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Slash Your Risk of Alzheimer’s

Carnitine Restores Cellular Function

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Her War Against Alzheimer’s Disease
Super Potent Multi-Nutrient Formula

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

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

Compared to conventional “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.

Commercial supplements often contain the cheapest form of nutrients that don’t provide optimal benefits. For example, the 50 IU of synthetic vitamin E contained in Centrum® Silver® Adults 50+ may provide relatively little vitamin E to the bloodstream compared to the 100 IU of natural vitamin E in Two-Per-Day.

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

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A bottle containing 120 tablets of Two-Per-Day Tablets retails for $20. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $13.50 per bottle. (Item #01714) A bottle containing 120 capsules of Two-Per-Day Capsules retails for $22. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $15 per bottle. (Item #01715)

Each bottle of Two-Per-Day lasts 60 days, so members can obtain the benefits of this high-potency formula for as little as $6.75 per month.

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Life Extension® offers American women the same extract without a prescription. No more compression bandages or stockings. Instead, experience the same beautifying effects European women have been raving about for three decades—naturally!

Derived from the sweet orange, European Leg Solution featuring Certified Diosmin 95 contains a flavonoid called diosmin and is available in a one tablet per day formula.

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As with so many age-related conditions, inflammation3 is the chief culprit behind the presence of unsightly veins.

European Leg Solution featuring Certified Diosmin 95 offers effective protection by disrupting this inflammatory response.

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3. Eases the effects of circulating cytokines that promote inflammation.
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5. Enjoys an outstanding safety record.
6. Produces results in just 1–2 weeks, with a single 600 mg tablet taken each morning.2

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Instead of repealing regulations that cause sick-care costs to be so dreadfully overpriced, the federal government thought that by writing 900+ pages of new regulations (The Affordable Care Act), the problem would go away.1
We at Life Extension® have a 33-year track record of predicting future medical-related events. Our early warnings about over-regulation were ignored. The result is that sick-care costs are a major factor behind individual, business, and government insolvencies.

This article discusses the coming physician shortage, what can be done to reverse this deadly trend, and how you can reduce your odds of becoming a victim.

Economic Truths Ignored

As the population ages, demand for medical services is sharply escalating. Little has been done, however, to provide a corresponding increase in supply.

Increased demand without additional supply equals shortages.

When it comes to shortages of medical services, the tragic result is needless suffering and death.

The Affordable Care Act, which is supposed to provide virtually every American with medical coverage, is now coming into force. But no one knows where the physicians will come from to treat these “newly insured” individuals.2

In many parts of the country, hoards of the newly insured, along with people who are merely growing old, are creating severe physician shortages.1

Doctor Shortages Not a New Problem

People exposed to conventional healthcare are aware that most doctors lack the time to provide optimal care. This is evidenced by delays in getting appointments, jammed waiting rooms, and long hold-ups in exam rooms.

Some physicians aren’t taking new patients, while others crowd whoever calls into a clogged schedule that does not allow sufficient time to treat each patient.

You can drive your car in for a “10-minute oil change,” but you are unlikely to get that much time with most physicians, even though your life may be on the line.

As more scientific advances occur in the medical arena, the inability of physicians to devote enough time with their patients will result in greater numbers of tragic outcomes.

Warnings of physician shortages are no longer confined to the pages of this magazine. These dire predictions are now coming from the medical establishment itself!

The Frightening Numbers

The Association of American Medical Colleges estimates that within two years the United States will have 62,900 fewer doctors than needed. By 2025, the shortfall of doctors will exceed 100,000.3

Mainstream experts, including many who supported the Affordable Care Act, say there is little that anyone can do to close the gap as the law will extend coverage to over 30 million Americans.1

It typically takes a decade to train a doctor. Even if medical schools significantly increased enrollment, they would not come close to generating enough physicians to treat the newly insured and the rapidly aging population.

High tuition costs, stringent academic requirements, and brutal internships create barriers that limit the supply of new doctors.

The Harvard School of Medicine, for example, accepts only 165 new admissions each year, and not all these students graduate into medical practice.4

Some in the mainstream describe a doctor shortage as an “invisible problem.” Patients still get care, they say, but the process is often slow and difficult. It can force patients to drive long distances, languish on waiting lists, overuse emergency rooms and even forgo care. Those who delay treatment place an even greater future burden on what is an already broken sick-care system.

Even more ominous for many of the “newly insured” is that since
2008, more than 50% of primary care doctors have stopped accepting new Medicaid patients.¹ The consequence will be that certain patients entitled to free healthcare may not find a willing physician.³

To avoid this looming catastrophe of doctor shortages, radical changes must be made in the way sick-care is dispensed in the United States.

Free Market Solutions

The media is turning these “doctor shortages” into headline news stories and stating the problem is unsolvable.

Those involved in preventive medicine have long known that a combination of poor lifestyle choices and an aging population would create shortages of all kinds of medical services. The Affordable Care Act only accelerates this impending health disaster.

I have written three books and authored dozens of articles that describe the ominous shortage of competent medical care and how this can be resolved through free market regulatory reform. It is somewhat encouraging that even the FDA is considering some of the changes we at Life Extension advocated more than thirty years ago.

For example, many medicines that currently require a physician’s prescription can be safely dispensed by pharmacists, thereby eliminating the need for doctors to squander their time on minor problems. In other cases, empowered patients could access reliable websites or telephone help lines that could suggest lower-cost versions to what now are prescription-only drugs.

Pros Versus Cons of Self-Prescribing

One can always come up with cynical scenarios whereby an uninformed patient will inappropriately self-prescribe a drug and suffer an adverse outcome.

We have argued the opposite, i.e. an empowered patient can self-prescribe certain medications more effectively than with conventional physician oversight.

Let’s look at hypertension, which is one of the most undertreated diseases in the modern world. Those who fail to keep their blood pressure in optimal ranges suffer sharply higher rates of stroke, heart attack, and kidney failure.

Hypertension is often described as a “silent killer” because it seldom produces symptoms. Conventional medicine relies on doctor’s offices to check every patient’s blood pressure to identify those who are hypertensive. Doctors should recognize any reading above 115/75 as a cause for concern and recommend lifestyle changes (such as losing weight) and/or initiate treatment with an anti-hypertensive medication.

The reality is that doctors today don’t usually worry about their patient’s blood pressure until it reaches 140/90—a dangerously high level. Most doctors will prescribe blood pressure medication and instruct the patient to return for a follow-up. The patient may or may not fill the script. If the drug causes an unpleasant side effect, the patient may discontinue it and not go back to the doctor.

Even if a patient is compliant in losing some weight and taking their medication, they may not know if they are achieving optimal 24-hour blood pressure control. They may, for instance, take their blood pressure pill in the morning and see their doctor a few hours later. The patient’s blood pressure might be fine that hour, but as the drug wears off, they may spend more than half their day in dangerously high ranges.

What if instead a national alert were made about the shortage of doctors and patients could be responsible for taking care of mostly manageable conditions such as hypertension. Every
The Real World…

Pessimists raise all kinds of fearful concerns when it comes to people taking charge of their own health. What goes on in the real world, however, validates this free market approach to resolving the doctor shortage while enabling improved overall outcomes (meaning fewer strokes, heart attacks, and failed kidneys).

I have owned an at-home blood pressure monitor for many years. It enables me to achieve precise blood pressure control. I sometimes go days without having to take a blood pressure medication. If I relied on doctors, I would not have known that the drug I had initially used was only providing me with about 12 hours of blood pressure control. If I relied only on doctors, I would later be taking a high-dose anti-hypertensive drug like losartan, I’m certain most of them would have done it.

I have let dozens of people use my at-home blood pressure monitor. About half are hypertensive, yet only one person ever bothered making a doctor’s appointment and she went through a lot of hassles to get insurance to cover it.

If these hypertensive individuals were able to walk into a pharmacy and ask for a low-cost generic drug like losartan, I’m certain most of them would have done it.

The hassles of finding a doctor, setting up an appointment, waiting hours to see the doctor, dealing with one’s insurance (or paying out of pocket), dropping off the prescription at the pharmacy, then coming back to pick up the prescription causes too many people to ignore asymptomatic diseases like hypertension.

A one-month supply of losartan (sixty 50 mg tablets) if sold in a free market would cost less than $14 a month. This makes blood pressure control “affordable” to virtually everyone. Many pharmacies have blood pressure monitors for public use, so even if one cannot afford their own monitor, they could still achieve optimal blood pressure control by stopping by the pharmacy.

Under this free market reform, I envision private companies forming that would sell at-home blood pressure monitors and an array of low-cost blood pressure medications. These companies would provide hypertension advisors who would be trained to suggest medications to try based on one’s blood pressure readings and other variables. Even more efficient would be entering at-home blood pressure readings on to websites that would automatically suggest the best medication(s) and lifestyle changes.

household (or community) would be instructed to purchase an at-home blood pressure monitoring device (they cost less than $80). Twice a day monitoring would be advised until blood pressure is brought down to optimal ranges through lifestyle changes, supplements, and/or drugs that could be purchased over-the-counter.

If one drug caused an unpleasant side effect, another could be immediately tried. Consulting with a pharmacist would assist in identifying an effective, side-effect free anti-hypertensive drug for virtually everyone. The minority with refractory hypertension that fails to respond to lifestyle changes and simple drug therapy should of course see a doctor, who may prescribe multiple medications to reduce blood pressure.

If blood pressure drugs were allowed to be sold without a prescription, and the public notified that controlling their blood pressure was one of individual responsibility, I foresee a drop in hypertension-induced illnesses, huge reductions in sick-care costs, and an alleviation of the pending doctor shortage. With waiting rooms cleared of hypertensive patients, doctors would have more time to spend with those who have serious problems.

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The role of “individual responsibility” is significant as any drug can have side effects and there are certain people who should not take losartan such as pregnant women or women who may become pregnant. This information is instantly available on the Internet, so part of this kind of individual responsibility mandate is for people to spend a little time reading about any medication they decide to self-prescribe.

Naysayers to this free market approach overlook the impending shortage of doctors, the fact that most doctors aren’t adequately controlling their patients’ blood pressure, and that hypertension remains a leading preventable cause of death. They also ignore the epidemic of hypertension-induced disability (despite universal screening in doctor’s offices) and the fact that America cannot afford the inflated costs of over-regulated sick care, despite federal mandates that virtually everyone now be “insured.”

**Self-Treating Vascular Risk Factors**

A comprehensive blood test can reveal a host of factors that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

For instance, if fasting glucose is over 85 mg/dL, the rate of heart attack is 40% higher according to a large study of 22,000 people. In addition to the use of supplements (like green coffee extract) and lifestyle changes, people should be allowed to purchase glucose-lowering drugs like metformin and acarbose without tying up valuable physician time. Safety data is widely available and doses could be adjusted by empowered patients to achieve optimal glucose control.

**My Family Member’s Urinary Tract Infection**

A family member of mine traveled to Southern California for a week. She called me the first night complaining of a urinary tract infection. I gave her two choices.

She could log on to Google to find what antibiotic was currently being recommended for urinary tract infections and drive down to Mexico to buy it, OR go to a walk-in clinic to obtain a prescription. She delayed doing either and suffered for several days before going to a walk-in clinic and of course facing all the delays in getting the prescription filled.

How efficient, I thought, if pharmacies could sell an over-the-counter package that supplied an effective antibiotic, a temporary pain reliever, and a standardized cranberry supplement to help prevent recurrence. Such a “Urinary Tract Infection Cure” package might include:

1. **Nitrofurantoin**: ten 100 mg tablets. One tablet to be taken twice a day for five continuous days. This is one of the antibiotics of choice in curing urinary tract infections.
2. **Phenazopyridine**: six 200 mg capsules. Take one capsule three times a day for two days. This drug relieves urinary tract pain, burning, irritation, and discomfort, as well as urgent and frequent urination caused by urinary tract infections.
3. **CranMax**: thirty 500 mg capsules. Take one capsule daily for at least 30 days.

The cost for such a package would be less than $30, thus slashing this sick-care cost outlay, while mitigating the coming doctor shortage as urinary tract infections cause over eight million visits to physicians each year. The walk-in clinic visit alone for my family member cost over $150 and caused her to suffer days before finding the time to go. How much more humane and efficient if adults could buy a “Urinary Tract Infection Cure” package over-the-counter?
Elevated LDL is one of many underlying causes of atherosclerosis. If LDL levels remained stubbornly high despite lifestyle changes and use of supplements, low-dose statins should be available on a non-prescription basis. I mention low-dose because doctors too often prescribe such a high dose of statin drugs that side effects manifest. We long ago described studies showing that far lower doses of statins can produce desired reductions in LDL without creating new health problems.27,28

Empowered patients managing their own LDL/cholesterol levels would eliminate many doctor visits that clog waiting rooms.

Low testosterone is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease in men.29-32 A physician help-line could be established whereby doctors review a person’s blood test results and prescribe testosterone over the phone, thereby enabling more aging men to enjoy youthful testosterone ranges. Follow-up blood tests could guard against estrogen overload caused by the excess conversion of testosterone to estrogen and rule out rare side effects (such as overproduction of red blood cells).

Government regulators today are particularly concerned about people using testosterone without in-person physician visits. The reality is that hurried doctors often don’t prescribe ideal individual testosterone doses, fail to protect against estrogen overload, and neglect long-term follow-up to ensure optimal free testosterone status. A help-line solely dedicated to providing superior hormone balance in aging men could free up frontline physicians that need to be available to treat patients with serious illnesses.

There is no question that physical examinations by doctors who have adequate time to spend with each patient have clear advantages. But with a looming doctor shortage, this is no longer possible, and aging individuals should be given options that will save them (and the sick-care system) substantial dollars.

Nearly Half of Doctors Already Suffering Burn Out

A national survey of physicians finds the prevalence of burnout is already “alarming.”

Congress Partially Caused this Problem in 1997

With a growing, aging population, the demand for physicians will intensify over the coming years. The Association of American Medical Colleges estimates the United States faces a shortage of more than 90,000 physicians by 2020—a number that will grow to more than 130,000 by 2025.35

Congress capped the number of federally supported residency training positions 15 years ago with the passage of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.35

Increased medical school enrollment is part of the solution to addressing the doctor shortage.

QUICK FACTS:35

- Shortage of doctors by 2020 .................. 90,000
- Shortage of primary care physicians ........ 45,000
- Shortage of surgeons and specialists ...... 46,000
- Physicians likely to retire in a decade ..... 250,000
- Americans entering the health care system in 2014 ................ 32 million
- Time from the start of med school until new doctors enter practice ............. 7 years
This report corroborates the looming physician shortage and warns that 45.8% of physicians already suffer a symptom of burnout.33

One doctor describes that being asked to see more patients while not having enough time to devote to them makes one feel like “being on a hamster wheel.”

Experts were surprised at the high rate of burnout in frontline physicians and stated that this will adversely affect patient outcomes and ultimately drive up costs, as sick people aren’t being efficiently cured.34

When I develop a medical problem, I don’t want my life to depend on a “burnt out” doctor. If adults are given the option of self-medicating for simple and common problems like elevated LDL, hypertension, and urinary tract infections, then the quality of care can increase as the patient load decreases.

This article describes a few trivial changes to healthcare regulation that would slash medical expenses, improve patient outcomes, and alleviate physician shortages.

The financial news publishes articles each day describing how sick-care costs are bankrupting governments, businesses, unions, and individuals. I ask when you read these distressing reports that you recall that Life Extension has battled the inefficient regulatory structure behind this cost crisis since the early 1980s.

We predicted with intrepid certainty that failure to tear down suffocating regulatory barriers would lead to catastrophic economic problems while stagnating scientific advancement.
The looming shortage of physicians will affect most everyone reading this article. It is just one symptom of a sick-care system plagued by regulatory inefficiency.

The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to take aggressive care of your precious health every single day, as I know most of you do already.

Comprehensive blood tests performed annually, and access to a blood pressure monitor, are two simple steps that can enable Americans to become “empowered patients,” thereby not being 100% reliant on hurried physicians.

For longer life,

William Faloon

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Triglycerides

CARDIAC MARKERS
C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity)
Homocysteine
Fibrinogen

HORMONES
Free and Total Testosterone
DHEA-S
Estradiol (an estrogen)
TSH (thyroid function)
Vitamin D 25 hydroxy

METABOLIC PROFILE
Glucose
Kidney function tests: creatinine, BUN, uric acid, BUN/creatinine ratio
Liver function tests: AST, ALT, LDH, GGT, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase
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COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT (CBC)
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Platelet count

CANCER MARKER
PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen)

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Together, these enzymes work by an all-natural, synergistic process to help provide nutritional support for a healthy digestive system.

