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The March 2015 issue of Consumer Reports published an in-depth article about the cancer-causing effects of medical X-rays and CT scans. The title of this Consumer Reports article is:

“The Surprising Dangers Of CT Scans And X-rays.”

We applaud Consumer Reports for publishing this expose. It will save human lives. We’re taken aback, however, as to why the word “surprising” was used in the title.

There’s nothing surprising about the striking number of cancer deaths caused by medical imaging procedures like CT scans. These imaging devices emit high amounts of ionizing radiation that damage DNA and create mutations that can lead to cancer.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that at least 15,000 cancer deaths will occur as a result of CT scans performed in 2007.2,3

This same report estimates 29,000 new cancer cases occurred in 2007 alone from CT scan exposure. Since exposure to radiation-emitting imaging procedures has risen approximately 6-fold4 since 1980, the number of excess cancers being caused is potentially astronomical.

What may have prompted Consumer Reports to publish their article was a recent study that looked at people who had CT scans as children and then followed them for almost 10 years. This study found a 24% increased cancer risk from just one CT scan, with each additional CT scan boosting cancer risk an additional 16%. Cancer risk was greater with a younger age of exposure.5 While overall cancer rates in this group were low, the statistical significance was robust, meaning these frightening increases in cancer rates are unlikely to have occurred by chance.

Our earlier warnings about the dangers of radiation from medical diagnostic procedures like CT scans were ridiculed and largely ignored. We hope that the Consumer Reports’ investigative analysis will encourage more patients to stand up to their doctors and question the necessity of exposing their body to cancer-causing radiation. As you’ll read in this article, many X-rays and CT scans performed today should not be done.
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There is not a topic I have more hotly debated with physicians than the danger posed by ionizing radiation emitted from CT scans and X-ray imaging devices. On a personal level, every doctor I have ever argued this point with has stated that CT scans and X-rays are 100% safe. I rarely violate rules of debate by stating that someone is categorically wrong, but I have never stepped back from declaring that exposing one’s healthy cells to ionizing radiation from medical diagnostic imaging (like CT scans) increases cancer risk.

Life Extension® long ago published the frightening numbers of Americans who are contracting cancer as a result of prior CT scans or X-ray exposure. Medical authorities are now somewhat aware of this data, yet few who prescribe CT scans or X-ray imaging are paying attention to it.

One-Third Of Radiation Scans Are Unnecessary

Each year, there are 72 million CT scans performed in the United States. This is up from 3 million in 1980 when CT scans began to be aggressively marketed to doctors. CT scans provide superior imaging compared to conventional X-rays, but at the cost of vastly higher doses of ionizing radiation. A recent report found that as many as one-third of CT scans and other diagnostics that expose patients to high levels of radiation are being done too frequently. We at Life Extension® believe that more than a third of radiation-emitting imaging procedures could be eliminated.

One obstacle we battle when it comes to this debate is physician prescribing practices that are very difficult to change. Doctors were taught in school that radiation from medical diagnostic imaging was very safe and posed no long-term risk to their patients. Throughout their residency and into practice, the idea that ionizing radiation from medical diagnostic imaging is safe, and does not increase long-term cancer risk, is consistently reinforced to physicians, often by radiologists. In addition, physicians are often in the practice of defensive medicine, and order unnecessary imaging tests born out of the fear of litigation.

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A 2012 study was done of medical personnel who worked with patients undergoing abdominal CT scans (which often emit the most radiation). This study found that less than 50% understood that these scans could cause cancer. Another study revealed only 9% of emergency room physicians said they knew that CT scans increased cancer risk.

This widespread ignorance amongst professionals on the front lines of medical care is alarming. Until doctors get up to speed on the risks posted by radiation-emitting imaging devices, patients need to assert control and not capitulate to the exaggerated fears doctors instill to persuade patients to undergo unnecessary CT scans, X-rays, or other diagnostic imaging procedures involving ionizing radiation.
Defending Against Lawsuits

A study presented at the 2011 meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons provided clear evidence of why CT scans and other medical diagnostic imaging tests are being so overutilized.

It turns out that 35% of imaging tests are being done by doctors out of fear of lawsuits.\textsuperscript{1,11-13} In other words, if sued by a patient (and zealous personal injury attorney) for malpractice, doctors need hard evidence showing the patient was aggressively diagnosed, as well as treated.

How To Reduce Radiation Exposure From Medical Diagnostic Tests

A partial solution to the wide-spread overexposure to ionizing radiation is to turn down the amount of radiation emitted from each scan. This can be done because most modern CT scanners can be intensity modulated. This means the dose of radiation needed to obtain a crisp picture of your insides can be greatly reduced based on your body mass and other factors.\textsuperscript{14}

What hurried X-ray technicians have done too frequently is set the dose of radiation at the highest level for all patients, thereby eliminating the time needed to adjust the radiation dose to conform to each individual. This ensures great consistent images at the cost of many times the radiation dose required for most people. As a patient, you should insist that if a CT scan is needed, your body mass be evaluated and the lowest possible dose of radiation be used to obtain the needed images.\textsuperscript{15,16}

A particularly disturbing trend pointed out by Consumer Reports is that children are too often being given adult-sized doses of radiation, which is many times what they need.\textsuperscript{1} The higher dose directly increases the child’s cancer risk, yet rushed radiology technicians don’t want to bother turning down the radiation intensity. The pressure to put patients on a fast-moving assembly line, with little regard for individualized care, is epidemic throughout today’s hurried and increasingly depersonalized world of mainstream medical practice.

Modern Imaging Saves Lives!

It is important to point out that CT scans save more lives than the cancers they cause.\textsuperscript{14} The problem is they are being overused and wrongly used in too many cases.

For many diagnostics, ultrasound devices can provide a clear internal image while emitting no ionizing radiation.\textsuperscript{17-19} MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) often provides a clearer picture than a CT scan for soft tissue,\textsuperscript{20} but since MRIs cost much more, insurance companies increasingly are refusing to pay for them.\textsuperscript{21}

Those who display outward symptoms of a stroke should insist on an immediate CT scan of their brain so that comprehensive stroke-reversal therapies can be promptly administered to reduce the risk of paralysis or death. CT scans can be done instantly compared to the much longer time it takes for magnetic resonance techniques. (Some hospital ER rooms are equipped to do quick MRI scans for stroke patients.)

When compared to the perils and pain of exploratory surgery, a CT scan is a breakthrough that should be utilized when appropriate.
For cancer patients, the use of multiple whole-body PET/CT scans with enhanced reading techniques provides enormous insight into whether treatments are working or need adjustment. For treatment of difficult and aggressive cancers, the long-term risk from exposure to the radiation from PET/CT scanners is less than the immediate risk posed by the aggressive cancer.22,23

My Pain Of Saying No To Dentists

Dentists are adamant about doing annual X-rays and represent the strongest proponents of prophylactic X-rays. Not one dentist I have encountered has ever acknowledged there is any risk posed by these annual X-rays.

I have refused dental X-rays for most of my life despite dire warnings by my dentists that there could be underlying tooth decay. When I developed some pain in my mouth two years ago, I consented to dental X-rays. No abnormality was revealed.

I then went to a medical specialist who said he could prescribe a CT scan of my entire jaw that might detect what was causing my considerable pain. This doctor also cautioned that some people develop a condition called idiopathic oral facial pain in which no underlying cause is detected by a CT scan. (Idiopathic means a disease of unknown origin.)

I declined the CT scan of my jaw and suffered fluctuating pain for almost a year and a half until the pain became so acute that I went back to the dentist for another dental X-ray, which this time revealed a single decayed tooth that was readily treated.

Had I opted for the CT scan, this decaying tooth would have likely been detected much earlier. Of course, very vulnerable parts of my head and neck would have also been exposed to high levels of radiation from the CT scan (much greater than typical dental X-rays).

So I paid a painful price for declining the CT scan of my jaw. I always like to relate real-world events so that readers understand the challenges of determining when to say “no” to a radiation-emitting imaging device. It’s not always an easy decision.

Are Dental X-Rays Safe?

My dentist makes me sign a waiver of liability because I refuse to have annual X-rays done. Other dentists refuse to treat me unless I capitulate to X-rays whenever they want to do them. There, of course, is considerable clinical value in dentists being able to view under your enamel.

My concern about dental X-rays was partially vindicated when a 2012 study published in the journal Cancer showed that people exposed to annual dental X-rays were twice as likely to develop a brain tumor called meningioma.38 This type of tumor is usually benign and can be treated with radiation or surgery if needed, but who wants to go through this?

Startling Numbers Of Excess Cancers

In 2009, the journal Archives of Internal Medicine published findings showing the potential for adverse effects of ionizing radiation from medical imaging procedures like CT scans.

This study led by the National Cancer Institute used a model of radiation risk over time based on CT scans administered in the year 2007.

The results suggested that CT scans alone may contribute to 29,000 new cancer cases over time, and nearly 15,000 cancer deaths over time assuming 50% mortality.3
When radiation was first discovered, doctors were wildly enthusiastic about being able to peer inside the body of a living human.

Sadly, radiation killed its early pioneers, who had no idea of its dangers.

Even as knowledge of radiation’s lethal properties became apparent, experts consistently underestimated the risks.

One tragic example was an individual named Clarence Dally who intentionally exposed himself multiple times to ionizing radiation from Thomas Edison’s “fluoroscope” invention. Within a few months, Dally began suffering debilitating fatigue, body aches, and multiple burn-like lesions on his hands. These lesions turned out to be cancer that rapidly spread throughout his body. Dally lost both his arms to these malignant lesions, and died a painful death in 1904.

Thomas Edison was said to be haunted for the rest of his life by Dally’s cancer and death, and refused to have anything more to do with ionizing radiation.24

In the 1950s, our federal government routinely conducted above-ground testing of nuclear bombs in the Nevada desert and claimed the radioactive fallout that spread throughout much of the United States was “harmless.”

In 2002, the federal government admitted that the radiation emitted from these nuclear weapons tests caused 15,000 American cancer deaths.25 Critics claim this number grossly underestimates the actual number of cancer deaths.26-28

In the May 2002 edition of Life Extension® magazine, I wrote a tribute to Linus Pauling for his intellect and courage to challenge the federal government’s claim that radioactive fallout was “safe.”29 Dr. Pauling endured endless persecution from government authorities for daring to interfere with the above-ground testing of nuclear bombs. Our government viewed Linus Pauling as a “communist,” when this Nobel Prize-winning scientist was only seeking to protect Americans from the cancers he suspected would be caused by the radioactive fallout.

Dr. Pauling’s tireless efforts eventually resulted in a ban against above-ground nuclear testing by both the United States and Russia, leading him to win his second Nobel Prize.30

Linus Pauling is the only person to ever win two undivided Nobel Prizes. New Scientist magazine ranks Dr. Pauling as one of the 20 greatest scientists to ever live, an honor shared with such figures as Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, and Isaac Newton.31

Yet here we are in 2015, and most of the medical establishment remains oblivious to the documented dangers of radiation-emitting imaging devices. This is despite irrefutable data provided by the late physician-scientist John Gofman, MD, PhD, who worked at the Los Alamos lab inventing nuclear weapons, went on to discover the existence of LDL cholesterol, and then campaigned relentlessly to limit unnecessary exposure to medical sources of ionizing radiation.32-37

John Gofman called me long ago and expressed gratitude that Life Extension regularly warned of the dangers posed by radiation-emitting medical imaging devices. He regretted so few doctors paid attention to the many books he authored documenting higher cancer rates in those exposed to medical radiation.
Modern dental X-rays emit less radiation than older devices, and thus may not pose as great a risk for meningioma. However, the authors concluded their 2012 study by warning:

“…there is little evidence to support the use of dental X-rays ‘in search of occult pathoses in the asymptomatic patient’ or ‘routine dental radiographs at preset intervals for all patients. Although dental X-rays are an important tool in well-selected patients, efforts to moderate exposure to ionizing radiation to the head is likely to be of benefit to patients and health care providers alike.”38

Said differently, these authors are suggesting that one minimize the number of dental X-rays they are exposed to, which contradicts what is being done in most dentist practices today.

Reducing And Repairing DNA Damage Inflicted By Radiation

When I reviewed the number of previous articles we have published about the dangers of ionizing radiation from medical imaging tests and CT scans, I was startled by how much hard data we had uncovered. Some of our articles describe the potential protection one might obtain by having high doses of specific antioxidants in their body at the time a radiation-emitting imaging procedure is performed.39 Other articles describe the potential for nutrients like blueberry extract to enhance DNA repair so that damage inflicted by medical radiation does not lead to future cancer.40

Some of you might remember an article I wrote last year about a strain of bacteria that was made resistant to 1,000 times the amount of radiation that would kill a human. The mechanism that enabled these bacteria to survive this onslaught of radiation-induced free radical attack was markedly enhanced DNA repair.41,42

The data about the radiation-protecting effects of the nutrients that many of you take daily continues to grow. This means that even if you have needed a CT scan or diagnostic X-ray procedure in the past, if you had these nutrients in your body, you may have gained some degree of protection. Regular intake of blueberry and other plant extracts may have facilitated enough DNA repair to offset...
the known carcinogenic effects of the radiation. No one knows for certain.

In this month’s issue, we describe some nutrients you want to have in your body prior to being exposed to a radiation-emitting imaging procedure.

I want to again thank Consumer Reports for disseminating information that is almost identical to what we’ve been preaching for decades. While the mainstream media ignores most of what we publish, the Consumer Reports article generated press coverage that I believe will spare some humans from medical radiation-induced cancers.

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**NSAIDs Increase Kidney Disease Risk**

A study published in the journal *Hypertension* found that those with high blood pressure who regularly take nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have an elevated risk of developing chronic kidney disease.*

While some previous studies have linked NSAIDs to diminished kidney function, the outcome often ignored those who already had hypertension, which itself carries an increased risk for kidney damage.

After examining the data of over 30,000 patients with high blood pressure, researchers at the Institute of Population Health Sciences, National Health Research Institutes in Zhunan, Taiwan, found that those who’d been taking NSAIDs for at least three months were 32% more likely to have chronic kidney disease than those who didn’t take NSAIDs. Those who used NSAIDs more than once a day had a 23% greater risk of developing chronic kidney disease than people who didn’t.

Even taking NSAIDs for less than three months increased the risk of developing chronic kidney disease by 18%.

“Physicians should exercise caution when administering NSAIDs to people with hypertension and closely monitor renal function,” said senior study author Hui-Ju Tsai.

**Editor’s Note:** Taking NSAIDs may cause the kidneys to retain salt and water, increasing blood pressure and potentially making medications that lower hypertension ineffective.


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**Higher Vitamin D Levels And Lower Risk Of Colorectal Adenoma**

The *World Journal of Gastroenterology* reported the results of a case-control study and meta-analysis which both found a lower risk of colorectal adenoma (polyps) in association with higher serum vitamin D levels.*

Researchers conducted a matched case-control study that included 112 Korean men and women with colorectal adenomas and 112 controls who underwent colonoscopy between August 2011 and September 2012. An association between higher vitamin D levels and a reduced risk of adenoma was found in women.

For the meta-analysis, 15 studies involving Western as well as Asian populations that examined serum or plasma vitamin D levels and the risk of colorectal adenoma were selected. The combined studies included 5,454 subjects with colorectal adenomas and 6,656 controls. When highest to lowest categories of vitamin D were compared, a 32% average reduction in the risk of adenoma was uncovered in the highest vitamin D group.

**Editor’s Note:** While many adenomas remain benign, some are a precursor to colorectal cancer, one of the more common human malignancies.

Metformin Plus Aspirin Inhibit Pancreatic Cancer

A recent study published in Oncotarget investigated the effects of metformin and aspirin, alone and in combination, on pancreatic cancer cell lines.* In a xenograft mouse model, the scientists demonstrated that the metformin/aspirin combination inhibited pancreatic tumor growth. For the study, randomized mice with tumors were injected with 200 mg/kg metformin, 60 mg/kg aspirin, or both three times a week for 28 days. The researchers found that metformin combined with aspirin, at relatively low concentrations, demonstrated a synergistic effect on cell proliferation. Compared to each drug alone, the combination had significantly stronger effects on the inhibition of colony formation and cell migration, as well as the modulation of key molecular targets in AMPK and other signaling pathways. Furthermore the combination led to apoptosis through downregulation of anti-apoptotic proteins and the upregulation of pro-apoptotic proteins.

