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How Government Treated Those For Whom We Now Celebrate Holidays

BY WILLIAM FALOON

Martin Luther King Day is usually a slow time, so I decided to investigate this man for whom I knew relatively little about.

What struck me was how harshly our government persecuted Martin Luther King, Jr. and the number of times he was arrested for doing what he is now celebrated for.

I then began to note other American holidays that are based on individuals who were persecuted by whatever “authority” existed in their time.

Of course not every oppressed visionary gets a holiday. Preston Tucker, inventor of the first safe automobile, was arrested and almost did significant jail time. The big auto companies did not want to compete against Tucker’s safer cars, so they instigated a federal prosecution that stripped him of his assets and almost his liberty.1 (Most of Tucker’s safety features are federally required in today’s cars.)

Linus Pauling won the Nobel Peace Prize for leading the effort to ban above-ground testing of nuclear bombs. Dr. Pauling knew the radiation released into the atmosphere would have lethal consequences. The government rewarded Pauling by stripping him of his passport and threatening prison if he did not reveal who was helping him. This was done under the government’s theory that those against above-ground nuclear bomb testing were communist sympathizers. (The federal government admitted in 2002 that above-ground nuclear bomb testing caused at least 15,000 American cancer deaths.)2

Galileo was convicted of heresy at an inquisition trial for the crime of teaching that the earth is not the center of the universe. To avoid execution, Galileo renounced what he knew to be true and was given a “lenient” sentence of lifetime confinement.3

Galileo was not the first to figure out the solar system. Giordano Bruno was convicted of heresy for his teachings that the earth revolved around the sun. Bruno was burned alive at the stake.4

People today often forget the brutality with which visionaries were persecuted. We at Life Extension® don’t. This article will examine atrocities perpetrated against those who dared to challenge conventional dogma and how this relates to the sluggish pace of medical progress. >
The FBI by this time had assembled a full-time task force to disrupt and destroy Martin Luther King, Jr.9 The FBI’s harassment campaign included mailing an anonymous letter that threatened to expose Dr. King’s personal lifestyle choices. Dr. King interpreted this letter as an attempt to make him commit suicide.10 Despite high profile arrests and the FBI’s disinformation campaign, Dr. King became the youngest man ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.11,12 Linus Pauling received his Nobel Peace Prize in 1962.11 Both Linus Pauling and Martin Luther King, Jr. were targets of harsh government persecution.

For decades, the FBI operated a series of covert projects aimed at surveying, infiltrating, discrediting, and disrupting domestic political organizations.13 These covert operations took place between 1956 and 1971.13 Tactics have been alleged to include discrediting targets through psychological warfare, harassment, wrongful imprisonment, smearing individuals using forged documents, planting false reports in the media, and illegal violence.14-16 The FBI’s stated motivation was “protecting national security, preventing violence, and maintaining the existing social and political order.”14

One of the most abusive of all FBI programs was directed against Dr. King.13 FBI records show significant resources targeted groups and individuals that the FBI deemed “subversive,” including Martin Luther King, Jr. and others associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and other civil rights organizations.14 FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover issued directives ordering FBI agents to “expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize” the activities of these organizations and their leaders.15
Under the direct influence of Hoover, many civil rights groups, particularly those focused on racial equality, were reclassified. Hoover’s justification for these illegal orders was his belief that civil rights groups were infiltrated by communists.16

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded in 1957 and within 10 years, the FBI began monitoring and targeting the group for “intensified attention,” focusing particularly on its leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr.16,17

In July–August 1967, the FBI intensified its focus on Dr. King and other civil rights leaders and organizations. FBI offices were instructed to “disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize the activities of Black Nationalist ‘hate-type’ organizations.”16 A particular target was the Poor People’s Campaign, a national effort organized by Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The FBI monitored and disrupted the campaign on a national level, while using targeted smear tactics locally to undermine support for the campaign.16

Why Dr. King Was Deemed To Be A “Hate Type”

In 1976, a Select Senate Investigative Committee led by Senator Frank Church reviewed what documents it could obtain from the FBI’s multi-decade campaign that targeted a wide range of groups including those that sought protection for women’s rights and those protesting the Vietnam War. According to this Senate Committee, nonviolent organizations and individuals were targeted because the FBI believed they represented a “potential” for violence. The Black Nationalist counter intelligence program, according to its FBI supervisor, included “a great number of organizations that you might not today characterize as Black Nationalist but which were in fact primarily black.”16

Thus, the nonviolent Southern Christian Leadership Conference led by Martin Luther King was labeled by the FBI as a Black Nationalist “hate group” and subjected to relentless government attack.16

FBI Goes Ballistic When King Says “I Have a Dream.”

After the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963, where his famous “I have a dream…” speech was given, Dr. King was singled out as a major FBI target. Under pressure from Hoover to focus not simply on communist infiltration of the civil rights movement, but on King specifically, FBI counter intelligence director Sullivan wrote:

“In the light of King’s powerful demagogic speech. . . . We must mark him now, if we have not done so before, as the most dangerous Negro of the future in this nation from the standpoint of communism, the Negro, and national security.”16

Soon after Dr. King’s famous “I have a dream…” speech, the FBI was systematically bugging King’s home and his hotel rooms.18

The Select Senate Committee uncovered all kinds of wrongdoings committed under the FBI’s guise of protecting “national security.” In the Final Report of the Select Committee, the FBI Counter Intelligence Program was castigated as follows:

The Committee finds that the domestic activities of the intelligence community at times violated specific statutory prohibitions and infringed on the constitutional rights of American citizens. The legal questions involved in intelligence programs were often not considered. On other occasions, they were intentionally disregarded in the belief that because the programs served “national security” the law did not apply.13

While intelligence officers on occasion failed to disclose to their superiors programs which were illegal or of questionable legality, the Committee finds that the most serious breaches of duty were those of senior officials, who were responsible for controlling intelligence activities and generally failed to assure compliance with the law...13

...the Bureau conducted a sophisticated vigilante operation aimed squarely at preventing the exercise of First Amendment rights of speech and association, on the theory that preventing the growth of dangerous groups and the propagation of dangerous ideas would protect national security and deter violence.16
Excerpts From Dr. King's Famous Letter Written While He Was Confined In A Birmingham, Alabama Jail

Martin Luther King, Jr. was arrested for his part in organizing a protest against racial segregation in Birmingham, Alabama. The charges included demonstrating without a permit. While incarcerated, Dr. King wrote a letter on the margins of newspapers, which was the only paper his jailers gave him. These bits and pieces of paper were smuggled through his lawyers and became known as the “Letter from the Birmingham Jail.” The purpose of this letter was to explain to other clergymen why he led a protest instead of fighting the segregation battle solely in the courts. Below are a few excerpts from Dr. King’s famous “Letter from the Birmingham Jail”:

My Dear Fellow Clergymen,

While confined here in the Birmingham City Jail, I came across your recent statement calling our present activities “unwise and untimely.”

I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

I guess it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say wait. But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate-filled policemen curse, kick, brutalize, and even kill your black brothers and sisters with impunity; when you see the vast majority of your 20 million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six-year-old daughter why she can’t go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see the tears welling up in her little eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to colored children, and see the depressing clouds of inferiority begin to form in her little mental sky, and see her begin to distort her little personality by unconsciously developing a bitterness toward white people; when you have to concoct an answer for a five-year-old son who is asking in agonizing pathos: “Daddy, why do white people treat colored people so mean?” when you take a cross country drive and find it necessary to sleep night after night in the uncomfortable corners of your automobile because no motel will accept you; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading “white” men and “colored” when your first name becomes “nigger” and your middle name becomes “boy” (however old you are) and your last name becomes “John,” and when your wife and mother are never given the respected title of “Mrs.” when you are harried by day and haunted by night by the fact that you are a Negro, living constantly at tip-toe stance, never quite knowing what to expect next, and plagued with inner fears and outer resentments; when you are forever fighting a degenerating sense of “nobodiness”—then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait.

Yours for the cause of Peace and Brotherhood,
Martin Luther King, Jr.
This FBI campaign is all the more ironic when you realize that Martin Luther King, Jr. is best known for his steadfast non-violent approach to gaining civil rights.

**Signers Of The Declaration Of Independence**

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were British subjects who fought against their own government.20

Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the other founding fathers did not merely ascribe their names to a philosophical document. They signed their own death warrant.21

While these men are revered each July 4th, the government authorities at the time considered them traitors. Punishment for treason included torture and execution along with forfeiture of property.21

As Benjamin Franklin adroitly stated on July 4, 1776, “We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall hang separately.”22

History books often gloss over significant details about the Revolutionary War. Most of us recall a few sound bytes, but not the cruel realities. A rational review of the historical record reveals that victory against the British was seemingly hopeless, but it nonetheless occurred.23

Those who led the American Revolution suffered horrific hardships, many losing their lives and property. While fireworks are seen throughout the United States each July 4th, overlooked is the fact that signers of the Declaration of Independence, and all others who supported the revolution, were viewed as criminals. Some were captured, tortured, and killed seeking to acquire the liberty we nowadays take for granted.

John Hancock knew this risk quite well when he signed the Declaration of Independence in large letters and stated, “John Bull can read my name without spectacles. Now let him double the price on my head.”24

**What Does This Have To Do With Anti-Aging Research?**

The public looks at government persecution against past visionaries and mistakenly thinks it does not occur in modern society. Even when national holidays are dedicated to persecuted individuals, the message about their heroism is not accurately portrayed.

If you are wondering what this has to do with anti-aging medicine, my response is it is highly relevant. At medical conferences I attend, the focus too often is how innovative doctors can stay out of jail.

At these conferences, attorneys give lectures to physicians about how to avoid becoming targets of modern day witch hunts initiated by overzealous regulators. The fear instilled by these spurious investigations is causing physicians to think twice before using novel approaches to save humans lives.

Even worse, scientific discoveries that could be translated into curative treatments are shackled by regulatory barriers that can take years, decades, or forever to overcome. That means creative ways of keeping us alive today are being repressed by government authorities. I have chronicled in past issues of this magazine and my books, shocking incidences of life-saving therapies being denied to Americans by uncaring bureaucrats.26-31

**“Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.”**

– Einstein25

**Martin Luther King On The Duty To Break Unjust Laws**

Dr. King was repeatedly arrested for civil disobedience, all in relation to protests for the civil rights movement. In his famous “Letter from the Birmingham Jail,” Dr. King called on all Americans to actively but peacefully oppose laws that were morally wrong. King wrote:

“You express a great deal of anxiety over our willingness to break laws. This is certainly a legitimate concern. Since we so diligently urge people to obey the Supreme Court’s decision of 1954 outlawing segregation in the public schools, at first glance it may seem rather paradoxical for us consciously to break laws. One may well ask: “How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?” The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that “an unjust law is no law at all.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.—Letter from Birmingham Jail19
When I attend scientific conferences, doctors sometimes recognize me and extend their gratitude for protecting them and their patients from the FDA. I promise these progressive physicians that our battle to expose governmental abuses that suppress medical progress will not abate, despite risks to our personal liberty.

This month we feature an article that discusses the slow pace at which lifesaving therapeutic improvements are recognized. Even the simplest medical advances were opposed by those in positions of authority who felt compelled to guard the ignorance of the past.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.-1963

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Danger of Government-Controlled Science

Dr. Randy W. Schekman on the value of curiosity-driven inquiry.

Excerpt from the Wall Street Journal, December 27, 2013

“The work in my laboratory probed the molecular basis of protein secretion in baker’s yeast. We had no notion of any practical application of this work, and yet after we learned that yeast cells use a pathway fundamentally the same as in human cells, the biotechnology industry applied this knowledge to engineer the production of commercially useful quantities of human proteins. One-third of the world supply of recombinant human insulin is produced in yeast.

Many of you can recount similar stories where an investment in basic science has resulted in a direct application to medicine and technology. And yet we find a growing tendency for government to want to manage discovery with expansive so-called strategic science initiatives at the expense of the individual creative exercise we celebrate today.”

(Randy W. Schekman is one of the three 2013 winners of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine awarded in Stockholm on December 10, 2013.)
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Omega-3 Fatty Acids, Alpha Lipoic Acid Slow Decline In Alzheimer's Disease Patients

The Journal of Alzheimer's Disease published the outcome of a recent trial conducted by researchers at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, which revealed that supplementation with omega-3 fatty acids and alpha lipoic acid slowed functional and cognitive decline in Alzheimer's disease patients.* Lynne Shinto and colleagues randomized 39 participants with Alzheimer's disease to receive a daily regimen consisting of fish oil concentrate, fish oil plus R-lipoic acid, or a placebo for one year. Blood tests and evaluations of cognitive and functional performance were administered before and after the treatment period. In comparison with the placebo group, participants who received omega-3 fatty acids plus lipoic acid demonstrated a lesser decline in the Mini-Mental State Examination, which is an evaluation of global cognitive function, and in the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) evaluation of functional ability.

Editor's Note: Those who received omega-3 fatty acids alone also showed less functional decline as indicated by IADL performance.


Decreased Vitamin D Levels Associated With Greater Risk Of Infection In Surgery Patients

An article published online in the American Medical Association journal, JAMA Surgery, reveals a greater risk of hospital-acquired infection among gastric bypass surgery patients with diminished levels of vitamin D.* Sadeq A. Quarishi, MD, MHA, of Massachusetts General Hospital and colleagues conducted a retrospective analysis of 770 obese adults who underwent gastric bypass surgery. Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D] levels were measured within 30 days prior to the procedure. Hospital-acquired infection, including surgical site infection, catheter-related urinary tract infection, pneumonia or bacteremia, occurred in 41 men and women between two and 30 days after admission.

Among subjects whose 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels were less than 30 nanograms per milliliter (ng/mL) the risk of acquiring an infection while hospitalized was three times as great as the risk experienced by those whose levels were higher.

Editor's Note: For surgical site infections, the risk among those with decreased vitamin D concentrations was four times as great in comparison with those who had higher levels.

* JAMA Surgery. 2013 Nov 27.
Vitamin D Deficiency = Damage

Vitamin D’s benefits to the bone are well known, but what is perhaps more important is its recently recognized role in the brain. In the journal *Free Radical Biology and Medicine* researchers at the University of Kentucky report a damaging effect in the brains of rats that consumed vitamin D–deficient diets for three to four months.*

Allan Butterfield and his colleagues divided 27 one-year-old rats to receive diets that provided the same amount of calories but contained low, normal, or high amounts of vitamin D. After four to five months on the diets, the animals’ brains were examined for markers of oxidative and nitrosative stress.

Rats in the low vitamin D group showed increased nitrosative stress, which damages the cells. They also observed changes in the levels of several brain proteins, three of which are involved in glycolysis (the metabolic breakdown of glucose that releases energy).

*Editor’s Note:* Dr. Butterfield suggests that people get their blood tested to determine their vitamin D levels, and that they consume foods that are high in the vitamin and add vitamin D supplements if needed.

—D. Dye

*Free Radic Biol Med. 2013 Dec;65;324-34.*

Grape Seed Compound Demonstrates Anticancer Effect In Prostate Cancer Cells

The journal *Nutrition and Cancer* published an article recently in which researchers from the University of Colorado report an anticancer effect in prostate cancer cells for a compound found in grape seed extract known as B2G2.*

The research is the result of years of investigating grape seed’s anticancer action. Alpna Tyagi, PhD, and colleagues found that the administration of B2G2 isolated from grape seed extract as well as synthesized B2G2 resulted in cell growth inhibition, cell cycle arrest, and apoptosis (programmed cell death) in several human prostate cancer cell lines.

“We’ve shown similar anticancer activity in the past with grape seed extract, but now we know B2G2 is its most biologically active ingredient which can be synthesized in quantities that will allow us to study the detailed death mechanism in cancer cells,” Dr. Tyagi remarked.

*Editor’s Note:* B2G2 was discovered to inhibit nuclear factor kappa-beta (NF-kB) transcriptional activity and other factors.

—D. Dye

*Nutr Cancer. 2013 Nov 5.*

“Healthy Obesity” Questioned

The results of a review and meta-analysis published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* suggest that so-called “healthy obesity,” characterized by an obese body mass index (BMI) in the absence of adverse metabolic features such as disordered lipids, elevated blood glucose, or hypertension, is not as healthy as some once believed.*

Researchers from Mount Sinai Hospital and the University of Toronto selected 12 observational studies that included a total of 67,127 subjects for their review. Studies included those that evaluated all-cause mortality and/or cardiovascular events, BMI, and metabolic status as defined by the presence of metabolic syndrome components. While normal weight, overweight, and obese subjects that were considered metabolically unhealthy had an elevated risk of mortality and/or cardiovascular events in comparison with metabolically healthy subjects over the course of the studies, those who were metabolically healthy but obese had a 24% greater risk of dying from all causes over 10 years or more of follow-up.

*Editor’s Note:* The authors of an editorial published in the same issue of the journal remark that physicians should focus on treating the obesity in the same manner as any other chronic disease that requires long-term treatment.

—D. Dye

Heartburn Drugs Linked To B12 Deficiency

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports an association between the use of drugs that inhibit excess stomach acid and deficient levels of vitamin B12.*

The current study compared 25,956 men and women diagnosed with vitamin B12 deficiency over a four-and-a-half year period with 184,199 subjects who were not deficient. Pharmacy records provided information concerning patients who were dispensed two-year or greater supplies of proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs) or histamine 2 receptor-blocking drugs.

Subjects who received PPIs had a 65% greater risk of being diagnosed with a vitamin B12 deficiency and those who received histamine 2 receptor blockers had a 25% greater risk than those who received neither drug. For those who used the highest dose of proton pump inhibitors, the risk of deficiency was nearly double that of those who didn’t use the drugs. The strength of the association decreased after the drugs were discontinued.

