certain oxidized fats reacting with proteins to form glycoxidation products in the food. Consuming foods high in glycoxidation can induce a low-grade, but chronic state of inflammation. In addition, the glycoxidation in food cooked at high temperatures also promote the accumulation of advanced glycation end products (AGEs) in our living tissues, which results in an accelerated aging process.
Coronary Artery Occlusion May Be Controlled with Other Nutrients

Kyolic® garlic,100-102 GliSODin™ (oral superoxide dismutase complex),103,104 fish oil,105-108 and cocoa polyphenols109-114 have all been shown to improve clinical markers of arterial blood flow.

An interesting study compared statin drugs side-by-side with fish oil in patients with heart failure. After a median of 3 years of follow-up, fish oil showed more benefit than statin therapy.115 Fish oil helps promote a shift from small, dense LDL particles (more atherogenic) to larger, “fluffier” LDL particles (less atherogenic), and it functions by numerous other mechanisms to protect against heart attack.116,117

Furthermore, the data showing reduction in sudden cardiac death with omega-3 fatty acids (like fish oil) is far more robust and consistent than what has been found in statin drug clinical trials.118,119

Unlike side effect-prone statin drugs, fish oil seems to help protect against virtually every age-related degenerative disease.107,120-124 Those with LDL levels above 100 mg/dL of blood who cannot lower it with dietary changes or supplements should consider a low dose statin drug and fish oil.

Simple Guidelines to Protect Yourself Against Heart Attack and Stroke

At the end of this article is a reprint of our 17 “daggers aimed at the heart” diagram that represents independent risk factors associated with heart attack and stroke. Any one of these daggers can create vascular disease. Regrettably, aging people often suffer multiple risk factors (daggers aimed at their heart) that cause them to die prematurely.

Fortunately, the proper blood tests can identify risk factors unique to each individual so that corrective action can be taken before one’s heart or brain is decimated by a catastrophic vascular event. To view the optimal blood levels of cardiac risk markers you should seek to attain, log on to www.lef.org/heart. A review of this website reveals a wide range of lifestyle, nutrient, hormone, and drug choices available. If you don’t want to take drugs, plenty of natural alternatives exist. Some people will need to take drugs, however, to get into optimal ranges.

Multiple studies document that a chronic inflammatory process is directly involved in the degenerative diseases of aging including cancer,125-127 dementia,128-130 stroke,131-133 visual disorders,134,135 arthritis,136-138 liver failure,139,140 and heart attack.141-146

Fortunately, a low-cost C-reactive protein blood test can identify whether you suffer a smoldering inflammatory fire within your body that will likely cause you to die prematurely. An abundance of scientific research provides a wide range of proven approaches to suppress chronic inflammatory reactions.147-165

The comprehensive Male and Female Blood Test Panels reveal your C-reactive protein level, along with other factors that could cause your C-reactive protein to be too high. Blood components that can spike C-reactive protein levels

Homocysteine and C-Reactive Protein as Risk Factors For Atherosclerosis

The media attacked the use of B-complex vitamins because they did not reduce the risk of heart attack in a clinical study.188 As Life Extension pointed out long ago, it’s not the type of nutrient, hormone, or drug that determines clinical outcomes. What matters are the achieved blood levels that occur in response to taking a compound designed to reduce disease risk.

A different study analyzed blood levels of homocysteine and C-reactive protein in heart attack patients compared with a control group who had no symptoms of heart attack. The groups were matched for serum cholesterol, HDL, triglycerides, age, sex, body mass index, and blood pressure. The results showed that compared with the control patients:

- 32% more heart attack patients had homocysteine levels above 10 mmol/L
- 500% more heart attack patients had homocysteine levels above 15 mmol/L
- 572% more heart attack patients had C-reactive protein levels above 3.00 mg/L

This study demonstrates the importance of keeping homocysteine below 10 mmol/L (optimal levels are below 7-8 mmol/L) and C-reactive protein as low as possible (optimal levels are below 0.55 mg/L for men and 1.5 mg/L for women).189
include high LDL, low HDL, low testosterone and excess estradiol (in men), elevated glucose, excess homocysteine and DHEA deficit. Optimal blood levels of C-reactive protein are below 0.55 mg/L in men and below 1.50 mg/L in women. Standard reference ranges accept higher levels as normal because so many people fail to take care of themselves and thus suffer chronically high C-reactive protein levels with subsequently increased risk of heart attack, stroke, cancer, senility, etc.

Despite the media portraying cardiac stents as the best choice for those with coronary blockage, a 2007 trial published in the New England Journal of Medicine evaluated 2,287 patients over 5 years and found that stents provided no additional benefit over drug cocktails in patients with chronic stable angina (chronic stable coronary artery disease). The study found that stent placement did not affect heart attack risk or coronary mortality. Yet these procedures continue to be very popular due to the reimbursement potential ($15,000 per procedure) offered by stent placement to cardiologists.

The fact that conventional drug cocktails, bypass grafting, and stents provide such limited benefits emphasizes the need for a comprehensive program to correct all 17 independent cardiac risk factors.

**Dangers of Relying on the Media for Health Information**

Today’s news media function as a mouthpiece for the conventional medical establishment.

It is in the economic interests of mainstream cardiology to deceive the public into believing the only way of treating heart disease is with bypass surgery, stents, and drugs.

A plethora of published data, however, reveals that aging humans can successfully circumvent the lethal atherosclerotic process and in many cases reverse it. It all starts with comprehensive blood testing.

The medical establishment charges around $1,000 for the wide-ranging blood tests needed to assess coronary risk markers.

As a **Life Extension** member, you can obtain the same tests for only $269.

When you place your blood test order, we send you a requisition form along with a listing of blood-drawing stations in your area. You can normally walk in during regular business hours for a convenient blood draw.

To place your order for the comprehensive **Male and/or Female Blood Test Panels**, call 1-800-208-3444 or visit [www.lef.org/blood](http://www.lef.org/blood).

For longer life,

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**Dick Cheney Suffers Congestive Heart Failure**

This article was written in early year 2010. As we go to press, former Vice-President **Dick Cheney** was hospitalized again, this time with progressive fluid retention diagnosed as **congestive heart failure**. He underwent yet another round of surgery that involved the implantation of a small pump called a **Left Ventricular Assist Device**. This device is placed in patients whose heart failure is so bad that they need mechanical assistance to sustain life. The failure of conventional cardiology is self-evident. I urge members to take preventative steps to reduce their risks of sudden cardiac arrest, or the agonies of repeated surgical procedures that don’t correct the underlying causes of coronary occlusion and heart muscle impairment.

*References for this article begin on page 18.*
This image depicts daggers aimed at a healthy heart. Any one of these daggers would kill if thrust deep into the heart. In the real world, however, aging humans suffer small pricks from the point of these daggers over a lifetime. The cumulative effect of these dagger pricks (risk factors) is arterial occlusion and, far too often, angina or acute heart attack.
MALE AND FEMALE BLOOD TEST PANELS

Unlike commercial blood tests that evaluate only a narrow range of risk factors, Life Extension’s Male and Female Blood Test Panels measure a wide range of blood markers that predispose people to common age-related diseases. Just look at the huge numbers of parameters included in the Male and Female Blood Test Panels:

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#### Lipid Profile
- Total Cholesterol
- LDL (low-density lipoprotein) calculated
- HDL (high-density lipoprotein)
- Triglycerides

#### Cardiac Markers
- C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity)
- Homocysteine

#### Hormones
- DHEA-S
- Free Testosterone
- Total Testosterone
- Estradiol (an estrogen)
- *TSH (thyroid function)

#### Metabolic Profile
- Glucose
- Kidney function tests: creatinine, BUN, uric acid, BUN/creatinine ratio
- Liver function tests: AST, ALT, LDH, GGT, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase
- Blood minerals: calcium, potassium, phosphorus, sodium, chloride, iron
- Blood proteins: albumin, globulin, total protein, albumin/globulin ratio

#### Complete Blood Count (CBC)
- Red Blood Cell count including: hemoglobin, hematocrit, MCV, MCH, MCHC, RDW
- White Blood Cell count including: lymphocytes, monocytes, eosinophils, neutrophils, basophils
- Platelet count

#### Cancer Marker
- PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen)

### Female Panel

#### Lipid Profile
- Total Cholesterol
- LDL (low-density lipoprotein) calculated
- HDL (high-density lipoprotein)
- Triglycerides

#### Cardiac Markers
- C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity)
- Homocysteine

#### Hormones
- Progesterone
- DHEA-S
- Free and Total Testosterone
- Estradiol (an estrogen)
- *TSH (thyroid function)

#### Metabolic Profile
- Glucose
- Kidney function tests: creatinine, BUN, uric acid, BUN/creatinine ratio
- Liver function tests: AST, ALT, LDH, GGT, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase
- Blood minerals: calcium, potassium, phosphorus, sodium, chloride, iron
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Each serving of the new CR Mimetic Longevity Formula contains fisetin in an amount equivalent to 2 cups of strawberries, helping to further emulate calorie restriction’s favorable influence on your longevity genes.

Most importantly, fisetin works in synergy with resveratrol. Researchers have uncovered compelling evidence of fisetin’s ability to stabilize resveratrol by shielding it from metabolic breakdown and extending its effects.

To take advantage of this extraordinary property, the new Optimized Resveratrol with Synergistic Grape-Berry Actives also includes fisetin, to enhance resveratrol’s beneficial action.

Either one of these new formulas provide cutting-edge broad-spectrum support for youthful gene expression from the most scientifically validated, natural sources.
CR Mimetic Longevity Formula

A bottle containing 60 vegetarian capsules of CR Mimetic Longevity Formula retails for $39. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to just $27 per bottle. The suggested daily dose of two capsules a day provides:

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A bottle containing 60 vegetarian capsules of Optimized Resveratrol with Synergistic Grape-Berry Actives retails for $46. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to just $31 per bottle. The suggested daily dose of one capsule a day provides:

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An orally active superoxide dismutase (SOD) called GliSODin® has been clinically proven to support healthy arterial function and structure...while boosting levels of the body’s most powerful antioxidant enzymes (SOD and catalase). Studies show that carotid artery thickness increases by 0.03 mm every 10 years. However, a 2007 GliSODin® study suggested that 2.8 years of supplementation may turn back the clock on 10 years of age-related changes due to carotid artery wall thickening. Endothelial Defense™ contains the patented GliSODin® in the identical dose used in the successful human study.

A bottle containing 60 softgels of Endothelial Defense™ with Full-Spectrum Pomegranate™ retails for $58. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to just $39.50 per bottle. Contains soybeans, tree nuts, and wheat. Contains gluten.

Scientific Studies Reveal These Additional Vascular Benefits...

1. **Pomegranate Supports Healthy Blood Flow**
   In a group of aging humans with risk factors for cardiovascular events, pomegranate or placebo was ingested on a daily basis. After twelve months, blood flow through the carotid arteries improved 44% in the pomegranate group, whereas carotid blood flow worsened by 9% in the placebo group. Both groups continued taking conventionally prescribed medications. In another similar group, pomegranate or placebo was ingested daily. After only three months, coronary artery blood flow improved by 18% in the pomegranate group, but worsened by 17% in the placebo group. A standardized pomegranate extract is one of the three active components of Endothelial Defense™.

2. **SOD Protects Against Nitric Oxide Degradation**
   Aging results in a reduction of our body’s production of the critical antioxidant called superoxide dismutase (SOD). One consequence of SOD depletion is excess degradation of endothelial nitric oxide.

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Long-Term Vitamin E Supplementation Associated with Reduced COPD Risk

A presentation at the American Thoracic Association 2010 International Conference revealed the discovery by researchers at Cornell University and Brigham and Women’s Hospital of a lower risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in women who supplemented with vitamin E.*

The team analyzed data from 38,270 health professionals who participated in the Women’s Health Study, which evaluated the effects of every other day regimens of aspirin or vitamin E in cancer and heart disease prevention over a 10-year period. The researchers uncovered a 10% reduction in risk in both smokers and nonsmokers who consumed 600 international units (IU) vitamin E every other day compared to those who received a placebo.

“If results of this study are borne out by further research, clinicians may recommend that women take vitamin E supplements to prevent COPD,” predicted Anne Hermetet Agler, who participated in the research.

Editor’s note: The antioxidant benefit of vitamin E may be responsible for the protective effect observed in this study.

—Dayna Dye


Abnormal Kidney Markers Associated with Increased Mortality Risk Over 8-Year Average

A meta-analysis conducted by the Chronic Kidney Disease Prognosis Consortium concluded that elevations in urinary albumin and blood albumin to creatinine ratio, which indicate kidney damage, as well as a reduction in the estimated glomerular filtration rate of the kidneys predict an increased risk of death from all causes over 2.1 to 11.6 years of follow-up.*

The Consortium selected 21 studies including a total of 1,234,182 participants for their analysis. Over the follow-up periods, 45,584 deaths occurred.

When the rate at which the glomeruli of the kidneys filter the blood dropped below a specific level, a greater risk of dying over follow-up occurred. Additionally, an increase in albumin and a greater ratio of urinary albumin to creatinine were associated with increased all-cause mortality risk. “This study provides quantitative data for use of both kidney measures for risk assessment and definition and staging of chronic kidney disease,” the authors conclude.

Editor’s note: Pyridoxal-5-phosphate (P5P), CoQ10, silymarin, resveratrol, and lipoic acid are clinically supported interventions for kidney disease.

—Dayna Dye

**Swimming May Be Best Exercise for Lifelong Health**

A recent article by Judy Foreman in the *Boston Globe* examines a report by Steven Blair, a leading exercise scientist from the University of South Carolina, that featured data pointing to the fact that people who swim for exercise may live longer than those who run, walk, or don’t exercise at all.*

The study, which was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Swimming Pool Foundation, followed 40,547 men ages 20-90 who completed health exams between 1971 and 2003. Over the course of the research, 1,336 of the 20,356 runners (or 6.6%) had died, while only 11 of the 562 swimmers (1.9%) died. While no specifics could be drawn from the study, the researchers pointed out that swimming may be more beneficial from running because of the full-body nature of the workout, as well as the lack of pounding and wear and tear on the body that many runners suffer.

In a phone interview with the *Boston Globe*, Blair, while remaining cautious, said that the study does show that “swimmers have lower death rates” than sedentary people.

—Jon Finkel


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**Insufficient Calcium May Link Hypertension, Osteoporosis**

The Annual Congress of the European League Against Rheumatism was the site of a presentation of the findings of Professor Maria Manarathe of the Gaetano Pini Institute in Milan and her associates of an increased risk of high blood pressure and osteoporosis among women with a reduced intake of calcium.*

The study included 825 postmenopausal women with hypertension matched with 3 healthy postmenopausal women. The researchers found that 35.4% of women whose calcium intake was among the lowest one-fourth of participants at less than 8 servings per week had both high blood pressure and osteoporosis, compared to 19.3% of those whose calcium was among the highest fourth at greater than 15 servings.