Editor’s Note: “At the cellular level, metformin stimulates AMPK activation by disrupting mitochondrial respiratory chain complex 1 and decreasing ATP synthesis,” say study authors. “Recently, aspirin was also shown to inhibit the dephosphorylation of AMPK thus activating AMPK.”

Calorie Restriction Lowers Risk Of Age-Related Diseases

A two-year study supported by the National Institutes of Health found that calorie restriction lowered certain risk factors of age-related diseases.* In the study, published in the Journal of Gerontology, 218 healthy normal-weight and moderately overweight men and women were randomized to a reduced-calorie diet that was 25% below their normal calorie consumption. The calorie restriction group was given a weight-loss target of 15.5% in the first year and weight stability over the second year. Weight loss was expected to be achieved by reducing calorie intake 25% below their regular intake at baseline. The other participants maintained their regular baseline diets over the course of the study.

Although the weight loss by the calorie restriction group was the largest sustained weight loss reported in any clinical trial of nonobese participants, weight loss fell short of the target. The intervention arm only reached 12% caloric restriction instead of the trial’s 25% goal but did maintain calorie restriction over the two-year period. Calorie restriction significantly reduced several predictors of cardiovascular disease compared to the control group, including decreasing total cholesterol by 6%, increasing HDL levels, and lowering average blood pressure by 4%. Calorie restriction led to a 47% reduction in levels of C-reactive protein and markedly decreased insulin resistance.

Editor’s Note: “It’s important to find out whether these reductions would yield long-term benefits,” said NIH director and paper author Dr. Evan Hadley. “It also would be useful to discover if calorie restriction over longer periods has additional effects on predictors of health in old age, and compare its effects with exercise-induced weight loss.”

Nutrients Reduce Aging Of Thymus

An article appearing in Cell Reports describes a role for nutrients in slowing aging of the thymus, a gland responsible for the production of immune cells known as T lymphocytes. The thymus reaches its peak size at adolescence and subsequently begins to atrophy.*

The researchers examined gene activity in the thymus’ stromal (connective tissue) cells and lymphoid cells. They discovered that stromal cells were deficient in the body’s enzyme catalase, making them subject to increased damage from reactive oxygen species.

To help confirm the benefit of this nutrient protection, mice were provided with drinking water enhanced with the nutrients N-acetylcysteine or vitamin C from the time of weaning. In comparison with mice that received plain water, thymus glands from mice that received either nutrient were larger after 10 weeks than those of control animals of the same age.

Editor’s Note: In another experiment, mice that were genetically modified to overexpress mitochondrially targeted catalase had thymus glands that were significantly protected from thymus atrophy at six months of age compared to those of normal control animals.

**IN THE NEWS**

**Diet Alone Fails To Provide Vitamin E**

The journal *PLOS One* published findings derived from NHANES data that reveal a high prevalence of suboptimal alpha-tocopherol (vitamin E) levels among subjects for whom food alone was their only source of the vitamin.*

Michael I. McBurney and associates analyzed information from 7,922 NHANES participants with available measurements of serum alpha-tocopherol. A striking 87% of subjects aged 20 to 30 years and 43% of those aged 51 years and older had vitamin E levels lower than 30 micromoles per liter, which was categorized as inadequate based on Estimated Average Requirement and the individuals with the lowest mortality rates in the Alpha-Tocopherol Beta-Carotene study. Serum alpha-tocopherol levels among subjects whose only source of vitamin E was food were below adequate levels on average, at 24.9 micromoles per liter. In comparison, those whose vitamin E was derived from both food and supplements had an average level of 33.7 micromoles per liter.


**Alpha-Lipoic Acid Prevents Atherosclerosis**

An article published in *Cell Reports* reveals a protective effect for supplementation with alpha-lipoic acid on telomere length and vascular health in mice given a high-fat diet.*

“The effects of chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis and diabetes on blood vessels can be traced back to telomere shortening,” noted senior author R. Wayne Alexander, MD, PhD.

Previous research, reported in the journal *Circulation*, found an inhibitory effect for lipoic acid against high-fat diet-induced atherosclerosis in mouse models of the disease. In the current report, Dr. Alexander and colleagues confirmed that alpha-lipoic acid stimulates peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma co-activator 1-alpha (PGC1-alpha), which is known to control some aspects of how muscles respond to exercise. “What’s new here is that we show that PGC1-alpha is regulating telomere, and that has real beneficial effects on cellular stress in a mouse model of atherosclerosis,” first author Shiqin Xiong stated.

*Editor’s Note:* Telomeres are segments of genetic material that cap and protect the ends of chromosomes. Aging-associated reduction in telomere length is considered a marker and cause of cellular aging. Telomere length is maintained by an enzyme known as telomerase. While telomerase is activated in proliferating cells, including those which are cancerous, Dr. Alexander’s team has not observed an increased incidence of malignancies in animals that received alpha-lipoic acid.

* *Cell Rep.* 2015 Sep 1;12(9):1391-9.

**Vitamin D Helps The Homebound**

An article published on August 16, 2015, in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* reports a successful outcome for home delivery of a vitamin D supplement to older individuals in Forsyth County, North Carolina.*

The study included 68 homebound Meals-on-Wheels participants. Subjects received a supplement providing 100,000 IU vitamin D or a placebo delivered with their meal once per month for five months. Serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels were assessed at the beginning and end of the study.

While 57% of subjects had serum vitamin D levels of less than 20 ng/mL prior to treatment, just one of 34 participants who received vitamin D3 had levels that were this low after five months, in comparison to 18 of the 34 participants randomized to the placebo group. After adjustment for several factors, a lower rate of falls was found among those randomized to vitamin D3 in comparison with the placebo group.

Exciting Advances Regarding Metformin And Breast Cancer Prevention

Exciting advances in breast cancer prevention were made in 2015, with the focus on the diabetes drug metformin. A clinical trial demonstrated that metformin can reduce proliferation of some types of breast cancer cells by over 60%, compared with placebo.

There are three key pieces of evidence that explain why an antidiabetic drug would be an effective cancer preventive agent.

1. Insulin resistance increases risk for breast cancer and worsens prognosis. Metformin reduces insulin resistance.
2. Obese people are at higher risk for different types of cancers including breast cancer. Metformin fights obesity.
3. High levels of insulin promote tumor formation. Metformin counteracts insulin resistance.

And large-scale studies have shown substantial reduction in cancer rates and deaths (especially for breast cancer) among diabetics using metformin.

One exciting finding is that metformin activates a “master signaling molecule” called AMPK. AMPK is involved and plays an important role in systemic energy balance, insulin signaling, and the metabolism of glucose and fats.

Another of metformin’s mechanisms is its unique ability to change cancer cells’ metabolism. Studies show that this effect promotes killing of cancer stem cells in breast, prostate, colon, and brain cancers by producing an energy crisis in these rapidly dividing cells.

Metformin has been shown to induce cell death by energy starvation in breast cancer stem cells. This effect made the otherwise treatment-resistant stem cells highly vulnerable to standard chemotherapy. Chemotherapy works by inducing DNA damage in stem cells, and metformin blocks the normal DNA repair mechanisms by reducing available energy levels.

While promising, these studies require validation from a controlled human trial. Such a study was recently conducted among a group of 200 women scheduled for surgery to remove invasive breast cancer lesions. Subjects were assigned to receive a placebo or metformin at 1,700 mg daily for four weeks preceding their surgery. At surgery, biopsies were taken to determine the effects of metformin. The researchers used a known marker of cancer cell proliferation, a protein called Ki-67, to detect evidence of cell replication, which would be evidence of cancerous progression.

The study found that proliferation of cells in the precancerous lesions called ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) among metformin recipients was reduced compared with that in placebo patients in the group of women with several known markers of aggressive breast cancer including the cancer growth factor human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), a marker of aggressive cancer seen in 20-30% of breast cancer victims, and the estrogen receptor molecule expressed on the precancerous cells.

Women with DCIS and HER2 had a 40% reduction in cell proliferation, while those who had both HER2 and estrogen receptor markers had over 60% reduction in proliferation.

These most recent findings add to the evidence base that favors use of metformin in cancer-prevention efforts. The metformin story is a classic example of how closely related all of our bodies’ metabolic systems are to one another, and how simple preventive approaches trump complex “designer drugs” aimed at fixing problems after they arise.

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PROBIOTIC TO REDUCE THE RISK OF STREP THROAT
Strep throat (known to physicians as streptococcal pharyngitis) is caused by a group of bacteria known as type A streptococcus. Responsible for up to about 15% of sore throat infections in adults and up to about 30% in children, strep throat is characterized commonly by fever, painful swallowing, and tender, enlarged lymph nodes in the neck.1

Although most of the time in adults the cause of a sore throat is viral in origin, and therefore antibiotics are of no use, in the case of confirmed strep throat, antibiotic treatment is important to prevent dangerous consequences, like rheumatic heart disease or retropharyngeal abscess.1,2

At a time when antibiotics were not available, many people suffered as a consequence of inadequate treatment of strep throat.

While antibiotic treatment of confirmed strep throat is important to prevent the potential for rheumatic heart disease and other complications, an opportunity exists to reduce the risk of strep infection in the first place.

The intriguing news is that scientists have identified a novel probiotic, known as S. salivarius K12, and studies suggest that this targeted probiotic lozenge may reduce the risk of strep throat. In addition, this probiotic also appears capable of reducing the incidence of non-strep, viral sore throats as well.
Sore Throats: Significant Adult Problems

There are few “minor” illnesses as irritating as a sore throat.

Unfortunately, there’s no good way to discern whether an infectious sore throat is caused by a bacteria or virus based solely on clinical symptoms in isolation. Sore throat caused by a potentially dangerous organism like *Streptococcus pyogenes* (strep throat), however, tends to be more severe, and accompanied by (high) fever, but not always.1

In the majority of cases a sore throat is caused by a virus.3

Antibiotics are of no use in viral infections. Unfortunately, overprescribing antibiotic treatment in the face of any sore throat continues, though to a lesser degree over the past several years since most physicians and patients are aware of the unnecessary problems antibiotics cause.4

Bacterial infection with pathogenic organisms like *Streptococcus pyogenes* is the only real indication for antibiotic use. This particular organism produces a painful sore throat (“strep throat”) that can last three to five days, and can also cause long-term complications such as rheumatic heart disease, retropharyngeal abscess, and post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis (kidney disease).1,3 These conditions are rare today in comparison with the era prior to antibiotics, but concerns remain high, with overprescribing of antibiotics a consequence.5

Overprescribed antibiotics are a known public health problem, particularly in adults with upper respiratory tract infections such as sore throat.5,6 These practices contribute to the emergence of “superbugs” that are difficult to treat and have the potential to produce dangerous infections.7,9 And indiscriminate antibiotic use also creates problems by producing an imbalance of the gastrointestinal (GI) microbiome, the population of healthy organisms that lives in our GI tract and has tremendous impact on overall health.10

And because it is impossible to tell at home if a sore throat is caused by strep, many people with sore throats visit their physicians, and research suggests that potentially up to 75% of adult patients receive antibiotic treatment for what ultimately turns out to be nonbacterial in origin.3

What this all adds up to is that we need a way to reduce the risk of any kind of sore throat in adults. That will help reduce the incidence of genuine, antibiotic-requiring cases of sore throat caused by bacteria, such as strep throat, and also minimize the number of physician visits for sore throat that might result in inappropriate antibiotic prescribing.

And that’s where the beneficial, probiotic *S. salivarius* K12 comes in, as we’ll now see.

Novel Probiotic Fights Strep

There is a new method for fighting and reducing the risk of strep throat infection.

The beneficial *S. salivarius* probiotic strain was discovered in the 1980s in cultures from individuals who seemed resistant to developing sore throats.12,13 That search yielded a specific strain of *S. salivarius* called K12, which is found in only about 2% of individuals who show a natural resistance to strep throat.14 With sufficient numbers of this bacterial strain, it can keep disease-causing organisms such as *Streptococcus pyogenes* under control.12,15
One of its key properties is that *S. salivarius* K12 produces compounds called *lantibiotics*. These lantibiotics strongly inhibit many strains of disease-producing *Streptococcus pyogenes* responsible for causing strep throat in humans. As a result, disease-causing organisms may be prevented.

Salivaricin A2, a type A lantibiotic produced by *S. salivarius* K12, works like a drill that forms molecular pores in the membranes of target organisms, permitting them to leak out their contents into surrounding fluid and then break apart and die. But that’s not where the benefits of *S. salivarius* K12 end. While the mechanisms are still being investigated, there is now evidence that *S. salivarius* K12 colonization of the throat reduces secretion of the inflammatory signaling molecule (cytokine) *IL-8*, and increases concentrations of the antiviral compound *interferon-gamma*. These properties may account for observation that children treated with *S. salivarius* K12 had a significant reduction in both viral and bacterial sore throats.

**Clinical Evidence**

A growing body of evidence demonstrates the effectiveness of the probiotic *S. salivarius* K12 in helping to reduce the risk of sore throats of all kinds.

A randomized, controlled clinical trial was performed among a group of adults to determine the effects of *S. salivarius* K12 oral therapy on the number and severity of episodes of proven strep throat. Subjects were people with a history of recurrent strep throat or tonsillitis (four or more proven episodes in the preceding year).

Subjects were free of symptoms at enrollment in the study. They were started on either a daily lozenge containing *S. salivarius* K12 organisms, or given no treatment. Treatment was given daily for 90 days. Subjects were then followed for an additional six months with no further treatment.

**Stop Sore Throats Without Dangerous Drugs**

- Sore throats are a major problem in adults as well as children.
- Even strep throat, considered a “childhood illness,” is known to occur in adults, though less frequently.
- While most sore throats are caused by viruses and are merely uncomfortable, strep throat can produce dangerous complications like rheumatic heart disease, retropharyngeal abscess, and kidney disorders.
- Instead of waiting for a sore throat to develop and taking your chances with or without antibiotics, you can proactively work to prevent sore throats of all kinds, including potentially dangerous strep.
- Probiotic bacteria *S. salivarius* K12 produces potent, locally acting *lantibiotics*, compounds that target the organisms that cause strep throat.
- Clinical studies demonstrate a significant reduction in strep throat infections in people supplementing with this probiotic in the form of a daily oral lozenge.
- Remarkably, studies also show that *S. salivarius* K12 contributes to a reduction in viral sore throats as well. This property is attributed to the probiotic’s impact upon certain signaling molecules (cytokines), including interferon-gamma.
- Regular use of probiotic *S. salivarius* K12 may help you dodge the upcoming winter sore throat season.
Treated adults who completed the 90-day course of supplementation had a significant 84% reduction in their incidence of strep throat or tonsillitis compared with the previous year.

Even during the six-month, no-treatment follow-up period, patients who underwent the original 90-day supplement experienced a significant 62% reduction in episodes of strep throat or tonsillitis, compared with the untreated group.

This study therefore demonstrated that preventive treatment with *S. salivarius* K12 was effective at significantly reducing the rates of recurrent strep disease. That’s a first.

In a similar study targeting school-age children with recurrent strep infections, treatment with *S. salivarius* K12 was given for 90 days. Again, the subjects were followed for six additional months after the supplementation period.

At the 90-day mark, supplemented children demonstrated a 92% reduction in strep throat, compared with the previous year. Again, there was a significant reduction (this time 66%) in the rate of strep throat infections in the six months following the end of the supplementation period.

In an important additional finding, the rate of acute ear infections in this group of children was also significantly reduced by about 40% in the supplemented group, compared with the previous year. This suggests that not only *Streptococcus pyogenes*, but also potentially other disease-causing organisms, are susceptible to this preventive treatment.

In a third study, children with recurrent strep throat were supplemented for 90 days with *S. salivarius* K12 (1 billion organisms per lozenge), or given no therapy.

Supplemented children showed a significant 97% reduction in strep throats, from a baseline of 3.1 infections per child in the year prior to the study to just 0.1 infection per child in the year of the study, with no significant change seen in the unsupplemented group.