The twelve enzymes in value-priced *Extraordinary Enzymes* are:

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**WHAT’S NOT IN EXTRAORDINARY ENZYMES?**

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Tea Drinking Benefits Older Population

The British Journal of Nutrition published the findings of researchers at Duke University in North Carolina of a beneficial effect for tea consumption among older individuals residing in China.*

Danan Gu and associates analyzed data from 13,429 men and 19,177 women aged 65 years and older who participated in the Chinese Longitudinal Health Longevity Survey. Subject interviews provided data on frequency of tea consumption and other data. Tea drinking was categorized as daily or almost daily, sometimes (two to four times per week), or seldom or never.

Among men, those who reported drinking tea almost every day had up to a 20% lower risk of dying in comparison with men who seldom drank the beverage. Frequency of tea intake did not appear to have an effect on mortality among women in this study. However, the authors did note that for both sexes, high frequency of tea consumption decreases the risk of cognitive impairment, cumulative health deficits, cardiovascular disease, and disability in self-care.

Editor’s Note: In their discussion, the authors suggest that the higher prevalence of smoking among older Chinese men in comparison with women could make the protective effects of tea more noticeable in this group.

—D. Dye

Review Finds Reduction in Tooth Decay in Association with Increased Vitamin D

A recent issue of the journal Nutrition Reviews published an article by Dr. Philippe Hujoel of the University of Washington in Seattle, which found an association between increased vitamin D and reduced tooth decay in children.*

For his review, Dr. Hujoel selected 24 controlled clinical trials including a total of 2,827 children between the ages of 2 and 16 years. Vitamin D was increased by supplementation with vitamin D2, vitamin D3, cod liver oil, or ultraviolet light. The median follow-up period was 12 months, during which tooth decay was quantified by the number of new dental caries that occurred.

In a pooled analysis of subjects, tooth decay was reduced by 47% in children given vitamin D in comparison with those who did not receive it. No significant differences were observed between vitamin D2, vitamin D3, and ultraviolet light exposure.

Editor’s Note: Dr. Hujoel observed that the incidence of dental caries in young children is on the rise at a time when vitamin D levels are declining. "Whether this is more than just a coincidence is open to debate," he said. "In the meantime, pregnant women or young mothers can do little harm by realizing that vitamin D is essential to their offspring's health. Vitamin D does lead to teeth and bones that are better mineralized."

—D. Dye


Meta-analysis Affirms Benefit for CoQ10 Supplementation in Heart Failure

The results of a meta-analysis published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition indicate that supplementing with coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) is associated with an improvement in ejection fraction in men and women with congestive heart failure.

Colleagues at Tulane University selected 13 randomized, controlled trials involving CoQ10 supplementation that reported ejection fraction or New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional classification of congestive heart failure patients (which classifies the extent of the disease on a scale of I-IV). Coenzyme Q10 doses ranged from 60 to 300 mg/day, which were given for 4 to 28 weeks.

Pooled analysis of a total of 395 participants found an average net increase in ejection fraction of 3.67% among those supplemented with CoQ10 in comparison with control groups. New York Heart Association classification among CoQ10-supplemented subjects also improved slightly, although the researchers did not consider it significant.

Clinical research by cardiologist Peter Langsjoen in 2008 found that ejection fraction could be boosted from 24% to 45% (the higher the percentage, the better) using 450 mg/day of the ubiquinol form of CoQ10 on congestive heart failure patients.

Editor’s Note: Congestive heart failure occurs when the heart fails to pump in an efficient manner. The condition is assessed by measuring ejection fraction, which represents the fraction of blood pumped out of a heart’s ventricles each time it contracts.

—D. Dye

Reduced CoQ10 Levels Associated with Poor Neurologic Outcome and Greater Risk of Dying Following Cardiac Arrest

The journal *Resuscitation* published the results of a study conducted by researchers at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center which found a reduction in coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) among patients who died while hospitalized subsequent to resuscitation following cardiac arrest.*

The study included 23 post-arrest patients and 16 healthy controls. Blood samples obtained 24 hours after return of spontaneous circulation in the cardiac arrest group were analyzed for plasma CoQ10 and markers of inflammation, and compared to values obtained from the control subjects. Neurologic function among cardiac arrest survivors was assessed at hospital discharge.

Coenzyme Q10 values among cardiac arrest patients averaged less than half of those of healthy subjects. Patients who survived had CoQ10 levels that were nearly twice that of those who died during hospitalization. Similar differences were observed when those with good neurologic outcome were compared to those whose neurologic outcome was poor.

**Editor’s Note:** Cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly stops pumping, affects an estimated 350,000 individuals each year in the United States, resulting in a significant incidence of death and neurologic injury.

—D. Dye


Longer Telomeres Linked to Eating Less Fat, More Fruit, and Vegetables

A decrease in telomere length, which has been linked with age-related diseases including heart disease, has been found in a recent study to be associated with a reduced intake of vegetables in women and fruit in men. Men also experienced a decrease in average telomere length in association with a greater intake of fat, particularly butter. The study was reported in the *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.*

Researchers measured white blood cell telomere length in 1,942 men and women. Questionnaire responses were analyzed for the intake of fats, fruits, and vegetables. Higher total fat intake as well as saturated fat was associated with shorter telomeres in men, but not women, however, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats were not associated with telomere length in either gender. Consuming more butter was associated with shorter telomere length among men. Women who ate more vegetables and men who consumed more fruit had longer telomeres.

**Editor’s Note:** Telomeres are bits of DNA at the ends of chromosomes that shorten with cellular aging. Telomere length has been suggested as a marker for biological aging, chronic disease risk, and premature mortality. The authors remark that the increase in inflammation and oxidative stress associated with increased saturated fat intake could explain the adverse effect on telomere length observed in this study. However, fruit and vegetables are rich in antioxidants, which could help protect telomeres.

—D. Dye


Vitamin D Supplementation Improves Outcome in Men with Low-Risk Prostate Cancer

An article published in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* reports the findings of a trial conducted by researchers at the Medical University of South Carolina which revealed a benefit for supplementing with vitamin D among men whose prostate cancer was at low risk of progressing into a more aggressive form.*

The trial included 48 African-American and Caucasian men with low-risk prostate cancer who received 4,000 IU vitamin D3 daily for one year. Prostate biopsies were conducted before and after the treatment period. Nineteen men diagnosed with prostate cancer who underwent biopsies at a similar interval served as controls.

Of the vitamin D-treated subjects, 55% had fewer cancerous cores in their biopsied tissue or improved Gleason scores (which evaluate the prognosis of cancerous prostate tumors) at the end of the trial. In contrast, progression occurred in 63% of the men in the untreated control group.

**Editor’s Note:** Men with low risk prostate cancer frequently receive regular monitoring, as opposed to undergoing surgery or radiation which can cause unwanted effects such as urinary incontinence.

—D. Dye


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Omega-3 Supplementation Improves Working Memory in Young Adults

The journal PLOS One published an article recently that reveals a benefit for supplementation with omega-3 fatty acids on working memory in young men and women.*

University of Pittsburgh researchers led by Rajesh Narendran of the Department of Radiology tested the effects of a supplement providing 930 mg eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and 750 mg docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) in 11 men and women between the ages of 18 and 25. Evaluation of working memory, positron emission tomography (PET) imaging of the brain, and tests for red blood cell fatty acid levels were conducted before and after the six month treatment period.

Participants experienced an increase in plasma omega-3 fatty acid levels and improvement in working memory at the end of six months.

Editor’s Note: “What was particularly interesting about the presupplementation n-back test was that it correlated positively with plasma omega-3,” observed Bita Moghaddam, whose lab conducted the research. “This means that the omega-3s they were getting from their diet already positively correlated with their working memory.”

—D. Dye

The Healthy Gourmet Choice

Not all coffee provides the same powerful protection. 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.

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Comparison of Conventional Coffee to Life Extension’s Rich Rewards® Blend

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This chart shows Life Extension's Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend contains up to 87% more chlorogenic acid than conventional caffeinated coffees and the Rich Rewards® Decaffeinated Roast contains up to 187% more chlorogenic acid than conventional decaffeinated coffees. This enables one to obtain the benefits of heavy coffee drinking in about half the number of cups.

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Each capsule of Life Extension® Pycnogenol® French Maritime Pine Bark Extract provides:

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Carnitine Restores Cellular Function

A wealth of emerging technology demonstrates that as we gain control over individual mechanisms involved in cellular aging, systemic symptoms of degeneration can be slowed or even reversed.¹

One of the most promising mechanisms addresses our mitochondria,²,³ the powerhouses found in all human cells that control the energy we need to stay alive.⁴

Over time, our mitochondria decrease in both number and function. The result is essentially a short-circuiting of power to every area of your body. Keeping these cellular powerhouses functioning properly can postpone many of the so-called “inevitable” signs of aging. Research now shows that the amino acid carnitine can forestall and even reverse many well-known factors of aging.

With advancing age, carnitine levels decline in all of our tissues.²,³ That spells trouble for mitochondria, which become starved of energy and filled with cellular waste.³,⁴

Simply put, a carnitine deficiency leads to the wholesale destruction of our mitochondria. And, ultimately, this loss of mitochondrial function is likely to hasten death. Fortunately, carnitine is sold as a dietary supplement in the United States, available without the need of a doctor’s prescription as it is in some other countries. >
Why Mitochondria Decline with Aging

Mitochondria reside in nearly every cell in our bodies; they power cells by converting food into the energy our body needs to operate. Think of the mitochondria like the power company that supplies energy to your home. If the power goes out, your food spoils, your heating and air condition won’t work, you have no light. The same effect occurs within your body. If the mitochondria—your power supply—isn’t functioning properly, or if they decrease in numbers, then your cells won’t have the energy they need to power your body’s many functions.

As the amount of functioning mitochondria decreases, many of the “symptoms” of aging manifest. In part, this occurs because of the mitochondria’s continual burning of fatty acids to produce energy. In the process of releasing energy, huge bursts of oxidant compounds damage mitochondria and the cells that contain them. This steady assault leads to the gradual loss of mitochondrial function in all of our tissues.
The age-related decline in *mitochondrial activity* is largely responsible for cardiovascular and neurological disorders as well as obesity and type II diabetes.\(^6\)-\(^9\) Loss of mitochondrial function in muscle tissue also leads to the familiar “flabby” body composition we associate with older people because it causes muscle atrophy and increased body fat mass.\(^10\) From this list, you can see how essential carnitine is to your daily health.

Total carnitine levels in aging individuals are roughly 20% lower than in youth,\(^11\) which leaves mitochondria increasingly vulnerable to damage. Fortunately, studies have proven that supplementing with carnitine can restore mitochondrial function to near-youthful levels.\(^12\)

### Carnitine Reduces Death Rates

The heart muscle uses fat as its primary energy source. Carnitine is a fat-transporting compound that is absolutely essential for normal heart function.\(^13\) Over time, the decline of carnitine plays a role in the weakening of the heart’s muscles.\(^14\)

People with heart muscle damage from heart attacks or heart failure have especially low carnitine levels.\(^15\)-\(^17\) Fortunately, carnitine supplementation has proven to be remarkably effective in fighting and even reversing the heart-weakening effects from that drop in carnitine levels.\(^14\)

In one study, 160 male and female heart attack survivors between 39 and 86 years old received either 4 grams/day of L-carnitine or a placebo for 12 months.\(^18\) The patients taking L-carnitine experienced significantly favorable decreases in heart rate and blood pressure; they also had improved blood lipid profiles. Most importantly, those supplementing with carnitine had a dramatically reduced death rate compared to those not taking carnitine. Patients taking carnitine had a death rate of just 1.2% in the entire year, while 12.5% of control patients died, with the majority of deaths attributed to repeat heart attacks.\(^18\)

L-carnitine supplementation also prevents the progression of heart muscle damage in people with congestive heart failure and improves exercise tolerance in people who develop chest pain (angina) with exertion.\(^15\) In one study, 55% of patients experienced improvement in their standard heart failure classification.\(^15\)

People with angina, an early sign of heart muscle threatened by ischemia (low blood flow), benefited from carnitine supplements. A natural derivative of L-carnitine, *propionyl-L-carnitine*, at a dose of 500 mg 3 times daily, increased the mean time that patients could exercise without EKG signs of ischemia by an impressive 450%.\(^16\) That result indicated improved blood flow to heart muscle cells following ischemia, an effect amply demonstrated in animal studies.\(^19\)-\(^20\)

Carnitine also increases concentrations of *nitric oxide* that help endothelial cells relax and increase blood flow, which can help lower blood pressure.\(^21\)-\(^23\) Three weeks of supplementation with 2 grams of
L-carnitine improved blood flow by 17% during the critical after-meal period in a group of people fed a high-fat meal; placebo patients had a 12% decrease in blood flow.24 And a daily 6-gram intravenous dose of propionyl-L-carnitine for one week improved walking distance in people with peripheral arterial disease by 28%.25

**Two Groups Gain Exceptional Benefits**

Two groups stand to gain exceptional benefits from carnitine supplementation: diabetics and those on dialysis. Both groups are at especially high risk for cardiovascular complications and early death, and both groups have an even greater depletion of carnitine than others of the same age.17,26

Dialysis exerts huge stresses on the human body, all of which accelerate atherosclerosis and heart disease. The addition of a 1 gram, IV dose of L-carnitine at the end of each dialysis session markedly reduced chemical markers of stress and increased levels of the protective cytokine adiponectin.26

The same 1 gram dose, given orally, produced a marked reduction in serum inflammatory markers and factors that promote excessive blood clots.27 Finally, a dose of 10 mg/kg of carnitine (about 750 mg/day in an average-sized person) produced a significant 12% decrease in the size of the heart’s left ventricle in dialysis patients.28 That “left ventricular hypertrophy” is a known complication of hemodialysis and contributes to early heart failure.

Diabetics suffer from both ischemic (low blood flow) and non-ischemic heart muscle dysfunction, much of which can be reduced by long-term oral L-carnitine supplements.29 Animal studies show that whether you’re a diabetic or not, oral supplementation with L-carnitine helps your heart muscle pump harder and more efficiently.29 Even more impressive, carnitine’s mitochondria-friendly actions help reduce body fat mass, which in turn improves insulin sensitivity and may help control blood sugar levels.30,31

**Carnitine Fights Diabesity**

As obesity rates skyrocket, more and more Americans are developing type II diabetes as a result, producing a syndrome called “diabesity.”32,33

Since carnitine helps the mitochondria utilize energy, it plays a critical role in reducing the occurrence and impact of diabesity.34 Recent studies show that in addition to helping the mitochondria burn fat as energy, carnitine is also vital for removing waste products from mitochondria.2,35 This is important,

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**Anti-Aging Benefits of Carnitine**

- A major cause of aging is the decline in function of mitochondria, the tiny powerhouses that energize our cells.
- Most chronic diseases of aging reflect loss of mitochondrial function and numbers, limiting the energy available to cells as we age.
- Poorly-functioning mitochondria also impose huge oxidant stress on their parent cells, further accelerating aging and shortening life.
- L-carnitine, a molecule with several related forms, provides mitochondria with both the energy they need and the antioxidant protection that they must have to retain their youthful function.
- Carnitine supplements extend life by increasing energy to tissues throughout the body.
- Carnitine supplementation has proven effective in reducing fatigue, enhancing cardiovascular function, improving body composition and promoting weight loss, lowering blood sugar levels, and delaying or reversing brain degeneration.
- Its energy-releasing properties make carnitine a useful supplement for reducing the deadly cachexia experienced by many cancer patients.
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Obesity and aging contribute to low carnitine levels, which compromises mitochondrial performance and increases insulin resistance, promoting further obesity and carnitine reduction.2 Restoring carnitine levels to their youthful values is an effective way to break this deadly cycle.2

Human volunteers who took L-carnitine 3 grams/day for 10 days had favorable changes in body composition.36 Supplemented patients used their fat for energy, burning it 22% faster than control patients, without any increase in muscle protein breakdown. Another study, using 2 grams/day for 6 months, demonstrated a loss of total fat mass of 4 pounds, with a gain in lean muscle mass of 8.4 pounds.37

Animal studies confirm and extend these findings, showing that propionyl-L-carnitine decreases body weight gain, food intake, and fat composition, while improving insulin resistance.34

Carnitine also has multiple favorable effects on blood sugar and insulin resistance, the hallmarks of type II diabetes.35 Animals fed a high fat diet develop the same symptoms and signs that humans do: obesity, insulin resistance, abnormal lipid profiles, and liver damage, which are known as metabolic syndrome. Just 4 weeks of treatment with L-carnitine reversed all of those abnormal parameters.30,32,38,39

Important Forms of Carnitine

The basic L-carnitine molecule that supports mitochondrial function is available in several forms, each of which offers specific functions:

- L-carnitine tartrate is a stable salt form of L-carnitine and has been shown to be absorbed faster than other L-carnitine compounds.81 It favorably affects biochemical markers of recovery from physical exertion, optimizing the processes of muscle tissue repair and remodeling.82

- Acetyl-L-carnitine is a molecule chiefly active in moving fat molecules across the mitochondrial membrane.69 It readily crosses into the brain from the bloodstream, and its extra acetyl molecule provides additional energy directly to brain cells.

