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Surprise Findings in Estrogen Debate

A dispute has raged for 70 years as to whether or not maturing women should replace their sex hormones. The age-reversal impact of hormone replacement is quite noticeable. As a result, many women want to stay on their hormones for life.

By year 2002, doctors were liberally prescribing estrogens and synthetic progestin to females with menopausal symptoms. When the Women’s Health Initiative study showed these drugs increased risk of breast cancer and vascular disease, a stampede to halt their use ensued.1

For the past decade, mainstream medicine struggled to accurately interpret and understand the results of the Women’s Health Initiative data. They also largely ignored the potential benefits of individualized dosing using natural human estrogens and progesterone.2-9 We also argued that if aging women did not maintain youthful hormone balance, tragic impacts on quality of life and longevity would result.10

In 2013, a published analysis emanating from Yale School of Medicine provided further evidence that synthetic progestin was the villain that caused female sex hormones to be abandoned beginning between 2002-2004.11

Even more compelling, these researchers estimated that over the past decade, anywhere from 18,600 to 91,600 postmenopausal women ages 50-59 years who had undergone a hysterectomy may have died prematurely because they did not take estrogen drugs.11

The 2013 Yale report is not an aberration. A combined analysis from 27 published studies reveals a 28% reduction in mortality in menopausal women under age 60 who replace their sex hormones.12 The studies also show profound quality of life improvements in hormone-replenished women.12

These findings do not mean that women should rush out and seek conventional treatment. Even though some doctors today prescribe natural human hormones, most don’t optimally adjust individual dosing, and almost all fail to recommend protocols designed to protect women against carcinogenic and vascular risks.

This article updates women on the benefits of restoring natural sex hormone balance based on the latest scientific evidence. >
Obtain relief from menopausal symptoms and then no more. In depriving women of their sex hormones, doctors failed to recognize that estrogen and progesterone are involved in critical life processes. Disorders relating to estrogen deficit include glaucoma, dementia, osteoporosis, heart failure, fragility, genital atrophy, loss of muscle mass and strength, and thinning of the skin.16-33 Estrogen deficiency may thus be characterized as a state of accelerated aging.14 Today’s women are suffering because the mainstream did not bother to embrace alternatives to synthetic progestin and inappropriate estrogen prescribing.

Prescribing Errors

Premarin® (horse urine-derived estrogens), Provera® (progestin), and Prempro® (horse urine-derived estrogens and progestin) were heavily marketed to doctors as simple solutions for menopausal complaints. Doctors often prescribed the same oral dose of these drugs to all their menopausal patients, which might explain why a 2004 analysis showed higher incidences of stroke in Premarin®-prescribed females.34 What was overlooked was the adverse impact on arterial blood clotting based on the route of estrogen administration. This is important because increased blood clotting mechanisms are observed more often after oral rather than transdermal estrogen.47,48 This emphasizes the importance of women using natural estrogen (and progesterone) as a topical cream and not taking oral estrogen drug pills.

What Drug Was Causing the Problems?

In their panic to “do no harm,” conventional doctors minimized all sex hormone prescribing. Yet the two drugs specifically linked to increase cancer and vascular risks in the Women’s Health Initiative trial data were PremPro® and Premarin®.1,34
One of estrogen’s benefits in vascular health is to protect against endothelial dysfunction by increasing endothelial nitric oxide.\textsuperscript{24} Data shows that the effect of equine (horse urine-derived) estrogens markedly decreased gene transcription of a crucial enzyme (nitric oxide synthase) involved in the production of nitric oxide in endothelial cells. Compared to natural human estrogens, gene transcription of endothelial nitric oxide synthase was 30 to 50\% lower in response to equine estrogens.\textsuperscript{49}

Several studies have shown that the cardio-protective effects of estrogen are largely negated following the addition of synthetic progestin as was used in the Women’s Health Initiative trials. For example, estradiol has been associated with beneficial effects on endothelial function, as assessed by brachial artery flow-mediated vasodilation, but the effect was negated by the addition of progestin.\textsuperscript{50}

Other study data shows that progestin, but not natural progesterone, increases the risk of coronary vasospasm.\textsuperscript{51}

If physicians carefully monitored their patients’ symptoms as well as checked their menopausal patients’ blood levels in response to hormone restoration with natural estrogen and progesterone creams (not pills), they could have individualized the dose to potentially maximize benefit and ideally minimize risk.

Fortunately, women today have access to low-cost natural estrogens and progesterone. They don’t have to rely on antiquated drugs (Premarin\textsuperscript{®}/Prempro\textsuperscript{®}/Provera\textsuperscript{®}) that Big Pharma continues to promote to hurried physicians.

When you see the term “natural” before a hormone, such as “natural estrogen” that does not mean it was derived from natural sources. What it means is that the estrogen is made in a laboratory to be natural to the human body. Health-conscious people sometimes erroneously believe that a “natural” source of something is safer. An example of why this may not be the case is the drug Premarin\textsuperscript{®}, which is derived from “natural horse urine.” It contains hormones natural to humans (e.g. estrone) and hormones natural to horses (e.g. equinolin).\textsuperscript{37}

Natural bioidentical estrogen drugs, on the other hand, contain only natural-to-the-human-body estrogens. In order to obtain these 100\% natural human estrogens, bioidentical to those produced in the human body, they have to be synthesized in a laboratory setting. A phytoestrogen (plant estrogen) called diosgenin found in wild yams can be converted in a laboratory into progesterone.\textsuperscript{38} Diosgenin cannot be converted by the human body into progesterone. Wild yam does not contain progesterone.\textsuperscript{38} So to obtain natural progesterone, it also has to be made in a laboratory to ensure it is 100\% natural-to-the-human-body progesterone.

Progestins are patented, synthetic drugs that protect against estrogen-induced endometrial cancer.\textsuperscript{36} Progestins are not “natural-to-the-human-body” as is natural progesterone.

Progestins are meant to function like natural progesterone, but a huge body of data indicates potential for adverse side effects. For example, some data suggests natural progesterone may confer a protective effect against breast cancer.\textsuperscript{39-42} whereas progestins have been linked with increased risk.\textsuperscript{41-45}

So while both progestin and progesterone are made in a laboratory, progesterone is a foreign compound that is never naturally produced inside a woman’s body.

Progesterone is the bioidentical natural-to-the-human-body hormone that provides many health benefits. As it relates to “bioidentical” terminology, here is where the various hormone drugs stand:

\textbf{Bioidentical}

| Natural Estrogen | Natural Progesterone |

\textbf{Non-Bioidentical}\textsuperscript{1,34,35,37}

| Premarin\textsuperscript{®} (horse urine derived) | Provera\textsuperscript{®} (progestin) | Prempro\textsuperscript{®} (Premarin\textsuperscript{®} + progestin) |

\textit{Life Extension} recommends bioidentical natural estrogen and progesterone to be used in topically applied creams to avoid degradation in the liver.\textsuperscript{46}
What makes this finding so compelling is that these women were taking oral Premarin®...

- **without individualized dosing** (to optimize tolerability);
- **without natural progestosterone** (to protect against unopposed estrogen on hormone-responsive tissues like the breast, potentially reducing breast cancer risk);[39-42]
- **without topical preparations** (to avoid the first-pass effect of oral estrogen in the liver linked to inflammation and arterial blood clotting);[46-48]
- **without estrogen modifiers** like indole-3-carbinol (to inhibit formation of estrogenic metabolites linked to increased risk of breast cancer);[52,53]
- **without enough vitamin D** (to regulate breast cell proliferation);[54-56] and
- **without being on a comprehensive program** that involves ingesting healthy foods and reducing intake of dangerous ones.

The size of this analysis by Yale researchers makes a compelling argument that it may be better for estrogen-deficient women age 50-59 years to blindly take what many believe to be the worst estrogen drug (oral Premarin®) than to do without any estrogen at all.

In addition to the mortality benefit for women ages 50-59 years, hormone therapy in this analysis provided an improvement in quality-of-life measures during the first several years of treatment.

Women over 59 did not see these benefits with Premarin®-only therapy, nor would we expect them to. Aging humans have to be far more careful as to how they implement a hormone balancing program.

What few have yet to understand is that as women move through menopause, their estrogen blood levels can plummet to the range of hysterectomized females. We now know these low estrogen levels can cause significantly higher death rates, along with menopausal miseries.

The good news is this does not have to happen to women just because they are growing older. There are protocols using only natural bioidentical forms of estrogen and progesterone absorbed topically that, when combined with healthy lifestyle/supplement choices, can more safely induce a rejuvenating effect!

Findings from 27 Additional Studies on Hormone Replacement

No matter how prestigious the institution, or the size or quality of the study, one should always seek out confirmatory data when making a decision as substantive as restoring sex hormones back to youthful ranges.

From a mechanistic standpoint, when one understands how essential estrogen and progesterone are to a woman’s life processes, it would be logical to seek to maintain these hormones at youthful levels for life. But there is always concern about side effects.

To evaluate the worst case scenario, Life Extension researchers evaluated data derived from 27 published studies that looked at the long-term effects of many different
forms of conventional estrogen and progestin drugs on menopausal women. Eight of these studies were observational, while 19 were randomized controlled trials involving 16,000 women followed for 83,000 patient-years. Some of the trials used hormone drugs we consider hazardous or suboptimal.

None of these trials follow the comprehensive natural hormone protocols to include nutrient support that Life Extension recommended decades ago.

We reviewed data from all these studies to ascertain the mortality risk in women taking conventional hormone replacement compared to those who did not. The pooled analysis from these twenty-seven independent studies showed that women under age 60 who replaced their sex hormones were 28% less likely to die.12

In the process of not dying, the quality-of-life measures showed clear benefit to women who restored their sex hormones.12

So what does this tell us? Since 2002-2004, warnings have emanated from the FDA, mainstream medical groups, and practicing physicians that replacing hormones in maturing women is dangerous. Yet the 2013 Yale study of hysterectomized postmenopausal women, plus an analysis of 27 hormone therapy trials using suboptimal hormone preparations in women age 60 years and younger, shows a mortality reduction in women who replace their sex hormones.

There is no question that improperly prescribed hormone replacement is going to increase cancer and vascular risks. But women no longer have to be subjected to outmoded prescribing practices. There is solid data to enable women of all ages to regain a more youthful hormone profile, using natural forms of estrogen and progesterone that have intriguing studies indicating reductions in cancer and vascular risks.

Natural Progesterone Protects Against Breast Cancer

Compared to synthetic progestin that stimulates breast cell proliferation, natural progesterone has demonstrated a protective effect.

There are at least 17 studies showing that progestins significantly increase breast cell replication and growth largely due to stimulation of the estrogen receptor by progestins. In stark contrast, at least 11 studies have shown that natural progesterone does not induce estrogen-stimulated breast cell proliferation.

Numerous studies have demonstrated an increased risk of breast cancer with the use of synthetic progestins. However, the use of natural (bioidentical) progesterone has not been associated with an increased risk of breast cancer.
Quite to the contrary, research has revealed that natural progesterone decreases the risk of breast cancer. In a study published in the journal Breast Cancer Research and Treatment, 80,000 postmenopausal women using various forms of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) were followed for more than 8 years. Women who used estrogen in combination with synthetic progestin had a 69% increased risk of breast cancer, compared to women who had never used HRT. However, for women who used natural progesterone in combination with estrogen, the increased risk of breast cancer was completely eliminated with a significant reduction in breast cancer risk compared with synthetic progestin use.

In another investigation, these same researchers found a 40% increased risk of breast cancer for women who used estrogen with synthetic progestin. Interestingly, in women who used estrogen combined with natural progesterone, there was a promising trend toward a reduced risk of breast cancer, compared to women who had never used HRT. In essence, natural progesterone appeared to protect women against the development of breast cancer. These findings confirm work done six years earlier that found a trend toward a reduced risk of breast cancer in 1,150 women using natural progesterone, compared to non-users of progesterone.

Compelling research offers further insight into natural progesterone’s ability to defend against breast cancer. In a fascinating study, scientists administered estrogen alone, natural progesterone alone, estrogen plus natural progesterone, or placebo to 40 women prior to surgery to remove a breast lump. The hormones were applied topically to the breast for about 12 days before surgery. As expected, when given alone, estrogen caused a 62% increase in breast cell proliferation rates compared to placebo. Conversely, the addition of natural progesterone to estrogen resulted in a significant decrease in the estrogen-induced increase in breast cell proliferation rates. Even more impressive was the finding that the group receiving natural progesterone alone had a nearly 76% lower breast cell proliferation rate compared to the placebo group.

**Higher Progesterone = Lower Breast Cancer Incidence**

A growing body of literature has documented a strong connection between a woman’s progesterone levels and her subsequent risk for breast cancer. A trial reported in the *International Journal of Cancer* measured blood levels of progesterone in 5,963 premenopausal women. Incredibly, the analysis of the data revealed that those women with the highest blood levels of progesterone who had regular menses experienced an 88% decreased risk of breast cancer.

These findings corroborate another study in which 1,083 women treated for infertility were followed for upwards of 33 years to determine their subsequent breast cancer risk. Compared to women with normal breast cancer incidence, those with higher progesterone levels had a 52% lower risk of breast cancer. It seems that progesterone is a natural ally in the fight against breast cancer.

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**Breast Cancer Is Not the Only Cause of Premature Death**

With all the media attention and fundraising by support groups, you might be lulled into thinking the only disease women prematurely die from is breast cancer. Each year, over 40,000 women in the United States do die of metastatic breast cancer. But there are a total of about 1,250,000 female deaths each year in this country. That means for every one breast cancer death, there are approximately 31 women who die from something else.

Many of those “something else” diseases relate to hormone deficiencies. That does not mean women should ignore breast cancer risk and blindly take hormone drugs. It does, however, bring into context the health issues maturing women really face. These “something else” deaths provide a rationale for the natural hormone restoration approaches long advocated by progressive physicians and the Life Extension Foundation.

As you’ll read in an article in this month’s issue of *Life Extension*, there are prudent ways women can reduce breast cancer risk.
progesterone levels, progesterone deficient women had a 5.4 times increased risk of premenopausal breast cancer and were 10 times as likely to die from any cancer.85 Similarly, researchers at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health measured progesterone levels in pregnant women, who were then followed for upwards of 32 years. The researchers discovered that those women with the highest blood levels of progesterone during pregnancy had a promising trend toward a lower risk of breast cancer, compared to women with the lowest levels of progesterone during pregnancy. When the researchers analyzed the risk of breast cancer in women under age 51, those with the highest progesterone levels had a staggering 70% decreased risk compared to the group with the lowest progesterone levels.86

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The Women’s Health Initiative, a large randomized clinical trial, demonstrated that the addition of synthetic progestins to estrogen therapy resulted in a substantial increase in the risk of heart attack and stroke.1 Numerous studies, on the other hand, document that natural progesterone has beneficial effects on cardiovascular health.

In one trial published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, researchers studied postmenopausal women with a history of heart attack or coronary artery disease. The women were given estrogen in combination with either natural progesterone or synthetic progestin. After 10 days of treatment the women underwent exercise treadmill tests. Compared to the synthetic progestin group, the amount of time it took to produce myocardial ischemia (reduced blood flow to the heart) on the exercise treadmill was substantially improved in the natural progesterone group.81

The risk of a blood clot is a serious concern with the use of estrogen replacement therapy, especially by the oral route. This risk doesn’t occur when natural progesterone is added to the mix.92 One investigation compared the risk of blood clots in postmenopausal women taking natural progesterone to the risk in women taking synthetic progestin. The group of women who used synthetic progestin in combination with estrogen had a startling 290% greater risk of blood clots, compared to the group who never used HRT. The group receiving natural progesterone in combination with estrogen, on the other hand, had a 30% decreased risk of blood clots, compared to women who never used HRT.92

Atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) is a leading cause of heart disease. Several studies have determined that synthetic progestin promotes the formation of atherosclerosis.93-95 The story is quite different for natural progesterone, where multiple animal studies have shown that natural progesterone inhibits the process of atherosclerosis.95,97

To illustrate, scientists fed monkeys with surgically induced menopause a diet known to
women were randomized to receive estrogen alone, estrogen combined with synthetic (non-natural) progesterone, estrogen combined with natural progesterone, or placebo. The results demonstrated that the group receiving natural progesterone demonstrated much higher HDL levels than the group receiving progestin.106

These results confirm earlier preliminary data provided by researchers who administered estrogen combined with either progestin or natural progesterone to postmenopausal women. The use of progestin resulted in an undesirable 15% decrease in HDL levels, compared to only minor changes to HDL levels in those patients prescribed natural progesterone.100

In contrast, when the same investigators administered natural progesterone along with estrogen, no such inhibition of estrogen’s cardiovascular benefit was seen.98

Natural Progesterone Increases HDL

High-density lipoprotein (HDL) functions to remove cholesterol from the arterial wall and thus helps protect against the development of atherosclerosis.99 Low HDL is a proven risk factor that contributes to heart disease.99 Synthetic progestin is known to cause reductions in HDL levels.100-102 One mechanism by which natural progesterone enhances cardiovascular health is its ability to maintain or even increase HDL levels in women receiving estrogen replacement therapy.103-105

In one study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, 875 postmenopausal women were randomized to receive estrogen alone, estrogen combined with synthetic (non-natural) progesterone, estrogen combined with natural progesterone, or placebo. The results demonstrated that the group receiving natural progesterone demonstrated much higher HDL levels than the group receiving progestin.106

What Happens During Menopause?

The average age of menopause in the United States is only 51.107

Perimenopause is the time period leading up to menopause, a time when a woman’s hormones may fluctuate quite wildly, producing a variety of uncomfortable effects.108 Although estradiol, a critical estrogen in the body, is significantly reduced in menopause, estrone, another important estrogen found naturally in a woman’s body, does not drop as precipitously, and in some cases, levels of estrone may increase in the perimenopausal period.109

Estrogen dominance is a term that is relatively unrecognized in conventional medicine, yet alternative medical practitioners estimate that this syndrome may affect nearly half the women over age 35 in the United States.110 Caused by an imbalance between estrogen and progesterone, this syndrome may cause many undesirable and dysfunctional issues.110

When the adrenal glands are stressed, they secrete excess cortisol. Cortisol is made from progesterone in the body. Progesterone is depleted as cortisol levels increase because more progesterone is being used to make cortisol.111 As more progesterone is shunted or sequestered to make cortisol, less is available to balance estrogen. Another common reason for low progesterone levels is an anovulatory cycle (a menstrual cycle in which there is no ovulation), often observed in perimenopause.111,112 Without ovulation there is no corpus luteum to make additional progesterone for the cycle. The reduced progesterone level leads to excessive estrogen and relative deficiency of progesterone.
So for a period of time, perimenopausal women in particular may have relatively high estrogen in relation to progesterone. Yet progesterone is required to protect against the adverse effects of a relative increase in estrogen. Is it any wonder why incidences of cancer and thrombosis (arterial blood clotting) begin to increase in the perimenopausal time period? Progesterone is needed to balance the normal effects of estrogen, which is especially important when estrogen replacement is initiated.