Remarkably, the supplemented patients also had a significant (and unprecedented) 80% decrease in the incidence of oral and throat viral infections. The researchers speculated that this reduction might be related to a known ability of *S. salivarius* K12 to reduce inflammatory IL-8 and increase anti-viral interferon-gamma.

Summary

Sore throats affect most everyone, causing loss of work, sleep, and quality of life.

Strep throats caused by pathogenic type A streptococcus bacteria strains can strike both children and adults.

The novel probiotic supplement *S. salivarius* K12 now available in a once-daily lozenge, produces potent, natural, locally acting lantibiotics, a class of compounds that may reduce the risk of throat infection.

*S. salivarius* K12 has now been clinically documented to reduce the incidence of strep throat infections in both adults and children. In an intriguing finding, people who supplemented with this probiotic also appeared to be protected against viral throat infections as well.

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Diabetics and prediabetics are prone to accelerated aging due to the systemic damage caused by excess blood sugar. Unfortunately, as humans age, blood sugar tends to rise.¹ What researchers are discovering is that people don’t have to be a diabetic to suffer from the extensive health consequences of high blood sugar.²⁻⁹

The problem is that after a meal, one’s blood sugar (whether a person is diabetic or not) spikes and the result is the production of deadly byproducts called advanced glycation end products (AGEs).¹⁰⁻¹¹ AGEs are rogue molecules that damage cells, tissues, and organs.¹¹⁻¹³

They also trigger inflammation and oxidation, generating even more of these molecules in a vicious, health-robbing cycle.¹⁴

Life Extension® has long advised customers about the importance of maintaining a fasting glucose level between 70 to 85 mg/dL.

Compelling data now confirms that a unique form of vitamin B1 called benfotiamine can protect against the ravages of elevated blood sugar.¹⁵⁻¹⁶

In the process of helping neutralize the adverse impact of elevated after-meal blood glucose, benfotiamine can help prevent Alzheimer’s disease, vision impairment, cardiovascular disease, kidney damage—and possibly even aging itself!³
**Blood Sugar And Tissue Damage**

The browning that takes place when foods are cooked at high temperatures (known as the Maillard Reaction) is the result of a sugar-related molecular change known as glycation. This damaging process takes place when a reducing sugar and an amino acid react in the presence of heat.17,18 Put simply, the structure of normal proteins becomes warped.

This same dysfunctional chemical change is occurring every day inside the body. Within every cell, the sugar that the body uses for fuel is busy at work at every moment reacting with proteins and fats.17,18 The byproducts of this chemical reaction4-7 are called advanced glycation end products.19

Ultimately, these advanced glycation end products deactivate enzymes, disrupt cell signaling, and damage the body’s DNA. This results in intracellular damage and apoptosis (programmed cell death),20 inflammation,9,21 oxidative stress,9,22-24 nerve-cell component damage,25 a depletion of nitric oxide24,26 (which is vital to vascular health), and high cholesterol.28

These effects are implicated in the progression of numerous age-related diseases,28 ranging from neuropathy23 and vision problems29 to kidney30 and cardiovascular disease24,27,31—to even aging itself.2,32

With advancing age, even normal blood sugar levels eventually trigger deadly advanced glycation end products. Studies clearly demonstrate links between major health risks and levels of AGEs in the blood of nondiabetics.33,34

Scientists have speculated that AGE-related changes ultimately contribute to a limitation of the human lifespan35—suggesting that blocking the pathways of glycation could extend human life expectancy.

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**Supercharge The Body’s Natural Defenses**

One of the natural defenses against advanced glycation end products is vitamin B1, known as thiamine. Vitamin B1 prevents glycation molecules from becoming fully formed in the first place.22,36

The problem is that glucose quickly depletes the body’s limited thiamine supplies.37 And although it might seem logical to use thiamine supplements to block advanced glycation end products, that’s problematic as well.

Because thiamine is water soluble, it has difficulty penetrating the lipid molecules that primarily make up cell membranes. Also, the body has a very low upper-dose limit, which means that taking larger doses of thiamin wouldn’t do any good because it would get excreted in the urine.38,39 Ultimately, tissues simply can’t absorb nearly enough thiamine to prevent cumulative damage caused by advanced glycation end products.40,41

Researchers realized there was an urgent need for a better means of delivering thiamine to the cells—and that’s where the unique form of thiamine called benfotiamine comes in. The major difference is that benfotiamine is a fat-soluble derivative of thiamine.

Because it is fat soluble, benfotiamine substantially boosts thiamine absorption into cells and throughout the body.15,40,41

Administration of benfotiamine resulted in a 10 to 40% higher thiamine incorporation into the liver and heart—and a remarkable 5- to 25-fold higher thiamine incorporation into muscle and brain.40 A small clinical study showed that this enhanced bioavailability of benfotiamine caused it to slash the intracellular formation of AGEs in subjects’ blood cells by 40%.42

Benfotiamine has been found to block sugar-induced damage in a number of ways:

- It activates a vital enzyme called transketolase, which converts toxic glucose-induced metabolites into harmless compounds.3,16

- It helps prevent inflammation by inhibiting the activation of nuclear factor-kappaB (NF-kB), a trigger for dangerous inflammatory reactions in the body.16

- A 2012 study showed that benfotiamine boosts glucose breakdown in hyperglycemic (high-glucose) conditions by 70% and up to 49% in normoglycemic (normal-glucose) conditions.43

Benfotiamine is superior to thiamine alone in mitigating the spectrum of diseases such as neurodegenerative diseases and cancer,44 as well as the kidney, eye,
and nerve damage seen in diabetic patients. Let's now examine the evidence demonstrating benfotiamine's potent protection against several of the most common sugar-induced disorders.

**Benfotiamine Reverses The Pathways And Memory Loss of Alzheimer's**

Recent studies have indicated that benfotiamine could potentially enhance memory and contribute to the delay in the progression of Alzheimer's disease. When benfotiamine treatment was used for eight weeks in a mouse model of Alzheimer's disease, researchers found that it reduced both amyloid plaque numbers and phosphorylated tau protein levels in the brain. It also helped prevent amyloid plaque from forming in the first place by reducing enzyme activities related to amyloid precursor proteins. These changes were validated by a dose-dependent enhancement in memory.

The study authors concluded that "benfotiamine may be beneficial for clinical Alzheimer's disease treatment." Then in 2012, scientists determined that benfotiamine was able to do more than just reduce the plaque and tau formation—it could regress it. One of the ways it produced this effect was through a reduction in advanced glycation end products. The study authors wrote that "the use of benfotiamine could provide a safe intervention to reverse biological and clinical processes of Alzheimer's disease progression."

**Defense Against Sugar-Induced Vision Loss**

The same blood sugar effects that are associated with blindness in diabetics can cause cataract and retinal damage in nondiabetics as well. Because of its high vascularity, eye tissue is especially susceptible to damage from advanced glycation end products caused by elevated glucose levels.

In an animal study, benfotiamine supplementation was found to reverse retinal accumulation of AGEs, as well as increasing their urinary excretion. This can lead to a number of beneficial effects on the eyes. Elevated blood sugar and the formation of AGEs can trigger cell death within the retina. However, when researchers applied benfotiamine to retinal blood vessel cells in culture, they found that the benfotiamine was...
able to prevent this dangerous process. It was also able to reduce DNA damage.\(^50\)

In the eye, advanced glycation end products increase enzymes called matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs). These protein-dissolving enzymes cause substantial damage to retinal tissue. Scientists found that benfotiamine lowered MMP production to normal levels and increased production of certain proteins that specifically inhibit their activity.\(^51\)

Inflammatory changes associated with aging, elevated blood glucose, and infections can affect the eyes. Uveitis, a serious inflammation of the middle layer of the eye, is responsible for 10% of all cases of blindness in the United States\(^52\) and is characterized by infiltrates of white blood cells, proteins, and inflammatory cytokines that inflict oxidative stress, leading to further inflammation.\(^53\) Benfotiamine was found to suppress this process and the expression of inflammatory marker molecules.\(^53\)

**Benfotiamine Protects Against Cardiovascular Damage**

The thin layer of endothelial cells that lines blood vessels constantly regulates blood pressure and flow. Advanced glycation end products damage these cells, which can lead to heart attacks, heart failure, and stroke.\(^54,55\)

Advanced glycation end products damage blood vessels in three ways:

1. They reduce endothelial cell replication, a vital process to keep arteries healthy.\(^56\)
2. They trigger an increased level of death among endothelial cells.\(^57\)
3. They produce toxic polyol compounds, which disrupt the functioning of vascular and endothelial cells.\(^58\)

Remarkably, studies indicate that benfotiamine protects endothelial cells from all three of these damaging effects of AGEs.\(^56-58\) This protection ultimately improves the functioning of blood vessels and heart muscle.\(^59,60\)

An interesting study on humans revealed just what a dramatic impact these effects would have on heart health. In the study, subjects took 1,050 mg of benfotiamine per day for three days. The scientists wanted

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**Conditions Linked With Elevated Blood Glucose And Advanced Glycation End Products**

- Neuronal dysfunction\(^69\)
- Alzheimer’s disease\(^69,70\)
- Cardiovascular disease\(^24,27,31\) and stroke\(^71\)
- Eye cataracts\(^29\)
- Reduced muscle function\(^19\)
- Kidney disease\(^2,30\)
- Neuropathy\(^23\)
- Liver damage\(^72\)
- Stiffening of connective tissues in joints\(^17,73\)
- Damage to collagen and elastin, which ages the skin\(^19\)
- DNA damage\(^74\) and an increased risk of cancer\(^68\)
- Enlarged prostate, or benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)\(^75\)
- Greater incidence and severity of obstructive sleep apnea\(^28\)
- Accelerated aging\(^2,32\)
to determine the effect benfotiamine would have on the changes in endothelial function and blood flow that occur as a result of consuming a meal rich in advanced glycation end products.\textsuperscript{59} The striking outcome of supplementation revealed that benfotiamine completely prevented endothelial and blood flow impairment\textsuperscript{56,61}

Benfotiamine also counters the negative effects of oxidative stress on blood vessels. In a study in which rodents were experimentally induced with vascular endothelial dysfunction, supplemental benfotiamine resulted in improved endothelial integrity and function by enhancement of production of nitric oxide, a compound that helps blood vessels to relax.\textsuperscript{53,73}

Blood sugar and advanced glycation end products greatly contribute to the diminished heart-muscle function known as heart failure, which can be caused by a heart attack or untreated high blood pressure. Scientists have demonstrated that benfotiamine helps normalize the heart muscle's ability to contract, salvaging damaged heart muscle and improving its capacity to effectively pump blood.\textsuperscript{60}

Benfotiamine Inhibits Sugar-Related Kidney Disease

Kidney disease, or nephropathy, is a known side effect of “natural” aging, but it is also a common and very serious complication of excess blood sugar and especially of diabetes.

Like the eyes, the kidneys are rich in tiny blood vessels known as capillaries. The kidneys are also the site of intense metabolic activity. These facts make the kidneys particularly vulnerable to the damaging effects of glucose and advanced glycation end products.\textsuperscript{30}

The good news is that evidence indicates that benfotiamine helps protect against sugar-related kidney damage by reducing pathological increases in advanced glycation end products.\textsuperscript{49,62}

In one study, benfotiamine activated the important enzyme transketolase, which rapidly cleared AGEs from the blood before they could damage kidney tissue.\textsuperscript{62}

Another study demonstrated that benfotiamine could help reduce sugar-induced kidney damage as efficiently as the prescription drug fenofibrate.\textsuperscript{63} The two in combination demonstrated beneficial synergistic effects.\textsuperscript{63}

Benfotiamine has also been found to be helpful during various forms of dialysis treatments.

Hemodialysis, which is a last-resort treatment for patients whose kidneys have failed, quickly depletes the body's store of thiamine, the very vitamin required to prevent further glucose-related damage. Benfotiamine, which is vastly more bioavailable than thiamine, boosts thiamine levels over \textbf{4 times higher} than supplementation with thiamine in dialysis patients.\textsuperscript{64}

Peritoneal dialysis is somewhat less stressful to the body than hemodialysis, but it is associated with substantial damage to the delicate tissues lining the abdominal cavity, believed to be caused by glucose and AGES.\textsuperscript{65} By reducing the level of AGEs during peritoneal dialysis, benfotiamine decreases markers of inflammation and abnormal new blood vessel formation in the abdominal cavity.\textsuperscript{65} This protects the delicate abdominal lining, prolonging its usefulness as a dialysis site.

Both types of dialysis also substantially damage DNA throughout the body, increasing the risk of cancer. Benfotiamine treatment has been shown to significantly reduce this DNA damage in dialysis patients by reducing the circulating advanced glycation end products.\textsuperscript{56-58}

These results provide dramatic evidence of the high degree of kidney protection that benfotiamine offers against blood sugar increases and advanced glycation end products.
Summary

Just over a decade ago, the health-devastating and faster-aging effects of high blood sugar were associated almost exclusively with diabetics. But healthy individuals are also susceptible to the chronic, age-related diseases triggered by high blood sugar.

Something as simple as eating a heavy meal can ultimately lead to the production of deadly byproducts called advanced glycation end products that damage cells, tissues, and organs—and even cause premature aging.

Fortunately, the discovery of a relative of thiamine (vitamin B1) called benfotiamine has provided a way to powerfully boost intracellular levels of thiamine, the body’s natural defense against the AGEs that cause sugar-related tissue damage.

Numerous studies confirm that benfotiamine blocks the pathways of Alzheimer’s disease, vision loss, cardiovascular disease, and kidney damage.

Benfotiamine, with its impressive safety record, has shown itself to be a powerful factor in slowing glycation-induced aging—potentially maximizing life span—in both diabetic and nondiabetic individuals.

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Scientists have known that when blood sugar combines with fats and proteins the result is known as glycation, and it produces accelerated aging.¹ Even those with blood sugar levels within normal range experience the impact of systemic glycation on a daily basis.²

Fortunately, researchers in Japan developed benfotiamine, a unique form of vitamin B1 (thiamine) that supports healthy blood sugar metabolism and protects against glycation.³⁻⁵ What makes benfotiamine especially effective is that unlike ordinary vitamin B1, it is fat soluble and can easily penetrate the inside of cells.⁶ Regular vitamin B1 is water soluble and has a short life span in the body.⁷

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Every year, Americans are exposed to potentially unsafe levels of DNA-altering radiation through medical imaging such as CT scans. An astonishing 72 million CT scans are performed annually in the United States, which is about one scan for every four people in the country each year.\(^1\)

Why is this so troubling? Because the radiation in that CT scan can increase your risk of cancer.

National Cancer Institute researchers now estimate that those 72 million CT scans could account for roughly 29,000 future cancer cases each year.\(^1\) Another way of looking at this figure is that for roughly every 400 to 2,000 routine chest CT scans, one new case of cancer occurs.\(^1\)

And, by some estimates, up to 44% of CT scans done in this country each year are medically unnecessary.\(^2\)

Despite these dangers, modern imaging techniques have been a tremendous boon to health care, allowing physicians to spot cancers, fractures, aneurysms, abscesses, and other risks that would otherwise go undetected.

But what if there was a way to get the benefits of a CT scan while reducing your risk of DNA mutation?

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- **25%** higher at five to nine years
- **14%** higher at 10 to 14 years

Even 15 or more years following the first exposure to this level of ionizing radiation, cancer risks remained stubbornly elevated by **24%**.

Virtually every kind of cancer was documented to occur in excess in the CT-exposed group, including solid tumors (digestive organs, skin, ovary/uterus, urinary tract, brain, and thyroid), leukemia (blood cancer), lymphomas, and other cancers.

Let’s take a quick look now at exactly **how** the radiation in CT scans (and other X-ray-based technologies) raises your cancer risk and threatens your longevity. Understanding this will help you and your doctor make a more rational decision as to whether a particular CT scan is scientifically warranted.

### How Ionizing Radiation Causes Cancer And Other Deadly Threats

For all the potential good they can do, CT scans expose us to surprisingly high levels of ionizing radiation. On a cellular level, ionizing radiation can strip electrons from the atoms that make up our tissues, producing energetic chemical ions that damage tissue and impose potent genetic stresses.

