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Massachusetts General Hospital consistently ranks as one of the world’s top medical facilities. It conducts the largest hospital-based research program in the United States. Case reports from Massachusetts General Hospital are routinely published in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital observed that prescription sales of testosterone increased by 500% in the United States between years 1993 and 2000 and continue to surge. This prompted these doctors to study the effects of testosterone and estrogen on body composition, strength, and sexual function in men.

The results of this study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* confirm Life Extension’s long-standing position that restoring testosterone blood levels to youthful range reduces body fat, increases lean muscle, improves strength, and enhances sexual function.

This study also helped corroborate the adverse impact when estrogen levels are out of range in men.

What troubles us, however, is the medieval manner in which this study at Massachusetts General Hospital was designed, why the doctors overdosed study subjects on an estrogen-suppressing drug, and why the media treated certain findings as a discovery when they’re not new.

The men in this study who were overdosed on the estrogen-suppressing drug had their estrogen drop to dangerously low levels. This led the study doctors to proclaim that men need estrogen and testosterone.

We fear this study will cause physicians to avoid appropriately prescribing estrogen-suppressing drugs, which will result in tragedies as estrogen overload is a serious condition in many aging men (as is estrogen deficit).

“Authorities” are often viewed as reliable sources of expert information. This editorial exposes errors committed by mainstream doctors who attempted to study the effects of aggressive testosterone and estrogen modulation in males. These medical “authorities” appear to have made little effort in identifying clinically validated methods of optimizing hormone status in aging men.
Aging is accompanied by an imbalance of hormones required to sustain life. As a man’s testosterone declines, his risk of dying greatly increases.7-9
Heart disease,10-13 osteoporosis,14,15 and muscle wasting16,17 are strongly linked to testosterone deficiency, as are chronic inflammatory18-20 and neurodegenerative disorders.21-25 Doctors are often surprised to learn that men with low testosterone show an increased incidence of prostate cancer.26-30
Long before life prematurely ends, testosterone deficit can manifest in the form of psychological disturbances such as depression,23,31,32 reduced sexual desire,33-35 and a loss of sense of well-being32,36
Life Extension® has long urged male members to have their blood tested for testosterone and to restore levels to youthful ranges if they are low.

Our early observations also revealed that men presenting with benign prostate enlargement or prostate cancer had higher blood estrogen levels (and often low testosterone).40-48 Subsequent clinical and laboratory studies helped confirm our early observations.49,53
Insufficient estrogen, on the other hand, predisposes men to ailments such as osteoporosis and bone fracture.54,55
The fact that 99% of men today have no idea what their blood estrogen levels are helps explain the epidemic of age-related disease that is bankrupting this nation’s medical system.

Higher Mortality In Men With Unbalanced Estrogen

Conventional doctors tend to ignore hard science even after it appears in their own medical journals.
A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) measured blood estradiol (a dominant estrogen) in 501 men with chronic heart failure. Compared to men in the balanced estrogen quintile, men in the lowest estradiol quintile were 317% more likely to die during a three-year follow-up, while men in the highest estradiol quintile were 133% more likely to die.56
The men in the balanced quintile—with the fewest deaths—had serum estradiol levels between 21.80 and 30.11 pg/mL. This is virtually the ideal range that Life Extension® has long recommended aging men strive for.
The men in the highest quintile—who suffered 133% increased death rates had serum estradiol levels above 37.39 pg/mL. The lowest estradiol group that suffered...
a 317% increased death rate had serum estradiol levels under 12.90 pg/mL.

The dramatic increase in mortality in men with unbalanced estrogen (estradiol levels either too high or too low) is nothing short of astounding. It uncovered a gaping hole in conventional medical practice that is easily correctable.

Massachusetts General Hospital Doctors Overlooked These Studies

The study I just described revealing the dangers of estrogen imbalance was published in the May 13, 2009, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. This JAMA study corroborated previous studies validating the critical importance for aging men to maintain their estradiol blood levels in optimal ranges.

Yet doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital seemed oblivious to this JAMA study when they overdosed their study subjects on the estrogen-suppressing drug “anastrozole.” The brand name of this drug is Arimidex®.

Recall that when estradiol levels drop below 12.90 pg/mL, death rates increased 317% in heart-failure patients. Also recall that optimal estradiol blood levels are between 20-30 pg/mL.

By overdosing the study subjects on the estrogen-suppressing drug, doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital caused estradiol blood levels to plummet to a frighteningly low range of 1.0 to 2.8 pg/mL. This is 10 times lower than the optimal estradiol threshold.

When the arm of the study that was overdosed on the estrogen-suppressing drug developed adverse effects, the doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital proclaimed that men indeed require estrogen, as if this were a surprising discovery.

The media picked up on this misinterpreted data and undermined the value of estrogen-suppressing drugs when properly prescribed to men suffering estrogen overload.

How Much Of An Overdose?

There is no question that men require a certain amount of estrogen, as they do testosterone, to sustain life. Most estrogen in men is produced through the aromatization (conversion) of testosterone to estrogen in the body. This transformation occurs in response to the enzyme aromatase.

When men have high levels of aromatase, they convert too much testosterone into estrogen, which can cause them to be low on testosterone and high on estrogen. These men need a drug like anastrozole to inhibit the aromatase enzyme. The typical dose an aging man needs of anastrozole is 0.5 mg twice per week. In some cases, a man may need 1.0 mg of anastrozole twice a week.

In contrast, doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital gave men in the estrogen-suppressing group an outlandish dose of 7.0 mg per week of anastrozole. This anastrozole dose is seven times higher than what has been shown to safely reduce elevated estradiol to optimal ranges in most aging men.

We at Life Extension have no idea why such a high dose of anastrozole would ever be given to men. Perhaps since it’s sold in 1 mg tablets, the physicians who designed the study thought the men should take one per day. This dose of 1 mg/day is what female breast cancer patients sometimes
take to suppress estrogen production in their bodies. It is an egregiously excessive dose for men to take, as evidenced by the suppression of estradiol in these study subjects to virtually non-existent levels (1.0 to 2.8 pg/mL of blood).

The estrogen-suppressing drug (anastrozole) was given to every man in the estrogen-suppressing arm of the study, regardless of what the man’s estradiol blood level was. This meant many of these men were taking this potent drug when they did not even need it.

**Unethical Use Of Testosterone-Suppressing Drug And Excess Radiation Exposure**

The study conducted at Massachusetts General Hospital was performed in a way that raises medical ethical issues. The doctors took a group of healthy men aged 20-50 years with normal testosterone levels and initially gave them a powerful drug (Zoladex®) that drastically suppressed their testosterone.

We at Life Extension have long been aware of the negative impact this kind of hormone depletion creates. Prostate cancer patients who undergo “androgen deprivation” suffer rapid bone loss, muscle atrophy, abdominal fat gain, and a host of other adverse changes that are not always reversible.

The long-term effect of testosterone deprivation was demonstrated later in this study at Massachusetts General Hospital when men whose testosterone was restored to the higher ranges did not fully recover sexual function lost by this intentional suppression of testosterone.

Instead of taking healthy men and depleting them of their life-sustaining hormones, the doctors could have chosen to study men over age 50 whose testosterone levels had already plummeted to ultra-low ranges. By studying younger men who were not testosterone deficient, the researchers lost an opportunity to directly apply the study outcomes to aging men who are most in need of testosterone restoration.

Another issue we have with this study was the continuous repeated use of DXA and CT body composition scans. While these scans enable precise body fat measurements, they emit huge amounts of radiation that could create cancers later in life.

The men in this study who were initially deprived of testosterone (and estrogen) may have had to suppress estrogen production in their bodies. It is an egregiously excessive dose for men to take, as evidenced by the suppression of estradiol in these study subjects to virtually non-existent levels (1.0 to 2.8 pg/mL of blood).

Women synthesize most of their estrogen in their ovaries and other reproductive tissues. Since men lack this female anatomy, they need to produce estrogen through a process involving the enzyme aromatase that transforms testosterone into estradiol.

More than 80% of circulating estradiol in men is derived from the aromatization of testosterone. As serum testosterone levels decline, there can be a corresponding decline in serum estradiol levels.

Aging men sometimes have too much aromatase activity, which causes their testosterone to convert to excess estradiol. This results in depletion of vital testosterone while spiking estradiol to unsafe ranges.

Some men lack aromatase and suffer an estrogen deficit. Other men produce so little endogenous testosterone that there is not enough to convert into estrogen, which causes low levels of both free testosterone and estradiol.

Fortunately, no matter what the underlying cause, aging men can easily achieve optimal testosterone and estradiol serum levels using inexpensive blood tests.
suffered bone loss and endothelial dysfunction. The tragic impact would be an increased risk of fracture and vascular disease later in life.

The pathological effects of even short-term androgen deprivation are variable, unpredictable, and can result in barbaric consequences. Repeated exposure to radiation emitting CT and DXA scans is not something that young healthy men should undergo when it is not medically necessary.

This is why I allege at the beginning of this article that this study at Massachusetts General Hospital was designed in a “medieval” manner.

Low Estradiol And Testosterone Predict Mortality In Aging Men

To further substantiate the lethal impact of hormone deficiency, another study published in 2009 evaluated 3,014 men aged 69-80 years. Serum levels of testosterone and estradiol were measured during a mean follow-up of 4.5 years.

This study showed that men with low testosterone had 65% greater all-cause mortality, while men with low estradiol suffered 54% more deaths. Men low in estradiol and testosterone were almost twice as likely to die (a 96% increase in mortality) compared to men in the optimal ranges.

This large study of aged men corroborates prior published reports linking imbalances of testosterone and/or estradiol with greater incidences of degenerative disease and death.

Why the authorities at Massachusetts General Hospital suppressed estradiol to dangerously low levels (1.0 to 2.8 pg/mL) in their study subjects is beyond our comprehension. It undermined the clinical value of the data they acquired.

Critical Need For Men To Assess Hormone Status

Despite the shortcomings of the study conducted at Massachusetts General Hospital, we are gratified that the doctors suggest a benefit in measuring estradiol blood levels in men. Here is a quote from their concluding statement:

“Our finding that estrogens have a fundamental role in the regulation of body fat and sexual function, coupled with evidence from prior studies of the crucial role of estrogen in bone metabolism, indicates that estrogen deficiency is largely responsible for some of the key consequences of male hypogonadism and suggest that measuring estradiol might be helpful in assessing the risk of sexual dysfunction, bone loss, or fat accumulation in men with hypogonadism.”

While Life Extension male members have had their estradiol blood levels checked since 1996, it’s refreshing that there is now an endorsement for more widespread use of this blood test published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Encouraging Findings From Massachusetts General Hospital Study

In the study conducted at Massachusetts General Hospital, groups of men were first given varying doses of the testosterone-suppressing drug (Zoladex®) for 12 weeks. They were then given various doses of topical testosterone cream for 16 weeks. One group received testosterone cream only, while the other group received testosterone cream plus the estrogen-suppressing drug (anastrozole).

The doctors used some sophisticated techniques to measure parameters such as belly fat, strength, lean muscle, and sexual function. As mentioned earlier, DXA and CT scans were performed to determine lean mass as well as subcutaneous belly fat and visceral fat. Validated methods were used to determine sexual function, physical function,
vitality, strength, and overall health status of the men enrolled in the study.

In men given the proper dose of testosterone cream, significant anti-aging effects were clearly evident.

In the group of men whose blood levels of total testosterone increased to 805 ng/dL, and whose estradiol levels rose nearest the optimal ranges (20-30 pg/mL), there were significant reductions in belly fat with improvements in lean muscle, strength, and sexual function. The total testosterone blood level (805 ng/dL) in men who attained these benefits falls squarely within the optimal range that Life Extension has advocated since 1996.

These benefits did not occur in the group of men given testosterone plus 7 mg/week of anastrozole. These men in fact suffered a decrease in lean muscle and increased belly fat. Compared to the men who achieved optimal testosterone and estradiol blood levels, the study subjects who were overdosed on anastrozole experienced decreased sexual function and strength.

Another important finding from this study was that the only group that achieved a significant decrease in body fat was men who achieved total testosterone blood levels averaging 805 ng/dL. In fact, men who received a placebo or low-dose testosterone showed a substantial increase in subcutaneous belly fat compared to those who achieved optimal serum total testosterone levels.

Life Extension has long recommended that aging men maintain total testosterone at an optimal range of 700-900 ng/mL. This Massachusetts General Hospital study helps confirm that the greatest benefits occur when total testosterone and estradiol levels are in ranges that can easily be achieved and monitored utilizing comprehensive blood tests.

The doctors who conducted the study at Massachusetts General Hospital extolled their findings about the adverse effects seen in men prescribed the absurdly high dose of anastrozole.

They noted the increased percentage of abdominal fat as well as decreased sexual desire and erectile function seen in their estrogen-deficient study subjects. These doctors extrapolated that since abdominal fat mass is associated with diabetes and metabolic syndrome, that the marked increase in visceral fat seen in men prescribed high-dose anastrozole could portend increases in cardiovascular disease.

The problem is that estradiol was artificially suppressed down
to levels not seen in the real world. It thus is not surprising that these men with virtually no estrogen suffered unwanted side effects.

The doctors who performed this study concluded that men need sufficient levels of estrogen, as well as testosterone, to stay healthy. The media made it appear as if a major discovery had occurred, i.e. a newly found role for estrogen in males. This is not a new finding!

Scientists long ago identified men’s biological requirements for estrogen, and published studies of aging men clearly demonstrate the lethal impact when estradiol levels are too high or too low.33,69

The implication from this study’s findings was that doctors should use caution when prescribing estrogen-suppressing drugs to their male patients. Nowhere do they mention that the study subjects were grossly overdosed on anastrozole to the point that estradiol levels dropped to virtually nonexistent levels.

In today’s sound bite environment, practicing physicians will be even less likely to prescribe the proper dose of anastrozole (1 mg a week) to men whose estradiol levels are over 30 pg/mL. At Life Extension, we sometimes see aging men with estradiol levels over 60 pg/mL. These men are in urgent need of aromatase-inhibition using the proper dose of anastrozole, yet their doctors might erroneously refuse to prescribe it because they will recall the misinterpretation of this study emanating from esteemed Massachusetts General Hospital.

On a positive note, doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital stated in their concluding remarks that some of the deleterious effects of aging may be related to changes in testosterone and estrogen levels that “may be preventable with appropriate replacement.”

At least the medical authorities are recognizing that aging men do indeed require testosterone and estrogen.

**Our Early Battles With Medical “Authorities”**

When Life Extension first recommended that aging men restore their testosterone to youthful levels, a firestorm of criticism erupted. The medical establishment proclaimed that by interfering with the natural decline in testosterone secretion, men risked all kinds of terrible fates. When Life Extension members asked their doctors for testosterone prescriptions, they ran into objections such as, “I don’t prescribe steroids,” “testosterone causes heart attacks,” and “testosterone causes prostate cancer.”

We countered these criticisms with hundreds of scientific citations showing that testosterone deficiency is an underlying cause of many age-related diseases. We also demonstrated that none of the paranoid fears about natural testosterone had ever been substantiated.