A blood test can reveal a woman’s own, individualized hormonal needs to include progesterone replacement, as well as estrogen, like estradiol. Tragically, conventional doctors today are blindly prescribing estrogen drugs without testing their female patients to ascertain their individual needs.

The consequences of untreated menopause from a longevity and quality-of-life standpoint are severe. Simply defined, menopause is a deviation from youthful estrogen/progesterone balance. Proven methods exist to rationally restore hormone status, but most maturing women never learn about it. That’s all about to change.

A Vindication for Suzanne Somers

For the past decade, actress and best-selling author Suzanne Somers has passionately advocated natural hormone replacement for maturing women. She endured blistering criticism from mainstream doctors who warned of catastrophic problems if women dared to restore their estrogen/progesterone to youthful ranges.

Suzanne’s fervent position was that individualized dosing of natural estrogens and progesterone markedly improves life quality and extends healthy life span.

Mainstream doctors based their dire warnings on the huge Women’s Health Initiative study whose initial results were released in the 2002-2004 period. This study looked at women taking oral Premarin® or PremPro® and linked these drugs to increased disease risk. Subsequent studies and analysis reveal these deadly effects were caused by synthetic progestin and probably the orally administered Premarin®. Suzanne figured this out before mainstream medicine.

Premarin® by itself was linked to increased stroke risk, which is probably related to:

1) It being prescribed orally (instead of transdermal),

2) The horse estrogens counteracting estrogen’s endothelial benefits, plus

3) Doctors failing to prescribe natural progesterone to balance out the effects of estrogen.

As of 2012 the maker of PremPro® has paid out $896 million to resolve lawsuits alleging that the drug caused cancer
in women. Another $330 million has been reserved to pay future claims.\textsuperscript{113}

The FDA has not removed Prempro\textsuperscript{®} from the market. If you type “PremPro” into Google, the drug maker has an attractive website (www.prempro.com) to induce menopausal women to take it.\textsuperscript{114}

So the question begs, who is going to alert the American public to avoid these lethal hormone drugs?

**Suzanne’s Commitment**

Suzanne Somers is 66 years old. A lot of people retire before this age or are forced to quit working because of health impairments.

Instead, Suzanne is dedicating herself to educating the world about the lethal effects of synthetic progestins and horse urine-derived estrogens. She has been a personal beneficiary of natural hormone replacement. Don’t be surprised to see her on major television shows airing this year and next.

A dilemma Suzanne recognized long ago was the difficulty women had in locating physicians knowledgeable about prescribing natural sex hormones to maturing women. She has spent the last decade interacting with doctors to find out where women could go to have their hormones restored to a youthful range based on individual need.

In her new book, Suzanne describes the profound anti-aging effects that occur in response to natural hormone replacement and reveals a new network of physicians (www.ForeverHealth.com) committed to properly prescribing them.

**Big Pharma’s Catastrophic Impact on Longevity**

In 1994, I wrote *Life Extension*’s first article warning against synthetic progestins and horse urine-derived estrogens.

An incredible amount of evidence from nearly 20 years ago showed that natural progesterone was safer and more effective than synthetic progestin found in PremPro\textsuperscript{®} and Provera\textsuperscript{®}. Yet the public was kept largely in the dark. The number of female lives that could have been spared had the FDA acted humanely (by removing progestin drugs) is difficult to calculate. Instead, the FDA issued proclamations that made it more challenging for American women to access natural progesterone creams.

Premarin\textsuperscript{®} (horse urine-derived estrogen) was first introduced in 1942.\textsuperscript{115} It may have had a place in medical history when properly used. Why women today would choose this 71-year old drug, when natural estrogen creams are widely available indicates how progress is impeded when medicine is dominated by FDA regulation in lieu of free market innovation.

This editorial revealed startling new findings showing that estrogen protects against premature death in women who are deficient in it.\textsuperscript{11} This is confirmed by 27 prior studies showing a 28% reduction in mortality reduction in maturing women who replace their hormones.\textsuperscript{12}

What makes these reductions in premature death so compelling is that most of the women in these studies were not using the natural forms of estrogen and progesterone that have shown superior benefits. The clear message is that restoring youthful hormone balance may be one of the most effective ways to feel better today and live much longer in the future.

In this issue of *Life Extension*, we feature an exclusive interview with Suzanne Somers and describe ways maturing women can reduce their cancer risks.

It costs $75 a year to belong to the Life Extension Foundation\textsuperscript{®}. If the only benefit a woman received was learning about the lethal effects of synthetic progestin nearly 20 years ago, then membership may have resulted in one of life’s grand bargains.

For longer life,

William Faloon

References for this article begin on page 18.
To order the new Female Hormone Replacement Panel, call 1-800-208-3444 (24-hours) or visit www.lef.org/female

When maturing women read about the benefits of youthful hormone restoration, they are eager to implement a personalized replacement program.

The first step is to have the proper blood tests to evaluate a woman’s individual hormone needs. Armed with the results of her blood tests, a woman’s doctor can immediately prescribe hormones that are just right for her.

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The retail cost of these individual tests can easily exceed $400. The special discounted price of the Female Hormone Replacement Panel for Foundation members is only $189.

There's no need to make an appointment or be delayed. Just call 1-800-208-3444 and we'll mail or email a requisition to you along with a list of local drawing stations in your area.* Most of our blood drawing stations allow you to walk-in at your convenience. Results usually come back within 2 weeks and we can email (or mail) them to you.

Life Extension’s unique blood testing service provides the most efficient and cost effective way of quickly assessing hormone status along with other health parameters so your doctor can prescribe the precise dose of progesterone, estrogen, and other natural hormones your body needs. Item # LC100023

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* Blood tests are available only in the continental US and are NOT available in Maryland. Residents of NY, NJ, RI and MA will receive a blood draw kit and may incur an additional blood draw fee.
Many people know that natural progesterone supplementation has become popular among women who are menopausal, peri-menopausal, or premenstrual seeking to maintain a normal level of progesterone and a balanced ratio of estrogen to progesterone. Less well-known is the fact that having sufficient progesterone in the body provides many health-enhancing benefits to both men and women.

In fact, natural progesterone has been touted as a “miracle hormone” because—by helping the body to modulate the activities of estrogen—it can confer multiple health benefits. These include natural support for healthy cell growth, neuroprotection, normal sleep, bone growth, healthy weight, libido, and memory.

Topically applied Progesta-Care Progesterone Cream™ is a natural source of USP progesterone, which is biologically identical to the hormone produced by the human body.

Cream is an efficient way to supplement with progesterone, because the cream’s highly lipophilic, or fat-soluble, molecules allow it to be well-absorbed through the skin. From the fat layer of the skin, natural progesterone is absorbed into the capillary blood supply, making progesterone readily available to all target tissues.

Progesta-Care® Natural Progesterone Cream™ simplifies consistent dosing

One full press of the airtight, hygienic pump bottle automatically dispenses a pre-measured amount equivalent to approximately 20 milligrams of natural progesterone (USP). No guesswork. No mess.

A pump bottle of 4 oz. cream (118 millimeters) of Progesta-Care® Progesterone Cream™ retails for $35. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $24 per bottle. Each bottle lasts the average user about two months.

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PrimaVie® shilajit has been shown to double levels of CoQ10 in mitochondria! Combining CoQ10 and shilajit produced a 56% increase in energy production in the brain—40% better than CoQ10 alone. And in muscle, there was a 144% increase in energy production—27% better than CoQ10 alone.

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Supporting mitochondria is one thing. But until recently, the only options for aging individuals to promote replenishment of the declining numbers of mitochondria in their bodies were long-term calorie restriction or exhaustive physical activity—difficult or impractical for most aging people.

Now PQQ offers a viable alternative: PQQ (pyrroloquinoline quinone) promotes spontaneous production of new mitochondria! In fact, PQQ promotes youthful cellular function in three distinct ways:

- **Promotes mitochondrial biogenesis.** PQQ activates genes that promote the formation of fresh mitochondria! It also beneficially interacts with genes directly involved in mitochondrial health. These same genes support healthy body weight, normal fat and sugar metabolism, and youthful cellular proliferation.

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PQQ is an essential nutrient, meaning that your body cannot make it on its own. A wealth of research demonstrates that—alone and especially in combination with CoQ10—its unique nutritional profile supports heart health and brain function. This should be no surprise, given how much energy these vital organs need.

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Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 With BioPQQ® combines:

- **CoQ10** in a super-absorbable ubiquinol form.
- **Shilajit** to synergistically boost mitochondrial CoQ10 levels and youthful cellular energy.
- **PQQ** to support spontaneous generation of new mitochondria in aging people.

The suggested dosage of one (1) softgel daily of Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 With BioPQQ® provides:

- **Ubiquinol (as Kaneka QH® Ubiquinol)** 100 mg
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- **BioPQQ** Pyrroloquinoline quinone disodium salt 10 mg

A bottle of 30 softgels of Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 With BioPQQ® retails for $54. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $37.50 per bottle.

The optimal dose of PQQ is 20 mg each day. Members taking Mitochondrial Energy Optimizer, Mitochondrial Basics, or PQQ 10 mg caps obtain this optimal PQQ dose when taking the new Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with PQQ.

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One Smart Cup of Coffee®

In a recently published study, researchers found that those living on the Greek island of Ikaria had a healthier and longer life span due to their daily intake of strong coffee.¹

The researchers also report that the healthy endothelial function supported by coffee compounds may play a major role in this longevity effect.¹

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Not all coffee delivers the same powerful health benefits and longevity dividend.²⁻⁶ When it comes to obtaining coffee's full range of health benefits, most people aren't getting their money's worth! The reason? Most of the coffee bean's polyphenol content is destroyed during the roasting process. Among the most beneficial of these polyphenols is chlorogenic acid, a potent inhibitor of the glucose-6-phosphatase enzyme that stimulates gluconeogenesis. (Excess gluconeogenesis results in too much glucose produced in the liver that can cause elevations of blood glucose.)

Life Extension®’s Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend is made using a patented, 100% natural process called HealthyRoast™.⁷ This process delivers a more complete nutritional profile of the coffee bean, yielding chlorogenic acid levels far greater than other premium brands—up to 87% more chlorogenic acid than conventional coffees!

Handpicked deep in the rainforests of Central America, Rich Rewards® consists exclusively of 100% USDA certified organic arabica coffee beans, gently roasted in small batches and ground for easy brewing.

Natural Flavored Options!

To make your morning cup of coffee even more enjoyable, Life Extension® now offers our Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend Ground Coffee in two delicious flavors:

• Natural Vanilla Flavor and
• Natural Mocha Flavor

And like our regular, unflavored Rich Rewards® coffee, these flavored ground coffees are roasted using the same HealthyRoast™ process—which preserves special, naturally occurring compounds in coffee that soothe your stomach. This unique process also guarantees a higher content of healthy polyphenols.

Now those who prefer a flavored coffee—as well as those who find that ordinary coffee brands upset their stomach—can enjoy the potent longevity support that daily coffee consumption delivers!

One Smart Cup of Coffee®

Life Extension® Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend Ground Coffee provides it all:

• Savory taste—regular coffee taste or 2 natural flavored options!
• Far higher percentage of chlorogenic acid than conventional coffees!
• Certified 100% organic!
• Special, naturally occurring compounds that soothe your stomach!


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Note: Rich Rewards Breakfast Blend Antioxidant Coffee regular caffeinated (Item# 1609) and decaffeinated (Item# 1610) are still available.

To order these options or any of our other coffee blends, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com.
Higher Vitamin D Levels Associated with Reduced All-Cause Mortality

The results of a meta-analysis published in *BioMed Central Public Health* reveal a lower risk of dying over 3.8 to 13.5 years of follow-up among men and women with higher vitamin D levels.\(^*\)

Lynne Rush and her associates analyzed the findings of nine studies which provided data on serum **25-hydroxyvitamin D** status and mortality for a total of 24,297 adults of varying ages. Over the studies’ follow-up periods, 5,324 deaths occurred. After adjusting for several factors, a 19% higher risk of dying from any cause over follow-up was found among those with lower serum vitamin D as compared to higher levels. When the subjects were analyzed according to age, the adjusted risk of dying was 12% higher for subjects with low vitamin D in studies of subjects whose age averaged less than 65 years. For people over age 65, the adjusted **risk of dying** was 25% higher in those with low serum **25-hydroxyvitamin D** levels.

**Editor’s Note:** “As far as we are aware, this is the only systematic review and meta-analysis that has specifically investigated whether the apparent association between low vitamin D status and all-cause mortality is age-dependent,” the authors announced. “Further studies investigating the association between vitamin D deficiency and all-cause mortality in younger adults with adjustment for all important confounders (or using randomized trials of supplementation) are required to clarify this relationship.”

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Previously Deemed “Safe” Levels of Sugar May Reduce Life Span

Sugar intake in all of its forms has increased rapidly over recent decades. This mass consumption of sweets and sweeteners has shown a strong correlation to a wide array of lethal diseases. A study published in the journal *Nature Communications by the Department of Biology* at the University of Utah used rodent models to elucidate mechanisms of sugar toxicity, but only at concentrations beyond typical human exposure.\(^*\)

In this new study, control mice were mixed with mice being fed human-relevant concentrations of added sugar.

The fructose/glucose-fed females experience a **twofold** increase in mortality while fructose/glucose-fed males controlled 26% fewer territories and produced 25% less offspring. The findings show that comparatively low levels of added sugar consumption have substantial negative effects on mouse survival, competitive ability, and reproduction.

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EPA Improves Insulin Sensitivity and Lowers Blood Glucose Levels in Overweight Diabetics

The results of a double-blinded trial published in the *Singapore Medical Journal* show positive effects for the omega-3 fatty acid eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) in overweight type II diabetics.* Mahmoud Djalali and his associates at Tehran University of Medical Sciences randomized 67 overweight men and women with type II diabetes to receive 2,000 milligrams EPA or a corn oil placebo daily for 12 weeks. Blood samples collected before and after treatment were analyzed for hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c, a marker of long-term glucose control), fasting plasma glucose, and fasting serum insulin.

While plasma glucose, HbA1c, and serum insulin levels had increased by 4%, 3%, and 4% in the control group by the end of the study, they declined by 11%, 8%, and 3%, respectively, in those who received EPA. Insulin resistance also improved among those who received EPA.

*Editor's Note:* The authors note that, in contrast with the findings of other studies with shorter durations, the current study’s length could account for the improvement observed in HbA1c, which represents average glucose concentration over the previous months.


Omega-3 Deficiency Could Contribute to Teen Psychological Disorders

Findings reported in *Biological Psychiatry* suggest that modern diets deficient in omega-3 fatty acids could be the culprit behind the prevalence of anxiety, hyperactivity, and poor cognition observed among many adolescents.*

By breeding successive generations of rats given diets containing reduced amounts of omega-3, Bita Moghaddam and colleagues created a model of the deficiency that has occurred in humans over the past several decades when animals used for meat were switched from an omega-3-rich grass-based diet to one based on grains. The researchers found an increase in anxiety and hyperactivity in deficient adolescent animals, as well as a reduction in the rate of learning in comparison to animals given diets that contained adequate amounts of omega-3. “We have always assumed that stress at this age is the main environmental insult that contributes to developing these conditions in at-risk individuals but this study indicates that nutrition is a big factor, too,” Dr. Moghaddam stated.

*Editor’s Note:* “We found that this dietary deficiency can compromise the behavioral health of adolescents, not only because their diet is deficient but because their parents’ diet was deficient as well,” Dr. Moghaddam remarked. “This is of particular concern because adolescence is a very vulnerable time for developing psychiatric disorders including schizophrenia and addiction.”


High Intake of Red Meat Linked with Risk of Type II Diabetes

A review published in the journal *Advances in Nutrition* found an association between a high intake of red meat and an increased risk for type II diabetes.*

Advanced glycation end products (AGEs) and advanced lipoxidation end products (ALEs) were proposed as mechanisms, with iron as the potential link. Iron facilitates the formation of AGEs and ALEs during the processing and cooking of red meat.

The review included previous findings linking AGEs to insulin resistance and impaired insulin secretion. In an animal model, AGEs inhibited insulin-producing cells.

The scientists conducting the review note that, “The level of contribution from iron to dietary protein oxidation and AGE development in processing is not known, but experimental laboratory testing of this should be carried out in meats with varying lipid contents and between red meat and other dietary AGEs.”


—D. Dye

—Maylin Paez-Rodriguez
Iron May Be At Heart of Alzheimer’s Disease

A new study from the University of California-Los Angeles, suggests that iron accumulation in the brain may be at the core of Alzheimer’s disease.* While many researchers believe the disease is caused by either the tau or beta-amyloid proteins, Dr. George Bartzokis, a professor of psychiatry at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA and senior author of the study, and his colleagues looked at two areas of the brain in patients with Alzheimer’s.

They compared the hippocampus, which is known to be damaged early in the disease, and the thalamus, an area that is generally not affected until the late stages.

“It is difficult to measure iron in tissue when the tissue is already damaged,” Dr. Bartzokis said. “But the MRI technology we used in this study allowed us to determine that the increase in iron is occurring together with the tissue damage. We found that the amount of iron is increased in the hippocampus and is associated with tissue damage in patients with Alzheimer’s but not in the healthy older individuals — or in the thalamus. So the results suggest that iron accumulation may indeed contribute to the cause of Alzheimer’s disease.”

Editor’s Note: Life Extension® warned its members to avoid iron supplements in 1983 unless one was diagnosed as being iron deficient.