“Our study confirms that there may be a link between hypertension and low bone mass and that a low calcium intake could be a risk factor for the development of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women,” Dr. Manara stated.

**Editor’s note:** The authors write that “The main pathogenetic hypothesis for the association between hypertension and osteoporosis points to increased parathyroid levels depending on the urinary calcium leakage reported in subjects with hypertension.”

—Dayna Dye

* Annual Congress of the European League against Rheumatism.

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**Short Periods of Exercise Protect Telomeres from Stress**

Findings published in *PLoS ONE* demonstrate a protective effect for brief periods of exercise against stress-induced damage to telomeres: pieces of DNA that cap and protect the ends of chromosomes which play an important role in cellular aging.*

Elissa Epel, PhD and her associates evaluated the effect of exercise in 63 women with varying levels of stress during the prior month as assessed via the 10-item Perceived Stress Scale. The women were divided into an active group, who engaged in vigorous exercise for an average of at least 33 minutes daily, and a sedentary group.

Among inactive women, a one-unit increase in the Perceived Stress Scale was related to a 15-fold greater risk of having short white blood cell telomeres, while stress did not appear to affect the active group.

“Even a moderate amount of vigorous exercise appears to provide a critical amount of protection for the telomeres,” stated Dr. Epel.

**Editor’s note:** Longer telomeres have also been associated with multivitamin supplementation and higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids.

—Dayna Dye

IN THE NEWS

Increased Intake of Vitamins B6 and B12 Linked to Less Depression

A report published online recently in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* reveals a lower risk of developing depression among men and women who consume greater amounts of vitamin B6 and vitamin B12.*

Researchers at Rush University Medical Center evaluated data from 3,503 participants in the Chicago Health and Aging project, an ongoing study of adults aged 65 and older. Four hundred seventy-one participants reported at least 4 depressive symptoms over up to 12 years of follow-up. Adjusted analysis of the data revealed that higher intakes of both vitamin B6 and B12 from food and supplements were associated with decreased depressive symptoms over the course of follow-up.

“Our results support the hypotheses that high total intakes of vitamins B6 and B12 are protective of depressive symptoms over time in community-residing older adults,” Kimberly A. Skarupski and colleagues conclude.

Editor’s note: The authors note that vitamin B12 from food sources has poor bioavailability and absorption, especially in older individuals.

—Dayna Dye


Zinc May Be an Atheroprotective Agent

In a study published recently in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* from the Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, scientists set out to test zinc’s anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties against atherosclerosis.*

Chronic inflammation and oxidative stress are common risk factors for atherosclerosis and the scientists hypothesized that zinc, which is an essential micronutrient, may down-regulate the production of atherosclerosis-related cytokines/molecules in humans. To test this hypothesis, the researchers at Wayne State University conducted a randomized, double-blinded, placebo trial of zinc supplementation in elderly subjects.

There were 40 people involved in the study who were randomly assigned either an oral dose of 45 mg zinc gluconate per day for 6 months, or a placebo. After 6 months of supplementation, the intake of zinc, compared with the intake of placebo, increased concentrations of plasma zinc and decreased concentrations of plasma high-sensitivity C-reactive protein and interleukin-6, proving its potential as an atheroprotective agent.

Editor’s note: The effective dose of oral zinc used in this research was 40 mg per day. People who consume Life Extension’s One Per day (or Two Per Day) multi and Super Booster are also receiving 40 mg per day of zinc. The degree of inflammation is directly related to the progression of inflammation.

—Jon Finkel


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Green Tea Compound Shows Promise in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

At the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology held in Chicago, researchers from the Mayo Clinic reported results from a Phase II trial which provide additional evidence of clinical activity and low toxicity for epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG, extracted from green tea) in chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) patients.*

Hematologist Tait Shanafelt, MD and colleagues gave 2,000 milligrams EGCG to patients with early stage, asymptomatic CLL. The extract was administered twice per day for up to 6 months. Among subjects who completed 6 months of EGCG, 31% experienced a 20% or greater reduction in blood leukemia count, and 69% of those with lymph node enlargement had their node size reduced by at least half.

“All in all, the treatment was well tolerated with very mild side effects in most patients,” Dr. Shanafelt commented.

Editor’s note: Coauthor Neil Kay, MD recommends that “Those who want to take supplements should consult with their oncologists and need to receive appropriate monitoring using laboratory tests.”

—Dayna Dye

* Annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

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The Right Diet Could Help Reduce the Risk of Alzheimer’s Disease

An article published in The FASEB Journal reports the discovery of Temple University researchers of the benefit of a low methionine diet in slowing or reversing early to moderate stage Alzheimer’s disease in an animal model.*

The researchers divided mice bred to develop Alzheimer’s disease to receive a high methionine diet or a healthy (control) diet for 5 months, following which the group receiving the methionine-rich diet was subdivided to receive the same regimen or the healthy diet for two months. Mice on the methionine-rich diet had higher homocysteine levels and significant behavioral impairments at 5 months compared to the control group. While those that remained on the high methionine diet continued to show elevations in homocysteine, those that were switched to the healthy diet experienced reductions in homocysteine as well as improvements in fear-conditioning performance and a decrease in brain amyloid levels, which are elevated in Alzheimer’s disease.

Editor’s note: A byproduct of methionine metabolism is homocysteine, which when elevated has been linked to an increased risk of Alzheimer’s disease as well as cardiovascular disease. Adequate B vitamin intake can help reduce homocysteine production. Those who consume red meat often have higher methionine levels.

Greater Omega-3 Fatty Acid Intake Associated with Delayed Age-Related Hearing Loss

An article published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reveals the finding of a protective effect for omega-3 fatty acid and fish consumption against the development of age-related hearing loss.*

Australian researchers evaluated data from participants in the Blue Mountains Hearing Study of age-related hearing loss. Greater total omega-3 fatty acid intake upon enrollment was associated with a lower risk of hearing loss, and increased long chain omega-3 fatty acid intake was associated with a reduced risk of developing hearing loss over follow-up. A reduction was also observed among those who consumed at least 2 servings of fish per week, who had a 42% lower risk of hearing loss at the five-year follow-up compared with those who ate one serving per week. Additionally, a reduced risk of hearing loss progression was observed in those who consumed one to two servings of fish per week.

Editor’s note: Long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids include eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), and docosapentaenoic acid (DPA).

—Dayna Dye

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BELOW IS A LIST OF STUDIES WE ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, CALL NOW TO SET UP ENROLLMENT!

(CL025)
Alzheimer’s Disease-South Florida Location

Twenty million Americans are destined to contract Alzheimer’s disease, an affliction that robs us of memory, intelligence, and eventually our most rudimentary cognitive abilities. The few drugs approved to treat Alzheimer’s symptoms produce only modest short-term effects and some patients cannot tolerate them at all. The objective of this study is to measure the effects of weekly medication injections and nutritional supplements that may help suppress the inflammatory factor implicated in the neuronal degeneration of Alzheimer’s disease. This study requires weekly visits and runs approximately 17 weeks. You will receive blood tests, evaluations, blood pressure checks as well as study medication and supplements at no cost to you.

We are seeking adults between the ages of 60-85 who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease in the mild to moderate stage. If you or someone you know meets these requirements, you may qualify for this study.

(CL030A)
Comprehensive Weight Management Program-South Florida Location

This program includes the use of nutritional supplements, medications, and hormone testing with assessment tools in order to evaluate the management of your weight. The program lasts 180 days.

We are currently seeking adults between the ages of 35-55 who are able to follow a recommended diet program, conduct some form of exercise throughout the program and be available to return to the investigator physician’s office at the recommended time intervals for assessments. If you or someone you know meets these requirements, you may qualify to participate in this program.

(CL037)
Supporting Healthy Cholesterol Levels-South Florida Location

Life Extension Clinical Research Inc. is pleased to announce a new clinical study with a combination product in order to assess its effect in promoting healthy cholesterol levels, which is critical to your cardiovascular health.

We are currently seeking adults between the ages of 21-65 for this study.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in any of the above studies, please call Life Extension Clinical Research at 1-866-517-4536 for more information or visit the following website at www.lef.org/clinicalresearch. Click on “Register for Open Studies” and follow the directions to complete registration.

Participate in a groundbreaking study today!
Safely managing blood lipid levels can be a challenge for people as they get older. Yet an increasing number of doctors recognize the critical need to protect the arterial wall against low-density lipoprotein (LDL) oxidation and inflammatory insults.

For those who want to maintain healthful levels of lipids in the blood, new Advanced Lipid Control contains a combination of two powerful nutrients that help protect key aspects of cardiovascular function. This special formula supports healthy cholesterol levels for those already within normal range and safeguards vascular and heart health, while providing excellent antioxidant protection.

**Unique Theaflavin Extracts From Black Tea**

A staple beverage in many cultures for millennia, black tea contains beneficial flavonoids found naturally in its leaves called theaflavins. Advanced Lipid Control contains theaflavins, which scientists have discovered hold multiple applications for arterial health. As well as supporting cholesterol levels that are already within the normal range, theaflavins have been shown in human studies to protect against LDL oxidation and favorably affect endothelial function, thus helping to maintain a healthy circulation.

Scientists have also found that black tea flavonoids possess strong antioxidant properties, which can help mitigate oxidative damage to cells and tissues from free radicals. In addition, theaflavins have been found to be helpful in regulating key inflammatory mediators in the body, thus helping to preserve endothelial integrity.

**Coronary-Protective Effects of Ancient Indian Berry**

The second ingredient in Advanced Lipid Control is called AmlaMax®, a patent-pending extract of Indian gooseberry fruit. It contains a diverse blend of phenolic compounds that have been clinically shown to safely support healthy levels of all three key blood lipids—LDL, high-density lipoprotein (HDL), and triglycerides—as well as markers of inflammation such as C-reactive protein. Studies have also shown that this plant extract helps to induce rapid and significant improvement in endothelial function.

A bottle of 60 vegetarian capsules of Advanced Lipid Control retails for $30. If a member buys four bottles, the cost is only $20.25 per bottle.

**References**


This product contains a black tea extract which is licensed from Applied Food Science, Inc. and is protected by US Patent Nos. 6,811,799 and 6,602,527. AmlaMax® is a registered trademark of DolCas Biotech, LLC.

To order Advanced Lipid Control, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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The human mouth is teeming with bacteria. Brushing, flossing, and traditional dental care often aren’t enough to escape the health risks of too much of the wrong kind of bacteria found floating around the human mouth. With oral probiotics, we may be able to prevent or at least control the growth of the dangerous organisms where they originate.

**Advanced Oral Hygiene** is a new oral probiotic that provides the beneficial bacteria that can help block harmful bacteria that first develop in the mouth. This sophisticated oral probiotic therapy allows the healthy and naturally occurring organisms found in the body to out-compete the harmful bacteria.1-3

### Multiple Health Benefits

**Advanced Oral Hygiene** contains BLIS K12™ and Bacillus coagulans, a unique blend of two oral probiotics, which aim to triumph over many of the chronic threats to our health caused by oral microbes that may pose harm to the body. BLIS K12™ (*Streptococcus salivarius*) and Bacillus coagulans (*GanedenBC30™*) organisms naturally survive in human tissue, maximizing their health-promoting potential and providing help with the regulation of inflammation and cell destruction caused by the dangerous germs that originate in the mouth.

Regular use of **Advanced Oral Hygiene** could make a significant impact in protecting oral health,1-3 which in turn can strengthen the immune system, ease inflammation, and help the body maintain good health.4,5

### Poor Oral Health is Associated With Risk Factors Throughout the Entire Body

Inflammation in the mouth can translate to poor health in other parts of the body. Traditionally, poor mouth conditions have a tendency to become chronic, producing a steady elevation of inflammation in other parts of the body that receive high blood flow—thereby “seeding” the entire system with circulating “cytokines.” These cytokines, or “chemical messengers,” produce inflammatory responses in tissues far distant from the mouth, and affect cellular behavior critical to the immune system’s defense. When cytokine levels continue to increase—the occurrence of even more acute inflammation can also increase.

**Advanced Oral Hygiene** can offer relief and modulate the body’s inflammatory response, making these “good” microorganisms found in the BLIS K12™ and GanedenBC30™ strain the ideal candidates for easing inflammatory conditions in the body.5

### Live Life Longer and Healthier

In combination with a rigorous oral hygiene regime, **Advanced Oral Hygiene** provides the body with beneficial bacteria to naturally help protect the immune system and prevent harmful bacteria from colonizing throughout the body.

A bottle containing 60 mint lozenges of **Advanced Oral Hygiene** retails for $20. If a member buys four bottles, the cost is only $13.50 per bottle.

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**References:**


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Contains milk, corn, and yeast.

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A huge percentage of men over age 50 suffer from prostate-induced discomforts.

**Ultra Natural Prostate Formula** contains the most scientifically substantiated nutrients to help protect the prostate gland and maintain its healthy function.

Included in the formula is a standardized European pumpkin seed oil extract rich in delta-7 sterols and fatty acids to support a healthy prostate. A supercritical CO₂ extraction technology supplies optimal amounts of these key phytospherene to complement the fatty acid composition of saw palmetto. It is sourced from a unique variety of pumpkin cultivated specifically to yield higher ratios of these compounds than pumpkins grown for commercial use.

The nine additional active ingredients in **Ultra Natural Prostate Formula** are:

- **Saw palmetto extract.** A number of normal biological events in aging men affect the prostate gland. Saw palmetto has been shown to interfere with DHT activity in the prostate, inhibit alpha-adrenergic receptor activity (to support normal urinary flow), and help control inflammatory actions in the prostate gland. A novel DeepExtract™ extraction technology ensures the most desirable and complete profile of saw palmetto available.

- **HMRLignan™** Norway spruce and ActiFlax™ flax lignan extracts. Standardized lignans from Norway spruce and flax seeds convert to enterolactone that is then absorbed into the bloodstream where it provides significant biological effects. Enterolactone has demonstrated anti-estrogen and anti-DHT effects that are of particular importance for the aging prostate gland.