**Low Testosterone Increases Prostate Cancer Risk**

Fear of prostate cancer was the leading reason why aging men historically shied away from restoring their testosterone.

To dispel this concern, Life Extension analyzed every published study in the 1990s and found there was no basis for asserting that testosterone causes prostate cancer.68-91

Our observations from the thousands of blood tests we perform each year for members corroborate this. What we found is that men with low testosterone appear to be more likely to contract prostate cancer.
One reason these hormone blood tests are not normally prescribed is their high retail cost, and the fact that insurance companies may not routinely pay for them.

As a member of the Life Extension Foundation, you don’t have to be victimized by conventional medical ignorance, high prices, or insurance company indifference.

An all-inclusive blood test panel that includes total testosterone, free testosterone, estradiol, and PSA can be very expensive at commercial labs. Life Extension members obtain these tests at a huge discount.

If your blood test result reveals imbalanced testosterone and/or estradiol, you are in a position to initiate immediate corrective action. Not only can restoring youthful hormone balance save your life, but men (and women) often experience an enhancement in their quality of life after their hormones are adjusted to optimal ranges.

A description of the Male and Female Blood Test Panels can be found on the page to the right. As you’ll readily see, these panels contain many important tests (such as 25-hydroxyvitamin D, homocysteine, C-reactive protein, and DHEA) that mainstream doctors seldom check for.

When you order these tests, a requisition form is sent listing blood drawing stations in your local area. Appointments are usually not necessary, meaning you can have your blood drawn at your convenience. Results are mailed (or emailed) to you usually within five days.

Critical Importance Of Blood Testing

Today’s conventional physicians prescribe blood tests to check glucose, cholesterol, and triglycerides, but rarely check their male patients’ testosterone and estradiol levels.

When looking at the higher mortality rates associated with imbalances of these critical hormones, it becomes strikingly apparent that a significant number of heart attacks, strokes, bone fractures, and other degenerative diseases are easily preventable.

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An annual blood test is the single most effective method of detecting abnormalities before they lead to serious illness or death. A call to 1-800-208-3444 is all you have to do to order these comprehensive tests at extra discounted prices.

For longer life,

William Faloon

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MALE PANEL

LIPID PROFILE
- Total Cholesterol
- LDL (low-density lipoprotein)
- HDL (high-density lipoprotein)
- Triglycerides

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

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

METABOLIC PROFILE
- Glucose
- Kidney function tests: creatinine, BUN, uric acid, BUN/creatinine ratio
- Liver function tests: AST, ALT, LDH, GGT, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase
- Blood minerals: calcium, potassium, phosphorus, sodium, chloride, iron
- Blood proteins: albumin, globulin, total protein, albumin/globulin ratio
- Hemoglobin A1c

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

CANCER MARKER
- PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen)

FEMALE PANEL

LIPID PROFILE
- Total Cholesterol
- LDL (low-density lipoprotein)
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How To Safely Restore Youthful Testosterone Balance

Since most doctors still don’t know how to properly prescribe testosterone, the following recipe makes it simple:

1. Have your blood tested for free testosterone, total testosterone, estradiol, and prostate-specific antigen (PSA), along with complete blood counts and blood chemistries. These blood tests are all included in the comprehensive Male Panel Blood Test that most members have performed annually.

2. If your blood test results reveal free testosterone below 20-25 pg/mL (or total testosterone below 700 ng/mL), find a doctor with experience in prescribing natural testosterone cream. Life Extension maintains lists of doctors who have knowledge about male hormone restoration. To locate a doctor in your area, log on to lef.org/doctors

3. To obtain natural testosterone cream at the lowest price, ask your doctor to write a prescription for compounded natural testosterone cream. An example of how a doctor can write a prescription for a two-month supply of natural testosterone cream appears above. The exact dose you need is based on your blood test results, body mass, and later may be based on your rate of absorption and internal metabolism. Your doctor will determine what dose of testosterone cream is most appropriate for you.

4. If your estradiol level is over 30 pg/mL, your doctor may also prescribe a very low-dose aromatase-inhibiting drug such as 0.5 mg of Arimidex® twice per week. This will usually bring estradiol into the optimal range of 20-30 pg/mL.

5. Within 45 days, have your blood re-tested to verify proper testosterone dosing and rule out prostate cancer. These blood tests also enable you to guard against excess red blood cell production and excess conversion of testosterone to estradiol, as well as to ensure that liver enzymes are in normal ranges.

Life Extension members have the advantage of requesting their blood to be drawn ahead of time so their doctor can properly prescribe them testosterone during their first visit. To order the Male Panel that includes all these blood tests and a lot more at a new lower price, call 1-800-208-3444.

Compounded testosterone cream can be obtained for as little as $40 for a 60-day supply. There are also non-prescription methods that restore free testosterone to youthful ranges in some men. To inquire about these, call a Life Extension Health Advisor at 1-800-226-2370.

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Prehypertension” Associated With Greater Stroke Risk

The results of a meta-analysis published in Neurology® reveal that any blood pressure reading above what is currently considered normal is associated with an increased risk of stroke.*

Dingli Xu, MD, of Southern Medical University in Guangzhou, China, and colleagues selected 19 cohort studies including a total of over 760,000 men and women for their analysis. They compared individuals who had normal blood pressure with those considered to have prehypertension, defined as a reading between 120/80 and 140/90 mmHg. The prehypertension group, who comprised up to 54% of the studies’ participants, was further divided into groups who had blood pressure higher and lower than 130/85 mmHg.

The team found that subjects in the high range of prehypertension had a 95% greater risk of developing a stroke over follow-up periods ranging from four to 36 years in comparison with those who had normal blood pressure. Those in the low prehypertension group (between 120/80 and 130/85) had a 44% greater risk. The take-home message from this meta-analysis is that any blood pressure reading higher than 120/80 presents a significant increased risk for stroke.

Editor’s Note: Blood pressure is classified as normal if the systolic reading is 120 and the diastolic is 80 mmHg. However, many authorities believe that a blood pressure lower than 120/80 is optimal.

—D. Dye

Meta-Analysis Finds Reduced Mortality Among Breast Cancer Patients With Sufficient Vitamin D Levels

Anticancer Research published the results of a meta-analysis conducted by a team from the Naval Health Research Center and the University of California, San Diego. The research reveals a protective effect for higher levels of vitamin D against the risk of dying from breast cancer.*

Cedric F. Garland and associates selected five observational studies conducted between 2009 and 2013 that included a total of 4,443 women, among whom there were 471 cases of breast cancer. For women whose serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels were among the highest categories, a lower risk of dying from breast cancer was observed. In a pooled analysis of all participants, subjects whose vitamin D levels were classified as high at an average of 30 nanograms per milliliter experienced a 44% reduction in breast cancer mortality risk when compared to those whose levels were low at 17 nanograms per milliliter.

Editor’s Note: Dr. Garland stated that, “There is no compelling reason to wait for further studies to incorporate vitamin D supplements into standard care regimens since a safe dose of vitamin D needed to achieve high serum levels above 30 nanograms per milliliter has already been established.”

—D. Dye

Grape Seed Protects Against Damaging Effects Of Chemo While Boosting Its Effectiveness

Results published in the journal *PLoS One* by researchers at the University of Adelaide in Australia found a protective benefit for grape seed extract against mucositis, one of the most damaging effects of chemotherapy.* The condition is characterized by inflammation and ulceration of the gastrointestinal tract that particularly affects the mouth and small intestine.

Dr. Ker Yeaw Cheah and colleagues divided 64 rats into groups that received one of three doses of grape seed extract or water for a period of eight days. During this time, all animals were injected with either the chemotherapy drug 5-fluorouracil or saline. On the day after treatment ended, the animals were examined for the presence of intestinal damage and inflammation.

In comparison with rats that received 5-fluorouracil alone, those that received grape seed had less intestinal damage and up to 55% less inflammation.

**Editor's Note:** When grape seed was administered with 5-fluorouracil to cultured human colon cancer cells, the drug’s ability to inhibit cancer growth was boosted by 26% in comparison to drug treatment alone.

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Increased Vitamin K Intake Associated With Lower Risk Of Dying Over 4.8-Year Median

A study reported in the *Journal of Nutrition* links a higher intake of vitamin K with a lower risk of dying from any cause over a median follow-up of 4.8 years.*

The study included 7,216 participants in the PREDIMED study, which sought to evaluate the protective effect of a Mediterranean diet against the risk of cardiovascular disease in older men and women. Annual dietary questionnaire responses completed by the participants were analyzed for the intake of vitamin K1 and vitamin K2. Over a 4.8-year median, there were 323 deaths, including 81 deaths from cardiovascular disease and 130 cancer deaths.

Adjusted analysis uncovered a 36% lower risk of dying from any cause and a 46% lower risk of dying from cancer over follow-up among those whose vitamin K1 intake was among the top 25% of participants compared to the lowest 25%.

**Editor's Note:** For those who increased their intake of vitamin K1 over follow-up, the risk of death was 43% lower and for vitamin K2, the risk was 45% less than subjects whose intake was reduced or unchanged. Improvement of vitamin K1 and K2 intake was also associated with a 36 and 59% lower risk of dying from cancer during the follow-up period.

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Calcium, Vitamin D Supplementation Associated With Improved Lipid Levels

An article published in a recent issue of *Menopause* reported findings gleaned from the Women’s Health Initiative CaD trial of improved lipid levels among participants supplemented with calcium and vitamin D.*

Peter F. Schnatz, DO, NCMP, and his colleagues compared serum lipid levels of over 600 participants who received a placebo or 1,000 milligrams of calcium plus 400 IU of vitamin D3 over the course of the trial. In addition to being twice as likely to have vitamin D levels of 30 nanograms per milliliter or more, women who received calcium and vitamin D had levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) that averaged 4 to 5 milligrams per deciliter lower than those who received a placebo. Subjects who received calcium plus vitamin D also had greater levels of beneficial high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels than the placebo group.

**Editor's Note:** Furthermore, among those whose vitamin D levels were 15 nanograms per milliliter or higher, calcium and vitamin D supplementation was associated with lower levels of triglycerides.

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Greater Lycopene Intake Associated With Lower Prostate Cancer Risk

Research reported in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* adds more evidence to a protective effect for lycopene, a carotenoid occurring in tomatoes and other red-pigmented plant foods against the risk of developing prostate cancer.*

The *FASEB Journal* reported the finding of a mechanism for vitamin D in maintaining adequate brain hormones that are needed to prevent autism spectrum disorders. Levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D3, the precursor to the hormonally active form of the vitamin known as calcitriol, have been found to be lower in autistic individuals compared with those who do not have the condition.*

The hormone serotonin, which is reduced in autistic brains, promotes normal social behavior and facilitates accurate assessment of emotional social cues—abilities that are lacking in autism. It was discovered that calcitriol activates the transcription of tryptophan hydroxylase 2, a gene that converts the amino acid tryptophan to serotonin in the brain. Calcitriol simultaneously inhibits the gene responsible for another enzyme, tryptophan hydroxylase 1, resulting in a decrease in the production of serotonin in the gut and other locations where it can promote inflammation.

*Editor’s Note:* The finding could explain the "serotonin anomaly" observed in autism, characterized by reduced brain serotonin and elevated blood levels of the hormone.

—D. Dye


Mechanism Proposed That Links Decreased Levels Of Vitamin D And Serotonin In Autism Patients

High-Fiber Diet Associated With Lower Risk Of Prostate Cancer

An article published in the online version of the *Journal of Nutrition* reveals the finding of French researchers of a reduction in the risk of prostate cancer over a 12.6 year median among men with a high intake of insoluble fiber.*

The analysis included 3,313 men who enrolled in the *Supplémentation en Vitamines et Minéraux Antioxydants* (SU.VI.MAX) study in 1994. Dietary records completed on at least three occasions from 1994 to 2002 were analyzed for the quantity, source, and type of fiber consumed. The subjects were followed until 2007, during which 139 men developed a first primary prostate cancer.

Among participants whose intake of fiber was among the top 25% of participants, there was a 53% lower risk of developing prostate cancer in comparison with those in the lowest 25%.

*Editor’s Note:* When fiber was analyzed by type, insoluble fiber emerged as protective; when analyzed by source, fiber from legumes had a significant protective effect.

—D. Dye

**Omega-3 Fatty Acids Improve Myocardial Function, Oxidative Stress In Rett Syndrome**

An article that appeared in Mediators of Inflammation reports a benefit for supplementation with omega-3 fatty acids in Rett syndrome, a neurodevelopmental disorder that is associated with a 300-fold increased risk of sudden cardiac death in comparison with that of the general population.*

The study included 66 Rett syndrome patients. Half of the participants received supplements containing the omega-3 fatty acids EPA and DHA for one year, while the remainder received no supplementation. Echocardiography evaluated myocardial function before and after the treatment period, and blood samples collected at the beginning of the study and at six and 12 months were analyzed for plasma free isoprostanes (markers of oxidative stress) and other factors.

Omega-3-supplemented subjects experienced a reduction in oxidative stress markers, whereas the control group had no significant changes. Myocardial dysfunction and clinical severity also improved among those who received omega-3.

**Editor’s Note:** The researchers additionally observed significant improvements in attention, breathing abnormalities, muscle tone, movement, autonomic dysfunction, and growth in supplemented subjects. —D. Dye

* Mediators Inflamm. 2014 Jan 12.

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**DHA Improves Children’s Sleep**

The results of a study described in an article published in the Journal of Sleep Research reveal an association between higher levels of the omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acid docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and better sleep in children.*

In a pilot study of 362 students aged seven to nine years, Professor Paul Montgomery of Oxford University and his colleagues found that supplementation with 600 milligrams DHA per day for 16 weeks improved sleep in a sampling of participants who were rated by their parents as sleeping poorly. Those who received DHA experienced seven fewer waking episodes and nearly an hour more sleep than those who received placebos.

When blood fatty acid levels were evaluated, the researchers found an association with higher levels of DHA and less bedtime resistance, parasomnias, and total sleep disturbances. Having a higher ratio of DHA to arachidonic acid was also associated with better sleep.

**Editor’s Note:** “This randomized controlled trial does suggest that children’s sleep can be improved by DHA supplements and indicates yet another benefit of higher levels of omega-3 in the diet,” co-author Dr. Alex Richardson concluded.

—D. Dye


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**Deficient Levels Of Vitamin D Associated With Compromised Immune Function**

An article appearing in the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism associates vitamin D deficiency with elevated markers of inflammation in older men and women, indicating immune dysfunction.*

The study included 481 men and 476 women who were subjects in the Trinity Ulster Department of Agriculture aging cohort study, which investigated nutritional and other factors in the development of chronic diseases in adults 60 years of age and older. Blood samples were analyzed for serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D, the inflammatory markers serum C-reactive protein (CRP), tumor necrosis factor-alpha and interleukin-6 (IL-6), and the anti-inflammatory cytokine interleukin-10 (IL-10).

The researchers observed a decrease in IL-6, CRP, the ratio of IL-6 to IL-10, and the ratio of CRP to IL-10 in association with rising levels of vitamin D. “Our data suggest vitamin D may be involved in maintaining the health of the immune system as well as the skeletal system,” Dr. Ward remarked.