- ArginoCarn®* is a patented form of acetyl-L-carnitine arginate dihydrochloride that is molecularly bonded to the amino acid arginine and known as the AminoCarnitine® generation. In a way that closely resembles natural nerve growth factor, this compound induces outgrowth of the tiny but essential nerve cell protrusions called neurites that underpin memory formation and learning.70

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Carnitine Defends Memory

Most forms of age-related memory and cognitive decline are closely related to mitochondrial dysfunction in brain tissue. That provides an obvious opportunity for intervention with a mitochondrial enhancer such as carnitine. Most studies of neurodegeneration used the acetyl-L-carnitine form of carnitine.

The impact of acetyl-L-carnitine is especially important in Alzheimer’s disease, the leading cause of dementia and mild cognitive impairment in the United States. One early study showed that supplementing with acetyl-L-carnitine every day for a year led to improvements on the cognitive portion of a standard Alzheimer’s disease rating scale in patients younger than 61.43

More recent studies have shown good effects even in older patients, but, as with all forms of prevention, the earlier you start taking carnitine, the more powerful the effects on memory. Doses ranging from 1.5 to 3 grams/day of acetyl-L-carnitine have consistently been shown to produce treatment effects several-fold greater than placebo alone, with the greatest impact in patients in the earlier stages of the disease.44-46 Improvements from acetyl-L-carnitine supplementation can be seen as early as 3 months, and continue to increase over time.45 (Carnitine has not been found effective in patients with advanced Alzheimer’s.)

Laboratory studies explain some of the reasons for acetyl-L-carnitine’s impact on Alzheimer’s disease, and most of them focus on carnitine’s mitochondrial protective properties.

Scientists can induce Alzheimer’s-like changes in brain cells using a variety of chemical techniques. What they consistently find is that treatment with acetyl-l-carnitine enhances mitochondrial function and slows development of Alzheimer’s-like changes, which include accumulation of amyloid beta.47 Even after dangerous quantities of amyloid beta form in brain tissue, acetyl-L-carnitine treatment reduces its impact.3

Lab animals with conditions similar to Alzheimer’s disease demonstrate improved memory and learning when treated with acetyl-L-carnitine.47,48 In fact, treated animals show increased expression of important memory-associated proteins that had become impaired by Alzheimer’s disease.49

Acetyl-L-carnitine is useful in other forms of cognitive decline as well, even in poorly-defined conditions such as mild cognitive impairment. People supplemented with 1.5 to 2 grams/day of acetyl-L-carnitine daily show marked improvement on standard mental status and memory scores.50,51 These effects are especially impressive among the very old, including at least one study of people over 100 years old.37

Carnitine Benefits Body Composition

Carnitine’s influence on mitochondrial function can improve age-induced changes in body composition. When lab animals were given carnitine, they experienced reductions in their abdominal fat mass, increases in their muscle strength, and lower concentrations of leptin, a cytokine that triggers fat-induced inflammation.10,52

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Benefits of supplementation go well beyond memory, however. Not surprisingly for a mitochondrial function-boosting compound, improvements in energy level, and reduction in physical and mental fatigue are commonly reported in studies of carnitine supplementation (both with L-carnitine and acetyl-L-carnitine).37,53 And a few studies have found improvements in depression while patients supplement with L-carnitine.34,55
Supplementing with carnitine can help preserve cell energy levels, reduce fatigue, enhance heart muscle strength, reduce the impact of obesity and diabetes, slow signs of brain aging, and protect heart attack victims from dying.

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- Improved cardiovascular performance.\(^{11}\)

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Natural Support for Cellular Energy Production

Optimized Carnitine with GlycoCarn®

Diminished cellular energy production is an inevitable consequence of aging. As adults mature, the cellular power plants known as the mitochondria become dysfunctional. The resulting slowdown in energy production manifests in numerous health problems.

Nutritional researchers have discovered that the amino acid carnitine promotes the burning of fat for fuel in the mitochondria, thus promoting youthful levels of cellular energy production.* Researchers have now identified several optimized, next-generation forms of carnitine that not only help boost cellular energy production, but also may confer targeted benefits for the brain, heart, muscles, and central nervous system.

**Optimized Carnitine with GlycoCarn®** combines these advanced forms of carnitine—acetyl L-carnitine, glycine propionyl L-carnitine, and acetyl L-carnitine arginate—in a single formula that provides balanced, broad-spectrum support for cellular energy production throughout the body.

*Acetyl L-carnitine* readily crosses the blood-brain barrier to combat oxidative stress and promote energy production in critical brain and central nervous system tissues. Acetyl L-carnitine also supports healthy brain function by stimulating the release of acetylcholine and dopamine, two neurotransmitters that play vital roles in brain health and communication.*

*Acetyl L-carnitine arginate* has an added molecule of arginine that enables it to augment the effects of acetyl L-carnitine, promoting the growth of neurites that facilitate communication among nerve cells in the brain.*

*GlycoCarn®* is a patented form of AminoCarnitine®, that is a molecularly bonded to the amino acid glycine and known as the AminoCarnitine® generation that quickly penetrates into heart, endothelial, and muscle cells, with effects that range from protecting heart muscle from lack of blood flow to combating muscle fatigue by increasing muscle energy stores of glycogen.*

Two capsules of **Optimized Carnitine with GlycoCarn®** provide:

- Acetyl L-carnitine HCl 800 mg
- ArginoCarn® Acetyl L-carnitine Arginate Di-HCl 300 mg
- GlycoCarn® Glycine Propionyl L-Carnitine HCl 300 mg

A bottle of 60 vegetarian capsules of **Optimized Carnitine with GlycoCarn®** retails for $36. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to only $24 per bottle.

**References**


**CAUTION:** For some people, L-carnitine, especially acetyl-L-carnitine, may have a stimulating effect. Therefore, it may be unwise to take it in the evening.

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Item # 00916
Over time, levels of carnitine diminish in all of our tissues,\(^1,2\) reducing cellular energy production and metabolic activity—an major cause of aging.\(^3-9\) For those whose regimen demands higher potencies, we now offer **L-Carnitine Powder** with **Natural Lemon Flavor**!

Maintaining normal levels of carnitine supports the optimum functioning of the mitochondria, the powerhouses found within human cells. Mitochondria produce the energy that our vital tissues need to keep us vibrant, healthy, and young—and for life itself.\(^10\)

**L-CARNITINE POWDER**…

- Carnitine helps maintain cellular metabolic activity by assisting in the intracellular transport of fatty acids from the cell fluid into the mitochondria, where fats are oxidized to generate cellular energy.\(^1-13\)
- Helps prevent excess accumulation of cellular debris.\(^14-16\)
- Supports a healthy concentration of nitric oxide, which helps endothelial cells relax and maintain blood flow—supporting proper blood pressure.\(^17-19\)
- Helps the body maintain healthy body fat composition, which in turn supports insulin sensitivity and healthy blood sugar levels already within normal range.\(^20,21\)
- Supports brain cells’ natural defenses against age-related memory and cognitive decline.\(^22,23\)

**Support the optimum functioning of your mitochondria with a high-quality L-Carnitine supplement—now available as L-Carnitine Powder with Natural Lemon Flavor.**

A one-scoop serving of **L-Carnitine Powder with Natural Lemon Flavor** provides 1,000 mg of L-Carnitine (from L-Carnitine tartrate). Depending on individual requirements and carnitine you may be obtaining in other formulas, one to two scoops may be taken daily with or without food.

A container of 60 servings of **L-Carnitine Powder** retails for $28. If a member buys four containers, the price is reduced to $18 per container.

The advantage of **L-Carnitine Powder** is to enable convenient supplementation with higher doses. Those who prefer capsules can choose from several carnitine formulas available to Life Extension members at discounted prices.

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ARE YOU TAKING THE OPTIMAL FORMS OF VITAMIN E?

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

Prestigious scientific journals have highlighted gamma tocopherol as one of the most critically important forms of tocopherols which includes d-alpha tocopherol (natural vitamin E) for those seeking optimal health benefits.

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

**SESAME LIGNANS: THE NATURAL VITAMIN E BOOSTER**

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

In a human study that combined gamma tocopherol with sesame lignans, gamma tocopherol/sesame was 25% more effective than gamma tocopherol/tocotrienols in suppressing tissue measurements for free-radical and inflammatory damage. Since tocotrienols are considered nature’s most potent antioxidants, the fact that low-cost gamma tocopherol with sesame is more effective is a remarkable finding.

Life Extension fortified the popular Gamma E Tocopherol supplement with standardized sesame lignans extract long ago. Consumers thus obtain superior benefits at a much lower cost.

**WORLD’S MOST COMPREHENSIVE VITAMIN E FORMULA!**

The Gamma E Tocopherol with Sesame Lignans formula provides potent doses of critically important gamma tocopherol along with sesame lignans to augment its antioxidant effects. Suggested dose is one softgel daily.

The retail price for 60 softgels of Gamma E Tocopherol with Sesame Lignans is $32. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to only $21.75 per bottle.

Contains soybeans.

Antioxidant Vitamins & Cancer. Some scientific evidence suggests that consumption of antioxidant vitamins may reduce the risk of certain forms of cancer. However, the FDA does not endorse this claim because this evidence is limited and not conclusive.

**NOTE:** Those taking Super Booster do not usually require additional gamma tocopherol.

**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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The older eyes get, the more susceptible they become to an array of debilitating issues that can hamper eyesight and cripple quality of life. With just a few drops of the proper eye lubricant, eye irritation stemming from dryness may be alleviated. Brite Eyes by Life Extension® provides a powerful dose of two well-established lubricants in every drop, soothing eye discomfort without irritation. Hydroxymethylcellulose and glycerin are FDA-approved for ophthalmic use and are uniquely preserved with potent antioxidants and anti-glycating agents.

The Brite Eyes formula is buffered in a way to make it soothing to the eye. The suggested use of Brite Eyes III is to apply 1 to 2 drops in each eye every day.

Each box of Brite Eyes III contains two individual vials that provide 5 mL each. The reason for putting Brite Eyes into individual vials is to reduce the risk of bacterial contamination. Having small vials also makes it convenient for consumers to keep Brite Eyes readily accessible at home, the office, in one’s purse or pocket, and other places where access to a soothing eye drop is needed.

Eye support is essential to preventing age-related vision problems.
Someone in America develops Alzheimer’s every 68 seconds. This rate is projected to more than double by 2050, to one every 33 seconds.¹

Alzheimer’s research is accelerating, but there is still no cure. A vast array of published data, however, shows that making healthy dietary choices, along with proper use of nutrients, hormones, and drugs may dramatically reduce one’s risk of developing this mind-destroying killer.

Most recently, an innovative brain scan was unveiled that for the first time can accurately diagnose the brain plaques that are characteristic of Alzheimer’s. More than 300 hospitals and imaging centers have the ability to perform this scan.²

The dilemma we face today is that the five drugs approved for Alzheimer’s only partially treat some of the symptoms. None of them can slow or stop the progression of the disease itself—let alone reverse it.³

Just because mainstream medicine has no solutions doesn’t mean you’re powerless against Alzheimer’s.

Dozens of compounds have ample research behind them demonstrating their ability to take aim at multiple degenerative steps in the development of Alzheimer’s.⁴⁵ This may not only prevent the disease from developing, but it can also modify the course of the disease itself—reversing cognitive deficits, restoring memory, delaying the progression of disease, and more. >
The Complexity of Alzheimer’s

Symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease, the most common form of dementia, begin with insidious loss of memory which progresses to involve all aspects of cognition, including confusion and mood swings. After a painful and lingering illness, Alzheimer’s causes death; it’s the 6th leading cause of death in Americans overall, and the 5th among those over 64.2

Doctors are in a scientific and therapeutic quandary with Alzheimer’s. We know a great deal about the disease’s risk factors, about the pathological changes that occur in the brain, and about the biochemistry underlying them. We can predict with accuracy the natural course of the disease, once its symptoms become evident.

But to date, conventional medicine can do almost nothing to slow or stop the disease’s progression, let alone prevent or reverse it.3,7
NUTRITIONAL STRATEGIES TO COMBAT ALZHEIMER’S

Part of the problem is the complexity of Alzheimer’s. Rather than having a few clear-cut causes that can be targeted with individual medicines, a host of interrelated abnormalities contribute to Alzheimer’s disease.4 These develop slowly, and most are already in place by the time the first symptom arises.4 Ultimately, loss of brain cells and their billions of connections leads to atrophy, or shrinkage, of the brain itself, especially in the hippocampus and cortex, brain areas responsible for memory, cognition, and personality.6

No synthetic drug can yet address these multiple factors. Nutraceuticals offer a different approach. Rather than a single target, these natural products take aim at multiple steps in the development of Alzheimer’s.5

The list of researched nutraceuticals that offer hope for modifying the course of Alzheimer’s disease is long, and growing. Many of these nutrients attack Alzheimer’s at multiple target points.8-10

The list is so long, in fact, that it’s easy to become overwhelmed and to wonder which nutrients are right for any one individual to choose. That answer, of course, is highly individualized.

What we have done is meticulously compile a listing of supplements grouped by the kind of evidence available to support their use. The first group includes nutrients with good support from strong human studies. The second group includes those with extensive evidence from epidemiological studies relating intake (or blood levels) to the risk of Alzheimer’s disease. The third group is comprised of nutrients for which we have strong laboratory evidence, but for which human studies are still incomplete. The science behind nutritional strategies for preventing Alzheimer’s continues to evolve. Here’s what we know as of today...

### Nutrients with Strong Evidence from Human Studies

#### Acetyl-L-Carnitine

Acetyl-L-Carnitine is a natural amino acid-derived molecule that contributes to movement of fatty acids and other vital fuels from the cell into mitochondria.11-13 As such, it contributes to brain mitochondrial health and efficiency.12-15

Animal studies show that acetyl-L-carnitine supplementation decreases buildup of amyloid beta and tau proteins, and speeds degradation of amyloid beta, thus contributing to its rapid clearance from brain cells.15-17 At the same time, acetyl-L-carnitine boosts natural cellular antioxidant levels.15 These changes are accompanied by improved memory, cognition, and behavior, including slowing the rate of deterioration.13,18

Compared to control patients, Alzheimer’s patients supplemented with acetyl-L-carnitine at doses of 2 to 3 grams/day for three to six months show slower decline in multiple cognitive functions, reduced attention deficits, and increased energy available to cells as ATP, the universal energy-storage molecule.19-23 Acetyl-L-carnitine research provides the first demonstration that a nutrient therapy may modify the course of Alzheimer’s disease.
the clinical and central nervous system neurochemical parameters of the disease, unlike any existing drugs, which only influence symptoms.\textsuperscript{3,20}

Acetyl-L-carnitine supplements, like most nutraceuticals, work in the earliest stages of Alzheimer’s disease, emphasizing the importance of starting the supplement well before the onset of detectable symptoms.\textsuperscript{21,22} Studies also show that adding acetyl-L-carnitine to the prescription drugs donepezil or rivastigmine in mild Alzheimer’s can improve the response rate to these drugs from 38\% to 50\%.\textsuperscript{11}

**Ginseng**

*Panax ginseng* and its extracts are used in traditional Chinese medicine to enhance memory and cognition. This natural plant product has multiple mechanisms of action, including reducing amyloid beta plaque formation, enhancing amyloid beta clearance, and reducing brain cell death.\textsuperscript{24-27} Animal studies show that ginseng treatment reverses many of the memory and behavioral abnormalities found in models of Alzheimer’s.\textsuperscript{28}

Human clinical trials show good efficacy of ginseng extracts in terms of improving scores on the standard Alzheimer’s rating scales.\textsuperscript{29} One study of ginseng, 4.5 grams/day showed improvements that continued until treatment was stopped, after which scores declined to those of the control group.\textsuperscript{30}

**Huperzine**

Huperzine A is a biochemical component of the Chinese club moss *Huperzia serrata*. It binds reversibly to the enzyme that destroys the neurotransmitter acetylcholine, helping to maintain the signaling molecule’s presence in the synapses, where nerve cells communicate.\textsuperscript{31,32} This mechanism is similar to that of most common Alzheimer’s drugs available today, but Huperzine also blocks the excitatory NMDA channels that overstimulate brain cells, offering a path not only to symptom relief but also to slowing the disease itself.\textsuperscript{33} Finally, huperzine protects mitochondria from the destructive effects of amyloid beta, and triggers enzymes that degrade the toxic protein.\textsuperscript{34,35}

Human studies of Huperzine at doses of 200 to 400 mcg twice daily have shown significant improvement,\textsuperscript{31,36-39} with some studies demonstrating improvements of 61\% to 348\% compared with placebo in scores measuring Alzheimer’s disease severity and activities of daily living.\textsuperscript{31,37} Minor side effects such as ankle swelling and insomnia have been reported in 3\% of patients taking huperzine.\textsuperscript{37}

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**What You Need to Know**

**Nutrients Attack Multiple Mechanisms of Alzheimer’s Disease**

- Alzheimer’s disease steals people – first it takes their memories, then their personalities, and finally their lives.
- Someone in the US gets Alzheimer’s almost once a minute, and that rate is rising sharply.
- Conventional medications can only modify symptoms; they are entirely ineffective at changing the course of the disease.
- Nutritional supplements, each of which has multiple mechanisms of action, are best suited for combating Alzheimer’s; many different supplements show promise at slowing the disease and reversing the biochemical abnormalities that underlie it.
- Combinations of supplements may offer the most comprehensive protection against Alzheimer’s disease.
- Regardless of which supplements you choose, starting early (before symptoms appear) is likely to produce much better effects than waiting until the disease’s mind-robbing actions are evident.
NUTRITIONAL STRATEGIES TO COMBAT ALZHEIMER’S

Lipoic Acid

Lipoic acid is a small molecule that’s essential for proper mitochondrial energy production. It boosts natural cellular antioxidant systems. Lipoic acid protects brain cells from death induced by amyloid beta and other oxidizing substances. It also binds tightly to toxic metal ions, preventing them from inducing oxidant stress. Lipoic acid boosts production of acetylcholine in the brain, making more of the neurotransmitter available. In animal models of aging brains, alpha-lipoic acid slows development of cognitive dysfunction and memory loss, and prevents degeneration of brain cells.