- **5-LOXIN®** boswellia extract. Published studies show that normal aging and poor diet cause levels of a dangerous enzyme (5-lipoxygenase) to increase, which can affect prostate cells. 5-LOXIN® is a patented extract from the boswellia plant that has been shown to suppress 5-lipoxygenase in addition to other pro-inflammatory factors.
Nettle root extract (Urtica dioica). Testosterone converts to estrogen at higher rates as men age. Prostate cells are sensitive to estrogen's growth stimulatory effects. Nettle root helps support prostate cells against excess estrogen levels.11

Pygeum. Normal aging results in levels of certain prostaglandins increasing in the prostate gland. Pygeum africanum extract helps suppress these prostaglandins, keeping the prostate gland placid and promoting prostate comfort.12

Beta-sitosterol. The most biologically active constituent of pygeum is beta-sitosterol. Beta-sitosterol from other plant sources is also included in this prostate support formula.13

Cernitin®. This European pollen extract has been shown to relax smooth muscle tone of the urethra, counteract DHT, and help regulate inflammatory reactions.14-17

Boron. In addition to helping protect bones, this mineral has been shown to slow elevation of prostate-specific antigen (PSA)—a benefit seeming to occur as a result of boron’s positive effect on the presence of protein-degrading enzymes in the prostate gland.18,19

Lycopene. This carotenoid, associated with the tomato’s red color, helps maintain healthy DNA gene function in prostate cells.20-24

Ultra Natural Prostate Formula provides scientifically validated standardized plant extracts that have been shown to promote healthy prostate function. No other prostate protection formula provides such a broad array of nutrients to support the multiple factors involved in maintaining a healthy prostate gland. Contains soybeans.

The retail price for one of bottle Ultra Natural Prostate Formula is $38. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $26.25 per bottle.

The daily dose of two softgels of Ultra Natural Prostate Formula provides:

- USPlus® Saw Palmetto (CO2 DeepExtract™) 320 mg
- Cernitin® 252 mg
- 5-LOXIN® 70 mg
- Pumpkin seed oil (Cucurbita pepo) extract (standardized to 85% total fatty acids) 200 mg
- Stinging nettle root extract (Urtica dioica) 240 mg
- Pygeum extract 100 mg
- Lycopene 10 mg
- Phytosterol complex (standardized to 26.6% beta-sitosterol) 678 mg
- HMRlignan™ Proprietary blend of Norway Spruce and ActiFlax™ Flax Lignan extracts 20.15 mg
- Boron 3 mg

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Large volumes of published scientific findings validate the multiple health benefits of green tea. The active constituents in green tea are polyphenols, with epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG) being the most powerful. The antioxidant activity of EGCG is about 25-100 times more potent than vitamins C and E.

When Life Extension® introduced the first standardized green tea extract in 1993, the supplement was very expensive. As more research was published about green tea’s multifaceted benefits, more companies competed to make higher-potency extracts at lower prices. The good news for consumers is that they can obtain high-potency standardized green tea extract capsules at a fraction of the prices charged just five years ago.

The Life Extension Foundation Buyers Club offers 98% green tea extracts in either a lightly caffeinated or decaffeinated form. These 98% extracts are standardized to provide high potencies of critical EGCG, the most important polyphenol found in green tea. Each capsule of Mega Green Tea Extract provides more polyphenols than are found in five cups of green tea.

These highly-concentrated Mega Green Tea Extract Caps contain 725 mg of either lightly caffeinated or decaffeinated 98% standardized green tea extracts. The retail price for a 100-capsule bottle of Mega Green Tea Extract is $28.

If a member buys four bottles of 725-mg Mega Green Tea Extract capsules, the price is reduced to $19.88 per bottle. Contains rice.

To order Mega Green Tea Extract, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com
It’s hard to find a natural antidote to today’s overstressed world. The encouraging news is that lemon balm (Melissa officinalis), a plant native to the Mediterranean region, has been clinically proven to help with anxiety and sleeplessness. What’s more, lemon balm produces these calming effects while also enhancing memory and attention.\(^1\)

Cyracos\(^\circ\) lemon balm extract is prepared from special lemon balm chosen for its high concentrations of hydroxycinnamic and rosmarinic acids. These active lemon balm constituents appear to enhance mood by modulating specific nicotinic and muscarinic receptors in the cerebral cortex of the brain.

Aside from relieving everyday stress and sleep problems, the anxiety-relieving properties of this plant extract may also offer smokers relief from the mental stress of quitting, aid in leveling mood swings, and help reduce the emotional hunger associated with dieting (or calorie restriction).

**RELAXATION PROMOTING EFFECTS OF L-THEANINE**

The Japanese have long known that L-theanine, an amino acid derived from green tea, is a natural relaxant that diminishes stress—without drowsiness, impaired thought, or other side effects. L-theanine produces calming effects in the brain in ways that have been compared to meditation, massage, and aromatherapy. L-theanine induces relaxation without causing drowsiness. In fact, studies show that L-theanine enhances the brain’s ability to concentrate, learn, and remember. Unlike caffeine, L-theanine increases GABA (gamma-aminobutyric acid), an inhibitory neurotransmitter that not only induces relaxation but also produces a sense of well-being. L-theanine may normalize levels of dopamine, a critical brain hormone that is depleted by various stress factors.

**A HOST OF HEALTH-ENHANCING BENEFITS**

Research shows that L-theanine has numerous health-enhancing effects, including protecting cognitive function.\(^*\) In studies of neurons in cell culture, L-theanine significantly reversed glutamate-induced toxicity, a major cause of normal brain aging.\(^3\)

Based on an enormous amount of published data showing the multiple beneficial effects of lemon balm extract and L-theanine, Life Extension\(^\circ\) has combined these potent, but safe nutrients into a proprietary formula called **Natural Stress Relief**. Each capsule of **Natural Stress Relief** provides:

- 300 mg of Cyracos\(^\circ\) lemon balm extract
- 200 mg of Suntheanine\(^\circ\) L-Theanine

Note that the amount of L-theanine in this product is double that of most L-theanine stand-alone supplements. The reason for this potency increase is reports of greater benefit when at least 200 mg of L-theanine are taken.

The retail price of a 30 count bottle of **Natural Stress Relief** is $28. If a member buys four bottles, the price of this potent stress-relieving formula is reduced to just $18 per bottle.

**BEWARE OF ImitATIONS** The L-theanine used in the new **Natural Stress Relief** is Suntheanine\(^\circ\), the only pure form of L-theanine available worldwide and the only form protected by 40 internationally recognized patents and scientifically proven in clinical studies to be safe and efficacious. Independent laboratory analysis has verified that certain other products on the market claiming to contain “L-theanine” are only half L-theanine, the other half being a different form of theanine known as “D-theanine” which has not been scientifically evaluated in published studies. Suntheanine\(^\circ\) is a registered trademark of Taiyo International, Inc. Use of Suntheanine\(^\circ\) is protected by US Trademark Registration No. 2,548,957. Cyracos\(^\circ\) is a registered trademark of Natures, Inc.

Contains rice.

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Brittle Bones and Hardened Arteries: THE HIDDEN LINK

Are your arteries turning into bone? They very well may be, at this very moment . . .

This is only a slight exaggeration based on a little-known medical fact: the cells lining your arteries (endothelial cells) can turn into bone cells as you age.1-3 Known as osteoblasts, these cells normally regulate bone formation.

The unexpected discovery of osteoblasts in the endothelial lining of individuals with arterial disease was made in 1993.4 It marked a major advance in our understanding of vascular and bone disease. This finding uncovered a previously unknown link between atherosclerosis, which involves calcification of vascular tissue, and osteoporosis, which involves the decalcification of bone tissue.

This finding gained validation when researchers confirmed that osteoporosis sufferers are also more likely to exhibit atherosclerotic calcification (hardening of the arteries)—while those with atherosclerosis are more likely to have weaker, more brittle bones and increased risk of fracture.5-8

While the precise mechanisms behind the transformation of endothelial cells into bone-forming osteoblasts remain unclear, we do know of specific, natural interventions that ensure bone strength and vascular health in aging individuals.

Cutting-edge research points to the central role of two key nutrients to ensure optimal calcification of your bones while preventing pathologic calcification of your arteries: vitamins D and K.

In this article, you will learn of the underlying mechanisms that regulate calcium in the body. You will discover the vital role of vitamins D and K in maintaining optimal bone strength and vascular health. You will also find out how optimal levels of these two vital nutrients operate synergistically to combat osteoporosis and atherosclerosis, two of the most common scourges confronting aging humans. >>
Vitamin D

Vitamin D’s role in the formation and maintenance of healthy bone structure and function has been established for decades. It is a vital co-factor in bone mineralization through the absorption of calcium and phosphorus. Severe D deficiency may thus lead to rickets, a childhood disease characterized by impeded growth and deformity of the long bones of the body.

More recently, its definitive importance in optimizing cardiovascular health has emerged. Vitamin D inhibits vascular calcification by blocking the release of inflammatory cytokines and adhesion molecules and preventing abnormal changes in smooth muscle cells in vessel walls. Accordingly, low vitamin D levels are associated with increased risk for development of the coronary arterial calcifications seen in atherosclerosis.

Vitamin D deficiency is also associated with multiple risk factors for cardiovascular disease—including hypertension, diabetes, increased carotid artery intima-media thickness, as well as heart attack and stroke. Vitamin D also reduces gene expression of bone-forming cells abnormally present in the aortas of experimental animals with chronic kidney disease.

A 2009 national health survey found “a strong and independent relationship of vitamin D deficiency with...”

In all likelihood, your cardiologist is unaware that the mechanisms underlying arterial calcification closely resemble the process of new bone formation, involving many of the same cells (including osteoblasts), proteins, and cytokines (signaling molecules).

People with osteoporosis are more likely to exhibit atherosclerotic calcification in their blood vessels. And those with atherosclerosis are more likely to possess lower bone mass. What do these groups have in common? Both exhibit insufficient vitamin K levels.

Researchers have since delineated the complex process by which the body manages calcium uptake, distribution, and deposition. Many of the same factors that regulate healthy calcium levels in bones are also implicated in the destructive accumulation of calcium in arteries. Among those factors are specific proteins called Gla proteins, found in bone tissue and in vascular walls, that require vitamin K for their proper function. Other factors crucial to atherosclerosis and osteoporosis prevention are modulated by vitamin D. These include fat-derived inflammatory cytokines.

Osteoporosis and atherosclerosis, in other words, both involve insufficiencies of D and K.
prevalent cardiovascular disease in a large sample representative of the US adult population.”17 Low vitamin D levels have also been implicated in congestive heart failure (CHF).18

Replenishment of low vitamin D levels provides a simple and effective means of reversing many of these risks. To take one example, a 2009 study examined the effect of monthly injections of 300,000 IU of vitamin D3 in a group of deficient subjects with no overt symptoms of cardiovascular disease.11 At the outset of the study, subjects had low flow-mediated dilation of their arteries, a key index of endothelial health. After only 3 months of supplementation, significant improvement in flow-mediated dilation was observed, with diminished post-treatment measures of oxidative stress as well.

These findings have been complemented by recent research into the mechanisms dependent upon vitamin K for optimal heart and bone health—mechanisms that operate both parallel to and in tandem with vitamin D.

**Vitamin K**

Vitamin K is not a single nutrient, but rather denotes several related nutritional compounds. These can be produced within the human body but not by the body.19 Gut flora (beneficial intestinal bacteria) generate about 75% of the vitamin K your body absorbs each day, with the other 25% coming from dietary sources.20 Just as importantly, vitamin K is not stored in the body, underscoring the need for daily intake.21

It occurs in nature in two primary forms: K1 or phylloquinone and K2 or menaquinone. Vitamin K is a cofactor required to convert the amino acid glutamate into gamma-carboxyglutamate, or Gla-proteins.22 Gla-proteins regulate physiological processes controlled by calcium. These include blood coagulation (clotting) and bone mineralization.

Accordingly, Gla-proteins are critical to the formation and replenishment of bone tissue. Unless these proteins are modified by vitamin K, they cannot properly form the matrix in which calcium and phosphorus bind together to make solid, well-mineralized bone. Vitamin K has been shown to stimulate new bone formation and reduce the incidence of vertebral fractures.23,24

The Gla-protein osteocalcin, normally present in bone, has been found in calcified atherosclerotic plaque lesions, and production of this protein is pathologically upregulated in people with atherosclerosis.25-28

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*Vitamins D and K*

- Scientists have discovered that blood vessel cells can transform into bone-forming cells.
- This unexpected finding confirmed a little-known link between atherosclerosis and osteoporosis.
- Insufficient D and K intake lie at the juncture of these two lethal age-related conditions.
- They operate synergistically to optimize bone mineralization and prevent calcium deposits in vascular tissue.
- Low vitamin D is linked with arterial calcification and bone loss.
- Vitamin K stimulates bone formation and modifies specific proteins (Gla) that ensure arterial flexibility.
At the same time, another vitamin K-dependent Gla-protein known as MGP (for “matrix Gla-protein”), normally found in healthy arterial walls, is a strong inhibitor of vascular calcification. In other words, by increasing matrix Gla-protein in the arterial walls, vitamin K protects against the calcification-inducing effects of osteocalcin.

This may explain the emergence of compelling evidence for vitamin K as a key factor in overall heart health. To take one example, a large study of more than 4,800 subjects followed for 7-10 years in the Netherlands demonstrated that people in the highest one-third of vitamin K2 intake had a 57% reduction in risk of dying from cardiovascular disease, compared to those with the lowest intake. And their risk of having severe aortic calcification plummeted by 52%—a clear demonstration of the vitamin’s protective effects. Another study by the same group showed that vitamin K2 intake was associated with a 20% decreased risk of coronary artery calcification.

Another study suggests that vitamin K2 may work synergistically with anti-osteoporosis drugs called bisphosphonates, inhibiting arterial calcification and inducing production of a protein important in maintaining vessels’ elasticity.

Vitamin K insufficiency thus explains the so-called “calcification paradox” whereby older adults suffer a concurrent loss of calcium from their bones and abnormal increases of calcium in their arteries. Compelling evidence reveals widespread vitamin K insufficiency among aging individuals. Recent population-level (epidemiological) research reveals that even in apparently healthy people, a substantial proportion of Gla-proteins do not exhibit the vitamin K-dependent changes they require for activity—suggesting that the majority of these people are vitamin K-deficient.

These studies further indicate that the amount of vitamin K needed for optimal bone tissue function turns out to be higher than that needed for healthy clot formation. In other words, people with K levels adequate for normal coagulation may still be deficient when it comes to bone health.

**A Synergistic Combination**

The body of clinical evidence supporting mutually reinforcing interplay between vitamins D and K in bone and heart health is growing at a steady pace.

In a study of older women with Parkinson’s disease and osteoporosis, for instance, all the patients were found to be deficient in both vitamins K and D at the outset. After 12 months of supplementation with 45 mg per day of vitamin K2, bone mineral density in the hands increased significantly compared with placebo recipients. At the same time, blood levels of bone deterioration markers, as well as calcium, dropped significantly, indicating that the K2 was doing its job of generating the vital Gla-proteins and locking calcium into bone. Most compelling of all, women in the placebo group were nearly 12 times more likely to sustain a fracture as those in the vitamin K group!