*Editor’s Note:* By suppressing the production of the stomach’s acid, the drugs, which include proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) and histamine 2 receptor blockers used by patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), reduce the amount of the vitamin that is absorbed. Those who need to take PPIs like Nexium®, Proslsec® or Prevacid® should consider taking vitamin B12 at a separate time or sublingually if a blood test reveals B12 deficit.

*D. Dye

Tea Drinking Linked To Lower Stroke Risk

In a supplement to the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* that covered the Fifth International Scientific Symposium on Tea and Human Health, researchers from the University of California, Los Angeles report their conclusion of a protective effect for tea drinking against stroke.*

Lenore Arab and her colleagues reviewed five meta-analyses of human studies of tea or flavonoid consumption and cardiovascular disease or stroke published between 2001 and 2011. A 21% lower risk of both stroke incidence and mortality from stroke was observed among those who consumed high tea intake in comparison with low, and for those with a high intake of flavonoids, the risk was 20% lower. A similar reduction was associated with each three cups of tea consumed. A search for new studies published subsequent to the meta-analyses included in the current research revealed additional studies that supported the protective effect of tea drinking against stroke.

*Editor’s Note:* The disease-preventive properties of tea have been attributed to its flavonoid content.

*D. Dye

Higher Vitamin C Levels, Intake Linked With Lower Risk Of Stroke

The results of a meta-analysis described in the *Journal of the American Heart Association* reveal a protective effect for high vitamin C levels and greater intake of the vitamin against the risk of stroke.*

Researchers selected 12 prospective studies involving vitamin C intake and six that examined serum or plasma vitamin C levels for their analysis. Studies of dietary vitamin C included a total of 217,454 men and women, and there were 29,648 participants in the studies involving circulating vitamin C.

For studies that examined vitamin C intake, subjects whose intake was classified as high had a 19% lower risk of stroke in comparison with those categorized as low. Pooled analysis of participants in studies of plasma or serum vitamin C revealed a 38% lower risk of stroke for subjects with high versus low levels.

*Editor’s Note:* The authors recommend greater vitamin C consumption for populations with low intake or who are at high risk of stroke and suggest that, since established risk factors appear to be responsible for just half of the cases of stroke that occur, vitamin C levels could serve as an additional predictor of risk.

*D. Dye

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**Five-Fold Increase In Life Span**

An article published in *Cell Reports* describes the discovery of a significant extension of life span in worms known as *C. elegans* that were engineered to have two mutations linked to a longer life. The genetically modified worms lived up to five times longer than worms without the mutations.

Pankaj Kapahi, PhD, of the Buck Institute for Research on Aging and colleagues combined a mutation in the nutrient signaling pathway known as Target of Rapamycin (TOR) with a mutation in the insulin signaling pathway Daf-2, which had been demonstrated to increase *C. elegans’* life span by 30 and 100%, respectively. The combination elicited a far greater extension of life span than what would have resulted from an additive effect. “Instead, what we have here is a synergistic five-fold increase in life span,” Dr. Kapahi stated. “The two mutations set off a positive feedback loop in specific tissues that amplified life span. Basically these worms lived to the human equivalent of 400 to 500 years.”

**Editor’s Note:** Dr. Kapahi plans to conduct a similar study in mice. “The idea would be to use mice genetically engineered to have suppressed insulin signaling, and then treat them with the drug rapamycin, which is well-known to suppress the TOR pathway,” he said. The drug metformin down regulates the the TOR pathway, as does the nutrient curcumin.  

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**How Vitamin D Works Against MS**

A report published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* explains how vitamin D, long suspected to play a role in the prevention of multiple sclerosis (MS), works to protect against the disease.

Acting on the finding of a preventive benefit for vitamin D in a mouse model of MS, Anne R. Gocke, PhD, and her associates at Johns Hopkins University tested the effects of the form of vitamin D known as 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D3 and found that administration of the vitamin prevented the animals from showing symptoms. Upon cessation of vitamin D treatment, the animals rapidly developed symptoms, showing that vitamin D temporarily halts the disease.

**Editor’s Note:** Johns Hopkins is currently conducting a trial of vitamin D in MS patients that will help determine whether supplementing with the vitamin is beneficial to humans.

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**High Fat Diet In Puberty May Be Linked To Breast Cancer**

A recent study in the journal *Breast Cancer Research* may have found an association between diets that are high in fat in puberty and cases of breast cancer in adult women. The study was conducted by researchers at Michigan State University and involved two groups of mice. One group was fed a low fat diet and another was fed a high fat diet (HFD), after which both groups were exposed to a carcinogen to induce tumors.

The high fat diet elevated mammary gland expression of inflammatory and growth factor genes as early as weeks 3 and 4 of the diet. At 10 weeks, the mice on the high fat diet, prior to the appearance of palpable tumors, showed increased numbers of abnormal mammary epithelial lesions and several other indications of potential tumor proliferation.

The scientists concluded that, “Our results demonstrate that exposure to HFD in the peri-pubertal period, and the sensitivity of the pubertal gland to HFD, initiate a sequence of inflammatory, angiogenic, and growth-promoting effects starting as early as 3 weeks on diet, which can lead to the promotion of mammary cancer development in adulthood.”

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In 1767 a few wealthy and civic-minded citizens in Amsterdam gathered to form the Society for Recovery of Drowned Persons. Amsterdam is a city of canals and hence people fell in and drowned. It thus became the birthplace for the teaching and promotion of the resuscitation of dead persons.

Within 4 years of its founding, the society in Amsterdam claimed that 150 persons were saved by their recommendations. The Society's techniques involved a range of methods to stimulate the body applying manual pressure to the abdomen and breathing respirations into the mouth of the victim.

The Society for Recovery of Drowned Persons introduced scientific principles and techniques, along with ethical changes that started a collective belief that resuscitation of the dead was possible.

Following successes of the Amsterdam society, rescue societies sprang up in most European capitals in the 18th century, all with the goal of finding a way of successfully resuscitating victims of sudden death. Many of these techniques (or variations of them) are used in modern emergency medical practice.

Today we call this cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It continues to improve using hypothermia to extend the period of time a person can be “dead” yet restorable back to healthy life.

What you’ll learn in this article is how the revival of dead persons came to a virtual halt for surprising reasons, and then once again gained acceptance.

I’ll describe a number of medical innovations we take for granted today and the erratic pace they were accepted by the mainstream. >
Overlooking Important Ideas

The history of technological innovation is an account of the tortuous paths that advances often take before gaining acceptance.

It might seem at first that it is the nature of important ideas to spring up nearly everywhere, independently, as soon as the world is ripe for them. But this is only the view at first glance. In actuality, the “synchronicity” of discovery usually turns out to be a late phenomenon. The “new” idea in question often follows a period in which it’s long been around in some form or another, but steadfastly ignored.

How long can an important idea be overlooked? The model steam engine was demonstrated by Hero of Alexandria in the first century AD,16 sixteen centuries before people started thinking along these lines again. Gregor Mendel published the basic principles of genetics in 1866, and was ignored until 1900.8 Oswald Avery published strong evidence that DNA was the principle of heredity in 1944, but no one really believed it until the time of Watson and Crick almost a decade later.9 The time between conception, discovery and acceptance varies, depending on circumstance.

“The human mind treats a new idea the way the body treats a strange protein; it rejects it.”

—Biologist P.B. Medawar
Delayed acceptance of discovery happens in all areas of science, but it always happens in the field of medicine with great poignancy, since there the human costs of dropping the technological ball are usually great. We may consider, for instance, the numbers of lives which might have been saved if not for the following delays:

Leeuwenhoek invented the microscope in 1668 and saw animal cells and protozoa with it—but unfortunately for humanity, doctors weren’t interested in that kind of thing in 1668, and wouldn’t be for another couple of centuries. In the meantime they missed out on the germ theory of infectious disease; thus, as late as 1850, when good Doctor Semmelweiss tried to get his Hungarian colleagues to curb the incidence of fatal “childbed fever” by washing their hands between dissecting diseased cadavers and examining patients, his colleagues responded by hounding him out of his job. Meanwhile diseases continued to spread on the hands of well-meaning doctors.

Several explorers like Sir Richard Hawkins independently discovered the anti-scurvy properties of oranges and limes in the 18th century, and James Lind in 1754 even published the results of a controlled experiment in which he showed that citrus was superior to other folk methods for the curing of scurvy. The world, however, was not ready for the discovery, and sailors continued to suffer and die from this quite treatable nutritional disease for more than half a century after Lind’s demonstration. Scurvy was also rampant among the troops of both the North and South during the American Civil War, though the means was available to prevent it, and as late as 1912 the famous explorer Robert Falcon Scott died on his way back from the South Pole, probably as the result of scurvy.

An investigator before the First World War discovered the curative powers of *penicillium* mold extracts on infected animals, but could not interest his colleagues, although he published the work. It remained for Alexander Fleming, ignorant of the earlier work, to rediscover the antibacterial effect of *penicillium* in a laboratory accident in 1928.

Alexis Carrel, the French-American scientist who won the Nobel Prize in 1902 for techniques of suturing blood vessels, demonstrated in 1910 that a saphenous vein graft between aorta and main coronary artery in animals could bypass a blockage there, and speculated that the technique might be useful in the treatment of angina. Although Carrel (with aviator Charles Lindbergh) later went on to develop the heart-lung machines that would make such surgery possible, the medical community contented itself for the next half-century with ineffective treatments for severe coronary heart disease, and it was not until 1967 that the saphenous-graft coronary bypass operation was employed on humans.

To the historian, some medical fields seem more plagued with delays in the acceptance of new ideas than others. The medical study of infectious disease has been prominent in this dubious regard, as noted, and the above examples are sad enough.

Still, there is possibly one field of medicine which is at least the equal of infectious disease in its record of ignoring proven lifesaving strategies for the longest time.

The medical field in question is that of resuscitation, the art of restoring clinically dead people to life. It took a long time before resuscitation was universally accepted, meaning many people who were revivable instead needlessly remained dead. The problem
persists today as the best resuscitation technologies are not always employed. We’ve seen these controversies already, and we’ll see them again. Perhaps we can profit by exploring them further.

**History Of Resuscitation**

Historically, the art of resuscitation turns out to be old. The idea of resuscitating a seemingly dead person by more or less physical means occurs in the Hebrew Scriptures. Both I Kings 17 and II Kings 4 contain descriptive elements of resuscitation by chest compression. In II Kings, Elisha also places his mouth on the child’s mouth. Clearly there is something more than mystical prayers and incantations going on. Perhaps the oral traditions which were later codified into these tales once contained descriptions of one or more medical resuscitative events.

By a few millennia later, things were better defined. Italian writings of the 15th century indicated that midwives had, even then, long been using mouth-to-mouth breathing techniques to resuscitate newborns who did not spontaneously breathe. These techniques were soon to be imitated in the mechanical experiments of the Enlightenment. Paracelsus (1493-1541), an alchemist and perhaps the greatest physician of his age, was said to have attempted the resuscitation of a corpse using bellows, a trick he perhaps picked up from Arabic medical writings. And Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564), the father of modern anatomy, reported successfully using bellows to resuscitate asphyxiated dogs.

Bellows may not always have been available, but physicians eventually learned (possibly again from laymen) that simple mouth-to-mouth resuscitation sometimes worked on recently asphyxiated adults just as it did on newborns. By the 1740s, several cases of successful mouth-to-mouth resuscitation had been reported, the most famous of which was Tossach’s 1744 report of the resuscitation of a clinically dead coal miner who had been suddenly overcome after descending into a burned-out mine. By the 1760s, in the wake of such reports, a number of groups advocating the resuscitation of drowned persons had sprung up in Europe. The thinking at this time in many places was strikingly modern. Here, by way of example, is a quote from a 1766 governmental edict from Zurich:

“...Experience has shown that the drowned who are considered dead and that lay for some time under water have often been restored again and kept alive by proper maneuvers. From which one rightly concludes that life has not been completely suspended in the drowned, but that there is hope to save them from death if, as soon as they are withdrawn from the water, prompt and careful help is administered.”

The Swiss may have been their usual regulation-happy selves about the subject, but in the rest of the Western world resuscitation was being pushed typically by entirely private societies (voluntary clubs). In 1774, a society was founded in London to promulgate the idea of attempting to resuscitate the dead in some circumstances. Called, after a bit of experimentation, the *Society for the Recovery of Persons Apparently Drowned*, it quickly evolved into the *Humane Society* (and still later, with official patronage and funding, the *Royal Humane Society*).

**The First Case Of Defibrillation**

The *Humane Society* (London) advocated techniques which were highly advanced. Three months after the society’s founding, as an example, a society member had the opportunity to minister to a 3-year-old child named Catherine Sophie Greenhill, who had fallen from an upper story window onto flagstones, and been pronounced dead. The society member, a pharmacist named Squires, was on the scene within twenty minutes, and history records that he proceeded to give the clinically dead child several shocks through the chest with a portable electrostatic generator. This treatment caused her to regain pulse and respiration, and she eventually (after a time in coma) recovered fully.\(^5\)
The resuscitation of little Catherine Greenhill was probably the first successful cardiac defibrillation of a human being, and it followed earlier suggestions by American scientist Benjamin Franklin and others that electricity might possibly be used to "revivify" the human body.

And so it proved able to do in certain circumstances. In 1788, a silver medal was awarded to Humane Society member Charles Kite, who was by this time not only advocating the resuscitation of victims in cardiac arrest with bellows and both oropharyngeal and nasolaryngeal intubation, but had also developed his own electrostatic revivifying machine which used Leyden jar capacitors in a way exactly analogous to the DC capacitative countershock of the modern cardiac defibrillator. (I must confess that to my mind all of these contraptions were fantastic devices in their time, yet they actually existed. A time-traveling physician from the present could not have put together a better resuscitation kit, given the primitive technology of the era.)

Resuscitation Technology Goes Dark

Despite its amazing progress, the enlightened state of the late 18th century regarding resuscitation was not to last. From the very first, dark images from the human psyche began to gather in resistance to the new ideas. Technology never intervenes in a major way into the borderland between life and death without creating major anxieties and social backlash. Resuscitation had its problems.

To begin with, as the modern reader may guess, the 18th-century discovery that "death" was not a sure and objective state did not exactly sit well in the public mind.

By the end of the first quarter of the 19th century, the public's view of scientific resuscitation had intruded into the macabre. The fictional potential of the new electromechanical resuscitative technology had its influence on Mary Shelley, who in 1818 had first set out to write a ghost story, but instead ended up producing a cautionary tale of the technological resuscitation of a soulless corpse by a medical experimenter. The book became an instant sensation. Given the spirit of the times, the story touched a public nerve as if one of the new electrical resuscitation machines might create a Frankenstein's monster.

Shortly after the publication of Shelley's famous story, the new medicine began to go out of favor, and the science of resuscitation began to suffer on both the technical and mythological fronts. It happened for several reasons.

It is the propensity of all social movements to go too far. The Humane Society's problem was that, when it came to complicated biology, the late 18th century did not possess the experimental expertise necessary to separate the wheat from the chaff. Thus, within a few years after its founding, the Humane Society had gone from mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the more impressive use of bellows. Following a number of instances of lung rupture with the bellows, however, these complicated and difficult-to-use devices were discarded early in the 19th century.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, unfortunately, was not reinstituted at that time, partly because of misconceptions about the life-giving oxygen. For the next century and a quarter, therefore, resuscitative techniques centered around chest massage and arm lift techniques. Mouth-to-mouth breathing did not return until the middle of the twentieth century.

Emergency electrical defibrillation fared no better. The new phenomenon of electricity had been transformed early-on into a practice of passing mild shocks through the body in an attempt to cure disease, and its reputation tarnished due to lack of efficacy.

Later, and perhaps even more devastatingly, the charming new electricity was transmuted into a powerful and dangerous force by the giant transformers of Westinghouse (maligned from the first for their deadliness, in a PR campaign by rival industrialist-inventor Thomas Edison) and by the newfangled American electric chair. Technologies as well as people suffer from social stigmas. Mary Shelley had originally
not specified the method of the revivification of her monster, but by 1930, in the new electrified America, Frankenstein’s monster came into the movies electrically charged.

The upshot of all these social transformations was that therapeutic electric shock, so full of promise in the 1790s, did not again come into its own for lifesaving purposes until about the same time resuscitative breathing was being reassessed, in the late 1950s.

Other resuscitative techniques like chest/cardiac compression had been used sporadically since the late 19th century as well, but they too did not see acceptance until the late 1950s, when almost inexplicably all of the “modern” techniques came together approximately simultaneously in what we know as “cardiopulmonary resuscitation” (CPR). The world, apparently, was not ready until the Space Age for any of these techniques, and simply rejected them when brilliant and well-meaning scientists invented them too early.

Some General Observations On Medical History

What are we to make of all this? Is there anything to be learned? In looking at the history of resuscitation and medicine we might ask if there are any observations to be made about it which might apply as well to the medicine of today and tomorrow.

The first thing we notice is that there seem to be some themes in medical history that occur again and again. Important medical discoveries, like important philosophical discoveries, seem quite likely to be made by outsiders. In some cases, the “outsiders” in medicine have been doctors working outside the traditional groves of academe, and in others, the important medical discoveries have not been made by doctors at all.

Leeuwenhoek, for instance, was a haberdasher, Pasteur a chemist, Fleming a bacteriologist. Recall that mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was the secret of midwives, and passed to medicine quite late. The original Humane Society, though founded by a doctor, was less a professional medical group than a group of ordinary and somewhat evangelistic citizens who had banded together for humanitarian reasons and out of fear of being buried alive.

A second observation which can be made about the history of medicine and technology in general is that discoveries depend for acceptance upon a very complex social milieu which may have little to do with technological discovery. A major advance will not be accepted in a world that is not ready for it socially. The idea of using a steam engine to replace human muscle, for example, will not catch on in a world where human muscle power, because of slavery, is cheap.