In human studies, alpha-lipoic acid supplementation at 600 mg/day led to stabilization or slowing of cognitive decline, with Alzheimer’s disease scores remaining constant for 1 year and progressing extremely slowly over 4 years. As with most supplements, the effects are more pronounced in patients with early stages of the disease.

Editor’s Note: Alpha-lipoic acid is a 50/50 mixture of two different chemical forms of lipoic acid, an “R” form and an “S” form. Studies show that the “R” form is more biologically active and more bioavailable than the “S” form—as such, a lower dose of pure R-lipoic acid can be considered.

N-Acetylcysteine (NAC)

N-acetylcysteine (NAC) is an amino acid precursor of the cellular antioxidant glutathione. As such, it can boost intracellular protection against the ravages of oxidant stress. NAC has been used in the laboratory successfully to clean up reactive oxygen species and ameliorate the behavioral changes seen in older animals and those with features of Alzheimer’s.

Social isolation is known to increase the risk of Alzheimer’s disease, resulting in increased oxidant stress levels and higher levels of amyloid beta. An intriguing study in mice showed that NAC supplementation could mitigate isolation-induced oxidant stress and amyloid beta formation.

Human studies, though limited in number, have demonstrated slowing of deterioration in those with Alzheimer’s supplemented with n-acetylcysteine (NAC), particularly for cognitive tasks.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids

People with high intakes of fish oil, rich in omega-3 fatty acids, have lower levels of all kinds of dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease. People with lower levels of omega-3 intake have greater Alzheimer’s risk.

## Nutritional Support for the Brain

- **Curcumin** (as absorption-enhanced BMC95®): 400–800 mg daily
- **R-Lipoic acid**: 240–480 mg daily
- **Acetyl-L-Carnitine**: 1,000–3,000 mg daily
- **Fish oil**: providing 1,400 mg EPA and 1,000 mg DHA daily
- **Vinpocetine**: 10–30 mg daily
- **Pyrroloquinoline quinone (PQQ)**: 10–20 mg daily
- **Phosphatidylserine**: 100 mg daily
- **Coffee (caffeinated)**: 3-5 cups daily, ideally standardized to provide highest concentration of polyphenols.
- **Blueberry extract**: 150–750 mg daily
- **Green tea extract** (standardized to 98% polyphenols): 725–1,450 mg daily
- **Resveratrol**: 250 mg daily
- **Whole grape extract**: 150 mg daily
- **Magnesium**: 140 mg daily as magnesium-L-threonate and at least 100 mg daily as magnesium citrate
- **Vitamin B12**: 1,000–5,000 mcg daily
- **Vitamin B-6**: 250 mg daily
- **Folate** (preferably as L-methylfolate): 400–1,000 mcg daily
- **Vitamin D**: 5,000–8,000 IU daily; optimal blood levels of 25-OH-vitamin D are between 50–80 ng/mL
- **Coenzyme Q10** (preferably ubiquinol): 100–300 mg daily
- **N-acetylcysteine (NAC)**: 600–1,800 mg daily
- **Ashwagandha extract**: 250 mg daily
- **Alpha glyceryl phosphoryl choline**: 600 mg daily
- **Huperzine A**: 200–800 mcg daily
- **Panax ginseng**: 400–1,000 mg daily
- **Vitamin E**: 400 IU daily with at least 200 mg gamma tocopherol
- **Ginkgo biloba** (standardized extract): 120–240 mg daily
Omega-3 fatty acids, especially DHA and EPA, reduce inflammation and form important components of brain cell membranes. Human studies of omega-3 supplementation are encouraging, but it appears that benefits arise mainly in people with very early Alzheimer’s, or mild cognitive impairment, the stage that precedes Alzheimer’s itself. Once the disease has reached the mild to moderate stage, no beneficial effects are seen.

**Vitamin D**

Vitamin D is best known for its role in calcium metabolism and bone health, but the past decade has revealed multiple other crucial effects of the vitamin, which has receptor molecules throughout the body, especially in brain cells. Vitamin D is now considered a neurohormone, with multiple beneficial effects in the brain. Older adults, and especially people with Alzheimer’s have abnormally low vitamin D levels compared with the healthy population. Those with the lowest levels have as much as a 25-fold risk of having the Alzheimer’s predecessor, mild cognitive impairment when compared to those with highest vitamin D levels.

The specific cause and effect relationship remains murky, but it is clear that vitamin D has many different means of protecting brain cells. These include regulation of brain cell calcium channels, nerve growth factor, and nitric oxide synthesis, as well as antioxidant and anti-inflammatory mechanisms. Vitamin D also stimulates clearance of amyloid beta, an effect that is boosted by curcumin.

Studies show an improvement in cognition associated with an improvement in vitamin D status. Vitamin D has some overlap in mechanisms with the Alzheimer’s drug memantine, and a recent study showed that using both the drug and supplement together gave superior results to using either alone.

**Ginkgo Biloba**

Extracts of *Ginkgo biloba* have been in use in Europe for more than a decade as a prescription drug to treat degenerative dementias including Alzheimer’s disease. Ginkgo reduces brain cell death and may enhance clearance of the precursor to amyloid beta proteins.

Clinical trials in the US and Europe demonstrate that ginkgo extracts improve cognitive function, but the findings have not been consistent. One study showed ginkgo extracts can slow progression of early Alzheimer’s by up to 25 months, while also delaying the need for dependence on caregivers.

Several studies compared ginkgo with donepezil, one of the standard drugs for Alzheimer’s treatment. Both showed no detectable differences between donepezil 5-10 mg and ginkgo 160-240 mg in terms of cognitive improvement, and one showed that the combination of donepezil and ginkgo, while not improving outcomes, did reduce the donepezil-related side effects.

Ginkgo extracts at the higher dose of 240 mg/day seem to show still more impressive benefits in randomized, placebo-controlled trials, again in patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s, but not all human studies show benefit.

**Nutrients with Strong Evidence from Epidemiological Studies**

**Coffee**

Many large epidemiological studies show that moderate coffee consumption (3-5 cups of caffeinated coffee/day) is associated with reduced risk for Alzheimer’s. People who drank coffee at that level in mid-life had a 65% decrease in Alzheimer’s risk later in life. And high blood caffeine levels appear to prevent the progression of minimal cognitive impairment to fully-developed Alzheimer’s.

Studies show that caffeine can reduce brain levels of toxic amyloid beta proteins in animals, while...
More Facts About the Alzheimer’s Epidemic

- Roughly **5.4 million** Americans suffer from Alzheimer’s disease.
- Alzheimer’s primarily affects older people, but an estimated **200,000** people under 65 are also afflicted.
- With the aging of baby boomers, an additional **10 million** Americans are expected to develop the disease in the coming decades.
- By 2050, it’s estimated that a million new cases will arise per year; that will amount to a prevalence of **11 to 16 million** in the US alone.
- The percentage of deaths from heart disease and stroke fell by **13 and 20%**, respectively, between 2000 and 2008; the proportion due to Alzheimer’s rose by **66%** in the same time period.
- More than **15 million** family members provided an estimated **17.4 billion** hours of care to people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias.
- Payments for health care services for those with Alzheimer’s are estimated at **$200 billion** per year.
- Medicare costs for those with Alzheimer’s are **3 times** those for people without the disease.
- One in seven people with Alzheimer’s lives alone, while up to half have no identifiable caregiver.
- People with Alzheimer’s who live alone are exposed to many other health risks than those who live with others.

Magnesium

Magnesium is a mineral that is essential for myriad human biological functions. It is especially important in the brain.

Increasing brain magnesium using a special compound called **magnesium-L-threonate** restores degraded neuronal connections by increasing **synaptic density**, a process that underlies learning and memory.100

Lab studies show that magnesium modulates enzymes involved in amyloid beta production; at low levels, magnesium favors amyloid beta buildup, while at higher levels, it favors amyloid beta breakdown.101,102 There’s also evidence that magnesium opposes the effects of excitotoxic neurotransmitters; this would have the effect of reducing inflammation and perhaps amyloid beta deposition.103

Magnesium levels are markedly lower in people with Alzheimer’s disease than in healthy controls, and the degree of magnesium deficiency correlates with the severity of the disease.104-106

Vitamin E

People who have high intakes of vitamin E from food are at lower risk of Alzheimer’s than those who don’t, but studies of typical vitamin E supplements don’t find that effect.107,108 The difference is that most supplements are comprised almost solely of the **alpha tocopherol** form of vitamin E,107,109 whereas the major form of vitamin E from food is **gamma tocopherol.** More current studies show that the **gamma** forms of vitamin E provide needed brain benefits.110,111

Specifically, higher intakes and levels of **gamma tocopherol** and **gamma tocotrienol** are associated with lower risks for both Alzheimer’s and its predecessor, mild cognitive impairment.107,109,112

not only slowing but in fact reversing the amyloid beta-associated cognitive impairment.89,94,95 Just 1 to 2 months of caffeine treatment restored memory and lowered brain amyloid beta levels in mice.89

Coffee’s other components, including **chlorogenic acid**, also have major protective effects on brain cells.90,96-99 It is likely, however, that coffee’s primary benefit to brain health is related largely to its **caffeine** content.
The Underlying Pathological Factors Associated with Alzheimer’s Disease

Numerous abnormalities exist in the brains of people with Alzheimer’s disease, though there is considerable scientific debate about which are causes and which are consequences. Prescription medications cannot change any of these abnormalities; rather, they contribute marginally to improving symptoms. By contrast, virtually every one of these anomalies has shown some response to therapy with nutraceuticals in lab studies:

- **“Senile” plaques**: these are collections of abnormal proteins called amyloid beta, composed of a precursor called amyloid precursor protein; these extracellular plaques impose oxidant stress and trigger inflammatory changes and ultimately death of brain cells.
- Neurofibrillary tangles: these are intracellular structures also composed of abnormal proteins called tau; like amyloid beta they trigger cell destruction and ultimately death.
- **Imbalanced neurotransmitters**: levels of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine are inadequate for proper signaling in Alzheimer’s disease; modern drug therapy is almost exclusively directed at boosting acetylcholine levels in brain cells, though this neither slows nor stops the disease progression.
- **Oxidative stress**: most researchers believe that oxidative stress is one of the true “fundamental” causes of Alzheimer’s, although the precise mechanisms are unclear; oxidant stress is both a cause and a consequence of abnormal protein accumulations such as amyloid beta.
- **Inflammation**: like oxidant stress, inflammation is now recognized as a root cause of Alzheimer’s; inflammation is triggered by oxidant stress and also causes it, and release of inflammatory cytokines and invasion of brain tissue by inflammatory cells appear to exacerbate the condition.
- **Inefficient mitochondria**: disturbances of energy flow through mitochondria, the “reactors” that power cellular processes, releases huge amounts of oxidative molecules that damage surrounding cell structures as well as mitochondria themselves.
- **Elevated homocysteine**: homocysteine is an amino acid that is elevated in many chronic conditions; elevated levels can increase activation of tau and amyloid precursor proteins, leading to deposits of amyloid beta and neurofibrillary tangles.
- **Excitotoxicity**: like any machine run at high levels for a long period, the brain suffers from too much excitatory signaling, typically caused by the neurotransmitter glutamate; excitotoxicity can result not only from normal wear and tear, but also from most of the other abnormalities described above.

### Nutrients with Strong Laboratory and Theoretical Evidence

#### Ashwagandha

The Ayurvedic plant, Ashwagandha, has widely-demonstrated beneficial effects, many of which are attributed to several of its antioxidant components, which are more powerful than most commercial antioxidants.

Extracts from Ashwagandha’s fruit and root protect brain cells in culture from the oxidant effects of amyloid beta; in one study they negated the cell death caused by amyloid beta.

Laboratory findings reveal that ashwagandha extract inhibits acetylcholinesterase, an enzyme responsible for breaking down acetylcholine, one of the brain’s key chemical messengers. Drugs such as
Given the impact of inflammation in the Alzheimer’s disease brain, it is natural that scientists would look with hope to the group of drugs known as non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). The NSAIDs include common, over-the-counter drugs like ibuprofen and naproxen, certain prescription drugs, such as celecoxib, and aspirin, the oldest NSAID in existence.

All of the NSAIDs work by inhibiting activities of enzymes, cyclooxygenases (or simply COX), which are involved in production of inflammatory signaling molecules called prostaglandins. By inhibiting COX activity, the hope is that one might reduce inflammatory changes in brain tissues of people with Alzheimer’s disease.

Epidemiological studies are encouraging, consistently showing lower incidence of Alzheimer’s disease among people who use NSAIDs regularly, with greater protection among those who use them over long time periods.184-186 The rate of protection varies somewhat, but in general NSAID users develop Alzheimer’s at rates in the range of 40 to 65% of those in people not using NSAIDs.184,185

Animal studies also show improvement both in physical changes in the brain on NSAIDs and also in behavior, memory, and cognition. Unfortunately, human studies have been less convincing, until quite recently. Earlier studies showed little improvement in Alzheimer’s patients taking NSAIDs, but more recent, and more carefully-designed studies now suggest that certain NSAIDs (naproxen and ibuprofen) may slow disease progression in patients with very early, mild disease.187-190 And at least one study showed that a regimen of both ibuprofen 400 mg/day and aspirin 500 mg/day for one year resulted in modest increases in performance on cognitive testing in middle-aged women with normal cognition.191

But these beneficial results seem to occur only in patients with very early Alzheimer’s, or in those who as yet show no symptoms. In fact, there’s some evidence that taking NSAIDs in more advanced Alzheimer’s disease can worsen certain aspects of the disease.189,190

Some studies focus specifically on aspirin, the prototypical NSAID derived originally from willow bark. In addition to its ability to block the inflammation-inducing COX enzymes, aspirin has additional benefits of importance in Alzheimer’s disease. For example, it reduces the number of activated platelets; people with Alzheimer’s often have excessive amounts of activated platelets, which may contribute to poor blood flow in the disease.192 An exciting synergistic effect has been suggested between aspirin and the omega-3 fatty acid DHA: aspirin appears to promote conversion of DHA into anti-inflammatory molecules that may help to blunt the effects of inflammation on development of Alzheimer’s disease.193,194

Metformin, like aspirin, is a well-established modern-day drug with natural origins (it’s derived from a French lilac bush).195-197 Most applications for metformin today have to do with diabetes and insulin resistance, which are increasingly relevant topics for Alzheimer’s researchers. In fact, the brain impact of diabetes and insulin resistance is so great that some scientists term Alzheimer’s “Type III diabetes.” 198 Studies show that metformin helps the body break down and deactivate proteins that contribute to the neurofibrillary tangles characteristic of neurons affected by Alzheimer’s disease;199 obese mice with experimental Alzheimer’s show fewer biochemical brain changes when treated with metformin.200
Aricept®, which is currently used in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease, act in this very manner to slow the progression of this mind-robbing disease as well as improve cognition and behavior.115

**B-Vitamins**

The B vitamins folate (B9), pyridoxine (B6), and cobalamin (B12) are essential for recycling of the molecules that make up DNA; without sufficient B vitamins there is a buildup of the amino acid homocysteine, which is toxic to many tissues. Elevated homocysteine levels are a known risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease, though it is still unclear if homocysteine is actually a cause of the condition.116-118

Laboratory and human studies show that B vitamin supplements lower homocysteine, slow buildup of abnormal proteins amyloid beta and tau, and reverse the cognitive and memory deficits induced by artificially elevated homocysteine levels.119,120

**Blueberries**

Blueberries are extremely rich in the beneficial plant molecules called polyphenols, which are powerful antioxidants.121 Polyphenols can also affect the way genes are expressed, switching on those that offer protection against neuronal damage, and switching off those that signal increased inflammation or other deleterious effects.122