Continuous combined therapy with vitamins K2 and D3 have been shown to significantly increase vertebral bone mass in postmenopausal women while maintaining normal blood coagulation parameters. And the combination, with added calcium supplementation, contributed to a 7.5-fold reduction in the risk of fractures in elderly women with Alzheimer’s disease.

Even in the absence of calcium supplementation, a K2/D3 regimen sustained bone mineral density in a group of early postmenopausal women with highly active bone turnover—a prime example of the benefits of early prevention.

The combination of K1 with vitamin D and calcium has also been shown to be effective in retarding bone loss in postmenopausal women between...
ages 50 and 60. Vitamin K2 supplements on the other hand, produced remarkable improvement in Gla-protein markers of bone mineralization as early as 2 weeks after starting treatment. K2 supplementation also inhibited bone loss in a group of patients treated with steroid drugs, a group at high risk for pathological fractures. And 45 mg per day of K2 plus 1,500 mg per day of calcium produced a significant increase in bone mineral density in the vertebral columns of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis. Tellingly, that study also showed a significant decrease in the level of incompletely transformed Gla-proteins—a direct measure of vitamin K2's effectiveness replicated in other studies.

Summary

The remarkable discovery that blood vessel cells can transform into bone-forming cells confirmed the little-known link between atherosclerosis and osteoporosis. At the core of this connection is insufficient D and K intake. These vital nutrients operate in synergy to optimize bone mineralization and prevent calcium deposits in vascular tissue. Low vitamin D is linked with arterial disease and bone loss, while vitamin K stimulates bone formation and modifies specific proteins (Gla) that help protect against arterial calcification.

Vitamin D taken in higher doses (5,000-10,000 IU/day) has become popular over the last two years based on findings showing that this potency is required to achieve optimal blood levels (over 50 ng/mL of 25-hydroxyvitamin D). Relatively few supplement takers, however, understand the critical need for aging humans to also take a daily vitamin K supplement.

Fortunately, Life Extension members were informed in 1999 about the critical need of including vitamin K in their supplement regimen.

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According to the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, alpha tocopherol (regular vitamin E) displaces critically important gamma tocopherol in the cells.1 While alpha tocopherol inhibits free-radical production, gamma tocopherol is required to trap and neutralize existing free radicals.2

Four prestigious scientific journals have highlighted gamma tocopherol as one of the most critically important forms of vitamin E for those seeking optimal health benefits.

Most commercial vitamin E supplements contain little, if any, gamma tocopherol. They instead rely on alpha tocopherol as the primary ingredient. However, it is gamma tocopherol (not the alpha form) that quenches peroxynitrite, the free radical that plays a major role in the development of age-related decline.2,3

**SESAME LIGNANS: The Natural Vitamin E Booster**

Life Extension® has uncovered research suggesting that adding sesame lignans to gamma tocopherol may significantly enhance its beneficial effects. Sesame and its lignans have been shown to boost antioxidant levels and help maintain already-normal blood pressure.*

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- Beta tocopherol 0-7.18 mg
- Sesame seed 20 mg

(Sesamum indicum) lignan extract

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**References**


To order Gamma E Tocopherol with Sesame Lignans, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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An abundance of scientific research substantiates the wide-ranging health benefits, including promoting a healthy heart, of omega-3 fatty acids in fish oil and monounsaturated fatty acids-polyphenols in olive fruit.  

SUPER OMEGA-3 from Life Extension® uses a patented EPA/DHA extraction process that results in a pure, stable and easy-to-tolerate fish oil extract.  

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Super Omega-3 provides a high concentration of olive fruit extract standardized for hydroxytyrosol, tyrosol and oleuropein polyphenols. Research shows the value of oleuropein in favorably altering gene expression, delaying senescence in specialized skin cells, and helping maintain normal platelet activation.  

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To order the most advanced fish oil supplement, Super Omega-3 EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans and MORE Olive Fruit Extract with or without enteric coating call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

Just four softgels of SUPER OMEGA-3 EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans & Olive Fruit Extract provide:

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Two softgels should be taken twice daily with meals. A bottle of 120 softgels of SUPER OMEGA-3 EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans and Olive Fruit Extract retails for $32. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $21 per bottle. If 10 bottles are purchased, the price per bottle is reduced to only $18.68. Item #01482

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Super Omega-3 is certified to contain no detectable levels of mercury, arsenic, lead, cadmium, and other toxic metals by the International Fish Oil Standards (IFOS™). This product meets or exceeds IFOS™ standards for PCBs, dioxins, and other contaminants, and thus has received its highest 5-star rating.

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Supportive but not conclusive evidence shows that consumption of EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acids may reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

References:
In 2008, Life Extension® introduced Berry Complete, a unique, high-potency blend of extracts from Nature’s most powerful free radical fighters.1–3 The antioxidant strength of just one capsule equaled more than 50% of the recommended five daily servings of fruits and vegetables.

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Two Critical Fat-Soluble Nutrients Deficient in Food Sources

An avalanche of favorable studies has resulted in record numbers of Americans supplementing with vitamin D. Since it is virtually impossible to obtain adequate vitamin D from food sources, supplementation with 5,000-10,000 IU daily is required by most aging individuals.

Overlooked by almost everyone (except Life Extension® members) is the critical importance of vitamin K. If one is concerned enough about their health to take higher dose vitamin D, it seems absurd to miss out on the proven benefits of vitamin K.

For instance, vitamin D facilitates calcium absorption into the bloodstream and thus plays an important role in maintaining bone density. Less recognized is the need for vitamin K to transport calcium from the bloodstream into the bone. Vitamin K is also required by calcium-regulating proteins in the arteries.1-3 Together these two vitamins help maintain youthful calcium skeletal distribution while promoting vascular health.6-11

Vitamin K can be found in small amounts in the diet, but to obtain the desired higher potencies requires supplementation.

**Vitamins D and K with Sea-Iodine™**

Most Life Extension members obtain optimal potencies of long-acting vitamin K in the Super Booster or Super K formulations. An increasing number of new members, however, are asking for high-potency vitamin D—but are not taking any supplemental vitamin K.

To directly address this critical problem, Life Extension has put together a new formula called Vitamins D and K with Sea-Iodine™. Just one capsule provides:

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Like vitamins D and K, few Americans obtain optimal amounts of iodine. As people seek to limit their salt intake, this deficit is exacerbated since “iodized salt” is the principal source of this mineral in many diets. We expect the issue of iodine insufficiency to receive more media attention as new studies uncover the problems this creates. Sea-Iodine™ is included in this formula to provide iodine without the harmful effects of sodium.

For members seeking high-potency vitamin D, but who are not yet aware of the body’s essential need for vitamin K and iodine, the new Vitamins D and K with Sea-Iodine™ is available at the retail price of $24 for 60 vegetarian capsules. If a member buys four bottles, the cost is reduced to only $16.50 per bottle.

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If I had to give you a single secret ingredient that could apply to the prevention—and treatment, in many cases—of heart disease, common cancers, stroke, infectious diseases from influenza to tuberculosis, type 1 and 2 diabetes, dementia, depression, insomnia, muscle weakness, joint pain, fibromyalgia, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoporosis, psoriasis, multiple sclerosis, and hypertension, it would be this: vitamin D.

I have been traveling around the world not only lecturing about vitamin D but also hearing from physicians how common vitamin D deficiency is. It’s not only the most common nutritional deficiency in the world, but it’s also the most common medical condition, affecting at least one billion people. Three out of every four Americans are deficient in vitamin D, up from one out of two twenty years ago.
A Hormone, Not a Vitamin

Naturally, we’re disposed to think about vitamin D as a vitamin—a substance that we get from our diets, like vitamin C or niacin, and that participates in biological reactions to help the body operate optimally. But despite its name, vitamin D isn’t really a vitamin. Vitamin D is in a class by itself; its far-reaching effects on the body are aligned with how hormones act to influence metabolic pathways, cellular functions, and the expression of myriad genes. Vitamin D’s active metabolic product in the body, in fact, is a molecule called 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D (let’s call it 1,25-vitamin D for simplicity), which is a secosteroid hormone that directly or indirectly targets more than two thousand genes, or about 6 percent of the human genome.

From Bone Health to Brain Health

Contrary to what was previously believed—that vitamin D receptors were only in bones, intestines, and kidneys—we now know that vitamin D receptors are everywhere in the body. There is even proof that vitamin D receptors exist in the brain and that the active form of vitamin D stimulates the production of mood-elevating serotonin. This explains how it may help reduce depression (or just a chronically foul mood). Fat cells, too, have vitamin D receptors, and fat cells can be more metabolically active (burn more calories) if they have more vitamin D. People tend to think that fat cells are like inanimate blobs of lard when in fact they are active participants in the process by which your brain learns that you’re full and don’t need to take another bite of food. When you’ve had enough, fat cells secrete a hormone called leptin that allows you to push away from the table. A lack of vitamin D will interfere with this appetite-suppressing hormone whose job it is to regulate your body weight. And we all know what an unchecked appetite can lead to: weight gain and a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Speaking of which, vitamin D deficiency has also been shown to exacerbate type 2 diabetes, impair insulin production in the pancreas, and increase insulin resistance.

Benefits of Vitamin D in Brief

- Bone health: prevents osteopenia, osteoporosis, osteomalacia, rickets, and fractures.
- Cellular health: prevents certain cancers, such as prostate, pancreatic, breast, ovarian, and colon; prevents infectious diseases and upper-respiratory-tract infections, asthma, and wheezing disorders.
- Organ health: prevents heart disease and stroke; prevents type 2 diabetes, periodontitis and tooth loss, and other inflammatory diseases.
- Muscular health: supports muscle strength.
- Autoimmune health: prevents multiple sclerosis, type 1 diabetes mellitus, Crohn’s disease, and rheumatoid arthritis.
- Brain health: prevents depression, schizophrenia, Alzheimer’s disease, and dementia.
- Mood-related health: prevents seasonal affective disorder, premenstrual syndrome (PMS, also known as premenstrual tension), and sleeping disorders.
Vitamin D and Obesity

Because vitamin D is stored in fat cells, you’d think that people with excess fat would have plenty of extra vitamin D on hand to make up any shortage. As it turns out, that thinking is wrong, and a parallel relationship exists between vitamin D deficiency and obesity. The fatter you are, the higher your risk for a deficiency. Why? The vitamin D essentially gets locked inside the fat cells, unavailable for use.

In one of my studies, we exposed obese and non-obese individuals to the same amount of UVB radiation and showed that obese people can only raise their blood levels of vitamin D by about 45 percent compared to a normal-weight person. Obese people (defined as those with a body mass index, or BMI, above 30) often need at least twice as much vitamin D to satisfy their body’s needs. With the majority of Americans overweight or obese these days, it’s not a stretch to understand why a similar number of people are vitamin D deficient. The two epidemics have worsened in unison.

Obesity-related conditions now account for nearly 10 percent of all medical spending, having doubled in the last decade. It’s hard to believe that the obesity rate could rise 37 percent in just eight years alone, but that’s exactly what happened between 1998 and 2006—bringing a breathtaking one third of the adult American population into the obese camp. Why the spike in such a short time frame?

We’ve evolved to store vitamin D in fat. This allows us to have ample supplies on hand during the long winter months, when it’s virtually impossible to make vitamin D—when the active synthesis of vitamin D from the sun is in hibernation until the spring. But humans did not evolve to carry such copious amounts of excessive fat. The result is that this fat begins to have negative effects on the body’s metabolism and hormonal balance.

Contrary to what you might think, overweight people don’t have higher levels of 25-vitamin D due to their higher fat content. They have lower levels, because the excess fat absorbs and holds onto the vitamin D so that it cannot be used for bone building and cellular health. Unlike a normal-weight person, whose fat is continually being recycled so the vitamin D can be released, those with relatively immobile fat stores cannot access their vitamin D, which is literally locked up in their adipose tissue. Making matters worse, obese people are frequently vitamin D deficient to start with because they go outside much less. Obese people need two to three times more vitamin D a day than those of normal weight, so I advise such patients to take between 3,000 and 6,000 IU of vitamin D a day.

Cracking One of Cancer’s Codes

Breast Cancer

Here’s a staggering statistic: Women who are deficient in vitamin D at the time they are diagnosed with breast cancer are nearly 75 percent more likely to die from the disease than women with sufficient vitamin D levels. What’s more, their cancer is twice as likely to metastasize to other parts of the body.

In the United States, more than forty thousand women die from breast cancer every year—making it the deadliest killer of women after heart disease. One woman in eight either has or will develop breast...
cancer in her lifetime. There are 214,000 new cases and 41,000 deaths from breast cancer each year in the United States. A 2008 study found that women who had a vitamin D deficiency at the time they were diagnosed with breast cancer were 94 percent more likely to have their cancer spread than women with adequate 25-vitamin D levels in their bodies.

In May 1999, a landmark study by Dr. Esther John, based on the meticulous analysis of breast cancer statistics from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, was published. The authors conclude definitively that sun exposure and a vitamin D-rich diet significantly lower the risk of breast cancer.

Prostate Cancer

Only heart attacks and lung cancer kill more men than cancer of the prostate. Cancer of the prostate is especially feared by men because surgical treatment for this form of cancer frequently results in impotence. A study in the August 2001 issue of the *Lancet* proves that the risk of developing prostate cancer is directly related to sunlight exposure. The study divided people into four groups according to how much sunlight they had been exposed to. The lowest quarter, or quartile, of the study participants were three times more likely to develop prostate cancer than those in the highest quartile of sun exposure. The results show that those in the highest quartile reduced their risk of developing prostate cancer by 66 percent. Those in the second and third quartiles also had a significantly lower chance of getting prostate cancer compared with those in the lowest quartile, who received the least sun exposure. Another study took a long look, over almost two years, at men with prostate cancer who received 2,000 IU of vitamin D a day and found that overall the men had a 50 percent reduction in the rise of their levels of prostate specific antigen (PSA), which is an indicator of prostate cancer activity.

Colon Cancer

Cancer of the colon and its neighboring area, known sometimes as colorectal cancer, affects both men and women. Like breast cancer and prostate cancer, colorectal cancer is seen much more frequently than skin cancers and is much more deadly. About 150,000 Americans are told each year that they have colon cancer, and about 35 percent of these will die of it.

A study published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* in 2008, conducted by lead researcher Dr. Kimmie Ng of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston found that high blood levels of 25-vitamin D increased colon cancer patients’ survival rate by 48 percent. In this study, Dr. Ng and her team collected data on 304 patients who had been diagnosed with colon cancer between 1991 and 2002. Everyone in the study had had their 25-vitamin D blood levels measured a minimum of two years before being diagnosed with the disease. The patients were tracked until they died or until the study ended in 2005; 123 patients died, 96 of them from colon or rectal cancer during the follow-up period. Dr. Ng and her team found that the patients with the highest 25-vitamin D levels were 39 percent less likely to die from colorectal cancer than the patients who had the lowest levels.