For an analogous example of this phenomenon from medicine, we might consider the history of anesthesia. As we know from their writings, Muslim physicians practiced various forms of anesthesia during surgery back as far as the 8th century A.D. In Christendom, conversely, where the idea of “redemptive suffering” held sway, anesthesia took much longer to catch on.
Thus, the anesthetic properties of nitrous oxide had been widely and publicly noted by Sir Humphrey Davy as early as 1798, yet it was not until the 1840s that an obscure general practitioner from Georgia and a couple of part-time dentists (remember our observation about outsiders) began to try out inhaled anesthetics for surgical purposes. Even at that, there was an ecclesiastical outcry when Queen Victoria requested chloroform for childbirth, soon after the first anesthetic demonstration in America. One prominent cleric complained that “travail and pain” in childbirth had been ordained by God in the Bible, and that therefore anesthesia was against the will of God. (Others pointed out Genesis 2:21 where Adam is put to sleep as the rib is taken for Eve. Scriptural wars can be quite inventive.)

What then held up full cardiopulmonary resuscitation until the late 1950s, even though the world had discovered all of its essential features before 1900? We can only speculate, but the answer may lie in the fundamental change in the way that people began to relate to and trust technology between 1900 and 1950—a social change that is as profound as any generation of humans has ever had to cope with.

Mythmaking, as ever, played a role. If technology first crept into our nightmares with Frankenstein, it later (redemptively) crept into our heroic myths and won some measure of acceptance. Thus, if the new 20th-century technology of aviation was capable of creating a new kind of hero like Charles Lindbergh, the public was also willing to let Lindbergh have a technological shot at death with his new artificial heart machine. In any case, the mantle of Dr. Frankenstein had by the middle of the 20th century passed to the physicists and their atom bombs, and medicine for the time being was at last back in the heroic mode.

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Mainstream medicine has no cure for the millions who suffer from crippling autoimmune conditions such as arthritis, lupus, and psoriasis.\(^1\) Victims of autoimmune disease are often injected with costly and potentially dangerous drugs that suppress the immune system, leaving the patient vulnerable to future infections and at an increased risk for cancer.\(^{1-3}\) Victims of autoimmune disease have little choice but to live in those moments between the pain.

However, a sudden explosion of scientific interest has occurred in a glucoside extract from the white peony root for its ability to treat autoimmune diseases by bringing a dysfunctional, over-excited immune system back into balance.\(^4,6\)

**Peony glucosides** are extracted from the root of the peony flower. Peonies are members of the same botanical family as the buttercup and produce fragrant flowers in a variety of colors.\(^6\) The peony is an extremely long-lived plant, and it is not uncommon for peonies to live for a hundred years. They have been cultivated in both Japan and China for at least several centuries, perhaps even a millennium.\(^6\)

The peony plant has been recorded to have medicinal properties since the times of Hippocrates and is still widely used today in both Indian and Chinese medical systems.\(^7\) There are many different varieties of Peony plants, Red Peony and White Peony among them. The most common species used in medicine today is **White Peony**—named for the color of its roots, not its flowers (which can include a number of color variations).\(^6\)
Because of its ability to rebalance a malfunctioning immune system due to its unique dual-acting mechanisms, peony glucosides are now recognized as a drug by the Chinese State Food and Drug Administration for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, one of the leading autoimmune diseases.5

Unlike the dangerous drugs used to treat autoimmune disorders, peony glucosides work to simultaneously suppress excessive harmful immune functions while also boosting calming immune components.4 A calm and balanced immune system is the most important step in reducing the pain and threat of autoimmune disorders.

Chinese scientists have discovered a broad spectrum of applications for peony glucosides for those suffering from autoimmune disorders.
in rats demonstrate reduced swelling and scar tissue in joints, along with decreases in bone and cartilage destruction; together, all of these factors affect how much pain people feel from their arthritis.18

In laboratory mice with excessive inflammation (for example, those with arthritis or psoriasis), peony glucosides inhibited over-active immune reactions, resulting in reduced cytokines and overall inflammation.4 But in animals whose immune system is suppressed (similar to people treated with steroids, having chemotherapy, or with immune-impairing diseases such as HIV/AIDS), peony glucosides enhanced the immune response, bringing antibodies and immune system attack cells back up.4 Translated into human terms, this implies that people with overactive immune systems, such as those with lupus and other autoimmune diseases, would benefit from the immune-suppressing effects of peony glucosides. At the same time, those with suppressed immune systems would see fewer serious infections and a lower cancer rate.

Peony glucosides achieve this immune balance by a variety of subtle mechanisms that include slowing the maturation of cells that promote immune responses while boosting maturation of the regulatory cells that return the immune system to its normal, neutral state.13,16,17 This level of immune balancing is beyond what current medications can do (medications typically either boost or suppress immunity, not both at the same time). The result of this balancing act is likely to be a substantial reduction in symptoms and flare-ups of both autoimmune diseases and their counterparts, infections and cancers in people with under-active immunity.

This dual action immune balancing extends all the way to target tissues. For example, in rheumatoid arthritis, over-active joint-lining cells create a hyper-inflammatory response in the joint, producing pain and destruction of the joint surfaces. Peony glucosides prevent those cells from becoming over-stimulated, sparing the joint from autoimmune damage and reducing joint pain and swelling.9,17,18,20

Unlike mainstream medications that aim only to shut down the inflammatory response, peony glucosides are a true immunomodulator, which rebalances the disordered immune response and enables the body to restore its own equilibrium.

Autoimmune Arthritis

In China, peony glucosides are an approved drug for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, the most common autoimmune arthritis.5,21

In laboratory experiments, animals with rheumatoid arthritis develop increased numbers of
inflammatory cells. These cells then produce high levels of inflammatory cytokines resulting in destructive inflammation of the delicate tissues lining the joints. The end result is destruction of the joint. Supplementation with peony glucosides appears to reduce the population of inflammation-provoking cells while increasing the inflammation-suppressing ones. The result is that inflammatory cytokine levels fall while the over-active immune response in the joints begins to reverse; animal studies show that this biochemical reversal of inflammation is accompanied by reversal in joint damage and pain.\textsuperscript{9,13,17,18,20,22}

Treatment with peony glucosides produces a significant reduction in both arthritis severity and joint damage.\textsuperscript{16,18,23,24} Studies in animals with experimentally-induced arthritis, for example, demonstrate a reduction in clinical manifestations of arthritis after treatment with peony glucosides.\textsuperscript{23,24} Arthritis scores, numerical summaries of joint swelling, range of movement, and other parameters are lower in supplemented animals than in controls.\textsuperscript{16,24} Finally, autopsy results of these experimental animals reveal significant reductions in visible joint damage of the kind that produces pain and immobility in human sufferers.\textsuperscript{18}

As an added benefit in preventing the further destruction caused by arthritis, peony glucosides reduce the excessive new blood vessel growth (angiogenesis) that contributes to excessive tissue growth within the joint.\textsuperscript{25} When excess tissue builds up inside a joint, victims experience decreased range of motion, stiffness, and often pain with movement, as they try to force the joint to overcome the obstruction created by bulky tissue.

Human studies with peony glucosides have focused on its use in conjunction with mainstream therapies. One early study found that adding peony glucosides to a standard drug, methotrexate, originally used for chemotherapy, resulted in a faster onset of action, and lowered serum measures of inflammation significantly more than with the drug alone.\textsuperscript{26}

Additional studies demonstrated that more people (97.5\%) experienced at least some relief when treated with both peony glucosides and a standard immunomodulatory drug, leflunomide, compared with those treated with the drug alone (85\%).\textsuperscript{27}

Levels of inflammation fell faster when peony glucosides were included in medication regimens, and the onset of protective action was faster.\textsuperscript{26-28} Peony glucosides also reduce the liver toxicity of the commonly-used combination of methotrexate and leflunomide with improvements in clinical disease scores.\textsuperscript{29}

### What You Need to Know

**Regulate Immune Balance With Peony Extract**

- **Autoimmune diseases**—when the body attacks itself—are among the most heartbreaking of human conditions.
- **Conventional medical therapy** aims purely at reducing inflammation, which results in a state of immune suppression and leaves the patient vulnerable to life-threatening infections and cancers.
- Newer drugs also raise the risk of developing additional diseases, and all are tremendously expensive.
- Peony glucosides are a time-honored component of traditional Chinese medicine; today it is certified as a drug in China for use in autoimmune disorders.
- Peony glucosides act naturally, not to simply quash inflammation, but rather to rebalance the disordered immune system, promoting development of regulatory, inflammation-fighting cells while suppressing pro-inflammatory cells and the deadly cytokines they produce.
- One of the main therapeutic components found in peony glucosides is paeoniflorin.
- To date peony glucosides have been used in clinical trials involving conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, Sjogren’s syndrome, psoriasis, and other lesser-known conditions.
- In numerous scientific studies, peony glucosides have been demonstrated to significantly and meaningfully restore immune system balance, reduce symptoms, speed onset of remissions, and reduce the amount of dangerous immunosuppressive drugs required.
Lupus

Lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease that can impact your entire body including joints, skin, heart, lungs, blood vessels, nervous system, liver, and kidneys as well as increase your risk of cancer and infections.30 Attacking women 9 times as often as men, the disease occurs in cycles of flares (exacerbations) followed by periods of lower activity (remissions).31 Doctors usually treat the symptoms of lupus with a mix of powerful drugs that includes antimalarial drugs, corticosteroids, immune suppressants, and NSAIDs.30 However, despite these medical interventions, the underlying causative factors remain, and the disease can return at any time.

Understanding Autoimmune Diseases

Autoimmune diseases are extremely painful and difficult to treat. In these conditions, which affect more than 23.5 million Americans (5 to 8%), the body turns on itself, launching a relentless attack on its own tissues.1,52 The resulting suffering is often crippling. Virtually every organ system in the human body is vulnerable to autoimmune diseases. The US National Institutes of Health estimates that at least 80 human diseases have a major autoimmune component, and new diseases continue to be added to that list.1,51

Rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, lupus, and inflammatory bowel diseases lead the list, but type I diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and a host of less well-known disorders such as Sjogren’s syndrome and certain types of anemia are also autoimmune conditions.51-53 Regardless of the specific disorder in question, all autoimmune diseases share several common features:

An imbalance in the immune system leading to deregulated inflammatory pathways.54 In some autoimmune diseases, pro-inflammatory white blood cells predominate, with abnormally low numbers of inflammation-suppressing, or regulatory cells.54 The result is a massive release of “auto-antibodies,” which attack the host’s own tissues.52 Tissues that are attacked by auto-antibodies are then subject to an excess of inflammatory cytokines.55 Cytokines are signaling molecules that white blood cells use to communicate with one another about the site and nature of a foreign invasion.55 The net result is an aggressive attack on normal body tissue that has been incorrectly identified as alien to the body.51 For example, the joints are the target tissue in autoimmune arthritis such as rheumatoid and psoriatic arthritis; the skin and the kidneys are primary targets in lupus; psoriasis targets the skin, and inflammatory bowel diseases target the intestines.

The flood of inflammation destroys tissues in the target organs first, but as the storm rages on, inflammation increases throughout the whole body, leading to damage in other areas far from the original target.56 Mainstream medicine’s best offerings still include older drugs that simply kill off the rapidly-reproducing inflammatory cells, as well as newer “biological agents,” which are specialized antibodies that target inflammatory cytokines to neutralize them.57-59 The main problem with these treatments is that they focus on immunosuppression, which may lower the inflammation but can open the door to many other health problems.59 By focusing only on reducing inflammation, rather than on rebalancing the entire system, these drugs put the patient at increased risk of new diseases, such as invasion by microbes or cancer.1,2 And the “biological agents” such as the drugs Etanercept®, Adalimumab®, among others are crushingly expensive, must be given by IV injection, and may complicate disease states by producing their own autoimmune reactions.59,60 A better treatment option would be to gently restore the natural balance between inflammation-promoting and inflammation-suppressing cells, in other words, a dual-action approach. According to the latest scientific data, this dual-action mechanism is precisely how peony glucosides work in the face of autoimmune disorders.4,5
Studies show that **peony glucosides**, when used for 5 years or more, can dramatically reduce the rate of people experiencing lupus flares to just 3%, compared with 19% in those using the supplement for less than 5 years or only intermittently, and 35% in those not using it at all.32

When **peony glucosides** are used in combination with mainstream medicines, the results include reductions in disease activity, less need for prednisone and other immunosuppressive therapies, and a reduced rate of infections.33 Lab indicators of disease severity dropped along with lower levels of certain inflammatory markers and lower levels of the characteristic lupus autoantibody, indicating a lower level of lupus disease activity in the body.

In patients receiving only mainstream drug therapy, rates of remission were 6.4%, while rates of partial remission were 29.0%, and those for whom it was ineffective was 64.5%. However, in those patients who received **peony glucosides** plus standard medical treatment, the results were 20.7% for remission, 51.7% for partial remission, and only 27.6% ineffective after 3 months of supplementation.34

Other studies of **peony glucosides** combined with Western-style medications reveal similar positive results—faster onset of action, decreased number of side effects, lowered markers of inflammation, and reduced need for immune-suppressive medications.26-28,34-36

Lab studies show that **peony glucosides** produce these significant improvements in lupus patients through a rebalancing of immune system cells, possibly by increasing the number of cells that suppress inflammation.37,38 And in mouse studies, animals with lupus and its associated kidney disease (nephritis) had a significant reduction in urinary protein content, indicating improved kidney function, following supplementation.39 Supplemented animals’ kidneys also showed less visible lupus-related damage, and serum levels of lupus-related autoantibodies dropped significantly.39

**Psoriasis**

Psoriasis is an autoimmune skin condition that produces an itchy and unsightly scaling rash. It is responsible for untold misery and social isolation, and is a disease crying out for a safe and effective response.40

To date, only one human clinical trial of **peony glucosides** in psoriasis has been conducted, but the results are promising. Thirty-five psoriasis patients who were in remission were monitored during supplementation.41 At baseline, even though they were in remission, all the patients had elevated levels of inflammatory cytokines, indicating a smoldering disease process. But after supplementation, there was a significant decrease in these cytokine levels, indicating that the fires of inflammation had been successfully tamed.

Psoriatic arthritis is a form of arthritis that sometimes affects psoriasis sufferers; its features are similar to those of rheumatoid arthritis. In a 2013 study, 19 patients underwent **12-weeks** of supplementation with **peony glucosides** only.5 Six (32%) had at least a 25% improvement in their disease activity, and of that group all demonstrated a continuous decrease in the number of pro-inflammatory cells and simultaneous drop in inflammatory cytokines. This is one of the first-ever studies demonstrating such dramatic effects in patients treated solely with **peony glucosides**.

### Other Autoimmune Conditions

There are brief reports on **peony glucosides** in the management of more obscure autoimmune disorders. From these we learn that:

Patients with **uveitis**, an autoimmune inflammation of the middle portion of the eye (iris and its delicate support structures), have a rebalancing of their inflammation-controlling immune cells after supplementation.61 This provides an excellent example of the unique, dual-acting properties **peony glucosides**.

**Peony glucosides** increase the efficacy of standard immunosuppressive drug treatment at decreasing the markedly elevated levels of antibodies in the serum of people with **mixed connective tissue disease**, a condition in which multiple body tissues are simultaneously under attack.62,63

Seventy-three percent of patients with chronic **urticaria** responded to treatment with **peony glucosides**, while those on anti-inflammatory medications only had a significantly lower 48% effective rate.64 In chronic urticaria, weeping, itchy skin lesions persist often for years, with unsightly scarring as well.

**Peony glucosides** was effective in up to 68% of patients with **alopecia areata**, an autoimmune disorder in which the hair follicles are targets of inflammation, resulting in patchy baldness.65 This study demonstrated significant reductions in pro-inflammatory regulating cells, and a similar increase in inflammation-suppressing cells, again demonstrating the dual action of the supplement.
Sjogren’s Syndrome

Sjogren’s syndrome is the second most-common autoimmune rheumatic disease, afflicting somewhere between 2 and 4 million Americans—the vast majority of whom are post-menopausal women. In this disease, inflammatory cytokines released from immune cells and autoantibodies destroy secretory glands, especially salivary and tear glands. People with Sjogren’s syndrome suffer from dry eyes, mouth, nose, throat, and vagina, and have a massive (20- to 40-fold) increase in the risk of malignant lymphoma. The disease can be diagnosed and its progress tracked by specific autoantibodies, which can be sharply reduced with peony glucosides supplementation.

Mouse studies reveal similar effectiveness between peony glucosides and the immune-suppressive drug hydroxychloroquine, an antimalarial drug used to treat Sjogren’s syndrome, with prominent reductions in autoantibodies, which can be sharply reduced with peony glucosides supplementation.

Human research from China supports these observations, demonstrating that peony glucosides have similar effectiveness, and was safer than mainstream medications. In a study of patients taking peony glucosides or hydroxychloroquine, both treatments effectively improved saliva and tear production and decreased abnormally high levels of serum antibodies, but adverse effects in the supplement group were 5 cases of diarrhea, while in the drug group, one patient dropped out because of decreased vision, and another for potential liver damage.

Open trials demonstrate that peony glucosides, 600 mg three times daily, was effective at improving saliva and tear flow rates and reducing markers of inflammation in 21.4% of patients at 12 weeks, and in 57.1% by 36 weeks.

Summary

Autoimmune diseases produce their tragic effects as a result of the body’s attacking itself with antibodies that destroy perfectly healthy tissue. These autoantibodies are the result of an unbalanced immune system, in which normal regulatory cells fail to rein in the actions of inflammatory cells.

Mainstream medicine fights autoimmune disease on only a single front, by aiming to lower inflammation at all costs. Rather than restoring the balance, this approach simply tips it in the opposite direction, leaving victims vulnerable to life-threatening infections and increasing cancer risks.

Peony glucosides, on the other hand, have a gentle and unique dual-acting mechanism. The supplement restores normal immune system regulation both by raising levels of normal inflammation-suppressing cells, and by directly reducing actions of pro-inflammatory cells. As a result, the disordered immune system is brought back into its natural balance, and the excessive inflammation subsides.