Blueberry extracts’ antioxidant actions help protect neurons against the damage done by amyloid beta proteins.121,122 They have also been shown to protect neurons and improve animal behavior even when amyloid beta levels are unchanged, meaning that they provide protection “downstream” from amyloid beta’s oxidant and inflammatory effects.124-126

**CoQ10 and PQQ**

Coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10) and pyrroloquinoline quinone (PQQ) are essential nutrients that help keep mitochondria healthy by improving their efficiency at burning foods to produce energy.127-130

Laboratory studies show that CoQ10 supplementation reduces the amount of amyloid beta plaque formation in brain cells, resulting in improved behavior.131,132 PQQ acts after amyloid beta has already accumulated, helping cells recover from amyloid beta-induced oxidant stress, preventing neuronal cell death, and decreasing further production of reactive oxygen species.133

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**Balancing Hormones, Especially DHEA, in Alzheimer’s**

Although its effects are not fully understood, it’s clear that stress of all kinds takes a toll on the brain. Eventually, mainly under the influence of excessive levels of the stress-response hormone cortisol, structural and functional changes occur, especially in the hippocampus, the brain’s most concentrated region of memory-processing neurons.201

Normally, the effects of cortisol are balanced by high brain concentrations of the neurosteroid dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA).202 DHEA, and its “sulfate” form, DHEAS, are the most abundant hormones produced by the adrenal glands, the body’s stress-controlling organs.203 These hormones serve to protect hippocampus and other brain cells from oxidative stress and the deleterious immune system disruptions induced by cortisol, which left unchecked can drive inflammatory processes that further damage memory and cognition.204,205

With advancing age comes a drop in DHEA production, however, while cortisol production is relatively unchanged (in fact, some studies suggest that cortisol increases with age).201-204 The sharp decline in DHEA levels is often referred to as “adrenopause,” and is thought to contribute to age-related increases in atherosclerosis, cancer, and dementia.203

The resulting imbalance in the DHEA/cortisol ratio is a direct measure of risk for Alzheimer’s disease: people (especially women) with Alzheimer’s have much lower DHEA/cortisol ratios than do healthy age-matched controls, who in turn have lower ratios than younger adults.201,206

Laboratory and animal studies demonstrate that DHEA supplementation has substantial anti-inflammatory effects in the brain, including inhibition of nitric acid production, an early inflammatory signaling molecule.204,207 DHEA also stimulates production of new neurons in tissue-culture experiments.208 DHEA produces a restoration of youthful cognition and memory when older animals, or those with Alzheimer’s disease, are supplemented with the neurohormone.210,211
Studies in animal models of Alzheimer's disease demonstrate the value of these multiple mechanisms on learning and memory. Curcumin supplements given even after the onset of Alzheimer's-like symptoms result in fewer mistakes on memory-dependent tasks, and improved performance on mazes that test both reasoning and memory.144-147 When the animals' brains are examined at the end of such experiments, they demonstrate significantly less brain cell death in memory-processing brain areas.145

In one of the most dramatic experiments to date, curcumin supplements were found to protect against brain aging in general among mice treated with an age-accelerating compound.148 These remarkable findings were accompanied by improved performance on cognitive tasks and enhanced locomotion; in these animals' brains improved oxidant defenses and restored mitochondrial enzyme activities were observed as well. This kind of reversal of Alzheimer's damage is something no existing drug can do.

**Grape Seed Extract**

Grapes, and particularly their seeds, contain very high levels of proanthocyanidins, clusters of polyphenols that have multiple health benefits including anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects. But they also have remarkable gene modulating activities, directing protein expression away from that seen in Alzheimer's and towards a more normal state.149 And they readily cross the blood-brain barrier to be deposited in brain tissue.150
Resveratrol

Resveratrol is a multi-functional polyphenol that plants use as an antifungal compound; it is found abundantly in red grapes.\textsuperscript{8,160-162} Resveratrol has antioxidant characteristics, but scientists are especially excited about its ability to change how genes are expressed.\textsuperscript{163} This so-called epigenetic capability allows resveratrol to affect multiple points in the complex series of events that ultimately produces Alzheimer’s symptoms.\textsuperscript{164}

Studies show that these properties of resveratrol act both before and after amyloid beta protein is deposited in brain tissue. Resveratrol promotes enzyme actions that slow amyloid beta production, and speed its clearance, while it also promotes expression of enzymes that limit the nitric oxide and inflammatory cytokine production that amyloid beta triggers.\textsuperscript{160,165-168}

Glucose utilization is impaired in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients, leading to further deterioration of their cells; this is one of the many ways that Alzheimer’s and type II diabetes overlap. Breaking research reports that resveratrol can promote glucose utilization in brain cells, potentially mitigating the destructive effect of elevated sugar.\textsuperscript{169}

Vinpocetine

Vinpocetine is an alkaloid derived from the periwinkle (Vinca) plant.\textsuperscript{170} It increases brain blood flow and decreases platelet aggregation through its inhibition of the enzyme PDE1.\textsuperscript{170,171} Vinpocetine also produces higher brain levels of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine that is deficient in Alzheimer’s disease.\textsuperscript{171}

By separate mechanisms, vinpocetine provides antioxidant protection to brain cells, and markedly reduces mitochondrial dysfunction.\textsuperscript{170-172} These combined mechanisms, and perhaps others, contribute to vinpocetine’s ability to prevent neuronal damage and improve impaired learning and memory in animal models of Alzheimer’s.\textsuperscript{171}

Nutrient Combinations

The multifactorial nature of Alzheimer’s disease makes it a natural condition for combinations of nutrients that, together, can target many, if not most, of the underlying molecular damage.\textsuperscript{173}

Studies of a mouse model of Alzheimer’s reveal so much improvement in learning in supplemented mice that their performance could not be distinguished from that of healthy mice. The supplement contained curcumin, piperine, epigallocatechin gallate, alpha-lipoic acid, n-acetylcysteine, B vitamins, vitamin C, and folate.\textsuperscript{174}
Several human studies have been done with a supplement containing curcumin, piperine, EGCG, alphalipoic acid, N-acetylcysteine, B vitamins, vitamin C, and folate in those with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s disease. Patients’ performance on standard neuropsychiatric measures were equivalent to those on donepezil, and exceeded those of galantamine, drugs in current use for Alzheimer’s. Even in institutionalized patients with later-stage disease, this formulation produced an improvement of about 30% on the standard neuropsychiatric inventory. This formulation has also been shown to improve cognitive performance in people without dementia, demonstrating the power of combined supplementation.

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Summary

Alzheimer’s is a complex, multifactorial, and progressive disease that steals mind and memory. To date, mainstream medicine remains baffled by the condition, with just 5 drugs on the market, none of which can modify or slow disease progression.

Nutritional supplements, on the other hand, have multiple mechanisms, offering a broader front on which to attack Alzheimer’s. Many different supplements show great promise by acting on several or many different targets in the disease’s progression. Combining many nutrients together is proven to offer even greater impact.

Using a combination of multitargeted supplements may be the only way to stop or slow Alzheimer’s disease, and prevent it from taking away your personality.

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The essence of fame is recognition; whether at a restaurant or a park or the grocery store, when you’re famous, people know who you are. But what happens when you’re a celebrity and one day, and as you’re helping your mother make her bed, she looks at you blankly and says, “You’re a really nice lady. Do I know you?”

Such is the power and devastation of Alzheimer’s disease—capable of rendering one of the most recognizable people on television a complete stranger to her own mom. The celebrity in this case is Emmy Award-winner Leeza Gibbons; the Alzheimer’s victim, her mother Jean. Unfortunately, this scenario, which played out in Jean’s bedroom, has been reenacted in some shape or form by the loved ones of the five million people suffering from this disease in the United States.
The Evolution of a Health Advocate

“My mom was relatively young when she started showing signs of the disease,” Gibbons says. “She was in her late fifties. In the beginning, it’s very common to have forgetfulness and behavioral issues with hygiene and things like that. My mom would repeat herself quite often and she knew things were getting worse. I would have to go through her wardrobe to put together easy outfits for her to wear because she was losing the ability to plan.”

At first, Gibbons and her family didn’t want to face the fact that the matriarch of their family, a strong, vivacious, sharp woman, was fading before their eyes. Even though Gibbons’ grandmother died of Alzheimer’s, it was extremely hard for her to reconcile that the disease was now ravaging her own mother.
“I remember going to visit my grandmother, who wouldn’t recognize us, and my mom would say, ‘if this ever happens to me, I don’t want you to visit me. I won’t know you and I want you to live your life’,” Gibbons says. “At the time, I thought, number one, there’s no way it’s going to happen to her; and number two, there’s no way I wouldn’t see her.”

By the time Jean Gibbons was 62, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, and the slow, torturous march of the disease had begun. Ten years later, she had mentally disappeared, unable to recognize anyone in her family.

“My mom had given us strict orders when she was healthy that she didn’t want to live with us if she couldn’t call us by our names,” Gibbons explains. “But during the progression of the disease, my family members and I had to come together to figure out what to do.”

Personally, Gibbons admits to spending the first year or so of her mom’s diagnosis on a self-imposed wild goose chase to find the cure. She was a journalist, after all, and she felt that if she could just travel to the right places and speak to the right people she could find a way to stop the advancement of the disease. This time and energy she spent trying to find answers was in response to the feeling that all family members of Alzheimer’s victims face: utter helplessness.

“For the first few years, I couldn’t bear the feeling of being helpless,” she says. “It felt so uncomfortable. Looking back, I realize now that you just have to capitalize on all the time that your loved one is still capable of being themselves. There’s so much blame and shame and feelings that follow a diagnosis that people miss out on that valuable time. That’s why I beat the drum so loudly about getting an early diagnosis.”

Leeza’s Place is Born

Eventually, Leeza would stop spinning her wheels looking for a miracle cure and get down to the business of being a caregiver and tackling the reality of facing Alzheimer’s head on.

“In a brilliant stroke of parenting before the disease had gotten too bad, my mother told me directly that I’m a reporter, and that what was happening to her was a story that I could tell to help others,” Gibbons says. “Every time I get to do that now, it’s an honor.”

From those simple marching orders, Gibbons has created a veritable Alzheimer’s Caregiver empire of invaluable resources for the loved ones of Alzheimer’s disease patients.

“There was no ‘a-ha’ moment and no epiphany that I had to start the Alzheimer’s programs and facilities that exist now,” she says. “It was such an organic evolution. It was like a blossoming. I was grieving and it dawned on me that here I am, this health advocate, waiting to get going. It was such a beautiful shield that helped me with my grief and it has been my heart’s employment ever since.”

The results of Gibbons’ self-described “blossoming” are staggering. To start, there’s Leeza’s Place: A Place for Caregivers, whose mission Gibbons’ describes so eloquently on the Leeza’s Place website:

“We began with my promise to my mother that I would take her story of stolen memories and use it to educate and empower. Now, we have a new promise…and that is to all of you who wonder where the strength will come from; all of you who wake in the middle of the night with a terrifying gasp of “now what”; all of you who journey so courageously and feel so alone. We promise there is life after diagnosis. We promise to give you the tools to find your way and together we will begin to make it better.”

There are currently four Leeza’s Place locations: Leeza’s Care Connection at Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, California, Leeza’s Place at Olympia Medical Center in Los Angeles, California, Leeza’s Place Memorial Hospital Pembroke in Pembroke Pines, Florida, and Leeza’s Place at Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, Illinois.
“We’re not involved in the diagnosis or medical area of Alzheimer’s,” Gibbons explains. “What we do is become partners with continuing care in the community. We align ourselves with hospitals and non-profits while our partners handle the medical side of things. I like to think of us as trained in the matters of the heart. Our doors are always open and we make sure we do not have a clinical feel at all. Our centers have a living room setting.”

Leeza’s Place is focused on free caregiver support and provides information, both at the centers and on the website, about every aspect of dealing with a loved one’s Alzheimer’s diagnosis. Everything from advice about assisted living facilities, care providers, finances, insurance, legal information, and even retirement research is available.

On a personal level, nothing is off the table in terms of helping people get through the emotional upheaval of a loved one’s diagnosis. The facilities provide reiki stress relief, humor therapy, legacy writing, scrapbook writing, and even poetry readings. They offer different classes in every location in order to help victims any way that they can.

“We know what we’re doing works,” Gibbons says. “And we know there’s a high demand for it. We have four centers right now, but we need four thousand. That’s why it’s so important to affiliate with a website like AlzheimersDisease.com to let people know that this resource is out there. Even if someone doesn’t live near a facility, our websites can be extremely valuable.”

**Remarkable Research on the Horizon**

In addition to Leeza’s Place, Gibbons hosts the Dare2Care event in Hollywood that honors celebrities and their philanthropic interests. This “party with a purpose” raises funds for Leeza’s Place. But Gibbons believes in a two-pronged approach when it comes to taking on Alzheimer’s. While one aspect is dealing with the caregivers and the victims themselves, the other is the science and the scientists who are working to find an actual cure for the disease. To that end, Gibbons is using her appointment by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to be an Alzheimer’s Advocate to good use, as evidenced by her involvement with the renowned California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM).

“It is a remarkable assignment,” Gibbons says. “I feel like we’re at the front door of cutting-edge cures. California is the mecca of stem cell science and this agency is the only one of its kind that has been created. The voters in our state designated three billion dollars to go to stem cell research. We didn’t want to wait for the National Institutes of Health or the government, we want to aggressively go after treatments and cures and get them to people as soon as possible.”

One of the more exciting developments that Gibbons has been a part of is a research project at the University of California - Irvine that involves injecting stem cells into the hippocampus to restore memory in mice. In the mouse models, the scientists put mice in a water maze and taught them how to get out so that each mouse could get out one hundred percent of the time. Then they gave the mice an Alzheimer’s-like disease and waited for it to take effect so that none of the mice could navigate the maze. Once the mice reached this stage, stem cells were injected into the hippocampus of each mouse and many of them were able to navigate the maze again.

“I did a little victory dance when I heard about that study,” Gibbons says. “I know it’s just mice and there is a giant leap to go from a mouse to a human, but we all want to see evidence that something might work. Even if it doesn’t work, then we know that that’s a ‘no,’ and we learned something.”

The main objective of CIRM is to bring the brightest minds in stem cell science together. Case in point, the recent awarding of the Nobel Prize to CIRM-funded scientist Shinya Yamanaka, who discovered that mature, specialized cells can be reprogrammed to become immature cells capable of developing into all tissues of the body. This groundbreaking discovery has led to new research fields that will experiment with reprogramming human cells to create new opportunities to study diseases and develop methods for diagnosis and therapy.
From a diet perspective, Gibbons believes that a proper diet along with a healthy lifestyle can help delay the inevitable.

“How preventative are blueberries when it comes to Alzheimer’s disease? I don’t know, but I’m sure going to eat them!” she says. “I also take elderberry, tumeric, omega-3s, and curcumin, so it’s a balance. All I know is that I promised my kids that I’d do everything I could to make sure that I don’t get my mother’s disease. I’m sitting right here at the front lines of science to throw money at the best and brightest to find a cure. I believe I’m doing everything that I personally can to attack this disease and I sleep well at night. It’s like my mom always said, ‘Show up, do your best, and let go of the rest.’”

In Gibbons’ case, her best is changing lives for the better.

Leeza Gibbons is perhaps best known for her role as an anchor and reporter for Entertainment Tonight, but she currently hosts the AARP’s TV series My Generation on PBS as well as co-hosts the syndicated show America Now. For more information on Leeza, visit www.leezagibbons.com. For information on Leeza’s Place, visit www.leezasplace.org. Follow Leeza on Twitter @LeezaGibbons

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Leeza Gibbons on
How to Deal with a Loved One’s Alzheimer’s Diagnosis

The number one thing to remember is that it’s a marathon, not a sprint. You have to have a team of people and you will want to find lots of options for support. You'll need legal advice, psychological advice, and both physical and spiritual support. I don’t care how smart and resourceful you are, dealing with this disease is a foreign language. Take advantage of the people whose job it is to mine all the resources for you. That’s what they live for.

One of the things I always talk about is going the distance. As a caregiver, you will deplete and you will empty out quickly. You’re going to get to the end of your rope fast. You have to figure out how to balance your work, your children, your family, everything. Life has to go on. You have to figure out how not to lose yourself in the disease and your loved one’s battle. Most importantly, you need to remember that a heart never forgets. Love transcends a disease.

“Early on there was controversy, but we were given a mandate by the voters and we have been disbursing the money as instructed,” Gibbons says. “It has funded such incredible scientists across the state and we are now a beacon of stem cell research.”

From the Laboratory to Real Life

While Gibbons has amassed enough knowledge about the effects of Alzheimer’s disease and caregiving to be considered an expert, she is quick to remind people that she is not a scientist, and when it comes to her own personal lifestyle, she just tries to avoid many of the common triggers that can be detrimental to overall health.

