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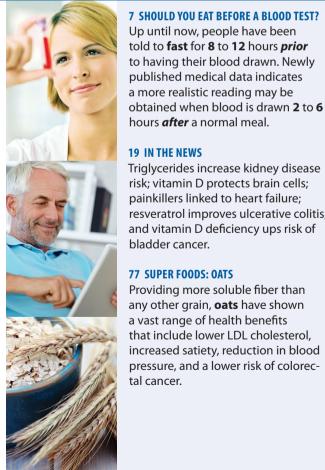
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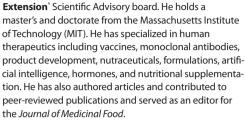
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Should You Eat Before a Blood Test?

Annual **blood testing** is the most effective way of detecting imbalances in time to take corrective actions. Countless lives have been spared since people started checking their blood <u>before</u> serious illness develops.

Until recently, the consensus was that people had to **fast** for **8** to **12 hours** prior to having their blood drawn. Before describing studies indicating that fasting may <u>not</u> be required, let's look at this issue from a practical standpoint.

Most people **eat** throughout the day and are <u>never</u> in a **fasting** state. The only exception is the 8-12 hour period **prior** to a **blood test**. Results obtained when blood is drawn during this **fasting** period may <u>not</u> reflect what's in your blood under **normal** conditions. This can lead to a false sense of security.

For instance, **glucose** and **triglyceride** levels increase after you eat. As it relates to disease risk, how quickly they come <u>down</u> *after* you finish a meal is important.

Some data suggest that *after-meal* blood levels of **glucose** and **triglycerides** are more accurate predictors of disease risk.¹⁻⁴

Fasting and <u>non</u>-fasting blood sugar levels impact health and longevity. As you'll learn in this article, many aging individuals suffer sugar-inflicted damage despite <u>fasting</u> **glucose** being "normal."

Triglycerides rise in the blood after a meal and can remain dangerously **high** for many hours.

If one fasts 8-12 hours <u>before</u> a blood draw, **triglycerides** may appear artificially <u>low</u> compared to where they may be during typical <u>non</u>-fasting periods. This again can create a false sense of security regarding your cardiovascular risk.

Some people neglect having their blood tested because they cannot **fast** for an **8-12 hour** period.

The encouraging news is that for many individuals, a more <u>realistic</u> reading may be obtained when blood is drawn **2-6 hours** <u>after</u> a normal meal is consumed.

This article provides a novel rationale for what may become the <u>new</u> **optimal** time to have your blood drawn.



As We See It

If you are a participant in a **clinical study** to assess the effects of a drug on blood fat or sugar levels, it is important for you to not eat for 8-12 hours before your scheduled blood draw.

The reason **fasting** is important in this instance is to provide researchers with consistent data on the compound they are testing amongst a large study group.

From the standpoint of optimizing *your* health, you are <u>not</u> part of a study group. Your purpose for having **blood tests** is to identify hidden risk factors that are correctable <u>before</u> you are stricken with illness or sudden death

Some credentialed physicians have concluded that individuals do <u>not</u> need to **fast** before their blood is drawn. They point to studies showing that **cholesterol** and **LDL** levels are not significantly altered in most people based on when their blood is drawn (fasting or non-fasting).⁵⁻⁷

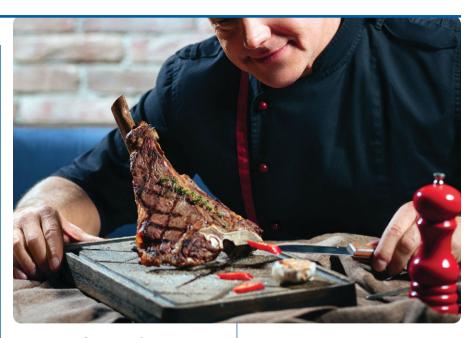
In addition, emerging data suggests that *after-meal* blood levels of **triglycerides** and **glucose** may be <u>more</u> important indicators of disease risk than corresponding **fasting** levels.¹⁻⁴

What Are Triglycerides?

Like other types of fats, **tri-glycerides** are carried in the bloodstream by lipoproteins. Triglyceride-rich lipoproteins contribute to the build-up of plaque in our arteries (atherosclerosis).

The **fats** we consume in our diet are mainly composed of **tri-glycerides**. Therefore, following a fatty meal, blood levels of triglycerides will rise.⁸

High triglyceride levels increase **heart attack** and ischemic **stroke** risk. 9,10



After-Meal Fat Damages Arterial Walls

Postprandial (after-meal) disorders are characterized by **fat** (and glucose) that persists in the bloodstream many hours <u>after</u> eating. Postprandial disorders are major causes of heart disease and stroke. 11,12

As you eat a meal of, say, steak, buttered rolls, and cream in your coffee, fats contained in these foods are *absorbed* into your circulatory system.

Six hours later, the remnants of your meal should be history. Clearance of fat present in your meal ought to be quick and efficient. After six hours, high levels of absorbed lipids should <u>not</u> be in your bloodstream.

In some people, however, meal remnants (lipoproteins) persist in the blood many hours later. The longer they stick around, the more opportunity they have to trigger growth of atherosclerotic plaque.

Clinical studies show that **post-prandial triglyceride-rich lipo-proteins** (like VLDL cholesterol) are powerful instigators of coronary plaque, carotid plaque, and aneurysms of the aorta.^{11,13,14}

Post-meal increases in lipids appear in the blood soon after you begin eating, but usually dissipate by the time your blood is drawn in a "fasting" state (8-12 hours later).