**Editor’s Note:** Dr. Ward added that, “Ensuring older individuals have optimal vitamin D levels may be a way to boost immune function in this population, but this needs to be confirmed through additional studies.”

—D. Dye

* J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2014 Feb 25.
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PQQ is an essential nutrient, meaning that your body cannot make it on its own. A wealth of research demonstrates that—alone and especially in combination with CoQ10—its unique nutritional profile supports heart health and brain function.⁶⁻⁻⁸

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

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After 40 years of research and being the subject of over 300 publications, Pycnogenol (French Maritime pine extract) continues to astonish scientists with its longevity applications. First developed in a European laboratory, Pycnogenol is a patented mixture of plant flavonoids with abundant beneficial effects.¹

New studies show Pycnogenol can prevent or reverse the oxidative damage that produces blood vessel disease, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, and neurodegenerative disorders. This plant extract also shows promise in such far-flung conditions as traumatic brain injury, skin problems, pain syndromes, and even tinnitus.

In this article, you will learn the latest clinical research about this European discovery.
Pycnogenol And Cardiovascular Disease

Despite all the advances in cholesterol-lowering medications and surgical interventions, atherosclerosis, coronary artery disease, heart attack, heart failure, stroke, and peripheral vascular disease remain the leading causes of death and disability in the United States.²,³

Pycnogenol, long touted for its powerful antioxidant effects, has shown remarkable results in preventing and reversing cardiovascular disease.

For example, a recent study of patients with stable coronary artery disease (people with chest pain, or angina, or those who have survived a heart attack) demonstrated a 32% improvement in endothelial function after eight weeks of Pycnogenol supplementation.⁴ No change was seen in placebo recipients. At the same time, levels of isoprostane, an index of oxidative stress, were reduced by about 8.5% in the supplemented group, again with no change in placebo subjects.
LONGEVITY BENEFITS OF PYCNOGENOL

Three Ways Pycnogenol Protects The Heart

Laboratory studies demonstrate at least three ways Pycnogenol produces such dramatic improvements to heart health:

1. Studies show that whole segments of major arteries undergo relaxation when treated with Pycnogenol, in part by stimulation of eNOS, the enzyme system that produces nitric oxide, the artery-relaxation signal. Indeed, treatment of whole arteries with Pycnogenol not only produces immediate relaxation, but it also reduces arterial wall content of the stiffening protein collagen, which contributes to elevated blood pressure and endothelial damage.

2. Pycnogenol helps to minimize inflammatory changes that occur in response to oxidative stress in blood vessels. Studies show a sharp reduction in activation of NF-kappaB, a master inflammatory regulator largely responsible for the release of inflammatory cytokines.

3. Pycnogenol inhibits the expression of specialized “adhesion molecules” that make arterial walls “sticky,” causing platelets and white blood cells to clump along the walls in early stages of plaque formation.

Further demonstration of Pycnogenol’s ability to slow or prevent the progression of cardiovascular disease comes from a 2014 study of people with atherosclerosis of the femoral (leg) or carotid (neck) arteries. Although these patients had not yet developed symptoms, they all had atherosclerotic plaques visible on ultrasound examination of their vessels. The patients were divided into several groups that included low-dose Pycnogenol (50 mg/day), higher-dose Pycnogenol (100 mg/day), aspirin, or a combination of Pycnogenol (100 mg/day) and aspirin.

In the groups that received either no Pycnogenol or just 50 mg/day, ultrasound evidence of progression (larger or more frequent plaques) was visible. In all groups receiving 100 mg/day Pycnogenol, progression was almost completely halted. The percentage of individual plaques that progressed to the dangerous and irreversible stage called “fibroatheroma” was less than 6% in subjects taking 100 mg/day Pycnogenol, but rose to 16.6% in those receiving aspirin-only, and went up to 21.3% in controls (receiving neither aspirin or Pycnogenol).

Another human study demonstrated similar effects in a group of patients with mild to moderate congestive heart failure (class II or III, which often follows a heart attack or a lifetime of high blood pressure). Researchers treated these patients with placebo or Pycnogenol plus coenzyme Q10. After 12 weeks, the results showed:

- 28% of Pycnogenol/CoQ10-supplemented patients improved by at least one heart failure class compared to 14% of placebo recipients. (Heart failure classes are based on patients’ ability to function, so improvement by one class represents substantial improvement in quality of life.)
- Blood pressures (systolic and diastolic) fell significantly in the supplemented group as compared to controls.
- A measure of blood pumped per heartbeat (ejection fraction) shot up by 22.4% in the supplemented group, while rising just 4% in controls.
- Supplemented patients increased their walking distance on a treadmill more than 3-fold, compared to only slightly in the placebo group.
- Leg swelling, a major heart failure symptom, decreased significantly in the supplemented group, but only slightly in placebo patients.
The Battle Against Metabolic Syndrome

As a result of excessive calorie consumption and inadequate physical activity, thousands of Americans are suffering from metabolic syndrome, a cluster of conditions consisting of abdominal obesity, high blood pressure, low HDL (good) cholesterol, elevated triglyceride levels, and insulin resistance. In general, the more components of metabolic syndrome you have, the higher your risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes, among many other “age-related” disorders.16,17

Because signs and symptoms of metabolic syndrome often relate to oxidative stress and subsequent inflammation,18,19 it’s natural that researchers in the field would be interested in the potent antioxidant flavonoids found in Pycnogenol. Two excellent human studies tell most of the story.

A group of 64 adults with all five components of metabolic syndrome received 150 mg of Pycnogenol a day for six months; a comparable group of 66 people served as unsupplemented controls.20 At the end of the study, the supplemented patients had significantly lower triglycerides and blood pressure, and significantly higher HDL cholesterol compared to controls. In addition, fasting glucose fell significantly by 14.4%, waist circumference dropped 3.11 inches (7.4%) in men and 2.9 inches (8%) in women, and plasma free radicals fell by 34.6% in the supplemented group.

The second important study involved patients with metabolic syndrome who were showing early signs of kidney damage (protein in urine) from high blood pressure.21 All patients were treated with ramipril (Altace®), an angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor drug used in hypertension, while a subgroup was supplemented with Pycnogenol as well. After six months, the Pycnogenol group experienced a number of improvements over the Ramipril-only group:

- Urinary protein fell 52.7% in supplemented subjects compared to 22.4% in the drug-only group.
- Blood flow in the kidneys (an essential measure of kidney damage) in the Pycnogenol group improved by 139% compared to less than 100% with Ramipril alone (measured by diastolic flow).
- C-reactive protein (an important measure of inflammation) dropped by 25.3% in Pycnogenol subjects, but decreased only slightly in the drug-only group.
- Body mass index (BMI) was lowered in Pycnogenol subjects (5.7%), while the drug-only group did not show any significant changes after treatment.

Pycnogenol Protects Against Oxidative Damage

- Oxidative stress accelerates aging and brings on many chronic and many acute conditions.
- Pycnogenol, a standardized preparation extracted from French Maritime pine, is rich in procyanidin flavonoid molecules and contains some of the most potent antioxidant properties known.
- Originally used in Europe for patients with chronic venous insufficiency (veins do not pump enough blood back to the heart), Pycnogenol is finding multiple targets in a world filled with oxidative stress.
- Studies now show that Pycnogenol can protect heart and blood vessel tissues against the oxidation that can lead to heart attacks, strokes, and other vascular disorders.
- Pycnogenol is also finding a role fighting metabolic syndrome and diabetes, and in protecting brain cells from neurodegenerative diseases.
- Further studies are beginning to reveal Pycnogenol’s preventive capabilities in fighting skin aging, traumatic brain injury, pain syndromes, and even persistent tinnitus.
These two studies showed convincingly that Pycnogenol is capable of remedying all five of the classic risk factors for metabolic syndrome, and demonstrated the underlying impact on oxidative stress and inflammation.

**Diabetes**

Not surprisingly, similarly compelling results are now being seen in human and laboratory studies of diabetes, one of the unfortunate potential outcomes of metabolic syndrome.

In one study, patients with type II diabetes took either a placebo or 100 mg of Pycnogenol for 12 weeks while continuing their standard anti-diabetic treatment. The fasting plasma glucose levels fell significantly in the Pycnogenol group compared with placebo recipients. The Pycnogenol group also experienced lower hemoglobin A1c levels (a measure of long-term glucose control) in the first month. Importantly, the Pycnogenol group also had a significant reduction in endothelin-1, a protein that promotes blood vessel constriction and hence, higher blood pressure.

In a second human study of diabetics with early microangiopathy (small vessel disease that precedes development of skin ulcers as well as kidney and eye complications), patients took either no additional medication, or 50 mg of Pycnogenol three times daily for four weeks. After that time, no significant changes were seen in control subjects, but in the supplemented group there was a progressive decrease in measures of microangiopathy and of capillary leakiness, with a significant improvement in blood perfusion (delivery of blood to a tissue). Together, these results mean a reduced risk for developing the kind of diabetic ulcers that can lead to amputation.

Diabetics often suffer from microvascular damage to their nerves, which may produce excruciating and dangerous diabetic neuropathy. Lab studies now show that blood sugar reductions in Pycnogenol-supplemented animals are accompanied by improvements in the impaired nerve conduction velocity seen in diabetic neuropathy.

Pycnogenol can directly oppose the excessive oxidative stress produced by diabetes, which is responsible for so much of that disease’s age-accelerating damage. Multiple animal studies demonstrate that Pycnogenol restores to normal the elevated markers of oxidation seen in tissues and organs of diabetic animals, while also restoring normal levels of protective intracellular antioxidant systems. This has now been shown to lead directly to reductions in inflammatory molecules, including thromboxane, a protein that triggers platelets to clump together with the potential for a dangerous clot to form.

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**Four-Step Creation Of Harmful Plaque**

1. Oxidative stress leads to the oxidation of LDL particles that have accumulated within the inner lining of the arterial wall (endothelium).
2. Oxidized LDL and damaged endothelial cells trigger an inflammatory response in which immune cells (monocytes/macrophages) are recruited.
3. The recruited macrophages ingest oxidized LDL and transform into “foam cells,” which accumulate within the endothelium to form plaque.
4. Muscle cells in the artery then proliferate and secrete fibrous elements to form a “cap” around the plaque.

The result is stiffening of the arteries and impeding blood delivery to vulnerable tissues across the body, potentially producing heart attacks, strokes, and other manifestations of cardiovascular disease.

**Pycnogenol** acts to slow or stop multiple stages in the domino effect leading to cardiovascular disease, with impressive clinical results.
Finally, Pycnogenol has been shown to inhibit *alpha-glucosidase*, a key intestinal enzyme that breaks down simple starch into sugars. Blocking *alpha-glucosidase* is an effective way of slowing absorption of glucose into the bloodstream.

**Pycnogenol Offers Neuroprotection**

Human studies have not yet been conducted, but exciting basic science is being done in laboratories around the world on the potential for Pycnogenol to improve some of the most heartbreaking diseases of aging, the neurodegenerative conditions that include Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Studies are showing that Pycnogenol's powerful antioxidant properties can intercept ongoing oxidant damage that leads to these disorders.

Studies reveal sharp drops in markers of both oxidation and inflammation when Pycnogenol is provided in animal models of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, as well as of diabetes, which is a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, and amputations. As we continue to learn about the essential role of oxidative damage in so many disease processes, we discover the multiple procyanidins in Pycnogenol offer outstanding antioxidant support in a growing number of disorders. Here are a few to watch for in the coming years:

- **Skin Health**: Animal studies reveal that when Pycnogenol is applied topically, it can protect skin from the inflammation, immune suppression, and cancer risk caused by ultraviolet radiation. A recent human study demonstrated that oral Pycnogenol supplementation improved skin hydration and elasticity in post-menopausal women, with the most prominent effect seen in those with dry skin conditions.

- **Pain**: Pycnogenol supplements prevent cramps, muscle pain at rest, and pain during and after exercise in normal individuals, in athletes, in those with venous disease and claudication, and in diabetics with microangiopathy (small vessel disease). In addition, women with endometriosis achieved significantly more pain relief when Pycnogenol was added to their oral contraceptive, compared with the contraceptive alone.

- **Traumatic Brain Injury**: This type of injury is increasingly common, occurring not only in active young people and military personnel, but also in older adults who suffer from falls. Brain damage following trauma results in massive oxidative damage as blood flows to the injured area. Animal studies show that Pycnogenol, even administered up to four hours after a brain injury, significantly reduces oxidative stress and damage to proteins in the delicate synapses, where nerve cells communicate with one another. This is accompanied by a similarly marked reduction in inflammatory markers in brain areas vital for memory and cognition.

- **Tinnitus**: Tinnitus is a maddening, distressing, and distracting condition in which continuous sound is perceived in one or both ears, without any actual sound being present. It has multiple causes, including poor blood flow and high oxidative stress, but no convincing cure has yet been discovered. Risk factors for developing tinnitus include exposure to loud noise, obesity, smoking, excess alcohol consumption, previous head injuries, history of arthritis, and hypertension. In a study of 82 patients with mild-to-moderate tinnitus who had decreased blood flow in the cochlea (sound-sensing portion of the ear), Pycnogenol at both 100 and 150 mg/day improved blood flow velocity in the cochlea, with significant relief of symptoms in an average of 34 days.
of neurodegeneration.\textsuperscript{31-33} Pycnogenol protects brain cells and their supporting structures from premature cell death, and mitigates the decline in cognitive performance seen in an animal model of Alzheimer’s.\textsuperscript{31-33,34} Pycnogenol also boosts brain cells’ own natural cellular antioxidant systems, helping them resist chronic damage.\textsuperscript{35}

**Summary**

Pycnogenol, a standardized mixture of pine bark-derived flavonoids, has long been used in Europe to treat cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, and neurodegenerative conditions.

Emerging research reveals that Pycnogenol is valuable in skin inflammation, the management of pain, traumatic brain injury, and tinnitus.\textsuperscript{36-40}

It’s regrettable that so few physicians in the United States recommend Pycnogenol considering its clinical utility has been demonstrated in over 300 scientific publications.

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- AprèsFlex® Indian frankincense (Boswellia serrata) extract 100 mg
- Boron (calcium fructoborate as patented FruiteX B® OsteoBoron®) 1.5 mg

The retail price of a bottle of 60 capsules of ArthroMax® Advanced with UC-II® and AprèsFlex® is $36. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $24 per bottle.

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Life Extension® Pycnogenol® French Maritime Pine Bark Extract is a natural botanical extract containing procyanidins, bioflavonoids, and other health-giving molecules that synergistically support the body’s natural defenses against 5 major processes that characterize premature aging. Its effectiveness is backed by 40 years of study.

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**MEMBRANE FUNCTION:** Pycnogenol® promotes the integrity and normal characteristics of cell membranes.¹,⁴

**DNA FUNCTION:** Pycnogenol® helps support normal DNA function through antioxidant activity and possibly other mechanisms.³,⁶

**EASE INFLAMMATION:** Pycnogenol® helps ease inflammation by normal modulation of inflammatory cytokine molecules.⁷,¹³

**OXIDATIVE STRESS:** Pycnogenol® supports the normal functioning of healthy antioxidant systems to help suppress free radicals and protect DNA.⁴,¹⁹

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One in 10 American adults suffers from depression.¹ Standard care is prescription drugs that are laden with side effects.²⁻⁷ For many patients, the effectiveness of these drugs can diminish over the course of treatment,⁸ forcing depressed individuals to learn to live with their mood disorder.