“Stress is a killer,” Gibbons says. “It’s not the friend of any disease. If you can mitigate stress in your life, it’ll be good for your heart and good for your mind. A great way to do that is through exercise. Daily exercise, a good night’s sleep, and stress reduction are three of the easiest, most proven things people can do to improve their health.”

Gibbons admits that practicing what she preaches on that front has taken time because she has a strong work ethic and has had to learn to shut things down at the end of the day.

“It’s an emerging skill that I’ve been developing that I’m proud of,” she says. “Sleep is imperative. I really prioritize it. Not stressing about work is imperative. I’ve learned to just walk away from whatever I’m doing to relax at the end of the day.”

From Leeza: “This is a book about re-booting your life at any point. Starting over, taking inventory, getting smarter, stronger and sexier. No apologies, no regrets, no turning back. My life lessons at the half-way point—told from my “grits” to “glitz” path as a mother, caregiver, business woman, entertainment host, television personality, makeup mogul, daughter, fundraiser, accountant, kisser of boo-boo’s and encourager of dreams—moving ever forward in the glare of the spotlight.”

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A bottle of 120 capsules of Bone Strength Formula with KoAct® retails for $42. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $28.50 per bottle.

Four capsules of Bone Strength Formula with KoAct® provide:

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If you need extra bone support, ask your healthcare professional how Bone Strength Formula with KoAct® can be part of a comprehensive nutritional program in conjunction with proper resistance exercise. Life Extension offers many mineral formulas that may complement Bone Strength Formula with KoAct® to ensure optimal mineral intake.

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Healthy sleep is one of the best ways to feel revitalized and maintain optimal health. Increasingly, research has shown the health benefits of a good night’s sleep. Melatonin is one of the most popular supplements for supporting sleep.

Now, pick the right melatonin for your needs with doses ranging from 300 mcg to 10 mg. For optimal results, melatonin should be taken within 30-60 minutes of going to sleep.

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There are three forms of vitamin K that the human body can utilize to promote arterial health and bone support.¹⁻⁸

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

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References
Do I Need Testosterone Replacement?

Q: I am a 61-year-old man in generally good health, but I’ve been experiencing some worrisome symptoms lately. I just don’t seem to have the vigor that I once had, I feel fatigued much of the time, as though my mind were in a fog, and my enthusiasm for work and recreation isn’t what it once was. Could I be suffering from testosterone deficiency? If so, is testosterone replacement safe and effective at my age? What tests should I undergo? What are the risks of the therapy?

A: You ask some important questions, ones that I hear all the time from men in my integrative urology practice. Let’s see if we can shed some light on this important issue.

First, testosterone deficiency (or “low T,” as some TV ads put it) is real. There’s been a gradual decline in average testosterone in men around the world over the past few decades. In industrialized nations, as many as 10% of men have testosterone below the “normal” level; that number rises to 15 to 30% in diabetic or obese men.1,3
Testosterone deficiency is unfortunately under-diagnosed; too many men have their symptoms written off as “normal aging” or depression, when in fact there may be a chance to intervene favorably. In fact, fewer than 10% of men with testosterone deficiency receive treatment.

For reasons not yet entirely worked out, we see testosterone levels begin to decline in adult men at about the age of 30, after which levels fall about 1% per year. So by the time you are 61, your testosterone levels are likely to have fallen nearly a third compared to what they were in your youth.

Naturally, not all men experience testosterone decline at precisely the same rate, but when levels drop as they may have in your case, it’s not at all unusual for there to be some changes that you can see, and also that you can feel.

Although testosterone is produced by both men and women, it is traditionally thought of as a male hormone, and in men, about 90% of it is produced in the testes. We see the effects of testosterone in men after puberty in the form of so-called secondary sex characteristics: facial and body hair; a deepening of the voice, clear muscle definition, etc.

So, with decreasing testosterone levels, the changes you may see have to do with some of those features: diminished muscle mass or definition, decreased strength, and so on. Men in my practice frequently complain that their workouts aren’t as effective as they once were; it takes them longer and they have to work harder to maintain their “buff” look.

But testosterone is also a neurohormone, with profound effects on our behavior and mood. So the things you may feel with declining testosterone are a decrease in sex drive and performance, sleep disturbances, including trouble getting to sleep or staying asleep, loss of concentration, irritability, and a general loss of drive for work and play, just as you report. I often hear from men whose testosterone levels are low that they just don’t find themselves turning heads on the street the way they used to.

Your comment about “mind fog” is important. This is indeed often a complaint I hear from men with low testosterone. On the other hand, men with prostate enlargement (benign prostatic hypertrophy, or BPH) may suffer from multiple sleep interruptions at night, when they need to get up to urinate frequently. Those disruptions of a normal sleep cycle may also be contributing to your fatigue. If you think you might be suffering from BPH, it is important that you have your prostate evaluated before beginning testosterone treatment.

Step 1: Modify Lifestyle Factors That Affect Testosterone Levels

Some other factors might be influencing your experience as well, entirely unrelated to testosterone levels: are you taking other medications that could produce somnolence or a sense of weakness? Do you have an abnormality in blood chemistry that might explain it? Are you having exceptional stress in your life? Any of these (and many others) could explain your symptoms, but most of them can also be causes of falling testosterone levels.

And there are plenty of modifiable things that could cause your testosterone to drop. Obesity is one of the best known; fat tissue contains enzymes that convert testosterone to estrogen, robbing you of your male hormone and raising levels of your female hormones (both men and women need to have both testosterone and estrogen for normal function, but testosterone is predominant in men, estrogen in women). With obesity comes the metabolic syndrome and diabetes, two additional known risk factors for testosterone deficiency.
Smoking is another known factor that can speed a man’s declining testosterone levels, as is excessive alcohol consumption. And stress can suppress them substantially. So, before considering testosterone therapy, I always encourage men to change what they can in terms of these risk factors. That usually means losing some weight, and always means quitting smoking, even if it requires short-term drug therapy. Cutting alcohol intake to not more than 1-2 drinks/day is also likely to be helpful.

One word about exercise: regular, mild exercise will help raise testosterone levels, but constant over-exertion can have precisely the opposite effect: levels can drop even further. Be sure your exercise regimen is not excessive; it’s best to do it under the supervision of a trainer or physician.

**Step 2: The Medical Work Up**

Once we’ve addressed all those risk factors, if symptoms persist, it is indeed time to consider testosterone replacement therapy. A visit to your doctor for a thorough history and physical exam is vital preparation for testosterone therapy. I don’t believe that anyone should embark on any kind of hormone replacement therapy without a physician’s guidance, so that means no ordering testosterone from websites promising sexual vitality and a youthful body!

At that office visit, your doctor will perform a rectal exam to estimate the size of your prostate, and to determine if you have any enlargement (the rectal exam is also a screen for prostate cancer). I won’t start testosterone replacement therapy in any man with a significantly enlarged prostate, because treatment could cause further, rapid enlargement of the prostate, which could block your urine flow. You might need to be started on one of the available drugs to relieve prostate enlargement before you can initiate testosterone therapy.

At your doctor’s office you’ll also provide a blood specimen to be tested for prostate specific antigen (PSA), as a further screen for cancer. I also perform an ultrasound of the prostate. This helps me standardize a man’s PSA level to get a more accurate idea of any potential cancer risk.

Finally, your blood will be tested for its testosterone and estradiol content. While there are several ways to measure testosterone, in my practice I simply use the total testosterone level. It is also important to check estradiol levels because many men with deficient testosterone over-convert testosterone to estradiol resulting in higher than desirable levels of estradiol. Men with higher levels of estradiol should begin an aromatase inhibitor at the same time as testosterone replacement therapy is initiated to prevent this conversion. Note that you don’t have to have been fasting prior to these blood tests.

**Step 3: Time for Testosterone**

So, assuming that, given your symptoms and a normal physical exam, your testosterone level comes back in the deficient range, we then have a number of options for treatment. Probably the most commonly-used therapy is a topical gel, which you would apply to your arms, abdomen, or legs— not your scrotum.

It’s important at this stage to emphasize patience! It can take weeks to months not only to achieve desirable levels, but also to begin to see and feel the results.

And recognize that, since you have a cluster of symptoms, they may resolve at different rates.

Side effects of testosterone therapy are generally minimal and rare. A few men develop acne, while even fewer may experience breast enlargement, which is a sign that they are converting too much testosterone into estradiol, warranting the prescribing of an aromatase-inhibiting drug like anastrozole.

Perhaps the most significant effect of testosterone replacement therapy is that it will cause your testes, your normal source of testosterone, to dramatically reduce their own production of the hormone. That can mean shrinkage of the testes over time, as well as a decrease in sperm production. So, younger men, or any man interested in his fertility, should be aware that testosterone therapy could lead to infertility.

Conversely, a man who is past his reproductive years, and who gets good results from testosterone replacement, may find that he will need to continue treatment for life (or for as long as he desires the
Testosterone Therapy and Prostate Cancer

And that brings us to a final important question, namely, what is the impact of testosterone therapy on prostate cancer? Many prostate cancers are “androgen dependent,” that is, they require a certain level of testosterone in order to grow and survive. That, for many years, made physicians leery of starting replacement therapy for fear of triggering or promoting a malignancy.

More recently, however, we’ve learned that this is largely an unnecessary concern. While it could be potentially dangerous (and counterproductive) to start testosterone replacement in a man with active prostate cancer, we now know that in men with treated prostate cancer, whose PSA levels are stable, testosterone therapy is safe.

Summary

Testosterone deficiency in older men is a real and growing problem, though its symptoms often overlap with those of other conditions. That means a thorough history and physical exam is mandatory before considering testosterone replacement, as is a baseline measurement of testosterone. Losing weight, cutting back on drinking, and stopping smoking are non-invasive steps you can take to raise your testosterone levels naturally. Testosterone therapy, if indicated, is generally safe, easy to apply, and free of major side effects, but men should recognize that long-term testosterone therapy can produce infertility.

Since low testosterone is statistically associated with higher risks of a host of age-related diseases such as reduced longevity, risk of fatal cardiovascular events, obesity, muscle wasting, mobility limitations, osteoporosis, frailty, cognitive impairment, depression, Sleep Apnea Syndrome, and other chronic diseases, you may be doing yourself a favor far greater than simply reducing your troublesome symptoms.

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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The Aging Process

As we age, we begin to notice that our body and mind do not function as they did when we were in our twenties. Aging is often attributed to one’s worsening quality of life due to symptoms such as fatigue, low energy, loss of motivation, weight gain, decreased sex drive, depressed mood, anxiety or irritability, loss of memory or loss of concentration. The good news is these symptoms are not “just a part of getting older” and you don’t have to live with these “symptoms of aging” anymore!

What is Hormone Replacement Therapy?

The symptoms that we often attribute to being “a part of getting older” are actually due to hormones declining which occurs as both men and women age. Bioidentical hormone replacement therapy can help men and women renew their lives! Some of the many benefits of bioidentical hormone replacement therapy for both men and women are listed above. Bioidentical hormone replacement therapy will reverse all symptoms of hormone imbalance and return men and women to the optimal physical, sexual, mental, and emotional health of their 20s and 30s.

What are Bioidentical Hormones?

Bioidentical hormones are considered natural hormones because they are the exact molecular structure of the hormones produced by the human body. Synthetic hormones are commonly prescribed and are considered artificial because they are not the same molecular structure of the hormones produced by the human body. For example, the most commonly prescribed estrogen in women, Premarin®, is a synthetic estrogen produced from the a pregnant horse’s urine. It does not take an expert to realize that horse estrogen belongs in a horse and not a human. Studies have shown that synthetic hormones have many side effects and many expert physicians believe that bioidentical hormones are a much safer and more effective form of hormone therapy.

Are There Any Side Effects?

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Why Choose Genemedics Health Institute?

Finding a highly qualified bioidentical hormone replacement therapy physician is one of the most important decisions that you will make! Would you let your primary care physician, urologist or OB/GYN physician perform heart surgery on you? Probably not. As good as your physician may be in their field, they simply do not have the proper training to perform heart surgery. The same applies for bioidentical hormone replacement therapy. Unfortunately, many physicians prescribe hormones to patients despite not having the proper training and knowledge. A physician prescribing too low of a dose of bioidentical hormones will result in limited results and benefits. A physician prescribing too high of a dose of bioidentical hormones will cause side effects.

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- Cost of Blood Work - Insurance often covers blood work. If it is not covered by insurance, Life Extension® offers discounted prices for members. Average out-of-pocket cost is $259 per lab panel (per 6 months).

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Energy to burn. It’s more than just a phrase. It’s the key to a healthy life span.

Behind every process your body needs to survive and thrive are the cellular energy generators known as mitochondria. Their function is so crucial that a growing number of scientists now believe mitochondrial longevity may determine overall longevity in aging humans. That’s why Life Extension has remained at the forefront in identifying innovative compounds that specifically support mitochondrial health.

In addition to the more comprehensive Mitochondrial Energy Optimizer with BioPQQ™ and standalone PQ products, we now offer a one capsule per day formula for individuals seeking a simplified, low-cost option called Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ™.

The reason? We want all members to have access to targeted nutrients required to support mitochondrial function and the generation of healthy new mitochondria.

Three Premium Compounds in One Low-Cost Formula

Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ™ brings together cutting-edge mitochondrial energizers, including the most exciting nutrient to emerge in recent years called pyrroloquinoline quinone or PQ. The three ingredients in value-priced Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ™ are:

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

2. R-lipoic acid. The detrimental effects of free radicals comprise one of the chief obstacles to optimal mitochondrial energy production. Published studies confirm R-lipoic acid’s power to promote mitochondrial bioenergetics while simultaneously blunting free radical activity.

3. Acetyl-L-carnitine arginate. Fats are shuttled into the mitochondria for metabolic combustion by the amino acid carnitine. The acetylated form of carnitine helps to facilitate more efficient utilization of fats than carnitine alone.

Life Extension members continue to enjoy access to a full range of targeted supplements clinically shown to optimize energy production in the mitochondria. Just one capsule a day of Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ™ supplies:

BioPQQ™ .......... 10 mg R-lipoic acid .......... 100 mg Acetyl-L-carnitine ...... 250 mg dihydrochloride

A bottle containing 30 capsules of Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ™ retails for $52. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to just $34.50 per bottle.

PQQ can also be obtained as a low-cost standalone or in the Mitochondrial Energy Optimizer with BioPQQ™ formula.

To order Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ™ call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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References

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Lightning fast computers and state-of-the-art technology are revolutionizing the world around us on an almost daily basis. What this means for health care is that we are on the forefront of a rapidly changing landscape, where tech-savvy researchers and medical-minded entrepreneurs are teaming up to bring us advances in medicine and health treatment that could extend the human life span far beyond our current unacceptable limits. The Wireless Connectivity in Medical Device Conference held in San Jose, California, is an event that showcases just how far we’ve come…and how far we’re about to go. >
Increasingly, hospital staff rely on the nearly instantaneous communication and diagnostic information provided by wireless devices. The idea that someone’s medical records will not be immediately available anywhere in the world or that a healthy person needs to be confined to a bed while being monitored, is all about to change.

In fact, one of the panelists discussed his concerns about how FDA regulation may disrupt the rapid advance of new technologies and how the companies attending the conference can overcome it. This article highlights some of the more remarkable companies and products that were on display at the conference.
**ResolutionMD**

An impressive example of a wireless medical device that physicians can use is ResolutionMD. ResolutionMD can transmit a CT scan of the head of a suspected stroke victim from a remote hospital to the iPhone of a specialist at another hospital. In stroke, “time is brain,” which means having rapid access to a specialist can mean rapid diagnosis and treatment to prevent loss of brain tissue. With ResolutionMD, the specialist can be a great distance from the patient, but can nonetheless examine images of the patient’s brain as if in the same hospital. ResolutionMD guards against compromised patient privacy by not saving the image data in the iPhone.

**CareFusion**

CareFusion is a company making and distributing infusion pumps for administering medications in hospitals. At least 100,000 people are killed worldwide every year by medication errors, according to CareFusion’s Vice President of Connectivity. CareFusion hopes to reduce that number. Prescriptions from physicians are electronically transmitted to pharmacists for review, and then wirelessly transmitted to an infusion pump that will administer the medication to the patient. A nurse scans the identification of the patient and the medication, validating that both are correct. Some medications, such as those for blood pressure, can be administered with a rate or volume that achieves the desired blood pressure. CareFusion installs its infusion pumps throughout a whole hospital, to ensure standardization and uniformity for safety.

**MicroCHIPS, Inc.**

The President of MicroCHIPS, Inc. described his company’s use of an implantable medication delivery device to overcome compliance problems. Parathyroid hormone may be required for treatment of osteoporosis, but patients are expected to administer the hormone to themselves by daily injection. After two years, 77% of osteoporosis patients will have stopped their daily injections because of the pain and inconvenience. An implantable device that subcutaneously administers parathyroid hormone on a daily basis has proven to be a successful solution.