Postprandial disorders are therefore frequently overlooked, and rarely enter into a doctor's assessment of vascular disease risk. Although their presence may not be apparent from a **fasting** blood sample, elevated increases in **postprandial lipoproteins** can be a critically important risk factor for vascular disease.

The danger of *after-meal* remnants remaining in your blood is one reason why *Life Extension®* is now suggesting that people consider having their blood drawn 2-6 hours <u>after</u> a normal meal, be it breakfast or lunch. The box on the next page describes some of the mechanisms by which high levels of **postprandial lipoproteins** damage our arteries.

After-Meal Triglycerides Affect Lipoproteins

Triglycerides are a principal component of **postprandial lipo-proteins** like **VLDL**.²⁵

Elevated **fasting** triglycerides can serve as an indirect index of increased postprandial lipoproteins.26

If fasting **triglycerides** are high, postprandial lipoproteins are likely to be present. If *after-meal* triglycerides are high, this is an even stronger indicator of greater postprandial lipoproteins.

Simply put, the *higher* your triglycerides, the more likely post**prandial lipoproteins** are also present, potentially putting you at risk for atherosclerotic disease.

However, **fasting** triglycerides may not be the best way of assessing your atherosclerotic risk. Some people can have fasting triglyceride levels of less than 100 mg/ dL, yet still have dangerously high daily levels of postprandial lipoproteins.20

Having your blood drawn in a **non-fasting** state may provide a better snapshot of what your blood consists of on a normal day.

On blood samples drawn 4-6 hours after a meal, triglycerides over 250 mg/dL indicate a postprandial lipoprotein problem.^{27,28}

FDA's **Absurd Position**

We at **Life Extension**[®] have argued for the past four decades that **optimal** triglyceride levels are under 100 mg/dL. The American **Heart Association** in recent years concurs with our position.

Until a federal judge intervened, the FDA was able to claim

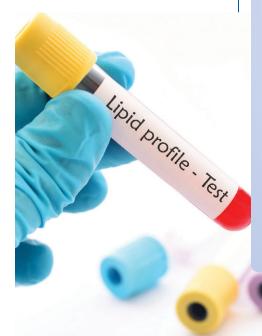
that **triglyceride** levels between 200-499 mg/dL had not been proven to increase vascular disease risk

I wrote a detailed rebuttal to the FDA's unscientific position in the May 2016 edition of this publication. Relying on federal gov**ernment** health guidelines can be analogous to living in the medical Dark Ages.

A Hidden Cause of Vascular Disease

When lipoproteins like VLDL and chylomicrons linger in the blood for many hours after eating, they are afforded ample opportunity to exert damaging effects on vascular structures. Here are some mechanisms in which high *after-meal* fats (lipoproteins) accelerate atherosclerosis:

- Postprandial lipoproteins block the artery-relaxing agent known as *nitric oxide*, while increasing the artery constrictor called endothelin. This induces endothelial dysfunction, 12,15 which contributes to the formation of atherosclerotic plague.¹⁶
- Postprandial lipoproteins increase blood levels of cellular adhesion molecules, allowing **inflammatory** white blood cells to more readily adhere and gain entry to the arterial wall, which also leads to atherosclerotic plaque formation.¹⁷
- Postprandial lipoproteins activate blood clotting by increasing factors that both promote blood clotting (thrombosis) and inhibit clot breakdown.18
- **Postprandial lipoproteins** trigger the formation of a cascade of other abnormal lipoprotein particles that contribute to heart and vascular disease, such as small, dense lipoprotein (small LDL) particles.19
- Postprandial lipoprotein particles insert themselves into atherosclerotic plaque, fueling its growth.20
- Carotid ultrasound studies show that people with elevated postprandial lipoproteins have more carotid plaque than people who do not, independent of their cholesterol values.^{21,22}
- Postprandial lipoproteins predict a greater likelihood of coronary atherosclerotic plaque. People with excessive postprandial (after-meal) abnormalities experience more rapid arterial plaque growth.21-24



Impact of After-Meal Glucose

We've published many articles in *Life Extension Magazine*® about the lethal impact of high *after-meal* blood **sugar** levels.

When **blood sugar** spikes too high after eating and remains elevated, this presents a significant **mortality risk** factor.²⁹ These kinds of surges in *after-meal* glucose (sugar) are associated with prediabetes and diabetes.^{30,31}

Reducing *after-meal* glucose levels has the potential to help prevent many common aging disorders.

Elevated **glucose** promotes **cardiovascular** disease and is associated with an *increased* risk of **dementia**, **cancer**, worse outcomes in **cancer patients**, and **accelerated aging**. ³²⁻⁴³

Researchers have found that *increased* two-hour postprandial (after-meal) **glucose** is an **independent** risk predictor for cardiovascular and all-cause death.²⁹ During this postprandial period, blood sugar spikes can acutely impair blood flow through vital arteries.⁴⁴ This can ultimately lead to heart attack or stroke.