Researchers have found that a specialized complex of curcumin fights the crippling effects of depression⁹ by attacking multiple underlying targets.¹⁰

A team of internationally recognized scientists has published an impressive clinical trial on the antidepressant benefits of a superior-absorbing curcumin that Life Extension® members have used for many years.⁹
In this 2013 study of depressed human subjects, curcumin’s effectiveness was similar to that of a standard antidepressant medication. However, curcumin contains none of the side effects associated with commonly used drug therapies and provides additional health benefits as well.

These results are in keeping with earlier research showing that curcumin increases levels of “feel good” neurotransmitters such as serotonin and dopamine.10>
Scientists have been seeking safer and effective alternatives to pharmaceutical medications. The antidepressant activity of curcumin was initially suggested by various animal models of depression. But no evidence had been found on the clinical effectiveness of curcumin against depression. So researchers designed a clinical experiment that was randomized and observer-masked. This means the observers were not told what treatment had been allotted to the patients, and the patients were instructed not to discuss their treatment regimens with the observers.

The researchers randomly divided volunteers diagnosed with major depressive disorder into three study groups of 20 patients each. The first group took 20 mg of the antidepressant Prozac® (fluoxetine) every morning. The second group took a total of 1,000 mg of absorption-enhanced curcumin in two divided doses of 500 mg each. And the third group took both the once-daily fluoxetine and the twice-daily curcumin.

The results were measured using the Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HAM-D scale). This scale provides a way to rate the severity of depression by assessing mood, anxiety, feelings of guilt, suicidal ideation, insomnia, agitation or motor retardation, weight loss, and other body symptoms. Efficacy and safety were evaluated after two, four, and six weeks. The HAM-D scale showed that the proportion of patients responding well to treatment was 62.5% in the curcumin group of the study, 64.7% in the fluoxetine group, and 77.8% in the combination group.

The study team concluded that there was no statistically significant difference in the improvements among the three treatment arms. In other words, there was no difference in the effectiveness of the enhanced curcumin formulation compared to the prescription antidepressant fluoxetine in improving symptoms of depression between baseline and six weeks of treatment.

The study team concluded that this “is the first randomized clinical trial that clearly highlights that curcumin may be an effective and safe agent when used as a modality of treatment in patients of MDD [major depressive disorder].”

The advantage of curcumin as an antidepressant is its benign profile of adverse events as compared to other antidepressants. Curcumin is known to be safe—even in a huge dose of 8 grams (8,000 mg) a day.

This remarkable clinical trial used a unique formulation—as we’ll learn next—one that overcomes a longstanding problem with curcumin: limited absorption.
Increasing Curcumin’s Absorption

The form of curcumin used to achieve the impressive results in this human study was an enhanced-absorption formulation—known as BCM-95®—now considered the gold standard of curcumin. Its absorption in the body is far superior to that of other curcumin extracts.21

Development of curcumin as a human nutraceutical has been hampered by a major obstacle. As one study report put it, “The use of curcumin in clinics for the treatment of major depression is limited due to its poor gastrointestinal absorption.”13 In addition, curcumin appears to be rapidly broken down both in the intestine and after absorption into the bloodstream.21-23

To overcome this problem, very large doses of curcumin have been needed—doses so large that in some cases, people have balked at the size and number of capsules required to achieve a good effect.21,24,25 Doses as high as 12,000 mg—that’s 12 grams or more than a third of an ounce—have been used in efforts to get significant amounts of curcumin into the bloodstream.24 At such high doses, curcumin can produce uncomfortable symptoms such as abdominal fullness, although no true toxicity has been demonstrated.25

In 2008, researchers showed that curcumin’s absorption (bioavailability) could be enhanced through a very simple process.21 Curcumin is first extracted from the turmeric root. Next, it is highly purified, and then reconstituted with certain other compounds from the original turmeric plant. These constituents are thought to increase intestinal absorption of curcumin in the body.21 The reconstituted curcumin mixture is called BCM-95®, which was the form of curcumin used in this study.

Clinical studies of BCM-95® in human volunteers have shown that its bioavailability is nearly seven times greater than that of a standard extract of curcumin.21,26 BCM-95® was also more than six times as bioavailable as a leading mixture of curcumin that was combined with two other natural products, lecithin and piperine.21 Not only is the BCM-95® formulation better absorbed, it achieves significant blood levels and remains in the blood longer26 so that the body reaps the beneficial effects of curcumin for considerably more time.

This enhanced-absorption advantage has been shown to apply to other conditions in the past, such as rheumatoid arthritis27—and now to depression.9

But how exactly is curcumin able to so effectively target depression? Let’s take a look at the apparent mechanisms.
Other antidepressants known as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) specifically increase the extracellular level of serotonin by inhibiting its reabsorption (reuptake) after it has been released in areas of the brain known as synapses. Altering serotonin levels is believed to assist brain cells in the sending and receiving of chemical messages—which in turn boosts mood.

Safely mimicking the mechanisms of both of these types of antidepressants, curcumin has been shown to modestly inhibit two types of monoamine oxidase enzyme (MAO-A and MAO-B) and to also modulate the levels of norepinephrine, dopamine, and serotonin in the brain.

By boosting norepinephrine, curcumin may improve attentiveness, emotions, sleeping, dreaming, and learning. Higher levels of dopamine may improve pleasure, emotion, and locomotion. And enhancement of serotonin can play a key role in mood, appetite, sleep, memory, learning, sexual behavior, temperature regulation, and other functions.

Inhibits Inflammation

Inflammation plays a major role in depression. Chronic inflammation has been shown to influence almost every pathway involved in the development of depression, including neurotransmitter metabolism.

Curcumin is a potent anti-inflammatory compound. It is known to inhibit multiple compounds that help produce inflammation in the body. Studies demonstrate that curcumin:

- Inhibits the enzyme cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2), in turn reducing inflammation.
- Inhibits nuclear factor-kappa B (NF-kappa B), a protein complex that controls many genes involved in inflammation.
- Blocks the synthesis of an enzyme called inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS), in turn decreasing the release of inflammatory nitric oxide (NO).
- Lowers, by about 60%, levels of interleukin-1, a group of cytokines that plays a central role in the regulation of inflammation.
- Reduces the expression of inflammatory markers of astrocytes, cells that support and protect brain neurons.

Scientists believe that these anti-inflammatory mechanisms contribute to curcumin’s antidepressant activity.
It is curcumin’s remarkable capacity to modulate all of these antidepressant pathways—neurogenesis, neurotransmitter levels, and inflammation—that explains the impressive results of the newly published clinical findings.

However, it is curcumin’s anti-inflammatory activity that underlies a host of other health benefits that go far beyond curcumin’s antidepressant impact. Let’s review some of these broader effects.

**Curcumin And Osteoarthritis**

**Osteoarthritis**, long thought to be a purely “degenerative” disease, is now recognized to have multiple inflammatory components. The breakdown of joint-lining cartilage is triggered by pro-inflammatory signaling molecules.

In the joint-lining membranes, curcumin suppresses the growth of the inflammatory cells that are responsible for cartilage destruction and even inhibits the “cartilage-eating” compounds that carry out the destructive process itself.

Human studies show that joint pain decreased and joint function improved in patients taking an enhanced-bioavailability curcumin complex and they show improvements in blood tests measuring inflammation.

**Curcumin And Rheumatoid Arthritis**

A team of scientists conducted a 2012 study of rheumatoid arthritis patients who suffered from high levels of inflammation.

Superior-absorbing curcumin beat the standard arthritis drug **diclofenac** on most measures of effectiveness, but was free of the side effects that so often accompany drug therapy.

Curcumin directly attacks the source of the problem—inflammation—rather than simply masking pain and other symptoms.

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**Side Effects Of Pharmaceutical Antidepressants**

There have been at least 119 published studies from 12 countries, as well as 99 drug regulatory agency warnings from 10 countries plus the European Union, together indicating that antidepressants are involved in the following adverse effects:

- Abnormal bleeding or bruising
- Abnormal thoughts
- Aggression
- Agitation
- Akathisia (severe restlessness)
- Anxiety
- Birth defects
- Black tongue
- Blurred vision or vision changes
- Coma
- Confusion
- Constipation
- Convulsions
- Crushing chest pain
- Death
- Decreased memory or concentration
- Delirium
- Delusional thinking
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Diarrhea
- Difficulty breathing or swallowing
- Dizziness or faintness
- Dry mouth
- Emotional numbing
- Fainting
- Hallucinations
- Headaches
- Heart attacks
- Heart rate decreases
- Homicidal ideation or action
- Hostility
- Hyperactivity
- Hypomania
- Impaired driving
- Insomnia
- Lethargy
- Liver problems
- Low white blood cell count
- Mania or manic reactions
- Memory lapses
- Mood swings
- Muscle spasms
- Nausea
- Nervousness
- Neuroleptic malignant syndrome
- Night sweats
- Nightmares
- Numbness in extremities
- Panic attacks
- Paranoia
- Premature births
- Priapism
- Psychotic episodes
- Restlessness
- Risk of breast cancer
- Risk of falls
- Sedation
- Seizures
- Self-harm
- Serotonin syndrome
- Severe headache
- Severe muscle stiffness
- Sexual dysfunction
- Shakiness
- Shuffling walk
- Slow or difficult speech
- Spontaneous abortion
- Stroke
- Suicidal thoughts or behavior
- Tremors
- Violent behavior
- Weight gain
- Withdrawal symptoms
- Yellowing of skin or eyes
Curcumin And Cancer

Inflammation can contribute to the proliferation, survival, and migration of cancer cells.13

Fortunately, curcumin has emerged as a potent cancer-preventing agent. It intervenes at each stage in the complex sequence of events that must occur in order for a cancer to develop and ultimately metastasize to healthy tissue.

The multi-targeted mechanisms of curcumin have yielded compelling results in combating a remarkably broad array of cancers—including cancers of the breast,44,45 uterus,46 cervix,47,48 prostate,49-55 and gastrointestinal tract.56-70

Rapidly accumulating research also demonstrates curcumin’s potential to counter cancers of the blood,71-73 brain,74 lung,75,76 bladder,77-80 head81-83 throat,84,85 and pancreas.86-90 (one of the most lethal forms of cancer).

Also, curcumin may have special benefits for individuals undergoing radiation cancer treatment. Radiation therapy is often limited due to its side effects.91 For example, prostate cancer patients undergoing external beam radiotherapy suffer, among other effects, urinary tract problems such as painful urination.92 Since curcumin’s radioprotective effects had earlier been suggested,93,95 scientists conducted a pilot clinical study on 40 prostate cancer patients undergoing external beam radiotherapy.96

They randomly assigned half of the patients to receive 3 grams daily of the enhanced curcumin formulation BCM-95® while the rest took a placebo. After three months of radiotherapy, the curcumin group experienced much milder urinary problems than the placebo patients, especially reduced urination frequency.96 It has been suggested these results stem partly from curcumin’s ability to reduce radiation-induced inflammation.96

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Summary

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Your brain is under constant onslaught from environmental and stress-related challenges, as well as normal aging processes.\(^2\)

Fortunately, our brain cells have built-in, self-healing systems that provide natural defenses against these ongoing threats.\(^1\) Even more remarkable, molecular science is revealing that the human brain has the capacity to preserve the neurons involved in brain remodeling (plasticity).\(^3\)

Scientists in China and Singapore have found that gastrodin, a compound typically derived from a traditional Chinese orchid (\textit{Gastrodia elata}), provides powerful support for the brain’s normal defenses and regenerative mechanisms.\(^4,5\)

To make these benefits available to members, Life Extension\textsuperscript{\textregistered} introduces Brain Shield\textsuperscript{\textregistered}, providing 300 mg of gastrodin in each capsule for maximum brain support.

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- Scientists have shown that the breakdown metabolites of gastrodin help provide support against the normal stress and tension of daily life.\(^11,14\)
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\textbf{Brain Shield\textsuperscript{\textregistered} supports healthy cognitive and circulatory function in aging individuals.}

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Curcumin is an active compound derived from the Indian spice turmeric. It has been widely acclaimed for its diverse health-promoting effects on nearly every organ system in the body, \(^1\)–\(^6\) including its support for the body’s natural inflammatory response system. \(^7\) But most curcumin is neither absorbed well nor retained well in the blood—posing a challenge to those who wish to maximize its benefits. \(^8\)

Life Extension\(^{\circledR}\) took the lead in resolving this issue several years ago by introducing Super Bio-Curcumin\(^{\circledR}\) containing BCM-95\(^{\circledR}\), a patented, bioenhanced preparation of curcumin that has been shown to reach up to 7 times higher concentration in the blood than standard curcumin. \(^8\)

Now, an exciting next generation curcumin formula has become available! The Advanced Bio-Curcumin\(^{\circledR}\) with Ginger & Turmerones provides additional compounds that further boost absorption of curcumin’s highly beneficial phytonutrients. \(^9\)\(^{10}\)

UNRIVALED POTENCY AND ABSORBABILITY

In addition to BCM-95\(^{\circledR}\), this curcumin formula contains:

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Scientists have shown that these potent turmerones not only support curcumin absorption, but significantly increase the amount of curcumin inside the cell as well. \(^9\)

2. Ginger: Curcumin and ginger are close botanical relatives. Research demonstrates that they have overlapping and complementary health benefits, \(^9\)\(^{10}\) and scientists are focusing on the therapeutic effects of combining these two plants. \(^14\)\(^{15}\)

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There is probably no conference in the world that attracts so many scientists devoted to human rejuvenation as the SENS (Strategies for Engineered Negligible Senescence) Foundation conference, which is held every two years at Cambridge University in England. As described in the July 2013 issue of Life Extension® magazine, the SENS Foundation is attempting to implement strategies to reverse the seven causes of aging they have identified. Dr. Aubrey de Grey, who is on the Scientific Advisory Board of Life Extension®, co-founded SENS, the SENS Foundation, and the SENS conferences. The September 3-7, 2013 SENS Foundation conference was the sixth SENS conference (SENS6).
Keynote Presentation On Gene Therapy For Rejuvenation

George Church, PhD, (Professor of Genetics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts) was the keynote speaker at SENS6. As described in the May, 2013 issue of Life Extension, Dr. Church is the lead Scientific Advisor in a study of centenarians funded by the Life Extension Foundation®. He is one of the most prominent geneticists in the world.

Dr. Church noted that from the year 1870 to the present, the annual increase in life expectancy has been about 0.28 years per year. This falls short of the one-year gain in life expectancy per year that would be required for unlimited life spans. As a hopeful sign that the long-term trend will be exceeded, he cited the recent fall in cost of sequencing the human genome. DNA sequencing costs had been declining by a steady 1.5-fold per year between years 1965 to 2005. After 2005, DNA sequencing costs plummeted dramatically and they are soon expected to drop to a few hundred dollars per genome.

Moreover, genome sequencing has become faster and more accurate—a 10-fold reduction in point errors (one per million) in the last five years. He is anticipating less than one error per genome in the future.