One of the most dangerous outcomes of exposure to ionizing radiation is damage to the DNA contained in the nucleus of the cells in your body. Damaged DNA is an open invitation to cancer development. The problem that damaged DNA presents is that it removes the effective controls our bodies use to regulate the cell reproductive cycle and keep cell growth and replication in check.

Ionizing radiation’s effects on tissues are both immediate and long lasting. When human tissue is irradiated, a number of DNA-breaking compounds form. Together these are known as “clastogenic factors.” Most clastogenic factors that form in living tissue are associated with reactive oxygen species whose unpaired electrons actively react with DNA molecules, inducing breaks in DNA strands that can lead to cancer.

Unfortunately, cancer-inducing clastogenic factors have a very long life within the body. Studies show that survivors of the atomic bomb attacks in Japan contin-
ued to have such factors detectable in their blood more than 30 years later.7

Ionizing radiation poses a large range of other threats to one’s health as well. It can directly impair cell functions, leading to the loss of proper tissue and organ operation as well as killing cells.13 One victim of ionizing radiation is the fat-laden cell membrane. Under the effects of ionizing radiation, membrane-bound fats undergo oxidation and form toxic breakdown products.14

Recent studies also document that X-rays and other forms of ionizing radiation activate inflammatory pathways and produce early cell death.15 And, ever since the first nuclear physicists began assembling atomic bomb components, it has been clear that ionizing radiation causes potentially lethal but silent bone marrow damage. This impairs the development of the white blood cells that protect us from infections and cancer, the red blood cells that carry oxygen to all of our tissues, and the platelets that help us stop bleeding after an injury.16,17 And bone marrow is where hematological cancers like leukemia originate.

Protection From Ionizing Radiation

Fortunately, it may be possible to derive the benefits of modern imaging techniques while obtaining some protection from the radiation exposure.

Three specific nutrients have been found to help counteract the toxic effects of ionizing radiation. They include the following:

1. Lemon balm, which prevents the formation of damaging chemicals triggered by ionizing radiation.18,19

2. Ginkgo biloba, which protects fragile DNA from the resulting cancer-causing damage,7,8

3. Spirulina, which stimulates the immune system, particularly bone marrow, to make and maintain levels of white blood cells, whose production is impaired by ionizing radiation.20

Let’s look at each individually.

CT Scans And Cancer Risk

• Exposure to ionizing radiation is growing rapidly in the US, partly the result of an explosion in the use of X-ray-based imaging studies, particularly CT scans.
• Ionizing radiation produces reactive compounds that directly damage cells that cause DNA strand breaks leading to cancer formation. Radiation exposure also suppresses bone marrow production of infection- and cancer-fighting white blood cells.
• Studies show that exposure to CT scans can increase the risk of cancer by at least 24%, and that those risks last for years after the test is completed.
• You may help protect yourself ahead of a scheduled CT scan or other study involving ionizing radiation by taking specific nutrients on a timely basis.
• Lemon balm reduces production of reactive chemical compounds by radiation, helping cells retain their integrity.
• Ginkgo biloba reduces DNA damage that can lead to cancer.
• Spirulina supports bone marrow production of white and red blood cells, protecting against the risk of infection.
• By having these ingredients on hand, one can initiate potential protective measures if the need for a CT scan or exposure to other radiation sources arises.
Lemon Balm Extract

*Lemon balm extract* is known for its ability to preserve foods, particularly meats, from oxidant stress that induces spoilage. This same mechanism helps protect against a similar form of chemical stress induced in the body by ionizing radiation. In fact, one particular study found that lemon balm extract has numerous protective mechanisms:

- Lemon balm can boost levels of the *superoxide dismutase* (SOD), an essential component of the body's native ability to protect itself from the effects of ionizing radiation and other major chemical stresses.
- Lemon balm defends lipid cell membranes in living organisms, as shown by a sharp reduction in the lipid peroxidation that is a measure of direct cell damage following radiation exposure.
- Lemon balm also protects DNA, as shown by a reduction in the amount of the plasma marker 8-OH-dG, a product of oxidized DNA damage.

A human study documents the benefits of lemon balm in radiation technologists, who are exposed to persistent low-level radiation during their routine work despite taking precautionary measures. For the study, the radiation technologists consumed lemon balm tea (1.5 grams/100 mL) twice daily for 30 days.

The lemon balm tea produced a beneficial *increase* in the activity of natural enzyme systems that fight chemical/oxidant stress, including:

- A 71% increase in superoxide dismutase (SOD) activity,
- A 12% increase in glutathione peroxidase (GPX, another native antioxidant molecule) activity,
- A 61% increase in catalase (CAT) activity.

In addition, the lemon balm tea produced a beneficial *decrease* in numerous markers of cellular and DNA damage, including:

- A 31% decrease in the activity of myeloperoxidase (MPO, an indicator of fat oxidation)
- A 29% decrease in markers of lipid peroxidation (LPO), indicating cell membrane damage,
- A 10% decrease in 8-OH-dG, a marker of DNA damage.

In other words, prior to supplementation, these technologists, despite careful shielding and limitation of their exposure, were walking around with evidence of the impact of ionizing radiation in their bodies, which was reduced by lemon balm supplementation.

Ginkgo Biloba

*Ginkgo biloba* is a well-known botanical capable of scavenging the reactive oxygen species that make up the bulk of clastogenic (DNA-breaking) factors produced by radiation. Ginkgo biloba reduces the levels of DNA strand breaks that lead directly to cancer.

Lab studies show that irradiation of whole blood from healthy volunteers produced an average of 18 abnormal chromosomes per 100 cells, which indicates very high-level clastogenic activity. However, when similar specimens were treated with ginkgo biloba extract, the number of abnormal chromosomes fell to 7.3 per 100 cells—a significant reduction of nearly 60%.

The protective effects of ginkgo biloba extract were demonstrated in a unique, if tragic, setting: the 1986 radiation disaster at Chernobyl, in what is now Ukraine.
A 1994 study evaluated blood samples from Armenian workers involved in the initial clean-up of the nuclear reactor, finding an average of 17.9 per 100 cells with chromosomal damage, compared with just 5.7 per 100 in control samples. The same group of researchers treated 30 of those workers with ginkgo biloba extract, containing bioactive flavonoids and terpenoids, at a dose of 40 mg three times daily (total dose 120 mg per day) for a two-month period.7

At the end of the treatment period, the clastogenic (DNA-breakage-inducing) activity of the subjects’ plasma fell to control levels. The benefits persisted for at least seven months, but by one year, 33% of the workers again showed elevated clastogenic factors, demonstrating the persistency of the cancer-inducing risk of radiation damage to DNA.

A more recent study demonstrated the protective effects of ginkgo biloba extract in patients undergoing radioactive iodine treatments for Graves’ disease (an autoimmune condition involving abnormally high thyroid activity).23

Radioactive iodine therapy increased chromosomal damage in placebo patients, which peaked at 21 days. In patients supplemented with ginkgo, that early rise in chromosomal damage was followed by a rapid return towards baseline levels. This study revealed a significant increase in DNA damage in the placebo group overall. Interestingly, clastogenic factors never rose significantly above baseline in the ginkgo supplemented subjects.23

Since radioactive iodine therapy is provided as implanted material, this study demonstrates the potent radioprotective effect of ginkgo biloba extract even in the face of continuous radiation exposure within the body.

Spirulina extract enhances white blood cell production following exposure to ionizing radiation.

The bone marrow is a major site of immediate toxicity from ionizing radiation. Those exposed to very high doses of radiation often end up with fatal, overwhelming infections.20,24 Spirulina extract promotes the production of bone marrow-stimulating growth factors such as granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF).20,24

Another way spirulina helps protect the immune system is by increasing the production of antibodies.25 Antibodies are complex proteins that bind to invading organisms, and flag them for destruction.26 In a study of mice exposed to gamma-irradiation, spirulina polysaccharides containing a molecule called C-phycocyanin stimulated the recovery of white blood cells and bone marrow cell counts suppressed by the radiation exposure.27 In addition, radiation-induced anemia was also suppressed.

These effects translate directly into humans, as shown by a study using lymphocytes (white blood immune system cells) from nuclear power plant workers, which showed that pretreatment of the cells with C-phycocyanin from spirulina stimulated the cells’ natural antioxidant systems, protecting them from destruction.28

In a compelling study of youngsters exposed to radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear plant explosion, a daily 4 gram dose of spirulina (containing the active C-phycocyanin) for 21 days produced marked increases in the white and red blood cell counts that had been suppressed by the radiation.29 Additionally, elevated levels of inflammatory eosinophils were restored back into the normal range, and anemia, as defined by low hemoglobin levels, was also corrected.
Summary

The use of medical imaging technology, especially CT scans, enables doctors to noninvasively see injuries and diseases deep inside our bodies. But that same technology brings with it a serious threat: ionizing radiation.

A recent study showed a single CT scan in youth can increase one’s long-term risk for subsequent cancer by 24%.

Fortunately, specific nutrients with complementary actions may help provide protection against radiation ahead of time. Lemon balm extract prevents formation of dangerous reactive chemicals formed by ionizing radiation exposure, ginkgo biloba extract protects DNA from cancer-causing damage, and spirulina extract supports bone marrow and its production of vital blood cells.

If you need to undergo a CT scan or other potent source of ionizing radiation, start supplementing with these three protective ingredients one to three times daily for five days prior to the scan and for a minimum of five days afterwards. They are now available in a combination formula for consumer convenience.

In addition, regular consumption of blueberries or blueberry extract markedly enhances DNA repair, which can help protect damaged cells from undergoing deadly mutations.

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CT Scans: A New Public Health Threat

When they were first made available, CT scanners were used only in major, tertiary-care hospital centers, and their use was restricted to only the sickest and most challenging patients. In those years, the benefits of getting a scan clearly outweighed the (then unknown) risks of the radiation exposure.

But in the past two decades, the collective radiation dose from medical images has grown 6-fold, with concomitant growth in the rate of new, preventable cancers.30

CT scans amount to a series of individual X-ray images, organized by a powerful computer to produce a high-contrast 3-D image of body contents. Differences in the “transparency” of tissues to the passage of X-rays produce the patterns that doctors can interpret to highlight individual organs and other structures, readily revealing their inner workings, and also revealing abnormal structures such as tumors, abscesses, and other signs of trouble. But that means that a single CT scan exposes your body to an amount of radiation comparable to that from multiple individual X-rays, thereby raising your cancer risk.

How great is that risk? The best way to understand this is by comparing CT scan radiation exposure to the exposure we constantly receive from outer space (mainly the sun).

Radiation exposure is measured in units called Sieverts (Sv), named after an early radiation researcher. The best estimates are that in one year, a person is naturally exposed to about 3 milli-Sieverts (mSv) from background radiation in space. By contrast, a single head CT scan produces 2 mSv of exposure, while a full abdominal CT scan may involve more than 30 mSv, or 10-fold the annual natural exposure.2

And that’s a major concern.

Radiation doses between 5 and 125 mSv are associated with statistically significant increases in cancer risk, readily explaining the tremendous increase in cancer risk seen in the giant British Medical Journal study.3

People who already have a known malignancy are often exposed to even higher radiation levels than healthy individuals because of the frequency of scans for diagnostic and follow-up purposes. One study showed that patients with lymphomas underwent an average of 3.5 CT scans during their treatment periods, a rate that nearly doubled during their post-treatment surveillance period to 6.3 per person.31 The radiation intensity also increased, from an average 39 mSv during treatment to 53 mSv during surveillance.

The value of frequent CT scans and more importantly, PET/CT scans, in patients undergoing cancer treatment outweighs the radiation risk. In this instance, insurance company cost-containment mandates are denying cancer patients optimal access to PET/CT scanning. The reason that properly read PET/CT scans are so important is that they can detect tiny malignant lesions before symptoms of recurring cancer manifest. This enables the treatment protocol to be adjusted with the objective of eradicating the small tumors before they grow too large.
With the mounting evidence of the dangers caused by excessive radiation exposure, why isn’t the medical community taking major steps to reduce the numbers of scans, or at the very least, to limit the dose of radiation when a scan can’t be avoided? There are a few answers, and none of them are encouraging.

First, CT scans are extremely lucrative. Indeed, there are those who question whether physician ownership of radiology operations is to blame for its overuse. By some estimates, 26 to 44% of CT scans ordered are considered inappropriate and unnecessary.2

Technical improvements in CT scanners themselves have in fact permitted a reduction in radiation exposure per scan, but the ease and relatively low cost of such scans has led to a concomitant increase in the number of scans carried out every year, overshadowing the gains made by technology and leaving patients vulnerable.32

There is also simply old-fashioned resistance to change. Most hospitals now use digital radiographic equipment, which makes images with similar technology to the digital camera in your smart phone. The newer equipment can make images with much lower X-ray doses, but few radiology departments have bothered to take advantage of that.16 Instead, they have simply continued to use the outdated protocols and high radiation levels needed to expose old-fashioned X-ray film. Studies show that substantial reductions in X-ray intensity are possible, which not only don’t reduce image quality, but in fact enhance it.33

Radiologists also put pressure on the poorly paid technologists who perform the actual tests, wanting the highest-quality images the first time a patient goes through the scanner. This results in routine use of higher-than-necessary doses of radiation to achieve a sharp image—even though studies show that many CT scans can achieve good-quality studies with ultra-low radiation doses equivalent to a single chest X-ray.32,34-37

Sadly, and frighteningly, very recent studies reveal that radiology workers (physicians, including those in training, technologists, and others) have poor knowledge about radiation risks, with technologists (those who work daily directly with the equipment that generates X-rays) having the lowest knowledge level.38 These knowledge gaps led directly to a significant underestimation of radiation doses and cancer risks from the kinds of X-rays done on a routine basis.38

Consumers, at least, are beginning to push back, as seen by an article highlighting all these risks in Consumer Reports in 2015.39 But despite the considerable power of consumer groups, the medical establishment is always slow to change—and your options are limited in the meantime.

You can and should ask that the lowest possible radiation dose be used when you must undergo a CT scan or other ionizing radiation-producing test, but that can be a difficult task for most of us not versed in medical terminology, and not understanding the multiple layers of decision-making in a large hospital or medical center. Rather than skipping a potentially lifesaving test, and in addition to standing up for your own safety at the radiology suite, you can be nutritionally prepared ahead of time by loading your body with three specific nutrients known to be capable of mitigating the damage from ionizing radiation: lemon balm, ginkgo biloba, and spirulina.
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From solar ultraviolet to cosmic radiation to X-rays from medical diagnostic imaging procedures like CT scans, ionizing radiation consists of waves and particles of sufficient energy to disturb atoms, “knocking out” electrons to create ions. Also known as free radicals, these ions have the potential to interact with living tissues and disturb cell structures, including fragile DNA.

In addition to limiting and/or avoiding excessive ionizing radiation exposure from various sources (e.g. recurrent transcontinental plane travel and frequent medical diagnostic imaging procedures like CT and/or PET scans) whenever reasonable, additional cellular support during ionizing radiation exposure and free radical generation is helpful for optimal health.

A review of the published scientific literature reveals that certain nutrients may help support and nourish the body’s cellular integrity in the context of ionizing radiation.

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Fortunately, an inexpensive supplement—chlorophyllin—has been shown in multiple studies to detoxify these deadly chemicals, and protect DNA.

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Chlorophyllin: Protection Against Toxins

Chlorophyllin is a water-soluble derivative of the green plant substance chlorophyll. In multiple studies, chlorophyllin exhibits powerful anticarcinogenic effects in regards to a variety of environmental toxins. The way chlorophyllin accomplishes this is by targeting a number of molecules and pathways involved in cancer development, such as protecting against mutations of the p53 tumor suppressor gene. Cell proliferation is partially controlled by the p53 gene, so protecting healthy expression of p53 is a critical factor that helps guard against cancerous changes.

Chlorophyllin disables potent carcinogens such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and heterocyclic amines by forming complexes with these chemicals that limit the ability of these toxins to bind to normal cells to inflict malignant changes.

Chlorophyllin also functions as an antimutagenic agent against a number of prevalent chemicals in the environment such as PhIP (2-amino-1-methyl-6-phenylimidazo[4,5-b]pyridine), known to be involved in colon, prostate, pancreatic, and breast cancer.