MicroCHIPS also offers an implantable device that can deliver multiple medications (“pharmacy on a chip”) to geriatric patients who have trouble remembering to take all their pills. With portable, wearable infusion devices that communicate wirelessly with physicians, the physician can easily change the dose of the prescription remotely.

**DuoFertility**

The DuoFertility monitor predicts a woman’s most fertile days well in advance. The DuoFertility sensor is worn under the arm like a patch, makes up to 20,000 measurements per day, and wirelessly transmits the data to a PC which can forward the data to company experts over the internet. The inventor has said, “My job is to get millions of women pregnant.”
Electronic Seizure Stopper

One of the more incredible devices in development was an electric seizure stopper that could greatly improve the lives of those afflicted with epileptic seizures. This device is under development, but it attaches to the head of someone prone to seizures. When the device detects the development of epileptic seizures, it stops those seizures by the delivery of short bursts of electric pulses. Half of epileptics do not respond to drug treatment and the other half often suffers side effects from the drugs. The electric pulse device has no side effects.

Internal Video Capsule

Another medical equipment designer discussed his work on a video-capable capsule that could be swallowed easily by a patient. As the capsule makes its way through the patient’s body, it would provide video recordings of the gastrointestinal tract, and wirelessly transmit those videos during an 8-hour transit through the body. The patient can be at home or elsewhere while the videos are transmitted to a receiver that he or she is wearing. Stomach ulcers and colon polyps are only some of the things that could be observed. The developer said that different cell types provide different information in response to different wavelengths or laser imaging.

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Engineering the Future

Many of those attending the conference were engineers. Here are a few of the exciting devices they spoke about that are currently in development:

- Artificial knees and ankles that could lift a leg or stop the forward motion of a leg under computer control.
- Hearing aids that could communicate with television or cell phones.
- A device attached to the head that could detect the development of epileptic seizures, and stop those seizures by the delivery of short bursts of electric pulses. Half of epileptics do not respond to drug treatment, and the other half often suffers side effects from the drugs. The electric pulse device has no side effects.
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Critical Importance of Mitochondria

Back in 1983, Life Extension® was the first to introduce CoQ10 as a proven method to enhance mitochondrial energy production. CoQ10 has since gained universal recognition for its role in supporting cellular performance throughout the body.¹⁶

In an unprecedented breakthrough, a compound called PQQ (pyrrolo-quinoline quinone) has been shown to support mitochondrial biogenesis—the spontaneous generation of new mitochondria in aging cells.⁷ PQQ is available as a low-cost dietary supplement.

Mitochondria are cellular energy generators that supply virtually all the power your body requires for a healthy life span. An abundance of published studies underscores the critical importance of the mitochondria to overall health, especially as we age.⁸⁻¹⁴ Energy-intensive organs like the heart and brain are dense with mitochondria.

Until recently, the only natural ways for aging individuals to increase the number of mitochondria in their bodies were long-term calorie restriction or exhaustive physical activity—which are difficult or impractical for most people to implement.

PQQ offers a viable alternative.
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Rich Rewards™

Lentil Vegetable Soup

One Smart Bowl of Soup™
A delicious vegetarian soup suitable for vegans
**Only Healthy Ingredients**

Processed food companies sell vegetable soups so cheaply because they load them with high-glycemic carbohydrates (rice, potatoes, pasta) that cost virtually nothing. They then add inexpensive ingredients like corn, sugar, and sometimes omega-6 fats (like cottonseed oil). So for less than $2, you get a relatively high-carb-calorie soup that provides virtually no health benefits. Life Extension® has formulated a lentil vegetable soup suitable for vegans that contains only garden-fresh ingredients, including lentils, mushrooms, tomatoes, carrots, extra-virgin olive oil, and a host of other beneficial plant foods.

Each serving of Rich Rewards Lentil Vegetable soup contains only 120 calories of the best-documented foods to maintain your precious health. You can consume the entire contents or use a smaller portion of the soup as part of a meal for you (or several people).

The entire container supplies about 3.5 servings of these lentils, mushrooms, and vegetables—with none of the glucose-spiking fillers found in commercial soups.

Rich Rewards Lentil Vegetable Soup is packaged in a re-closable bottle free of BPA. While the FDA says the BPA lining in most cans is safe, we at Life Extension have always used BPA-free containers.

The retail price for a 3.5 serving bottle of Rich Rewards Lentil Vegetable soup is $13. The member price is $9.75.

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- Total Fat: Less than 65g - 80g
- Saturated Fat: Less than 20g - 25g
- Cholesterol: Less than 300mg - 340mg
- Sodium: Less than 2,400mg - 2,400mg
- Total Carbohydrate: Less than 300g - 375g
- Dietary Fiber: 25g - 30g

**Ingredients:** Water, Diced Tomatoes in Juice (tomatoes, tomato juice, citric acid, calcium chloride), Lentils, Tomato Paste, Celery, Onion, Mushroom, Carrot, Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Garlic, Parsley, Black Pepper, Sage, Basil, Thyme.

**Cruciferous Vegetable Soups**

You can also order soups that contain vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, and asparagus in extra-virgin olive oil with only 60-70 calories per serving at the same price as the Lentil Vegetable Soup.

**Cruciferous Vegetable**

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**Souper tasty. Souper Satisfying.**

You know you don’t eat enough veggies. So Life Extension® cooked up a convenient, tasty way to spoon-feed you these souper foods. Unlike many canned soups, Rich Rewards™ Lentil Vegetable Soup is contained in a convenient resealable package that is free of BPA.

This soup provides unique garden-fresh ingredients, such as lentils, mushrooms, tomatoes, carrots, and other beneficial plant foods plus heart-healthy extra virgin olive oil.

**One Smart Bowl of Soup**

Contains about 3.5 servings of healthy lentils, mushrooms, and vegetables per bottle

- Only 120 calories per serving
- No added starches or sugars!
- Excellent source of lentils, mushrooms, and fiber

Contains 4.5 grams of total fat per serving

0g trans fat. No saturated fat or cholesterol

To order your fresh supply of Rich Rewards Lentil Vegetable soup, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.lef.org/soup
Ultra Natural Prostate with AprèsFlex™ and Standardized Lignans softgels combines cutting-edge ingredients that have been scientifically substantiated to protect the prostate gland and maintain its healthy function.*

The latest addition to this formula is AprèsFlex™, an extract of *Boswellia serrata* that has been shown in studies to have two times the bioavailability of the leading boswellia extract. AprèsFlex™ inhibits the dangerous enzyme *5-lipoxygenase*. Boron is included because of studies showing it may help slow elevation of prostate-specific antigen (PSA).

The formula provides *saw palmetto extract* and *Graminex® Flower Pollen Extract™* to interfere with DHT activity and help regulate inflammatory reactions in the prostate.* Lycopene is a carotenoid that is included in the formula to help maintain healthy DNA gene function in prostate cells.

In order to boost its anti-estrogen capabilities, Ultra Natural Prostate Formula incorporates HMRLignan™, derived from Norway spruce, flax lignans, and nettle root extract.

Since normal aging can lead to potentially unsafe levels of prostaglandins in the prostate, *Pygeum africanum* extract is included to help suppress prostaglandins and thereby promote prostate comfort.* Beta-sitosterol has been added because it is the most biologically active component of *pygeum* and enhances its protective effects.

The retail price for one bottle of Ultra Natural Prostate Formula with AprèsFlex™ and Standardized Lignans is $38. If a member buys four, the price is reduced to $26.25 per bottle. If a member buys 12 bottles, the price is reduced to $24 per bottle.

Contains soybeans and corn.

To order Ultra Natural Prostate Formula with AprèsFlex™, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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A generation or two ago, if someone had the energy and enthusiasm to get up at three o’clock in the morning to begin the first of two jobs – not out of necessity, mind you, but out of enjoyment – you would assume that person was in their twenties or thirties. Likewise, if you mentioned the age ’73’ to someone in 1950 or so, it might conjure up the image of an elderly person, whittling away the last years of their life in a rocking chair or quietly sipping tea while playing cards.

The times, they are a-changing.

These days with the advances in health and nutrition, the very notion of being retired, even for 73-year-olds, is well, being retired. Case in point, Life Extension member, Virginia Waitley.
Virginia Waitley, 73, is a commercial real estate broker in Rancho Santa Fe, California. That is, when she’s not selling solar panels six mornings a week throughout the city of San Diego.

“I get up at three o’clock in the morning every day,” Ms. Waitley says, proudly. “I’m on my computer and I check in on other real estate brokers from San Diego to San Francisco. I’ve just always had high energy levels, but lately it’s been incredible.”

What has she been doing lately? Taking supplements - lots of them.

“Tired as many health books as I can find,” she says. “I particularly like Suzanne Somers. I read all of her books, and in one of them, she mentioned that she couldn’t wait for her Life Extension Magazine to arrive every month. I thought to myself, ‘If that’s how she feels, I might feel the same way’.”

With that in mind, Ms. Waitley ordered the magazine and waited for the first issue to arrive.

“When it finally came, I thought it was wonderful,” she says. “I probably got the magazine about a year before I became a member, which wasn’t too long ago. But once I joined and started ordering the products like Two-Per-Day, Super Bio Curcumin, Krill Healthy Joint Formula, Super Ubiquinol CoQ10, and so many more, I began feeling fantastic.”

In all, Ms. Waitley takes about a dozen products from Life Extension on a regular basis. In addition to the supplements mentioned above, her regimen includes astaxanthin, magnesium, Bone Restore, Optimized Cran Max with UTIRose™, Endothelial Defense, Resveratrol, Super Omega-3, and folic acid.

Prior to her discovery of Life Extension, however, she was hardly taking any supplements.

What has she been doing lately? Taking supplements - lots of them.

“I always took calcium,” she says. “And a friend gave me a multivitamin a while ago to try, but that was it. About five years ago I was diagnosed as being almost pre-diabetic, and that scared me, so I immediately took care of that with exercise and eating right. I corrected that problem, but ever since I started reading about what I should be taking, I have noticed such a difference. It has totally changed my life.”

Ms. Waitley says that about a month after she started her supplement regimen, she noticed that her energy level had nearly doubled - this from a woman who spent two years hiking in Aspen and Telluride.
“I had a bad business experience and I needed to get away,” she says of her time in the mountains.

These days, back in Southern California, Ms. Waitley hikes the Torrey Pines reserves for an hour or an hour-and-a-half whenever she can to stay fit and energized.

Another part of her plan for endless vitality is to make sure her diet is nourishing her body. She does this by starting every day with the same breakfast, which is a high-fiber cereal with wheat germ, walnuts, and blueberries sprinkled in. After breakfast she takes all her morning vitamins to ensure optimal absorption.

“I try to eat as healthy as I can,” she says. “I eat lots of broccoli because I know it has anti-cancer benefits. I eat lots of eggplant, too.”

Living A Full Life

Perhaps the reason Ms. Waitley takes such excellent care of herself as she ages is because she knows what a gift life can be. She grew up very poor and her father passed away when she was young. Her mother didn’t have any money at all, which meant she spent much of her youth hiking in the woods around their small farm house in Clinton, New York.

“I got my first job when I was twelve,” she says. “I sold Christmas cards around my neighborhood. Five years later I became the youngest person hired by Eastern Airlines in New York City. I worked for them and eventually moved to United Airlines, where I was the top salesman in terms of conventions and reservations for eight years.”

Along the way she got married, had a daughter who recently graduated with honors at the University of Southern California, and is the proud grandparent to three grandkids.

“I have a lot to be happy about,” she says. “We only go through life once, so we might as well try to be happy. Part of being happy is being healthy, which is why I started learning about health and nutrition. Life Extension has really opened my eyes to what I should be doing to live for a long time. I really intend to live to be 110. I’ve been planning on that for about 5 years now or more.”

Hopefully, the pages of this magazine will help her exceed even her own longevity expectations.

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Maintaining healthy, flexible joints is essential to quality of life. Joint stiffness and discomfort can stand in the way of performing even simple everyday tasks.

Most people do not obtain critical nutrients shown to support youthful joint function and mobility. To meet this urgent need, Life Extension® introduced Krill Healthy Joint Formula, a patent-pending blend of deep-sea whole krill oil sourced in Antarctica, combined with hyaluronic acid and astaxanthin.

In a recent clinical trial involving over 100 maturing individuals, a 55% reduction in joint discomfort was observed in less than three months, with 63% of participants maintaining ease of motion.¹

THREE SYNERGISTIC COMPOUNDS FOR SUPERIOR BENEFIT

The data reveals that the fatty acids found in krill oil are particularly effective for joint health.²,³ These unique fatty acids have been shown to specifically target joint tissue.²,³

Hyaluronic acid occurs naturally in the joints,⁴ where it acts to lubricate and cushion against repeated physical impacts.⁵ Because it forms a major component of cartilage and soft tissue,⁴ it is widely used to promote joint health.⁴⁻⁸

The difficulty has been that hyaluronic acid is a large molecule not well absorbed by the body. When combined with krill oil, it has been shown to reach significantly higher levels in the bloodstream than in standalone form.⁸

Krill oil is a natural source of the antioxidant carotenoid astaxanthin. Astaxanthin works in multiple ways, including suppression of free radical activity and enhanced mitochondrial function.⁹ It also maintains krill oil’s molecular stability.

Most commercially available krill oils do not contain significant amounts of astaxanthin because it is nearly eliminated during processing. Krill Healthy Joint Formula is fortified with astaxanthin, for maximum stability and superior benefit.

JUST ONE SOFTGEL DAILY

The suggested daily serving of one Krill Healthy Joint Formula softgel daily supplies 353 mg of this proprietary blend.

A bottle containing 30 softgels of Krill Healthy Joint Formula retails for $32. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $21.75 per bottle. Just one softgel a day of Krill Healthy Joint Formula duplicates a successful human clinical trial.

References

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

Contains crustacean shellfish (krill).
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**Maintain Macular Density**

The **macular pigment** is composed of lutein, zeaxanthin, and meso-zeaxanthin. The **density** of the macula is essential to proper vision. Macular density declines naturally over time.

Eating lots of lutein- and zeaxanthin-containing vegetables can help maintain the structural integrity of the macula. However, since **meso-zeaxanthin** is not part of the typical diet, it cannot be easily replaced. Young people convert lutein into meso-zeaxanthin inside their macula. Some aging people, however, lose their ability to convert lutein into **meso-zeaxanthin**.

The **Super Zeaxanthin** formula provides **zeaxanthin**, **lutein** and **meso-zeaxanthin** to help maintain macular density.

Falling down is responsible for 70% of accidental deaths in older people. Poor lighting conditions are often the culprit.

Fortunately, **C3G** derived from **black currant extract** supports eyesight in dark conditions by promoting the healthy function of delicate structures within the retina that support **night vision**.

**Super Zeaxanthin** contains a potent dose of **C3G** to nourish cells throughout the body.

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**Comprehensive Ocular Protection in One Daily Softgel**

The **Super Zeaxanthin** formula provides ingredients that have been shown to promote healthy eyesight. Just one softgel of **Super Zeaxanthin with Lutein, Meso-Zeaxanthin and C3G** provides:

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The retail price for a bottle containing 60 softgels of **Super Zeaxanthin with Lutein, Meso-Zeaxanthin and C3G** is $22. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $14.85 per bottle.

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Folate is involved in neurotransmitter synthesis and critical enzymatic reactions throughout the body. By depleting excess homocysteine, folate benefits cardiovascular health and nervous system function.

Those who take ordinary folate supplements, however, may not be experiencing its full spectrum of effects. This is because once ingested, not everyone converts folate to its biologically active form called 5-methyltetrahydrofolate (5-MTHF). Research shows that in a large proportion of the population, genetic enzyme deficiencies prevent the conversion of folate to 5-MTHF, leaving many vulnerable to low blood folate levels (and higher-than-desired homocysteine).

A BIOACTIVE FORM OF FOLATE

A more useful approach is to take the bioactive folate 5-MTHF directly, which has been declassified as a drug and is now available as a dietary supplement. 5-MTHF has been shown to dramatically raise blood serum folate levels compared with folic acid supplementation. This bioactive folate is up to seven times more bioavailable than folic acid. This greater bioavailability is especially important in people who have a genetic enzyme deficiency since it requires no conversion to become metabolically active.

A study of 10 patients with endothelial dysfunction showed complete reversal of endothelial impairment after 5-MTHF supplementation compared with healthy control patients.

People with elevated homocysteine levels have a greater risk of cognitive decline. Unlike folic acid, 5-MTHF is able to cross the blood-brain barrier, which is especially important for people with cognitive difficulties to enhance the synthesis of acetylcholine in the brain—the neurotransmitter associated with memory.

Studies also show that the effectiveness of 5-MTHF can be further enhanced by co-supplementing with methylcobalamin (the active form of vitamin B12), vitamin B6, and riboflavin.

5-MTHF is seven times more bioavailable than regular folic acid.

A bottle containing 100 vegetarian capsules of Optimized Folate providing 1,000 mcg of bioactive 5-MTHF in each capsule retails for $28. If a member buys four bottles, the cost is only $18.75 per bottle.