After-meal surges in blood sugar directly impair the arteries' ability to respond to the heart's demand for an immediate increase in blood flow.^{12,45}

This is one reason that **diabetics** have such a high prevalence of cardiovascular disorders. ⁴⁶ But even if you don't have diabetes, a "normal" **fasting** blood sugar measurement doesn't protect you against the harmful effects of *after-meal* glucose spikes. ^{12,45,47,48}

People who have normal <u>fasting</u> **glucose**, but whose glucose levels remain high two-hours *after* a sugar-laden test drink are diagnosed with "**impaired glucose tolerance**." The risk for cardiovascular disease rises sharply in those with impaired glucose tolerance. ^{12,49}

One study found that people with **impaired glucose tolerance** had a **34%** higher risk of dying from any form of cardiovascular disease, with a specific **28%** greater risk of dying from **coronary heart disease**. 48

Diabetic men with the highest *after-lunch* blood sugar levels are more than <u>twice</u> as likely to have a cardiovascular event, compared

with those with lower levels. In women, that figure rose to a startling **5.5-fold** increase.⁵⁰

In nondiabetic people with **metabolic syndrome**, every <u>increase</u> in *after-meal* blood sugar of **18 mg/dL** raised the risk of cardiovascular death by **26**%.²⁹

These data clearly show that assessing one's glucose status two or more hours <u>after</u> a normal meal provides critically important information as to one's underlying disease risk.

Cancer and Brain Shrinkage

High-normal blood **glucose** and elevated **insulin** increases risk of **breast cancer.**⁵¹⁻⁵⁷

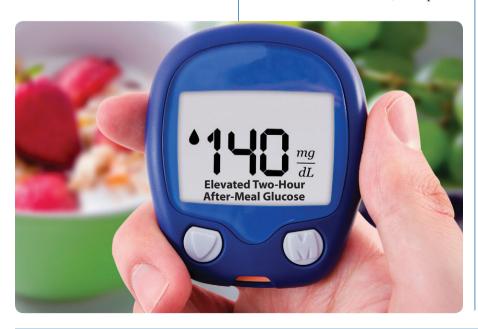
Glucose provides fuel for rapidly dividing cancer cells, while **insulin** promotes tumor growth through multiple pathways.^{54,58}

In a 19-year study, researchers found that participants with impaired fasting glucose of **100 mg/dL** or greater had a **49%** greater risk of **cancer** death.⁵⁹

Those with *after-meal* glucose above **199 mg/dL** had **52%** increased cancer death risk. Elevated glucose levels markedly increase an individual's risk of dying from cancer.⁵⁹

Glucose levels deemed "highnormal" result in <u>reduced</u> **brain** volume. A study of 249 volunteers (age early 60s) demonstrated that blood glucose in the high-normal range results in significant *brain shrinkage*. This shrinkage occurs in regions of the brain involved in memory and other critical functions. ⁶⁰

What may surprise you is that it did not require very "high" glucose levels to cause brain shrinkage. The people in this study classified as having "high" fasting blood sugar levels were below





110 mg/dL. This is the World Health Organization's threshold for **impaired fasting glucose**. ⁶⁰ Said differently, glucose levels that mainstream medicine often accept as "normal" are quite hazardous.

In light of evidence linking high normal blood sugar levels with elevated risks of cardiovascular death, cancer, and brain shrinkage, protective steps to <u>reduce</u> glucose levels are critical.⁶¹

Those who follow strict **calorie restriction** diets avoid problems associated with elevated glucose and insulin. For the rest of us, there are steps we can take <u>before</u> meals to impede deadly glucose surges.

What measures you take, however, should begin with a comprehensive **blood test panel**. Consider <u>not</u> fasting prior to your blood draw. Instead, consume your normal meal/drink and then wait 2-6 hours to have your blood drawn. This will likely enable a more realistic analysis of your underlying disease risks and what can be done to protect your precious health.

What about Homocysteine?

As it relates to the majority of tests, whether your blood is drawn in a **fasting** or **non-fasting** state has little impact on the results. This includes sex hormones like **DHEA**, **testosterone**, **estrogen**, and **progesterone**.

Dangers of *After-Meal* Glucose Not Yet Fully Recognized

When people take blood tests to measure glucose levels, they are asked to **fast** for **8** to **12 hours**.

Doctors request this **fasting period** because they want a consistent baseline to measure glucose and lipids in comparison with the general population.

The problem with fasting is it can cover up the clinical picture of a person who suffers dangerously **high blood sugar** many hours **following** a typical meal.

In other words, a person may artificially drop their **fasting glucose** to a safe range after fasting 8-12 hours, but in their everyday life, they may never fast for this long.

Thus, a fasting glucose blood test can **mask** what may be a dangerous postprandial (after-meal) glucose spike.

Even tests that measure long-term glycemic control like **hemoglo-bin A1C** (**HbA1C**) may <u>not</u> adequately detect these post-meal **glucose surges**.

This means that many individuals are spending at least part of their day in an acute **diabetic state**. The impact of these multi-hour **glucose surges** is just now being understood.

To put this in perspective, a study was done where *after-meal* glucose spikes were *impeded* using a drug that blocks a digestive enzyme. People taking this drug (acarbose) dropped their **heart attack** risk by an astounding **91%**.⁶²

Blood cell counts and assessments of liver and kidney function are unlikely to be significantly affected based on when you ate prior to a blood draw.

When it comes to **homocysteine**, however, there may be an advantage to having your blood drawn several hours *after* you eat as opposed to an overnight fast.

The precursor to homocysteine in the blood is the amino acid **methionine**. Those who ingest red meat often have sharp spikes in **homocysteine** blood levels.

One study showed that men who consumed large amounts of methionine-rich protein had a steady <u>rise</u> in their **homocyste-ine** levels throughout the day, but returned to <u>baseline</u> levels the next morning (after an overnight fast).⁶³

This study has profound implications as it relates to assessing the vascular risk of homocysteine. Numerous studies associate high homocysteine with greater incidence of **heart attack**^{64,65} and **stroke**. 66-68 Yet there are inconsistent findings when attempts to lower homocysteine are taken.