Environmental Toxins: An Unfortunate Fact Of Life

In the last 70 years, more than 80,000 new chemicals have been synthesized, and every year, over 4 billion pounds of these chemicals, many known carcinogens, are released into the environment. Even more disturbing is that the vast majority of these chemicals have never been adequately tested by any government agency, including the EPA and FDA, in regards to their effects on human health.

On a daily basis, nearly everyone is exposed to this barrage of compounds through industrial and manufacturing facilities, agricultural runoff that includes pesticides and herbicides laced in foods, and emissions from trucks, cars, and planes. Even our brave military men and women face exposure from a multitude of chemicals used on bases and facilities around the world.

A study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published in 2009 confirmed these findings by examining the burden of 212 industrial chemicals in the bodies of US citizens. In particular, the CDC report showed widespread exposure to commonly used industrial chemicals, including polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) and bisphenol A (BPA), which is a chemical known for its toxic effects on reproduction. BPA is reported to be present in at least 90% of the US population. Perfluoroalkyl chemicals are present in 98% of people sampled.

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), a type of perfluoroalkyl chemical, is best known for being part of the substance Teflon and is linked with multiple diseases, including ulcerative colitis, kidney disease, thyroid disease, and cancer.
Chlorophyllin Protects Against Multiple Cancers

The ways in which chlorophyllin provides protection against cancer—and the number of cancers it's effective against have been shown in multiple studies including:

**Oral Cancer:** A 2012 study in hamsters showed that chlorophyllin can both prevent and reverse genetic mutations linked to oral cancer caused by the chemical 7,12 dimethylbenzanthracene (DMBA).

**Pancreatic Cancer:** A study published in 2014 examined the effects of a number of dietary supplements on pancreatic cell lines, with the results showing that chlorophyllin has antiproliferative effects on pancreatic cells.

**Colon Cancer:** In a study on human colon cancer cells, researchers showed that chlorophyllin-treated colon cancer cells had a statistically decreased expression of human ribonucleotide reductase (RR), an enzyme used by these cancer cells for DNA synthesis and repair. By inhibiting RR, chlorophyllin made these cancer cells less able to grow and more receptive to mainstream cancer chemotherapeutic agents.

Bladder Cancer: In a 2014, researchers examined the combined effects of chlorophyllin with photodynamic therapy (PDT), a minimally invasive cancer treatment in which cancer cells take up a chemical or substance and are then exposed to a certain wavelength of light. In the presence of the photosensitizing substance, the PDT generates a form of oxygen that kills the cancer cells. In this study the researchers, using a special form of chlorophyllin, showed that when combined with photodynamic therapy (PDT), it resulted in approximately 85% destruction of bladder cancer cells.

Chlorophyllin Protects Against Environmental Toxins

- The ability of cancer-causing toxins to form DNA adducts is significantly decreased in the presence of chlorophyllin.
- Chlorophyllin has been shown in numerous studies to protect against multiple forms of cancer, including bladder, breast, pancreatic, and colon cancer.
- Aflatoxins, the cause of a significant number of liver and other cancers around the world, is significantly reduced in the presence of chlorophyllin.
- Chlorophyllin is a potent free radical scavenger and has been shown in studies to protect mitochondria against oxidative damage.
- Chlorophyllin offers optimal protection against cancer-causing DNA and mitochondrial damage in a world contaminated with toxic chemicals.
Breast Cancer: Researchers at the University of Kentucky showed that when human breast cells were exposed to dibenzopyrene (DBP), a known carcinogen, dangerous and unstable DNA adducts were formed. However, in the presence of chlorophyllin a decrease of more than 65% in the number of DNA adducts was observed.29

Stomach Cancer: A 2014 study examined the effects of chlorophyllin on stomach cancer in rats and more specifically, the effects on transforming growth factor (TGF) beta signaling, a pathway that plays a vital role in cancer formation.30 Chlorophyllin showed strong effects in stopping cancerous growth and metastasis, leading the authors of the study to conclude: “Dietary chlorophyllin that simultaneously abrogates TGF beta signaling pathway and the key hallmark events of cancer appears to be an ideal candidate for cancer chemoprevention.”

Chlorophyllin Protects Against Liver Cancer

Out of the 600,000 new cases of liver cancer diagnosed yearly around the world, conservative estimates are that up to 155,000 of them are caused by aflatoxin found in multiple improperly stored foods including peanuts, corn, pistachios, and rice.31

Fortunately, studies show that chlorophyllin has the potential to significantly reduce the risk of liver cancer induced by aflatoxin by binding to carcinogenic byproducts of aflatoxin metabolism and therefore, decreasing bioavailability of these cancer-causing chemicals.32-33

In a study in the journal Cancer Prevention Research, researchers showed that in volunteers, ingestion of 150 mg of chlorophyllin significantly decreased the absorption of aflatoxin B.32

An even more compelling study on the preventive power of chlorophyllin was done in Qidong, China, a province where the population is known to have a high exposure to aflatoxins and therefore, putting them at high risk of liver cancer.33 In this randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study, 180 men and women were randomized to receive either 100 mg of chlorophyllin or a placebo three times daily over a four-month period.

The researchers showed that those men and women randomized to the chlorophyllin arm of the study had a 55% reduction in a biochemical marker of aflatoxin when compared to those people not taking chlorophyllin. This significant finding led the authors of this study to conclude “…interventions with chlorophyllin or supplementation of diets with foods rich in chlorophylls may represent practical means to prevent the development of hepatocellular carcinoma or other environmentally induced cancers.”

Aflatoxin: Nature’s Own Deadly Toxin

It’s not just industrial chemicals that increase the risk for cancer. There are also toxic compounds found in nature. Aflatoxin, a biochemical in the class of substances called mycotoxin, is produced by molds and is one of the most common and deadly carcinogens. While aflatoxin is associated with being a cause of liver cancer through the formation of carcinogenic by-products and its ability to cause DNA mutations, studies show that aflatoxin is also the cause of other cancers.42-44

An article in JAMA presented documentation that aflatoxin is a cause of gallbladder cancer.42 In this case-control study conducted in Chile, researchers presented strong evidence that aflatoxin, known to cause gallbladder cancer in primates, is a cause of gallbladder cancer—the leading cause of cancer deaths in women in Chile—stating “...the associations between aflatoxin exposure and gallbladder cancer were statistically significant.” A more recent article published in 2015 in the journal Tumour Biology showed evidence that aflatoxin is both a potential cause of lung cancer and stimulates lung cancer cell migration, or metastasis.43
Chlorophyllin Shields Mitochondria

Another way that chlorophyllin provides protection against environmental toxins is via its free radical scavenging activities, both in general and specifically in mitochondria. In a study published in 2000, researchers looked at the protective effects of chlorophyllin on various organs and mitochondrial membranes in mice and rats. The authors of this study showed that not only did chlorophyllin protect mice brains, liver, and testes from oxidative damage, but it also proved to be a potent free radical scavenger in rat liver mitochondria, leading the researchers to conclude “...our studies showed that CHL [chlorophyllin] is a highly effective antioxidant, capable of protecting mitochondria against oxidative damage...”

In another study using rat liver mitochondria, researchers showed that chlorophyllin provided significant protection against ionizing radiation, a potent generator of free radicals. Finally, with mitochondrial damage strongly implicated in the aging process, chlorophyllin may very well be useful in preventing chronic diseases and premature senescence.

Summary

Life Extension® described the antimutagenic properties of chlorophyllin in the mid-1980s.

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Environmental Toxins And Cancer

Despite the claims put out by national organizations like the American Cancer Society, we are not winning the war on cancer. Far from it. A report sent to President Obama in 2010 by the Presidents Cancer Panel, which over the period between September 2008 and January 2009 took testimony from 45 experts from academia, government, and industry regarding environmental toxins and cancer. In the panel’s conclusion, they stated “...the true burden of environmentally induced cancer has been grossly underestimated. With nearly 80,000 chemicals on the market in the United States, many of which are understudied and largely unregulated, exposure to potential environmental carcinogens is widespread.” While research is on-going, recent studies on how environmental chemicals cause cancer include damaging changes to DNA and increasing cellular oxidative stress leading to unchecked free radical formation.


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The suggested dose is to take one Chlorophyllin capsule with each meal that contains mutagenic by-products. Each capsule provides:

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- Nearly twice the support for healthy inflammatory response, and
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- Super Bio-Curcumin® provides optimal potency of highly absorbable curcumin.
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A good diet is essential for anyone wishing to achieve healthy longevity. With conflicting stories appearing in the mass media, ascertaining what the best food choices are can be a daunting task.

There is disagreement among nutrition scientists, and there are often new studies or opinions that substantially alter dietary recommendations.

For example, saturated fats have been claimed to cause cardiovascular disease, but this claim is debatable among nutrition scientists. Interestingly, on a low-carbohydrate diet, high dietary saturated fats do not increase saturated fats in the bloodstream.

Discussion of the effects of dietary saturated fat rarely acknowledge the fact that there are about a dozen different saturated fats, each of which has unique properties. Palmitate is the most abundant saturated fat found in foods. Palmitate constitutes nearly a third of butterfat and beef fat. Palmitate is more likely to cause inflammation than the other saturated fats (particularly in obese people). But palmitate is not inflammatory if consumed with olive oil or fish oil. A saturated fat called myristate strongly raises blood cholesterol, but the saturated fat stearate does not. The saturated fat butyrate improves insulin sensitivity.
The human body derives energy either from glucose (from carbohydrate) or from fat (or from ketones from fat). Carbohydrates only became a primary source of energy with the advent of agriculture. As a source of energy, glucose is much more damaging to blood vessels than fat (saturated fat usually can’t be oxidized). Glucose is the preferred energy source for cancer cells. With the exception of dietary fiber, the fewer carbohydrates in the diet the better; unless there are compensating benefits, such as eating them with blueberries.

Protein is much more complicated. Protein contains essential amino acids, which are important for growth, maintenance, and metabolism of the human body. These functions are especially important for growing children, but are also important for the elderly and to prevent muscle loss in those who exercise. Adequate protein is also important for good immune system function.

Population studies indicate that consumption of red meat and processed meat increases cancer and cardiovascular disease. Subjects randomly assigned to a vegetarian diet or an omnivorous diet had lower blood pressure when on the vegetarian diet. Moderately low protein intake seems advisable for most adults (plant protein preferred), although the amount is hard to specify and is dependent on circumstances.

In seeking a healthy diet, I frequently make substantial changes to my eating patterns. In my search for greater clarity, I attended the American Society for Nutrition conference in Boston, March 28 to April 1, 2015.

My reports of scientific conferences normally only describe the presentations made by the scientists. But because everyone eats, because diet and dieting have such substantial influence on health, and because the discoveries of nutrition scientists so often seem contradictory or confusing, for this report I am following each presentation description with my interpretations and recommendations. These comments will be my opinions, which are not necessarily those of the Life Extension Foundation.

My dietary opinions have been substantially influenced by scientists advocating a ketogenic diet, that is, a diet low in carbohydrates, and moderately low in protein. I have been on a vegetarian ketogenic diet for over a year. Insofar as food can only consist of carbohydrate, protein, and fat, my diet is high in fat and fiber. When dietary carbohydrate is low, the liver converts fat into ketones to provide energy for the brain. Although fiber is classified as a carbohydrate, when digested, fiber is converted to beneficial fats in the large intestine.

What do I eat? My “main course” is a vegetable salad (broccoli, green leafy vegetables, shredded cabbage) laden with healthy oil (like olive oil), to which I add walnuts, shredded coconut, and a scoop of whey protein. Among other things I eat are cream cheese with cauliflower, as well as avocado mixed with healthful flavorings such as cocoa powder and wheat grass powder.

Although this is a report on a scientific conference, because diet is such a personal matter, and because I am making recommendations, I need to disclose the basis for my opinions. I believe there is good science behind these opinions, and for that reason I am beginning by reporting the views of Dr. Eric Westman, one of the leading scientific advocates of a ketogenic diet.

Health Benefits Of A Ketogenic Diet

Eric Westman, MD, (Duke University Outpatient Clinic, Durham, North Carolina) is one of the pioneers in challenging the benefits of low-fat diets. He has conducted a number of studies showing that low-carbohydrate, high-fat diets (ketogenic diets) result in less hunger, better compliance, and greater weight loss than low-fat diets.

Dr. Westman conducted a clinical trial in which type II diabetics were randomized to low-calorie diets or to ketogenic diets that did not restrict calories. The diabetics on the ketogenic diet showed greater weight loss, greater reduction in glycated hemoglobin (HbA1C), and greater reduction or elimination of required diabetic medications (95.2 versus 62%). Subsequent studies by others have confirmed the benefit of a ketogenic
diet for treatment of type II diabetes. Dr. Westman is opening a clinic entirely devoted to weight loss and diabetes treatment using a ketogenic diet (For more information, go to www.healclinics.com).

When carbohydrates are low, the liver converts fats into ketones, which can serve as a fuel source for many tissues, including the brain. Dietary ketosis should not be confused with the ketoacidosis of diabetes, which involves acidity as well as much higher blood ketone concentrations. Unlike sugar, which stimulates appetite, ketones reduce appetite. As a source of energy for the brain, ketones make mitochondria more efficient, reduce free radical production, and protect against a variety of brain diseases, including epilepsy, stroke, and Alzheimer’s disease.

A ketogenic diet has been shown to increase cognitive performance in aged rats. Cancer cells thrive on the glucose resulting from dietary carbohydrates, but are generally unable to use ketones as an energy source. Ketones have been shown to suppress tumors and prolong survival in mice that have metastatic cancer.

Saturated fats have been claimed to cause cardiovascular disease, but this claim is debatable among nutrition scientists. A lot probably depends on the type of saturated fat and what other foods it is consumed with.

Insulin resistance results when excess fat accumulates in muscle, liver, and pancreas rather than in fat cells. But on a carbohydrate-restricted diet, fats are used for energy rather than stored. On a low-carbohydrate diet, high dietary saturated fats do not increase saturated fats in the bloodstream. Cardiovascular risk factors may be reduced on a high-fat, low-carbohydrate (ketogenic) diet, and a low-carbohydrate diet has been shown to increase insulin sensitivity.

My interpretation/recommendation: A diet low in carbohydrates, moderately low in protein, and high in proper fats is recommended for persons trying to lose weight as well as for prevention and treatment of diabetes (and other age-related afflictions, notably cancer and cardiovascular disease).

Dietary Sugar

Deborah Sloboda, PhD, (Associate Professor, Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada) does research on the damaging effects of dietary sugar, particularly fructose.

Simple sugar constituted only about 2% of the prehistoric Paleolithic diet, but currently accounts for about 18 to 25% of total calories of the average modern Western diet. Modern man is thus consuming about 10 times more simple sugar than our early ancestors.

High fructose corn syrup, introduced in 1967, accounted for 42% of caloric sweeteners being used by the year 2000. Fructose consumption increases visceral (abdominal) fat while reducing insulin sensitivity. Dr. Sloboda is particularly concerned with fructose consumption during pregnancy, which can lead to gestational diabetes (temporary diabetes due to pregnancy), causing inflammatory metabolic disturbance for both the mother and the fetus. The amino acid taurine can partially reduce the damaging effects of fructose.

My interpretation/recommendation: Fructose consumption should be limited because fructose can elevate blood triglycerides while causing insulin resistance and the diseases of inflammation and diabetes. The soft drinks accounting for about 90% of the soda market (Coca-Cola®, Pepsi®, Dr. Pepper®, Mountain Dew®, and Sprite®) all contain 60 to 65% fructose. Apple juice has more than twice the fructose as orange juice, yet apple juice is the most common sweetener in fruit drinks. Dried apples, dates, apricots, figs, and raisins are one-quarter to one-third fructose by weight, and should be eaten sparingly. Fructose can cause harm to both the mother and fetus during pregnancy and pregnant women should limit consumption of fructose-containing beverages, and perhaps even supplement with taurine.

Dietary Starch

Diane Birt, PhD, (Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Iowa State University) is interested in using digestion-resistant starch to improve human health. Starch, like sugar, is a form of carbohydrate, but starches that resist digestion in the stomach and small intestine, yet are digested in the large intestine, are called resistant starch or fiber.