Peony glucosides work well in combination with mainstream medicine’s arsenal, helping to reduce the amount of dangerous drugs needed to keep the disease at bay and boosting their effectiveness.

Peony glucosides have now been successfully tested in people with rheumatoid arthritis, with lupus, with Sjogren’s syndrome, and psoriasis. The supplement has been demonstrated to speed the onset of remissions, reduce the rate of flares, and lower the severity of the disease symptoms.

Given the dual and fundamental actions of peony glucosides, there is every reason to believe they will be effective in fighting many of the other autoimmune diseases, including inflammatory bowel disease, thyroid disorders, and many others.

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Leukoaraiosis: A Hidden Cause of Brain Aging

According to a study conducted at the Mayo Clinic, a surprising number of aging people suffer a condition in which tiny areas of their brain become oxygen deprived. This cerebral vascular deficit sharply increases risk of stroke, dementia, and cognitive impairment. Healthy lifestyle choices can prevent and may help reverse it.1

As imaging techniques evolve, we are able to understand more about the workings of our brain. One of the most alarming discoveries has been the existence of ominous changes found in the brains of more than 60% of people in late middle age and beyond2—changes that were once thought to be simply “age spots” on the brain, but have now taken center stage in the battle against age-related cognitive decline.

Officially known as “leukoaraiosis,” or “white matter hyperintensities,” these tiny spots appear bright white on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans. Scientists are only now coming to grips with the fact that these innocent-appearing spots carry grave implications for cognition, memory, personality, and even gait and balance changes as we age.3,4

Fortunately, as we learn more about leukoaraiosis, we’re finding clues to its causes and, therefore, intriguing hints about how we might slow its progress or even prevent it entirely, thereby preserving our cherished brain function well into advanced age. >
What Is Leukoaraiosis?

Leukoaraiosis, a small vessel disease, refers to the appearance on CT or MRI scans of damage in the white matter regions of the brain.5

Leukoaraiosis is a common finding in stroke patients. Leukoaraiosis appears to be an independent predictor of stroke outcomes. Evidence from neuroimaging indicates that some leukoaraiosis is caused by white matter infarcts, which may be particularly frequent in patients with aggressive small vessel disease.

Much of the brain’s total volume is composed of white matter, which runs like tracts of communications cables throughout the brain, connecting different regions so that they can coordinate and optimize the essential exchange of information.

Damage to white matter, then, is likely to result in impairment of brain functions that require complex interactions between regions. Such interactions include the so-called “executive functions” such as memory processing, decision-making, and priority-setting, as well as more basic functions like motor coordination, balance, and maintaining a normal gait.5,6
The damage that produces leukoaraiosis appears to result from poor blood flow through the smallest arteries and capillaries in the brain (as opposed to “large vessel disease” involving bigger arteries). Small vessel disease caused by insufficient blood flow (hypoperfusion) usually produces few specific symptoms.5

But that does not mean that leukoaraiosis is benign, as was originally thought. It represents regions of the brain that are not getting enough blood—and hence, not enough oxygen and nutrients.5,6

It was not until powerful imaging techniques such as MRI were developed that we had any way of detecting small vessel disease as it formed and progressed.4 Thanks to MRI and other advanced technology, however, we can now watch as leukoaraiosis forms, the hallmark of small vessel disease. On such scans, leukoaraiosis shows up as bright white regions (“unidentified bright objects”) scattered through white matter areas of the brain.1,5 Each region of leukoaraiosis represents real brain damage, even though it is often undetected by victims or health care providers.

And even though early and limited leukoaraiosis typically produces no specific symptoms, the more leukoaraiosis you have, the poorer your function on tests of memory, cognition, gait, and balance—reflecting the damage to those white matter communications channels.5,7 Over time, leukoaraiosis may produce slowed thinking, forgetfulness, disorientation, perseveration (inability to get off of one subject), depression, and many other problems.5

The white matter hyperintensities characteristic of leukoaraiosis have now been found in at least 40 to 50% of apparently healthy adults over age 50, and some reports estimate as high as 95%.5,6 Though several different possible explanations for the cause of leukoaraiosis exist, we still don’t know exactly what causes the lesions seen in leukoaraiosis, in part because the symptoms of the condition are so non-specific.5,8,9

What Causes Leukoaraiosis?

Like so many age-related, chronic conditions, leukoaraiosis appears to have multiple causes, but these differ somewhat from the typical risk factors for larger-vessel diseases of the kinds that cause stroke and heart attacks.6,8,10

**Hypertension** is a leading risk factor for leukoaraiosis, and the small vessel disease it represents.6,11,12 People who have hypertension are up to 14 times as likely to develop leukoaraiosis than those who do not.13,14 That differs from large vessel disease of the kind that typically causes overt strokes, in which atherosclerosis is the greatest risk factor.9

Research shows that having high blood pressure, particularly ongoing hypertension occurring over time, is a strong predictor of having more severe leukoaraiosis, and of its progression over time; people with the highest cumulative blood pressure across 5 visits had twice the risk of leukoaraiosis progression, compared to those with lower blood pressures.15

**Reduced cerebral blood flow** is increasingly being recognized as a cause of leukoaraiosis. People with leukoaraiosis were found to have just 39.7% of the volume of blood flow in affected regions of their brains compared with those having normal appearing white matter.16 And the ability of the brain’s smaller blood vessels to react to changes in blood flow is also reduced to about 53% of normal in leukoaraiosis patients.2

Some of this loss of blood flow may be related to the age-related twisting of smaller arteries, which creates increased resistance and hence lower flow.17 Finally, arterial stiffening of larger arteries, a consequence of long-term **endothelial dysfunction**, creates increased pulse waves in smaller arteries that feed the brain, again resulting in periods of very low blood flow.18

**Homocysteine**, a byproduct of protein metabolism, is known to be involved in dysfunction of the endothelium, the ultra-thin lining layer of small blood vessels and capillaries, and endothelial dysfunction in turn is related to poor blood flow in small vessels, leading to leukoaraiosis.19-23 High homocysteine levels increase the risk of developing leukoaraiosis, with changes detectable as early as middle age.24-28

**Platelets** are the tiny blood components responsible for forming clots; treatments aimed at keeping platelets in check have been successful at preventing large vessel diseases including strokes and heart attacks.29 But platelet characteristics also affect risk factors for developing leukoaraiosis; those with larger, “stickier” platelets have at least a 60% increase in the risk of developing the brain abnormality.30
Sleep-disordered breathing, which includes the common malady known as obstructive sleep apnea, increases your risk for high blood pressure (the more severe the breathing problem, the higher the risk of hypertension), and hence, the risk of leukoaraiosis. Fortunately, various non-invasive interventions, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), have been shown to correct sleep-disordered breathing and lower blood pressure, thereby probably reducing your risk for leukoaraiosis. Anyone with high blood pressure should, therefore, be evaluated for a sleep-related breathing disorder.

Other risk factors for leukoaraiosis are being discovered; some of the most prominent of these are diabetes (types I or II), high levels of inflammation, the metabolic syndrome, mitochondrial dysfunction, and smoking. Note that all of these factors are known contributors to endothelial dysfunction. Table 1 shows the main risk factors for the small blood vessel disease that produces leukoaraiosis as cited in a recent review.

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What Are The Consequences Of Leukoaraiosis?

The white matter damage that shows up as leukoaraiosis produces no symptoms until it is relatively widespread, and even then symptoms emerge only very slowly over time, and are often confused with “just getting older.” But studies show that, even in non-disabled older adults, leukoaraiosis on MRI scans is significantly associated with subtle neurological changes that can be detected on a simple physical exam: gait and stance abnormalities, abnormal reflexes, and slowing of small precise movements like finger-tapping.

Leukoaraiosis And Brain Aging

- Your brain is under attack by “unidentified bright structures,” known to physicians and scientists as leukoaraiosis.
- Undetectable until the advent of modern imaging technology, leukoaraiosis is now closely associated with most symptoms of brain aging, including cognitive decline, gait and balance abnormalities, and dementia.
- The cause of leukoaraiosis is not entirely clear, though it is clear that it represents disease of the brain’s tiniest blood vessels.
- Risk factors for leukoaraiosis include hypertension, platelet dysfunction, excessive homocysteine levels, and most causes of endothelial dysfunction such as diabetes, obesity, and the metabolic syndrome.
- There’s not a known cure for leukoaraiosis, but we have an abundance of nutraceutical weapons at hand for fighting the risk factors that seem to produce it.
- You can protect yourself against leukoaraiosis and the brain aging it produces by getting regular exercise and choosing nutritional supplements that work against any known risk factors you might have.
And, when symptoms do arise, leukoaraiosis produces a number of concerning findings.\textsuperscript{6,42}

**Cognitive decline** across many different kinds of function is one of the most widely recognized consequences of leukoaraiosis.\textsuperscript{6,43,44} As one would expect, based on the involvement of white matter communications channels, leukoaraiosis mainly affects executive functioning (planning, prioritizing, risk assessment, etc.), processing speed, and attention, all of which depend on rapid and accurate exchange of information throughout the brain.\textsuperscript{6}

A telling study was conducted at the Mayo Clinic and published late in 2012.\textsuperscript{7} Researchers studied a group of apparently cognitively healthy elderly people with and without significant areas of leukoaraiosis, comparing specific regions of brain activation using a functional MRI scanner. Such scans “light up” in brain regions that are activated by specific tasks. The participants with leukoaraiosis had reduced brain activation in all areas associated with certain forms of decision-making.\textsuperscript{7}

These changes in cognition and executive function appear to produce some very worrisome outcomes, since they occur in people who typically continue to function and operate independently in society. Leukoaraiosis has been found to be associated, for example, with the risk of being involved in serious traffic crashes. People with large or multiple areas of leukoaraiosis have a two-to-three-fold increase in having crashes, especially deadly crossroad crashes.\textsuperscript{45}

Finally, leukoaraiosis has been associated with a greater risk of dementia, and even of death.\textsuperscript{6} In one study, leukoaraiosis was independently associated with a 46% increase in the risk of dying early; another study found that the risk of dying early was nearly 3-fold higher in those with severe leukoaraiosis than in those without.\textsuperscript{46,47}

**Gait and balance disturbances** are another hallmark of leukoaraiosis, again the result of white matter damage that prevents quick and reliable communication between various brain centers.\textsuperscript{5,44} Studies show an association between the amount of leukoaraiosis and deficiencies in gait, balance, and walking speed.\textsuperscript{48,49}

These disturbances more than double the risk of falling, which is itself a leading cause of disability and premature death in older people.\textsuperscript{49} People with larger areas of leukoaraiosis perform more poorly in daily activities than matched, same-aged controls with no damage to their white matter pathways.\textsuperscript{6,50}

**Depression** is increasingly common as people age; now there is solid evidence to suggest that growing areas of leukoaraiosis may be involved.\textsuperscript{6,44} Studies show that people with more progression of leukoaraiosis over a 3-year period have higher rates of depression than those with slower or no progression.\textsuperscript{51,52}

**Stroke risk** is clearly affected by the presence of leukoaraiosis, at least for certain stroke types, particularly those that also affect smaller brain blood vessels in white matter areas of the brain.\textsuperscript{53-56} In people who have had a “minor” warning, such as a transient ischemic attack (TIA) or a non-disabling stroke, the presence of leukoaraiosis significantly increases their chances of having a stroke—one study found that 37% of people with widespread leukoaraiosis had a stroke within 3 years, compared with just 20% of those without leukoaraiosis.\textsuperscript{57} Another study found the risk of stroke to increase nearly five-fold for people with higher-level leukoaraiosis, compared with those having low-grade leukoaraiosis.\textsuperscript{58}

Leukoaraiosis is also associated with an increased risk of a type of “silent stroke” called cerebral microbleeds by more than five-fold in patients with a prior stroke history.\textsuperscript{59} And in people who have just had a serious stroke and have been treated with modern “clot busting” drugs, having leukoaraiosis raised the risk of having dangerous bleeding into the brain (intracerebral hemorrhage) by nearly three-fold, and doubled the risk of any bad outcome within 90 days of the treatment.\textsuperscript{11,60}

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Other consequences of leukoaraiosis are rapidly becoming evident, as shown in Table 2, driving home the point that we all need to do everything we can to prevent this insidious form of brain damage.

How Can I Prevent Leukoaraiosis?

Currently there is no reliable treatment for leukoaraiosis, partly because its fundamental causes remain unknown.5,6 But our knowledge of its risk factors can be used to our advantage in preventing leukoaraiosis, and at the very least in slowing its progression.

Not surprisingly, lifestyle and dietary interventions have proven the most effective approaches, especially those that help lower blood pressure, lower blood sugar, reduce obesity, and contribute to improvement in endothelial function.

A few specific interventions have already been shown to directly address leukoaraiosis and its related cognitive deficits:

Physical activity reduces leukoaraiosis-related limitations in mobility.48 In one study of people with leukoaraiosis, greater physical activity was associated with a 36% reduction in the risk of cognitive impairment, a 39% reduction in risk of dementia, and a 58% reduction in risk of vascular dementia.61

Homocysteine-lowering therapy using B vitamins has been shown to improve executive function, which is so strongly affected by leukoaraiosis.62

Correcting platelet function, specifically, the tendency of platelets to be too “sticky,” slows the progression of leukoaraiosis.63

Table 3 provides a partial listing of some nutraceutical supplements that can be helpful in reducing risk factors, thereby potentially slowing the progression of leukoaraiosis. Those with blood pressure readings above 115/75 that do not respond to nutraceuticals may consider pharmaceutical intervention, though those with severe leukoaraiosis sometimes require higher blood pressure to squeeze blood into deformed cerebral arterial and capillary beds.

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Summary

Unidentified bright objects, formally known as leukoaraiosis, or white matter hyperintensities, are early warning signs of ongoing chronic brain damage. It's almost like having a stroke in ultra-slow motion.

No one even knew of the existence of leukoaraiosis until modern scanning technology detected it. Now we recognize that leukoaraiosis is both widespread and dangerous, signaling the presence of insidious disease in the brain's smallest blood vessels. Small vessel disease deprives local areas of the brain of sufficient blood supply to carry out normal activities, and eventually leads to formation of leukoaraiosis that can be seen on scans.

The causes of leukoaraiosis are not entirely understood, but evidence points to hypertension, endothelial dysfunction, platelet aggregation problems, and homocysteine elevations as major risk factors. And the consequences of leukoaraiosis are increasingly apparent: the larger the volume of brain involved in leukoaraiosis, the worse a person's cognitive function is—even before they become aware of it.

Leukoaraiosis also increases risk for stroke, cognitive decline, and dementia, while interfering with normal gait and balance, eventually leading to greater risks of falling. Indeed, leukoaraiosis seems to correlate with most of the changes we've always associated with brain aging—except that it appears to be preventable and even reversible. Perhaps that's the message those “unidentified bright objects” are trying to send us.

Life Extension members should find comfort that their nutrients and healthy lifestyle choices confer significant protection against leukoaraiosis.

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Brain decline affects all aging humans. Scientific studies demonstrate more youthful cognition and memory in response to the proper nutrients. Cognitex® provides the following brain boosting ingredients in one advanced formula:

**Gastrodin** acts as a “brain shield,” calming brain cells and helping to protect against oxidant, inflammatory, and excitatory damage. Gastrodin’s multiple modes of action work together with other nutrients to improve circulation and shield the brain from age-related insults.

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INTRODUCING

Rich Rewards™

Mung Bean Soup with Turmeric

A Delicious Asian-Style Soup Rich in Vital Plant Nutrients
If you’re looking for a different food to try, you’ll be delighted with our Mung Bean Soup with Turmeric. The mung beans have a chewy texture and unique taste that will make you feel you’re eating something new for the first time.

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Each serving of Rich Rewards™ Mung Bean Soup with Turmeric contains only 130 calories. It is an excellent source of fiber and provides 6 grams of protein. You can consume the entire contents or use a smaller portion of the soup as part of a meal for you (or several people).

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Rich Rewards™ Mung Bean Soup with Turmeric 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 for our soups.

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To order your fresh supply of Rich Rewards™ Mung Bean Soup with Turmeric, call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.lef.org/soup

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Vitamin A 2% • Vitamin C 6% • Calcium 8% • Iron 20% *Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

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**One Smart Bowl of Soup**

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- Excellent source of fiber
- No added starches or sugars
- Low in saturated fat and sodium
- Cholesterol free
- 0g trans fat
Zinc is required by the body for more than 2,000 transcription factors involved in gene expressions of various proteins. What this means in everyday language is that thousands of essential biological functions are dependent on zinc.

The medical community has known of zinc deficiency for more than 50 years, but the health impact of this crucial mineral has been largely ignored by global health organizations. Extensive scientific inquiry has made it clear that nutritional deficiency of zinc is widely prevalent and its morbidities are severe.

Overwhelmingly, the elderly are deficient in zinc. Because zinc governs so many biological functions, a simple zinc deficiency can affect multiple facets of health and development. The result is a decline in our body’s vigilant immune system, opening the door for an onslaught of numerous diseases. A zinc deficiency contributes to atherosclerosis, cancer, neurological disorders, autoimmune diseases, and other age-related chronic conditions.

One target that researchers are focusing on is the fact that a zinc deficiency can cause your immune system to decline, a phenomenon known as immunosenescence. This decline in immunity places older adults at increased risk for a range of almost every serious disease, from infections and cancer.

Fortunately, supplementing with the proper amount of zinc can provide life-saving benefits against the diseases of aging. Studies have shown that zinc supplementation in the elderly can restore normal function of the killer cells that attack virally-infected and cancerous cells as well as boost the immune system’s anti-aging mechanisms.
Adequate zinc levels have been found to reduce the risk of infection as well as decrease oxidative and inflammatory markers.\textsuperscript{7}

Even if zinc levels are adequate, supplementing with zinc may offer additional protection against cancer. In animals with normal zinc levels, the number of experimentally-induced tumors was 28\% lower when the animals were given a modest zinc supplement.\textsuperscript{8}

There is no reason that this readily available and inexpensive mineral should not be an essential component of your personal health program against the dangers of immunosenescence.
**Immunosenescence:**
The Waning Of The Immune System

Zinc deficiency is rampant among older adults. As with so many other essentials, zinc levels decrease with age. But that’s only part of the problem.