Dr. Church identified several genes that he believes contributes to extreme health and longevity, including one that protects against HIV and another that delays Alzheimer’s disease by a decade. He is hopeful that gene therapy can be used to make such genes available to everyone. The newest and most effective technology for modifying genes is CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspersed Short Palindrome Repeats), a means that bacteria use to protect themselves against viruses. Only in 2013 has the application of CRISPR to gene therapy been appreciated.

Dr. Church has been at the forefront of this technological revolution. His lecture described testing the function of gene-modified heart cells using organ-on-a-chip technology.

Longevity Benefits Of Calorie Restriction In Humans

Luigi Fontana, MD, PhD, (Research Associate Professor of Medicine and Co-Director of the Longevity Research Program, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri) has been looking for evidence that calorie restriction with adequate nutrition will extend life and improve health in humans. Life span studies have shown extended life span from calorie restriction in yeast, worms, flies, rodents, and many other organisms.

Lifetime studies are not feasible in humans because the studies would require a human lifetime to conduct. Calorie restriction with a vegetarian diet was practiced somewhat involuntarily by the eight participants in Biosphere 2 for two years. Those subjects showed reduced risk factors for atherosclerosis, including large reductions in blood cholesterol, blood pressure, and serum triglycerides.

The number of people who have chosen to practice calorie restriction for extended periods is small, but many of them have cooperated in being subjects for

Cost Per Genome

After many years of decline, the cost of sequencing a genome has leveled off, but may dive again (dashed line) if the promise of a $1,000 genome holds up.

Dr. Fontana’s investigations. Eighteen individuals who had been practicing calorie restriction for an average of six years were compared with 18 individuals on a typical American diet. The calorie restriction group showed reduced triglycerides, reduced blood pressure, and reduced inflammation (extremely low C-reactive protein).9

Another study of 25 calorie-restriction subjects found a reduced age-related decline in heart function (diastolic function).10 A study of 28 calorie-restriction subjects compared to 28 exercisers and 28 controls looked at insulin resistance (measured by HOMA-IR, Homeostasis Model Assessment). The calorie-restriction group showed 34% less insulin resistance compared to the exercisers, and 82% less insulin resistance compared to the controls.11 Low insulin resistance is associated with low risk of diabetes and age-related diseases. High heart rate variability indicated flexible adaptive control of the body (especially the heart) by the brain.12 Heart rate variability normally declines with age, but Dr. Fontana found that subjects practicing calorie restriction had heart rate variability values comparable to healthy adults who were 20 years younger.13 Although there is no direct proof that maximum lifespan will be extended by humans practicing calorie restriction, the risk factors for age-related diseases among these low-calorie consumers are very low.

Tissue Regeneration From Salamanders

Malcolm Maden, PhD, (Professor, Department of Biology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida) studies tissue regeneration in axolotls (Mexican salamanders). His presentation was entitled, “Regeneration in the adult organism—a cure for aging?” To justify the title, he quoted the renowned regeneration biologist Richard J. Goss, who said: “If everything rejuvenated, there would be no death.”

Dr. Maden said that some animals (such as hydra, planarians, and jellyfish) avoid aging or age-related death due to the ability to regenerate all organs. A study of the newt salamander showed no loss of regenerative capacity over a period of 16 years.20 And the Mexican salamander, the axolotl, has the greatest regenerative capacity of any vertebrate animal.21 The axolotl can regenerate every organ in its body: limbs, heart, and large portions of brain tissue without scarring. This regenerative capacity does not decline with age.21

When the limb of an axolotl is severed, a collection of stem cells known as a blastema forms. The blastema cells have de-differentiated, but only to the extent of being a collection of stem cells having different potentials for differentiating into specific tissue types such as skin, muscle, bone, nerve, blood vessels, etc.22 Dr. Maden has demonstrated regeneration of major portions of injured brain in axolotls.23 He has determined that retinoic acid the vitamin-A metabolite that facilitates growth and development plays a key role in regeneration.24 He commented that a human child has

Improved Survival From Heart Attack

Sam Parnia, MD, PhD, (Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Research, State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York) discussed the changing view of death since the discovery of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the 1960s.

Death is reversible if the heart can be restarted soon after cardiac arrest. He said most physicians still have the outdated idea that brain cells die five minutes after the heart stops. Viable stem cells have been cultured from human brain tissue as long as 20 hours after death.14 There is a much higher survival of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest victims in Seattle than in Alabama, likely due to regional differences in the availability of emergency cardiac care (e.g., bystander CPR, EMS quality, etc.)15

Dr. Parnia is concerned that resuscitation efforts in hospitals are too often done improperly. Resuscitation guidelines often recommend use of 100% oxygen, despite the fact that excessive oxygen exposure during resuscitation nearly doubles the likelihood of death.16 Manual CPR is frequently attempted in hospitals, despite the fact that mechanical chest compression devices give better organ perfusion.17

There is a large variation in the amount of time hospitals will spend attempting resuscitation of a cardiac arrest victim. Patients are much more likely to be revived in hospitals if they are in the highest quartile of time spent attempting resuscitation (25 minutes) rather than in the lowest quartile (16 minutes).18 Dr. Parnia said that most physicians will stop CPR efforts after 20 minutes, even though the survival curve does not flatten until 40 minutes. He also said that despite the fact that a few degrees of lowered temperature has been shown to reduce six month mortality from 55 to 41% in resuscitation survivors, hypothermia is rarely used or is inefficiently applied in hospitals.20
pany their greater size. Dr. Magalhaes’s laboratory is uniquely equipped to analyze the genome of the bowhead whale to determine the means by which it achieves such longevity while avoiding cancer. He said that such research cannot be funded through conventional funding sources. He expressed appreciation for the Life Extension Foundation grant he received to do this work.

John Furber, MSc, (CEO, Legendary Pharmaceuticals, Gainesville, Florida) attends many conferences dealing with the biology of aging every year, and he is therefore very well-known among biomedical gerontologists. He has designed a rejuvenation experiment which the Life Extension Foundation is funding. At the time he gave his presentation, he had not yet begun work on the project he was describing.

Lysosomes are the garbage disposal/recycling centers of biological cells. Lysosomes contain enzymes that digest cellular waste products into reusable components. But with time, lysosomes accumulate enzyme-resistant age-pigment molecules known as lipofuscin. Some neurons in the brain can contain up to 75% lipofuscin. Lipofuscin emits toxic free radicals. Cells loaded with lipofuscin cannot be expected to function very well, so lipofuscin may contribute to the maladies of old age. Furber would like to rejuvenate cells by removing the lipofuscin. By doing an extensive search of scientific literature, he identified some chemicals which induce cells to export lysosomal lipofuscin out of the cell. During the question period, Furber was asked whether there would be harmful effects in transferring lipofuscin out of cells, such as causing macrophages to be engorged with undigestible lipofuscin. Furber did not know the answer, but because there is such a great potential benefit he said, “Let’s do the experiment so we can find out.” He is hopeful that if this process is done slowly and carefully, the macrophages will not be overloaded and the circulatory system will not become much more inflammatory.

Justin Rebo, MD, (Research Scientist, SENS Foundation, Mountain View, California) reported on work he had done at Dr. John Schloendorn’s company ImmunePath. Dr. Rebo had been looking for the easiest problems that could be solved in regenerative medicine (“low hanging fruit”). Cancer victims subjected to chemotherapy or radiation experience severe loss of immune system an ability to regrow amputated fingertips, and that retinoic acid contributes to this process.

Dr. Maden has shown that applying retinoic acid to the spinal cord of a rodent causes nerve fibers to regrow. He explained that depriving rats of vitamin A (retinoic acid) results in symptoms of Alzheimer’s disease. Restoring the retinoic acid reversed the symptoms. Dr. Maden hopes that understanding the process of regeneration in axolotls will lead to the ability to induce wound-healing and tissue regeneration in people without scar formation.

Speakers Receiving Funding From The Life Extension Foundation

Three of the researchers presenting at SENS6 acknowledged the Life Extension Foundation as a source of funding, two of these researchers were featured in the January 2014 issue of Life Extension.

Joao Pedro de Magalhaes, PhD, (Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor, Institute of Integrative Biology, Liverpool University, Liverpool, United Kingdom) has been using funds from the Life Extension Foundation to sequence the genome of the bowhead whale, the longest-living mammal, which lives more than 200 years. With more cells in their bodies, larger animals would be expected to have higher rates of cancer. Even tall humans have a higher cancer risk than short humans, independent of all other risk factors. But a variety of anticancer mechanisms allows larger animals to avoid the greater cancer risk that would otherwise accom-
blood cells that makes them very vulnerable to infection. Such patients can be treated by transplantation of umbilical cord blood stem cells, but such cells are very limited in supply, and matching cells with patients to ensure compatibility can be difficult. In some cases, stem cells have been multiplied in the laboratory before transplantation, a process that has proved somewhat successful.

Dr. Rebo’s work involved deriving blood cells from pluripotent stem cells in mice. By applying an appropriate cocktail of cell signaling proteins (cytokines), he was able to derive the needed immune system blood cells. Dr. Rebo was able to show that these derived cells would migrate to the bone marrow.

He gave mice sublethal doses of chemotherapy, and the mice treated with the derived immune system blood cells were much more likely to survive. Dr. Rebo will be using Life Extension Foundation funding to investigate in more detail why shared blood circulation between genetically identical mice of different ages rejuvenates the old mouse, and makes the young mouse biologically older.

Mitochondrial Sirtuin Promotes Health And Longevity

Danica Chen, PhD, (Assistant Professor, Nutritional Science and Technology, University of California, Berkeley, California) has been investigating the role of sirtuins in aging. There are seven sirtuin enzymes in mammals, identified by number: SIRT1 through SIRT7. SIRT1, which is activated by resveratrol, is the most famous sirtuin, but Dr. Chen studies SIRT3.

SIRT3 is found in mitochondria, the energy-producing organelles in cells. Removal of SIRT3 from mouse cells has been shown to increase free-radical production by the mitochondria and to increase cancer incidence. Calorie restriction (the most generally accepted means to extend life and health) in mice normally reduces free-radical damage, but not when SIRT3 has been removed. Calorie restriction has been shown to stimulate SIRT3 and thereby reduce free-radical production by mitochondria.

Dr. Chen’s team has shown that increased SIRT3 improves the regenerative capacity of blood stem cells. Cancer cells normally bypass the use of mitochondria to generate energy, an effect that is opposed by SIRT3. By bypassing the mitochondria as an energy source, cancer cells are also bypassing the capacity of mitochondria to kill them (by apoptosis, or cell death). SIRT3 activity declines with age, and long-lived humans have greater expression of SIRT3. A compound to stimulate SIRT3 the way resveratrol stimulates SIRT1 or enhances expression of SIRT3 could improve human health and longevity as well as increase cancer resistance.

An Amyloid That Kills The Oldest Old Humans

Brian O’Nuallain, PhD, (Assistant Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts) is working on the SENS Foundation project to eliminate amyloid protein aggregates. Although aggregation of amyloid-beta protein is believed to cause Alzheimer’s disease, the SENS Foundation project is focused on aggregation of the amyloid protein transthyretin (TTR). Deposition of mutant TTR in the heart may lead to cardiac amyloidosis. Increase in TTR oxidation due to aging might contribute to the onset of TTR amyloidosis. Heparin also leads to increased TTR aggregation.

In the majority of cases, cardiac amyloidosis is a disease of elderly men. Also, about 4% of African-Americans have a mutation that can lead to earlier
onset of the disease. Among the oldest of the old (supercentenarians, or people over age 110), the effects of amyloidosis have been described as a leading cause of death. Dr. O’Nuallain said that TTR disease is underdiagnosed because diagnosis is so difficult. He explained his efforts have been to develop antibodies that will bind to the TTR protein so that it can be seen as images in patient scans. He is also looking for antibodies that will not only bind to TTR protein, but will enzymatically degrade aggregated TTR.

The SENS Foundation is building on work determining specific genes that are partially expressed in ALT cells. David Halvorsen, a Research Associate working with Dr. Silva at the SENS Foundation, joined Dr. Silva on the stage to explain the role of specific genes and their role in the ALT pathway. The SENS Foundation plans to investigate more genes that are particularly active in ALT cells.

Cryogenic Preservation Of Transplantable Organs

Stephen Van Sickle (Chief Scientific Officer, Arigos Biomedical, Mountain View, California) is part of a company that is taking a novel approach to preserving transplantable organs. Transplantable hearts, kidneys, pancreases, and livers can be preserved for longer times prior to transplant by replacing blood in the blood vessels with cold gas rather than a cold fluid. The cold gas, like the cold fluid, has traditionally been above freezing temperature.

Instead of using a gas with high oxygen content above freezing temperature, Van Sickle’s company has been using helium gas that can cool down to cryogenic temperatures (below -130° Celsius). Although hypothermic cooling can maintain transplantable organs for hours above freezing temperature, cooling to cryogenic temperatures has the potential to preserve organs much longer.

Despite the shortage of transplantable kidneys, nearly a fifth of such kidneys are discarded because at the time of harvest a suitable patient or clinic is not available. Longer preservation times would prevent this waste. Substituting blood with a vitrification (glass-forming) solution that prevents ice formation has allowed for cooling of a rabbit kidney to -130°C with viability restored upon rewarming. However, vitrification and successful revival with the transplant of organs larger than a rabbit kidney has not yet occurred.

Cooling an organ internally with cold helium gas provides another option. Van Sickle has been able to cool a pig kidney (which is comparable in size to a human kidney) down to -180°C without fracture. Van Sickle believes that perfusing organs with helium gas at higher pressures (20 atmospheres) could allow for cooling rates that are 100 times faster than is possible with current methods. Hopefully, the cooling would be fast enough to prevent damaging the tissues by dehydration from the helium gas. Rewarming the organs with helium gas requires combining the warm helium gas with electrically-induced heat (radio frequency electromagnetic currents).
Punting On The Cam

There were more than 70 speakers at the SENS6 conference, so the above sampling only gives a taste of the full program. On the final day of SENS6, the participants had an opportunity to go “punting on the Cam.” This is not a form of football. Punting means using a large pole to propel a boat on the Cambridge River. Many scientific discussions about the conference happen on the boats.

Summary

The SENS (Strategies for Engineered Negligible Senescence) Foundation conference in Cambridge, England, attracts some of the world’s top scientists devoted to human rejuvenation—and this year was no exception.

Dr. George Church, Professor of Genetics at Harvard Medical School, identified several genes he believes contribute to health and longevity, including one that delays Alzheimer’s disease by 10 years. He is hopeful gene therapy can be used to make these genes available to everyone.

Dr. Luigi Fontana of the Longevity Research Program in Missouri is investigating how calorie restrictions promote a longer life and improve health, while Dr. Sam Parnia (Professor of Medicine and Director of CPR Research at State University of New York) discussed how CPR methods are all too often not done properly in hospitals and how lives can be saved if they were.

Tissue regeneration was Dr. Malcolm Maden’s topic. He is studying the Mexican salamander, which has the ability to regenerate every organ in its body. Dr. Maden has shown that applying retinoic acid to the spinal cord of rodents causes nerve fibers to regrow. He hopes studying the regeneration of the salamanders will lead to tissue regeneration in humans.