A huge overlooked confounding factor is that men who consume a lot of red meat may have elevated homocysteine throughout the day, but it drops to <u>normal</u> the next morning. This would drastically affect the findings of human studies whereby **blood draws** occur <u>after</u> an overnight **fast**.

In this case, men who suffered <u>elevated</u> **homocysteine** almost every day would show <u>normal</u> readings each morning. This

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would seriously distort the study analysis because men with **elevated** homocysteine during the **day** would be placed in the same group whose homocysteine was lower all day. These men with high daily homocysteine are <u>not</u> in safe ranges. They merely measured artificially <u>low</u> because of the overnight **fast**.

For those who consume a lot of red meat, consider having your blood tested **2-6 hours** <u>after</u> the meal while also taking your usual homocysteine-lowering supplements such as **folate** (5-MTHF form) along with **vitamins B2**, **B6** and **B12**.

What You Should Do

Standard **blood tests** are usually done in the **fasting** state.

Yet a number of studies show that elevated **after-***meal* blood levels of **triglycerides** and **glu-cose** are dangerous. ^{48,69} Ditto for **homocysteine** that may test normal after an overnight fast, but elevate during a day of high meat ingestion.

Fasting glucose levels alone do not identify individuals with an increased risk of glucoserelated disease because they do not detect dangerous *after-meal* glucose spikes.^{70,71}

The current method of drawing blood only when "fasting" may not adequately measure an individual's average glucose, triglyceride, homocysteine and post-prandial lipoprotein status over the course of a typical day.

By definition, fasting blood tests are conducted eight or more hours *after* your last meal. This method of only testing blood when in an artificial "fasting" state may not account for vital risk markers specific to you as an individual. In other words, after each meal, your blood sugar and triglycerides will rise, but should return to normal several hours afterwards.

Depending on the consistency and frequency of meals consumed, an individual may silently sustain tissue injuries throughout a typical day that are <u>not</u> detected when blood is drawn after an **8-12 hour** fast

Conventional dogma is difficult to change, even when **common sense** and compelling **science** indicates a better approach.

Based on an accumulating volume of data, consider having your next **blood draw** in a <u>non</u>-fasting state, as close as possible to what you typically eat and drink on most days (including physical exercise).

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Kidney Disease Risk Raised by High Triglycerides and Low HDL

A study published online in Diabetes Care has found an association between high levels of triglycerides, low levels of HDL ("good" cholesterol) and increased risk of diabetic kidney disease.*

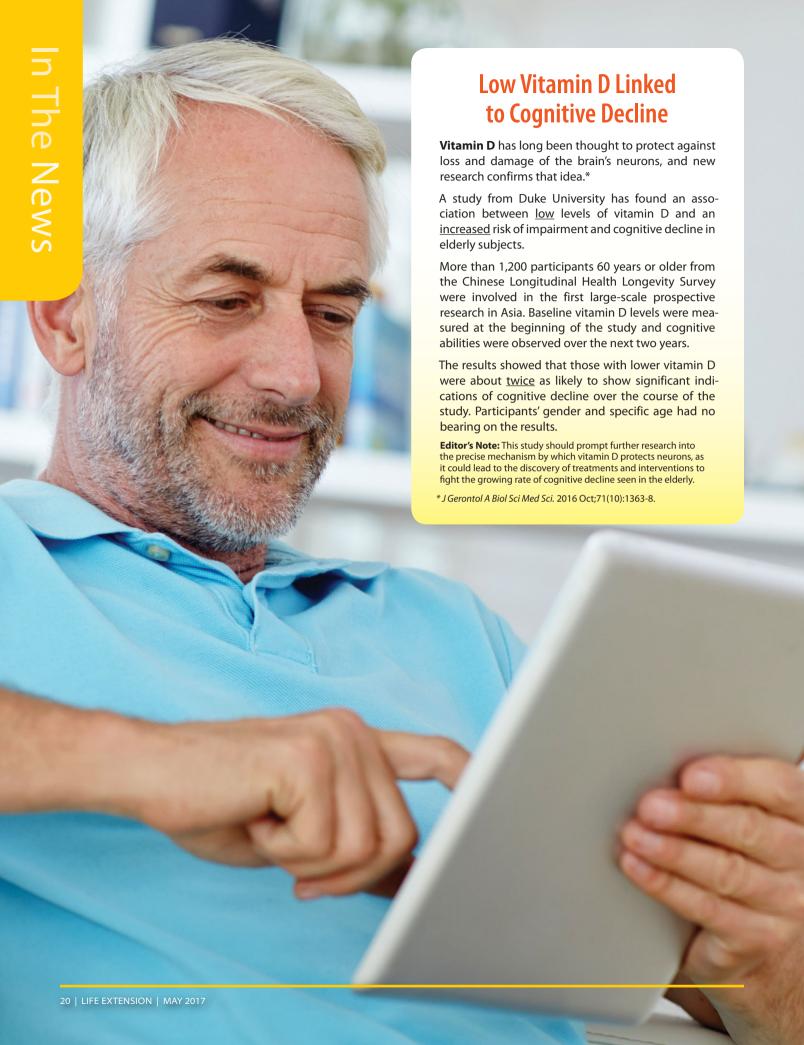
The observational retrospective study, conducted by a team headed by Giuseppina T. Russo, MD, PhD, of Italy's University of Messina, involved 15,362 diabetes patients. The subjects started at baseline with kidney function tests in the normal range and LDL cholesterol no higher than 130 mg/dL.