—M. Richmond

Avoidance of Estrogen Replacement by Hysterectomized Women May Result in Lost Lives

In the American Journal of Public Health, Yale researchers estimate that over a 10-year span as many as 91,610 unnecessary deaths have occurred among women between the ages of 50 and 69 years old who had a hysterectomy yet had not availed themselves of estrogen replacement therapy due to fears of its adverse risks.*

Findings from the WHI study in 2002 indicated a greater risk of breast cancer and heart disease among women who used a combination of estrogen and progestin as hormone replacement therapy in comparison with those who received a placebo. Progestin is routinely combined with estrogen to protect against increased proliferation of the uterine lining that can result from using unopposed estrogen. However, in the study arm that investigated the use of estrogen alone (which is prescribed without progestin to women who have had hysterectomies) there was a decrease in the risk of breast cancer and heart disease and a lower rate of mortality over the course of the study.

—D. Dye

Lower Risk of Mortality for Coffee and Tea Drinkers Over a Decade

In a recent issue of the Journal of Nutrition, an article was published showing a lower risk of mortality for coffee and tea drinkers over an 11-year average follow-up period.*

The study included 2,461 participants (over 40 years of age) and formed part of the Northern Manhattan Study. At baseline, participants were free of stroke, cancer, and myocardial infarction.

Researchers examined the association by food frequency questionnaire during an 11-year follow-up. The majority of participants were coffee and tea drinkers.

A 7% reduction in mortality was seen for each additional cup of coffee ingested per day. Strong protection was seen in those who drank 4 or more cups of regular caffeinated coffee. Additionally, a 9% decreased risk of mortality was seen for each increased cup of tea per day.

The proposed beneficial mechanism is the high antioxidant content of these beverages, although the researchers concluded that further study is needed.

Editor’s Note: The authors remark that chlorogenic acid contained in coffee may lower blood pressure via an increase in nitric oxide, thereby contributing to a reduction in premature mortality risk.

—Maylin Paez-Rodriguez

More Positive Findings for EPA

An article that appeared in the journal *Carcinogenesis* reports an inhibitory effect for the long chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), which naturally occurs in fish and fish oil, against squamous cell carcinoma, a type of oral and skin cancer.*

Researchers at Queen Mary University of London tested the effect of EPA in cultures of oral and skin squamous cell carcinoma and in premalignant and normal epidermal cells. They found that the fatty acid inhibited the growth of malignant and premalignant cells and increased programmed cell death (apoptosis) of these cells.

Lead author Zacharoula Nikolakopoulou, PhD, commented that, “As the doses needed to kill the cancer cells do not affect normal cells, especially with one particular fatty acid we used called eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), there is potential for using omega-3 fatty acids in the prevention and treatment of skin and oral cancers.”

**Editor’s Note:** Squamous cells occur in the outermost layers of the skin, as well as in the lining of the digestive tract and other areas. Squamous cell carcinoma is a common form of skin cancer, as well as an oral cancer that is difficult to treat.

—D. Dye

* *Carcinogenesis*. 2013 Jul 26.

Pre-Op Fatty Acids, Antioxidants Help Prevent Post-Operative Atrial Fibrillation

The results of a trial reported in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* reveal a reduction in postoperative atrial fibrillation in men and women given omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids and vitamins C and E.*

Participants included 307 patients scheduled to undergo on-pump heart surgery. The subjects were randomized to receive a placebo or 2,000 mg eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA)/docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) beginning seven days prior to surgery, and 1,000 mg vitamin C and 400 international units (IU) vitamin E beginning two days before surgery. Supplementation was continued until discharge from the hospital.

Postoperative atrial fibrillation occurred in 32% of subjects who received a placebo and just 9.7% of the supplemented group. Researchers Ramón Rodrigo and colleagues calculated that the placebo group had a 3.62 times greater risk of postoperative atrial fibrillation on any day in comparison with participants who received the supplements.

**Editor’s Note:** Atrial fibrillation is a type of heart arrhythmia that is a major risk factor for stroke and mortality when it occurs following cardiac surgery. Evidence suggests that oxidative stress may play a role in the development of this condition.

—D. Dye

* *J Am Coll Cardiol*. 2013 Jul 31.

CoQ10 Supplementation Improves Glycemic Control, Lower Cholesterol in Randomized Trial

A recent issue of *Minerva Gastroenterologica e Dietologica* describes a trial conducted at Tehran University of Medical Sciences in Iran which found improved glycemic control and lower cholesterol levels among diabetics given coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10).*

The trial included 64 men and women with type II diabetes who received 200 milligrams of coenzyme Q10 or a placebo for 12 weeks. Blood samples collected upon enrollment and at the trial’s conclusion were analyzed for glucose, hemoglobin A1C (a measure of long term glucose control), and lipids.

At the end of the trial, hemoglobin A1C, total cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol were reduced in the group that received CoQ10 but did not change significantly in the placebo group. “The results of this study showed that 12 weeks of CoQ10 supplementation can improve glycemic control, total cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol, but further studies are needed to confirm these findings,” the authors conclude.

**Editor’s Note:** In their discussion, authors R. Kolahdouz Mohammadi and colleagues comment that the elevation of blood glucose that occurs in diabetes can increase the generation of reactive oxygen species, which worsen diabetes complications and pancreatic beta cell dysfunction. The decreased antioxidant reserve observed in diabetics may be responsible for some of the benefits attributed to CoQ10 supplementation which, due to its antioxidant property, helps protect beta cells from glucose toxicity.

—D. Dye

As we get older, our eyes become vulnerable to a variety of insults that can cause irritation and dry eye. With just a few drops of the proper eye lubricant, eye irritation stemming from dryness may be alleviated.

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### Super Potent Multi-Nutrient Formula

Commercial “one-a-day” supplements provide very low potencies.

The chart to the left reveals how much more potent **Two-Per-Day** is compared to the leading commercial multi-vitamin.

Compared to “one-a-day” products, **Life Extension** **Two-Per-Day** contains up to 50 times more potency! This Two-Per-Day formula is available in tablet or capsule form.

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**Two-Per-Day** provides the three most effective forms of selenium, which are sodium selenite, L-selenomethionine, and Se-methyl L-selenocysteine, plus alpha lipoic acid.

### Compare CENTRUM® to TWO-PER-DAY:

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Compared to **Centrum® Silver® Adults 50+**, **Two-Per-Day Tablets or Capsules** provide about:

- 4 times more Vitamin D
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- 2 times more Vitamin E
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As people age, they become more susceptible to muscle deterioration and a declining immune system. Fortunately, whey protein can have a positive impact on muscle construction and immunity due to its branched-chain amino acid profile (BCAAs) and naturally occurring lactoferrin and immunoglobins.

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- Great Taste! – Available in both natural chocolate and natural vanilla flavors.

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**Block Acid Reflux to Prevent Esophageal Problems!**

*Gastro esophageal reflux disease* or *GERD* affects 60 million Americans.

Most GERD sufferers seek ways to relieve pain and burning, such as taking proton-pump inhibiting drugs like Prilosec® or Prevacid®.¹

These drugs suppress stomach acid formation, but do not block the backwash of harsh stomach contents (such as digestive enzymes, bile, and acidic foods) into the delicate *esophageal* lining. A consequence of chronic esophageal exposure to stomach contents is deadly *esophageal cancer!*²,³

The link between esophageal reflux and esophageal cancer is striking. People who have long-standing and severe GERD symptoms have 43 times the risk of getting esophageal cancer, which is likely to kill over 15,000 Americans this year.²,³

Prevalence of *adenocarcinoma* of the esophagus has been skyrocketing in comparison with which used to be more common *squamous cell carcinoma*.⁴,⁵ Researchers speculate the *obesity epidemic* is causing more cases of adenocarcinoma of the esophagus, whereas squamous cell carcinoma is largely attributed to cigarette smoking and excess ethanol ingestion.⁵-⁷

A new approach has been discovered to impede backwash of all stomach contents (including acid) into the esophagus. By chewing on tablets composed of *marine alginate* and *bicarbonate*—known as a *raft-forming alginate*, one can physically block the backwash of burning acid and other stomach contents into the delicate tissue of the esophagus.⁸ This provides a relatively *pH-neutral barrier* to relieve painful heartburn—and potentially reduce the risk of *esophageal cancer!*⁸

In this article, you’ll learn how this *unique mechanism* has been shown to work, often within a few seconds of dosing, to form a *barrier* that can be retained in the stomach for hours, providing *longer-lasting relief* than the mechanism of traditional antacids.⁸ >
Raft-Forming Alginate Physically Blocks Reflux!

Raft-forming alginites protect the delicate esophagus via a **unique** mechanism. They produce a temporary physical barrier that blocks stomach contents from backing up into the esophagus.

As the alginate mixture *expands* in the stomach, it mops up excess acid and forms a pH-neutral barrier that reduces reflux episodes.

Here's how an alginate-based raft-forming formulation works...

One component of the mixture—**alginic acid**—is a dry powder containing natural long-chain carbohydrate molecules derived from brown seaweed. On contact with liquid and acid in the stomach, it forms a thick *gel*.

When another component of the mixture—**potassium bicarbonate**—comes in contact with gastric acids, it produces carbon dioxide bubbles that get trapped in the gel. The expanding bubbles cause the thick gel to form a *floating foam* that literally sits atop the stomach contents like a raft.

Two additional ingredients, calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate, react with the soft foam, adding loft and tightening it up into a firmer (but temporary) “raft.”

Raft-like floating foam creates a soothing barrier which prevents acid in the stomach from pushing up into the esophagus.
Raft-Forming Alginates Reduce Both Acids—and Reflux!

For suffers of reflux and heartburn, doctors are interested in strategies that both cut the acid content of the stomach and block acid and food reflux.10

Traditional antacids can only reduce acids—but raft-forming alginates can do both!

Compelling studies show that alginate preparations are highly effective at reducing both the intensity and the frequency of reflux attacks.8,11

In one study, using sophisticated pressure and acid-monitoring equipment, 20 mL of alginate kept the esophagus in the non-acidic range nearly 3 times longer than placebo and cut the incidence of food reflux by half.10

Another study, of a single dose of a liquid form of an alginate-based formula showed a soothing effect in an average of just 65-66 seconds! Over 82% of subjects described the effects as “instant” relief.12 In this study, a full 100% of patients experienced heartburn relief within just 3.3 minutes after the dose.

Unlike prescription antacid medications such as Prilosec® (omeprazole), alginate formulations can have beneficial impact on reflux damage to the larynx, or voice box. Significant differences in objective scores based on the appearance and condition of the larynx were seen between subjects taking 10 mL of alginate suspension four times daily (after meals and at bedtime), compared to placebo subjects.13

Even more impressive than these placebo-controlled studies is research that compared alginates with other antacids.

One such study found significantly greater improvement in heartburn symptoms in patients treated four times daily with 200 mg of cimetidine (Tagamet®) plus 500 mg of alginate than in patients treated four times daily with 400 mg of cimetidine alone, and the rates of healing and improved appearance of damaged esophagus were similar between the two groups. 14

A related study found that a single 20 mL dose of an alginate formulation alone was better than an alginate-cimetidine combination at reducing both food and acid reflux.15

Other studies have shown marked reduction in symptom severity scores with alginates compared to Propulsid® (cisapride), a reflux medication,16 and with Prilosec® (omeprazole), a commonly used oral acid blocker.17

Propulsid® was shown to cause cardiac arrhythmias, with over 70 fatalities reported from 1993-1999, and has been removed from the US market.18

One 2012 study showed that alginate treatment was equivalent to Prilosec® (omeprazole). This is an encouraging finding, given the potential ill effects of

Studies show that in people with acid reflux the raft slides up into the lower esophagus and creates a barrier, which prevents acid in the stomach from pushing up into the esophagus.8,9

Of course, carbonate and bicarbonate in the mixture react with stomach acid as they form carbon dioxide, helping to neutralize stomach acidity and providing a second important mechanism for relieving heartburn.8

The combined effect of all this action has been shown to reduce the severity of symptoms and the frequency of reflux episodes.8 Reflux sufferers will recognize that as a huge improvement over standard antacids.

The entire raft-forming process takes less than a minute, though the raft can survive in the stomach for as long as four hours until it is broken up and passed out of the body.8 This explains the remarkably rapid and long-duration relief you can get from using a raft-forming alginate immediately following a meal.8
prolonged Prilosec (omeprazole) use.\textsuperscript{19,20} (See Table of Side Effects of Common Classes of Acid-Blocking Drugs for more details.)

Most impressively, studies regularly find that alginate treatment provides relief significantly faster than drugs.\textsuperscript{17,21}

**Ellagic Acid Further Slashes Acid and Inflammation Levels**

In addition to protecting the esophagus from the physical effects of acid and food reflux, it’s important to protect the stomach itself from excessive acid production and the inflammation that produces ulcers and potentially increases cancer risk.

Ellagic acid is a polyphenol found in many types of plants, such as berries and pomegranates.\textsuperscript{22,23} It is a powerful antioxidant with additional and complex properties that make it ideal for protecting stomach and esophageal health.

Like antacid drugs, ellagic acid slows the secretion of hydrochloric acid into the stomach by interfering with the molecular pump that drives hydrogen atoms into the stomach.\textsuperscript{24} Despite the name, ellagic acid is only a very mild, organic acid, with little in common with potent gastric hydrochloric acid. It directly protects the stomach’s mucous lining from damage that can lead to ulcers.\textsuperscript{24,25}

Ellagic acid has been found to protect the stomach and promote ulcer healing through its favorable impact on inflammatory cytokines.\textsuperscript{22} One study clearly showed that ellagic acid shifted stomach biochemical parameters away from pro-inflammatory and towards healing profiles.\textsuperscript{23}

Intriguingly, ellagic acid’s beneficial effects on the stomach lining vary depending upon the source of the inflammation. In alcohol-induced ulcers, the protective effect comes from an increase in endogenous nitric oxide, which acts as an anti-inflammatory agent.\textsuperscript{22} But in ulcers produced by the harsh arthritis drug indomethacin, ellagic acid reduces levels of the inflammatory leukotriene B\textsubscript{4}.\textsuperscript{22} And in ulcers produced by sour acetic acid (the acid in vinegar), ulcer healing was promoted by reductions in inflammatory cytokines TNF-alpha and related compounds.

Thus, in ulcer prevention, ellagic acid works both by reducing the offending factors and by strengthening the body’s natural defensive factors.\textsuperscript{22}

Animal studies demonstrate that ellagic acid reduced the standard ulcer index by $59\%$, while accelerating ulcer healing through induction of important growth factors.\textsuperscript{23}

In addition, ellagic acid appears to inhibit Helicobacter pylori, the bacterium that inevitably
causes gastritis—a main cause of gastric ulcers—and which has been associated with both esophageal and stomach cancer. And indeed, one study showed that ellagic acid reduced by 21 to 55% the number of chemically-induced esophageal tumors in experimental animals.

While we’re awaiting further proof that ellagic acid itself prevents cancer, there is strong evidence that strawberries—which are rich in ellagic acid—are powerful anti-cancer agents, as we’ll see next.

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Over-the-counter antacids can be very effective against acid damage, but they come with many potentially serious side effects, especially with prolonged use. Raft-forming alginate preparations, however, are associated with none of these.

**Strawberries Lower Risk of Esophageal Cancer**

Strawberries are loaded with powerful antioxidants, chiefly in the form of polyphenols, which block free radical formation. Moreover, strawberry extracts promote increases in levels of natural antioxidant systems lying dormant in the cells, triggering potent self-protection in the vulnerable stomach lining. Administration of strawberry extract in rats with alcohol-induced ulcers significantly reduced the animals’ ulcer index, in large part by inhibiting peroxidation of cell membrane lipids.

Animals supplemented with strawberries show up to 56% fewer cancers after exposure to known esophageal carcinogens. And in those that do develop cancers, the tumors are less frequent and smaller than in control animals.

A 2012 study in humans demonstrated remarkable protection from esophageal cancer in a high-risk population, following consumption of a high-dose freeze-dried strawberry powder. These patients had known esophageal dysplasia, a pre-cancerous state. After six months of supplementation, there was a reduction in severity of the dysplasia without side effects. This visible benefit was accompanied by reductions in markers of inflammation.

Strawberry polyphenols protect against stomach damage caused by alcohol and other damaging factors.
agents.\textsuperscript{30} Again, this effect is generally attributed to their content of antioxidants and free radical scavengers. (The strawberry intake of these human and animal subjects was vastly higher than an alginate combination could ever provide in a pill form; but including strawberry content in a formulation serves to enhance its protective activities.)

**Summary**

Gastrointestinal reflux is increasingly a major source of pain, suffering, and diminished quality of life—but it is also a key cause of esophageal cancer.\textsuperscript{3}

For years, traditional medicine operated on the simple notion that by using antacids and reducing acid levels alone, they could control the symptoms and potentially fatal consequences of acid reflux.\textsuperscript{2}

**Raft-forming alginate** creates a physical barrier “raft” to block reflux from occurring, protecting esophageal tissue from corrosive stomach contents. Alginate is clinically proven to reduce the frequency and intensity of reflux attacks, with effects equivalent to antacid medications that have substantial side effects.

The addition of **ellagic acid** to an alginate formulation can reduce stomach acidity and inflammation—which further protects the esophagus from the chronic inflammation that could one day trigger cancerous cells.

And strawberry extract contributes additional antioxidant protection by upgrading the body’s own powerful antioxidant enzymes, with proven effects on reducing ulcer-related stomach cancer.

The simple combination of raft-forming alginates, carbonates, ellagic acid from pomegranates, and strawberry extract holds enormous potential to safely reduce painful acid reflux—and provide potential protection against cancer.\textsuperscript{●}

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**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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SUPPORT FOR THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

Reishi mushroom has been traditionally used to boost immune system vitality. Its broad-spectrum benefits have been demonstrated in thousands of studies.1

An advanced extraction technology has resulted in a new Reishi extract that make its active compounds even more bio-available.