Another major cause is that people simply don’t get enough of this nutrient on a daily basis. The government’s minimum recommended daily allowance (RDA) of zinc is just 15 mg. Yet 35% to 45% of people older than 60 don’t even get half of that.10-13

Scientists now believe that zinc deficiency plays a direct role in the aging of the immune system, known as immunosenescence.14

In immunosenescence, there’s a decrease in the immune system cells that normally identify and destroy abnormal cells (such as bacteria, virally-infected cells, and cancer cells). That leaves older adults increasingly vulnerable to infections and cancers, while making vaccinations less effective as well.15

Immunosenescence also increases the frequency and severity of autoimmune disorders (such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus), in which the immune system attacks and destroys healthy body tissue. In addition, immunosenescence leads to the loss of regulatory control, which adds to the total burden of inflammation in the body, leading to atherosclerosis, osteoporosis, and further heightening the risks of cancer.16,17

**Battle Immunosenescence With Zinc**

Immunosenescence is a very complex process that is still being understood by researchers. However, what scientists are now realizing is that the immune system in the elderly is the result of a continuous remodelling process. That means it’s possible to fight against this phenomenon of aging—for which zinc is a vital component. There are remarkable similarities between immunosenescence and zinc deficiency, similarities so striking that scientists now believe they can’t be coincidental.19,20

A deficiency in zinc reduces the activity of the thymus gland, which prevents the production of essential “killer” T-cells. This shifts the balance to “suppressor” cells that reduce the immune response.21

Low zinc levels also increase the occurrence of autoimmunity and excessive inflammation (as is seen in immunosenescence). Even borderline low levels of zinc can impair immune functioning and decrease the response to vaccinations.19,21 While inadequate zinc is not likely to be the only cause of immunosenescence, it appears to be one of the main contributors.

What this means to you is that by restoring zinc levels to those found in younger people, we may be able to slow immunosenescence and protect ourselves against cancer, infection, autoimmunity, and chronic inflammation.21

Zinc supplementation in the elderly has been shown to confer the following benefits:

- Restore normal function of the killer cells that go after virally-infected and cancerous cells.4,5
- Boost the stress response of white blood cells from older adults, providing an immune system anti-aging mechanism.6
- Boost the immune response to vaccines, which are becoming increasingly vital to protecting older adults from dangerous infections.5,22
- Improve cellular immunity and increase survival rates in older mice.19,23
Zinc supplementation is so widely recognized as essential to healthy immune system support that it now figures broadly in international health programs aimed at reducing the death tolls from diseases such as severe diarrhea, malaria, and tuberculosis.24-27

**Zinc Battles Infections**

Infections, especially those of the respiratory system, are a serious threat to the health of adults over 60 years old. Supplementing with zinc can help lower the risk of these dangerous infections in older adults.

One study showed that a daily **45 mg** dose of zinc reduced the incidence of all infections, including those of the respiratory tract, in elderly adults.7 And at a very high dose (**80 mg/day**), zinc was found to reduce overall deaths by **27%** over an median of 6.5 years.28 (Please note: Zinc should not be consumed at doses higher than **90** to **100 mg/day**; at those doses it can have a negative effect on immunity and may produce urinary tract symptoms.3,29)

Two specific threats for which zinc has proven effective include pneumonia and influenza.

**Pneumonia** is one of the leading causes of death in the US for older adults.28 Pneumonia is prevalent in this age group precisely because of immunosenescence, the waning protection against infection. But remember, immunosenescence can be a direct result of zinc deficiency. That helps explain why people with low zinc status are even more likely to get pneumonia and to have a more severe infection, are more likely to need more antibiotics for longer, and are more likely to die from pneumonia, than are people with healthy zinc levels.29

Fortunately, studies show that simply restoring zinc to normal levels helps combat pneumonia, reducing its incidence by as much as **41%**, cutting new antibiotic prescriptions nearly in half, and shortening the duration of the illness.30 In a two-year study of nursing home residents, daily supplementation with **20 mg** of zinc and **100 micrograms** of selenium decreased the average number of respiratory infections compared with patients taking a placebo.31

Another larger study showed that the same doses of zinc and selenium improved antibody production in elderly people after a vaccination against pneumonia-causing germs.32

Zinc has also been found to be beneficial against influenza, another infection that can be especially dangerous for older adults. Influenza virus infection of lung tissue produces rapid destruction of cells through inflammation and apoptosis.33 Zinc has the ability to directly combat these negative effects of influenza.
ZINC COMBATS IMMUNOSENESCENCE

Support Your Body’s Anti-Cancer Surveillance System

Whether you realize it or not, every one of us experiences dozens of pre-cancerous cell changes daily. The reason we don’t all develop malignancies every day is thanks to the aggressive anti-cancer surveillance by the body’s immune system, particularly the aggressive “natural killer” cells that seek out and destroy abnormal cells.36

Zinc is absolutely essential for this anti-cancer surveillance system to function properly. That’s why, when zinc levels drop, we see a substantially higher rate of cancer, especially in the mouth, esophagus, and stomach.37 The tissues of your digestive tract are particularly vulnerable because they’re more exposed to the outside toxins that we ingest.

Restoring your body’s levels of zinc prevents loss of natural killer cell function, reduces the inflammation that promotes cancer, and reduces cancer cells’ ability to grow new blood vessels.36,38-40 As a result, zinc supplementation has been associated with a reduced incidence and/or progression of tongue, esophageal, stomach, and colon cancer in animals with zinc deficiencies.8,37,41-45

Zinc offers additional protection against cancer by starving tumors of the glucose they need to grow and spread. Cancer cells take up glucose at a very high rate compared with non-malignant tissues; that’s presumably because the rapidly-growing tumors have exceptionally high energy requirements.46 Zinc supplements appear to reduce glucose uptake in malignant cells, thus reducing the availability of energy cancer cells need to replicate and progress.46

Zinc is important in cancers outside of the digestive tract as well. The risk of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, a common blood cancer, is 42% lower in people with higher levels of zinc compared to those with lower levels.47 And among patients with head and neck cancers, nearly 65% were found to be zinc deficient.39

Prostate cancer is also sensitive to zinc. Normally the prostate contains tenfold the amount of zinc found in other soft tissues, but zinc accumulation in prostate tissue decreases shortly after prostate cancer begins.48 Supplementation restores normal prostate zinc levels and reduces levels of a promoter of tumor growth (IGF-1).48 Supplementation also supports natural antioxidant enzymes in the prostate; those enzymes are impaired as the result of high oxidant stresses imposed by growing malignancies.49

Even if your zinc levels are adequate, supplementing with zinc could offer additional protection against cancer. In animals with normal zinc levels, the number of experimentally-induced tumors was 28% lower when the animals were given a modest zinc supplement.8

Additional Benefits Of Zinc

Zinc has an impact on a wide variety of diseases. Today we can say with confidence that zinc plays an important role in cardiovascular disease (where it improves lipid profiles),60-66 in neurological disorders and cognition (where it may improve mental performance and decrease the risk of depression),9,67-77 and in preventing age-related macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness in the elderly.78-83

Lab studies show that zinc supplementation of cells in culture blocks the inflammatory response, shuts down the self-destructive cycle of apoptosis, and reduces the release of new viruses from the fragmented cells.33,34

Human studies confirm these results. Most importantly from a prevention standpoint, supplementation with zinc markedly enhances the response to influenza vaccines among older adults.23,32,35 An increase in anti-influenza antibody occurred in 87% of supplemented people and just 41% of controls. In response to the vaccine, supplemented subjects achieved white blood cell proliferation that was tenfold that of the control group.35
Diabetes And Obesity

The science demonstrating zinc’s importance in preventing diabetes and its consequences is so strong that zinc has become widely accepted as an important supplement for those at risk for—and even those already suffering from—diabetes.

In addition, zinc is involved in the synthesis, storage, and release of insulin. Zinc deficiency is associated with insulin resistance, impaired glucose tolerance, and obesity. In a study of obese individuals supplemented with 30 mg zinc for one month, researchers found significant reductions in body weight, body mass index (BMI), and triglycerides.50

Studies show that supplementation with zinc lowers both fasting and after-meal glucose levels and reduces the long-term measure of blood glucose called hemoglobin A1c.51-55 Zinc supplementation also improves insulin sensitivity and lowers insulin levels, a major factor in people with “pre-diabetes” (impaired fasting glucose).56-58

Higher blood levels of zinc are associated with the following:

• **10 to 15% decrease** in the risk of diabetes.
• **34 to 43% lower** risk of glucose intolerance.
• **12 to 13% reduction** in central obesity.
• **23 to 43% reduction** in coronary artery disease.59

In another study, body weight and body mass index decreased following supplementation with 20 mg of zinc.58 That’s particularly important because of the relationships between obesity, high insulin levels, and cancer. Zinc supplementation also markedly improves nerve conduction velocity, a measure of diabetic nerve damage.52

Summary

Immunosenescence, the aging of the immune system, is a major contributor to the higher rates of serious infections and cancers seen in older adults. Although immunosenescence was previously thought of as a natural effect of aging, scientists now believe that it could be caused in part by a deficiency in zinc.

That means that something as simple as supplementing with zinc could slow or reverse immunosenescence. Studies show that supplementing with zinc reduces the risk of serious infections such as pneumonia and influenza. Lab studies also demonstrate a remarkable cancer-preventive effect of supplementary zinc. Even the twin scourges of obesity and diabetes

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• Minimum RDA of zinc is 15 mg according to the government. Optimal supplemental doses for aging humans may be five times higher—up to 80 mg daily.86
• Although it’s possible to get zinc from plant sources, your body can’t utilize it as well because molecules found in breads, cereals, and legumes can bind the zinc and prevent your body from absorbing it.10
show signs of yielding to zinc therapy, with improved measures of blood glucose and reduced body mass, as well as fewer diabetic complications such as nerve and kidney damage.

If you are not taking a zinc supplement today, you should consider it to minimize the impact of **immuno-senescence** on your body. ●

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References


Zinc And Copper: A Balancing Act

Research has shown that higher dosing of supplemental zinc has produced significant benefit.86 However, long-term supplementation of zinc at doses above around 50 mg can interfere with copper bioavailability and result in deficiency of copper.87 High intake of zinc induces the intestinal synthesis of a copper-binding protein called metallothionein.87 Metallothionein traps copper within intestinal cells and prevents its systemic absorption. Copper deficiency can lead to clinical manifestations such as anemia, low levels of neutrophils (the most abundant type of white blood cell), and bone abnormalities, including fractures.88 Low levels of copper can also lead to increased concentration of total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol, reduction of HDL cholesterol, diminished glucose tolerance, and altered cardiac rhythm.88 Individuals supplementing with more than 50 mg of zinc on a chronic basis should consider supplementing with 2 mg of copper daily to address the risk of copper deficiency associated with high zinc ingestion. Short term supplementation of high doses of zinc is unlikely to affect copper distribution in the body.87

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Multiple Mechanisms for the Support of Healthy Blood Sugar Levels

Tri Sugar Shield™

Many aging individuals find themselves under assault from rising blood sugar levels.

Despite a healthy diet and exercise, blood sugar levels can rise due to a number of factors including excess gluconeogenesis whereby the liver produces glucose from protein. Another issue is the rapid conversion of any starch, including whole grains, into glucose. The result is that even health-conscious, active people can experience higher-than-desired blood sugar levels as they age.1,2

An all-natural, multi-pronged approach has been designed to support the natural balance of key glucose pathways!

Tri Sugar Shield™ provides three plant-derived nutrients that—through their rich array of complementary mechanisms3–8—afford an unrivalled level of optimal, broad-spectrum support for healthy glucose metabolism in aging individuals within normal range.

MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH

Life Extension® Tri Sugar Shield™ contains the following three nutrients:

**Sorghum Extract**

Sorghum has long been cultivated in Asia (and now is grown in Africa, India, China, Australia and the USA) and helps maintain healthy blood sugar levels, among those in the normal range, by modulating four different mechanisms:

- Balances the rate of sugar manufacture in the liver (gluconeogenesis).5
- Promotes insulin sensitivity.6
- Regulates PPAR-gamma, a metabolic thermostat controlling glucose metabolism.7,9
- Regulates the enzyme alpha-amyrase, which in turn controls the release of sugar found in starch.3,4

**Mulberry Leaf Extract**

Mulberry leaf has been used in Chinese traditional medicine for centuries. Like sorghum, mulberry leaf extract targets three different mechanisms:

- Targets the alpha-glucosidase enzyme to regulate conversion of starch into glucose.6,10
- Supports glucose transporter GLUT4 that moves glucose out of the bloodstream and into muscle and liver cells.11,12
- Promotes insulin sensitivity.13

**Phloridzin**

Phloridzin is a natural polyphenol found in various fruit trees.14 Phloridzin helps maintain healthy blood sugar levels, among those in the normal range by:

- Targeting carrier protein SGLT1, in turn helping to block the absorption of glucose into the bloodstream.15,16
- Targeting carrier protein SGLT2, in turn supporting glucose elimination via urine.17,18

By targeting all of these diverse glucose pathways, Life Extension® Tri Sugar Shield™ delivers the widest possible support to help naturally stabilize already healthy glucose levels!

The suggested daily dose of one vegetarian capsule taken twice daily before the heaviest carbohydrate or sugar containing meals/drinks of the new Tri Sugar Shield™ provides:

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A bottle of 60 vegetarian capsules of Life Extension® Tri Sugar Shield™ retails for $36. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $24 per bottle.

**References**


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As we age, a balanced immune and inflammatory response becomes critical to guarding our health.\(^1\)-\(^5\)
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By acting on both immune factors and inflammatory factors, Black Cumin Seed Oil supports a healthy immune system—which is increasingly important as we age—and facilitates a healthy inflammatory response!

The suggested daily dosage of two softgels of Black Cumin Seed Oil provides:

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Zinc supports your body’s natural immune defenses. Research demonstrates that zinc deficiency is widespread, especially in the elderly. This deficiency may contribute to aging-related impairment of immune function—or immunosenescence. Studies found that zinc supplementation offers an effective way to support aging immune systems, as well as healthy inflammatory and antioxidant responses. A longstanding problem is that zinc absorption can be limited and certain molecules in plant sources and grains can further inhibit absorption.

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Beyond immune support, zinc plays other crucial roles. It is an essential component of superoxide dismutase, one of your body’s most powerful natural antioxidants. Zinc stimulates the activity of about 300 enzymes that promote biochemical reactions in your body. This key mineral is also an integral component of vital hormones and supports protein and DNA synthesis, insulin production, as well as thyroid and bone metabolism. Zinc supports cardiovascular and neurological health, and helps maintain vision in the elderly.

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Headline news stories on **November 5, 2013**, parroted a study proclaiming that aging men using **testosterone** drugs suffer greater heart attack risk.\(^1\)\(^3\)

*Life Extension*\(^\circledast\) immediately recognized **errors** in this anti-testosterone study that render its findings meaningless.

This study was designed by physicians who apparently don’t know how to **safely** restore testosterone levels in aging men.

The media’s portrayal of this flawed study will discourage aging men from properly restoring their testosterone levels. To help spare the lives of testosterone **deficient** men, we have prepared an extensive **rebuttal** to this erroneous report.

*Life Extension’s* official response, starting on page 70 provides a detailed point-by-point rebuttal to the many defects in this study that was used to discredit natural testosterone restoration.

On the next page is a brief **summary** of the more serious flaws that generated the media frenzy. >
In order to confer the most protection against heart disease, total testosterone blood levels need to be raised higher than 500–550 ng/dL. Life Extension believes that optimal youthful total testosterone is in the 700–900 ng/dL range.

The men enrolled in this flawed study only boosted their mean total testosterone levels to 332 ng/dL. Previous studies show this low testosterone level (332 ng/dL) is associated with an increased heart attack risk compared with levels above 500–550 ng/dL.

The men in this study were not properly individually dosed and monitored, which explains why the testosterone treatment they received failed to restore their blood testosterone levels to anywhere near cardio-protective ranges.

Estradiol (an estrogen) blood levels were not reported in this study used to discredit testosterone drugs. A subset of aging men, often with increased visceral body fat (body fat around the internal organs of the abdominal cavity), have a tendency to convert testosterone into excess estrogen. This excess estrogen may alter the balance of anticoagulant and procoagulant (clotting) factors in the blood, and potentially enhance the risk of heart attack and stroke. Any man treated with testosterone drugs should also have his estradiol blood level tested to ensure that the testosterone is not excessively converting to estrogen. If estradiol increases excessively, then low-dose aromatase-inhibiting drugs (such as 1 mg/week of anastrozole [Arimidex®]) can be prescribed to reduce the conversion of testosterone to estrogen.

A subgroup of overweight men with excess visceral body fat treated with testosterone in this study would be expected to excessively convert (aromatize) their testosterone into estrogen, which may help explain why more men in the testosterone group suffered a greater percentage of heart attacks.

Research published in recent years shows profound cardiovascular benefits in response to higher testosterone levels (in men). The media conveniently ignored these positive reports and narrowly focused on the egregiously flawed study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Based on many published studies, Life Extension has recommended for decades that aging men restore testosterone to a youthful range. We’ve always warned that for some men, restoring one’s testosterone to more youthful levels could create excessive levels of estrogen, which is readily detectable by blood testing and reversible using aromatase-inhibiting therapies.

What’s most frightening is that most mainstream doctors today are blindly prescribing testosterone drugs and omitting any kind of estrogen testing. This creates a very dangerous environment for men who convert their testosterone into excess estrogen!
Flawed Testosterone Analysis Spurs Misleading Media Headlines

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The age-related decline of men’s testosterone levels is inevitable.