These findings are consistent with dozens and dozens of other observations that have been made in the past decade, including those by Dr. Cedric Garland. His lab reports that you are three times less likely to die from colon cancer if you have healthy levels of 25-vitamin D in your bloodstream.

A New Model for Cancer?

Though it’s a stretch to say vitamin D can totally prevent and cure cancer, some scientists have been bold enough to suggest a whole new theory about cancer. Just last year, the Garland brothers raised the possibility that there’s another story behind cancer’s genesis in the body. The current scientific model assumes that a genetic mutation is cancer’s point of
But what if that assumption is wrong? What if there is another way to explain how cancer develops? Those are the questions the Garlands put forth, which were published in the *Annals of Epidemiology* and immediately picked up by the media.

First, Dr. Cedric Garland and his team pointed to a host of research that suggests cancer develops when cells lose the ability to stick together in a healthy, normal way. He went on to argue that the key factor in this initial triggering of a malignancy could well be a lack of vitamin D. According to Dr. Garland, researchers have documented that with enough activated vitamin D present, cells adhere to one another in tissue and act as normal, mature cells. But if there is a deficiency of activated vitamin D, cells can lose this stick-to-each-other quality, as well as their identity as differentiated cells. The result? They may revert to a dangerous, immature state and become cancerous.

What can stop this process from occurring, says Dr. Garland, is ample supplies of vitamin D in the body. Whether or not this theory can be proven true will be told by future studies and research.

**Testing, Testing, 1-2-3**

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Dr. Holick, when *Life Extension Magazine* first interviewed you back in 2003, very few people were interested in the subject of vitamin D.

MH: I remember very well.

LE: Most doctors and most people knew that they received vitamin D in their milk and that it was good for bones, end of story. No one had any idea as to the wealth of health benefits that vitamin D can deliver. You had a long fight to make your work heard. People thought vitamin D was boring.

MH: I felt like a Maytag® repairman every time I got up to talk to doctors about vitamin D. Everyone was aware of the need of vitamin D for childhood bone health and it was assumed that adults were able to get enough vitamin D from a balanced healthy diet. So, why should we care about vitamin D?

LE: Seven years later, vitamin D is now the topic of discussion throughout the medical world. Doctors, who think that supplementation is a waste of time, are now recommending vitamin D to their patients. What happened to change the conversation?

MH: I think what happened was a few people started to actually listen and initiated studies to look at disease incidence, as it related to both sun exposure and vitamin D status. And all of a sudden, they were amazed to find compelling associations. In the past two years, we now have mechanisms by which we can understand why vitamin D has so many important biologic roles to play and why it’s so important to be vitamin D sufficient to maintain maximum health.

LE: In your new book *The Vitamin D Solution*, one of the most fascinating chapters is the discussion on vitamin D and the prevention of breast, prostate, and colon cancer. A few years ago no one would have imagined that vitamin D could play such an important role in the prevention of cancer. Do the studies show that vitamin D’s role is just in prevention or are there possible treatment modalities?

MH: We are currently investigating these possibilities. What concerns me is that people may now think, “Aha, I won’t need to take my chemotherapy, I can just take more vitamin D.” I would never recommend that. But we do have evidence from our mouse studies that a patient may respond better to chemotherapy, have less tumor growth and have less metastatic activity, if you increase your vitamin D intake and get your blood levels in the range that I recommend in *The Vitamin D Solution*, which is to maintain a blood level of 25-hydroxyvitamin D of between 40-60 ng/mL.

LE: Based on these studies, it would seem that every oncologist should be testing their patients for 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels and putting them on a regimen for optimal levels, in order to potentially improve their response to chemotherapy.

MH: Cancer patients are at high risk for vitamin D deficiency. These patients usually can’t go out in the sun, because the chemotherapeutic agents cause a photosensitivity reaction. Also, they often have nausea, so that they don’t eat a well balanced diet that includes foods containing vitamin D such as dairy products, vitamin D fortified orange juice, salmon and mushrooms. They may also have malabsorption of a whole range of nutrients including vitamin D. As a result, vitamin D deficiency in cancer patients not only can affect their bone health but also causes them to have a feeling of being depressed, having muscle weakness, and aches and pains in their bones and muscles. A lot of these symptoms that have been thought to be due to the cancer and the chemotherapy—many of them may be due to vitamin D deficiency. Patients that I have treated feel better after treating their vitamin D deficiency. So separate from its potential benefits of improving responsiveness to chemotherapeutic agents, patients feel better and they’re more active.

LE: Is this valuable information about the benefits of vitamin D to cancer patients getting into the hands of oncologists?

MH: No, I don’t believe so. Interestingly, cardiologists have begun to realize the importance of vitamin D for cardiovascular health but the oncologists have not appreciated the non-skeletal benefits of vitamin D for their cancer patients. It is important for
LE: Speaking of insulin sensitivity, what is the relationship of vitamin D and diabetes?

MH: The most serious form of diabetes is type 1. We believe that if children have adequate vitamin D on board, they are less likely to develop viral and bacterial infections, and there is evidence to suggest that type 1 diabetes may be caused by an initial viral infection, followed by an autoimmune response causing the destruction of the insulin producing cells in the pancreas.

In The Vitamin D Solution, I discussed a study conducted in Finland where children in the 1960s who received 2,000 IU of vitamin D a day during the first year of life and followed for 31 years reduced their risk of developing type 1 diabetes by 88%.

In terms of type 2 diabetes, the beta islet cell that makes insulin has a vitamin D receptor. Active vitamin D stimulates insulin production. There is evidence that vitamin D may be directly acting on fat cells to improve insulin sensitivity. Therefore, vitamin D plays a role in insulin production, as well as enhancing insulin sensitivity and is a likely explanation for one of the studies I cite in the book that there was a 33% reduced relative risk of developing type 2 diabetes for men and women who had the highest vitamin D intake.

LE: Given the broad spectrum importance of vitamin D with regard to cardiac health as well as cancer and diabetes prevention, why are we so deficient?

MH: If you’re Mother Nature and you had to guarantee that your inhabitants needed to get a biochemical nutrient, i.e. vitamin D, to maximize their health, you probably wouldn’t want to depend on a nutrient found in the diet. Since most living creatures on the earth were exposed to sunlight one simple way to guarantee their vitamin D requirement was to be simply exposed to sunlight and to make vitamin D in the skin.

Our hunter-gatherer forefathers were outside every day and most likely were making thousands of IUs of vitamin D a day. As a result, our bodies adapted to that amount of vitamin D to maximize health. However, now we have limited our sun exposure and have been encouraged to always wear sun protection. In my opinion, this is one of the major causes for the vitamin D deficiency pandemic. In India and Thailand, vitamin D deficiency is common. Even in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and South Africa, more than 50% of the population is deficient in vitamin D, all because of their avoidance of sun.

Studies have shown that 40% of Floridians were vitamin D deficient. It’s often recommended that in the summer you should go out in early morning or late afternoon to minimize skin damage and to get your vitamin D. However it turns out you make no vitamin
D during this period. Your body produces vitamin D between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM even in Florida.

As I mention in the book, if you're in a bathing suit and are exposed to sunlight and 24 hours later have a light pinkness to your skin, it's equivalent to ingesting about 20,000 IU's of vitamin D. So if you think about that, it's pretty clear our hunter-gatherer forefathers were making thousands of IU's a day, and now with little sun exposure the only sources of vitamin D are from natural sources including salmon and mushroom and fortified foods such as some dairy products and orange juices which contain 100 IU of vitamin D per serving. Even a multivitamin only contains 400 IU of vitamin D. For every 100 IU of vitamin D ingested an adult raises their blood level of 25-hydroxyvitamin D (the measure for vitamin D status) by 1 ng/mL. Thus drinking a glass of vitamin D fortified milk or taking a multivitamin will only raise your blood level of 25-hydroxyvitamin D by 1 and 4 ng/mL respectively. I think we've been off by a factor of 5 to 10 for the amount of vitamin D that everybody needs. Children need at least 400 IU and up to 1,000 IU daily is preferred. Teenagers and all adults need at least 1,500-2,000 IU of vitamin D daily.

**LE:** What are the misperceptions about vitamin D supplementation in terms of toxicity?

**MH:** I talk about this a lot when I give talks to physicians. I joke about this by saying to them that the one thing doctors remember from medical school more than anything else is...don't ever make your patient vitamin D intoxicated. However, they've never seen vitamin D intoxication and they don't even know what it is. Yet, despite all of the new information about vitamin D, they still believe that taking 50,000 IU of vitamin D once a week for eight weeks to treat vitamin D deficiency is going to cause vitamin D intoxication. We did a study with Dr. Heaney in 2002 and showed that you can take up to 10,000 IU of vitamin D a day for almost a half a year and not worry about vitamin D intoxication. In *The Vitamin D Solution*, I suggest that for children during the first year of life, up to 2,000 IU of vitamin D a day is safe. Children from age 1 to 12 years 5,000 IU of vitamin D a day is safe. All teenagers and adults can easily tolerate 10,000 IU of vitamin D a day without concern for toxicity.

**LE:** There is a great deal of discussion regarding optimal vitamin D levels. What should we strive for?

**MH:** I think you need to maintain your 25-hydroxyvitamin D level above 30 ng/mL. For my patients and for me personally, I like for it to be between 40-60 ng/mL of 25-hydroxyvitamin D to guarantee vitamin D sufficiency and its health benefits.

**LE:** From an objective point of view, this doesn’t seem to be so hard to accomplish. You get some moderate sun exposure, you take your supplements; yet we have a massive population that is vitamin D deficient. What's going on?

**MH:** I discuss in *The Vitamin D Solution* that it is essentially impossible to get an adequate amount of vitamin D from dietary sources on a daily basis. It is also difficult to convince all children, especially teenagers, and all adults to take a vitamin D supplement every day. We have always depended in the past on sensible sun exposure as the major source of vitamin D which we have now abandoned.

Vitamin D can be taken with or without food and can be taken daily, weekly or even monthly as long as the total dose is equivalent. For example, teenagers and adults need a total of at least 2,000 IU of vitamin D a day. Taking 14,000 IU of vitamin D weekly or 50,000 IU of vitamin D every two weeks has been shown to be effective in maintaining the blood levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D above 30 ng/mL in teenagers and adults.

**LE:** In order to establish one’s need of this critical vitamin, people need to be tested. It would seem that physicians should include vitamin D testing with the standard CBC testing for cholesterol and other markers.
**MH:** It’s not unreasonable, but the problem is that it’s expensive. It can cost up to $225 for an assay and Medicare reimburses only forty dollars. My recommendations—there’s an editorial coming out in the journal *Clinical Chemistry* by me for them—is that not everybody should be screened but everybody should be getting a vitamin D supplement. If you take a vitamin D supplement as I have recommended along with sensible sun exposure in the spring, summer, and fall, you should be able to maintain your blood level of 25-hydroxyvitamin D above 30 ng/mL. I personally take 2,000 IU vitamin D supplement along with a multivitamin containing 400 IU of vitamin D and drink three glasses of vitamin D fortified milk daily and my blood level of 25-hydroxyvitamin D is in the range of 40-50 ng/mL. However if you have an intestinal malabsorption syndrome, you’re obese, you’re on glucocorticoids such as prednisone, antiseizure or AIDS medications, or have sarcoidosis, these patients need to be carefully followed and monitored. (Editor’s note: Life Extension members pay only $47 for vitamin D (25-hydroxyvitamin D) blood testing as opposed to the up to $225 cost Dr. Holick has observed.)

**LE:** Is there any data on the impact of aging on vitamin D absorption and levels?

**MH:** Twenty years ago, we published a study that stated that aging does not affect your ability to absorb vitamin D from diet or supplements. Others have now reproduced those findings. However, aging does markedly decrease your ability to make vitamin D in your skin. When you compare a seventy-year old to a twenty-year old, the seventy-year old only makes about 25% of the vitamin D compared to the 20-year-old. I usually recommend for older people over the age of about 70 years to expose more of their skin—abdomen, back, legs, arms while always protecting their face.

**LE:** Given the recent studies that point out that anti-depressants are only about 50% effective, what role does vitamin D play in mood modulation?

**MH:** We know that vitamin D receptors exist in the brain, and there is evidence that *in utero*—as the infant is developing—if the mother is vitamin D deficient, the child has a much higher risk of developing schizophrenia later in life. There are animal studies that have shown that vitamin D will increase serotonin levels in the brain. Therefore it is thought that if you have a healthy vitamin D status (25-hydroxyvitamin D 30-100 ng/mL), it will do the same thing for people: improve their serotonin levels and improve their mood and feeling of well-being.

**LE:** Can you tell us about some of your current research projects?

**MH:** Right now we are estimating that there may be up to 2,000 genes in the body regulated by vitamin D, which is probably why it plays such an important role for your health. We’re now on the hunt for these genes to better understand how much vitamin D a person needs to maximize their gene activity for improving and maintaining good health.

**LE:** In a perfect world, where people are getting optimal levels of vitamin D, do you see a drop in the major killers such as cancer, heart disease, and diabetes?

**MH:** Absolutely. Based on some of the literature, it seems that we could probably decrease health care costs across the board by 25% if everybody had optimal vitamin D status.

**LE:** That’s very, very significant. We are grateful for your innovative work with vitamin D and the life-saving changes it is bringing to all of us.

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Both MK-4 and MK-7 have demonstrated remarkable health benefits when studied in human populations.

**The Most Complete Vitamin K Formula**

Vitamin K1 is the form found in plants and vegetables and should be part of most people’s daily supplement regimen. Even more important is inclusion of the MK-4 and MK-7 forms of vitamin K2.

Based on data substantiating the long-acting effects of MK-7, one can achieve far higher sustained blood levels of this critical nutrient.

The virtue of Super K is that it provides the precise amount of the long-acting MK-7 form of vitamin K2 that human studies have shown provides optimal K2 levels over a 24-hour period. The MK-4 is included to provide the rapid increase in vitamin K blood levels that may account for its beneficial effects in certain studies.

**All Three Forms of Vitamin K**

Super K with Advanced K2 Complex provides all three forms of vitamin K that the body can utilize.

The retail price for a bottle containing 90 softgels (three-month supply) is $26. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to just $17.25 per bottle.

The same Super K formula containing the identical potencies of Vitamin K1, K2 (MK-4) and K2 (MK-7) can be found in the Life Extension® Super Booster. If you take the Super Booster, you do not need additional Super K softgels.

Contains tree nuts (coconut).