REISHI SUPPORTS A HEALTHY IMMUNE SYSTEM

An abundance of evidence demonstrates that Reishi constituents enhance the protective activity of the body’s hematopoietic stem cells, T-cells, and other crucial immune factors.2-9

Reishi’s immune-supporting compounds include an array of unique polysaccharides, triterpenes, and other constituents,10,11 many of which assist activation of the cell surface receptors that modulate normal immunity.22

The Reishi mushroom also supports the body’s production of endogenous antioxidant enzymes—such as superoxide dismutase (SOD), catalase, and glutathione—which, in turn, support the body’s natural immune defenses against free radical damage13,14

ADVANCED EXTRACTION TECHNOLOGY

Reishi Extract Mushroom Complex delivers powerful compounds and represents the next generation of natural immune support. Reishi extracts standardized to polysaccharides have been available for years, but most do not standardize for triterpenes and include the spores. This full-spectrum extract has multiple components that have shown to support healthy immune function and enhanced longevity in a natural experimental aging model.15

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- Reishi mushroom (Ganoderma lucidum) extract (Fruit body) 980 mg
  (standardized to 13.5% polysaccharides (132.3mg) and 6% triterpenes (58.8mg))
- Shell-broken Reishi mushroom (Ganoderma lucidum) spore 150 mg

A bottle containing 60 vegetarian capsules of Reishi Extract Mushroom Complex retails for $30. If a member buys four bottles, the price reduced to $20.25.

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Scientists have discovered that an extract of the fern *Polypodium leucotomos* helps inhibit cellular changes in the skin that can lead to premature aging due to sun exposure.\(^1\)

Taken orally, Enhanced FernBlock® with Red Orange Complex provides an additional layer of support for the body’s ultraviolet-light defenses.

Best of all, *Polypodium leucotomos* offers this protection from the inside out. The result is an oral photoprotective agent that provides uniform, systemic, total-body surface protection (including the eyes, lips, and the scalp), without the problems associated with sunscreen.\(^2,3\)

**Oral Sun Defense**

FernBlock® has shown remarkable effectiveness in promoting skin defenses against harmful solar radiation.\(^1,4-7\)

FernBlock® in this oral formulation works by promoting the body’s ability to inhibit absorption of ultraviolet rays and to quench the free radicals that this type of radiation can generate.\(^4,5\) In one clinical study, *Polypodium leucotomos* offered significant protection against the sun’s rays, even for those taking medication that causes increased sun sensitivity.\(^6\) The study subjects experienced an almost three-fold increase in the amount of time they spent in the sun.

Enhanced FernBlock® Formula

This product has been upgraded to contain Red Orange Complex, a standardized extract that is obtained from three red orange varieties—*Citrus sinensis* var. Moro, Tarocco, and Sanguinello.

The main active phenolic compounds include anthocyanins, flavanones, and hydroxycinnamic acids. It also includes vitamin C,\(^7\) which works together to support the body’s natural photoprotection against ultraviolet radiation,\(^10,11\) by helping to balance the body’s normal inflammation response,\(^12\) free-radical defense mechanism, and healthy apoptotic (cell death) activity.\(^13\)

In a controlled human trial, 15 days of oral supplementation with Red Orange Complex was demonstrated to measurably support natural skin defenses against ultraviolet radiation.\(^14\)

**More Comprehensive Sun Protection**

Enhanced Fernblock® with Red Orange Complex is designed to complement topical sunscreens for sun exposure. Taken orally, FernBlock® supplements the effectiveness of topical sunscreens by protecting the entire skin surface and has an obvious advantage in that it cannot be removed by perspiring or bathing.

If taken daily, just one capsule should provide everyday protection.

A bottle of 30 vegetarian capsules of Enhanced FernBlock® with Red Orange Complex retails for $42. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $28.50 per bottle.

To order Enhanced FernBlock® with Red Orange Complex, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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Many individuals have tried a host of remedies in an attempt to soothe their digestive tracts, but some still have an issue with gastric distress—with resulting discomfort along the delicate lining of the esophagus.

A novel solution is now available in the form of what scientists call raft-forming alginate. This blend of ingredients in Esophageal Guardian provides a totally unique approach to protecting esophageal tissue against harsh stomach acids.

**RAFT-FORMING ALGINATE**

The mechanism behind Esophageal Guardian involves the formation of a temporary physical barrier—or raft—between the stomach and the esophagus. The secret to this technology is what happens when alginic acid and potassium bicarbonate come into contact with gastric acids. Alginic acid forms a gel and potassium bicarbonate produces bubbles that get trapped in that gel—producing a floating foam layer that sits above the contents of the stomach. Immediately, two other ingredients in this formulation—calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate—react with the stomach acid to create lift in the foam and make it firmer. Clinical studies show that this temporary foam barrier provides maximum support for delicate esophageal tissues.

Also, the carbonate and bicarbonate in these ingredients help neutralize stomach acid. This protective foam barrier develops less than a minute after two natural berry flavor tablets of Esophageal Guardian are chewed and swallowed. Yet the relief it provides lasts up to 4 hours.

Quite simply, Esophageal Guardian Natural Berry Flavor delivers the fastest-acting, longest-lasting, and advanced technology to support delicate esophageal and stomach tissues against gastric distress.

The suggested dosage of two (2) chewable tablets of Life Extension® Esophageal Guardian Natural Berry Flavor chewed after the heaviest meal of the day with 4 to 8 ounces of water, or as recommended by a healthcare practitioner, provides:

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A bottle of 60 chewable tablets of Life Extension® Esophageal Guardian Natural Berry Flavor retails for $36. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $24 per bottle.

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Women who properly replace their estrogen and progesterone usually feel better, sleep better, look better, think better, have stronger bones, firmer muscles, improved endothelial function, and longer life spans.\textsuperscript{1,2}

The downside to all these benefits is concern of increased cancer risk in certain women (colon cancer risk is an exception, which goes down).\textsuperscript{3,4}

Compelling evidence indicates that natural progesterone slashes estrogen-induced cellular proliferation, particularly in the breast and endometrium, without the adverse risks associated with synthetic progestins.\textsuperscript{5,6}

Consuming cruciferous vegetables, avoiding well-done meat, ensuring higher vitamin D blood levels, and following other healthy lifestyle choices also reduce breast cancer risk.\textsuperscript{7-10}

Unlike biased propaganda based on economic motives, Life Extension® wants maturing women to understand the facts and decide for themselves if they want to consider using a natural progesterone cream along with a precise individualized dose of natural estrogen to restore their sex hormones to youthful ranges. >
Concern about cancer is a reason why more aging women do not restore their hormones to youthful levels. Hormones like estrogen and testosterone affect cell growth and proliferation. Does that mean aging women should simply accept the sex hormone deficiencies they face as a part of “normal” aging?

Based on the data suggesting beneficial effects upon cell growth and maturation, as well as favorable ways to affect estrogen metabolism that point to cancer prevention, restoring hormones to more youthful levels appears to be an important strategy that should not be ignored.
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As we describe in this article, large human population studies show major reductions in cancer risk and often specific protective mechanisms against hormone-responsive cancers like breast cancer when vitamin D, cruciferous vegetables (a source of indole-3-carbinol, or I3C), soy, D-glucarate, and lignans are consumed. Dramatic cancer rate reductions also occur when meat, particularly red and processed meat, sweets, and other deleterious foods are reduced or eliminated from the diet.

Although prudence dictates caution in not assuming causation with correlation-based study data, misconceptions, misinterpretations, and associated media hype have created an environment in which aging people suffer the agonies caused by sex hormone imbalances, yet do nothing to correct this because of fear of cancer. When one looks at what the real cancer risk factors are, it would appear that altering one’s lifestyle at any age—including properly restoring natural hormone balance to reflect a more youthful range—would result in significant reductions in malignant disease.

The Underlying Cause of Cancer

As females age, their cell growth-regulatory genes accumulate mutations. Aging reduces the ability to rapidly repair this damage. When genes that regulate cell division undergo mutation, the result can be uncontrolled cell propagation that can result in tumor formation. Aging women experience a dramatic rise in cancer incidence, even as their estrogen levels plummet.

In the presence of changes to genes involved in the growth and proliferation of breast tissue cells, estrogen can promote cancer cell propagation. The good news is that the ingestion of vitamin D, cruciferous vegetables, and other compounds can prevent and help repair gene mutations and thus reduce cancer risk. All women (including those who maintain youthful estrogen levels) should make sure they are ingesting optimal amounts of vitamin D and other compounds that favorably alter gene expression.

Vitamin D confers significant protective effects against breast cancer. Laboratory studies have shown that vitamin D suppresses growth of breast cancer by:

- Blocking signals that stimulate cancer cell growth;
- Enhancing signals that inhibit cancer cell growth, and
- Favorably altering gene regulators of the cell cycle.

Studies have found a strong correlation between blood levels of vitamin D and the risk of breast cancer. A case-control study comparing 1,394 postmenopausal breast cancer patients with 1,365 controls showed that low blood levels of vitamin D were significantly related to breast cancer risk. In fact, women with the highest levels of vitamin D had a nearly 70% reduction in their risk of breast cancer, compared to women with the lowest vitamin D levels.

Similar research examining the relationship between blood levels of vitamin D and breast cancer risk revealed that women with blood vitamin D levels of approximately 52 ng/mL had a 50% lower risk of breast cancer compared with women who had vitamin D levels below 13 ng/mL.

In one report, the effects of administering 1,100 IU a day of vitamin D (with calcium) was evaluated in postmenopausal women. After only four years, the risk of developing any cancer was 60% lower in the vitamin D (and calcium) group, compared with those who received placebo. The scientists then performed a more detailed analysis of the data. When excluding cancers diagnosed in the first year of the study, which would have included pre-existing cancers present at the time participants began taking vitamin D (with calcium), they found an astounding 77% reduction in cancer incidence in the group receiving vitamin D, compared with placebo.
Ensuring vitamin D blood levels over 50 ng/mL is a critical step in reducing cancer risk. Life Extension is finding that for many people, around 5,000 IU a day of supplemental vitamin D3 can provide reasonable assurance that these optimal blood levels will be achieved. This dose has been shown to be both effective and safe in human trials. The heavier a person is, the more supplemental vitamin D they often require. (Note that vitamin D status in the body is measured as serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D.)

**Cruciferous Vegetables Protect Against Tumor-Proliferating Estrogen Metabolites**

Scientists have identified compounds in *cruciferous vegetables* (broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale) that specifically inhibit the formation of dangerous breakdown products of estrogen that promote cancer growth. Cruciferous vegetable compounds also help activate vital enzyme pathways responsible for neutralizing the many carcinogens we are inevitably exposed to each day.

One of the best-studied cruciferous vegetable compounds is called *indole-3-carbinol* (I3C). Women seeking to restore youthful hormone balance should make sure to obtain enough I3C from their diet or by taking standardized supplements. The reason for this is that I3C increases levels of a less potent estrogen metabolite (2-hydroxyestrone) with lower affinity for the estrogen receptor, while reducing levels of an estrogen metabolite that is more potent and binds with greater affinity to the estrogen receptor (16-alpha-hydroxyestrone). Higher levels of 16-alpha-hydroxyestrone and lower levels of 2-hydroxyestrone are associated with greater risk of breast and other estrogen-responsive cancers.

To emphasize the critical importance of *indole-3-carbinol* (I3C), please understand that aging women still produce estrogen. All the estrogen in women’s bodies (both endogenously produced and supplemental) can follow one of two primary metabolic pathways in the body. If estrogen is converted to 16-alpha-hydroxyestrone, then the risk of breast and other cancers is increased. If, on the other hand, the estrogen is converted to 2-hydroxyestrone, then the risk for cancer such as that of the breast and cervix is decreased.

I3C can readily be obtained by eating lots of cruciferous vegetables and/or taking I3C in dietary supplement form.

To confirm the theory that certain estrogen metabolites can contribute to cancer, researchers analyzed data gathered from over 10,000 Italian women over more than five years. The objective was to determine...
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how dietary and hormonal factors influence breast cancer risk. They found that among premenopausal women, a higher ratio of 2-hydroxyestrone to 16-hydroxyestrone was associated with protection against breast cancer.\textsuperscript{50} This same finding has been shown in additional studies of different populations.\textsuperscript{52,53}

The potent estrogen metabolite 16-alpha-hydroxyestrone acts as a breast tumor promoter.\textsuperscript{54} By contrast, estrogen metabolized via the 2-hydroxyestrone pathway is associated with reduced estrogenic activity in breast tissue.\textsuperscript{54} Additionally, a conjugated form of this less active estrogen metabolite may help prevent the formation of blood vessels necessary to feed growing cancers, thus helping to arrest tumor growth.\textsuperscript{55}

Cruciferous vegetable compounds (such as I3C) are effective in shifting estrogen metabolism to the more beneficial pathway, thus reducing levels of 16-alpha-hydroxyestrone and increasing levels of 2-hydroxyestrone.\textsuperscript{43,54}

This beneficial modulation of estrogen is associated with reduced risk of breast and other cancers, including cervical and head and neck cancers.\textsuperscript{50,51,56} Cruciferous vegetable compounds thus play an important role in fighting cancer. To illustrate, research conducted at the University of California at Berkeley documented that I3C in combination with the anti-estrogenic chemotherapeutic agent tamoxifen inhibited the growth of human breast cancer cells by an astounding 95\%.\textsuperscript{56}

Interestingly, an assay study performed at the National Cancer Institute determined that I3C was superior to over 80 other natural substances with regard to anti-cancer potential.\textsuperscript{57}

**Soy May Reduce Breast Cancer Risk**

The controversy over whether people can reduce their risk of cancer by increasing their consumption of soy foods or soy supplements has been hotly debated for many years. In response to the debate, a number of studies were initiated in the 1990s to ascertain soy’s effects on human health.\textsuperscript{58}

The results of these studies have now been released and while ignored by the mainstream media, the startling findings indicate that breast cancer risk can be nearly cut in half if women consume more soy.\textsuperscript{26,59,60} One recent study showed that postmenopausal women who ate a Western-style diet, high in meats and sweets, had nearly twice the risk of developing estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer, compared with women who ate a traditional Asian diet high in soy and vegetables.\textsuperscript{26} This and other studies provide evidence that compounds found in soy have a breast cancer-preventive effect.

Isoflavones derived from soy have shown promise in providing natural protection against multiple types of cancer.\textsuperscript{61-63} Two of the best known soy isoflavones are genistein and daidzein.

Isoflavones exert a number of positive biological effects on the human body, and many practitioners of integrative medicine (and even a small but growing number in mainstream medicine) now believe that consumption of soy and isoflavones can reduce the risk of many chronic diseases, including cancer, heart disease, and osteoporosis.\textsuperscript{58-65}

Studies conducted in Asia found that breast cancer risk was significantly lower among Asian women who consumed large quantities of isoflavones and other soy products, compared with those who consumed less of these healthful nutrients.\textsuperscript{66} Because animal studies have shown that a diet high in soy and genistein can protect against breast, colon, and skin cancers, it seemed reasonable to think that soy could also help prevent human cancers and, in particular, breast cancer.\textsuperscript{67} Yet many mainstream medical practitioners remain skeptical that something as simple as soy could have such a profound effect on human health.
Soy isoflavones are correctly classified as selective estrogen receptor modulators. Due to their unique molecular structure, soy isoflavones can act as both estrogen receptor agonists and receptor blockers. In fact, elegant biochemical studies have shown that some isoflavones bind to the cancer-protective estrogen beta receptor six-to eight-fold more readily than native estrogen. With this ability, soy isoflavones are thought by many to confer the beneficial effects of estrogen without its potentially dangerous side effects, especially in hormonally sensitive tissues found in both the breast and endometrium.

Numerous studies show the potential benefits to women of incorporating soy in their diets to help prevent breast cancer. A landmark case control study of women in Singapore, involving 200 case subjects and 420 control subjects, found that younger women with the highest consumption of soy-based products had a markedly decreased risk of developing breast cancer. Finally, a very large population-based, prospective study of 21,852 Japanese women aged 40-59 found that women with the highest intake of soy isoflavones reduced their risk of breast cancer by up to 54%, compared with women with the lowest intake of soy isoflavones.

In addition to potentially preventing breast cancer, soy isoflavones are also thought to be effective in warding off other types of cancer that afflict women, including endometrial cancer. A recent case control study reported the effects of soy isoflavones and other phytoestrogens on the risk of developing endometrial cancer. The study compared 500 women aged 35-79 who were diagnosed with endometrial cancer between 1996 and 1999 with 470 age- and ethnicity-matched controls. As in studies examining the effects of isoflavones on breast cancer, this study showed that women with a higher intake of soy isoflavones had a significantly lower risk of developing endometrial cancer. Even more interesting was that the levels of isoflavones needed to provide protection against endometrial cancer were found to be much lower than the amount believed necessary to protect against breast cancer (in fact, they were the amounts that could be obtained from a healthy American-style diet).

A recent 2012 analysis of about 46,000 non-hysterectomized postmenopausal women who were recruited into the Multiethnic Cohort (MEC) Study and provided detailed baseline information on diet and other endometrial cancer risk factors showed a significantly reduced risk of endometrial cancer associated with total isoflavone intake, daidzein intake, and genistein intake.

As for long-term safety, a recent 2010 clinical study involving postmenopausal women treated for 3 years with a standardized soy isoflavone extract, examined via endometrial biopsy, transvaginal ultrasonography, and mammography, showed an excellent safety profile, with no significant changes in endometrial thickness and no change in mammography. The global safety was rated as either ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ by 99.1% of investigators and 99.0% of patients after 3 years of treatment.

As another example of long-term safety, a 2011 multicenter 2-year trial involving over 400 postmenopausal women supplemented with soy isoflavones plus calcium and vitamin D showed no increase in endometrial thickness and a reduced rate of breast cancer and endometrial cancer compared with expected population rates for these cancers.

**Meat Increases Breast Cancer Risk**

Studies that look at human populations have consistently shown that what we eat affects our cancer risk. Women who eat more meat, especially red meat, suffer higher breast cancer rates. In one of the better documented studies, postmenopausal women in China who ate a Western-style diet (which included beef, pork, and desserts) were 30% more likely to develop breast cancer than those eating a diet based on vegetables and soy. Even more startling was the finding that in postmenopausal women, a Western-
style diet was associated with a **90% increased** risk of *estrogen-receptor positive* breast tumors.\(^\text{26}\)

In stark contrast, a study demonstrated a **52% decreased** risk of breast cancer in women with the **highest** intake of **vegetables** and **fruits**, compared to the **lowest** intake.\(^\text{78}\)

However, it’s not known whether meat from “free range” animals (beef, buffalo, wild game, chicken, pigs) also increases breast cancer risk. While even organically raised, grain-fed animals (like commercially raised grain-fed animals) have much more omega-6 (pro-inflammatory) fatty acids than omega-3 (anti-inflammatory) fatty acids, this ratio is reversed in meat from free-range animals, with significantly more omega-3 than omega-6 fatty acids.\(^\text{79}\) Theoretically, this

**The Real Cause of Breast Cancer**

To fully understand the carcinogenic effects of aging, we have reprinted the chart below showing women’s breast cancer risk by age.\(^\text{29}\) A quick look at this chart clearly documents that aging is a primary cause of breast cancer, not hormones like estrogen. If estrogen caused breast cancer, then we would expect to see very high rates of breast cancer in young women of childbearing age, with a dramatic decrease in breast cancer after menopause. This is not observed. The good news is that many of the gene expression changes involved in the development of breast and other cancers can be favorably altered by taking low-cost nutrients like vitamin D\(^\text{40,105,106}\) in the dose of **1,000 to 10,000 IU/day**, based on individual response.