The study found a correlation between high triglyceride levels at or above 150 mg/dL and a 26% increased risk of reduced kidney function as measured by low eGFR (estimated glomerular filtration rate).

In addition, scientists saw increased risk of kidney disease in those that had low levels of HDL (the good cholesterol). Individuals with lower-than-normal HDL experienced a 27% increased risk of low eGFR.

Editor's Note: The study's authors state that, "In a large population of outpatients with diabetes, low HDL-C and high TG levels were independent risk factors for the development of diabetic kidney disease over four years."

* Diabetes Care. 2016 Dec;39(12):2278-87.







Decreased Vitamin D and Elevated Bladder **Cancer Risk**

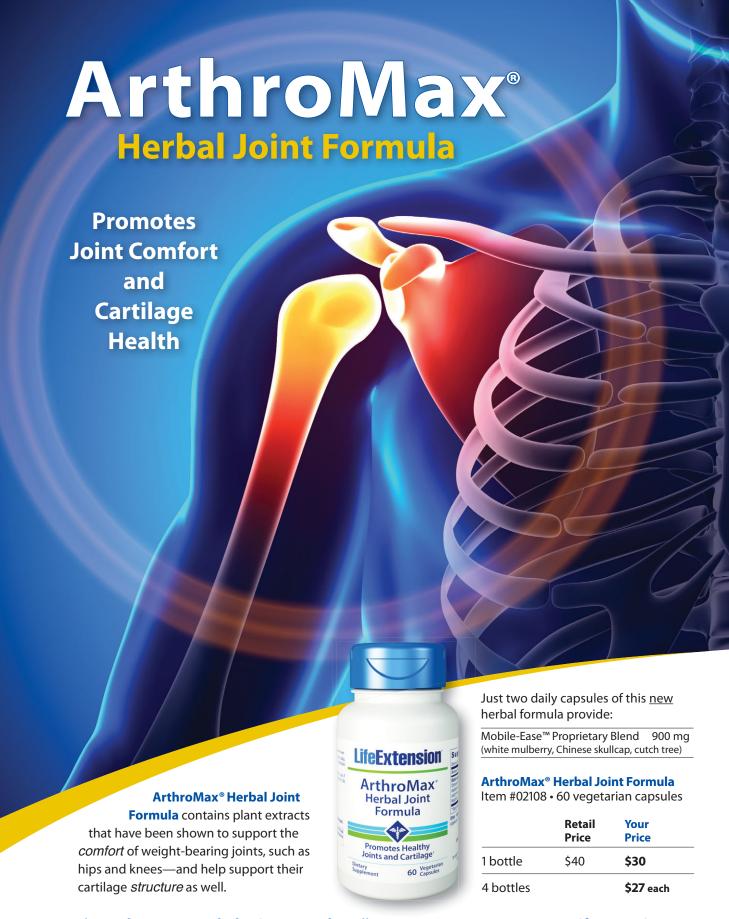
The conclusion of a systematic review reported at the Society for Endocrinology annual conference in Brighton, England, adds evidence to an association between vitamin D deficiency and an increased risk of bladder cancer.*

Dr. Rosemary Bland and colleagues reviewed seven studies whose subjects ranged in number from 112 to 1,125. Five of the studies found associations between decreased serum **25-hydroxyvitamin D** levels and a higher risk of bladder cancer. Additionally, higher vitamin D levels were associated with improved bladder cancer outcomes and survival.

To investigate their hypothesis, the team evaluated the expression of vitamin D signaling components and synthesis of the active form of vitamin D in human transitional epithelial cells, which line the bladder. They discovered that the cells have the capacity to activate and respond to vitamin D, which then stimulates an immune system response.

Editor's Note: "More clinical studies are required to test this association, but our work suggests that low levels of vitamin D in the blood may prevent the cells within the bladder from stimulating an adequate response to abnormal cells," Dr. Bland explained, "As vitamin D is cheap and safe, its potential use in cancer prevention is exciting and could potentially impact the lives of many people."

* Society for Endocrinology annual conference, Brighton, England. November 8, 2016.



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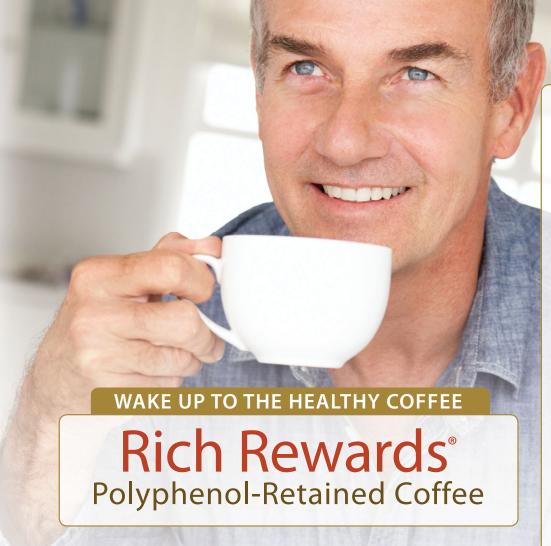
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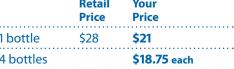
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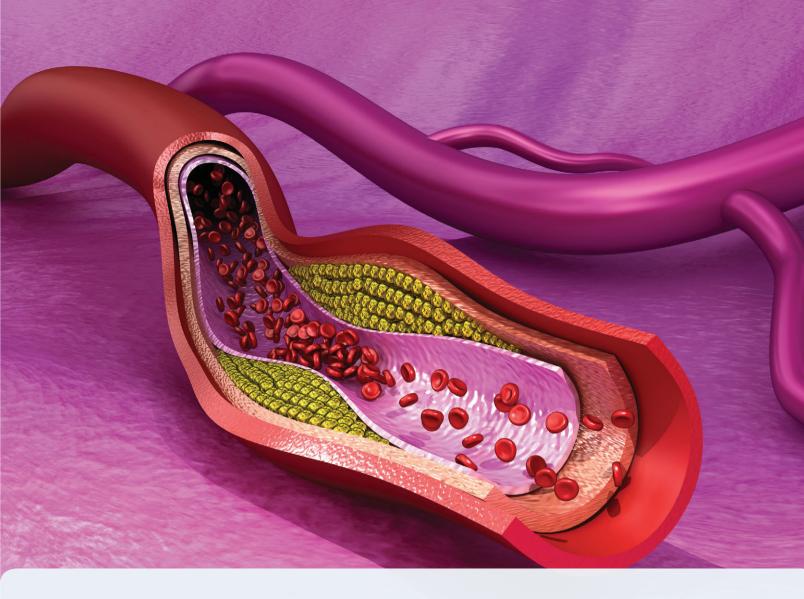