References:

Warning to Coumadin® (warfarin) Drug Users

Patients prescribed vitamin K-antagonist anti-coagulant prescription drugs like warfarin should consult their physician before taking vitamin K supplements like Super K and Super Booster. There is evidence, however, that users of drugs like warfarin could benefit from a consistent low dose of supplemental vitamin K. Ask your doctor if you can take a low dose (45 mg a day) of vitamin K2 in the long-acting MK-7 form for the purpose of stabilizing your INR levels and also protecting your body against long-term vitamin K deficit. Do not institute any form of vitamin K supplementation without full cooperation of your treating doctor, as your doctor may need to increase your dose of warfarin to compensate for the vitamin K you supplement with. Life Extension provides several forms of low-dose vitamin K for physician consideration.

To order Super K formula or Super Booster, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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Our Independent Thinking

As well as offering advice on the safety and effectiveness of your prescriptions, our team of pharmacists also explains how they can work synergistically with nutrient and hormone supplements to keep you healthy.

Consider the anti-coagulant drug Coumadin® (warfarin) as an example. While most doctors advise patients who are taking Coumadin® to avoid vitamin K supplements and vitamin K-containing foods, recent research demonstrates that Coumadin® plus low-dose vitamin K supplements (around 45 mcg a day) can achieve more stable measurement of blood clotting time (the INR test). Even more important is that Coumadin®'s horrendous side effects (accelerated atherosclerosis and bone loss) may be preventable in the presence of stable vitamin K levels in the body.

Another problem occurs with drugs prescribed to treat prostate cancer (such as Lupron®) that deplete the body of testosterone. Through our collaboration with the Life Extension Foundation, we can advise patients on the specific steps they should take to protect against the lethal "Androgen Deprivation Syndrome."

Another example is the statin drug Crestor®. This high-priced medication is flying out of pharmacies across the country. But should it be? Recent studies reveal that it’s not right for everyone who is taking it. Visit www.LifeExtensionRx.com/crestor for our in-depth analysis on the latest Crestor® study.

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So keep this in mind… the Life Extension Pharmacy™ puts your welfare first. If a lower-cost drug may work better for you than an expensive brand name, we’re going to recommend it. Combining the Life Extension Foundation’s nutraceutical expertise with our pharmacists’ in-depth knowledge of pharmaceuticals and customized prescription compounding, Life Extension Pharmacy™ is committed to helping you get the very best results from your therapy.

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The anatomy of the female urinary tract differs greatly from men, resulting in the need for additional nutritional support for women. A wealth of published studies indicates that cranberry polyphenols may help to support a healthy urinary tract.1-5 Of particular importance is the flavonoid content of the cranberry, including anthocyanins and proanthocyanidins. These natural compounds exert powerful antioxidant effects that can reduce oxidative stress.

Recent clinical data suggest that the proanthocyanidins found only in cranberries also possess unique molecular features that specifically promote urinary system health.6-8

A Synergistic Compound Available Only in Europe—Until Now

In a significant advance, Life Extension® has identified a unique compound available overseas but little-known in the United States that provides a synergistic complement to the whole cranberry’s phytonutrient profile.

UTIRose™ is derived from Hibiscus sabdariffa, a species native to Europe, Asia, and Africa. Scientific analysis has shown that this species’ flower and calyx (the green floral envelope surrounding the blossom) are rich in active polyphenols, including flavonoids, sambubiosides, and proanthocyanidins.

Of special importance is a flavonoid found in Hibiscus sabdariffa called gossypetin (3,5,7,8,3’, 4’-hexahydroxy flavone), which has been shown to provide support for urinary system health.9

Life Extension® uses a unique, patented process in the manufacture of Optimized Cran-Max® with UTIRose™. Each daily serving supplies the complete phenolic profile of the whole cranberry plus hibiscus polyphenols in a standardized, highly absorbable, concentrated form. Two capsules of Optimized Cran-Max® with UTIRose™ contain:

- UTIRose™ (Hibiscus sabdariffa) extract (flower, calyx) 200 mg
- Cran-Max® Cranberry infused whole fruit extract 500 mg

The suggested daily amount of Cran-Max® in this formula alone (500 mg) was demonstrated to provide the anthocyanin equivalent of seven 8 oz glasses of Ocean Spray® Cranberry Juice Cocktail.10

The price for one bottle of Optimized Cran-Max® with UTIRose™ containing 60 vegetarian capsules is $18. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $12 per bottle.

References

To order the new Optimized Cran-Max® with UTIRose™, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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Vital Greens
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We try to eat healthfully, but getting enough plant foods each day can be a challenge for many people. Vital Greens Mix is a blend of organic whole plant foods that provide diverse benefits ranging from protecting DNA integrity and maintaining immune function to suppressing vascular risk factors and restoring healthy intestinal flora.

Some of the ingredients in Vital Greens Mix superfood include:

- **Chia**, a rich source of protein, fiber, vitamins, minerals, and alpha-linolenic acid (an omega-3 precursor). Recent research at the University of Toronto has shown that regular chia intake may help maintain healthy blood pressure and C-reactive protein levels, both of which are well-known markers of cardiovascular disease.\(^1\)

- **Green Grasses and Sprouts** to provide a full array of chlorophyll-rich, nutrient-dense natural “green” foods that help detoxify and maintain youthful DNA integrity. In addition, clinical trials with chlorella supplements demonstrate that daily use of this green food may support healthy immunity and wound healing.\(^2,3\)

- **Probiotics** to sustain healthy bacterial balance in the gut, which may support overall immune and digestive health.

- **A mushroom blend** combining maitake, shiitake and cordyceps extracts to support immune health and provide adaptogenic benefits for balance and resistance.

Life Extension’s Vital Greens Mix is a great way to start off a meal. It induces some immediate satiety while providing beneficial plant foods that help neutralize mutagenic components of modern diets.

Each scoop of Life Extension’s Vital Greens Mix provides a daily dose of nutrient-dense foods and herbal extracts. The retail price of a 30-serving jar of this organic superfood is $48. When a member buys four jars, the price is reduced to only $33 per jar.

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One of the frustrations expressed by some aging people is that they develop degenerative skin lesions (such as ulcers on the foot and lower extremities) that do not readily heal. In other instances, minor trauma, venous insufficiency, or inflammatory reactions create an open wound that lingers far too long.

The reason these problems are so bothersome is that in youth these kinds of skin problems resolved themselves in a few days. Yet we now develop skin lesions that seem to never completely go away.

Life Extension® asked dermatologist Gary Goldfaden to look into this annoying problem to see what can be done about it. This article describes why painful and unsightly lesions develop in aging skin and what can be used to accelerate a resolution. > >
The degradation of skin and vascular tissue that comes with aging produces unsightly, often painful effects. To take one example, varicose veins now affect half of all people aged 50 or older.

The list of age-related cosmetic defects and abnormalities is a long one. Pooled blood from ruptured capillaries; chronic bruising that takes months to heal; collecting of fluids and swelling beneath the skin; inflamed, distended spider veins and areas of discoloration. You may have seen these or other age-related skin deformities in elderly individuals. You may suffer from some of them yourself.

While medical interventions (injections, surgery, artificial creams, and ointments) can be painful, costly, and unreliable, a body of clinical evidence is emerging that supports low-cost, natural solutions to these and other age-related skin disfigurements.

The unique properties of topically-applied vitamin K, extracts of the wildflower Arnica montana and oats, along with vitamin D can speed skin healing and combat age-related degradation. Taken together, their synergistic action offers a multitargeted approach that protects your skin and ensures its youthful, healthy appearance despite advancing age.

**Common Culprits of Skin Disfigurement**

Aside from sports injuries sustained in your younger years, many cosmetic procedures cause bruising and swelling. Whether through surgery, an injection of a dermal filler or Botox®, a vascular laser treatment, or liposuction, the resulting trauma can lead to blood leakage from ruptured arteries and veins and a pooling of fluids. This blood ultimately collects and dries in a deposit of disintegrating red blood cells (called hemosiderin), leaving a visible discoloration that changes hue as the blood undergoes various chemical reactions. Other fluids that accumulate at the wound site also cause swelling that can increase the visibility of the bruise.

Aside from cuts, scrapes, and bruises, the passage of time inflicts a number of destructive physical alterations on your skin. Many of the surface imperfections seen in older skin are actually the result of progressive damage to the skin’s vascular system. As you age, the outermost layer of your skin begins to suffer from a loss of vertical capillary loops that supply much-needed oxygen and nutrients to the skin. It gradually thins, rendering the underlying blood vessels much more susceptible to injury. In many older people a condition known as purpura senilis develops, in which extreme bruising on the hands, arms, and legs can occur from the slightest contact and may take many months to heal.

With advancing age there is also a marked decrease in the number of “veil” cells, fibroblast-like cells that surround small vessels in the skin’s dermis. They’re responsible for depositing basement membrane materials around blood vessels in response to vascular damage. Cumulative exposure to ultraviolet light can also degrade the underlying collagen that supports blood vessels, creating an environment in which these tiny capillaries become stretched and permanently dilated by the pressure from larger veins. This abnormal
dilation gradually weakens the capillary walls, causing the unsightly red spots and spider veins (known as telangiectasia) that can often appear on the nose and cheeks. Weakened capillary walls are more prone to rupture, which can cause blood to leak out and flow along pathways made by surrounding capillaries. Escaped blood from facial capillaries around the eyes can also appear on the surface as dark circles.

Fortunately, all these conditions, from accidental trauma to age-related skin defects, can be effectively treated with a variety of clinically proven, natural topical interventions.

**Halt Subcutaneous Bleeding with Vitamin K**

Vitamin K1 is a fat-soluble vitamin that activates the proteins involved in blood clotting (coagulation), which prevents unchecked bleeding or hemorrhaging throughout the body. It is an essential cofactor in the synthesis of at least 6 of the 13 proteins needed for coagulation. Because of its fat-soluble nature and importance in healthy blood clotting, vitamin K1 is ideal as a topical treatment for all disorders arising from vascular injury. When applied topically, vitamin K1 readily penetrates the pores of the skin and is transported deep into the dermis where it effectively targets damaged capillaries. Vitamin K1 functions naturally to support the blood clotting process and end seepage, eventually permitting the skin tissue to heal itself. The impressive recuperative benefits of vitamin K1 have long been recognized by plastic surgeons, who have used vitamin K creams for many years to minimize post-procedure bruising and scarring.²³

In one clinical study on the healing power of vitamin K1, patients suffering from blood vessel and skin disorders caused by trauma, surgery, or sun damage were treated using a vitamin K1 cream. At the end of 6 weeks, 3 out of 5 patients showed a significant decrease in the appearance of blood vessels following application of the vitamin K1 cream.⁴

In another study, 12 patients suffering from easy bruising on the hands and arms applied a vitamin K1 cream daily for 4 weeks. At the end of this period, all participants showed a decrease in the time required for healing on the active compound side compared to the opposite (placebo) side, as well as a decreased appearance of lesions following trauma. No adverse effects were reported. Two patients even noticed a decrease in the appearance of liver spots on the active side versus the placebo side.⁴
Native Americans have used arnica plant extracts for hundreds of years as natural remedies to relieve bruising, soothe muscle aches, reduce inflammation, and heal injuries.

 Arnica montana: Nature’s Preferred Healing Agent

 Arnica montana, more commonly known as mountain tobacco or leopard’s bane, is a wildflower that grows in the mountains of Europe and North America. A member of the sunflower family, it has bright yellow flowers that grow on stems about 1 to 2 feet in height.

 Arnica has a documented history of medicinal use going back to the 1500s. In North America, Native Americans such as the Catawba have used arnica flower, root, and whole plant extracts for hundreds of years as natural remedies to relieve bruising, soothe muscle aches, reduce inflammation, and heal injuries. Some of the useful constituents found in arnica are flavonoids, polysaccharides, and sesquiterpene lactones.

 Sesquiterpene lactones are a class of plant compounds that includes over 3,000 naturally occurring substances, making it one of the largest groups of biologically active polyphenols known to modern science. Helenalin, the main sesquiterpene lactone found in alcohol extracts of arnica flowers, helps fight painful inflammation by inhibiting the activity of nuclear factor-kappaB, or NF-kB. This inflammatory cytokine (cell signaling molecule) enters the cell’s nucleus and “switches on” specific genes that activate an inflammatory or immune response.

 Arnica’s well documented anti-inflammatory properties make it ideal for reducing puffiness and skin inflammation. In one clinical study, subjects with modest to severe eye area puffiness applied a simple emulsion with arnica extract to their under eye area on one side of their face twice a day for 4 weeks. Puffiness was evaluated on a 1-10 scale based on a combination of visual observation, palpation of the test area, indentometry (a method to measure skin firmness), and photography. It was found that the arnica extract reduced puffiness by 24% compared to the control.

 In another study, an irritant was applied to the skin of participants, which was then treated with an arnica extract. Reduction in skin irritation was compared to an untreated control site over a two-hour test period. The arnica extract produced a 64.6% decrease in skin redness and irritation.

 Besides sesquiterpene lactones, arnica also features another active ingredient—a beneficial oil called thymol. This essential oil, concentrated in the plant’s roots, has been clinically shown to initiate spontaneous contraction of the smooth muscles in blood vessel walls, thereby modulating blood flow. By enhancing circulation, thymol helps break up and facilitate the transport of trapped blood and fluid accumulations, making it highly effective in the treatment of bruise discoloration and swelling.

 Thymol is a free radical scavenger that has demonstrated significant anti-inflammatory benefits as well. Emerging research suggests that thymol may possess analgesic effects via its ability to interact with specific nerve cells receptors. In addition, thymol exhibits significant antibacterial activity. As an essential oil, thymol may even help maximize the absorption of vitamin K1 across the skin barrier.
HEAL SKIN LESIONS NATURALLY

Combat Inflammation with Oats

The topical use of oatmeal preparations for natural skin care can be traced as far back as ancient Rome. Medical texts by Pliny and others recommend oatmeal flour as a cure for a variety of dermatological conditions. Over the years, the powerful healing virtue of oats has been a staple of traditional medicine. However, it wasn’t until the 1930s that oatmeal’s ability to relieve itch and function as a skin protectant in facial masks and bath oils was scientifically documented.

The therapeutic benefits of ground oats are mainly due to the happy coincidence that compounds essential for the natural development of oats are also beneficial to humans. Oats are generally considered to have the highest protein and lipid content of any cereal grain, as well as a high fatty acid content. They’re rich in phenolic antioxidants, including a class of ultra-potent free radical fighters called avenanthramides.

Phenolic compounds are regarded as the strongest antioxidants in nature, yet within this group, there is a wide variation of characteristics and antioxidant activity. Avenanthramides exhibit 10 to 30 times the antioxidant activity of other phenols in oats.