Dr. Birt has described most foods in the typical Western diet as being highly digestible starches having a high glycemic index (which raise blood glucose). Such
foods result in cycles of high and low blood glucose and blood insulin, often causing insulin resistance and type II diabetes. All starchy foods are composed of chains of sugar molecules, but not all starchy foods are as easily digested. Digestion-resistant starch eaten for breakfast reduces the surges of glucose and insulin at lunch.

Legumes (beans) contain more resistant starch than potatoes, rice, pasta, bread, or breakfast cereals. But Dr. Birt wishes to develop foods with higher resistant starch content than legumes. Resistant starches have been shown to reduce obesity. Starches (dietary fibers) that are more viscous reduce appetite more than those that are less viscous, so the starches she is developing would be more viscous. Starches made of long unbranched chains of sugars are more digestion-resistant than starches having branched chains, a fact Dr. Birt also exploits when designing improved foods for health.

**My interpretation/recommendation:** Rapidly digested carbohydrate stashes such as potatoes, pastry, white bread, and breakfast cereals should be avoided, but beans and waxy corn starch are good sources of dietary fiber that can satisfy appetite while reducing insulin surges after eating.

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**Dietary Fat**

David Mutch, PhD, (Associate Professor, University of Guelph, Canada) is interested in how fats and inflammatory substances in the bloodstream relate to obesity. Although obesity is often associated with insulin resistance and metabolic syndrome, he estimates that 13 to 29% of obese persons (BMI greater than 30) are metabolically healthy, whereas 10 to 37% of lean persons (BMI less than 25) are metabolically unhealthy, having insulin resistance.

Metabolically healthy obese people are less likely to have fat in heart cells or in the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas. Metabolically unhealthy people have higher blood levels of the saturated fat palmitate. Foods high in palmitate include cocoa butter oil, palm oil, shortening, butter, lard, milk chocolate, fatty meats, pork and beef products, game meats, cashews, and eggs.

Palmitate can induce inflammation and insulin resistance. Elevated blood palmitate and glucose cause insulin-producing cells in the pancreas to die, but the monounsaturated fat oleic acid (high in olive oil and avocado) protects cells against glucose and palmitate toxicity. Omega-3 fatty acid supplementation of a mouse diet high in saturated fat also prevents inflammation from palmitate.

Kevin Fritsche, PhD, (Professor of Nutritional Immunology, University of Missouri) studies the effects of dietary fats on inflammation and the risk of cardiovascular disease. He believes that the inflammatory blood component C-reactive protein is more strongly associated with cardiovascular disease than LDL cholesterol. Release of the inflammatory protein IL-18 from fat cells of obese people is triple of that seen in those who are not obese. Although he affirms that trans-fatty acids promote inflammation and reduce function of the endothelial cells lining blood vessels, he finds not much support for the claim that omega-6 fatty acids are pro-inflammatory.

The gut microbe Bifidobacteria has been shown to prevent the highly pro-inflammatory endotoxin lipopolysaccharide (or LPS, which constitutes 80% of the cell wall of gram-negative bacteria) from leaking into the bloodstream from the intestine. A high-fat, high-carbohydrate diet promotes inflammation by reducing the quantity of Bifidobacteria, although some foods (including walnuts, olive oil, and wheat bran) can lessen this effect. The magnitude of inflammation resulting from a high-fat, high-carbohydrate meal is markedly greater in obese than in non-obese subjects. Inflammation from a high-fat, high-carbohydrate meal may be independent of LPS concentration in the bloodstream.

**My interpretation/recommendation:** LDL cholesterol is less of a cardiovascular disease concern than inflammation and insulin resistance. A high-fat diet should be avoided only if it is combined with a diet high in carbohydrates. Dietary carbohydrates cause insulin secretion, and insulin prevents fat from being used as an energy source, resulting in fat being stored in places other than fat cells, namely in muscle and pancreas, resulting in insulin resistance. Because this effect is largest in obesity, obese people should make a particular effort to reduce carbohydrates.
Weight-Loss Strategies

Catherine Hankey, PhD (Senior Lecturer in Human Nutrition, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom) reviewed studies on intermittent fasting as a weight-loss strategy. At any given time, about 40% of women and 20% of men will be fasting for weight loss.80

Dr. Hankey began by acknowledging the bestselling book *The Fast Diet* by Dr. Michael Mosley and Mimi Spencer, which advocates reducing calories to 25% the usual daily intake on two days each week (Monday and Thursday being the best choice for most people).

A high-protein diet can assist fasting because protein has been shown to reduce appetite.81 High-protein diets (25% or more of calories) are associated with the greatest weight loss (and not much hunger) for a few months. By two years, however, there is little lasting weight loss.81 A three-month comparison of subjects restricting calories 25% either on a daily basis with high protein, or only on two days per week with carbohydrate restriction, showed greater body fat reduction along with improved insulin sensitivity for the intermittent-fasting, carbohydrate-restricting group.82

My interpretation/recommendation: Complete fasting for more than a day is intolerable for most people, but Dr. Mosley’s book became a bestseller because so many people have succeeded in losing weight by eating only 25% of their usual calories twice weekly. I recommend this book to readers who have not succeeded with other weight-loss methods. The book contains recipes and strategies. Despite initial weight loss and reduction of hunger on a high-protein diet, high-protein diets are not recommended. Weight loss with a high-protein diet is only a temporary effect. Moreover, high dietary protein can result in chronic inflammation with subsequent increase in cancer and cardiovascular disease.83,84

Cynthia Kroeger and John Trepanowski, (PhD students, Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition, University of Illinois, Chicago) have conducted a number of studies together on the effects of alternate-day fasting (with 25% of usual calories consumed on the fast day).85-87 In one such study, the weight loss from endurance exercise and fasting in combination was compared with exercise and fasting alone. The combination resulted in a 13.2 pound weight loss, fasting alone resulted in a 6.6 pound weight loss, and exercise alone resulted in a 2.2 pound weight loss.88

Exercise alone is usually not very effective for weight loss,89,90 at least partially because of increased appetite. The most important role of exercise in dieting is to prevent loss of lean mass (and to boost AMPK enzyme activity).91 In another study, Kroeger and Trepanowski found that adding liquid meal replacement to intermittent fasting and calorie restriction resulted in an even greater reduction in weight, visceral fat, and LDL cholesterol. The liquid meals ensured greater portion control. Only the subjects receiving the liquid meal replacement showed a reduction in blood glucose, insulin, and homocysteine, as well as reduced LDL particle size.86

My interpretation/recommendation: Although exercise alone is not very effective for weight loss, exercise doubles the weight loss associated with a reduced-calorie diet, while preventing loss of muscle tissue. Combining exercise with calorie restriction is highly recommended for dieters.

Diana Thomas, PhD, (Professor of Mathematical Sciences, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey) has created mathematical models to explain weight-loss effects associated with fasting.92,93 Weight loss in the initial phases of dieting is typically the result of greater water loss associated with protein and carbohydrate loss.94 Unlike fat, proteins (like muscle) and carbohydrates (like glycogen) are stored with much water in the body, so loss of lean mass or carbohydrate results in loss of considerable amounts of water.95,96 Calories required for weight loss increases with the duration of dieting because as dieting proceeds, weight loss increasingly means fat loss. According to Dr. Thomas, after four weeks of dieting, a reduction of about 2,000 dietary calories results in a loss of one pound. But by 24 weeks of dieting, a reduction of about 3,000 dietary calories is required to lose one pound.94

For an average person, resting metabolic rate accounts for 70% of calories consumed, physical activity accounts for 20%, and energy required to digest and metabolize food (thermic effect of food) accounts for 10%.97

The thermic effect of protein is more than double the thermic effect of fat or carbohydrate.98 The thermic effect of glucose is reduced with insulin resistance because insulin facilitates glucose storage (which consumes more energy than glucose used as an energy source).99

Resting metabolic rate typically declines 2 to 3% every decade after age 20, mostly due to loss of lean, fat-free mass.97 Physical activity also tends to decline with age. These factors make weight loss increasingly difficult with age. On average, body weight is highest for those in the 50-59 age group, but much of the reason for this may be due to higher death rates among the obese.97

My interpretation/recommendation: Weight loss becomes more difficult with age largely because of the muscle loss associated with reduced activity. The more
Muscle Loss In The Elderly

Ronenn Roubenoff, MD, (Internist, Tufts Medical Center, Boston) studies muscle loss in the elderly. He cited a three-year study of over 3,000 people in their 70s, which showed that loss of muscle quality was even greater than loss of muscle mass. Endurance as well as resistance exercise, along with increased protein intake is recommended to prevent muscular atrophy in the elderly, although those with kidney problems due to diabetes may need to limit their protein intake.

My interpretation/recommendation: As stated above, endurance exercise, resistance exercise, and adequate protein can prevent muscle wasting and can reduce frailty in the elderly (for whom muscle-wasting can be life threatening).

Circadian Rhythm And Diet

Frank Scheer, PhD, (Assistant Professor of Sleep Medicine, Harvard Medical School) is an expert on the effects of circadian (day-night cycle) rhythm on dietary metabolism. The brain has a clock that normally causes melatonin secretion to increase in the evening (facilitating sleep), which causes secretion of growth hormone and prolactin at sleep onset, and which causes secretion of the stress hormone cortisol before awakening. The risk of a heart attack in the morning is elevated 40% above the 24-hour average, at least partially because cortisol raises blood pressure. Dr. Scheer’s research has established that disruption of the circadian rhythm by jet lag or shift work leads to insulin resistance. Melatonin supplementation can lessen these circadian stresses.

Dr. Scheer has also established that for those with a normal circadian rhythm, hunger is lowest at 8 a.m. and highest at 8 p.m. There is also a circadian effect on appetite for certain foods. The 8 p.m. appetite for sweets, starches, and meat is increased, but there is no circadian effect for vegetables or dairy products.

Dr. Scheer conducted two studies showing that breakfast skippers and late eaters gain more weight (and have more trouble losing weight) than early eaters, despite consuming the same total number of calories. But a randomized study focused only on those who skip breakfast showed no effect on weight gain or loss. A review by other authors, while acknowledging that late-night eating contributes to metabolic syndrome, denied a similar effect for breakfast skipping, suggesting that breakfast skipping might be more successful than other strategies for calorie restriction.

My interpretation/recommendation: Eating in the evening before bedtime can lead to greater weight gain than calorie counting would predict. Skipping breakfast is probably not a health hazard. Melatonin should be used to reduce the effects of jet lag or shift work.

Conclusions

There may be a revolution happening in the perception of the effects of dietary fat, especially in the context of a ketogenic diet. It would be hard to prove that the US Department of Agriculture dietary recommendations of high grain (carbohydrate, the “food pyramid”) and low fat contributed significantly to the current obesity epidemic, but if true, the government will not readily admit blame.

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The chart below reveals the reduction in upper limit for oxidation of this new Alaskan fish oil blend over existing quality fish oils:

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A study published in the Journal of Pain reports that 19% of American adults—almost one in five—suffer from persistent pain. Among people over 60, that portion reaches almost 30%. Most doctors approach pain problems with a prescription pad, without ever considering other factors that can help mitigate and eventually end chronic pain. But Dr. Chris Kleronomos is an exception. He is a doctor of acupuncture and Oriental medicine, a nurse practitioner, and clinical director of the Fibromyalgia and Neuromuscular Pain Center of Oregon. In a thoroughly comprehensive approach to pain management, Dr. Kleronomos’ clinic incorporates natural medicine, acupuncture, chiropractic, psychology, diet, biofeedback, injections, bee venom therapy, functional nutrition, and many other therapies. For those unable to visit his Salem, Oregon, clinic, he recently agreed to answer some questions for us about chronic pain and how it can be safely alleviated.
**LE:** You started out treating pain as a Navy Corpsman and now operate a multimodal pain management clinic focused on therapies rooted in traditional and natural medicine. Can you explain how you first became interested in this field and the journey to where you are now?

**CK:** Yes, I was a Special Amphibious Reconnaissance Corpsman with the Marine Corp’s elite Force Recon unit. So my interest [in pain management] was really born of the necessity to have field medical and survival options available—since we would often be alone and unsupported for extended periods. I began studying herbal therapies and natural techniques that indigenous people had used when fighting guerilla wars. When I got out of the service, I continued that journey with a Master’s in Traditional Chinese Medicine. I then spent time in Southeast Asia working in animal conservation and learned directly from the indigenous people who worked for me. I eventually came back to the States and completed a doctoral program that focused on advanced natural therapies for oncology, chronic disease, and pain management. Due to my belief in integrated medicine, I went on to become an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner and eventually, completed an additional Master of Science in Functional Medicine and Clinical Nutrition.

**LE:** Many people suffer for years, even the rest of their lives, with chronic pain as a result of incurable conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis or fibromyalgia. Since pain medications seldom provide complete relief, are there other options for these patients?

**CK:** Lots of options are available for these people, and the research clearly shows that multimodal approaches produce the best outcomes. There is no “magic bullet.” Diet therapy, in my opinion, is critical. Over the last several decades, we have seen a huge increase in allergies, asthma, and autoimmune disease, and it has been identified that chronic inflammation plays a critical role. Specific options such as acupuncture, chiropractic, psychology, hydrotherapy, supplements, and herbs all depend on the individual patient and the situation. Not every option works for everyone—just as not every medication works—and finding the right combination can be challenging. We approach every person as a unique case.

**LE:** Long-range side effects, or the risk of them, cause many patients to stop using, or cut back on, pain drugs. Clearly, patients are better off with an effective program of supplements and herbs, right?

**CK:** The majority of supplements and herbs are safe, but they still must be [used] appropriately and in context of the patient’s condition and his or her other medications. Many supplements and herbs treat the contributing mechanisms of pain, such as inflammation or muscle spasms, help to reduce or prevent the escalation of pain medication dosing, or even increase the effect. Another strategy is to use supplements and herbs to address the associated side effects, such as anxiety or insomnia.

**LE:** Many chronic pain sufferers find that drug painkillers dull, but don’t eliminate, their pain. Surely, natural pain relievers cannot provide stronger pain suppression, can they?

**CK:** Generally speaking, the cumulative evidence for supplements and herbs is limited but excellent for what has been studied. My experience is that natural pain relievers can be as effective, and since they are applied differently and in combination, they can sometimes be stronger. It is really a matter of perspective. A narcotic medication has a strong, specifically targeted effect, but does not always address the root or underlying problem. For example, Corydalis, the classic “pain” herb is said to have a 1% equivalency to morphine—but it’s also anti-inflammatory, decreases blood viscosity, and acts as a mild sedative and muscle relaxant, in addition to having some adaptogenic or balancing properties to the system. So, in many ways, it could be considered superior to prescription medications.

**LE:** Anti-inflammatory medicines such as aspirin, ibuprofen, or naproxen work by blocking the enzymes that trigger inflammation, swelling, and pain. Do nutritional and herbal supplements generally work by modulating the same mechanisms or by other, novel pathways?
Fibromyalgia: What Causes—And What Is—This Source Of Chronic Pain?

Although it is a common source of chronic pain, fibromyalgia is a disease that—unlike other painful conditions such as arthritis—does not show up on X-rays or in blood-work. Unfortunately, there is no lab test to confirm the diagnosis of fibromyalgia. It is primarily a diagnosis of exclusion, which means that other diseases and disorders must first be ruled out.

Although it is not well understood, fibromyalgia is identified as a neurosensory disorder characterized by disturbances in the way the central nervous system interprets and evaluates stimuli. Typically, it is associated with other regional pain syndromes, as well as mood and anxiety disorders. In fact, significant data supports the idea that fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, regional chronic pain syndromes, and some emotional disorders all involve abnormal perturbations of the stress response system.

Because many fibromyalgia patients appear well on physical examination, the diagnosis of fibromyalgia was historically considered controversial and unfortunately, written off by many conventional physicians as a psychosomatic condition. We asked Dr. Kleronomos to provide his assessment of the possible origins and mechanisms of fibromyalgia. Here is his analysis of the complexities of this source of chronic pain:

“Currently there is no definitive theory of fibromyalgia. Some critical aspects include increased central sensitization, altered pain signaling, sensory processing issues, hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal dysfunction, and neurotransmitter imbalance.