Unless aging men replace their diminishing testosterone, they could succumb to any of the numerous health problems linked to low testosterone levels: frailty, muscle loss, weight gain, impaired cognition, fatigue, loss of self-confidence, depression, declining bone health, increased risk of type II diabetes, stroke, and cardiovascular disease.15,16

A number of studies show that testosterone replacement therapy improves multiple measures of men’s vitality, especially related to cardio-metabolic health.4,15-24

Therefore, on November 5, 2013, we were startled to see media headlines like “Testosterone Treatments Linked to Heart Risks.”1-3

This headline and others like it were prompted by a retrospective, observational study in the September 5, 2013, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). The study suggests testosterone therapy may increase risk of death and certain cardiovascular events.5

There are several significant shortcomings in the study’s design and methodology, and the results conflict with an existing body of research showing that low testosterone increases a man’s risk of heart problems.

The goal of testosterone restoration in most cases is to restore youthful blood levels of the hormone. Typically, Life Extension suggests men target a blood level of testosterone between 700 and 900 ng/dL for optimal health.

In studies designed to assess the impact of testosterone replacement therapy, one of the most important considerations is to measure subjects’ blood levels of testosterone regularly throughout the study period. This allows the scientists conducting the study to make sure subjects are taking their testosterone as directed and that their blood levels are rising as expected.

Unbelievably, in the flawed analysis published in JAMA, only 60% of study subjects receiving testosterone had a follow-up blood test to assess their testosterone levels. Among them, average testosterone levels rose from a very low level of 175.5 ng/dL at baseline to a still far-from-optimal level of 332.2 ng/dL during testosterone therapy.

Raising testosterone levels from a paltry 175.5 ng/dL to only 332.2 ng/dL is unlikely to deliver robust health benefits. In fact, research has shown that restoring testosterone levels to 500 ng/dL or higher is associated with pronounced health benefits, whereas benefits may be less evident at lower levels.4,19

Woefully Inadequate Testosterone Replacement

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Failure To Account For Impact Of Estrogen

One of the biggest perils facing aging men is the conversion of their testosterone into estrogen by aromatase.25

Aromatase is an enzyme that converts testosterone and other androgens into estrogen, primarily estradiol. Although some conversion of testosterone to estradiol is essential for health, too much conversion can have devastating consequences for men.

In one study, men with heart failure and high levels of estradiol had an increased risk of death compared to men whose levels of estradiol were in a balanced, middle range of 21.8–30.1 pg/mL.26 These findings support Life Extension’s long held suggested optimal estradiol level of 20-30 pg/mL. Moreover, excess estrogen promotes abnormal clot formation,9 and high levels may be associated with an increased risk of stroke.10

When men take testosterone, there is a significant propensity for it to be converted into estradiol by aromatase; this is especially so for aging men.27 It is therefore important that men undergoing testosterone therapy monitor their estradiol levels regularly and take steps like using an aromatase-inhibiting drug to keep estradiol levels in the optimal range in order to protect against the health detriments of excess estrogen.

In the paper published by JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association), there was no report of the subjects’ estradiol levels. If estradiol was not monitored during testosterone administration, this oversight means that the men receiving testosterone could have experienced a concurrent rise in estradiol levels. This may have compromised their cardiovascular health and could partially account for the increased risk observed in the testosterone-treated group.

Significant Difference In Baseline Testosterone Levels Between Groups

Among the men in this JAMA study, there was a statistically significant difference in baseline testosterone levels between the “testosterone therapy” (treatment) and “no-testosterone” (control) groups.

Among the control group, testosterone levels were higher at baseline (206.5 ng/dL), whereas the average level was significantly lower at baseline (175.5 ng/dL) for those who received a prescription for testosterone.

The treatment group may have had significantly lower levels of testosterone than the control group for years prior to entering the study. The damage caused by years of potentially lower testosterone levels was not accounted for in the study and may have skewed the results.

Flawed Media Reports Of Anti-Testosterone Study

• The precipitous decline of men’s testosterone levels over the years is inevitable.

• Major news media outlets reported that testosterone replacement therapy is linked to heart risk based on a retrospective, observational study that was published in the September 5, 2013, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

• In spite of several significant shortcomings in the study’s design and methodology, and results that are in conflict with an existing body of research, the study suggests adverse effects from testosterone drug therapy.

• Over the years, several studies have shown that testosterone replacement therapy improves multiple measures of men’s vitality, especially related to cardio-metabolic health.

• If aging men do not replace their diminishing testosterone, they could succumb to any of the numerous health problems linked to low testosterone levels: frailty, muscle loss, weight gain, impaired cognition, fatigue, loss of self-confidence, depression, declining bone health, increased risk of type II diabetes, stroke, and cardiovascular disease.
Achieving Higher Testosterone Levels Has Clear Cardiovascular Benefits

Testosterone restoration is an important step aging men can take to retain good health.

In a revealing study, researchers identified 2,416 men (aged 69-81 years) who were not on any kind of testosterone-affecting treatment. These men were subjected to a battery of blood tests that included total testosterone and estradiol.

The first observation was that men with increasing levels of testosterone had a decreased prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, and body fat mass. Compared to men with the highest testosterone levels, those with low testosterone were twice as likely to have a history of cardiovascular disease. It was also observed that men with the highest testosterone levels were the most physically active.4

This large group of men was followed for an average of 5.1 years. Men in the highest quartile of total testosterone (above 550 ng/dL) had a 30% lower risk of cardiovascular events. Any level of total testosterone below 550 ng/dL resulted in significantly increased risk, thus helping establish a minimal baseline as to where total testosterone should be to guard against heart attack or stroke.

Estradiol levels measured in this group appeared to be mostly in safe ranges and did not impact incidence of cardiovascular events.

Data was tabulated based on hospital reports and/or death certificates for:

1. Acute myocardial infarction (heart attack)
2. Unstable angina (chest discomfort caused by a lack of oxygen flow to the heart)
3. Revascularization procedure (bypass surgery or stenting)
4. Transient ischemic attack (mini-stroke)
5. Stroke

The four quartiles of total testosterone in this large group of older men were:

- Quartile 1: Total testosterone below 340 ng/dL
- Quartile 2: Total testosterone between 341 and 438 ng/dL
- Quartile 3: Total testosterone between 439 and 549 ng/dL
- Quartile 4: Total testosterone above 550 ng/dL

Of interest was the finding that Quartiles 1, 2, and 3 had about the same risk of cardiac adverse events. It was only in Quartile 4 (when total testosterone exceeded 550 ng/dL) that the 30% reduction in cardiovascular events occurred.
This finding showed that it did not matter if these men’s total testosterone was very low (below 340 ng/dL) or moderately low (up to 549 ng/dL)...they all had a similar increased risk for suffering a cardiovascular event. Only when total testosterone exceeded 550 ng/dL did cardiovascular risk plummet.

This finding remained consistent for cerebrovascular disease incidence, where men with the highest total testosterone (Quartile 4) had a 23% reduced risk of transient ischemic attack or full blown stroke. The researchers noted this association with reduced cerebrovascular risk remained after adjustment for traditional risk factors.

The conclusions by the researchers who conducted this study were:

“Higher serum testosterone levels are associated with a reduced risk of fatal and non-fatal cardiovascular events in community dwelling elderly men.”

Additional Studies Demonstrate The Benefits Of Maintaining Higher Testosterone Levels

Another study found the threshold level for benefit with testosterone replacement therapy was >500 ng/dL. This randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial on 50 male subjects with low testosterone and metabolic syndrome found that testosterone administration reduced fasting glucose and waist circumference, and improved markers of atherosclerosis. The authors concluded: “Clinical efficacy of T [testosterone] replacement therapy in hypogonadal men with MS [metabolic syndrome] is reached when its plasmatic levels approach into the medium-high range of normality (>5 ng/mL [or >500 ng/dL]).”

Asymmetric dimethylarginine (ADMA) is a metabolic compound that contributes to atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease. In a study of 10 men with low testosterone levels at baseline (115.27 ng/dL), testosterone administration for 2 weeks caused testosterone levels to rise to 648.41 ng/dL and ADMA levels to drop a statistically significant degree. The study authors noted: “The outcome of this study may be viewed as a favorable effect of normalization of plasma testosterone on plasma ADMA since even small elevations of plasma ADMA significantly increase cardiovascular risk.”

Study Conflicts with Previous Research

The authors of the JAMA study note, “The association between testosterone therapy use and adverse outcomes observed in this study differs from the association observed in a prior retrospective VA study.”

- In the JAMA study, investigators noted a 39% reduction in mortality risk among patients treated with testosterone therapy. Unfortunately, the testosterone levels achieved in this study were not reported.
- A comprehensive review of data from 4 randomized controlled trials on men with chronic heart failure found that testosterone therapy was associated with improved functional capacity with no adverse events reported after up to 52 weeks of treatment.
- French researchers found that lower bioavailable testosterone levels (i.e., the fraction of circulating testosterone that readily enters cells [free testosterone plus weakly bound testosterone]) in men 65 and older were linked to increased carotid artery intima-media thickness, which is a known marker of cardiovascular risk.
- A randomized, controlled, 12-month study on 13 men with low testosterone levels and chest pain (i.e., angina) found that testosterone restoration therapy resulted in greater reductions in carotid artery plaques and improvements in time to myocardial ischemia (i.e., decreased blood flow to the heart) during exercise testing; the benefits were maintained throughout the duration of the study. The average range of total testosterone achieved during the 12-month period was approximately 461 ng/dL to 548 ng/dL.
MEDIA REPORTS FLAWED STUDIES ABOUT TESTOSTERONE

• In a study of 24 men with low baseline testosterone, intramuscular injections with 200 mg of testosterone every 2 weeks for 3 months were associated with improvements in insulin sensitivity and glycemic control as well as a reduction in total cholesterol and visceral adiposity. The scientists noted, “Improvements in [glycemic] control, insulin resistance, cholesterol and visceral adiposity together represent an overall reduction in cardiovascular risk.”

• A 2013 study confirmed the increase of metabolic syndrome in men that are testosterone deficient. Metabolic syndrome is a cluster of cardiovascular risk factors that include insulin resistance, hypertension, elevated triglycerides/LDL, and low HDL. This study found that men treated with testosterone showed across the board improvements as indicated by:
  - Reduced LDL
  - Reduced triglycerides
  - Reduced glucose
  - Reduced C-reactive protein
  - Reduced liver enzymes
  - Reduced blood pressure
  - Reduced hemoglobin A1c
  - Increased HDL (removes cholesterol buildup from arterial walls)

Retrospective Observational Study - Unmeasured Confounding Or Hidden Bias Might Exist

The study by JAMA was retrospective and observational. This study design limits the interpretation of the findings because subjects were treated in a clinical setting and not randomized to treatment. Bias may be introduced if confounding factors (e.g., those associated with both treatment initiation and mortality) are not adequately accounted for. Although the authors attempted to control for confounding factors, unmeasured or hidden factors likely still exist. The extent that these unmeasured variables bias the association reported is unknown.

Based upon an analysis of this study and the existing research, Life Extension continues to recommend male members restore testosterone levels to youthful ranges for optimal health.

Unnatural Forms Of Testosterone Used By 1/3 Of Subjects

Of men receiving testosterone therapy in the study by JAMA, only 1.1% were prescribed testosterone gel, 63.3% received patches, and 35.7% received injections. Commonly prescribed testosterone injectables can produce a peak, often supraphysiologic, level of testosterone that then declines slowly to an often subnormal level in 1 to 2 weeks. This “peak and trough” effect is an unnatural rhythm for testosterone. A testosterone cream or gel, on the other hand, gradually releases into the bloodstream, which is more analogous to the natural secretion of testosterone by the testes. More than a third of men in this analysis received testosterone injections, which may cause unusual fluctuations in testosterone levels. In addition, testosterone injectables are comprised of non-bioidentical testosterone compounds. Life Extension advocates that men use a daily bioidentical testosterone gel (e.g., Androgel® or compounded version) to avoid unnatural fluctuations in testosterone levels.

Summary

Headline news stories on November 5, 2013, parroted a study proclaiming that aging men using testosterone drugs suffer greater heart attack risk. The study suggests testosterone therapy may increase risk of death and certain cardiovascular events. However, there are several significant shortcomings in the study’s design and methodology, and the results conflict with an existing body of research. The media’s portrayal of this flawed study may discourage aging men from properly restoring their testosterone levels and potentially endanger their health.
Over the years, several studies have shown that testosterone replacement therapy improves multiple measures of men’s vitality, especially related to cardiometabolic health. The precipitous decline of men’s testosterone levels over the years is inevitable. Unless aging men replace their diminishing testosterone, they could succumb to any of the numerous health problems linked to low testosterone levels: frailty, muscle loss, weight gain, impaired cognition, fatigue, loss of self-confidence, depression, declining bone health, increased risk of type 2 diabetes, stroke, and cardiovascular disease.

Based on many published studies, Life Extension has recommended for decades that aging men restore testosterone to a youthful range. We’ve always warned that for some men restoring one’s testosterone to more youthful levels could create excessive levels of estrogen, which is readily detectable by blood testing and reversible using aromatase-inhibiting therapies.

This full report of Life Extension’s rebuttal to this flawed testosterone study is also available online at http://www.lef.org/testosterone-risk.

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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Scientists have identified specific extracts from cruciferous vegetables—such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and Brussels sprouts—that help maintain healthy hormone metabolite balance. Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract combines some of these plant extracts into a comprehensive formula for optimal DNA protection.

I3C (indole-3-carbinol) and DIM (di-indolyl-methane) favorably modulate estrogen metabolism and induce liver detoxification enzymes to help neutralize potentially harmful estrogen metabolites and xenoestrogens (estrogen-like environmental chemicals).1-4

Extracts of broccoli, watercress, and rosemary provide glucosinolates, isothiocyanates, carnosic acid, and carnosol—bioactive compounds that have a multitude of favorable effects on estrogen metabolism and cell division.5-8 Apigenin, a powerful plant flavonoid found in plants such as parsley and celery, is also added to the formula to boost cell protection,9 while 25 mg of a natural source of benzyl isothiocyanate (BITC), are included to maintain cell health.10

Consumers should be aware that while consumption of cruciferous vegetables is highly recommended, the cooking process depletes many of the beneficial compounds such as I3C.

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Despite years of research and billions of dollars spent on lipid-lowering medications, cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer in the United States.

“Statin” drugs have undergone intense scrutiny, with evidence of over-prescribing, the potential for side effects, and somewhat exaggerated claims about effectiveness.\textsuperscript{1-3} Statin drugs reduce the risk of heart attack in high-risk patients, such as preventing a second heart attack in those individuals having already experienced a first heart attack. The benefit of reducing the risk of a heart attack in otherwise low-risk patients, however, is not clear.

Furthermore, a recent, controversial guideline change on statin drug prescribing for optimal lipid management has been met with deep skepticism by many experts in cardiology.\textsuperscript{1,2}
Many aging individuals who seek to support healthy blood lipid management look for natural products with evidence of support.

Studies show that extracts from an Ayurvedic herbal plant called Amla (Emblica officinalis) can provide support for some of the important aspects of vascular and cardiac health.4

In addition, black tea extracts may offer more benefit for vascular health.5 These natural ingredients, used for centuries in Asian medicine, are available without the need for prescription.6

If you are concerned about vascular and cardiac health, and seek natural strategies to support cardiovascular health as you age, you’ll want to learn more about Amla and black tea extracts.
Endothelial Dysfunction and Stiff Arteries Are Killing You

By now most of us understand that elevated levels of cholesterol and other fats put us at risk of heart attacks, strokes, and other serious cardiovascular outcomes. We also know that having elevated blood glucose, metabolic syndrome, or outright diabetes adds to that risk. But few people outside of the halls of academia really understand how these factors work together to put your health—and your life—at risk.

In a nutshell, here’s how it works:

Your blood vessels are lined with an ultra-thin layer of sensitive cells called endothelial cells (or simply, “the endothelium”). The endothelium normally regulates blood flow and pressure, assuring that vital tissues always get just the right amount of oxygen- and nutrient-rich blood.

You want to have a healthy endothelium.

But the modern lifestyle works against endothelial health. One culprit is oxidative stress, which arises from a number of exposure sources. Oxidative stress damages the endothelium and impairs its ability to regulate blood flow, in part by reducing endothelial production of nitric oxide, a signaling molecule that tells the artery when to dilate to improve flow. Oxidative stress acts on elevated cholesterol levels to produce dangerous oxidized LDL, a key component of artery-clogging plaque.

Add to that elevated blood sugar, which produces dangerous advanced glycation end products (AGEs) that chemically cross-link proteins in vessels, and physical and emotional stress, which impairs endothelial function still further, and you have the “perfect storm” of factors that damage endothelial function and ultimately lead to stiffening of the arteries.

A result of thickened, stiff arteries is rising blood pressure, an overworked heart, and restricted blood flow. This ultimately leads to the catastrophes we see as heart attacks, heart failure, and strokes.

So the bottom line is you want to do everything possible to protect your endothelial function and prevent arterial stiffening, long before you develop warning signs of cardiovascular disease.

To do that, it’s wise to attack all of the factors that add up to stiffened arteries and poor endothelial function. The ideal cardiovascular protective pill, therefore, would simultaneously reduce oxidative damage, control lipid and blood sugar levels, improve platelet function, and lower blood pressure.

In clinical studies, that pill would markedly improve endothelial function and reduce arterial stiffening, in healthy people and those at high risk for cardiovascular disease, such as diabetics, smokers, and those with the metabolic syndrome. And that pill would do all of this, without imposing its own risks to your health.

That’s what Amla extract has now been shown to do. Black tea extract provides an interesting complement, improving the same risk factors by similar as well as different mechanisms.