In addition to their formidable antioxidant power, avenanthramides are potent anti-inflammatory agents. One recent study showed that avenanthramides at concentrations as low as 1 part per billion were able to effectively inhibit the release of NF-kB in keratinocytes. Cells treated with oat avenanthramides also showed a significant reduction in the release of the pro-inflammatory cytokine interleukin-8 (IL-8). It was demonstrated that a topical application of avenanthramides from oats compared favorably with a 1% topical hydrocortisone preparation in reducing contact hypersensitivity, inflammation, and itching in test subjects.

Vitamin D: Antimicrobial and Natural Regenerator

Research has shown that another vitamin, vitamin D, is an absolutely essential participant in the normal wound healing process. The importance of the active form of vitamin D in healing lies in its ability to initiate your skin’s production of a vital antimicrobial peptide called cathelicidin.

When an injury to your skin occurs, keratinocytes immediately rush to surround the wound. Your keratinocytes are not only able to photosynthesize vitamin D3 directly from sunlight, they also have all the biological equipment necessary to manufacture the active form of vitamin D that your body uses, calcitriol.

As your keratinocytes gather, more and more active vitamin D is produced until a sufficient quantity is reached that can activate your vitamin D receptors. These, in turn, trigger the expression of genes such as CD14 and TLR2 that code for proteins that help detect microbes. Once the presence of a pathogen is detected, production of cathelicidin begins.

Cathelicidin works by disrupting the integrity of bacterial cell membranes, and studies have shown it to be a very efficient killer of offending microbes, even at very low concentrations. Aside from its germ-killing power, cathelicidin also promotes the
Vitamin D's crucial roles as an antimicrobial agent and instigator of normal wound repair make it highly desirable as a healing ingredient.

Summary

In addition to minor accidents, sports injuries, or surgical procedures, the inevitable degradation of skin and vascular tissue that comes with aging produces unsightly, often painful effects. Varicose veins now affect half of all people aged 50 or older.

While medical interventions (injections, surgery, artificial creams and ointments) can be painful, costly, and unreliable, a body of clinical evidence is emerging that supports a number of safe, low-cost, natural solutions to these and other age-related skin disfigurements. Vitamin K, Arnica montana extract, oats, and vitamin D have been shown to help speed the recovery time for bruises, accelerate wound healing, reduce swelling and inflammation, combat infection, and relieve pain. Specific forms of vitamin K and arnica have even been shown to help remedy age-related skin imperfections, such as red blotches, spider veins, dark circles, and wrinkles.

If you have any questions on the scientific content of this article, please call a Life Extension® Health Advisor at 1-866-864-3027.

References

Low levels of testosterone have been implicated in a host of life-threatening health problems. Maintaining normal testosterone levels is one of the most important steps you can take to regain your health and improve your performance.

If you’re over 40, odds are you’re already starting to feel the debilitating effects of low testosterone. Research shows that by the time they are 60 years old, men typically produce 60% less testosterone than they did at age 20.1 With this drastic reduction comes several well-documented problems—from the blues and cognitive impairment to reduced sex drive and abdominal weight gain. Normal testosterone has been associated with maintaining a healthy cardiovascular system.2

**RESTORING HEALTH AND SEXUAL VIGOR**

Life Extension’s Super MiraForte contains high potencies of **chrysin** and **nettle root**—plant extracts that naturally reduce the aromatization (conversion) of testosterone to estrogen to **enhance free testosterone levels.**3 **Bioperine®** is included to facilitate the absorption of **chrysin** (a natural flavonoid) into the bloodstream.

**Muira puama** is a rainforest herb classified in the Brazilian Pharmacopeia as an aphrodisiac. In a trial of men with decreased libido and other sexual issues, 62% of those taking **muira puama** reported positive results in regard to libido, while 51% of those with a common sexual problem felt that the herb was helpful.4 A second trial examined men with decreased libido and found that 85% of the test subjects taking **muira puama** enjoyed an enhanced libido, 90% had improved sexual function, and 100% of test subjects experienced an increase in intercourse frequency.5

To augment these protective effects, a standardized **lignan extract** from Norwegian spruce is included in Super MiraForte. These lignans convert to enterolactone in the intestine that is then rapidly absorbed into the bloodstream where it provides significant biological effects.6 Enterolactone has demonstrated **anti-estrogen** and **anti-DHT** effects that are of particular importance for the aging prostate gland.7,8

The suggested daily dose of four capsules of Super MiraForte contains potencies of the following nutrients:

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The retail price for a bottle of 120 capsules of **Super MiraForte with Standardized Lignans** is $62. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to just $42 a bottle. Contains corn.

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**Caution:** If you are taking any medication, use only under physician supervision. Men with existing prostate cancer may not be able to use this product. Elevations in free testosterone can unmask an occult (hidden) prostate cancer. Anyone with this concern should have a baseline PSA prior to using this product and a follow-up PSA test 60 days later. If a significant elevation of PSA is found, discontinue this product and advise physician. Do not take more than 15 mg per day of Bioperine®. Bioperine® is a registered trademark of Sabinsa Corp. HMRlignan™ is a trademark used under sublicense from Linnea SA.

To order Super MiraForte with Standardized Lignans, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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A New Frontier in Natural Menopause Support

For years, aging women have faced an urgent need for more options in the management of menopausal symptoms. Those who advocated safer approaches were vindicated when clinical studies confirmed that synthetic estrogen-progestin drugs increase risk of breast cancer, stroke, and other diseases.1-3

In a major scientific advance, a 100% natural form of support is now available that helps menopausal women in an entirely new way. Femmenessence MacaPause® contains a proprietary compound of maca root (Lepidium peruvianum Chacon) that has been shown to provide significant support to women undergoing menopause.4-6 Up to 87% reported improvement of menopausal discomforts in clinical trials, including:

- Better mood
- More energy
- Healthy body weight
- Fewer hot flashes
- Fewer night sweats
- Enhanced sexual experience
- Healthy hormone metabolism
- Support for bone health

What makes Femmenessence MacaPause® unique is Maca-GO™, a proprietary concentration of 4 distinct phenotypes of all-natural, organically certified maca. Unlike many other nutrients for menopause support, maca is an adaptogen.7 Scientists believe these plant-based energizers increase the activity of molecular “chaperones,” modulating response to stressors that affect cellular function and longevity.8 Randomized clinical trials show that these herbal extracts support energy, brain health, sexual experience, and reduce stress.9

The result is a cutting-edge approach that gives menopausal women a new, natural alternative. The suggested daily serving of 2,000 mg may help to decrease common complaints associated with menopause, either alone or in conjunction with other forms of natural female support.

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RED SPOTS. ABRASIONS. SWOLLEN, PURPLE BLOTCHES AND SCARS. Even minor incidents can cause major cosmetic problems.

When you were younger, these problem areas disappeared in a matter of days. Now they seem to last for weeks. And they crop up in more places than ever before: hands, arms, legs, feet, back, buttocks.

The fact is that as you age, your skin grows thinner and more fragile. The result? Age-related imperfections, blemishes, discoloration, areas of raised skin, and other stubborn eyesores become more frequent—and lasting.

That’s why Life Extension® asked renowned dermatologist Gary Goldfaden, MD to formulate new Healing Formula All-in-One Cream. It brings together nature’s most powerful skin protectors, revitalizers, and healing agents to offset the visible impact of minor trauma to aging skin, including:

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A 1 oz jar of Healing Formula All-in-One Cream retails for $49. If a member buys two jars, the cost is just **$31.50** per jar.

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What’s Really Making You Sick?  
**NEW BLOOD TEST**  
Can Uncover the Real Cause of Your Symptoms

Do you regularly suffer from headaches, insomnia, stomach upset, constipation, or diarrhea—but can’t seem to get lasting relief? Have you gone from one doctor to another for nagging or painful “mystery” symptoms—only to find that none of them has been able to tell you exactly what’s wrong, much less come up with an effective treatment?

You’re not alone. It is estimated that anywhere from 45-60% of the general population struggles with an extraordinary range of symptoms whose causes can’t be readily identified. You may be one of them.

Before you give up altogether, though, take heart: your health “problem” may not be the problem at all. In reality, your symptoms may be signs that something in your diet is making you feel sick.

Unfortunately, identifying which of the many foods you regularly consume may be causing your symptoms, or the specific natural or artificial compound contained in any of those foods, can be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. There are as many food allergies and sensitivities as there are symptoms. And until recently, the available detection methods have been rudimentary at best.

The good news is that advances in individualized blood testing now enable you and your doctor to zero in on the compounds causing your problem. With the results in hand, you can methodically and definitively eliminate them from your diet.

In this article, you will discover the multitude of health conditions that food sensitivities can cause. You will learn about the underlying mechanisms at the core of your body’s response to certain foods. You will also find out how a cutting-edge diagnostic test can help you uncover the cause (or causes) of nagging symptoms or painful conditions—and possibly make them disappear. > >
Food Sensitivities and Food Allergies: A Widely Overlooked Problem

Food allergies and sensitivities account for approximately 60% of all undiagnosed conditions, by some estimates. Any system of the body can be affected, resulting in one or many of the following health conditions:

- Asthma
- Bedwetting (enuresis)
- Recurrent bladder infections
- Recurrent bronchitis
- Bursitis
- Canker sores
- Celiac disease
- Chronic low back pain
- Depression
- Diarrhea
- Childhood ear infection
- Fatigue
- Gas
- Gastritis
- Headache
- Hives
- Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)
- Itching
- Learning disabilities
- Personality changes
- Recurrent infection (various)
- Joint pain and swelling
- Skin rash
- Ulcerative colitis

And this is just a short list.

So it’s worth your while to step back and take a look at the foods you’re eating in order to improve your health and quality of life. As with pollen, dust, or pollutants, natural or introduced chemical compounds contained in foods can trigger an allergic response. We’ve all heard of someone who had to be rushed to the hospital because a restaurant used peanut oil in preparing certain dishes without informing its patrons.

These are properly defined food allergies, and they manifest immediately. They may pose a more immediate health threat, but are relatively easy to detect and treat. Food sensitivities, on the other hand, are triggered by a distinct underlying mechanism. They can take a long time to develop, making them difficult to identify as the culprits behind a given set of secondary symptoms. The problem is they can wreak just as much havoc on your body over the long-term. Think of them as a food allergy in slow motion.

Here’s the difference between food allergies and sensitivities: once your immune system detects a substance it considers foreign, a chain reaction is set in motion to repel the perceived “invader.” This defensive mechanism is launched by lymphocytes, white blood cells capable of producing specific antibodies to target and neutralize the threat.

They release five different types of antibodies: IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, and IgM. It is the IgE and IgG antibodies that are mobilized when lymphocytes come in contact with allergenic food proteins. We don’t know precisely what causes some people’s immune
systems to consider foods to be “foreign,” while other people’s immune systems consider food to be—well, just food! However, in the process of trying to rid the body of something it believes shouldn’t be there, a vital and normal process goes very wrong, subjecting us to “symptom attacks” triggered by the foods we depend on every day for life.

Again, these types of intense reactions—anaphylactic reactions—occur within minutes after eating or being exposed to a food or other substance and are usually associated with “IgE” antibodies. IgE-mediated food allergies are most common in infants and children; we tend to lose sensitivity to many of these common food allergens as we age.7,8

“IgG”-mediated food sensitivities tend to be “masked” or hidden, since IgG antibody-related symptoms tend to occur many hours to days after exposure to offending foods.3 Considerable controversy exists about these types of food allergies and sensitivities, precisely because of the delayed onset of symptoms and the difficulty this presents in making a clinical correlation between symptoms and food triggers.

This is where accurate and reliable allergy testing has the most to contribute to diagnosis. The best support comes from research and from actual patients showing that, when foods suspected of causing adverse reactions are eliminated from the diet based upon sensitivity testing, symptoms improve. If the food is then added back into the diet, patients often report a return of symptoms, a pattern that suggests a strong correlation between the ingestion of the food and your body’s reaction.9

Sickness… Or Food Sensitivity?

A surprisingly broad array of health “problems” are in reality the result of these undetected food sensitivities. Perhaps the most well-known example of this is the widespread number of health problems produced by gluten (or gliadin, one of its constituents), proteins found in products made with wheat, rye, barley and spelt (in fact, most grains except corn and rice). Though oats are not a gluten-containing grain, they tend to be included in this group because they are often processed on the same equipment as wheat and may be contaminated by it.

The most serious form of gluten sensitivity, known as celiac disease, may affect as many as 1 out of every 133 people.10 If undetected and untreated, gluten sensitivity can cause a weakening of the villi of the small intestines. These minute, finger-like protuberances are vital to nutrient absorption; their atrophy may lead to a host of chronic ailments.11 Those who are
sensitive to gluten can, at its worst, experience severe weight loss, fatigue, and malnutrition, all caused by nutritional malabsorption related to gluten. Of course, many if not most of these adverse effects can be prevented or reversed when gluten sensitivity is detected early and products containing gluten are eliminated from the diet.12-14

Though many theories have been proposed for its cause, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is another condition that may have its origins in food sensitivity.15,16 At any given time, 12-20% of adults complain of symptoms consistent with a diagnosis of IBS, making it one of the most common gastrointestinal disorders in the United States.17-19 The symptoms characteristic of IBS include gastrointestinal discomfort and pain accompanied by intermittent diarrhea and constipation. More women than men are affected. When patients are assessed for food sensitivity and those foods identified by testing are eliminated from the diet, many report significant improvement in their symptoms.16,20-25 In one study, improvement after specific food elimination was sustained a minimum of one year later for most participants.9

Migraine headache is another condition long associated with food sensitivity.26 Among the foodborne triggers most frequently associated with migraine are nitrates, a type of preservative found in certain types of processed meats; tyramines, which are found in red wine, cheese, and soy sauce; and phenylethylamine, found in chocolate.27 Caffeine, citrus, vinegar, and alcohol may also be migraine triggers. People suffering from migraines have been shown to improve significantly once they remove offending migraine "trigger foods" from their diet.3,28

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Inconvenient and Expensive Test Methods

Diagnosis of a food sensitivity depends on many things, including your previous medical history, comprehensive physical examination, oral food challenges, and results of laboratory testing.7,29,30 There are several types of laboratory tests designed to detect food allergies and sensitivities. One of the best known allergy tests measures for food-specific IgE antibodies using a skin prick test, in which the patient is exposed to a variety of foods scratched into the skin and observed for a local allergic reaction. Although fairly accurate for inhalant allergies, the positive predictive accuracy of skin prick tests for food allergens is less than 50% compared to double-blind, placebo-controlled food challenges.31

There are two types of skin testing that may be far more accurate, but they take considerably more time. Performed almost exclusively by physician-members of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (www.aaem.com), they’re termed “provocation-neutralization” and “serial dilution titration.” In addition to accurate testing, these techniques can help you identify and resolve your food sensitivity issues.