“Emerging research performed by our psychologist, who is also my wife, has identified the relationship between ‘dual-trauma’ exposure—having a trauma in both childhood and adulthood—and the development of fibromyalgia. [It] showed that the cascade of endocrine changes seen in severe trauma was similar in fibromyalgia patients, further supporting the concept of changes in brain neuroplasticity [your brain’s ability to reorganize itself by forming new neural connections throughout life].

“My working theory is that there are four primary presentations of fibromyalgia, each with overlapping features.

• Gut-mediated: This is associated with food sensitivities, dysbiosis [microbial imbalance on or inside the body], and leaky gut—which, admittedly, is a ‘chicken-and-the-egg’ pattern and tends to be the most predominant in long-standing cases.

• Structural: Typically, it has an onset of a triggering event, even a minor one, such as a car accident or a fall, and it may be the result of a long-standing, peripheral injury that became central or more widespread.

• Psychogenic: This is related to neuroplasticity [and results] from sustained stress and trauma and shows increased activity in limbic structures [brain structures that govern emotions and behavior].

• Metabolic/nutrient: This is really ‘pseudo-fibromyalgia syndrome,’ resulting from deconditioning [a physiological decline in function], systemic inflammation, nutrient deficiencies, and other organic issues such as anemia, hypothyroidism, or chronic infections.

“The specific protocol we use at our clinic can ferret out what presentation it is—and address each in a variety of ways.”
of irritating substances] for the neck, back, and joints. I’m probably most well-known, however, for the use of bee venom therapy. Bee venom, sometimes called apipuncture, has documented use going back thousands of years. Charlemagne is said to have used it to treat his gout during the Crusades, and Alexander the Great reportedly used it for chronic hip pain. Modern research is now able to validate the mechanisms of its action, which includes blocking peripheral pain-signaling, anti-inflammation, central or brain modulation of pain, and immune regulation. Classically, it has been best known [to be] utilized for arthritic conditions, and in the US, has a following for use in multiple sclerosis. I have found it extremely effective for multiple pain conditions including fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and complex regional pain syndrome.

LE: Aside from these in-clinic pain therapies, can you explain what supplement options are available that effectively treat chronic pain?

CK: A good, basic start is a whole-food multivitamin—some data suggests that you would need 27,000 calories to meet all of the recommended daily intake for micronutrients.7 This accounts for the most common nutrient deficiencies in the US, which are iron, calcium, magnesium, and D and B vitamins. Generally, I believe that most people need foundation support, depending on how good their diet is, where they live, and what underlying issues they have: an average dose of 4,000 IU daily of vitamin D3; 2,000 to 3,000 mg daily of omega-3; multi-strain live probiotic; and active B vitamins in methylated forms. Also, a multi-mineral with calcium (600 mg twice daily), magnesium (1,000 to 2,000 mg daily), and zinc (20 mg daily), particularly if currently on an antacid medication or diuretic. I [have my patients] use iron with vitamin C if there is anemia, but I am cautious if there is a lot of inflammation. I always add CoQ10 (100 to 300 mg), especially if they are on a statin drug. Other basics include glucosamine, chondroitin, and MSM, especially if there are degenerative changes. Selenium is a good option if [patients] have a thyroid issue—55 micrograms as basic, 200 micrograms if autoimmune. Using either NAC [N-acetyl cysteine] or glutathione can be useful. Green tea and garlic should be included in most people’s regimen, either in food form or extract. These herbs have very broad effects that target several aspects of health. Green tea or EGCG can induce repair of cells at all stages of the cell cycle.

LE: You said that treatment choices depend on the individual patient. Do supplement recommendations also vary with each individual case?

CK: Yes. The individual’s body effect on the supplement or herb—called pharmacokinetics—is important. This can include sensitivities to fillers or the initial source from which it was derived, the amount of stomach acid available to break it down, and the integrity of the gastrointestinal tract, particularly the health of the microbiome. Individual genetics play an important role, especially in B vitamin synthesis, cellular energy production, detoxification, and in the CYP450 system, which is the liver’s ability to process and detoxify.

LE: Is it safe to mix traditional drug pain relievers with supplement pain remedies?

CK: Yes, a review of the literature demonstrated that beliefs about herb-drug interactions are mainly theoretical considerations and not clinically observed facts. Drug interactions with herbs or nutrients do occur, but occur equally to common foods such as broccoli, grapefruit juice, and alcohol. This is also true of cigarette smoking. Certainly, it’s far less of a problem than the over one million [Americans] injured or killed directly related to prescription medication error.

LE: Is exercising helpful and for what painful conditions?

CK: I often say that “motion is lotion.” No question: Exercise is important for a lot of issues relating to chronic pain, including depression and anxiety. It’s suitable for most chronic pain conditions in which furthering structural damage is not a risk—and for those risks, we recommend guidance from a physical therapist. Exercise helps strengthen the core, stabilize structures such as the spine and joints, and improve posture, and it’s also important for reducing negative metabolic consequences such as obesity, high blood pressure, elevated blood sugar, and cholesterol. It even improves cellular energy production by the mitochondria…the recommendation is to maintain a moderate activity level overall, combining various activities such as walking, warm water swimming, and yoga.

LE: Beyond supplements and exercise, do any other lifestyle changes improve pain?

CK: A healthy diet…addresses multiple systems simultaneously to
For many patients, medical practitioners cannot identify a clear cause. Is there any way to track down the source of their pain?

**CK:** For complex conditions, there are multiple pieces to the pain “puzzle.” I find a functional medicine approach (focusing on interactions between the environment and the gastrointestinal, endocrine, and immune systems) to be the most efficient in seeking antecedents, triggers, and mediators of the condition. I also look at blood work differently in an attempt to identify patterns. Specialized tests can be useful, such as salivary adrenal and hormone profiles, micronutrient assays, and stool analysis. I [emphasize] finding the underlying dysfunction and correction of systems-level concerns.

**LE:** Should people who are on blood-thinning drugs check with their doctor before using pain supplements?

**CK:** Yes, it’s important to have a partnership with your health care provider before starting an herb or supplement regimen—research everything and ask questions. Although the evidence is not overwhelming for interactions, adverse effects have been documented. This is the one area where even food can have an impact.

**LE:** Very informative. Thank you.

**CK:** My pleasure.

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Soccer star Michael Lahoud was nearing 30 and wanted an edge.

“When I played in college, youth and talent got me through,” says Philadelphia Union midfielder, 29, who graduated from Wake Forest University in 2008 and was a first-round draft pick for Chivas USA, a former Major League Soccer team based in Los Angeles, before joining Union three years ago.

“By the end of college, I’d stopped drinking soda and eating fast food. But that was pretty much it as far as taking care of myself. When you excel as an athlete, you’re told most of your life how special and talented you are. But at the professional level, you realize that everyone’s special and talented, and in order to consistently stay at the top of your game, you have to do something more.”
What Lahoud did, upon the advice of Union strength-and-conditioning coach Kevin Miller, was to begin supplementing with vitamin D. And the results, the player says, have been remarkable.

“I noticed an immediate impact within about two weeks, especially more energy,” he says. “But not in the sense of drinking an energy booster and getting a jolt—energy in a consistent, sustained way. I’m not a morning person by trade, but I get paid to be a morning person, and I started to feel less foggy when I got woke up. I could dedicate that extra energy to doing more training and the other work that a good pro needs to do.”

Vitamin D has long been linked to strong bones by aiding in the metabolism of calcium. It also may help lower the risk of degenerative disease. By directly influencing over 200 human genes, vitamin D notably binds to many genes associated with autoimmune disease and cancer, which has researchers studying vitamin D’s potential benefits beyond bone health. The versatile vitamin is also involved in muscle function, the respiratory system, and brain development.

“I’m always reading about supplements because as a coach, you’re constantly looking for ways to give your players an advantage,” says Kevin Miller. “Obviously strong bones are important. But power, speed, and recovery from exertion are also key factors. Anything that can reduce the chance of injury or illness is critical when it comes to an athlete.”

**Study Shows Effects**

Also in 2010, researchers measured the vitamin D levels of all 89 New York Giants football players in the spring, then compared the results to data on players who’d missed a game or practice during the previous season due to injury. The results, presented in 2011 at the annual meeting of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine in San Diego, showed that the average vitamin D level of players who sustained injuries was about 20% lower than that of uninjured players regardless of age, height, weight, or body mass index (BMI).

“I was watching the Blackhawks while they were on their way to winning the Stanley Cup the second time, and they mentioned vitamin D again,” Lahoud says, referring to the hockey team’s 2012-2013 season. “It was funny to think that they turned themselves around with a supplement. I was really inspired by their story, and after we had a rough start to our season, [Coach Miller] brought up vitamin D, and he started the vitamin D challenge.”

Miller asked Union players to take a blood test to measure their initial levels of vitamin D and then challenged them to increase their numbers.

“My number one goal for the players is to keep them healthy,” says Miller. “Michael was great. He supplemented for about a year, and after we had the whole team tested again, he had the highest score.”

Lahoud noted that dark skin makes it even harder to maintain adequate vitamin D levels because it inhibits ultraviolet B (UVB) radiation from sunlight, which is a precursor to the body making vitamin D. “After I began supplementing, my levels rose into the 80s (ng/dL),” he says.
WELLNESS PROFILE

Coach Kevin Miller

He has competed three times in the grueling Ironman Lake Placid in New York and says that he, too, has experienced the performance boost of vitamin D.

“I recall reading about vitamin D in Life Extension magazine, but I hadn’t taken any myself at the time. The article recommended supplementing even if you spend time in the sun because of the weather, sunblock, and other things that affect your body’s ability to produce an optimal level. I know Life Extension® is a very reputable company with safe products, so that’s the brand I recommend.”

Lahoud, for example, takes Life Extension®’s Vitamins D and K with Sea-Iodine™, which contains 5,000 IU of D to facilitate calcium absorption into the bloodstream and 2,100 mcg of vitamin K to transport calcium from the bloodstream into the bone. The midfielder, at Miller’s recommendation, also takes L-carnitine, curcumin, zinc, and fish oil.

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“I feel more prepared when I take my supplements every day,” says Lahoud, an American citizen who plays internationally for his native country of Sierra Leone in high-profile tournaments such as the Africa Cup of Nations. “I some-
times have very long travel days to compete against the best players in the world, and I get an extra sense of being ready for the world stage if I take supplements on a regular basis.”

The defensive powerhouse, who says his position requires him to be one of the fittest on the field, emphasizes that you don’t have to be a professional athlete to benefit from vitamin D.

“It’s about doing your best consistently, whether you’re a sports star, business leader, or just an everyday person. The way to do that is to create and stick to habits that involve taking care of yourself, including nutritional support. I’ve seen firsthand that vitamin D gives you the energy and focus to handle whatever life throws at you.”

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Miller, 43, a Union coach since 2010, is not just a trainer but also a triathlete who pursues peak fitness.

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

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

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

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

Life Extension\(^*\) has uncovered research suggesting that adding sesame lignans to gamma tocopherol may significantly enhance its beneficial effects. Sesame and its lignans have been shown to protect against oxidation and help maintain already-normal blood pressure.\(^*\)

In a human study that combined gamma tocopherol with sesame lignans, gamma tocopherol/sesame was 25\% more effective than gamma tocopherol/tocotrienols in suppressing tissue measurements for free-radical and inflammatory damage.\(^4,5\)

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Walnuts
Abundant Disease-Prevention Benefits

The fruit of the oldest tree food known to man, dating back to 7,000 BC, walnuts (*Juglans regia* L.) truly stand out from other nuts for their dramatically different nutritional composition.

The healthy fats in most nuts are primarily monounsaturated fatty acids. But walnuts are rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids—INCLUDING omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids—in addition to oleic acid, the powerful monounsaturate found in olive oil. In fact, the walnut is the only nut and one of the few foods that contains a significant amount of the lesser known omega-3 fat, alpha-linolenic acid (ALA)—containing the highest ALA content of all edible plants with a hefty **2.7 grams** per quarter-cup serving.

And walnuts provide several rare and potent phytonutrients that are found in few commonly eaten foods. These unique compounds include the quinone juglone, the tannin tellimagrandin, and the flavonol morin—all strong cancer inhibitors.
Like other nuts, walnuts contain vitamin E—but instead of having most of their vitamin E present in the alpha-tocopherol form, walnuts provide an unusually high level of the particularly beneficial \textit{gamma-tocopherol} form.\textsuperscript{4}

Toss in walnuts’ natural array of nutrients including melatonin, copper, manganese, molybdenum, biotin, folate, selenium, and magnesium—along with the rich supply of protein and fiber also found in other nuts—and you have a true super food.

\textbf{“A Remarkable Radical-Scavenging Effect”}

Underlying the walnut’s compelling disease-inhibiting benefits is an abundance of polyphenols, as well as the rare, anticancer phytonutrients juglone, tellimagrandin, and morin.\textsuperscript{4} And these super-nuts are particularly rich in the phenolic compound ellagic acid, which has shown potent anti-inflammatory properties.\textsuperscript{6}

An analysis by scientists who extracted the polyphenols from various raw and roasted nut types found that walnuts had the highest total polyphenols and the highest polyphenol efficacy.\textsuperscript{7}

Researchers also investigated just some of walnut’s tannins and ellagitannins and found that 14 different walnut polyphenols provided superoxide dismutase (SOD)-like activity and “a remarkable radical scavenging effect.”\textsuperscript{8}

Current evidence strongly suggests that polyphenols play a critical role in the prevention of atherosclerosis\textsuperscript{7} and other cardiovascular diseases, cancers, osteoporosis, neurodegenerative diseases, and diabetes mellitus.\textsuperscript{9} Nut supplementation has been shown to improve lipid profile, increase endothelial function, and reduce inflammation, all without causing weight gain.\textsuperscript{7} Walnut polyphenols in particular have been shown to inhibit, for example, chemically induced liver damage.\textsuperscript{10}

Walnuts Cut The Risk Of Cancers

Walnuts have been shown to inhibit cancer development, slow its growth, and induce the death of cancer cells.

In one study, scientists found mice that ate the human equivalent of \textbf{2.4 ounces} of whole walnuts for 18 weeks had substantially smaller and slower-growing prostate tumors compared to mice that consumed the same amount of fat but from other sources. Prostate cancer growth in the walnut group was \textbf{30 to 40\%} reduced, and these mice had lower blood levels of a protein (insulin-like growth factor or IGF-1) strongly linked prostate cancer. Also, there were beneficial effects on multiple genes related to controlling tumor growth and metabolism.\textsuperscript{11}

In a study on breast cancer in mice, the human equivalent of two handfuls of walnuts daily cut breast cancer risk in half and slowed tumor growth by \textbf{50\%}.\textsuperscript{12}

Researchers then conducted a cell study to investigate whether walnut components have an effect on colon cancer stem cells. (Cancer stem cells are a subpopulation of cancer cells that can self-renew and undergo differentiation into multiple lineages, key elements of cancer progression.) Walnut extract significantly slowed the survival of the cancer stem cells and most striking, reduced the essential characteristics of their self-renewal capacity.\textsuperscript{13}

Walnuts provide potent but very rare phytonutrients that block cancer. Scientists found that incubation of human liver cancer cells with the walnut quinone juglone caused obvious, destructive changes to the structure of the cancer cells—and induced their apoptosis.\textsuperscript{14}
Other rare phytonutrients in walnuts are known as tellimagrandin I and tellimagrandin II. Scientists identified these walnut members of the ellagitannins family as the predominant compounds responsible for the previously observed cytotoxic effect of walnuts on cancer cells. They also demonstrated that the mechanisms through which these walnut phytonutrients attack cancer cells include impairment of their mitochondrial function and induced apoptosis.15

Another rare and powerful phytonutrient found in walnuts is the flavonoid morin. A 2015 study published in the International Journal of Oncology reported that morin exerts strong anticancer activity against human colon cancer cells. It was determined to accomplish this by inducing generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS), suppressing anti-apoptotic proteins, and triggering apoptosis via several different pathways.16

Walnuts provide the amino acid L-arginine, shown to deliver vascular benefits to individuals who have heart disease or who have a higher risk for it due to multiple factors.17

More critically, walnuts also contain the omega-3 fat alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), which has anti-inflammatory effects and may prevent the formation of pathological blood clots. Those who eat an ALA-rich diet are less likely to have a fatal heart attack and have an almost 50% reduced risk of sudden cardiac death.18 It should be noted, however, that as people age, the enzyme required to convert ALA into beneficial EPA/DHA declines, meaning that walnuts may not provide sufficient omega-3s. That’s why fish oil supplementation is so important, even in those who consume ALA-rich foods like walnuts.