**Why Young Women with High Estrogen Seldom Develop Breast Cancer**

During women’s younger years, when breast cancer risk is relatively low compared with advancing age, they enjoy higher levels of sex hormones (estrogen, progesterone, DHEA).

As they age and hormone levels decline, breast cancer risk **increases**. The reason cancer risk increases with “aging” is that the genes in cells that help regulate healthy cell growth can **mutate** and directly cause cancer. In fact, mutations in cells’ regulatory genes are an underlying cause of cancer.\(^\text{107}\) It is encouraging to know that there are low-cost nutrients that favorably support healthy gene function and may reduce cancer risk in the process.

One study cites evidence that **vitamin D** can exert its cancer-preventing effect by counteracting the growth-promoting effect of estrogens.\(^\text{37}\) Vitamin D also exerts its cancer-protective influence by helping to control cell differentiation and inducing normal programmed cell disposal (apoptosis).\(^\text{37}\)

Strategies to protect against breast and other cancers can easily be incorporated into a woman’s lifestyle. This article describes some of the steps all women (whether or not they choose to take estrogen) should do to reduce their risk of developing breast and other cancers as they age.
much more natural ratio should be associated with lower breast (and other) cancer risk, but research still needs to be done on this point.

**Protective Effect of Fish Oil**

In addition to fish oil’s well-known cardiovascular benefits, research has revealed that omega-3 rich fish oil might offer protection against breast cancer as well. Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) are the two most important components of fish oil. One investigation documented a 49% decreased risk of breast cancer in women with the highest dietary intake of omega-3 fatty acids, compared to those with the lowest intake. Furthermore, women with the highest red blood cell levels of EPA had a remarkable 73% decreased risk of breast cancer, compared to those with the lowest levels.

A group of researchers in France compared levels of DHA in breast tissue in 241 patients with breast cancer and 88 patients with non-cancerous benign breast disease. They reported that women with the highest level of DHA in their breast tissue had a 69% decreased risk of breast cancer, compared to women with the lowest levels.

**Why Plant Foods Are So Important**

The body is bombarded with carcinogens on a daily basis. These cancer-causing agents include pesticides, overcooked food, alcohol, food additives, tobacco, fungal mutagens, and industrial pollutants. While avoiding carcinogens is difficult, it may be possible to mitigate their lethal effects by providing the body with a specific plant extract that facilitates the detoxification and removal of these dangerous substances from the body.

A compound called D-glucarate is found in grapefruit, apples, oranges, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts. D-glucarate has been shown to protect against cancer-causing agents by supporting detoxification and removal of dangerous chemicals, and also by protecting against the mutating effects that these carcinogens induce on cellular DNA.

There are several mechanisms by which the body detoxifies itself. One way of guarding against toxic overload involves a pathway of detoxification in the body whereby carcinogens are combined with water-soluble substances, thus making them more easily removed from the body. This process is called glucuronidation, and D-glucarate has been shown to support this important detoxification mechanism.

D-glucarate functions by inhibiting the beta-glucuronidase enzyme, thus protecting the critical
**Green Tea’s Anti-Cancer Effects**

Green tea is rich in plant compounds known as polyphenols. The predominate group of green tea polyphenols is the catechins, particularly epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG). Copious evidence supports a role for these compounds in preventing breast cancer. In laboratory studies, green tea polyphenols and EGCG have been shown to suppress the growth and invasion of human breast cancer cells. Of even greater interest, these beneficial compounds in green tea delay the appearance of tumors in experimental models of breast cancer and cut down on the total tumor burden (amount of cancer in the body) when human breast cancer cells are injected into laboratory mice.

Other exciting benefits of green tea include inhibition of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) production, which cuts off the blood supply needed for tumor growth; down-regulation of estrogen receptor-alpha function in breast cancer cells; reduction of tumor invasiveness; and increased apoptosis, or programmed cell death, in cancer cells.

One experiment showed that EGCG, 50-100 mg/kg/day, added to the drinking water of female mice inhibited growth of breast cancer. After five weeks of EGCG treatment, the weight of breast tumors was reduced by 68% in mice consuming EGCG daily.

But green tea’s benefits aren’t restricted to animal or laboratory models. An investigation found a 47% decreased risk of breast cancer in women who drank more than one-third cup (>85.7 mL) per day of green tea, compared to those who did not consume any green tea.

**How Lignans Protect the Breast**

A number of published studies indicate that dietary lignans may protect against cancer by favorably altering estrogen metabolism, inhibiting angiogenesis, and inducing cancer cells to self-destruct. The greatest support for a role of lignans in cancer prevention has been shown for premenopausal breast cancer.

Researchers in New York assessed breast cancer risk and dietary lignan intake in more than 3,000 women, including about 1,100 patients with confirmed breast cancer and approximately 2,000 women who served as controls. The scientists determined that premenopausal women with the highest lignan intake had a 34% reduced risk of developing breast cancer.

Scientists in Italy suggest a mechanism for the protective effect. Their research indicates that higher blood levels of a phytoestrogen called enterolactone—the primary lignan derived by the body from flaxseed—are associated with a lower risk of breast cancer. Conversely, the researchers noted, “Median values of serum enterolactone were significantly lower in women who subsequently developed breast cancer,” leading them to conclude that the enterolactone “had a strong protective effect on breast cancer risk.”

Scientists at the University of Toronto reported that flax lignans can slow down the growth of breast cancer in women. Thirty-two women awaiting surgery for breast cancer were randomized to receive a muffin containing 25 grams of flaxseeds or a muffin that did not contain flaxseed (control group). Analysis of the cancerous tissue after surgery revealed that markers of tumor growth were reduced by 30-71% in the flaxseed group, while the control group did not experience any reduction in markers of tumor growth. The scientists concluded that “Dietary flaxseed has the potential to reduce tumor growth in patients with breast cancer.”

Lignans may also protect against endometrial cancer, a condition largely associated with prolonged exposure to unopposed estrogens (this means estrogen administered without progesterone). Researchers in California assessed lignan intake and cancer status among nearly 1,000 women in the San Francisco area and determined that women with the highest dietary lignan intake experienced a promising trend toward a lower risk of developing this carcinoma of the uterine lining. The relationship between lignans and endometrial cancer risk reduction was slightly stronger among postmenopausal women.

Based on a lot of favorable publicity, health-conscious people are increasingly adding flaxseed to their diet for the purpose of obtaining the beneficial lignans. Highly concentrated lignan extracts are also available in dietary supplements.
The medical establishment questions the use of biodegradable hormones out of concern about cancer risks. Earlier in this article, we outlined persuasive data showing the anti-cancer properties of many specific nutrients.

When factoring in the potent anti-cancer effects that occur in response to consuming healthy foods (such as broccoli and Brussels sprouts) and supplements (such as vitamin D and fish oil), while avoiding carcinogenic foods (such as sugar and well-done meat), the argument that maturing women should forever be denied their full complement of natural sex hormones does not stand up to scientific scrutiny.

**Summary**

Estrogen does far more than ease menopausal symptoms. It protects a woman’s brain, bones, arteries, muscles, eyes, skin, and overall sense happiness and well-being.1,2

A number of studies show higher mortality rates in estrogen-deficient women under age 60.108,109

Recognizing that even natural estrogen drugs stimulate breast cell proliferation, proponents of natural estrogen replacement advocate consumption of fruits and vegetables, along with supplements such as indole-3-carbinol (I3C), resveratrol, tocopherol, melatonin, genistein, and green tea. The potential cancer-preventive effects of these dietary modifications and supplements are well substantiated in the scientific literature.

Most important, postmenopausal women with an intact uterus taking even natural estrogen drugs should use natural progesterone cream to protect their cells against the excess stimulation that estrogen can sometimes cause.5 An analysis of the scientific literature links lack of progesterone to the health problems doctors have related to estrogen.

When taking the right dose of topical natural estrogen (with progesterone), the many youth-restoring effects quickly become apparent. When estrogen is deficient, aging is accelerated.

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Women today face a growing number of health issues, including the need to support DNA gene structure in the breast. Detrimental factors such as the aging process, along with the daily bombardment of environmental estrogen-like compounds, demonstrate the need to support a woman’s breast cellular structure.

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Two important metabolites that estrogen is broken down to in the body are: the good 2-hydroxyestrone and the bad 16 alpha-hydroxyestrone. Scientists have identified nutrients like indole-3-carbinol (I3C) that can tip the delicate balance of estrogens in favor of the good form.

Women seeking to proactively restore their youthful hormonal balance can now take a new, phytonutrient-based formula that helps support healthy estrogen activity and detoxification. Some of the active ingredients in the Breast Health Formula are:

- **Phytoestrogens** that function as selective estrogen receptor modifiers help block certain estrogen receptor sites on cells, thus preventing bad estrogen from exerting its harmful effects
- **Plant lignans** that boost beneficial enterolactone levels and favorably alter estrogen metabolism
- **Cruciferous Vegetable Extracts** (such as I3C) that effectively increase 2-hydroxyestrone while reducing undesirable 16 alpha-hydroxyestrone
- **Calcium D-Gluarate** to safely facilitate the removal of harmful estrogen from the body
- **Vitamin D** to promote healthy genetic regulatory switching to aging cells

**Breast Health Formula** provides nutrients that have demonstrated broad-spectrum support for preserving optimal breast health.

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Study after study confirms the vital importance of maintaining optimal levels of vitamin D. Research often indicates that a blood level between 50–80 ng/mL of 25-hydroxyvitamin D is ideal. Because people have individual requirements, Life Extension® has created a large selection of vitamin D supplements to ensure that you achieve your vitamin D3 goals.

Keep in mind that you may already be getting 1,000-3,000 IU of vitamin D in your multi-nutrient formulas. Vitamin D is now available in superior absorbing softgels. A recent study demonstrated that the use of one 5,000 IU vitamin D softgel daily resulted in a near 30% increase in vitamin D levels in just 60 days.

VITAMIN D3 1,000 IU
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Commercial companies offered only 400 IU vitamin D products when Life Extension long ago introduced a 1,000 IU version. For most people, this 1,000 IU potency is insufficient to attain optimal vitamin D blood levels. For smaller individuals who obtain 2,000-3,000 IU in their multi-nutrient formulas (and children), this potency of vitamin D may be suitable. Item # 01751

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Suzanne Somers has been dubbed a health “pioneer” by Oprah Winfrey and been told by Dr. Mehmet Oz that she is “crazy smart.” She is the author of twenty-four books and has appeared on hundreds of national broadcasts to discuss her cutting-edge views on how medicine should be practiced. The Wall Street Journal says she writes with “the passion of a prophet.”

In this interview, Somers sits down with Life Extension® to discuss some of the highlights of her latest book, I’m Too Young For This! The Natural Hormone Solution to Enjoy Perimenopause.

LE: In your book you talk a lot about understanding how hormone loss can affect women as they age. You talk specifically about a period known as perimenopause that may make women feel very unlike themselves. What happens during this phase?

SS: Hormonal loss can make you feel like you are going crazy. You don’t know who you are anymore, and you can’t rely on feeling good each day. Perimenopause is the transitional stage from normal menstrual periods to no periods at all. It may start in your thirties or forties and it will continue until you reach the final stage, menopause, probably sometime in your fifties. You are transitioning. This process and the cluster of symptoms that often come with it can start ten years before full-blown menopause. Perimenopause is a natural phase of life, and in many cases it is a difficult transition. When you don’t understand what’s happening and don’t know how to manage it, then your health and your sanity can be challenged.
LE: How does having low thyroid levels affect weight gain during perimenopause?

SS: One of the most common complaints of perimenopause is unexplained weight gain. You start getting “thick,” especially around the middle. Your belly bloats and you retain water, even when you never did before. You may eat less and exercise more yet you still can’t lose the weight; instead, often you gain weight. Low thyroid, a major metabolic hormone, is usually the culprit. When it’s too low, you don’t metabolize food effectively and the calories you consume turn into fat instead of being used for energy; this is why exercising and dieting helps a little, but you just can’t achieve the weight loss you desire. Low thyroid weight tends to be distributed evenly on your body. When low pituitary function is at the root of your low thyroid function it’s generally confined to the area from your abdomen to just above your knees.

LE: Other problems many women face include foggy thinking and forgetfulness. Why are these such common symptoms?

SS: Brain fog is a result of a complex series of events that happens to women. First, it’s about estrogen depletion. The brain needs estrogen to function properly. When a woman is deficient in estrogen, she develops senior moments—whatever description you can handle to take the edge off your embarrassment with your friends and make for a big laugh. You may be laughing off your embarrassment on the outside, but on the inside there is nothing funny about it.

When it happened to me, I secretly harbored a fear that that this was the first stage of Alzheimer’s, the most frightening of all diseases to me. Estrogen depletion also causes headaches and migraines.

LE: You talk about depression relief in your book. What are maturing women missing other than their hormones?

SS: Serotonin profoundly affects the brain, where it impacts brain cells by various mechanisms. Serotonin activity is essential for enjoying a relaxed and happy brain. This is the feel-good neurotransmitter that many women lack.

LE: Many women may not understand the essential role that neurotransmitters play in vital brain function. Specifically, what are we talking about here?

SS: Neurotransmitters that become depleted as we women age include dopamine, serotonin, and GABA. PMS symptoms are really an indicator of serotonin deficiency, and because a woman’s levels are deficient or low, she will experience depression, anxiety, insomnia, and often brain fog. Most women at this point need something to take the “pain” of anxiety, worry, and bodily aches away. So they go to alcohol or over-the-counter or prescription drugs like Prozac®, Oxycontin®, or Xanax®.

LE: It’s no wonder then that even something as simple as headaches can be a result of a hormonal imbalance.

SS: Headaches, sadly, are part of the perimenopausal and menopausal experience for so many women. Women suffer migraines,
a particularly debilitating type of headache, about three times more frequently than men, affecting up to 60% of all women at some point in their lives. They occur before, during, or immediately after a period, or during ovulation. They range from mild to “migraine fierce.” Why do these debilitating headaches occur more frequently during perimenopause? The brain requires estrogen to operate optimally. Low, imbalanced, or fluctuating estrogen levels can trigger migraines; menstrual migraines are primarily caused by estrogen, and when the levels of estrogen and progesterone change, women are more vulnerable to migraine headaches. Too much or too little estrogen causes blood vessels to dilate. If your progesterone is too low to balance your estrogen, leaving you estrogen dominant, the swelling blood vessel dilation caused by unchallenged estrogen can be a catalyst.

LE: You also write that magnesium intake may be related to headaches as well. How so?

SS: Insufficient magnesium levels make arteries more susceptible to spasm and are another common cause of other types of headaches. One possible reason for this deficiency in magnesium is a chronic imbalance of estrogen to progesterone. This imbalance is not only uncomfortable, but a dangerous setup for cancer.

LE: You recommend to your readers that getting blood tests is of the utmost importance. Why do you feel this way?

SS: It’s crucial to test your blood hormone levels so your doctor can initiate a customized bioidentical hormone program that’s just right for you. After you are placed on bioidentical hormones, some doctors will suggest a urine test that monitors the amount of estrogen and other hormones you are making over a twenty-four-hour period to get a more accurate picture of where you are hormonally. The first step is to identify your baseline hormone status. This is to know the ranges of all your hormones and gives you and your doctor the best picture for your symptoms. If you suspect you are entering perimenopause, it is extremely important to test your hormone levels.

LE: You spoke to Life Extension’s own Bill Faloon on this very topic, correct?

SS: Yes. My question to him was: If a woman concludes that she is symptomatic and her decline has begun, should she get hormones replaced without testing her hormone levels? He replied: “Think about this. . . Would you drive your car without being able to see outside the windshield? That, regrettably, is how most conventional doctors treat their patients’ problems. When a woman complains of symptoms related to sex hormone deficiency, if she’s not with a qualified doctor, he may prescribe the same dose of estrogen, and possibly a synthetic progestin drug. The doctor hopes this blindly prescribed dose will alleviate perimenopausal symptoms. In other cases, the physician may not recognize the symptoms as being a hormone deficit and instead prescribes side-effect-laden antidepressant drugs, addictive antianxiety drugs, and/or sleeping pills. But with blood test results in hand, a qualified physician can determine the best individualized dose of natural estrogen, natural progesterone, DHEA, and other hormones required for preservation of healthy vitality.”

LE: Your book, I’m Too Young for This, offers incredible information, however, one of the takeaways seems to be that mainstream medicine is falling woefully short in terms of helping out aging women. How has this happened and what does it mean moving forward?

SS: At present, our medical schools are teaching fifty-year-old medicine. Every answer to every disease and condition has a pill attached to it. If you look around at our senior generation, you see for yourselves that they are not doing very well on all the pills they have been given over the years. It’s a cruel hoax; they trusted and they believed that medicine knew best. We get confused because we have been raised to believe doctors are supposed to know everything. That’s a lot of pressure for your doctor. Stay with your doctor for the things he or she knows, but go to the right doctor if you are looking for hormone balance (someone who specializes in BHRT). Doctors are good people we hire to take care of our bodies. But they are not in charge of our bodies . . . that is our responsibility.

LE: Is personal responsibility the main message you want women to take away from your new book?

SS: The message in this book is not to go to the doctor as a child anymore. Empower yourself with information about how your body works; it will allow you to discuss your health intelligently with your doctor. Together you can decide a personalized plan for your
ongoing health. It’s up to you to choose optimal health. Remember, you hire your doctor! You are the contractor. As you continue to age, you will hire other doctors specializing in new medicine to manage and maintain all your other parts. Perimenopause is a passage... a passage into the next phase of your life called menopause.