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Arterial Plaque Rupture

Most people are aware that a buildup of **plaque** in coronary arteries leads to **heart disease**, the cause of more American deaths than any other ailment.

But few know that not all arterial plaque is the same. There is **hard** (calcified) **plaque** and **soft** (noncalcified) **plaque**.

Although both pose a risk, the **soft** kind is a ticking time bomb. When **soft plaque** suddenly breaks loose, it can trigger a clot blockage large enough to cause acute heart attack or stroke.

Because soft plaque is <u>unstable</u> and causes no symptoms until it pops without warning, someone with atherosclerosis may feel fine, have a normal EKG, and pass a stress test and later that same day have a plaque rupture, resulting in **sudden death**.

Researchers have identified two natural compounds that target **arterial plaque** and atherosclerosis. Together, they have been shown to boost **stability** of deadly **soft plaque** to help prevent a plaque rupture, while also slowing and even regressing the accumulation of soft <u>and</u> hard arterial plaque.¹

Arterial Plaque—The Hidden Killer

Rupture-prone arterial plaques are more common than people realize.

In one cadaver study, advanced lesions, defined as rupture plaque or at least one vulnerable plaque were present in **100**% of the hearts examined—*regardless* of the individuals' cause of death.^{2,3}

Arterial damage can initiate in childhood and slowly progress with normal aging.⁴ Atherosclerosis—from the Greek words for "hard paste"—is an inflammatory condition in which the interior of the arteries becomes stiff, clogged, damaged, and dysfunctional.⁵⁻⁷

When the delicate lining of the inner arteries becomes damaged, low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and fibrinogen adhere and begin to trap other components.

As it builds up, **plaque** may cause the arterial wall to remodel and ultimately internally rupture, allowing a blood clot to form.⁸ Arterial clots (thrombosis) can block local blood flow completely, or they may break free and cause dangerous blockages elsewhere.

Plaque Stability: A Key Factor in Preventing Fatalities

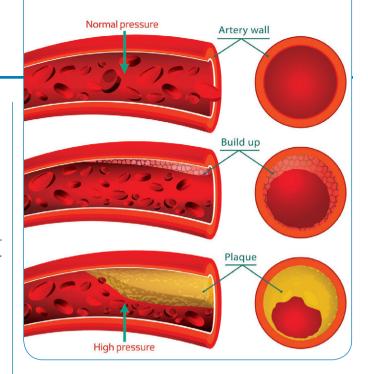
When seeking to reduce atherosclerotic risk, there is more to it than just prevention of plaque formation, as most of the danger posed by plaque occurs when it becomes <u>unstable</u>.

Early in this process, plaques are soft on the inside, making them vulnerable to rupture, like a kernel of corn being heated until it explodes into much larger popcorn. Fortunately, the surfaces of soft plaques are covered with hard fibrous caps that face the blood flow.

As long as these plaques remain thick, they are stable, meaning they are firm enough not to pose a major risk of rupturing.^{2,9} Over time, however, this cap begins to thin and weaken, making the plaque more vulnerable to rupturing. The result is a deadlier, much more <u>unstable</u>, softer type of plaque that may lead to ischemic stroke or heart attack.

The effects of atherosclerosis vary, depending on which arteries in the body narrow and become clogged with plaque. If the arteries that bring oxygen-rich blood to the heart are affected, the result can be coronary artery disease, chest pain, or heart attack. If the arteries to the brain are affected, the result can be a transient ischemic attack (TIA) or a stroke. If the arteries in the arms or legs are affected, peripheral artery disease can occur. And at any point in the body, a deadly bulge in the artery wall—an aneurysm—can develop.

This is why scientists have long sought a way to safely lower acute cardiovascular risk not only by reducing plaque but by **stabilizing** soft plaques.



The **December 2016** issue of the journal *Minerva Cardioangiologica* published a controlled clinical study demonstrating the **plaque stabilizing** effects of a **dual-extract** plant formula.

This study showed a standardized extract from the **French maritime pine** combined with an extract of the *Centella asiatica* plant **stabilized** soft plaques, boosting the odds that they will stay put and not suddenly **rupture**. These two nutrients also demonstrated reversal of the number and size of arterial plaque deposits that progress to atherosclerosis.¹

This **2016** study confirmed *earlier* evidence demonstrating the arterial protective properties of these two nutrients.