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What Disease Do Our Presidents Have In Common?

In 2013, doctors discovered that a vital coronary artery in George W. Bush was 95% blocked. An emergency stent was inserted to restore blood flow. According to medical sources, this type of coronary artery blockage usually causes sudden death and the former president was lucky his doctors caught it in time.1

In 2004, Bill Clinton underwent open heart surgery to bypass multiple blocked arteries in his heart that would have likely killed him in a few months if not treated.2 In 2010, Clinton was rushed to the hospital complaining of chest pains and had two stents implanted to open two new occluded coronary arteries.

Vascular Disease Not Limited To Modern-Day Presidents

The second US president John Adams (1797-1801) purportedly suffered from heart failure.3,4 Vascular disease is implicated in the deaths of many of our past presidents. From a historic perspective, vascular disease has killed virtually every president since around 1900.3,4
Comprehensive Blood Testing

The vascular system is clearly mankind’s “Achilles heel.” According to Harvard cardiologist Thomas H. Lee, “In 1950, heart attacks were ‘bolts from the blue’—unpredictable, unpreventable, and untreatable.” Dr. Lee points out the huge progress in heart attack prevention and treatment that has occurred in the decades that followed. Yet heart disease still remains the number one killer, while mainstream medicine overlooks proven risk factors that can be detected with annual blood testing. Unlike commercial blood tests that evaluate only a few disease risk factors, Life Extension’s Male and Female Blood Test Panels measure a wide range of blood markers that predispose people to age-related diseases. Just look at the huge number of parameters included in the Male and Female Blood Test Panels:

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Intriguing data suggest that combining fish oil and krill oil may provide enhanced support for cardiovascular health and the nervous system, including the brain. This is due to the different levels and rates of uptake observed for omega-3 fatty acids from fish and krill oil in plasma, platelets, and red blood cells.

As scientists continue to study uptake of marine oils into various cells and tissue components in the body, the evidence suggests that by combining both fish and krill oil, you may optimize the protective benefits provided by these different sources of omega-3 fatty acids. >
Studies show that people with higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids in their blood experience brain benefits such as better cognitive outcomes, larger gray matter volume for their age, fewer signs of brain blood flow disturbances, and lower rates of dementia, compared with those having lower omega-3 fatty acid levels.15-20

Those with lower DHA levels have poorer scores on cognitive testing, smaller brain volumes, and more “white matter hyperintensity” (also called leukoaraiosis), a condition that is associated with accelerated brain aging.21

One important way omega-3 fatty acids protect your brain is by shielding the chief memory processing area of your brain, the hippocampus. Studies show that people with lower total omega-3 levels have smaller hippocampus volumes.22

Because patients with depression experience rapid shrinking of their hippocampus, many strategies for relieving depression focus on increasing new brain cell growth in that specific area of the brain.23 There’s now evidence that increasing omega-3 intake, especially DHA, may be an effective way of treating or preventing depression, partly by protecting the hippocampus from further shrinkage.23

**Benefits Of Both Fish Oil And Krill Oil**

Fish oil and krill oil share many important similarities, such as effectively reducing the ratio of omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acids in the body. This is an important biomarker associated with lower levels of chronic inflammation.2 Both krill and fish oil also increase plasma and cell membrane concentrations of omega-3 fats.3,4

However, there are differences. What scientists have found is that the uptake of omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil and krill oil is different for the plasma, platelets, and red blood cells.5

For example, clinical data from human test subjects suggest that omega-3 fatty acids like DHA from fish oil result in a more rapid uptake into plasma triglyceride and platelet phospholipids,6 which offers benefits given the effects of plasma triglycerides and platelet function on endothelial function, and cardiovascular health in general.

In comparison, the omega-3s found in krill appear to be more rapidly incorporated into red blood cell phospholipids.7 This is important, because not only do scientists view the uptake of essential fatty acids in red blood cells as a biomarker for uptake into the brain,8 but additional research suggests that when omega-3 fatty acids such as DHA are bound to phospholipids as they are with krill, it increases their uptake to the brain.9 This is further supported by human clinical research, which suggests ingestion of phospholipid-bound EPA and DHA increase cognitive function scores to a greater degree compared with scores obtained when the fatty acids in the ingested oil were provided in the triglycerides storage form.10

When combined, krill and fish oil appear to offer enhanced benefits for both the cardiovascular and nervous system than either form by itself.

Let’s now look at how fish oil and krill oil work together to provide the broadest spectrum of coverage for brain health, heart health, and much more.

**Omega-3s And Brain Health**

Both omega-3 fatty acids DHA and EPA are well known to provide systemic benefits throughout the body and reduce the risk of early death.11

DHA is vital for early brain development and maintenance, while EPA seems to be closely related to behavior and mood. Together, both molecules provide critical neuroprotective benefits.11 These neuroprotective effects are important for the prevention of age-related brain shrinkage (cortical atrophy). Aging adults with brain shrinkage often experience memory loss, cognitive decline, and an increase in depression.12-14
In addition to depression, chronic stress leads to loss of volume of the hippocampus—and also causes enlargement of the *amygdala*, the portion of the brain that regulates anxiety and anger.\(^{24}\) When rats were supplemented with omega-3s during exposure to stress, they showed lower corticosterone levels (a marker of stress), and improved learning on a maze—indicating that the omega-3s helped preserve memory and reduce anxiety.\(^{24}\)

Diabetes is a key factor in accelerated brain aging. Neuroprotective and cognition-improving effects have been shown in diabetic animals when they were supplemented with omega-3s.\(^{25}\)

Omega-3s are also credited with slowing the rate of cognitive decline in patients with very mild early Alzheimer’s disease. This study demonstrates the importance of early intervention with omega-3s for aging adults.\(^{26}\)

**Krill Oil’s Additional Brain Benefits**

Both krill and fish oil are rich in the long-chain fatty acids EPA and DHA. An important difference, however, is that EPA and DHA found in krill oil are bound to *phospholipids*, a form of fat that makes up the cell membrane. Phospholipids also enhance *cell signaling*, which is especially important for the healthy functioning of the nervous system and the brain.

Studies show that when omega-3 fatty acids such as DHA are bound to phospholipids as they are with krill, it increases their uptake to the brain.\(^{27}\)

In lab experiments, animals given krill showed improved navigation skills. What this means is that they achieved higher levels of cognition and memory required to navigate complex territory.\(^{28}\) In addition, research shows that animals supplemented with krill oil showed significantly fewer signs of depression and resignation. This improvement in mood was equivalent to the effect of the prescription anti-depressant drug *imipramine* (*Tofranil*\(^{\text{®}}\)).\(^{29}\)

Human studies also confirm cognition and memory improvement with omega-3 supplementation. For example, a study showed that both fish oil and krill oil enhanced cognitive function in a group of older men by increasing oxygen delivery to their brains. Interestingly, for those taking krill oil this effect was more prominent than those taking fish oil, though both groups were significantly better than placebo.\(^{30}\) As we pointed out earlier, because the omega-3 DHA is bound to phospholipids in krill it may be more effectively incorporated into the critical cell membrane in brain cells.

**The Health Benefits Of Krill Oil**

- Omega-3-rich oils from deep-sea fish have long been known to provide outstanding anti-inflammatory benefits that can protect you from heart disease.
- New findings show that these marine oils can also prevent age-related brain shrinkage, protect cognitive function and memory, and prevent dementia and possibly depression.
- Another marine oil, extracted from tiny crustaceans called krill, provides additional benefits not found in fish oil alone.
- Emerging research suggests intriguing pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetic differences for omega-3 fatty acids bound to phospholipids (such as in krill oil) as well as fish oil, which offer differential advantages to the cardiovascular and nervous system/brain.
- Krill oil has benefits that add to and amplify those from fish oil alone, in neuro-protection, cardiovascular health, diabetes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, and even osteoporosis and arthritis.
Enhanced Cardio Protection
With Fish And Krill Oil

It has long been known that higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids like EPA and DHA are strongly linked to improved cardiovascular health; while lower levels of omega-3s in the blood are linked to increased rates of hypertension and risk of heart attack. That association continues to grow stronger in a host of heart disease-related areas.

Ample evidence from animal studies supports regular supplementation with omega-3 oils as a means of lowering long-term cardiovascular risk. This may be due to omega-3 fatty acids’ effects on reducing inflammation, lowering triglycerides, reducing blood pressure, improving endothelial function, inducing new blood vessel formation after heart attack or stroke, and favorable modification of obesity-related inflammatory molecules.35-39

Human clinical trials also abound demonstrating the benefits of omega-3s for heart health. Here are a few highlights:

• Taking 4 grams per day of a prescription EPA supplement led to marked reductions in plasma triglyceride levels, especially in people with very high levels; reductions of 33 to 45% have been reported.40-42

• Similarly, 4 grams per day of prescription EPA led to significant reduction in triglycerides and other dangerous lipids in people already on statin-type lipid-lowering medications.43,44

Additional Heart Health
With Fish Oil

Both fish oil and krill oil are rich sources of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids. However, fish oil may provide advantages for cardiovascular health beyond those found in krill oil.

An interesting human study directly compared the ingestion of phospholipid-bound DHA found in krill with the form of DHA naturally found in fish oil. The

TABLE: Impact Of Omega-3 Status On Cardiovascular Risk

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results showed that the DHA found in fish oil was absorbed much quicker than the phospholipid-bound DHA uptake into plasma from krill by almost 3-fold.49 This data has important implications and suggests that the form of DHA found naturally in fish oil provides a more rapid uptake into plasma triglycerides, as well as platelet phospholipids, both of which are important considerations for optimizing cardiovascular health.

The omega-3 fatty acids found in krill oil and bound to phospholipids provide additional cardiovascular benefits, as you will see in the next section.

Heart Benefits From Krill Oil

To these impressive heart health findings on fish oil, we can now add complementary cardiovascular benefits from krill oil.

Laboratory studies in rats showed that krill oil reduced harmful triglyceride concentrations in the liver more than the fish oil.50,53 Krill oil was able to reduce structural and molecular changes found in the hearts of rats after a heart attack. After the heart attack, only the rats supplemented with krill oil were observed to have a significant reduction in heart weight, inflammation, and left ventricle dilation as compared to controls.54

Omega-3 Fights Metabolic Syndrome And Diabetes

People with metabolic syndrome (the combination of central obesity, high blood pressure, disturbed lipid profile, and impaired glucose tolerance) are at increased risk of death from cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, and other apparently “age-related” disorders. Because metabolic syndrome is closely associated with chronic low-grade inflammation, the powerful anti-inflammatory effects of omega-3 fats are especially important as a means of slowing or stopping the progression of this deadly disorder.

Studies indicate that supplementing with omega-3s can reduce various factors involved in the metabolic syndrome. The following is a list of the benefits of supplementing with omega-3s to reduce the impact of metabolic syndrome:

- Reduces body weight55,56
- Lowers blood pressure55
- Normalizes lipid profiles (lowering LDL, total cholesterol, and triglycerides)55,57
- Reduces fasting and after-meal glucose and insulin levels while improving insulin sensitivity,38,56-60
- Reduces total body inflammatory status, as measured by elevated cytokines and other markers of inflammation such as C-reactive protein,55,57,61,62

An exciting animal study recently showed that, in diabetic rats, DHA supplementation not only helped to prevent diabetic eye disease, but also increased the survival rate of animals by around 25%, compared with the diabetic rats supplemented with soybean oil.63

Krill Oil And Weight Loss

Animal studies show potent reduction of liver fat stores, glucose levels, and cholesterol levels in mice supplemented with krill oil while being fed a high fat diet.64,65 While many of these effects are seen with fish oil as well, studies show that krill oil, with its unique phospholipid structure, had the added benefit of increasing fat-burning in mitochondria while reducing new glucose production in the liver.66,67 As with so many other complex disease processes, utilizing multiple pathways to reduce disease is a highly effective strategy.67
Synergy In Bone And Joint Health

People used to believe that osteoporosis and osteo-arthritis were the result of aging and reduced intake of calcium and milk products. Science has now shown that these bone and joint disorders are, in part, due to inflammation. Because of this, bones and joints are prime targets for the anti-inflammatory properties of omega-3 oils from both fish and krill.

In both animal and human studies, omega-3s from fish oil have been found to reduce post-menopausal bone loss.68-71 This effect appears to be related mainly to a decrease in the number and activity of bone-destroying cells, due to reduced inflammation because of increased levels of omega-3s.72-77

On the other hand, people with lower blood levels of omega-3s are more likely to experience arthritis-related cartilage loss, compared to those with higher levels.78

And in osteoarthritis, when a DHA/EPA formulation was added to chondroitin sulfate, people experienced more complete relief of symptoms such as stiffness and pain. One study found a significant increase in walking speed in people who supplemented with fish oil versus those who did not.79,80 As with the beneficial results seen in people with bone loss, these positive findings may have been the result of the decreased inflammatory destruction of joint cartilage.81

In arthritis-prone guinea pigs, omega-3 supplementation significantly reduced the occurrence of the disease. In addition, omega-3 supplementation in osteoarthritic dogs and cats led to increased levels of daily activity.82-84

Krill oil is joining the toolkit for fighting arthritis, thanks to its exceptional anti-inflammatory properties resulting from its phospholipid form of omega-3s. A study in mice with experimental arthritis showed that krill oil supplements reduced arthritis scores and markedly diminished joint swelling. When examined under a microscope, the animals’ joints were remarkably free of inflammatory infiltrates of immune system cells.85

A study on humans has also shown the benefits of krill oil on arthritis.86 In a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study, 90 patients who had

Do You Know Your Omega Score?

*Life Extension* readers know that omega-3 fatty acids combat cardiovascular disease through a host of interrelated mechanisms, including the suppression of pro-inflammatory cytokines, and reduction of triglycerides. Less known is the importance of a novel analytic technology to assess how much omega-3 is in one’s whole blood, serum, and red blood cells.87-92

This low-cost, in-home, personalized assessment, called the **Omega Score™** provides a clear picture of the percentage of EPA/DHA omega-3 fatty acids in your blood. The benefits of knowing this information can be the difference between life and death, as the ratio of omega-3 to omega-6 fatty acids in blood and cell membranes strongly influences cardiovascular disease risk factors.87-93

The test is based on the groundbreaking work of a team of Harvard researchers. They found that people with total omega-3 levels between 6.1 and 10.2% in their blood had a compelling 90% lower risk of sudden cardiac death compared with those whose omega-3s were 2.1 to 4.3% or less of their total fatty acids.84 People with omega-3 levels between 4.3 and 5.2% attained some benefit, with a 48% reduction in risk, while those whose scores were between 5.2 and 6.1% had an 81% risk reduction.84 Knowing your omega-3 levels via the **Omega Score™** enables you to establish several key indices of cardiovascular risk, including risk of sudden cardiac death,95 risk for developing heart disease,95,96 and risk of fatal ischemic heart disease.97 This crucial information can then be used to create an omega-3 supplement regime with the appropriate amount of omega-3s to attain healthy blood levels that may prevent a lethal cardiac event.