How Amla Functions

The fruit of the Amla has long been used in traditional Indian medical systems. More recently, interest has grown in the fruit’s impact on blood glucose, lipid profiles, and, increasingly, other risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Let’s see how it stacks up as a supplement for reducing some of the risk factors that produce endothelial dysfunction and ultimately arterial stiffening.

Amla is a potent antioxidant. Amla reduces overall oxidant stress by three separate pathways: It inhibits production of the oxidizing free radicals that damage endothelial cells, it scavenges and neutralizes those reactive oxygen species that have already been produced, and it enhances production and activity of natural cellular antioxidant enzyme systems. The result is a significant decrease in oxidant damage, as measured by biochemical markers of oxidation. Amla has very little pro-oxidant activity, ensuring a low rate of undesirable effects.
**Amla lowers cholesterol.** Animal studies show that, while a high-fat or high-fructose diet will produce signs of the metabolic syndrome and unhealthy lipid profiles, treatment with Amla extract has been shown to help reduce total cholesterol and triglycerides.\(^{38,39,41,42}\) Importantly, this effect was especially noticeable in a rat model of menopause; at menopause, women’s risk for heart disease rapidly rises to become similar to men’s.\(^{42}\)

It was recently discovered that Amla lowers serum lipids through an important pathway.\(^{43}\) Amla activates the “metabolic sensor” molecule called PPAR-alpha; the PPARs lower both blood lipids and glucose by increasing their consumption in cells.\(^{39}\) PPAR-activating drugs are increasingly being recommended for use in combination with statins, especially for diabetics. Amla may provide this benefit with less potential for the side effects seen with the two drugs.\(^{39,44,45}\)

**Amla fights diabetes.** Diabetes is a disaster for endothelial function and arterial stiffness, and substantially raises the odds for a heart attack or stroke. When rats are made diabetic in the laboratory, Amla administration prevents rises in blood sugar and insulin resistance; it also prevents diabetes-associated increases in food intake.\(^{42,46}\)

A unique anti-diabetic property of Amla is that it inhibits an enzyme called aldose reductase.\(^{47,48}\) This enzyme produces a toxic chemical called sorbitol, which damages proteins in the eye to cause cataracts, and which more recently has been implicated in production of arterial stiffening and cardiovascular disease.\(^{47-51}\)

**Amla lowers blood pressure.** Elevated blood pressure is both a cause and a consequence of arterial stiffening; it can be produced in the laboratory by inducing the metabolic syndrome in rats through high-fructose diets, eventually resulting in damage to the heart and kidneys, exactly as in humans.\(^{41}\) But if the animals are supplemented with Amla extracts, blood pressure and elevated heart rates return to near-normal levels, heart and kidney swelling are reduced, and elevated sodium and depressed potassium levels are normalized.\(^{52,53}\) And in animals with full-blown diabetes, Amla prevents blood pressure-induced heart muscle dysfunction as well.\(^{46}\) Anyone using Amla to help with hypertension should have regular blood pressure checks, ideally using an at-home blood pressure monitor to ensure that blood pressure readings stay at the optimal range, which we at Life Extension have long argued are around 115/75 mm Hg.

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**Guard Heart Health With Botanical Power Duo**

- Your heart health is threatened by arterial stiffening, the result of a host of factors that damage your endothelial function and reduce your body’s ability to respond to changes in blood flow and pressure.
- Mainstream medicine uses “statins” to address this problem. “Statins” are increasingly under scrutiny for being over-prescribed and potentially dangerous—and they primarily address lipids, which is only one part of the entire picture.
- Amla has undergone dozens of basic lab and clinical trials related to cardiovascular disease.
- All of these studies point to the idea that Amla fruit extract represents the “perfect heart pill,” because it addresses not only lipid levels, but also the oxidant stress, glucose damage, platelet dysfunction, and blood pressure abnormalities that contribute to endothelial dysfunction and arterial stiffening.
- The addition of black tea extract rounds out Amla’s benefits, complementing them to assure you of comprehensive heart health promotion.
Amla protects endothelial function. Poor endothelial function, as we've seen, underlies the arterial thickening and stiffening that ultimately leads to cardiovascular disease. Laboratory studies using cultured endothelial cells and experimental models show that treatment with Amla extract enhances production of nitric oxide, the signaling molecule that the endothelium uses to “tell” arterial walls to relax and maintain normal blood flow. Amla is cardioprotective. The sum of all of Amla’s beneficial effects in the laboratory can be seen in studies that demonstrate how it protects heart muscle from damage. A laboratory model of the overworked, underfed, diseased heart can be produced by treating the animals with the drug isoproterenol, a powerful heart stimulant that eventually impairs cardiac muscle function by excessive oxidative stress. Animals treated with isoproterenol develop decreased heart rate, poor contractility (“squeeze”), and increased pressure inside the heart, which leads to heart failure. But treatment with Amla extract restored normal heart function and pumping pressures, preserves antioxidant levels, reduces enzyme markers of heart muscle damage, and prevents microscopically-visible injury to heart muscle. And in diabetic rats, Amla also reduced ominous increases in heart size and muscle damage.

Human Clinical Trials Using Amla

Laboratory studies show that Amla may rectify many problems associated with the endothelial dysfunction that conspire to cause cardiovascular disease. Now there’s exciting new evidence from a series of clinical studies that shows just how powerful these effects are in humans.

The first of these clinical trials examined the effects of Amla fruit extract supplementation on acute physical stress in healthy volunteers. Subjects received either a placebo or 500 mg Amla fruit extract twice daily for 14 days. Before and after supplementation, subjects underwent a “cold pressor” test that required placing the hand in ice water for a set period, which is a proven means of acutely impairing endothelial function and raising blood pressure. All patients showed the same increases in blood pressure (10-12%) and arterial stiffness (12-20%) before treatment was started, but after 14 days, while placebo patients had those same increases, supplemented patients had decreases in both blood pressure (3-5% less than baseline) and arterial stiffness (8%), a marked and significant difference compared with placebo.
In a similarly-designed study, researchers looked at the impact of Amla supplementation on mitigating the effects of mental stress on arterial stiffness. Mental stress is known to produce increased risk for acute cardiovascular disease, including even heart attacks. Here, healthy subjects took placebo or 500 mg Amla fruit extract twice daily for 14 days, and were subjected to a series of stressful mental math exercises before and after the supplementation period. Subjects taking Amla had a decrease in their aortic blood pressure compared with baseline values, while no such change was seen in placebo patients. No significant change in arterial stiffening occurred in either group.

Because smoking is known to threaten endothelial function, another study was done to compare markers of endothelial dysfunction in smokers who received either placebo or 250 mg Amla extract twice daily for 60 days. Participants indicated their status on a group of subjective parameters of smoking-related health (e.g., of mouth hygiene, productive cough, painful breathing with exertion, sleep, and palpitations), while objective parameters of endothelial function and risk (including blood counts, lipid profiles, cardiac risk factors, toxicity to genes/chromosomes, platelet aggregation, C-reactive protein, antioxidant status, and lung function) were measured at baseline and the end of the study. With the exception of lung function (which remained constant and showed no signs of further deterioration), the supplemented group had significant improvement on all subjective and all objective measurements, demonstrating the broad-spectrum efficacy of Amla at reducing endothelial risk in one of the most challenging groups, namely smokers.

People with diabetes (types I or II) are at massively increased risk of endothelial dysfunction and stiffening of their arteries. Researchers have now studied the impact of Amla extract (500 mg twice daily for 12 weeks) vs. placebo in a group of diabetics, using the same measures of arterial stiffness as in the other studies. Supplemented subjects had a 7.6% drop in stiffness, compared with a 1.3% increase in placebo recipients. Amla also produced drops in total cholesterol, LDL and triglycerides, with beneficial increases in HDL and native antioxidant enzymes. An additional benefit of Amla was a drop in hemoglobin A1c, a measure of chronic glucose exposure and a contributor to cardiovascular risk. Again, virtually every measured outcome was improved in this very high-risk population.

Together, these studies seem to validate the idea that Amla, particularly at doses of 500 mg twice daily, provides meaningful cardiovascular protective benefits.

**Black Tea:**

The Ideal Complement To Amla

The world’s second most popular beverage after water is tea, which contains more than 4,000 chemical constituents, many of which have proven health benefits, especially the catechins and theaflavins found in black (and green) tea. Higher catechin consumption is associated with a 51% reduction in the risk of dying from cardiovascular disease, a 40% reduction in stroke risk, and a 90% reduction in lipid disturbances.
Clinical trials of black tea or its components have shown substantial benefits on the risk factors for arterial stiffening and cardiovascular disease:

- **Endothelial function** is improved by consumption of black tea for both short- and long-term intervals in healthy volunteers as well as in patients with known coronary artery disease or elevated lipid profiles.\(^{29,73,74}\) Black tea consumption also increased the function of the essential coronary arteries by increasing blood flow in a group of healthy volunteers.\(^{75}\) These effects are similar to those of green tea, also known for its endothelial function-improving properties.\(^{76}\)

- **Cholesterol levels** (LDL and total cholesterol) were lowered by black tea consumption in adults with mildly elevated levels, with reductions in total cholesterol of 6.5% and LDL of 11.1%.\(^{77}\) Black tea extract showed similar effects in other studies.\(^{30,78}\)

- Inflammatory changes and metabolic toxins that promote endothelial dysfunction can be reduced by black tea consumption, as shown in studies of C-reactive protein (a marker of inflammation) and uric acid, an ammonia-like toxin produced in the liver. Levels of both were significantly reduced by consumption of black tea for 12 weeks.\(^{79,80}\)

- Oxidative stress, another major contributor to endothelial dysfunction, is also reduced by black tea extract consumption in patients with type II diabetes and in healthy volunteers.\(^{78,80}\)

- **Large variations in blood pressure** are an independent risk factor for cardiovascular disease, and recent evidence suggests that these variations are reflections of increased arterial stiffness.\(^{81,82}\) Regular black tea consumption can reduce the rate of blood pressure variation and so lower the risk.\(^{83}\)

**Summary**

Your heart and blood vessels are under constant attack from oxidants, inflammation, elevated blood sugar, high cholesterol, and a host of internal and environmental toxins.

These effects add up to diminished endothelial function and its major consequence, arterial stiffening, which in turn dramatically raise risk for heart attack, stroke, and other disastrous outcomes.
Mainstream medicine is almost slavishly devoted to statin drugs in attempts to bring down risk, but these drugs are just a small piece of the complex puzzle that represents cardiovascular disease. Statins, which more and more experts feel are over-prescribed, also carry with them a list of serious side effects. They are certainly far short of a perfect heart pill.

Extracts of *Amla fruit* on the other hand, attack endothelial dysfunction and arterial stiffening on a wide front, improving not only lipid profiles but also blood glucose, platelet function, blood pressure, and the oxidant stress that produces them. Studies in animals and now humans demonstrate the broad-spectrum benefits of Amla, which has now been shown to produce potentially life-saving reductions in the arterial stiffening that raises risk for cardiovascular disease.

The addition of **black tea extracts** would appear to complement the biological benefits of *Amla*.

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EYE PROTECTION FORMULA

Ocular Circulation Support

Lutein is one of the major components of macular pigment and it is essential to proper vision. Eating large quantities of lutein- and zeaxanthin-containing vegetables can help provide the nutritional building blocks necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the macula. It’s difficult, however, to increase systemic circulation of these important nutrients through food alone. Now there is an easier way to bolster your eye integrity.

MacaGuard™ Ocular Support contains phospholipids, which are an integral part of the cell membrane. In addition to mixing well with other important fat-soluble components of the eye such as lutein, phospholipids have been shown to help support efficient absorption of dietary lutein in the blood stream as well.

Phospholipids have been shown in scientific research to improve systemic circulation and accumulations of lutein in the retina of the eyes, making them a potent all-around weapon in your arsenal for eye health.

MacaGuard™ Ocular Support offers TRIPLE EYE PROTECTION:

• Supports concentration of lutein in the eye.
• Supports efficient absorption of lutein in the blood stream.
• Phospholipids enhance lutein in the cell membrane.
• Supports zeaxanthin concentrations in eye.
• Provides meso-zeaxanthin which is difficult to obtain from dietary sources.

Comprehensive Ocular Protection in One Daily Softgel

This formula provides ingredients that have been shown to promote healthy eyesight. Just one softgel of MacaGuard™ Ocular Support provides:

MacaGuard™ Carotenoid Phospholipid Blend 145 mg
Phospholipids, marigold extract (flower) (providing 10 mg free lutein, 4 mg meso-zeaxanthin & trans-zeaxanthin)
C3G (Cyanidin-3-glucoside) [from European black currant extract (fruit)] 2.2 mg

The retail price for a bottle containing 60 softgels of MacaGuard™ Ocular Support is $22. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $14.85 per bottle.

Contains soybeans.

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Support Endothelial Function and Healthy Blood Lipids

Safely managing the multiple elements supporting cardiovascular health can be a challenge as people grow older. Doctors are increasingly recognizing the need to promote the function of the endothelial layer of the arterial wall, a critical factor in cardiovascular health.1

Advanced Lipid Control provides two ingredients that help maintain key aspects of endothelial function—Amla extract from the Indian gooseberry and Black Tea extract.

Amla Extract

Amla fruit contains a diverse blend of beneficial phenolic compounds. This fruit has long been used in herbal preparations by ancient medical systems.2

Standardized Amla extract has been clinically shown to support endothelial function.3-5

Modern research shows that this plant extract safely supports healthy levels of all three key blood lipids already within healthy range:

1. Low-density lipoprotein (LDL)
2. High-density lipoprotein (HDL)
3. Triglycerides

Evidence demonstrates that Amla extract also promotes healthy levels of blood glucose, insulin, and blood pressure within normal range.6,7

Advanced Lipid Control contains a patented standardized extract of Capros® Amla.

Black Tea Extract

Black Tea is rich in polyphenols such as theaflavins that scientists have discovered provide multiple benefits for arterial health.8,9

Black tea polyphenols have been shown in human studies to help maintain LDL levels already in the normal range.10 Protective compounds found in black tea have been shown to support the body’s natural defenses against LDL oxidation, thus helping to maintain healthy circulation by favorably affecting endothelial function.11,12

In addition, compounds found in black tea have been found to be helpful in regulating key inflammatory mediators in the body,13 thus further helping to preserve endothelial integrity.

Through these multiple mechanisms, Black Tea supports blood pressure levels within normal range.14

Advanced Lipid Control also contains theaflavin-standardized black tea extract.

Broad Endothelial and Cardiovascular Support

The ingredients in Advanced Lipid Control support endothelial function. This special formula also promotes healthy cholesterol levels already within normal range and safeguards vascular and heart health. The suggested daily dosage of two vegetarian capsules of Advanced Lipid Control provides:

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

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Mitochondria And Aging

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Mitochondria are the source of most energy in living organisms. Muscle, which requires significant amounts of energy, typically has over a hundred mitochondria in every cell. Sugar, fat, and protein are eventually converted to energy-rich ATP molecules by mitochondria, but free radicals are often an unfortunate by-product.

Over 40 years ago Denham Harman, Professor Emeritus at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, proposed that because mitochondria are the main source of free radicals, mitochondria are the major determinants of aging and life span. Harman’s theories on the cause of aging have been extremely influential.

Mitochondria were the subject of many of the presentations at the Mitochondria, Metabolic Regulation, and the Biology of Aging Conference held on the Canary Island of Lanzarote, February 10-13, 2013. The conference was organized by UK-based Zing Conferences, which specializes in organizing scientific conferences.
Mitochondrial Dynamics And Insulin Resistance

Antonio Zorzano, PhD (Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain) has been studying the effects of mitochondrial dynamics. Mitochondria are generally depicted as static oval-shaped organelles within cells, but with varying degrees of frequency, mitochondria will fuse with and then separate from other mitochondria within the same cell. Dynamic networks of mitochondria are important for mitochondrial maintenance and quality control. Damaged mitochondria that cannot be rehabilitated by fusion cease to fuse with other mitochondria, and are digested by the cell's incinerators (lysosomes). More than 10 years ago Dr. Zorzano demonstrated that a protein responsible for mitochondrial fusion is often reduced as much as 40% in the muscle of obese rats. Two years later he showed that the expression of a gene that encodes this fusion protein in muscle is directly proportional to insulin sensitivity (the degree to which a given amount of insulin causes glucose to enter cells). Recently, he has determined that reduced mitochondrial fusion protein is not simply associated with insulin resistance, but causes insulin resistance and he has proposed that this is a potential target for diabetes drug development. Dr. Zorzano’s team has shown that although obese non-diabetics can increase their production of mitochondrial fusion protein (and production of new mitochondria) through aerobic exercise, type II diabetics have lost their capacity to do so.

Fat Stem Cells And Aging

Werner Zwerschke, PhD (Team Leader, Institute of Biomedical Aging Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Innsbruck, Austria) cited a study indicating that although total body fat may decrease in old age, lean tissue may decrease even more resulting in the possibility of an increase in percentage of body fat. With age, fat increasingly tends to accumulate where it does not belong—in muscle, liver, and bone marrow rather than in adipose tissue (fat cells), which contributes to dysfunction of those tissues. Adipose progenitor cells (fat stem cells) are extremely diligent at retaining the same number of adipocytes (fat cells) throughout adulthood, contributing to the difficulties obese people have in losing weight. Dr. Zwerschke has been studying the mechanisms controlling fat cell replenishment by fat stem cells in the hope of finding therapies for weight loss. He has identified resveratrol as a substance that reduces the activity of fat stem cells.

Autophagy Of Mitochondria

Nektarios Tavernarakis, PhD (Professor of Molecular Systems Biology, Medical School of the University of Crete, Greece) has been focused on the degradation of dysfunctional mitochondria (autophagy). Parkinson’s disease patients are thought to have particularly damaged mitochondria in the substantia nigra (the brain region that is most affected in Parkinsonism). Damage to a protein that causes defective mitochondria to be degraded by autophagy results in an inherited form of Parkinson’s disease. Dr. Tavernarakis gave evidence for a similar defect contributing to other brain diseases of aging, namely Alzheimer’s disease and Huntington’s disease. He believes that removal of defective organelles by autophagy, particularly mitochondria, is an important reason for the life extension benefits seen for rapamycin, resveratrol, and spermidine in model organisms.