References
Grapes: Rich in Polyphenols

In recent years, grapes have gained scientific validation as a top-notch defender against cardiovascular disease, cancer, and age-related cognitive decline.¹

The benefits associated with grape consumption are related to its unique and diverse composition of antioxidants called polyphenols. The skin of the grape is a rich source of the cancer-fighting compound resveratrol and its seeds are heavily concentrated in proanthocyanidins, which possess 50 times more antioxidant power than vitamin C.² In addition, the vibrant color of grapes, grape juice, and red wine reflects dense amounts of anthocyanins. A study in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry revealed that grape juice has the third highest antioxidant potency out of twelve tested antioxidant beverages.³
**Fighting Cardiovascular Disease**

Grape and its products combat atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease through multiple mechanisms including modulating oxidative stress, stimulating endothelial and platelet derived nitric oxide, inhibiting LDL oxidation, and lowering blood pressure.

While free radicals are a normal byproduct of metabolism, an excess of these unstable molecules can produce oxidative stress that induces damage and dysfunction of the endothelium (inner lining of blood vessels), one of the early events of atherosclerosis. Grape polyphenols can effectively combat free radicals, in turn lowering oxidative stress and endothelial dysfunction. In one study, pre- and post-menopausal women consuming 36 grams of grape powder (corresponds to 1.5 cups of fresh grapes) per day for four weeks had significantly reduced levels of F2-isoprostanes, a marker of oxidative stress.

One of the ways oxidative stress causes endothelial dysfunction is by interfering with the production or activity of nitric oxide, one of the essential protective factors released by the endothelium. This molecule signals the smooth muscle cells in the artery wall to relax and dilate, thereby increasing optimal blood flow. In the laboratory, treatment of endothelial cells that line the arteries of the heart with grape juice activated the enzyme nitric oxide synthase, resulting in the generation of nitric oxide.

In addition to its role in arterial dilation, nitric oxide also possesses strong anti-inflammatory and platelet inhibitory properties. The latter benefit was reported in the journal *Circulation* as human volunteers consuming grape juice for two weeks experienced a 71% increase in nitric oxide release from platelet cells, suppressing platelet “stickiness” responsible for thrombosis and heart attacks. This beneficial effect was attributed to a 35% reduction in superoxide radicals, which enhanced nitric oxide availability.

Even in people with a high degree of endothelial dysfunction, grape juice shows promise in improving blood vessel health. Patients with heart disease ingesting grape juice for 14 days recorded nearly a 3-fold increase in the flow-mediated vasodilation of the brachial artery, an indicator of endothelial function, compared to baseline.

It’s well-established that LDL oxidation is a key initiator of early atherosclerosis. Oxidized LDL cholesterol is more readily attracted into the arterial wall, triggering a cascade of events that stimulates inflammation and eventually the formation of atherosclerotic lesions. In a study published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, scientists found that healthy subjects drinking grape juice daily for two weeks reduced their rate of LDL oxidation by 9%.

Several studies have documented the efficacy of grapes to lower high blood pressure. A University of Connecticut study showed that 46 grams of grape powder (equivalent to 2 servings of fresh grapes) per day for 30 days improved endothelial function and nitric oxide availability in participants with metabolic syndrome, leading to a reduction in mean systolic blood pressure of 6 mmHg and mean diastolic blood pressure of 9 mmHg compared to a placebo. In a second study involving hypertensive men, ingesting grape juice daily for eight weeks dropped systolic blood pressure by an average 7 mmHg and diastolic pressure by 6 mmHg.
After lung cancer, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer mortality among women. An in vitro study using extract from grapes inhibited breast cancer cell growth by up to 72% and enhanced apoptosis (cell death) by up to 33%. This effective combination might be the reason for the results of an epidemiological study that revealed that women with the highest grape consumption were 34% less likely to develop breast cancer compared to those with the lowest intakes.

Grape seed extract might also protect against prostate cancer, the most common cancer among men. In a study published in Nutrition and Cancer, researchers studied the relationship between long-term dietary supplement use and prostate cancer in more than 32,000 men aged 50 to 76. Compared to non-users, those who supplemented with grape seed extract slashed their risk of prostate cancer by 41%.

Tumor cells rely on the formation of new blood vessels (angiogenesis) for nourishment and growth. Colon cancer cells treated with grape seed proanthocyanidins in the laboratory showed inhibition of the vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and angiopoietin 1 (Ang1), thereby blocking blood supply to tumor cells.

The tendency for pancreatic cancer to invade adjacent tissues and spread to other organs in the body makes it one of the deadliest cancers. Grape seed proanthocyanidins were shown to reduce the invasion potential of pancreatic cancer cells by beneficially altering the gene expression of matrix metalloproteases, according to a study reported in the journal Pancreas.

Mounting evidence indicates that grapes are front-line fighters against cancer. At the cellular level, grape antioxidants neutralize free radicals that damage DNA and produce mutations that transform healthy cells into cancerous ones. This was demonstrated in an 8-week study as healthy subjects ingesting 16 ounces of grape juice daily increased their plasma antioxidant activity and reduced free radical levels by 15%. This resulted in a 21% reduction in lymphocyte DNA damage.
Improving Cognitive Function

Grape juice’s ability to reduce oxidative stress in the brain might enhance memory and improve cognition with aging, according to a study published in the British Journal of Nutrition. Older adults supplemented with grape juice daily for 16 weeks showed a significant improvement on verbal memory tests, whereas the placebo group showed no improvement.21

Summary

Grapes and their products possess a wealth of anthocyanins and proanthocyanidins that have been shown to provide top-notch protection against cardiovascular disease, cancer, and age-related cognitive decline.

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

References

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.

Contains rice.

**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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People who struggle with weight loss often point to several “Achilles’ heels” that sabotage their efforts to keep off the pounds: eating between meals, grazing at night, and a constant desire to snack, are among the most common.

The fantastic news is that a proprietary extract of saffron, called Satiereal®, is clinically proven to deal with nearly all of the above issues. In fact, women involved in Satiereal® studies experienced the following amazing results:

- 100% reduction in the desire to snack
- 50% fewer instances of eating between meals
- Less hunger
- Moderate weight loss
- More energy
- Better mood

Say goodbye to “kitchen raids” and say hello to “weight control” with Optimized Saffron with Satiereal®.

A bottle containing 60 vegetarian capsules of Optimized Saffron with Satiereal® retails for $36. If a member buys four bottles, the cost is just $24 per bottle.

References

Satiereal® is a registered trademark of INOREAL International patents pending.

The fact that Satiereal® induced significant reductions (100%) in the desire to snack, but with only moderate weight loss, is further support for the multi-pronged approach needed to effectively manage weight that has long been espoused by Life Extension®.

This supplement should be taken in conjunction with a healthy diet and regular exercise program. Results may vary.

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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:

- **Trans-Resveratrol**: 250 mg
- **Grape-Berry Actives**: 85 mg
- **Quercetin**: 60 mg
- **Trans-Pterostilbene**: 0.5 mg
- **Fisetin**: 10 mg

To order Optimized Resveratrol with Synergistic Grape-Berry Actives, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

**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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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.

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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 1-866-728-1056 or mailed. Online orders can also be placed at www.lifeextension.com.)
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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.

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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.

**Blood Testing – The Ultimate Information**

### Most Popular Panels

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#### The CBC/Chemistry Profile (LC301822)

- **Total Cholesterol**
- **HDL Cholesterol**
- **Estimated CHD Risk**
- **LDL Cholesterol**
- **Glucose**
- **Triglycerides**
- **Iron**

**$35**

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**COMPREHENSIVE PANELS**

- **MALE LIFE EXTENSION PANEL (LC322582)**
  - Chemistry Profile includes glucose, cholesterol, LDL, HLD, triglycerides, liver and kidney function tests. Includes immune (white) cell count, red blood cell count and platelet count. Also includes:
    - C-Reactive Protein
    - Homocysteine
    - TSH for thyroid function
    - Estradiol
    - Progesterone
    - Vitamin D 25-hydroxy

**FEMALE LIFE EXTENSION PANEL (LC5322535)**

- Chemistry Profile includes glucose, cholesterol, LDL, HLD, triglycerides, liver and kidney function tests. Includes immune (white) cell count, red blood cell count and platelet count. Also includes:
    - C-Reactive Protein
    - Homocysteine
    - TSH for thyroid function
    - Estradiol
    - Progesterone
    - Vitamin D 25-hydroxy

**MALE WEIGHT LOSS PANEL (LCWLM)**

- Chemistry Profile includes glucose, cholesterol, LDL, HLD, triglycerides, liver and kidney function tests. Includes immune (white) cell count, red blood cell count and platelet count. Also includes:
    - C-Reactive Protein
    - Homocysteine
    - Insulin
    - SHBG
    - Total Testosterone
    - Free T3
    - Free T4

**FEMALE WEIGHT LOSS PANEL (LCWLF)**

- Chemistry Profile includes glucose, cholesterol, LDL, HLD, triglycerides, liver and kidney function tests. Includes immune (white) cell count, red blood cell count and platelet count. Also includes:
    - C-Reactive Protein
    - Homocysteine
    - Insulin
    - SHBG
    - Total Testosterone
    - Free T3
    - Free T4

**MALE HORMONE ADD-ON PANEL (LCADD)**

- Pregnenalone and Dihydrotestosterone (DHT)

To provide an even more in-depth analysis of a man’s hormone status, Life Extension has created this panel as an addition to the Male Life Extension Panel. This panel provides valuable information about a testosterone metabolite that can affect the prostate, and the mother hormone that acts as a precursor to all other hormones.

**FEMALE HORMONE ADD-ON PANEL (LCADD2)**

- Pregnenalone and Total Estrogens

To provide an even more in-depth analysis of a woman’s hormone status, Life Extension has created this panel as an addition to the Female Life Extension Panel. This panel provides valuable information about total estrogen status, and the mother hormone that acts as a precursor to all other hormones.

**LIFE EXTENSION THYROID PANEL (LC304131)**

- TSH, T4, Free T3, Free T4.

**FEMALE COMPREHENSIVE HORMONE PANEL (LC100010)**

- C-Reactive Protein
- Homocysteine, total and free estradiol, progesterone, pregneolone, androgen, and estrogen

**MALE COMPREHENSIVE HORMONE PANEL**

- C-Reactive Protein
- Homocysteine, total and free testosterone, androgens, and estrogen

### Blood Testing

#### MOST POPULAR PANELS

- **Hemoglobin A1C (iHbA1C) (LC001453)**
  - $31

#### HEMOGLOBIN A1C evaluates long-term blood sugar control. Serum glucose sometimes reacts with important proteins in the body rendering them nonfunctional. Since this process, known as glycation is one of the leading theories of aging, Life Extension believes everyone should check their A1C level.

- **Vitamin D (250H) (LC081950)**
  - $47

**This test is used to rule out vitamin D deficiency as a cause of bone disease. It can also be used to identify hypercalcemia.**

- **Food Safe Allergy Test (LCM73001)**
  - $198

**This test measures delayed (IgG) food allergies for 95 common foods.**

- **Aspirinworks (LC501620)**
  - $149

**Taking aspirin to prevent heart attack? Is it working? This is a random urine test used to measure your resistance to aspirin.**

- **Omega Score (LCOMEGA)**
  - $131.25

**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.**

- **CoQ10 (COENZYME Q10) (LC120251)**
  - $145

**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.**

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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.
Other Popular Panels

Life Extension Member Pricing

- ENERGY PROFILE (LC100005)
  CBC/Chemistry Profile (see description),
  Epstein –Barr Virus antibodies (IgG and IgM),
  Cytomegalovirus Antibodies (IgG and IgM), Ferritin,
  Total and Free Testosterone, DHEA-S, Free T3, Free T4,
  Cortisol, C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity),
  Vitamin B12, Folate, Insulin.  
  **ENERGY PROFILE**  
  **$375**

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

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

- THYROID ANTIBODY PROFILE (LC100004)
  Thyroid Antibody [TPO-A], Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody [TPO-Ab] and Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody (TPO).  
  **THYROID ANTIBODY PROFILE**  
  **$99**

**Popular Single Tests**

- HORMONES
  - CORTISOL (LC004051)
    This test is to measure adrenal function.  
    **CORTISOL**  
    **$39**
  - DHEA-SULFATE (LC004020)
    This test shows if you are taking the proper amount of DHEA. This test normally costs $100 or more at commercial laboratories.  
    **DHEA-SULFATE**  
    **$61**
  - DIHYDROTESTOSTERONE (DHT)* (LC500142)
    Measures serum concentrations of DHT.  
    **DIHYDROTESTOSTERONE**  
    **$99**

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

- INSULIN FASTING (LC004333)
  Can predict those at risk of diabetes, obesity, and heart and other diseases.  
  **INSULIN FASTING**  
  **$42**

- PREGNENOLONE* (LC140707)
  Used to determine ovulation failure, hirsutism, adrenal carcinomas, and Cushings’ syndrome.  
  **PREGNENOLONE**  
  **$116**

- PROGESTERONE (LC004317)
  Primarily for women. Determines the proper amount in the body.  
  **PROGESTERONE**  
  **$55**

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

- SOMATOMEDIN C (IGF-1) (LC010363)
  Indicates growth hormone secretion levels. Low levels have been associated with atherosclerosis as well as all-cause mortality.  
  **SOMATOMEDIN C**  
  **$75**

- CORTISOL RISK
  Lp-PLA2 (PLAC TEST)* (LC123240)
  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.  
  **CORTISOL RISK**  
  **$125**

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

- CARDIAC PLUS* (LC100008)
  CBC/Chemistry profile (see description), Vitamin D 25-hydroxy, C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity), Fibrinogen, Homocysteine.  
  **CARDIAC PLUS**  
  **$145**

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

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

- HOMOCYSTEINE (LC070994)
  Can indicate if you are likely to have a heart attack or stroke. Even if you take folic acid, you may have dangerously high levels of this artery-clotting metabolic debris that can be lowered with high doses of folic acid, vitamin B6, and vitamin B12.  
  **HOMOCYSTEINE**  
  **$64**

- VAP™ TEST* (LC804500)
  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.  
  **VAP™ TEST**  
  **$90**

- MALE HEALTH
  - PSA (PROSTATE-SPECIFIC ANTI Gen) (LC010322)
    Can provide an early warning sign for prostate disorders and possible cancer.  
    **FREE-PSA**  
    **$31**

- BONE HEALTH
  - OSTEOCALCIN* (LC100249)
    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.  
    **OSTEOCALCIN**  
    **$91**

- DPD CROSS LINK URINE TEST (LC511105)
  The deoxypyridinoline (DPD) urine test can be used to measure bone re-absorption rates in healthy individuals and in those with enhanced risk of developing metabolic bone diseases. Deoxypyridinoline can be used to monitor therapies (which may include bisphosphonate drugs) in people diagnosed with osteoporosis.  
  **DPD CROSS LINK URINE TEST**  
  **$79**

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MARCH 2013

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

- **Sub-total of All Products:**

**Life Extension Members receive 25% off the retail price of all products.**

**March 2013**
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To order call: 1.954.766.8433 or 1.800.544.4440

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Our body’s inflammation response is a natural healing process. We often think of the inflammation response as something we can feel—such as in our joints and muscles where there are large numbers of sensitive nerve endings. But we can also have a response we can’t feel, where sensitive nerves aren’t concentrated—including in the heart and blood vessels. Whether we’re aware of it or not, this inflammation response can affect every organ and cell.

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New Chapter’s Zyflamend represents a scientific breakthrough in supporting a healthy inflammation response.* Zyflamend is formulated based on a large body of scientific research showing its ten herbs and spices contain hundreds of plant compounds that support a healthy inflammation response.* Just as important as a daily multivitamin, Zyflamend is the patented herbal protocol to help your whole body’s natural inflammation process stay balanced and healthy every day.* Zyflamend has been studied at leading research institutions and shown to benefit multiple areas of health, including heart health.*

Omega-3 is Important for Cardiovascular Health
Life Extension’s Super Omega-3 is a premium, scientifically validated fish oil concentrate. Super Omega-3 EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans and Olive Fruit Extract promotes a healthy heart.* Fish oils (and other fatty acids) have a tendency to oxidize, rendering them nutritionally inferior. Scientific studies show that when added to fish oil, sesame lignans safeguard against oxidation and direct fatty acids toward pathways that help with inflammatory reactions.† To further emulate the benefits of a Mediterranean diet, Super Omega-3 delivers standardized, high-potency olive fruit extract. Research shows that when combined with olive oil, fish oil supplements help with inflammation better than fish oil alone.‡

1. Biochem Biophys Acta. 2004 Jun 1;1702(1-3):80-91

To order Zyflamend or Super Omega-3, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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

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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 makes 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.\(^12\)

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 damage.\(^13,14\)

**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.\(^15\)

The suggested 2 capsules a day of Reishi Extract Mushroom Complex provide:

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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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