Additionally, the **Omega Score™** is one of the only tests that can check the level of a special omega-7 fatty acid called palmitoleic acid that has recently been connected with reduced risk of metabolic syndrome, improving insulin sensitivity, and lowering triglycerides, glucose, and CRP levels. This omega-7 fat also has a profound effect on the body’s response to energy intake and fat intake and it helps suppress production of new fat.98,99

For added convenience, the **Omega Score™** test does not require a trip to a blood-drawing lab. You can simply obtain the specimen yourself by a finger stick at home, and then send the sample to the lab for testing. Your results will be sent to you through the mail, with graphic illustrations for easier understanding.

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cardiovascular disease and/or rheumatoid or osteoarthritis along with high levels of C-reactive protein (CRP, an indicator of inflammation), received either 300 mg/day of krill oil or placebo.

After just seven days, those supplementing with krill had their CRP levels reduced by 19.3%, while in the placebo group, CRP levels rose by 15.7%. Even more impressive, the krill benefit was long-lasting. The krill group’s CRP levels continued to fall by 29.7% at 14 days, and 30.9% at 30 days. More importantly from the patients’ points of view, the krill oil supplement reduced pain scores by 28.9%, reduced stiffness by 20.3%, and reduced functional impairment by 22.8%.

Summary

Growing evidence suggests that fish oil omega-3s are complemented by those from krill oil, which occur naturally in a form that can be readily taken up by cell membranes.

Fish oil and krill oil have now been shown to provide superior neuroprotection, protecting vital brain areas from age-related shrinkage and dysfunction. Such measures may prevent memory loss, dementia, and even depression.

Fish and krill oils combined also optimize cardiovascular health to lower blood lipids, reduce the risk of arrhythmias, and prevent heart attacks and the damage they cause. Similarly, the marine oils lower risk for obesity, diabetes, and metabolic syndrome, which in turn can lower chances of developing diseases from cancer to stroke. And now there’s evidence that these oils can ameliorate osteoporosis and painful arthritis.

Thus, both fish oil and krill oil offer secure, complementary coverage to safeguard the health of our aging bodies.

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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Emerging research suggests that different sources of omega-3 fatty acids, such as fish oil and krill oil, provide complementary effects upon cellular targets throughout the body.¹

Scientists suggest that combining fish oil and krill oil may provide enhanced support for cardiovascular health and the brain due to the different ways that fish oil and krill oil are taken up by our cells.²

Fish oil and krill oil share many important similarities, such as reducing levels of omega-6 relative to beneficial omega-3 fatty acids.³ Most Americans consume too many omega-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids and not enough omega-3s.³

Evidence suggests that by combining both fish and krill oil, you can maximize uptake and the protective benefits of a wide spectrum of omega-3 fatty acids.³

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The omega-3s found in krill appear to be more rapidly incorporated into red blood cell phospholipids, which are rapidly absorbed into brain cells. When combined, krill and fish oil appear to offer enhanced benefits for both the cardiovascular and nervous system than either form by itself.

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**Antarctic Krill (Euphausia superba) oil**

300 mg

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A hallmark outward sign of aging is thinning hair. Commercial products focus on the symptoms of thinning hair, rather than the cause.

Recent discoveries have uncovered compounds that, when combined, offer a diverse approach for improving the condition and appearance of the scalp—laying the foundation for healthier hair.

The scalp remains one of the most neglected parts of the body until the signs of dryness and itching appear—or, even worse, thinning hair and hair loss occur.

This article describes how a novel plant extract derived from the Argan tree gets to the root of thinning hair and hair loss by stimulating the activity of self-renewing dermal stem cells to alleviate a dry scalp and induce hair growth. >
Once scientists made this important discovery, the next step entailed identifying compounds that can improve the regenerative capacity of aging dermal stem cells. They soon discovered the answer in a rare plant: the Argan tree.

**Activate And Vitalize Aging Dermal Stem Cells**

Belonging to one of the oldest tree species in the world, the Argan tree grows in southwest Morocco where it adapts to extreme droughts and high temperatures. The plant’s survival under these diverse conditions speaks to the remarkable regenerative capacity of its stem cells. This prompted researchers to investigate whether these stem cells can activate our own aging dermal stem cells. Multiple preliminary studies indicate that they do.

For example, in an advanced cell culture technique, the presence of 0.1% Argan stem cell extract had beneficial effects on two important characteristics of dermal stem cells: It significantly enhanced the expression of the stem cell marker Sox2, and it increased the number of secondary spheres by 89% compared to untreated controls in aging dermal skin cells, thus improving their activity. This evidence led the research team to conclude that skin-derived precursors are in fact “dermal stem cells that serve to induce hair morphogenesis and maintain the dermis.”

**Topical Ingredients Revive Your Hair And Scalp**

- Procyanidin B-2 stimulates hair growth in balding men, leading one research team to recognize it “as a promising cure for male pattern baldness.”
- Biotin combats thinning hair.
- Copper supports hair follicles.
- Antioxidant-rich tea extracts quench excess free radicals that result in skin damage.
In a clinical trial, human skin treated with Argan stem cell extract increased dermal density by nearly 13% compared to a placebo after eight weeks. This is important because aging is associated with a decreased number of fibroblasts that provide structural integrity to the dermis. The resulting reduction in dermal thickness gives way to a dry and damaged scalp. Thus, by increasing dermal density, Argan stem cell extract can help support a healthy scalp.

Four Additional Compounds That Support Healthy Hair

Two other nutrients, procyanidin B-2 and biotin, further encourage hair growth via different mechanisms than Argan stem cells. Additionally, copper and tea extracts complement procyanidin B-2 and biotin's hair-growing action by rejuvenating the scalp and hair from the inside out. Copper helps solidify the hair's structure. Tea extracts quench excess free radicals that result in dryness, itchiness, and dullness of the scalp.

1. Procyanidins

Procyanidins are a subclass of flavonoids found at high concentrations in chocolate, apples, and grapes. Scientists have discovered that a particular form of procyanidin known as procyanidin B-2 favorably affects the natural hair growth cycle by reverting hair follicles from the telogen (resting) phase to the anagen (growth) phase. Procyanidin B-2 stimulates natural hair growth and has been found to increase hair density and average hair diameter in men. In a human study, researchers observed that 43 men with male pattern baldness who applied procyanidin B-2 twice daily to their scalp area for one year exhibited a significantly greater total number of hairs in a targeted scalp area than those who applied a placebo. In another double-blind, controlled clinical trial, balding men ranging in age from 30 to 57 applied either a topical application of procyanidin B-2 or a placebo twice daily to the scalp area for four months. At the study's end, 78.9% of patients in the treatment group experienced increases in average hair diameter versus only 30% for the placebo group. Equally noteworthy, the procyanidin B-2 group also had a significantly higher ratio of hairs measuring 40 microns or more in diameter than the placebo group, demonstrating an improvement in hair thickness.

These substantial hair-increasing effects led the team of researchers to recognize procyanidin B-2 as a promising treatment for male pattern baldness.

What You Need To Know

Dermal Stem Cells Stimulate Hair Growth

- In 2009, a University of Toronto-based research team discovered a role for dermal stem cells in the dermal papilla (base of the hair follicle).
- Dermal stem cells induce hair follicle formation and hair growth in mice, which in turn raises their therapeutic potential to treat hair loss (alopecia) in humans.
- Scientists identified stem cells from the Argan tree that have been shown to activate dermal stem cells. This could stimulate the formation of hair follicles and hair growth in humans.
- Argan stem cells increase dermal density to support a healthy scalp.
- In addition, procyanidin B-2 and biotin support hair growth; copper supports hair follicles; and tea extracts protect the skin by fighting free-radical damage.
- When combined, these nutrients offer a multi-faceted approach for improving the health and appearance of the scalp—laying the foundation for healthy hair.
2. **Biotin**

Biotin is a water-soluble vitamin whose deficiency has been shown to manifest itself as hair loss, suggesting that the micronutrient plays a vital role in supporting healthy hair.14

Oral supplementation of 1 mg per day of biotin for just a week led to the disappearance of biotin-deficiency symptoms, including alopecia.15

3. **Copper**

*Dermal papilla* (the base of the hair follicle) is the source of adult stem cells. Researchers observed that tripeptide-copper complex, a growth factor for various types of cells, stimulated the elongation of human hair follicles and of dermal papilla cells.16

4. **Tea Extracts**

The scalp is bombarded with free radicals on a daily basis, especially from UV exposure.17 As antioxidants produced within the body are depleted, excess free radicals begin to modify the scalp’s structure. This process causes a dry, damaged scalp.9

Green, black, white, and red tea extracts are brimming with potent antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds that protect the skin against the damaging effects of free radicals.16,18,19

**Summary**

The scalp is often the most neglected body part, yet it forms the foundation for healthy, beautiful hair.

A novel plant extract derived from the rare Argan tree enhances the regenerative capacity of aging dermal stem cells to induce hair follicle formation and stimulate hair growth, as well as improve dermal density to alleviate signs of a damaged scalp.

This extract has been formulated into a serum which, along with additional compounds, supports the health and appearance of the hair and scalp.

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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VITAMIN D3 SOFTGELS
FOR SUPERIOR ABSORPTION

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

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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.5-9 **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.

For those weighing less than 160 pounds, just one capsule a day provides optimal potencies. Those weighing over 160 pounds should consider taking two capsules a day. A bottle containing 60 vegetarian capsules of **Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract** retails for $24. If a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $16.50 per bottle.

Those who want to obtain the benefits of *trans*-resveratrol can order **Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract with Resveratrol**. Each capsule provides 20 mg of *trans*-resveratrol in addition to the *vegetable extracts* and retails for $32 per 60-capsule bottle. When a member buys four bottles, the price is reduced to $22.20 per bottle.

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With Argan Tree Extract

The scalp and hair follicles play a critical role in the health of the hair, and they’re continually challenged by chemical, mechanical, and environmental stressors.

A novel plant extract derived from the rare Argan tree—enhanced by supporting compounds—protects and stimulates the activity of self-renewing dermal stem cells. This serves to moisturize the scalp, provide nutrients to every strand of hair, and sustain a strong hair growth cycle.1,2

ARGAN OIL

The new Rejuvenating Scalp Serum contains Argan oil, which is unlike any other oil. It is a “dry” oil, easily absorbed by the skin so it leaves no residue or build-up on the hair or scalp. Argan oil has been shown to be exceptionally effective at targeting scalp skin cells to prevent dry scalp conditions, nourish hair follicles, and revive dull, tired, brittle hair.1,2

The effectiveness of the Argan oil in Rejuvenating Scalp Serum is enhanced by four compounds:

1. Procyanidin B-2 to support hair growth.3,5
2. Biotin to help support hair growth.6
3. Copper to support hair follicles.
4. Tea extracts to inhibit free radicals7 that cause dryness, itchiness, and dullness of the scalp.

SCALP AND HAIR HEALTH

The suggested use of Rejuvenating Scalp Serum is to massage 3-5 drops into the scalp each day. This will:

• Improve the health of the scalp.
• Actively nourish hair follicles.
• Promote natural hair growth cycle.
• Lock in moisture for a silky shine.
• Promote strong hair fibers.
• Improve hair texture and volume.

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The Dangers Of Using Antibiotics To Prevent Urinary Tract Infections

Urinary tract infections are one of the most common infections, resulting in more than 11 million visits to the doctor each year—and most (if not all) of them get treated with antibiotics. But when used for prevention and repetitive treatments, antibiotics pose a public health concern, as their overuse has led to the rise of antibiotic-resistant superbugs.

That’s why scientists have been working to come up with an alternative to antibiotics. They have discovered that by preventing the bacteria from sticking to the lining of the urinary tract to begin with, it’s possible to treat and prevent urinary tract infections—and as an added bonus, to reduce the overuse of antibiotics.

Naturally, drug companies are keenly following these developments, intent on commercializing these compounds called FimH inhibitors, which prevent bacteria from sticking to the lining of the urinary tract.

The problem is, pharmaceutical treatments targeting this mechanism of action are years away from reaching the market. And when they do finally arrive, you can bet they won’t be cheap or necessarily safe.
The good news is that you needn’t wait for FimH inhibitors to become available through your local pharmacy. **Cranberry products**, long known for their effectiveness in preventing urinary tract infections, already contain naturally specialized molecules that **function in exactly the same way as FimH inhibitors**. Studies show that cranberry juice and extracts inhibit bacterial binding throughout the urinary tract, stopping potential urinary tract infections before they can even begin.>
PROTECT URINARY TRACT HEALTH WITH CRANBERRY

A New Way To Treat And Prevent Urinary Tract Infections

The vast majority of urinary tract infections are caused by *E. coli* bacteria. For these bacteria to create an infection, they have to be able to stick to cells lining the bladder or urethra (the tube through which urine leaves the body). The *E. coli* strains that are the most successful at causing urinary tract infections have developed a sophisticated set of cell-surface adhesion molecules, which act like tiny grappling hooks to attach themselves to urinary tract tissue.

Once attached, the organisms start to reproduce, which causes inflammation, and produces the typical symptoms of a urinary tract infection: burning, painful urination, and a sense of urgency to urinate. If the infection ends up in the kidneys, it can lead to fever, chills, and low back pain.

Current medical treatment for urinary tract infections mainly involves antibiotics that destroy bacteria (or impede their reproduction). But the overuse of antibiotics has created a new crisis: antibiotic resistance. Antibiotics can’t kill every single organism in an infection, and those that survive develop resistance to the drug. As they reproduce, they give rise to new populations that are similarly resistant. It doesn’t take many generations of bacteria until widespread resistance to multiple antibiotics occurs.

In short, the more antibiotics we develop, the “tougher” the germs become. Experts warn that a generation of superbugs is emerging that will be immune to any known antibiotic therapy.

That’s why it’s so important to find a way to prevent urinary tract infections before they begin—and why scientists are working hard to develop synthetic compounds that would make the bacteria incapable of sticking to urinary lining cells. Because the most important binding molecule on *E. coli* cells is called *FimH*, the bulk of drug development has focused on creating molecules that fill up the *FimH* binding sites, eliminating the “stickiness” of the germs. These drugs are referred to as *FimH inhibitors*.

If the bacteria are unable to bind to the urinary tract lining, they will be eliminated simply by the flow of urine, long before they can set up an infection.

Laboratory studies show that *FimH inhibitors* can reduce the amount of bacterial colonization in animal bladders by a factor of almost 10,000 compared with standard antibiotic treatment.

Fortunately, you don’t have to wait for *FimH inhibitors* to become available in order to effectively prevent urinary tract infections. The effective characteristics of *FimH inhibitors* occur naturally in cranberries. And that means that you can have access, right now, to a safe, effective way to keep bacteria from sticking to the urinary tract—and ultimately to help prevent urinary tract infections from occurring.

Cranberries Block Bacterial Stickiness

For more than 45 years, human studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of cranberry products, especially extracts of the whole fruit, at preventing urinary tract infections. Multiple studies, for example, have shown that when people supplement with cranberry juice or extracts, their urine acquires the ability to block bacteria from attaching to cells lining the bladder, urethra, or vagina.

Cranberry supplements reduce bacterial adhesion regardless of the specific bacterial strain or of bacterial antibiotic resistance. This gives cranberry products a major edge over standard antibiotic therapy.