LE: What has been your greatest frustration in recommending maturing women replace their sex hormones?

SS: I never worried about the criticism. I always knew they just didn’t understand that I was advocating a natural individualized approach to hormone replacement, whereas conventional doctors were prescribing synthetic drugs on a one-size-fits-all basis. The problem was women were reading my books and asking their doctor for natural hormones, but most doctors didn’t know the difference and either refused to prescribe sex hormones or put women on drugs like Premarin®, Provera® or Prempro®, which are unnatural to the human body and dangerous as far as I was concerned.

LE: So after ten years of being on the right side of the science, what is your solution to the problem of widespread physician apathy and ignorance?

SS: For the first time, I believe the problem in finding knowledgeable physicians has been solved. A network of anti-aging doctors has been established so that women can log onto a website (ForeverHealth.com) and find a doctor in their area who will interpret their blood test results and prescribe the precise amount of natural estrogen and progesterone to meet each woman’s individual requirements.

LE: This would be unprecedented. For the past 33 years we at Life Extension have been challenged in identifying knowledgeable physicians to refer our members to. If women can take their blood test results to a physician who can individually restore youthful hormone balance, the age-reversal impact on a societal scale would be monumental.

SS: That’s my dream. There are now ForeverHealth.com doctors in most major cities with more coming on board. These anti-aging physicians are dedicated to addressing the hormonal replacement needs of maturing women on an individualized basis. The quality-of-life enhancements I and other women I’ve helped have experienced are profound. Most say they have never felt better. All women have to do to see if a doctor is in their area is log on to ForeverHealth.com

LE: That’s tremendous, Suzanne. With your new book (I’m Too Young For This!), the incredible amount of media attention you’re now receiving, and the availability of knowledgeable physicians, the average female now has an opportunity to enjoy the multiple anti-aging effects of natural hormone replacement.

If you have any questions on the scientific content of this article, or you’d like to order a copy of I’m Too Young For This!, please call a Life Extension® Health Advisor at 1-866-864-3027 or visit www.LifeExtension.com.

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Novel Method to Mitigate LACTOSE INTOLERANCE

The majority of the world’s population—often starting before age five—experiences a decrease in the intestinal enzyme lactase, which creates digestive problems.

Left untreated, lactose intolerance—the inability to digest lactose—can lead to nutritional deficiencies.¹ ²

Milk products are found in a wide range of foods. People with lactose intolerance have to carefully avoid milk products to prevent diarrhea, gas, nausea, abdominal bloating, and cramps.

To mitigate this problem, researchers in Europe have developed an advanced lactase enzyme formulation that targets the underlying cause of the problem—and helps restore the ability to digest lactose!³ ⁴

This novel enzyme, called neutral lactase, acts in the small intestine, instead of the stomach.⁵ This gives the digestive system much longer exposure to lactose-degrading molecules than conventional products!⁶

In this article, you’ll learn how neutral lactase breaks down more lactose, helping to prevent the painful and embarrassing digestive symptoms of lactose intolerance.⁴ >
Lactose Intolerance and Nutritional Deficiencies

All humans are born with the ability to drink and digest milk, which makes the abundant nutrition in milk readily available to newborns and young children. But as we grow older, our levels of the digestive enzyme lactase decline. The result is that some of us lose our ability to break down lactose, the major sugar in milk. That makes sense, since in nature, milk consumption ends at weaning.

The only human populations that continue to consume liquid, unfermented milk in sizable quantities are those from Northern Europe and the northwestern territories of the Indian subcontinent. But even in those groups, and people descended from them, the prevalence of lactose intolerance hovers around 25%—and in other ethnic groups, can affect up to 90% of the adult population. That’s a huge number of people who suffer significant gastrointestinal upset from milk products!

In fact, lactose intolerance and the resulting avoidance of milk products is a known risk factor for osteopenia, the steady loss of bone mineral content that leads ultimately to osteoporosis. It is regrettable that doctors don’t better advise patients with lactose intolerance to supplement with bone-protecting nutrients such as vitamin D, calcium, magnesium, and vitamin K2.
But as they age, most children—and virtually all of those not from Northern European ancestry—lose much of their original lactase enzymes. By the time most of these children reach adulthood, lactase levels are very low.6 When a lactase-deficient person ingests lactose-containing milk products in quantities of more than about two cups per day, the small amount of lactase enzyme simply can’t deal with all of the lactose.14 And what happens next can be extremely distressing.

First, the undigested lactose in the small intestine draws water and electrolytes out of the bloodstream by osmosis. All that water dilates the small intestine, causing bloating.6 The dilated small intestine speeds up the rate of peristalsis—or wavelike contractions—of the small intestines, producing cramping. This faster rate of peristalsis means that undigested food moves more rapidly through the small intestine, further impeding normal nutrient absorption. This triggers still more fluid loss as well as bloating and cramping.6

Once this mass of undigested material reaches the large intestine, colonic bacteria attack the intact lactose and digest it themselves. That process generates odorous hydrogen, methane, and carbon dioxide, along with short-chain fatty acids (Figure 3).6,13 This causes more bloating and discomfort, accompanied by the release of these gases in the form of flatulence.15

The biology of lactose intolerance is simple. But it is devastating in its consequences.

Milk always contains a sugar called lactose.10 In fact, a liter of milk contains about 50 grams of lactose—that’s about 12 grams per cup.11 Lactose is composed of two simple sugars: glucose, the most common sugar in the world, and galactose, a sugar found primarily in milk products.12 Each lactose molecule consists of one molecule of glucose and one of galactose, bonded together.

Lactose by itself can’t be absorbed in the human small intestine. The two component molecules, glucose and galactose, must first be split by a special enzyme—lactase.6,10 Lactase is found in the tips of the cells lining the small intestine, which are directly in contact with intestinal contents.13 As lactase goes to work, glucose and galactose are separated from one another—and then each is separately absorbed (Figure 1).6,13

So the material that finally reaches the large intestine, or colon, is normally free of lactose, allowing colonic bacteria to live normally (Figure 2).

Newborns and toddlers have ample supplies of lactase in their intestines. That means they can readily digest lactose—along with the various other important nutrients contained in milk.6

FIGURE 2: Normal Absorption of Glucose and Galactose

With normal levels of the lactase enzyme in the small intestine, lactose is rapidly broken down into glucose and galactose, which are immediately absorbed into the body. Bacteria in the large intestine never come into contact with intact lactose.4
Finally, all that excess water, gas, and undigested food produces the signature symptom of lactose intolerance: watery, often “explosive” diarrhea.16

**Diagnosing Lactose Intolerance**

The majority of people with lactose intolerance never undergo formal testing to make the diagnosis. Physicians typically think they recognize the symptoms and often recommend a “lactose-free” diet.13

Alternatively, since lactose intolerance runs in families, many people simply assume they have the condition because of a parent or relative.13

Several laboratory tests exist that can be used to diagnose lactose intolerance. A small intestinal biopsy can allow direct measurement of the enzyme, but this test is invasive, uncomfortable, and expensive—and may not be entirely reliable.13

The “hydrogen breath test” has been developed, which is relatively cheap and quite simple. After ingesting a known amount of lactose, a person simply breathes into a device that measures exhaled hydrogen, one of the byproducts of lactose malabsorption.17 The higher the hydrogen levels in the exhaled breath, the worse the lactose intolerance is.17

Hydrogen breath testing is now used in most studies of treatment of lactose intolerance to determine treatment effectiveness. It is the gold standard in clinical practice to diagnose patients with lactose intolerance.15

Let’s now look at standard treatment of lactose deficiency to understand what sufferers are up against.

**Standard Treatment of Lactose Intolerance**

Most people with lactose intolerance—formally diagnosed or not—are told to “avoid dairy products.” In many cases, that’s as specific of a “treatment” as they receive.

The alternative is to replace the missing lactase enzyme, either by mixing it with milk ahead of time, or by taking a supplement containing the enzyme right before consuming milk.18

Commercial products have been available for decades that contain a form of lactase that can be taken orally before milk consumption. But these products, derived from molds in the genus *Aspergillus*, are stable only at the highly acid pH of the stomach.19

The result is that standard lactase supplements have a very brief window of time during which they can attack the lactose load contained in a milk-containing meal or drink.5 After that, they are not effective.

**FIGURE 3: How Lactase Deficiency Produces Symptoms of Lactose Intolerance**

When there’s insufficient lactase enzyme in the small intestine, lactose can’t be broken down. But intact lactose can’t be absorbed. Instead, it passes into the large intestine, where normal bacterial action converts it into hydrogen, methane, and carbon dioxide gases, and forms short-chain fatty acids. These, together with the excess water drawn into the intestine by osmosis, produce symptoms of bloating, flatulence, abdominal pain, and diarrhea.4
The average time for that stomach exposure is limited to roughly 15 to 45 minutes, which may not be sufficient time for the entire lactose load to be broken down for absorption. Scientists have, therefore, been seeking an alternative approach, one that would allow active lactase enzymes to reach the *small intestine*—*its normal site of action*—along with the load of lactose from the stomach.

That would permit much longer contact between the lactose load and the lactase enzyme, allowing more complete digestion of lactose in a more natural and appropriate setting.

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Unlike the mold-derived enzyme, which is active only at the acid pH of the stomach, *K. lactis*-derived lactose is active at the nearly neutral pH of the small intestine.

**Lactose Intolerance or Milk Allergy?**

There’s a world of difference between the very common condition of lactose intolerance and the much rarer, and more dangerous, true allergy to milk.

Lactose intolerance is caused by low levels of the enzyme lactase that your body uses to break down lactose (milk sugar). While it can produce many distressing and uncomfortable signals, lactose intolerance is not a true allergy because it does not result in the body developing an antibody-mediated immune reaction.

True milk allergy, on the other hand, involves a potent immune reaction to specific proteins in milk. It causes an elevation in various markers of inflammation and heightened immunity. Though rare, some life-threatening allergic reactions to milk proteins have been reported. Lactose intolerance causes symptoms of bloating, flatulence, abdominal pain, and watery diarrhea. Milk protein allergy generally afflicts children and produces symptoms more commonly associated with allergic reactions, including itching, rash, and wheezing.

Lactose intolerance is common, but a true milk allergy is rare in adults. Neutral lactase has been shown to be effective in decreasing the symptoms of lactose intolerance, but it will have no effect on milk allergy.

That range of activity gives neutral lactase a much longer amount of time to work on ingested lactose, so *more of that lactose can be broken down and absorbed*. Neutral lactase, derived from yeast, has been shown to be more effective than mold-derived lactase at digesting lactose in milk.

This has been evidenced by the significant decrease in the excretion of hydrogen in the breath to near-normal levels, and by the suppression of symptoms when added to milk before consumption.
Neutral lactase has passed stringent safety testing, and no safety concerns have been identified. It has a long history of use in the food industry to rid milk products of lactose. Originally, the major barrier to the use of neutral lactase was the highly acidic, protein-digesting environment of the stomach. Unprotected, neutral lactase would simply be digested itself in the stomach, leaving no activity for the small intestine.

But scientists in Europe have developed a means of protecting neutral lactase by incorporating it into tiny acid-resistant pellets. The pellets are packaged in a vegetarian capsule that dissolves in the stomach within minutes of swallowing. Once released in the stomach, the pellets are transferred—without digestion—into the small intestine. There, the acid-resistant covering of the pellet is dissolved, releasing 100% of the enzyme for breakdown of lactose, working in the small intestine—just like your body’s own natural lactase enzyme. The result?

As shown in Figure 4, the complete digestion of lactose occurs within the small intestine, as neutral lactase immediately releases its glucose and galactose components for rapid absorption. This leaves no intact lactose to pass into the large intestine and trigger the painful and often embarrassing symptoms of lactose intolerance.

A human study of the new formulation showed it to be easily acceptable to patients, and highly effective. Among 64 individuals with lactose intolerance, scientists observed that 58% had reduction in abdominal pain, 75% had reduced bloating, 67% had less diarrhea, and nausea was reduced in 58% of subjects.

The results of a laboratory study graphically demonstrate the difference in performance between traditional acid lactase and the new acid-stable, neutral lactase. You can see the difference for yourself in Figure 5, which illustrates the short duration of action of the acid lactase in the stomach, compared with the much longer period of time the neutral lactase has to work in the small intestine.

Summary

Lactose intolerance is one of the most common forms of food intolerance, afflicting upwards of 50 million people in America alone with gas, bloating, cramping, and diarrhea. Its cause is often an age-related loss—frequently beginning before age five—of the enzyme lactase that’s required for breaking down the unique milk sugar, lactose.

Many sufferers simply avoid milk products.
Warning

If one suffers lactose intolerance and can avoid milk in their diet, they may be better off than taking a product like neutral lactase. The reason is that most people already have excess amounts of glucose in their bloodstream. A lactose intolerant individual who starts consuming milk products because they take neutral lactase may be unwittingly spiking after-meal glucose blood levels, which increases risk of every disease and may accelerate aging.

While lactose intolerance is associated with loss of bone mass, this problem can be solved by supplementing with calcium, magnesium, vitamins D and K2, along with nutrients one would find in their multivitamin/mineral formula.

The only bone mineral not commonly found in supplements is phosphorous. A typical adult needs about 700 mg a day. Those who eat meat (or lots of whole grain cereals and breads) should be assured of adequate phosphorous. Those who avoid dairy, meat, and even grains should consider a 500 mg a day phosphorous supplement to ensure they get enough of this critical component of bone. Please know that most people get enough phosphorous from their diet and don’t need to supplement with any more.

Another option is replacing the lactase enzyme, but current lactase formulations work only in the acidic environment of the stomach. That limits their usefulness to the 15-45 minutes that a load of lactose remains in the stomach. A substantial amount of undigested lactose, therefore, still reaches the intestinal tract to cause symptoms.

A superior form of the lactase enzyme, neutral lactase, works in the small intestine instead, allowing it to continue breaking down lactose for up to 4 hours! Neutral lactase is packaged in a unique, acid-resistant form that allows it to pass through the stomach rapidly, and reach the small intestine intact.

Treatment with neutral lactase has been shown to reduce symptoms of lactose intolerance more effectively than treatment with standard, acid lactase supplements.

If you suffer from lactose intolerance, you owe it to yourself to use neutral lactase as a means of reducing—or even eliminating—your symptoms.
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**References**


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A large, rigorous study published in the New England Journal of Medicine confirmed the health benefits of those who switch to a Mediterranean diet rich in omega-3 fish oil as well as protective nutrients called polyphenols found in olive oil, fruits, vegetables, nuts like walnuts, and wine. The study ended early because the benefits were so overwhelming, with startling benefits for vascular health, that it was considered unethical to continue to deprive the control group.

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Twenty-four years ago the field of aging research was galvanized when it was discovered that modification of a single gene could more than double the maximum life span of nematode worms.¹ Since that time genetic manipulations have been used to increase the life span of many species, including the creation of Ames dwarf mice, which live nearly 50% longer than their genetically normal siblings.² Many researchers hope that similar results can be achieved for humans.

That longevity is controlled by genetics seems obvious from the facts that mice age to death in a few years, cats in less than two decades, and humans live much longer. Some scientists think aging is entirely due to control over production and repair of damaging agents from metabolism, others think genes produce substances that induce aging, while still other researchers believe aging results from a decline in gene control.
For the last decade, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island, New York, has been holding “Molecular Genetics of Aging” conferences every two years. The most recent such meeting featured more than 100 eight-minute presentations and about 80 posters by most of the world’s leading scientists in the field of the genetics of aging. Scientific conferences often include poster sessions in which scientists who do not present their work in front of an audience can present their work in the form of a poster that can be viewed and discussed with other scientists. Poster sessions allow for much more personal interaction between the scientists.
Among the key candidates as regulators of aging has been a family of enzymes known as sirtuins. Sirtuin was first discovered to extend life span in yeast and later discovered to extend the life span of nematode worms and fruit flies. Deleting sirtuins prevents the life span-increasing benefits of calorie restriction in many species. Resveratrol, a chemical found in the skin of red grapes that stimulates sirtuin activity, has been shown to increase the life span of worms and flies. Resveratrol has also extended the life span of mice fed a high-fat diet. Complicating the question of how sirtuins affect aging is the fact that mammals have at least seven different sirtuins, designated SIRT1 - SIRT7. SIRT1 is the mammalian analog of the sirtuin found in yeast, worms, and flies. Resveratrol activates SIRT1, but not the other sirtuins.

At the conference Haim Cohen, PhD, Bar-Ilan University, Faculty of Life Sciences, Israel, reported on his work comparing the effects of SIRT1 and SIRT6. Mice induced to make extra amounts of SIRT6 showed similar protection against the damaging effects of a high fat diet as mice that have been fed resveratrol, despite the fact that resveratrol stimulates SIRT1 but not SIRT6. SIRT6 promotes insulin signaling and protects against the metabolic diseases often associated with obesity and aging. Cohn noted that SIRT6 levels become lower in obese humans. In his more recent research, Cohen showed that male (but not female) mice over-expressing SIRT6 live 10-15% longer than normal mice. It had been discovered many years earlier that mice engineered to produce no SIRT6 will age prematurely. In trying to understand why SIRT6 extends male but not female mouse life span, scientists have referred to the higher cancer incidence normally seen in male mice and the higher serum IGF-1 hormone in males.

Vera Gorbunova, PhD, Professor, University of Rochester Department of Biology, New York, reported on her research on SIRT1 and SIRT6 using human cell cultures. Cells contain special enzymes that repair various kinds of breaks in DNA strands. Dr. Gorbunova found that SIRT1 had no effect on repair of double-strand breaks, but increasing SIRT6 could more than triple both mechanisms for repair of double-strand DNA breaks. Her more recent research has shown that the benefits of SIRT6 on DNA repair are due to the ability of SIRT6 to recruit various DNA repair proteins to the site of DNA damage. Because DNA damage leads to cancer and other maladies of aging, finding molecules that stimulate SIRT6 just as resveratrol stimulates SIRT1 has the potential to extend human life span and healthspan.