Frank Madeo, PhD (Professor, Institute of Molecular Biosciences, University of Graz, Graz, Austria) has been working with Dr. Tavernarakis in studying the means by which degradation of damaged or unnecessary cellular components (autophagy) increases life span in model organisms (yeast, nematode worms, and fruit flies). Their team found that resveratrol and spermidine increase autophagy by different mechanisms, and that one tenth of the optimal dose of resveratrol or spermidine can be highly effective when the two substances are given in combination rather than separately. Dr. Madeo has also shown that spermidine increases resistance to free radicals and stress in fruit flies by means that are dependent upon as well as by means that are independent of autophagy. Spermidine has been shown to be enriched in the blood of healthy humans who have lived to be over 90 years of age. Dr. Madeo told me that he eats foods that are high in spermidine. Spermidine content is particularly high in cooked soybeans, green peas, pears, lentil soup, and mushrooms (listed in descending order).
Telomerase Protection Of Mitochondrial DNA

Judith Haendeler, PhD (Team Leader, Molecular Cell & Aging Research, University of Duesseldorf, Duesseldorf, Germany) has been studying telomerase, the enzyme that repairs the ends of chromosomes. Telomeres protect the ends of chromosomes just as caps on shoe-laces protect shoe-laces from becoming frayed. The telomerase enzyme elongates chromosomes, helping to protect nuclear DNA. Like the cell nucleus, mitochondria contain DNA, but the DNA in mitochondria is circular, and thus has no ends, has no telomeres, and has no need for telomerase. Nonetheless, Dr. Haendeler has shown that the active portion of the telomerase enzyme can bind to and thereby protect mitochondrial DNA. She has also shown that the mechanisms for activation of the telomerase enzyme are similar in the nucleus and in the mitochondria. Most recently, she has shown that these mechanisms can be interfered with by ultra-fine carbon black particles in the air as well as by a combination of high levels of dietary fructose and fat. The consequences of this harm contribute to both lung disease and cardiovascular disease, with ultra-fine particles from air pollution damaging the linings of blood vessels along with the lungs.

Summary

Although aging theories have been modified considerably since Denham Harman proposed his mitochondrial free radical theories, the researchers at this conference presented much evidence that mitochondria continue to be of major significance in the cause, and possible cures, of aging and aging-associated diseases.

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Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ®

**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®.

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### 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, such as the growth of new mitochondria, can be blunted by R-lipoic acid's power to promote mitochondrial bioenergetics while simultaneously protecting against free radical activity.

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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.

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- **R-lipoic acid** ........... 100 mg
- **Acetyl-L-carnitine** ...... 250 mg
- **arginine 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.

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Contains soybeans.

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Flaxseed’s abundance of the essential fatty acid alpha-linolenic acid (ALA) and fiber, combined with being the richest dietary source of antioxidant lignans in the human diet, translates into additional health benefits beyond those of other seeds.¹ This unique nutritional profile offers unparalleled protection against metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular disease, and cancer.

Flaxseed’s Journey

The flax plant (*Linum usitatissimum*) belongs to the Linaceae family and has been coveted since the Stone Age for its versatility. In addition to its culinary use, flaxseed was believed to alleviate numerous health ailments such as constipation and respiratory infections. And flax fibers were processed to produce linen, a textile used to manufacture clothing, table coverings, and body armor for European countries and the United States beginning in the late 16th century. The three different flaxseed forms include whole, ground, and oil. Today, the major world producers of flaxseed are Canada, France, Russia, and Argentina.¹
Multiple studies confirm the ability of flaxseed to lower blood pressure, especially in high-risk patients. Participants with peripheral artery disease ingesting 30 grams of flaxseed for 6 months significantly reduced their mean systolic blood pressure by 10 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure by 7 mmHg, compared to a placebo. And flaxseed oil supplementation for 12 weeks dropped both systolic and diastolic blood pressure by an average of 5 mmHg in dyslipidemic patients.

Lowering total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol is another cardiovascular benefit of flaxseed consumption, according to a meta-analysis reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Combats Insulin Resistance and Metabolic Syndrome

Insulin resistance, or the inability of the hormone insulin to increase glucose uptake and utilization in cells, is the driving force behind metabolic syndrome, a collection of health risk factors that include central obesity, high blood sugar, elevated triglycerides, low HDL cholesterol, and hypertension. It is estimated that around one-third of Americans have the condition, with the prevalence increasing with age and body mass index (BMI).

Flaxseed shows great promise in reducing insulin resistance by modulating oxidative stress. In a human study involving overweight and obese glucose intolerant subjects, a diet supplemented with 40 grams of ground flaxseed daily for 12 weeks resulted in a 34.7% decrease in a measure of insulin resistance compared to baseline, thereby enhancing insulin sensitivity. This appears to result from favorable effects on oxidative stress as evidenced by a significant reduction in lipid peroxidation levels.

To evaluate the efficacy of flaxseed supplementation in conjunction with a healthy lifestyle on managing metabolic syndrome, Chinese researchers conducted a randomized, controlled trial with 283 participants who met the criterion of three or more risk factors for the condition. Subjects were assigned to one of the following three groups for 12 weeks:

- Lifestyle counseling consisting of a low-fat diet, increased intake of fruits and vegetables, and limited alcohol;
- Lifestyle counseling plus 30 grams of flaxseed-enriched bread; or
- Lifestyle counseling plus 30 grams of walnuts.

Compared to baseline, 26.6% of subjects in the flaxseed group no longer met the criteria for metabolic syndrome at the end of the study, the highest of all groups. Equally noteworthy, central obesity was reversed in 19.2% of participants in the flaxseed group, compared to only 6.3 and 16% in the LC and walnut groups, respectively. This demonstrates the potential anti-obesity effects of flaxseed supplementation.

Cancer Protection

Unlike most foods, flaxseed offers a multi-targeted approach to attacking cancer. Research has shown that flaxseed acts as a cancer-preventing agent through...
several modes of action including protecting against DNA damage, inhibiting angiogenesis (new blood vessel growth), reducing inflammation, and blocking cell proliferation.

Epidemiological evidence reveals that higher intakes of flaxseed and flax bread cut the risk of breast cancer by 18 and 23%, respectively. Flaxseed consumption has been shown to increase levels of endostatin, a natural tumor angiogenesis inhibitor, in breast tissue comparable to the chemotherapy drug tamoxifen. This is an intriguing finding, since it suggests that flaxseed might provide some of the same benefits as tamoxifen without the potential side effects.

In a study reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, postmenopausal women supplemented with 25 grams of flaxseed for 16 weeks saw a significant increase in the conversion of estrogen to 2-hydroxyestrone, a weak form of estrogen that decreases the risk for breast cancer. In patients with newly diagnosed breast cancer, the same dose of flaxseed enhanced apoptosis (programmed cell death) by 30.7%, whereas women taking a placebo showed no changes.

Emerging evidence indicates that flaxseed might have a protective effect against prostate cancer. Researchers at the University of Texas discovered that 30 grams of flaxseed alone or as part of a low-fat diet significantly reduced tumor growth, compared to a low-fat diet or control in men with prostate cancer.

Type II Diabetes Management

The primary target of nutritional therapy for type II diabetics is controlling blood sugar levels, since their chronic elevation is linked with numerous diabetic complications. In the laboratory, researchers discovered that lignans in flaxseed decrease the activity of alpha-amylase, an enzyme that breaks down starch into glucose. Patients incorporating 5 grams of flaxseed gum into their food daily for three months slashed blood sugar levels by 11.7%, from a mean average of 154 to 136 mg/dL.

Type II diabetics are at increased risk for heart disease due to the typical presence of low HDL cholesterol and elevated triglycerides. This triglyceride/HDL ratio is an accurate predictor of cardiac events such as a heart attack. Diabetic participants treated with 10 grams of flaxseed powder without any other dietary change experienced a decrease of 17.5% in triglycerides and an 11.9% increase in beneficial HDL cholesterol in just one month, thus improving their triglyceride/HDL ratio.

One of the most common long-term complications of type II diabetes is diabetic nephropathy (kidney damage), a condition that precedes chronic kidney disease. Flaxseed supplementation was shown to be an effective strategy for reducing protein in the urine (proteinuria) and preserving renal function in an animal model of diabetic nephropathy. While these results are compelling, human studies are needed.

Summary

A wealth of scientific data demonstrates the remarkable impact of flaxseed supplementation against cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, and cancer.
Additionally, flaxseed shows great promise in managing type II diabetes and its complications. Opt for ground flaxseed over its whole counterpart since it is superior for digestion and absorption of nutrients.  

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Ground Flaxseed Nutritional Facts, One Tbsp

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ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE STUDY

The Life Extension Foundation® is sponsoring a study to measure the effects of weekly injections of a study medication plus nutritional supplements that may help suppress an inflammatory factor implicated in the neuronal degeneration of Alzheimer’s disease.

If you or someone you know:

• Lives in the Fort Lauderdale, Miami, or Palm Beach area of Florida.
• Has mild to moderate Alzheimer’s disease.
• Please contact us for further information and to see if you qualify.

Qualified participants receive:

• Blood tests, evaluations, blood pressure checks, study medication, and supplements at no cost to you.
• Compensation up to $500 upon completion of the study.

OVERWEIGHT AND MILDLY ELEVATED BLOOD SUGAR STUDY

Life Extension Clinical Research, Inc. is conducting a trial to measure the effects of nutritional supplementation on blood sugar and blood vessel health.

If you or someone you know:

• Lives in the Fort Lauderdale, Miami, or Palm Beach area of Florida.
• Is overweight, 25-65 years of age, and has mildly elevated blood sugar with no previous diagnosis of diabetes.
• Please contact us for further information and to see if you qualify.

Qualified participants receive:

• Blood tests and blood vessel health evaluations at no cost to you during the trial
• Compensation of $200, a Life Extension $100 gift card and up to $50 for travel expenses upon successful completion of the trial.

REGISTER OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

Phone: (866) 517-4536 • Website: www.lef.org/ClinicalResearch
E-mail: LEClinicalResearch@LifeExtension.com
“Health Benefits of the Mediterranean Diet”
Sailing Roundtrip from Venice to the Greek Isles
Aboard the Norwegian Jade
June 7 - 14, 2014

Come cruise with noted Cardiologist and author Michael Ozner, M.D. as he discusses the keys to achieving optimal health and ideal body weight with the Mediterranean Diet & Lifestyle.

You Will Learn Firsthand:
- The keys to optimal health and longevity
- How to achieve ideal body weight
- Heart-healthy Mediterranean cuisine with live cooking demonstrations

This cruise offers you an affordable 7 days of fun and a chance to spend face-to-face time with one of America’s leading authorities on the Mediterranean diet and heart disease prevention.

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Cruise Prices Starting At:
- Interior $1,199
- Balcony $1,699
- Oceanview $1,399
- Mini-Suite $1,899

Rates are per person based on double occupancy and subject to availability. Port charges, taxes, & gratuities included.

INCLUDED:
- An autographed copy of Dr. Ozner’s book "The Complete Mediterranean Diet"
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions
- Mediterranean cooking demonstrations
- All meeting related lectures and activities

8 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ - are available for medical professionals

Disclaimer: This activity is for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a substitute for professional medical advice. You should always discuss all medical information and recommendations with your personal treating physician.

Cruise Must Be Booked With Cruise And Travel Partners To Participate!

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**Organic Golden Flax Seed**

Rich Plant Source of Protective Lignans

**Garden of Life Organic Golden Flax Seed** delivers the greatest natural concentration of beneficial lignans—a highly studied class of polyphenol found in flax seeds and shown to provide impressive support for:

- Healthy Digestion, and Regularity.
- Heart, Breast, and Prostate Health.
- Naturally Balanced Hormones.
- Effective Nutrient Absorption.

**Ground Golden Flax Seeds—Lignans, Omega-3, And More!**

The lignans found in ground Golden Flax Seeds provide broad support for optimum health and are powerful antioxidants.1

These tiny seeds also boast a superior content of the essential fatty acid alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), and are a rich supply of soluble and insoluble fiber. Soluble fiber also plays an important role in maintaining the “good bacteria” in your bowel, while insoluble fiber supports the increased bulk of stools.1

Golden Flax Seeds are one of the few seeds that contain a much higher ratio of the essential omega-3 (linolenic) fatty acids, relative to omega-6 (linoleic) fats.2

In scientific studies, flax seed supplementation was found to provide effective support for a healthy cardiovascular system,3 prostate,4 metabolic balance,5 colon and digestive system,1 and levels of blood lipids and blood sugar, already in normal range.1,4,7

Compared to their whole counterpart, ground flax seeds offer superior absorption of nutrients.1 And Golden Flax Seeds contain no gluten, for those with gluten allergy.

**Garden Of Life Organic Golden Flax Seed**

Garden of Life Organic Golden Flax Seed goes through a unique cleaning process that produces only the very purest, freshest, certified-organic, non-GMO, ground Golden Flax Seeds.

To unlock the flaxseeds’ potent nutritional punch, Garden of Life Organic Golden Flax Seed is milled using a state-of-the-art, cold-milling method that unlocks the full goodness of the seeds—without destroying its valuable oils.

**JUST ONE SERVING OF THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS:**

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The suggested daily dosage of Garden of Life Organic Golden Flax Seed is 2 tbsp.

A package of 397 grams of Garden of Life Organic Golden Flax Seed retails for $11.67. Member price is reduced to $8.75 per package.

**References**


To order Garden of Life Organic Golden Flax Seed call 1-800-544-4440 or visit www.LifeExtension.com

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

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

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

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

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### Most Popular Panels

**Life Extension Member Pricing**

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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 Tests and Panels**

**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.

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

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

**Thyroid Antibody Profile (LC100004)**
- Thyroid Antithyroglobulin Antibody (ATA) and Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody (TPo).

**Cardiac Plus (LC100008)**
- CBC/Chemistry Profile (see description)
- Vitamin D 25-hydroxy, C-Reactive Protein (high sensitivity), Fibrinogen, Homocysteine.

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

**Cardiac Risk**
- COQ10® (Coenzyme Q10) (LC120251)
- 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.

**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.

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

**Homocysteine (LC706994)**
- Can indicate if you are likely to have a heart attack or stroke. Even if you take folate, you still may have dangerously high levels of this artery-clotting metabolic debris that can be lowered with high doses of TMG, vitamin B6, and vitamin B12.

**Male Health**
- PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) (LC018322)
- Can provide an early warning sign for prostate disorders and possible cancer.

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

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

- **Diabetes Panel (LC100019)**
  - Glucose, Insulin, HbA1c, VAP™, Cortisol, C-Reactive Protein

- **Male Basic Hormone Panel (LC100012)**
  - DHEA-S, Estradiol, Free and Total Testosterone, PSA

- **Female Basic Hormone Panel (LC100013)**
  - DHEA-S, Estradiol, Free and Total Testosterone, Progesterone

- **Dihydrotestosterone (DHT) (LC500142)**
  - Measures serum concentrations of DHT.

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

- **Insulin Fasting (LC004333)**
  - Can predict those at risk of diabetes, obesity, and heart and other diseases.

- **Pregnenolone (LC140707)**
  - Used to determine ovarian failure, hirsutism, adrenal carcinoma, and Cushing’s syndrome.

- **Progesterone (LC004317)**
  - Primarily for women. Determines the proper amount in the body.

- **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.

**Bone Health**
- **Vitamin D (250H) (LC081950)**
  - This test is used to rule out vitamin D deficiency as a cause of bone disease. It can also be used to identify hypercalcemia.

- **osteocalcin (LC10249)**
  - Osteocalcin is often used as a biochemical marker, or biomarker, for the bone formation process. It has been routinely observed that higher serum osteocalcin levels are relatively well correlated with bone diseases characterized by increased bone turnover, especially osteoporosis.

- **Dpd Cross Link Urine Test (LC511105)**
  - The deoxypyridinoline (DPD) urine test can be used to monitor SHBG levels which are under the positive control of estrogens and thyroid hormones, and suppressed by androgens.

**Blood Tests Available Only in the Continental United States. Not Available in Maryland.**

**For Non-Member Prices Call 1-800-208-3444**

**Order Life-Saving Blood Tests from Virtually Anywhere in the US!**

**Terms and Conditions**
- This blood test service is for informational purposes only and no specific medical advice will be provided. National Diagnostics, Inc., and the Life Extension Foundation contract with a physician who will order your test(s), but will not diagnose or treat you. Both the physician and the testing laboratory are independent contractors and neither National Diagnostics, Inc., nor the Life Extension Foundation** will be liable for their acts or omissions. Always seek the advice of a trained health professional for medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. When you purchase a blood test from Life Extension/National Diagnostics, Inc., you are doing so with the understanding that you are privately paying for these tests. There will be absolutely no billing to Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. I have read the above Terms and Conditions and understand and agree to them.

**Signature of Life Extension Member**

**X**

**Life Extension Foundation Members Only**

**Member No.**

- **Male**
- **Female**

**Name**

**Date of Birth (Required)**

**Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Phone**

**Credit Card No.**

**Expiration Date**

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Ginkgo Biloba Certified Extract™
Huperzine A
Lecithin Granules
Methylcobalamin Lozenges
Migra-Mag with Brain Shield™
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Phosphatidylserine Capsules
Rhodiola Extract
Super Ginkgo Extract
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Aspirin (Enteric Coated)
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Forskolin
Homocysteine Resist
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Olive Leaf Vascular Support
Peak ATP® with GlycoCarn®
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Red Yeast Rice
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INFLAMMATORY REACTIONS
Arthro-Immune Joint Support
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