Cranberries contain a specific group of polyphenol molecules called proanthocyanidins. Similar to *FimH inhibitors*, these molecules may prevent bacteria from sticking to urinary tract lining cells.

While antioxidant proanthocyanidins are found in
many plant-based foods, research shows that those from cranberries appear to have more significant anti-adhesion properties.26

Multiple laboratory studies have demonstrated in detail just how effective proanthocyanidins are at reducing bacterial stickiness. One study found that cranberry powder from whole berries decreased the number of bacteria sticking to cells lining the urinary tract from 6.9 to just 1.6 organisms per cell.27

Using atomic force microscopy (an electron microscope that determines forces between individual molecules), scientists were able to measure the rapid reduction in nanoscale adhesive forces between bacteria and lining cells after the addition of cranberry juice to the Petri dish.28 Cranberry treatment produced a 12.4-fold reduction in the force holding bacteria to the cells.

In another study using atomic force microscopy, scientists gave human volunteers a dose of cranberry juice, obtained urine specimens, and then applied them directly to E. coli bacterial cells in culture.29 Urine collected just two hours after cranberry juice consumption cut the bacterial stickiness to levels lower than those obtained with urine collected before the juice dose. The bacterial stickiness continued to drop over the entire eight-hour test.

This study demonstrated that cranberry juice components rapidly enter the urine, and almost immediately lead to a decrease in the stickiness of infection-causing bacteria.29

Purified proanthocyanidin from cranberries has now been shown to be effective at preventing the adherence of multi-drug resistant strains of E. coli to urinary lining cells—showing that these molecules may be effective in preventing urinary tract infections that are difficult to treat with antibiotics.30

In addition to reducing bacterial stickiness, proanthocyanidin molecules offer additional benefits beyond FimH inhibition:

Once proanthocyanidins bind to the bacterial cell surface, they reduce the amount of the sticky projections that the organisms produce.22,31

They change the actual shape and structure of the bacteria, making them less functional.22,31

There’s growing evidence that cranberry extracts reduce the adhesion of other bacterial and yeast species that are often responsible for urinary tract and other infections, giving them a considerably broader spectrum than is likely with FimH inhibitors.32-36

### What You Need To Know

**Protect Urinary Tract Health With Cranberry**

- Repeated antibiotic treatment for urinary tract infections is a major contributor to the rise of dangerous antibiotic resistant bacteria.
- Frequent antibiotic treatment also raises your individual risk for complications such as bacterial overgrowth and difficult-to-treat infections in the future.
- A new category of drugs, called FimH inhibitors, is under development, aimed at blocking bacteria from attaching to the urinary tract to produce infection.
- But FimH inhibitors are still far in the future; their effectiveness and safety remain unknown.
- A simpler, more natural choice is a whole-fruit cranberry supplement; these supplements act in the same way as FimH inhibitors, preventing bacterial adhesion in the urinary tract.
- Cranberry supplements offer the other benefits of a natural product; they are rich in antioxidant and anti-inflammatory compounds.
- Cranberry supplements compare favorably with antibiotics in preventing recurrent urinary tract infections, and they are known to cause no increase in resistance.
- If you are concerned about recurrent urinary tract infections, it’s important for you to begin supplementing with a whole-fruit cranberry concentrate that provides at least 36 mg/day of the important proanthocyanidins that achieve the therapeutic effect.
Cranberries can reduce the bacteria’s ability to form a “biofilm,” the mucous-rich scum that forms on surfaces like urinary catheters.\textsuperscript{33,34,36} This may reduce the risk of serious urinary tract infections caused by necessary medical hardware.

Unlike FimH inhibitors, cranberry extracts also contain antioxidants and anti-inflammatory molecules.\textsuperscript{15,33,37} Together, these components can reduce damage to human cells and the symptoms that result from the inflammatory reaction to the organism.\textsuperscript{37}

Cranberry treatment, especially in capsules, does not have known significant drug interactions or side effects, something that’s still unknown about FimH inhibitors.\textsuperscript{21,38}

**Clinical Studies Validate Cranberry Effectiveness**

Cranberries have been used for generations to help boost urinary tract health. It’s only in the past dozen or so years, however, that scientists have come to a better understanding of how cranberry products work to combat bacterial adhesion, reduce oxidant stress, and fight inflammation. The most compelling studies are those that directly examine how cranberry products reduce the frequency or severity of urinary tract infections.

An early pilot study evaluated women between 25 and 70 years old who took \textbf{200 mg} of a concentrated cranberry extract twice a day.\textsuperscript{39} All of these women had a history of at least six urinary tract infections in the past year. During the 12-week course of the study, not a single woman had a urinary tract infection.\textsuperscript{39}
Even better, two years later, all of those who continued to take the cranberry supplement remained free of urinary tract infections. That’s 100% protection for a group of people who previously had averaged one urinary tract infection every two months.

A large meta-analysis study of 10 individual clinical trials involving 1,049 patients showed that cranberry products significantly reduced the incidence of urinary tract infections at 12 months, lowering the risk of an infection by 35% compared with control groups.40

Still more recently, several studies have compared the effect of cranberry extracts with the most commonly used antibiotics in preventing recurrent urinary tract infections. These studies have demonstrated good efficacy of the cranberry treatment in comparison to standard antibiotics.41,42

One study showed that cranberry extract had similar effectiveness to the antibiotic trimethoprim at preventing urinary tract infections.41

Another study found that the antibiotic combination of trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole was only slightly more effective at preventing urinary tract infections than cranberry capsules. (Patients took 500 mg twice daily of cranberry capsules, or once-daily doses of the antibiotic combination.42) However, patients treated with antibiotics had a 62% greater amount of antibiotic-resistant organisms during the study, compared to those receiving cranberry. This study has been widely cited as an example of the reasonable trade-offs between cranberry and antibiotic treatment; over the long term, it seems likely that the cranberry recipients will develop fewer infections with dangerous multiple antibiotic-resistant strains of organisms.

As with any therapy directed against microorganisms, the question arises whether cranberry supplements might in some way alter the normal bacterial population of the intestinal or vaginal tracts. Certainly antibiotics do this, as we’ve seen, and with often devastating effects.

Research shows that not only do cranberry products not unfavorably affect normal bacteria, but in fact they also help eliminate certain disease-causing germs living in the genito-urinary tract in up to 42% of patients.18 Similarly, studies show that cranberry supplementation does not have any negative interactions with existing antibiotics.43
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Summary

Urinary tract infections afflict millions of Americans, overwhelmingly women. Nearly 20% of women who have had one urinary tract infection will have another and this risk increases with each infection so that a woman who has had three urinary tract infections in her lifetime has an 80% chance of developing a fourth. Those women (and the few men with similar problems) are often placed on antibiotic preventive therapy to reduce the chance of another recurrence.

But antibiotic treatment poses major risks to the individual and to the health of the public. Repeated treatment produces drug-resistant organisms, which are much more difficult to treat as time goes by. A new family of drugs is under development that will block the first step in urinary tract infections, binding of the bacteria to the bladder lining. But those drugs are still far in the future, and their safety and effectiveness profiles are as yet unknown.

Whole-fruit cranberry supplements, on the other hand, are already recognized to block bacterial binding to the urinary tract linings, and their safety profile is well-established. Concentrated supplements avoid the excess sugar load and occasional stomach upset that can be caused by cranberry juice.

Supplements with at least 36 mg of cranberry proanthocyanidins are recognized by international agencies as being appropriate for use in prevention of urinary tract infections. Capsule preparations of these supplements minimize the risk of stomach upset.

If you have or are concerned about recurrent urinary tract infections, you owe it to yourself to start supplementing with a whole-fruit cranberry product today. You’ll be benefiting yourself and your entire community by doing so, as you lower your risk for contributing to the epidemic of antibiotic resistance.

What To Look For In A Cranberry Supplement

Cranberry products, especially those in capsule form and made from whole fruit, provide undoubted protection against recurrent urinary tract infections, especially in older women who are at the greatest risk of infection. The strong research proving cranberry’s benefits for treating and preventing urinary tract infections led the European Urological Association to recommend the use of cranberry preparations containing not less than 36 mg of proanthocyanidins per day as a preventive strategy against urinary tract infections.

It’s important to do your research before choosing a cranberry supplement. A 2012 study surveying cranberry supplements found that only four of 19 products studied actually provided 36 mg of total proanthocyanidins per day; some provided none at all.

In order to take advantage of cranberry’s benefits, make sure you’re taking a cranberry supplement that’s derived from whole fruit, and that will deliver the recommended 36 mg/day of the proanthocyanidins that prevent bacteria from sticking.

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The anatomy of the female urinary tract differs greatly from men, resulting in the need for additional nutritional support for women.

A wealth of published studies indicates that cranberry polyphenols may help to support a healthy urinary tract.1-5 Of particular importance is the flavonoid content of the cranberry, including anthocyanins and proanthocyanidins. These natural compounds exert powerful antioxidant effects that can reduce oxidative stress.

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

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The suggested daily amount of Cran-Max® in this formula alone (500 mg) was demonstrated to provide the anthocyanin equivalent of seven 8 oz glasses of Ocean Spray® Cranberry Juice Cocktail.9

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

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An Impressive Body Of Work:
Warren Honeycutt

The story is familiar but the results are far from ordinary. A heavyset 14-year-old kid decides that he’s tired of being overweight and hits the gym. He sees some results and realizes the potential of living a healthy, active lifestyle over a sedentary, fast-food diet-filled existence. But this is where the story veers into the extraordinary.

Forty-six years later, Warren Honeycutt, now 60 years old, is a decorated bodybuilder who is America’s only Masters Heavyweight to reach the National Physique Committee’s Nationals Finals for five consecutive years. He is also the man behind his own weight-loss system called Get Honeycutt.

“I entered my first physique competition when I was 19,” Honeycutt says. “And I’ve never stopped. The reason I started my own company is because wherever I go, people stop me and ask me how old I am. They look at my face and see that I’m not 25, but when I’m walking through the mall or at a restaurant, people often want to know how I have the body that I do at 60.”
“I’ve been a fitness entrepreneur my whole life,” Honeycutt says. “I opened my first gym when I was 20, and I’ve owned multiple businesses. I’ve also been a gym manager and a trainer. So I’ve been in this business for over 40 years.”

Honeycutt says that he used to train people one-on-one, but now he doesn’t have the time. He launched Get Honeycutt five years ago as a two-page website with a shopping cart and a listing of times where he would be doing an online seminar. Cut to the present day, where his little site now has thousands of pages of information and recently racked up its 25 millionth hit, and the move looks like a brilliant decision.

“The Internet is filled with gimmicks and pills and tricks,” he says. “I wanted to create something that was a paint-by-numbers process that worked. When people sign up for our program, we have a live Internet chat to begin and one 15-minute live coaching session per week.”

In general, Honeycutt’s diet tips include eating more lean protein while eating more fibrous carbohydrates. He warns, as Life Extension does, to steer clear of simple carbs and high-glycemic carbs. His company even has an app that allows you to take a picture of almost any item in any restaurant and it will send back to you the nutritional value of that item.

Honeycutt stands 5’9” tall, and in order to maintain his 220 pound frame of muscle along with an amazing 5% body fat, he eats lots of protein through salmon and egg whites. He also enjoys some fruits and protein shakes.

The answer to that question has many parts, from time in the gym to a diet to, of course, a link with Life Extension® via Dr. Sergey Dzugan.

“I met Dr. Dzugan about 15 years ago and he introduced me to Life Extension and everything that it offers,” Honeycutt says. “Life Extension is one of the few places that you can go to get really good information and good content about healthy living and supplements. Personally, I take omega-3s and the multivitamin... But my favorite product is Cognitex. Dr. Dzugan started me on all of that. Also, my cholesterol went from 325 down to 175 in one month just due to diet changes recommended by Dr. Dzugan. I got away from a high-fat diet and into more healthy protein.”

Honeycutt says that the combined knowledge he’s gained from places like Life Extension and his lifetime pursuit of fitness, nutrition, and excellent health led him to have an epiphany to start his own diet company.

Warren Honeycutt’s Life Extension Regimen

- Multivitamin
- Omega-3s
- Cognitex
As a disciple of Jack LaLanne, he likes to quote one of the legend’s all-time favorite lines: “Exercise is king, nutrition is queen; put them together and you’ve got a kingdom!"

In order to remain competitive as a bodybuilder, Honeycutt spends about two to two-and-a-half hours a week with resistance training.

“My workouts are very intense,” he says. “But to be in good health and to feel good and to have muscle strength to support your skeleton, you don’t have to exercise in an intense way. A healthy diet and 20 minutes of exercise three or four times a week will do it for 90% of the population. I’ve read studies, including a recent one from UCLA, that said that if Americans did two things, we’d lower our cost of health care by 30%. The two things? Eat right and exercise. Jack LaLanne said that in 1950!”

Part of eating healthy is avoiding foods that can be lethal in high doses. Life Extension has long-written about the dangers of excess glucose on our bloodstreams, and Honeycutt teaches his clients about the cumulative effects of eating too much sugar:

“If you define a poison as anything that you ingest that kills you, then sugar is a poison,” he says. “Sugar is also an addictive substance, which most people don’t realize because it’s been a part of their diet for so long.”

In addition to the ill effects of sugar, the nutrient-lacking Western diet has created a “new normal” for people, where they have become so used to having no energy and not feeling well that they don’t realize there is a better way to live.

“We’ve become so accustomed to being lethargic that we don’t even realize that we’re feeling bad,” he says. “One of the amazing things I see in my program is that after a month or so of following our diet, people inevitably have a day or a meal where they eat like their old selves, and they say that they feel horrible. They say to me, ‘I ate like I used to and I got sick!’ Once people begin to feel good, they don’t want to go back to the old way.”

Personally, the biggest benefit that Honeycutt sees from his healthy lifestyle is an excitement for life. He says that he wakes up every day with the energy to live life with abundance, happiness, and enthusiasm.

“I stay motivated because we don’t have a choice as to whether we pay a price or not in terms of our health,” he says. “I looked at the choice of not paying attention to fitness or my diet and the results would be a heart attack, diabetes, obesity, illness, and on and on. To me, that’s no choice. It’s a much smaller price to pay to stay in shape and eat well and have energy and feel great. I just turned 60, and I’ve decided that I’m going to get into the best shape I’ve ever been in.”

Sounds like a commitment more people should make to themselves, regardless of age.

For more information on Warren Honeycutt, please visit www.gethoneycutt.com.

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

Warren Honeycutt’s Accomplishments

- Founder and President of Get Honeycutt, Inc.
- Five-time Masters Heavyweight NPC Finalist
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### ANNUAL Blood Test
March 31 - June 2, 2014
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**HEALTHY AGING PANEL-BASIC† (LC100025)**

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**HEALTHY AGING PANEL-COMPREHENSIVE† (LC100026)**

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**NUTRIENT PANEL† (LC100024)**

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**COMPREHENSIVE THYROID PANEL (LC100018)**

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**LIFE EXTENSION THYROID PANEL (LC304131)**

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**MALE BASIC HORMONE PANEL (LC100012)**

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**ENERGY PROFILE (LC100005)**

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**VAP™ PLUS (LC100009)**

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**SINGLE TESTS**

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

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