Yelena Budovskaya, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Amsterdam, Swammerdam Institute for Life Sciences, Netherlands, holds the view that aging is not the result of accumulated damage, but rather is the result of “developmental pathways that go awry late in life.” Her study of nematode worms supports her view. Wnt is a protein found in all multi-cellular organisms that is essential for growth and development. In a yet-to-be-published study, Budovskaya found that on the fifth day of worm adulthood, the level of Wnt is 5 times greater than on the first day of adulthood, and on the tenth day of adulthood it is 10 times greater. By inactivating Wnt function on the first day of adulthood, she was able to extend the life span of her nematode worms by 40-50%. Inactivation later than the first day of adulthood was less beneficial. In mammals, Wnt protein increases with age, and this increase causes muscle stem cells to age. So there is a potential for a Wnt-blocking molecule to delay aging in adult humans.

Telomeres are structures that protect the end of chromosomes, much like the caps on shoelaces protect shoelaces from becoming frayed. Many aging researchers believe that telomere length is a critical determinant of aging, because cells stop dividing when telomeres become too short. Short telomeres...
in humans are associated with diseases of aging and reduced longevity. Mice have often been used as model mammals for many aspects of aging research, including research on telomeres. But mice, with their long telomeres, short life spans, and high levels of telomerase (an enzyme that lengthens telomeres) might be a poor model for studying the effects of telomere length on human aging.

Catarina Henriques, PhD, Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciencia, Telomeres and Genome Stability Lab, Portugal, has found that telomere length in zebrafish is comparable to that in humans, and that zebrafish with experimentally reduced telomerase showed symptoms of premature aging. Dr. Henriques believes that, with their four-year life span and telomere behavior more similar to humans than mice, zebrafish would be a more relevant human model than mice for studying the relationship between telomeres and aging.

In separate presentations, both Darren Baker, PhD, Assistant Professor, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Rochester, Minnesota, and his supervisor (Jan van Deursen) discussed Baker's research results. Dr. Baker has been studying mutant mice that contain low levels of a protein called BubR1, which is necessary for cell division. BubR1 protein normally declines with age. Baker showed that graded reductions of BubR1 in his mutant mice resulted in increasing signs of aging and chromosomal abnormalities associated with cancer. His mutant mice also displayed endothelial dysfunction similar to the blood vessels of aging humans. Many of the cells in Baker's mutant mice became prematurely senescent (non-dividing). He found the proteins that caused this change. His tour de force was in 2011, when he demonstrated that using the protein marker he discovered to eliminate senescent cells in mice resulted in rejuvenating effects in the mice. Needless to say, there is hope that similar procedures can be applied to humans.

During her eight-minute presentation, Nirinjini Naidoo, PhD, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Division of Sleep Medicine, summarized the studies and reviews she has published on the subject of endoplasmic reticulum stress (ER stress), sleep deprivation, and aging. The endoplasmic reticulum is the area of cells where proteins are folded into a conformation that will allow those proteins to function properly. ER stress occurs when too many proteins have been incorrectly folded in the endoplasmic reticulum. A cell can often correct ER stress by reducing the rate of protein production, increasing the number of protein-folding molecules, or by increasing protein degradation. These corrective responses become increasingly defective with aging. Unresolved ER stress leads to cell death (apoptosis). Dr. Naidoo has shown a 30% reduction in a protein-folding molecule in the cerebral cortex of old mice compared to young mice. Many key ER molecules become increasingly oxidized with age.

Naidoo said that both sleep and wakefulness become increasingly fragmented with age. Another study by Dr. Naidoo demonstrated ER stress in the mouse cerebral cortex with 6 hours of sleep deprivation. Although she can experimentally induce ER stress with sleep deprivation, Naidoo said she has still not determined the exact mechanism by which this occurs. Protein misfolding is a key process in many age-related neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, and Parkinson's Disease. Accumulated cholesterol in the endoplasmic reticulum caused ER stress in macrophages and is a key factor in atherosclerosis. ER stress is a central feature of insulin resistance with type II diabetes. Reducing ER stress by getting more sleep may be a way for people to delay many of these age-related diseases. Dr. Naidoo asserts that, “Sleep is a basic need that is made secondary to work schedules and some leisure activities for many adults” and “It is imperative to educate the public about the very real damage of abnormal sleep/wake cycles.”
Life extensionists hearing the work of these scientists can be eager to see the results applied immediately. In some cases this is possible, such as getting more sleep to reduce ER stress.

In most cases, however, we should appreciate that the research results are leading scientists closer to developing therapies to eventually enable humans to gain greater control over aging. While more research is required, the exponential rate of understanding as to why we age, and what can be done to slow and eventually reverse it, provides a tantalizing glimpse into a future where humans will live significantly longer without suffering early onset of degenerative disease.

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While various factors influence skin aging (including stress and environmental pollutants), long-term sunlight exposure is a primary environmental accelerator.¹

As you grow older, your face is the first area to exhibit the visible effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, also known as photoaging, with the manifestation of fine lines, wrinkles, loose and dry skin, and discoloration.²

These unsightly changes reflect the deteriorating condition of the components that make up the inner layer of the skin, the dermis.³ This extracellular matrix is a combination of the fibrous proteins collagen and elastin, along with water-binding glycosaminoglycans.⁴ Together, these substances form a strong and resilient framework of connective tissue that gives the skin elasticity, strength, and compressibility—ultimately supporting the appearance of youthful and vibrant skin.³

Ultraviolet rays from sunlight wreak havoc on the skin by generating the production of free radicals that break down the vital components of the extracellular matrix.⁵ Over time, this contributes to the tell-tale signs of photoaging.¹
International teams of researchers stretching from Brazil to Japan have discovered that ingredients extracted from coffee beans have been scientifically shown to rejuvenate aging skin. In one study, treated subjects experienced significant improvements in the appearance of wrinkles, firmness, redness, and texture of facial skin.
FIGHT SKIN AGING WITH COFFEE EXTRACTS

**Coffea Arabica Seed Oil**

Americans consume more than 580 million cups of coffee each day as part of their daily ritual. Research is emerging that green, *unroasted* coffee beans provide numerous skin-related benefits when applied topically. This is especially true of one of the most commonly grown species of the coffee plant, *Coffea arabica*. Robusta coffee is native to western Africa and contains a greater quantity of caffeine and active constituents than Arabica coffee due to its processing method. These compounds possess strong antioxidant properties that minimize the adverse effects of cumulative UV exposure.

In an *in vitro* study conducted by Japanese researchers, topical chlorogenic acid reduced redness induced by excess ultraviolet exposure. And in another study, scientists tested topical caffeine’s ability to protect against photoaging. For the study, researchers exposed hairless mice to ultraviolet B (UVB) and then applied topical caffeine three times per week for 11 weeks. The results revealed that caffeine administration limited photodamage. This protection could be related to caffeine’s ability to increase apoptosis (programmed cell death) of UVB damaged keratinocytes, which remove damaged skin cells before they cause photoaging and skin cancer. Caffeine also effectively targets and diminishes the appearance of crow’s feet. In a study involving 35 women between 30 and 70 years old, a cream containing caffeine was applied to the skin surrounding the eye on one half of the face twice daily while the other half of the face received no treatment. After four weeks, researchers observed a significant improvement in overall skin smoothness and the depth of wrinkles in the skin around the treated area, as measured with a three dimensional optical imaging technique.

**Coffea Robusta Seed Extract**

Robusta coffee contains a greater quantity of caffeine and active constituents than Arabica coffee due to its processing method. These compounds possess strong antioxidant properties that minimize the adverse effects of cumulative UV exposure.

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These impressive results were due to *Coffea arabica’s* ability to increase production of collagen and elastin and to protect against the loss of moisture.

When Brazilian scientists tested *Coffea arabica* seed oil on human skin, they found a 1.5-fold increase in elastin production and a nearly 2-fold increase in collagen production compared to the controls. These two proteins are essential for smoothing wrinkles and preserving the firmness and flexibility of facial skin.

In addition, treated skin cells had nearly 7-fold higher expression of aquaglyceroporins-3 (AQP-3) and a 2-fold increase in the amount of glycosaminoglycans. These proteins act as a tag-team to halt moisture loss and improve skin hydration. First, glycosaminoglycans behave like a sponge to bind and trap water molecules in a water reservoir, then AQP-3 transports them to the upper layers of the skin where they reduce excessive facial dryness and fine lines.
Summary

Researchers have designed an innovative facial cream that includes ingredients that have been documented to improve the appearance of wrinkles, firmness, redness, and texture.⁹,¹⁴

*Coffea arabica* seed oil and *Coffea robusta* seed extract (which contains chlorogenic acid and caffeine) defend against photoaging and support the skin's structure to restore moisture and hydration for the appearance of brighter and firmer youthful-looking facial skin.⁶

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What You Need to Know

Coffee Rejuvenates Aging Facial Skin

- Your face is the first area to exhibit the visible effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, also known as photoaging, with the manifestation of fine lines, wrinkles, discoloration, and loose, dry skin.
- Extracts from the two most common species of coffee plant directly combat UV damage to improve the strength, resilience, and elasticity of your facial skin.
- *Coffea arabica* seed oil significantly improves collagen and elastin production.
- *Coffea robusta* has a high concentration of chlorogenic acid (which reduces redness associated with excessive sunlight exposure) and caffeine (which limits photodamage, decreases skin roughness and wrinkle formation, and reduces the appearance of crow's feet).
Occasional constipation is one of the most frequent gastrointestinal complaints in the United States, particularly among women and the elderly. To address this issue, Life Extension® offers a dose-adjustable nutritional solution—**Effervescent Vitamin C-Magnesium Crystals**—to provide immediate relief from occasional constipation.

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**Effervescent Vitamin C-Magnesium Crystals has been developed to help provide relief from occasional constipation.**

**Effervescent Vitamin C-Magnesium Crystals** can be used in varying doses depending on individual need. The suggested starting dose should be one (1) level teaspoon of **Effervescent Vitamin C-Magnesium Crystals**, taken on an empty stomach, mixed in 8 ounces of water. Follow immediately with drinking 8 additional ounces of water.

Each level teaspoon (approx 6 grams) provides:
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- **250 milligrams** of magnesium (as magnesium carbonate)

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It is now possible to diminish visible signs of facial-skin photoaging—by harnessing the power of coffee compounds.

Facial skin retains its youthful, vibrant glow thanks to a resilient framework of connective tissue formed by the proteins collagen and elastin and water-binding glycosaminoglycans. These molecules make up the skin’s extracellular matrix that supports the suppleness of the skin. However, free radicals generated by the pervasive ultraviolet rays of the sun are associated with a normal decline in this extracellular matrix. Over time, unsightly, tell-tale signs of photoaging may appear—wrinkles, redness, and roughness—especially in the sun-vulnerable regions such as the face. Concentrated coffee extracts can target multiple factors involved in facial skin aging.

THE POWER OF TOPICALLY APPLIED COFFEE COMPOUNDS

Scientists have shown that topical application of the highly active coffee compounds supports the natural capacity of the extracellular matrix to replenish connective tissue and restore water-binding molecules. Topically applied caffeine, for instance, helps support the body’s normal removal of ultraviolet light-damaged keratinocyte cells—the process a healthy body employs to inhibit skin photoaging. This promotes the appearance of firmer, more youthful-looking facial skin.

IMPACT ON AGING SKIN

Studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of coffee compounds—Coffea arabica seed oil as well as Coffea robusta seed extract, which is known to contain both chlorogenic acid and caffeine—on aging facial skin.

When applied directly to facial skin...

- Arabic seed oil improved skin dryness and promoted the body’s natural production of collagen and elastin.
- Coffea arabica supported improvement of the appearance of wrinkles, redness, and rough texture in a clinical trial—after just 12 weeks of twice daily application.
- Chlorogenic acid helped reduce the normal redness associated with prolonged ultraviolet exposure.
- Caffeine enhanced the visibility of skin smoothness and promoted a reduction in wrinkle depth—with clinical results seen in only 4 weeks.

These coffee extracts have been combined into the new Cosmesis Anti-Aging Rejuvenating Face Cream to help provide support against the visible signs of photoaging. Suggested use is to apply this rejuvenating face cream to clean skin twice a day, morning and night.

A net weight 2 oz jar of Cosmesis Anti-Aging Rejuvenating Face Cream retails for $65. If a member buys two jars, the price is reduced to $42.75 per jar.

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Life Extension® first introduced SAMe in 1997. Since then, researchers continue to discover impressive benefits of this versatile nutrient. Largely known for its effects on optimal mood, SAMe has also shown benefits for the liver, brain, and joints.

A recent study conducted at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital cited the impressive benefits of SAMe for mood elevation.1 A report published in Germany indicates that SAMe may help maintain healthy neurological function.2 The impressive results showed that:

- **SAMe increased glutathione levels by 50% and glutathione enzyme activity by 115%**.2
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In addition to these findings, SAMe also improves brain cell **methylation**, thereby facilitating youthful **DNA enzymatic actions** (which may help account for SAMe’s mood-elevating properties). These enzymatic reactions are required for the healthy conversion of neurotransmitters such as **serotonin** and **dopamine**.

The good news is that **SAMe** prices continue to **plummet**. Compared to when SAMe was first introduced to the United States in 1997, Life Extension members can now obtain it for **78% less**. On an inflation-adjusted basis, the savings are even greater.

A box of 20 **400 mg** SAMe tablets retails for $28. When a member buys six boxes, the price is reduced to only **$18** a box—a **savings of 35%**!

(SAMe is also available in bottles containing 50 400 mg tablets. Retail price is $66. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $45 per bottle.) (Item # 01055)

**References**

*These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

To order your supply of premium-grade **SAMe**, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

CAUTION: SAMe should not be taken by those diagnosed with bipolar disorder.
Each pack contains the following supplements:

- **Two-Per-Day Multi-Nutrient Tablets** (2 tablets)
- **Super Omega-3 EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans and Olive Fruit Extract** (2 softgels, yielding 700 mg EPA and 500 mg DHA)
- **Super Bio-Curcumin®** (1 capsule provides 400 mg of Bio-Curcumin® that can provide blood levels equal to 2,500-2,800 mg of commercial curcumin supplements)
- **Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enhanced Mitochondrial Support** (1-100 mg softgel)
- **Super Booster Softgels with Advanced K2 Complex** (1 softgel)

The Best Way to Manage Your Daily Supplement Regimen

These vital nutrients, bundled at no extra cost into a single packet, combine convenience with superior value when compared to buying each product separately.

A box containing a 30-day supply of Comprehensive Nutrient Packs Advanced retails for $90. If a member buys four boxes, the cost is just $61.50 per box. Item# 01796

For people on the go, it’s easy to forget to take your supplements. Life Extension® has created daily Comprehensive Nutrient Packs Advanced with five protective formulas—in one convenient grab ‘n go pack. Specially designed by Life Extension, the Comprehensive Nutrient Packs Advanced provides you with broad-spectrum nutrient protection—at no additional cost when compared to buying each product separately!

Contains soybeans. Due to the source of kelp, this product may contain fish and shellfish.

To order Life Extension® Comprehensive Nutrient Packs Advanced, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com
Profound loss of connections between nerve cells in the brain is one of the major hallmarks associated with neurodegeneration and memory impairment. Previous research has shown that magnesium is a critical factor in controlling synaptic density.\(^1\)

To combat this, an innovative form of magnesium called Neuro-Mag™ has been developed. The magnesium-L-threonate contained in Neuro-Mag™ has been shown to specifically target multiple areas of the aging brain. In fact, pre-clinical models show that the magnesium-L-threonate contained in Neuro-Mag™ boosted levels of magnesium in spinal fluid by 15% versus no increase from conventional magnesium.\(^2\)

**New Cognitive Benefits Revealed!**

Although research into the role of magnesium in the brain dates back 70 years, scientists continue to uncover its comprehensive benefits for cognitive function.\(^1,3\)

Studies using magnesium-L-threonate show this unique form of magnesium maintains the quantity of synaptic connections between brain cells and inhibits the dysregulation of signaling pathways.\(^1\)

### Capsules or Powder... Value Priced

The suggested daily dose of three Neuro-Mag™ Magnesium-L-Threonate Capsules provides 2,000 mg of Magnesium-L-Threonate. While supplying a modest 144 mg of elemental magnesium, its superior absorption into the bloodstream and nervous system make it a preferred choice for maturing individuals to supplement with.

This same brain-health supporting magnesium is also available in a natural lemon flavor called Neuro-Mag™ Magnesium-L-Threonate with Calcium and Vitamin D3 Powder. In addition to its fresh lemon flavor, the one-scoop per day serving supplies the same amount of magnesium as the capsules plus 500 mg of highly soluble calcium and 1,000 IU of vitamin D3.

A bottle containing 90 vegetarian capsules of Neuro-Mag™ Magnesium-L-Threonate or a jar containing 30 scoops of Neuro-Mag™ Magnesium-L-Threonate with Calcium and Vitamin D3 Powder retails for $40. If a member buys 4 units, the price is reduced to $27 per unit.