Before examining this compelling clinical evidence, let's examine each compound separately.

Centella Asiatica Stabilizes Soft Plaque

Also known as **gotu kola**, *Centella asiatica* contains triterpenoid compounds that help stabilize soft plaque by improving the synthesis of **collagen**, ¹⁰⁻¹³ a component of the thick caps that hold soft plaque in place. ^{10,14} This Asian aquatic plant also helps stop the progression of plaque buildup by reducing the adhesion of monocytes, immune system cells that promote atherosclerosis. ¹⁵

In a previous human study, participants with high-risk (soft) plaque took **60 mg** of an extract of *Centella asiatica* three times daily. After 12 months, their carotid-artery plaque was denser (harder) by an average of **30%**.¹⁴

Phase two of this same study used the same dose but in a randomized, placebo-controlled trial. Carotidartery plaque **stability** significantly improved. MRI scans showed reduced blood flow to the brain in **17%** of controls but only in **7%** of the *Centella asiatica* group. And supplemented subjects experienced **41%** fewer cardiovascular events.¹⁴

A similar placebo-controlled study of individuals with high-risk (soft) plaque in their femoral (main leg) arteries found that **60 mg** of an extract of *Centella* asiatica three times daily produced a 63% harder plaque—indicating a lower rupture risk—in just 12 months. Critically, plaque size increased 23% in controls while supplemented patients showed **zero** plaquesize increase.10

Let's now examine standardized extract from the French maritime pine, a compound that reduces atherosclerosis progression.

French Maritime Pine Extract **Inhibits Plague Accumulation**

Standardized extract from French maritime pine contains procyanidins and phenolic acids^{16,17} shown to slow atherosclerosis. 18 It achieves this by reducing production of fat cells and inflammatory signaling molecules that contribute to plaque formation. 19,20

Lab studies show that standardized extract from French maritime pine improves arterial endothelial function by stimulating an enzyme (eNOS) that produces *nitric oxide*, the signaling molecule that maintains arterial elasticity. This increase in nitric oxide not only improves blood flow but also decreases platelet aggregation and stickiness to vessel walls, reducing the risks of blood clots and enlarging plaques.²¹

A placebo-controlled human trial demonstrated that 200 mg of standardized extract from French maritime pine daily for eight weeks improved endothelial function in coronary artery disease patients, helping to limit atherosclerosis progression. Flow-mediated dilation—a measure of how much arteries dilate in response to blood-flow changes—was improved 32%



in the supplemented group contrasting with no significant change in the controls. Also, only supplemented subjects experienced a 7% drop in isoprostanes, a marker of how much oxidized fat is present and overall oxidative stress.22

Scientists then studied individuals with only borderline issues with blood pressure, blood lipids, and blood sugar, with no obvious atherosclerotic changes in their blood vessels and no existing coronary artery disease—reflecting the situation of most people that have not developed any clinically relevant disease but had definitive risk factors, making them ideal candidates for a preventive intervention. All 93 volunteers continued any medical treatment for symptoms, but half also took 150 mg of standardized extract from French maritime pine daily. Flow-mediated dilation in supplemented subjects improved 66%—after only 12 weeks 23

Scientists then produced a formulation combining standardized extracts from French maritime pine and Centella asiatica, leading to compelling clinical trials.

What You Need to Know

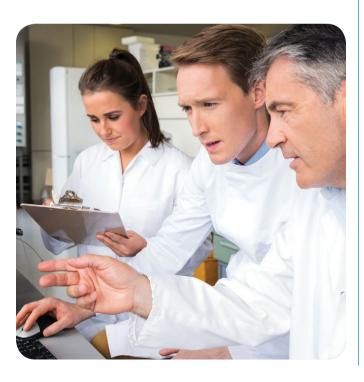
How to Prevent a **Deadly Plague Rupture**

- While hard plague in the arteries limits blood flow, soft or noncalcified plaque can suddenly break loose and cause a blood clot large enough to cause a deadly heart attack or stroke.
- The natural compound Centella asiatica stabilizes the hard, thick cap on atherosclerotic plagues, which slashes the risk of a plaque rupture. Standardized extract from French maritime pine slows progression of atherosclerotic plaques.
- Clinical research demonstrates that, when combined, these two supplements reduce the size, number, and instability of deadly soft plaques, while slowing and even regressing plague accumulation.

Dual-Extract Formulation Targets Atherosclerosis

One clinical trial enlisted individuals ages 45 to 60 who appeared healthy with no cardiovascular risk factors or symptoms and with plaques that did not narrow their arteries more than **50%** (class IV). Each group was assigned a different supplement regimen daily along with lifestyle, diet, education, and exercise recommendations. Ultrasound was used to measure plaques that had progressed from class IV to class V (blocking over **50%** of an artery). After 30 months, the percentage of plaques progressing from class IV to V was:¹⁸

- **21.3**% in controls, which followed only diet and lifestyle recommendations. (This was the worst performing group as it showed more than 20% had progressive arterial narrowing.)
- 16.6% with 100 mg aspirin or ticlopidine (an antiplatelet drug) for aspirin-intolerant subjects,
- **8.4**% with **50 mg** standardized extract from French maritime pine alone,
- **5.3**% with **100 mg** standardized extract from French maritime pine alone,
- 4.0% with 100 mg standardized extract from French maritime pine plus 100 mg aspirin (or ticlopidine), and



• 1.1% with 100 mg standardized extract from French maritime pine plus 100 mg extract of *Centella asiatica*. (This was best performing group as it showed less than 2% had progressive inner arterial narrowing.)