And it doesn’t take a lot of walnuts to make a huge difference. A study found that blood levels of ALA were significantly raised by eating just four walnuts a day!19

Other research showed that eating just one ounce (seven walnuts) daily can decrease overall cardiovascular risk.12 Also, increased frequency of nut consumption among people at high cardiovascular risk was found to result in a significantly lower risk of death.20

Walnut consumption supports healthful cholesterol levels. Scientists found that, when compared with control diets, walnut-rich diets produced significantly greater decreases in total and LDL-cholesterol concentrations, with weighted mean decreases of 10.3 and 9.2 mg/dL, respectively.21

In the April 2015 issue of the FASEB Journal, scientists reported on an investigation into the effects of short-term walnut consumption on the reactive hyperemia index (RHI), a measure of human microvascular function—referring to the health of your body’s smallest blood vessels such as capillaries. After just four weeks, the group of volunteers who ate 40 grams, or 1.5 ounces, of walnuts daily was found to have improved vascular function. The study concluded that this improvement was
strongly associated with the effects of the walnut fatty acids, alpha-linolenic acid (ALA) and linoleic acid (LA).22

Walnuts stand out because they contain an unusually high level of the gamma-tocopherol form of vitamin E instead of the alpha-tocopherol form. Gamma-tocopherol has been demonstrated—particularly in studies on the cardiovascular health of men—to provide significant protection from heart problems.4

**Enhanced Protection Of Cognitive Function**

Compounds in walnuts—gamma-tocopherol, folate, alpha-linolenic acid, omega-3 fatty acids, and antioxidant polyphenols—contribute to neuroprotection.

Animal research has indicated that consumption of foods such as blueberries and walnuts can decrease vulnerability to oxidative stress that occurs in aging and “may increase ‘health span’ and enhance cognitive and motor function in aging.”23

In a study on young and old rats, scientists noted the gene transcription effects—in the critical hippocampus region of the brain—of a diet with a walnut content equivalent to **1.5 ounces** in a human diet. Compared to controls, the walnut diet increased transcription of a particular immediate-early gene (IEG) that is essential to memory formation and synaptic plasticity. This prompted researchers to conclude “that dietary walnut may have protective effects on the aging brain.”24

Scientific attention was then shifted to humans. A crossover study published in the *British Journal of Nutrition* included 64 college students who were randomly assigned to follow an eight-week walnut diet and an eight-week placebo diet, with a six-week washout period between diet sequences. The walnut diet was demonstrated to boost inferential verbal reasoning by a significant **11.2%**.25

Further research has led scientists to suggest that walnuts may play a key role in the prevention of Alzheimer’s disease.

First, a lab study found that walnut extract inhibited the formation of fibrillar amyloid beta-protein—a principal component of the amyloid plaques in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients. Remarkably, walnut extract was also able to defibrillize already formed amyloid fibrils. The researchers concluded that “walnuts may reduce the risk, or delay the onset, of Alzheimer’s disease by maintaining (fibrillar amyloid beta-protein) in the soluble form.”26

Then, scientists conducted a study with transgenic mice that modeled Alzheimer’s. Compared to the control diet, a diet containing the equivalent in human terms of **1.5 ounces** of walnuts daily significantly improved memory, learning ability, anxiety, and motor development. The study author suggested that “walnuts may have a beneficial effect in reducing the risk, delaying the onset, or slowing the progression of, or preventing [Alzheimer’s disease].”27

Finally in 2015, scientists investigated the cognitive and potentially anti-Alzheimer’s effects of walnut consumption on humans aged 20 through 90. Controlling for all factors except walnut consumption, the researchers found that, compared to those who ate no nuts, those who ate a handful of walnuts daily performed substantially better on all six cognitive exams, taking considerably less time to finish questions and tasks. Crucially, those over age 60 reaped special benefits from walnut consumption, achieving recall
Unlike other nuts, walnuts are rich in omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids including alpha-linoleic acid (ALA)—a substantial 2.7 grams per quarter cup—with an array of beneficial effects. They also contain oleic acid, the critical monounsaturate found in olive oil. Walnuts provide several very rare and highly potent, anticancer phytonutrients—juglone, tellimagrandin, and morin. Studies show walnuts can inhibit cancer and promote brain, cardiovascular, microbiomic, and metabolic health, making them an undeniable super food.

• An animal study found that a diet containing the human equivalent amount of two ounces of walnuts significantly altered the ratio of two major, gut bacteria communities, suggesting “a new mechanism...by which walnuts may exert their beneficial health effects.”

• Consuming walnuts has, after just three days, been associated with increased satiety and, consequently, potential weight loss.

• Among men consuming a Western diet, adding 75 grams, or just over half a cup, of walnuts daily significantly improved sperm quality, including vitality, motility, and morphology.

Other Effects

Various studies have suggested that walnuts may also provide other health benefits:

• Overweight adults with type II diabetes who ate one-quarter cup of walnuts daily reduced fasting insulin levels, compared to those who did not, within just months.

• Other cognitive test scores that were more than seven percentile points higher than those of the same age group who did not eat walnuts.

Nutritional Content Of Walnuts

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What You Should Do

Despite the benefits you’ve just read about walnuts, it may be unwise to add them to your diet. That’s because they have a relatively high calorie content that could induce unwanted weight gain. What you should do is replace unhealthy components of your diet with walnuts. Just imagine how much healthier the American population would be if they substituted walnuts for the dangerous snacks (such as potato chips and corn chips) that are endlessly advertised on TV?
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- Migra-Mag with Brain Shield®
- Neuro-Mag® Magnesium L-Threonate
- Neuro-Mag® Magnesium L-Threonate with Calcium and Vitamin D3
- Optimized Ashwagandha Extract
- Prevagen™
- PS (Phosphatidylserine) Caps
- Super Ginkgo Extract 28/7
- Vinpocetine

## Cholesterol Management
- Advanced Lipid Control
- Cho-Less™
- CHOL-Support™
- Policosanol
- Red Yeast Rice
- Theaflavins Standardized Extract
- Vitamin B3 Niacin Capsules

## Digestion Support
- Artichoke Leaf Extract
- Camosunflowe™ with PicroProtect™
- Digest RC®
- Effervescent Vitamin C - Magnesium Crystals
- Enhanced Super Digestive Enzymes
- Enhanced Super Digestive Enzymes with Probiotics
- Esophageal Guardian
- Extraordinary Enzymes

## Energy Management
- Adrenal Energy Formula
- Asian Energy Boost
- D-Ribose Powder
- D-Ribose Tablets
- Forskolin
- Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ®
- Mitochondrial Energy Optimizer with BioPQQ®
- NAD+ Cell Regenerator™
- Peak ATP® with GlycoCam®
- PQQ Caps with BioPQQ®
- Rhodiola Extract
- Ribosorbin™ French Oak Wood Extract
- Triple Action Thyroid

## Eye Health
- Astaxanthin with Phospholipids
- Brite Eyes III
- Certified European Bilberry Extract
- Eye Pressure Support with Mirtogenol®
- MacuGuard® Ocular Support
- MacuGuard® Ocular Support with Astaxanthin
- Tear Support with MagBLight®

## Fish Oil & Omegas
- Mega EPA/DHA
- Mega GLA with Sesame Lignans
- OMEGA FOUNDATIONS™ Super Omega-3 EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans & Olive Extract
- OMEGA FOUNDATIONS™ Super Omega-3 Plus EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans, Olive Extract, Krill & Astaxanthin
- Organic Golden Flax Seed
- Proven® Purified Omega-7
- Vegetarian Sourced DHA

## Food
- Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend
- Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend
- Natural Mocha Flavor
- Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend
- Natural Vanilla Flavor
- Rich Rewards® Breakfast Blend Whole Bean Coffee
- Rich Rewards® Cruciferous Vegetable Soup
- Rich Rewards® Decaf Roast Stevia Sweetener

## Glucose Management
- CinSulin® with InSea3® and Crominex® 3+ CoffeeGenic® Green Coffee Extract
- Glycation Protection Formula
- Mega Bentiomine
- Natural Glucose Absorption Control
- Tri Sugar Shield®

## Heart Health
- Aspirin (Enteric Coated)
- Cardio Peak™ with Standardized Hawthorn and Arjuna
- Fibrinogen Resist™ with Nattokinase
- Folate & Vitamin B12 Caps
- Optimized Carnitine with GlycoCam®
- Super Ubiquinol CoQ10
- Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with BioPQQ®
- Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enhanced Mitochondrial Support®
- Super-Absorbable CoQ10 Ubiquinone with d-Limonene
- TMG Powder
- TMG Liquid Capsules

## Hormone Balance
- DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone)
- Inner Power
- Pregnenolone
- Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract with Resveratrol
- Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract

## Immune Support
- AHCC®
- Echinacea Extract
- Enhanced Zinc Lozenges
- 26 Hyperimmune Egg
- Immune Modulator with Tinofend®
- Immune Protect with PARACTIN®
- Immune Senescence Protection Formula™
- Kinoko® Gold AHCC
- Kyolic® Garlic Formula 102
- Kyolic® Garlic Formula 105
- Kyolic® Reserve
- Lactoferrin (apolactoferrin) Caps
- NK Cell Activator™
- Optimized Garlic
- Optimized Quercetin
- Peony Immune
- ProBoost Thymic Protein A
- Reishi Extract Mushroom Complex
- Standardized Cistanche
- Ten Mushroom Formula®
- Zinc Lozenges

## Inflammation Management
- 5-LOX Inhibitor with AprèsFLEX®
- Advanced Bio-Curcumin® with Ginger & Turmeric
- Black Cumin Seed Oil with Bio-Curcumin®
- Black Cumin Seed Oil
- Boswellia
- Cytokine Suppressor™ with EGCG Nerva®
- Serrafflazyme
- Specially-Coated Bromelain
- Super Bio-Curcumin®
- Zytamind® Whole Body

## Joint Support
- ArthrimoInt¿ Joint Support
- Arthromax® Advanced with UC-II® & AprèsFLEX®
- Arthromax® with Theaflavins & AprèsFLEX®
- Bio-Collagen with Patented UC-II®
- Fast-Acting Joint Formula
- Glucosamine/Chondroitin Capsules
- Kill Healthy Joint Formula
- MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane)

## Kidney & Bladder Support
- Cran-Max® Cranberry Whole Fruit Concentrate
- Optimized Cran-Max® with Ellirose™
- Water-Soluble Pumpkin Seed Extract

## Liver Health & Detoxification
- Anti-Alcohol Antioxidants with HepatoProtection Complex
- Calcium D-Glucarate
- Chlorella
- Chlorophyllin
- European Milk Thistle
- Glutathione, Cysteine & C
- HepatoPro
- Liver Efficiency Formula
- Megal L-Glutathione Capsules
- N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine
- PectaSol-C®
- Silymarin
- SODzyme® with GliSODin® & Wolfberry

## Longevity & Wellness
- AMPK Activator
- AppleWise Polyphenol Extract
- Berry Complete
- Blueberry Extract
- Blueberry Extract with Pomegranate
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**RECEIVE 25% OFF THE RETAIL PRICE OF ALL PRODUCTS**
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Fortify Your Immune System with AHCC®

A Clinically Proven and Patented Medicinal Mushroom Extract

Every year, 23 million days of work are lost to feeling under the weather. While most people view immune challenges as part and parcel of the cold weather season, they are not, in fact, inevitable. After all, many people manage to stay well all year round, even though they are exposed to the same environments as those who have weaker resistance. The reason is because the environment is not responsible for whether you feel well or not. Your immune system is.

Innate Versus Adaptive Immunity

You have two basic types of immunity: innate and adaptive. Your innate immunity launches an immediate, general attack against a threat. Your adaptive immunity takes longer to kick in, but produces a targeted, specific response to a threat. Very few natural compounds have the ability to augment both innate and adaptive immunity. AHCC® (short for Active Hexose Correlated Compound) is one exception.*

How AHCC® Works

AHCC® is a patented, fermented, medicinal mushroom extract whose efficacy is supported by over 20 human clinical research studies. It has been shown to modulate immune response in several ways.

- **AHCC®** enhances the production of cytokines, the messengers of the immune system, so that your whole immune team can coordinate an organized response to outside threats.*

- **AHCC®** boosts populations of macrophages, the “street cleaners” of your immune system, which pick up foreign substances and cellular debris.*

- **AHCC®** increases the activity of natural killer (NK) cells, your innate immune system’s first line of defense against invasion.*

- And **AHCC®** raises levels of dendritic cells and T cells, key players in your adaptive immune system’s highly specialized response to specific threats.*

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Tart cherries are chockfull of compounds found to block COX-1 and COX-2 inflammatory enzymes. Benefits of the fruit include:

- Rapid muscle recovery after exercise, and
- Fast relief from the minor aches, discomfort, and stiffness following everyday activities.

Clinically Validated

Numerous studies have confirmed the muscle-supporting benefits of tart cherries. One clinical trial found that consuming tart cherry juice twice daily produced a substantial decrease in muscle symptoms related to exercise. In the same study, loss of strength due to exercise over four days was reduced from 22% to only 4%.

Anthocyanins

Anthocyanins—the powerful flavonoids found in dark-pigmented fruit—have been studied for their many advantages, including heart, cellular, and cognitive health. Tart cherries have a higher content of anthocyanins than many other fruits.

Life Extension offers 100% natural Tart Cherry Extract with Standardized CherryPURE®, which opens the door to the positive benefits of continuous exercise—at any age! This formulation provides all the muscle-supporting benefits of tart cherries and matches that anthocyanin dose used in successful clinical trials by providing a standardized 40 mg dose of anthocyanins in each vegetarian capsule.

References

As you grow older, age-related stiffness and discomfort in the joints becomes a fact of life. Activities once routine become a challenge as limited mobility hampers your every move.

You now have a more potent option to provide broad-spectrum support for aging joints. ArthroMax® Advanced with UC-II® and AprèsFlex® is a multi-nutrient formula based on scientific data on natural support for joint health. The ArthroMax® formula provides more joint support than ever before, enhanced with two innovative, clinically validated ingredients: AprèsFlex® and UC-II®.

Better Absorption For Optimum Benefit

AprèsFlex® represents a quantum leap forward in the delivery to aging joints of boswellia, long prized for its ability to help with inflammatory issues. It is a superior inhibitor of the enzyme 5-lipoxygenase or 5-LOX.

Excess activity of 5-LOX results in the accumulation of leukotriene B4, a pro-inflammatory compound that affects aging joints. Boswellia has been shown to bind directly to the 5-LOX enzyme in our bodies, blocking it from facilitating production of pro-inflammatory leukotrienes.1,2

AprèsFlex® boswellia absorbs into the blood 52% better than previously available forms of boswellia, for superior effectiveness.

In addition to AprèsFlex®, ArthroMax® contains a novel form of standardized cartilage: UC-II®. Data show it helps with immune issues that can impact joint discomfort and ease of motion in aging individuals.

References

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Blood sugar levels surge after most meals. A fat-soluble form of vitamin B1 called benfotiamine can impede glycation reactions, helping to guard against this destructive mechanism of elevated blood sugar.

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Exclusive report on a conference where experts describe the effects of the ketogenic diet, dietary sugar, dietary starch, dietary fat, weight-loss strategies, muscle loss in the elderly, and more.

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Life Extension® long ago cautioned against unnecessary X-ray exposure, but these early warnings were largely ignored. Consumer Reports magazine has published their own expose on radiation-emitting imaging procedures and the staggering number of excess cancers being caused.

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A novel probiotic lozenge has been found to markedly lower strep and other throat infections. Controlled studies show significant 62%-84% reductions in strep throat incidences in humans.

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