**References**

While blueberries and strawberries usually gain recognition for their health-enhancing properties, raspberries have quietly built an impressive resume of vast health benefits that match any berry. The fruit’s potent anti-inflammatory power contributes to fighting obesity, enhancing cardiovascular support, battling cancer, and combating diabetes.¹

**Raspberries’ History**

Although the exact origin of raspberries (Rubus spp.) is unknown, it’s believed they were cultivated in Europe more than 2,000 years ago and introduced to North America from eastern Asia through trading. The edible fruit is one of the most popular berries in the world, with top producers in Russia, the United States, Serbia, and Poland. Red and black raspberries are the most common varieties you will find at your local grocery store.¹
Antioxidant Powerhouse

While all berries are recognized for their antioxidant value, raspberries stand out for their large quantities of hard-to-find ellagitannins, which provide cancer fighting and anti-inflammatory properties. These potent phenolic compounds, combined with the fruit’s wealth of vitamin C and anthocyanins (evident by its deep rich red color), have contributed to raspberries possessing nearly 50% more antioxidant capacity than strawberries and ten times that of apples, making them one of the richest sources of dietary antioxidants.2

Anti-Inflammatory Properties

Raspberries’ ability to suppress inflammation has sparked interest in its potential to treat arthritic conditions, which affect an estimated 46 million American adults.1 While non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have become a mainstay for treating arthritic conditions by decreasing the production of cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2), an important enzyme in the formation of inflammatory compounds that induce pain, they are often accompanied by unwanted side effects.4 Researchers at Michigan State University tested the cyclooxygenase inhibitory properties of anthocyanins in popular fruits, including raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, cherries, and cranberries. The findings showed that raspberries were second only to cherries in their ability to inhibit COX-2, with the fruit reducing the enzyme by 45%. This effect was comparable to NSAIDs and demonstrates that raspberries have promise as an effective and safe alternative to these drugs for quelling inflammation associated with arthritic conditions.5

The strong COX-2 inhibitory effect of raspberries might be responsible for the results reported in a study published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry.6 Scientists induced rats with arthritis and administered either raspberry extract or water for 30 days. At the end of the study, the experimental group had less severe arthritis compared to the control group, as raspberry extract significantly decreased inflammation and cartilage damage by 54 and 67%, respectively.6

The anti-inflammatory benefits of the fruit also extend to those who suffer from ulcerative colitis, a chronic inflammatory bowel disorder. Individuals with ulcerative colitis produce excessive amounts of cytokines, which damage the colonic lining and significantly increase the risk for colon cancer.7 Scientists at Ohio State University found that mice with ulcerative colitis supplemented with black raspberry powder for 7 days experienced a favorable reduction in the expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines, thereby protecting the colonic lining against inflammation and injury.7

Cancer Protection

Although cancers differ from one another in certain characteristics, most share the common key initiator of DNA damage. Researchers discovered that mice adhering to a raspberry-rich diet for three weeks significantly reduced DNA damage by 59%. This was attributed to its high ellagic acid content that increased DNA repair, which prevented the occurrence of mutations that lead to cancerous cells.8

A recent study published in the journal of Cancer Prevention Research shows promise for black raspberries against colon cancer. Mice were implanted with a specific DNA strand intended to accelerate intestinal tumor progression and then were randomized to a typical Western diet with or without freeze-dried black raspberries for 12 weeks. Compared to the control group, mice supplemented with black raspberries had a 45% reduction in tumor incidence and a 60% decrease in the number of tumors. Researchers believe that black raspberries suppress the production of beta-catenin, a protein involved in promoting tumor growth.9

Black raspberries might also reduce cancer-promoting oxidative stress in individuals with Barrett’s
Cardioprotective Effects

Growing evidence indicates that raspberries can favorably affect heart health by modulating high blood pressure and inhibiting LDL oxidation. With one in three Americans suffering from hypertension, raspberry consumption offers a powerful dietary strategy for combating this silent killer. In a study reported in the *Pharmacognosy Magazine*, Chinese researchers evaluated the efficacy of raspberry extract to lower blood pressure in hypertensive rats. Compared to baseline, animals supplemented with raspberry extract reduced their mean systolic blood pressure by 12.2-16.1 mmHg after five weeks. The antihypertensive effect of raspberry is accomplished by promoting the availability of nitric oxide to endothelial cells, leading to arterial dilation that helps lower blood pressure.

Battling Obesity

Over one-third of adults in the US are obese. Some of the leading causes of preventable death including heart disease, stroke, type II diabetes, and certain types of cancer are related to obesity. Even worse, this epidemic is now spreading to children. Since 1980, the obesity rate for children and

esophagus, a complication of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) that induces chronic injury to the esophagus lining and substantially increases the risk for fatal esophageal cancer. In a human study conducted by Ohio State researchers, patients with Barrett’s esophagus consuming 32 to 45 grams of black raspberry powder (equivalent to 1 to 1.5 ounces) for six months lowered 8-isoprostane and 8-OHdG concentrations, both markers of oxidative stress.
adolescents has tripled.\textsuperscript{17} Nearly 15\% of children under age 19 in the US are obese and obese children are more likely to become obese adults. In fact, childhood obesity is likely to lead to more severe obesity in adulthood.\textsuperscript{18} Raspberry ketone is a major aromatic compound of the red raspberry.\textsuperscript{19} Studies using experimental models of obesity have shown that raspberry ketones help prevent obesity and activate lipid metabolism. Specifically, when mice were fed a high-fat diet, raspberry ketones were shown to prevent the high-fat-diet-induced elevations in body weight, reduce accumulation of fat in the liver, and stimulate the breakdown of fat already stored in the fat cells.\textsuperscript{19}

Summary

While raspberries usually don't receive the same research attention as other popular berries, they possess numerous health benefits that would match any berry. Their potent antioxidants, including ellagitannins and anthocyanins, along with their powerful ability to suppress inflammation make consuming raspberries an effective strategy for easing inflammatory arthritis, combating cancer, preventing diabetes, and enhancing cardiovascular support.

References

Another Breakthrough in Antioxidant Defense!

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

We then introduced an even more powerful antioxidant formula. A single capsule of the Enhanced Berry Complete with Açai delivers an antioxidant value equivalent to more than 100% of the recommended daily fruit and vegetable intake.

ORAC: A Measure of Antioxidant Power

To measure the antioxidant strength of various foods, scientists use what is known as the ORAC index. While berries score higher than most fruits and vegetables, açai boasts one of the highest ORAC values known to modern science.

Unfortunately, most commercial products containing açai do not reflect the full nutritional content of the fruit. Only a fraction of its phenolic content survives industrial processing, handling, and storage.

Why should this matter to you? It’s more than a matter of antioxidant potency. In 2010, a team of researchers reported for the first time that açai, blueberry, and strawberry polyphenols may provide targeted support for cellular metabolic processes that promote neural and cognitive health in the aging brain. But you need the complete polyphenolic profile to get the benefit.

Enhanced Berry Complete with Açai gives you a convenient way to obtain a broad spectrum of seasonal, hard-to-find, highly perishable foods, for optimal antioxidant value.

A bottle containing 60 vegetarian capsules of Enhanced Berry Complete with Açai retails for $29. If a member buys four bottles, the cost is just $19.50 per bottle. Contains soybeans.

To order Enhanced Berry Complete with Açai, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

References
In 2003, the Life Extension Foundation® introduced a standardized *resveratrol* extract shown to favorably alter genes implicated in the aging process—many of the same genes that respond to *calorie restriction*.

Since then, we have identified additional compounds that *simulate* calorie restriction's ability to trigger youthful *gene expression*—the process by which genes transmit signals that *slow* certain aspects of aging.

Compelling evidence reveals that certain compounds found in berries, such as *pterostilbene* and *fisetin*, possess potent "longevity gene" activators that work in synergy with *resveratrol*. For example, *fisetin* (found in strawberries) has been shown to *stabilize* resveratrol in the body by shielding it from metabolic breakdown, thus extending its beneficial effects.

### High-Potency Resveratrol with Synergistic Activators

Life Extension® members gain access to standardized *trans*-resveratrol combined with botanical extracts that favorably influence longevity gene expression. Unlike many commercial formulas, Life Extension standardizes to *trans*-resveratrol, which researchers contend is the most active constituent.

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 $31 per bottle. The suggested dose of one capsule a day provides:

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CAUTION: If you are taking anti-coagulant or anti-platelet medications or have a bleeding disorder, consult your healthcare provider before taking this product.

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- PYRIDOXAL 5’-PHOSPHATE:
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counteract age-related structural and functional changes by providing the following unique ingredients:

Aging is Characterized by Inflammation, Glycation, and Mitochondrial Decay

- CARNOSINE: As humans age, proteins in their bodies become irreversibly damaged by glycation reactions. Glycation is the cross-linking of proteins and sugar to form non-functioning structures called advanced glycation end products in the body, which can lead to alterations of normal cell function. Carnosine is not only a powerful anti-glycating agent, but it also protects neurons against reactive and cytotoxic protein carbonyl species associated with normal aging.1-10

- PQQ: This breakthrough micronutrient has been shown to trigger mitochondrial biogenesis—the growth of new mitochondria in aging cells. PQQ also activates genes involved in protecting the delicate structures within the mitochondria.7-10

- LUTEOLIN: Systemic inflammation is involved in most undesirable consequences of aging. Culprits behind inflammatory reactions are pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as interleukin-1 and tumor necrosis factor-alpha. Luteolin is a flavonoid that has been shown to help suppress these inflammatory cytokines.11-16

- BENFOTIAMINE: Effectively modulates multiple destructive biochemical pathways that are induced by higher than desirable blood glucose levels. Human mortality studies indicate that ideal fasting glucose levels are between 74–85 mg/dL. Yet many aging people have fasting glucose above 90 mg/dL, which is less than optimal.16-19 Benfotiamine protects endothelial cell integrity from the effects of high glucose levels. In addition, benfotiamine exhibits direct antioxidative capacity and supports DNA function.20

- PYRIDOXAL 5’-PHOSPHATE: Aging results in the formation of advanced glycation end products throughout the body. Pyridoxal 5’-phosphate is the active form of vitamin B6 that has been shown to protect against both lipid and protein glycation reactions.21-24

- R-LIPOIC ACID: Destructive free-radical activity in the mitochondria plays a major role in the loss of cellular vitality. A microencapsulated Bio-Enhanced® R-lipoic acid facilitates youthful mitochondrial energy output while guarding against free radicals. Two forms of lipoic acid are sold on the supplement market, but R-lipoic acid is far more potent.25-28

- ACETYL-L-CARNITINE ARGINATE: The amino acid L-carnitine is required to transport fats into the mitochondria to be burned for cellular energy. Acetyl-L-carnitine arginate is a patented form of carnitine that also supports neurites in the brain.29

Taking all of the individual ingredients in the Mitochondrial Energy Optimizer with BioPQQ® separately would be prohibitively expensive, but Life Extension® members obtain this comprehensive formula at substantial savings.

A bottle of Mitochondrial Energy Optimizer with BioPQQ® containing 120 capsules retails for $94. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $63 per bottle.
DHEA is a critically important hormone, but its production declines sharply as we age. Scientists are discovering numerous health benefits when aging people restore their DHEA to youthful ranges. Life Extension offers a wide range of DHEA supplements to satisfy individual needs.

DHEA 25 mg • 100 Capsules
The minimum dose of DHEA for most healthy aging people is 25 mg a day, though optimal doses are often higher in men. These 25 mg capsules are a popular way to consume the precise amount of DHEA your body may need. A bottle containing 100 25 mg capsules of DHEA retails for $18; if a member orders four bottles, the price is reduced to $11.25 per bottle. Contains rice.

DHEA 15 mg • 100 Capsules
While published studies show the greatest benefit occurs when 50-75 mg of DHEA is consumed each day, some women only need a low dose of DHEA. Just one of these 15 mg capsules a day is all some women need to bring DHEA levels back to youthful levels. A bottle containing 100 15 mg capsules of DHEA retails for $14; if a member orders four bottles, the price is reduced to $9 per bottle.

DHEA 50 mg • 60 Capsules
The optimal daily dose of DHEA for most people is 50 mg. These economical 50 mg capsules enable most people to conveniently consume the optimal dose of DHEA in just one capsule. A bottle containing 60 50 mg capsules of DHEA retails for $19; if a member orders four bottles, the price is reduced to $12.75 per bottle.

DHEA 25 mg • 100 Dissolve-in-Mouth Tablets
A bottle containing 100 25 mg dissolve-in-mouth tablets of DHEA retails for $14; if a member orders four bottles, the price is reduced to $8.81 per bottle. Some people want to take DHEA in sublingual tablet form to avoid first pass through the liver, though published studies show that swallowing DHEA capsules consistently boosts blood DHEA levels already within normal range.

CAUTION: Do not use DHEA if you are at risk for or have been diagnosed as having any type of hormonal cancer, such as prostate or breast cancer.

To order the DHEA supplement that’s right for you, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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Many of the validated benefits of the Mediterranean diet derive from heart-healthy compounds contained in the olive fruit, including the polyphenols tyrosol and hydroxytyrosol.¹⁻⁴

When it comes to olive’s power to support blood pressure already within a healthy range, research shows the bioactive compound oleuropein⁵⁻⁸ is primarily responsible. The problem is that optimal amounts of oleuropein are not found in the fruit. The highest concentrations of oleuropein are contained in the olive leaf⁹⁻¹³—a part of the plant that is neither readily available nor commonly consumed.

Oleuropein normally degrades during standard food processing. For this reason, Life Extension® provides Olive Leaf Vascular Support. Olive Leaf Vascular Support consists of a patented, standardized oleuropein extract using a unique, gentle-processing technique.

Researchers using 1,000 mg per day of this formulation in a double-blind, controlled clinical trial documented an average 11.5-point (mmHg) decline in systolic readings and 4.8-point drop in diastolic readings in just eight weeks.¹⁴

The suggested daily serving of two 500 mg vegetarian capsules of Olive Leaf Vascular Support supplies optimal concentrations of this proprietary, highly stable oleuropein, for maximum benefit.

CAUTION: Consult your healthcare provider before taking this product if you are being prescribed anti-hypertensive medication.

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Blood testing provides the ultimate information regarding correctable risk factors that may predispose you to disorders such as cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and more. Information about general health and nutritional status can also be gained through standard blood analysis. Standing behind the belief that blood testing is an essential component of any program designed to attain optimal health and longevity, Life Extension® offers this innovative and convenient service at a very affordable price. Not only is comprehensive blood testing an important step in safeguarding your health, it is a simple process from virtually anywhere in the United States.

**Five Easy Steps:**
1. Call 1-800-208-3444 to discuss and place your order with one of our knowledgeable health advisors. (This order form can also be faxed to 1-866-728-1050 or mailed).
2. After your order is placed, you will be mailed either a requisition form to take to your local LabCorp Patient Service Center or a Blood Draw Kit; whichever is applicable (Please note: If a blood draw kit is used, an additional local draw fee may be incurred.)
3. Have your blood drawn.
4. Your blood test results will be sent directly to you by Life Extension.
5. Take the opportunity to discuss the results with one of our knowledgeable health advisors by calling 1-800-226-2370; or review the results with your personal physician.

It's that simple! Don't delay—call today!

**For Our Local Members:**
For those residing in the Ft. Lauderdale, Florida area, blood-draws are also performed at the Life Extension Nutrition Center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Simply purchase the blood test and have it drawn with no wait! Our address is 5990 North Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 33308-2633.

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<td>Provides valuable information on your risk of developing heart disease, sudden heart attack, and cardiac death. The Omega Score™ also includes your AA/EPA ratio, allowing you to determine and track a major factor in total body inflammation.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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* This test requires samples to be shipped to the lab on dry ice for customers using a Blood Draw Kit and will incur an additional $35 charge. If the customer is having blood drawn at a LabCorp facility, this extra charge does not apply.

** This test is packaged as a kit, requiring a finger stick performed at home.
Hormones

DHEA-SULFATE (LC040420) $61
This test shows if you are taking the proper amount of DHEA. This test normally costs $100 or more at commercial laboratories.

DIABETES PANEL* (LC100019) $159
Glucose, Insulin, HbA1c, VAP™, Cortisol, C-Reactive Protein

MALE BASIC HORMONE PANEL (LC100012) $75
DHEA-S, Estradiol, Free and Total Testosterone, PSA

FEMALE BASIC HORMONE PANEL (LC100013) $75
DHEA-S, Estradiol, Free and Total Testosterone, Progesterone

DIHYDROTETOSTERONE (DHT)* (LC500142) $99
Measures serum concentrations of DHT.

ESTRADIOL (LC004515) $33
For men and women. Determines the proper amount in the body.

INSULIN FASTING (LC004333) $25
Can predict those at risk of diabetes, obesity, and heart and other diseases.

PREGNENOLONE* (LC140707) $116
Primarily for women. Determines the proper amount in the body.

SEX HORMONE BINDING GLOBULIN (SHBG) (LC082016) $33
This test is used to monitor SHBG levels which are under the positive control of estrogens and thyroid hormones, and suppressed by androgens.

Cardiac Plus* (LC100008) $145
CBC/Chemistry Profile (see description), Sedimentation Rate, Rheumatoid (RA) Factor, Antinuclear Antibodies (ANA) Screen.

VAP™ PLUS* (LC100009) $330
VAP, C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity), Homocysteine, Fibrinogen, PLAC® Test (Lp-PLA2), Vitamin D 25-hydroxy.

C-Reactive Protein (High Sensitivity) (LC120766) $42
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.

Fibrinogen* (LC081610) $31
High levels of this blood-clotting factor increase the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Homocysteine (LC706094) $64
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, vitamin B6, and vitamin B12.

Male Health

PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) (LC010322) $31
Can provide an early warning sign for prostate disorders and possible cancer.

Free PSA (Includes Total PSA)* (LC480780) $61
Recommended to determine if an elevated PSA is indicative of prostate cancer.

Other Popular Tests and Panels

Energy Profile (LC100005) $375
This test is used to check the blood level of CoQ10 and will enable more precise dosing for anyone seeking to achieve and maintain high levels of this critical antioxidant.

Anemia Panel* (LC100006) $86
CBC/Chemistry Profile (see description), Ferritin, Total Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC), Vitamin B12, Folate, Reticulocyte Count.

Inflammation Panel (LC100007) $135
CBC/Chemistry Profile (see description above), C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity), Sedimentation Rate, Rheumatoid (RA) Factor, Antinuclear Antibodies (ANA) Screen.

Thyroid Antibody Profile (LC100004) $99
Thyroid Antithyroglobulin Antibody (ATA) and Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody (TPO).

Cardiac Risk

CoQ10* (CoEnzyme Q10) (LC120251) $99
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Lp-PLA2 (PLAC® Test) (LC123240) $125
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.

Bone Health

Osteocalcin* (LC010249) $91
Osteocalcin is often used as a biochemical marker, or biomarker, for the bone formation process. It has been routinely observed that higher serum osteocalcin levels are relatively well correlated with bone diseases characterized by increased bone turnover, especially osteoporosis.

DPD Cross Link Urine Test (LC511105) $79
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AMINO ACIDS
- Acetyl-L-Carnitine
- I-Taurocholic Acid
- L-Ornithine
- L-Carnitine

FOOD
- Super Greens Energy Sphere®

BONE & JOINT HEALTH
- DHEA Complete
- GH Support Day Formula
- GH Support Night Formula

HEART HEALTH
- Ashwagandha Extract

INFLAMMATORY REACTIONS
- Turmeric Extract

LIVER HEALTH
- Liver Efficiency Formula

MINERALS
- Calcium

OTHER
- Dr. Proctor's Shampoo
- Dr. Proctor's Advanced Hair Formula

HERBAL/PHYTO PRODUCTS
- Artichoke Leaf Extract
- Acai Berry Extract

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NOVEMBER 2013

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

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