The "radioallergosorbent" test (RAST) and its successor, the “enzyme-linked immunosorbent” (ELISA) are both blood tests used to detect food-specific IgE and/or IgG responses. Most commonly, food sensitivities are assessed using the ELISA test to detect IgG4 antibodies to food antigens, a subclass of IgG antibodies. Between 45 and 95 separate foods are measured. Accurate testing requires the patient to eat a wide range of foods within 3 weeks of assessment for IgG4 exposure to be present.
A Cutting-Edge Detection Method

Fortunately, an advance in diagnostic technology is now available that uses a very small amount of your blood to assess your sensitivity to 45 of the most common food antigens. Instead of requiring blood to be drawn from a vein, a small lancet is used to prick the finger so that a few drops of blood can be placed on a blood spot collection card. After the card is allowed to air dry, it is returned to the laboratory for assessment of IgG4 antibodies to food.

Known as the FoodSafe™ test, this is a simple and effective way for you and your doctor to detect the foods your body can't handle. Each test report comes with a personalized profile showing how you tested against 45 foods most commonly associated with food sensitivities. The report indicates whether the levels of antibodies to the various foods suggest they are “safe” to eat, best to eat in moderation, or foods you should avoid entirely. Results are ranked and reported to you and your doctor as either safe or not safe.

After reviewing your test results, you may wonder what's left for you to eat, since it's not uncommon for many of the foods causing you the most trouble to be your favorite foods. Although each person's plan may vary, more than likely your doctor will ask you to avoid the foods that are considered “unsafe” on your test results. Generally, this means going on an elimination diet for up to 30 days, during which time you avoid the foods that you are most reactive to in your profile. It's a good idea to also avoid foods that are from the same “family” as those foods you are reactive to. For example, sensitivity to one kind of shellfish may mean that you should avoid other types of shellfish for a certain length of time. For this reason, your doctor may prescribe a diet that contains foods less likely to trigger reactions and allows your body and gastrointestinal tract time to recover from the continuous assault it has unknowingly experienced.

Does this mean you will never be able to eat these foods again? The answer depends on your problem foods and your symptoms. Obviously, if your allergic reaction is life-threatening, you'll be advised to permanently avoid that food. There are other reasons for lifelong avoidance, too, such as gluten intolerance, which makes absorption of many nutrients difficult and good health impossible.

In other cases, you may be able to add a food back into your diet after a period of avoidance, as long as you eat it less frequently. One approach is to avoid the “reactive” foods for a period of time specified by your physician, typically 2 to 4 weeks, and then reintroduce these foods back into your diet to see if you respond to them.32

When avoiding foods during trial periods, eliminate even very small amounts! Reading food labels and understanding the many ways foods are listed as ingredients is important. By avoiding foods for this length of time, your body and immune system have time to recover; and you'll have a more accurate idea about whether the food can be re-introduced or not, and if so, how often.

During the “challenge” (re-introduction) phase of the elimination diet trial, your doctor may ask you to re-introduce one food that you were reactive to once every 4 days to see if symptoms recur. If you don’t develop symptoms, then it may be possible to include the food in your diet, but less frequently. If symptoms do recur, then you may have to avoid the food for 6 months or longer.

Rotation diets have been shown to be very effective for treating food sensitivities in some people.33 On the rotation diet, a food is only eaten once every 4 days, allowing the body to clear it between exposures. The rotation diet helps you avoid too much exposure to any one food and gives you a better idea what foods are contributing to your symptoms, in case they recur. If you are more sensitive to certain foods or clear them...
more slowly from the body, you may need to eat them no more frequently than once every 7-10 days.

Your plan may also include taking omega-3 fatty acids to lessen inflammation, probiotics to replenish gastrointestinal flora, and other products like glutamine that promote intestinal healing. One of the primary benefits of food sensitivity testing is that your doctor can more easily customize your approach based upon your history and test results.

Summary

An estimated 45-60% of the general population suffers from serious symptoms and health conditions whose causes cannot be identified. Many of them have no idea that various forms of food sensitivity may be to blame. Reactions to food are the hidden cause behind an extraordinary array of health problems, including headaches and migraines, insomnia, and digestive disorders. An advanced, convenient diagnostic blood test technology called the FoodSafe™ test now enables you and your doctor to zero in on the potential foods behind your health problems and methodically eliminate them—for lifelong relief and optimal health.

If you have any questions on the scientific content of this article, please call a Life Extension Health Advisor at 1-866-864-3027.

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- This ratio is relevant as a risk factor for estrogen-sensitive diseases including breast and cervical cancers, osteoporosis, and recurrent respiratory papillomatosis.
- $128

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**CARDIAC RISK**

**Lp-PLA2 (PLAC TEST)** (LC141275)
- This test is used to aid in predicting risk for coronary heart disease, and ischemic stroke associated with atherosclerosis. Lp-PLA2 is a cardiovascular risk factor that provides unique information about the stability of the plaque inside your arteries.
- $125

**C-REACTIVE PROTEIN (HIGH-SENSITIVITY)** (LC120766)
- Measures inflammation factors in arteries. Recent studies indicate that C-reactive protein may be the most accurate risk factor for predicting heart attack and stroke.
- $42

**APOLIPOPROTEIN ASSESSMENT - (APO A1 + APO B + RATIO)** (LC216010)
- This ratio correlates with risk of coronary artery disease and is useful in the presence of borderline elevations of cholesterol.
- $55

**FIBRINOGEN** (LC001610)
- High levels of this blood-clotting factor increase the risk of heart attack and stroke.
- $31

**HOMOCYSTEINE** (LC706994)
- Can indicate if you are likely to have a heart attack or stroke. Even if you take folic acid, you still may have dangerously high levels of this artery-clotting metabolic debris that can be lowered with high doses of TMG and vitamin B6.
- $64

**VAP™ TEST** (LC804500) (UPDATED)
- The VAP cholesterol test provides a more comprehensive coronary heart disease (CHD) risk assessment than the conventional lipid profile. Direct measurements, not estimations, are provided for total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, VLDL, and cholesterol subclasses.
- $90

**MALE HEALTH**

**PSA (PROSTATE-SPECIFIC ANTIGEN)** (LC010322)
- Can provide an early warning sign for prostate disorders and possible cancer.
- $31

**FREE-PSA (INCLUDES TOTAL PSA)** (LC480780)
- Recommended to determine if an elevated PSA is indicative of prostate cancer.
- $61

**GENERAL HEALTH**

**CELIAC DISEASE ANTIBODY SCREEN** (LC334971)
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**VITAMIN D (250H)** (LC004051)
- A pituitary function test useful in evaluating adrenocortical function.
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- This test shows if you are taking the proper amount of DHEA. This test normally costs $100 or more at commercial laboratories.
- $61

**DIHYDROTESTOSTERONE (DHT)** (LC500142)
- For men and women. Determines the proper amount in the body.
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00759    GAMMA E TOCOPHEROL/TOCOTRIENOLS - 4 bottles of 60 softgels | 148.00 | 111.00 |
00117    GELATIN CAPSULES - Set of 1000 empty caps size “00” | 19.00 | 14.25 |
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01302    GH PITUITARY SUPPORT NIGHT FORMULA - 120 veg. caps | 25.00 | 18.75 |
00778    GINKGO BILoba CERTIFIED EXTRACT™ - 120 mg, 365 caps | 46.00 | 34.50 |
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Due to license restrictions, this product is not for sale to wholesalers outside of the United States of America and Canada.

**Can only be sold in the United States and cannot be sold into the health food retail store channel.**

**Member pricing not valid on this item.**
## Buyers Club Order Form

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

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**SUB-TOTAL OF COLUMN 11**

**SUB-TOTAL OF COLUMN 12**

LIFE EXTENSION MEMBERS RECEIVE 25% OFF THE RETAIL PRICE OF ALL PRODUCTS

SEPTMBER 2010
**OLIVE FRUIT EXTRACT**
- 4 bottles of 120 softgels

**OLIVE FRUIT EXTRACT**
- 4 bottles of 60 softgels

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**OCTACOSANOL** - 4 bottles of 60 caps

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**L-ORNITHINE CAPSULES** - 500 mg, 100 caps

**L-ORNITHINE CAPSULES** - 4 bottles of 100 caps

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**PANCREATIN** - 500 mg, 50 caps

**PANCREATIN** - 4 bottles of 50 caps

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**PEAK ATP** WITH GLYCOCARN™ - 60 tablets

**PEAK ATP** WITH GLYCOCARN™ - 4 bottles of 60 tablets

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**PECTA-SOL** - One-month supply modified citrus pectin

**PECTA-SOL** - Four-month supply modified citrus pectin

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**PHARMAGABA™** - 60 chewable tablets

**PHARMAGABA™** - 4 bottles of 60 chewable tablets

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**PHOSPHATIDYLSEERINE CAPS** - 4 bottles of 100 caps

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Grave New World: The Truth about Toxins

Today the human body is exposed to more harmful toxins than ever before. With over 80,000 chemicals currently in use and 1,000 more introduced every year, we have become inundated with dangerous chemicals and pollutants now found in the air we breathe, the food and water we consume, and even in the countless products we rely on each day to make our lives more convenient. In North America alone, more than 6 billion pounds of pollutants are released annually into the environment.

In addition to the overwhelming number of chemical and environmental contaminants, the Standard American Diet (SAD) is lacking substantially in dietary fiber, which is necessary to help absorb toxins in the colon and eliminate them through regular, healthy bowel movements. If undigested food is allowed to remain in the colon due to sluggish bowel function, it will ferment and release toxins into the bloodstream, which in turn can contribute to a state of poor health and disease.

The Importance of Herbal Cleansing and Detoxification

As toxins accumulate in our cells and tissues, they can contribute to health problems such as fatigue, poor digestion, headaches, weight gain, skin problems and more. And although the human body is equipped with its own natural detoxification system made up of the liver, lungs, lymphatic system, kidneys, skin, blood and bowel (colon), those vital elimination channels can become overwhelmed by the sheer number of toxins that surround us today.

For centuries cultures across the world have relied on herbal cleansing as a means to help purge stored toxins from the body and enhance energy and well being. In fact, nearly every recorded culture has, in some form or another, relied upon the natural cleansing power of herbs—including eliminative herbs that have laxative, diuretic, choleric, diaphoretic (sweat-inducing) and blood-purifying properties—to help remove unwelcome toxins.

Through herbal cleansing, we can safely and effectively help support the body's natural processes to remove excess waste and promote the growth of good bacteria in the intestines that work to restore balance to the body. An effective cleansing program will combine proven herbs and nutraceuticals plus hydrating minerals to help absorb and eliminate toxins, while at the same time replenishing needed nutrients to help establish and maintain a foundation of superior digestion and health.

Why Organic Total Body Cleanse?

Organic Total Body Cleanse is a comprehensive 3-part cleansing program formulated by natural detoxification expert Brenda Watson to promote optimal health in an increasingly toxic world. Unlike many other products that begin with good ingredients but then add unnecessary chemicals and fillers that can inhibit your body's natural detoxification functions, Organic Total Body Cleanse contains only 100% organic herbs and fiber to ensure that everything you are putting in your body will only enhance the cleansing process and not work against it.

Part 1: Includes whole herbs such as burdock root, milk thistle, kelp and turmeric root, which have been used traditionally to help cleanse the liver, lungs, lymphatic system, kidneys, skin and blood. Dandelion root helps to stimulate the liver to release toxins in bile to then be eliminated by the colon.*

Part 2: Oat bran, flax and acacia fiber add bulk to the stool and help eliminate waste through regular, healthy bowel movements.* Fiber also helps to curb appetite for healthy weight management.*

Part 3: Rhubarb root is used to stimulate healthy bowel contractions, while slippery elm and marshmallow help to soothe and comfort the bowel to ease elimination.* Fennel seed helps to relieve occasional gas and bloating.*

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- **Gamma Tocopherol** If one consumes only alpha tocopherol, the critically important gamma tocopherol is displaced from cells within the body. While alpha tocopherol vitamin E inhibits lipid peroxidation, the gamma tocopherol form quenches the dangerous peroxynitrite free radical. It is especially important for those who take vitamin E supplements to make sure they consume at least 200 mg a day of gamma tocopherol.

- **Sesame Lignans** Sesame lignans augment the antioxidant effects of both alpha- and gamma-tocopherol. In a human study conducted at Life Extension, gamma tocopherol plus sesame lignans was 25% more effective in suppressing measurements of free-radical damage than gamma tocopherol and tocotrienols.

- **Vitamin K2** Vitamin K1 from dietary plant sources is poorly absorbed and only a small fraction gets into the bloodstream. Vitamin K2 is absorbed much more efficiently. Scientific studies show K2 provides superior benefits for the bones, arteries, and other tissues. The MK-4 form of vitamin K2 is the most rapidly absorbed and is now routinely used in Japan to maintain healthy bone density. MK-4, however, only remains active in the blood for a few hours. The MK-7 form of K2, on the other hand, remains bioavailable to the human body over a sustained 24-hour period. Super Booster provides a potent dose of MK-7 to keep calcium in the bone and out of the arteries.

- **Lycopene** Evidence suggests that people who ingest the carotenoid lycopene enjoy healthier prostate function. Lycopene also helps guard against LDL oxidation.

- **Lutein** The carotenoid lutein helps maintain healthy cell division, supports the macula of the eye, and protects the endothelial lining of the arteries.

- **Ginkgo** Hundreds of studies substantiate the multifaceted effects of Ginkgo biloba in promoting healthy circulatory and neurological function.

- **Chlorophyllin** Scientific studies indicate that chlorophyllin may protect against environmentally induced damage to DNA.

- **Selenium** Some scientific evidence suggests that consumption of selenium may reduce the risk of certain forms of cancer. However, the FDA has determined that this evidence is limited and not conclusive. Selenium’s effects in boosting glutathione are well-established.

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Just one softgel of Super Booster supplies:

- Gamma tocopherol 230 mg
- Ginkgo extract 120 mg
- Chlorophyllin 100 mg
- Vitamin K2 (as menaquinone-7) 100 mcg
- Vitamin K2 (as menaquinone-4) 1000 mcg
- Vitamin K1 1000 mcg
- Sesame lignans 20 mg
- Lycopene 10 mg
- Lutein 2 mg
- Se-methylselenocysteine 67 mcg
- L-Selenomethionine 67 mcg
- Sodium selenite 67 mcg
- Vitamin B12 300 mcg
- Vitamin C 90 mg
- Ascorbyl palmitate 50 mg
- Zinc 10 mg
- Mixed tocopherols 130 mg

Contains soybeans, peanuts, and sesame.

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