Plaque progression in volunteers taking both compounds was an impressive **95**% <u>lower</u> than in controls.¹⁸

Next, subjects with advanced atherosclerosis—at least one arterial lesion considered class V—but without symptoms were assigned to the same dosages as previously. Class V involves an instance of over-**50**% blockage without symptoms, while class VI also involves symptoms such as numbness, tingling, pain, or other, more serious cerebral or lower-limb symptoms. After 42 months, the percentage with plaques progressing from class V to VI was:²⁴

- **48**% in controls (worst performers in this study),
- 21% with aspirin or ticlopidine,
- 11% with 100 mg standardized extract from French maritime pine plus aspirin,
- **10%** with **100 mg** standardized extract from French maritime pine alone, and
- **6.5**% with **100 mg** standardized extract from French maritime pine plus **100 mg** extract of *Centella asiatica* (best performers in this study).

Compared to controls, the standardized extracts from the **French maritime pine** plus *Centella asiatica* group showed a **7.4-fold** reduction in the risk of developing cardiovascular-disease symptoms—and a nearly **four-fold** reduced risk of being hospitalized for a full-blown cardiovascular event.²⁴

Latest Human Trial Results

The study published in **December 2016** added to the clinical evidence demonstrating the compelling effects of this dual-nutrient formula in **stabilizing** soft arterial plaques—to help prevent a potentially lethal **plaque rupture**—and in blocking the progression of **plaque accumulation** in aging arteries.¹

Scientists set out to evaluate the stability of carotid plaques, before and after three months of supplementation, in 50 symptom-free volunteers with arterial plaque stenosis of less than **50%** (class IV), high oxidative stress, and with a mean age of 61.5 years.

Blood Test May Detect Presence of Soft Plague

Published data suggests an association between elevated high-sensitivity CRP and soft plaque burden.

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Half of the patients were given 150 mg of standardized extract from **French maritime pine** along with **225 mg** of an extract of *Centella asiatica*, daily for three months. They also received standard management care, as did the control group.1

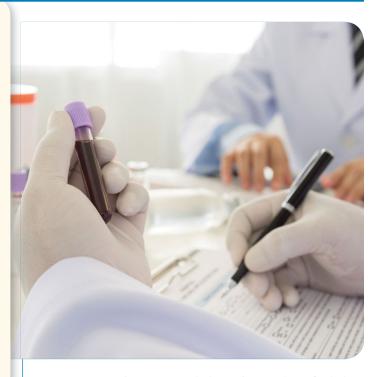
Supplemented patients showed significant **improve**ment on the plaque stability index compared to controls. They also experienced a substantial increase in the "white component" of their plaque based on ultrasound imaging, indicating improved plaque density and "a significant reduction in possible events." Critically, their plaques were also decreased in length, height, and number. The scientists noted that free radicals in the supplemented group's plasma were significantly reduced, indicating a decrease in oxidative stress. No supplement-related, adverse events were observed.

By contrast, there were no significant improvements in any of these endpoints for those receiving only standard plaque management.

The study concluded that these "... plant extracts could be a safe option for prevention of cardiovascular events for patients with carotid plaques."1

Summary

Not all arterial plague is the same. Hard (calcified) plaque limits blood flow—but soft (noncalcified) plaque is a ticking time bomb that can suddenly break loose and trigger a clot large enough to cause a fatal heart attack or stroke.



Two natural compounds have been identified that target arterial plaque and atherosclerosis. Standardized extract from French maritime pine has been demonstrated to slow the progression of atherosclerotic plaques, while extracts of *Centella asiatica* have been found to preserve the hard, thick cap on atherosclerotic plaques—slashing the risk of a plaque rupture.

Clinical evidence now demonstrates that, taken together, these two supplements reduce the size, number, and instability of deadly soft plaques to help prevent plaque rupture—while also slowing and even regressing the accumulation of both soft and hard plaque.

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The Risk of Arterial Plaque

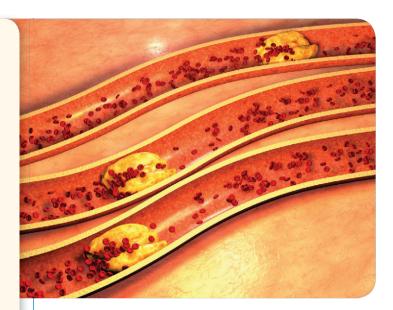
Years of elevated cholesterol, chronic inflammation, and other factors often result eventually in atherosclerosis—the thickening and narrowing of arteries that leads to coronary heart disease (heart attack), stroke, and peripheral vascular disease.8 Research in recent years has produced a vastly more sophisticated understanding of the processes leading up to devastating arterial blockage by plaque lesions.

The foundation of plague lesions begin even before the teen years with the development of fatty streaks—regions of increased fat in the walls of arteries.8,25,26 Initially, the small damaged fatty-streak areas trigger a "healing" response—as if the streak areas were a wound—attracting inflammatory cells that ingest and store excess fats.21

Eventually, arterial plaque begins to take shape as a core of fats develops outside of inflammatory cells.8,26 These plagues become less stable over time, making them more vulnerable to rupture, which leads to heart attacks and strokes.

Whatever will slow the progression of early fatty deposits into complete plaque lesions is beneficial. Because soft plagues are unstable and can rupture, whatever can be done to stabilize these soft plaques makes the risk of a sudden catastrophic heart attack or stroke much less likely.

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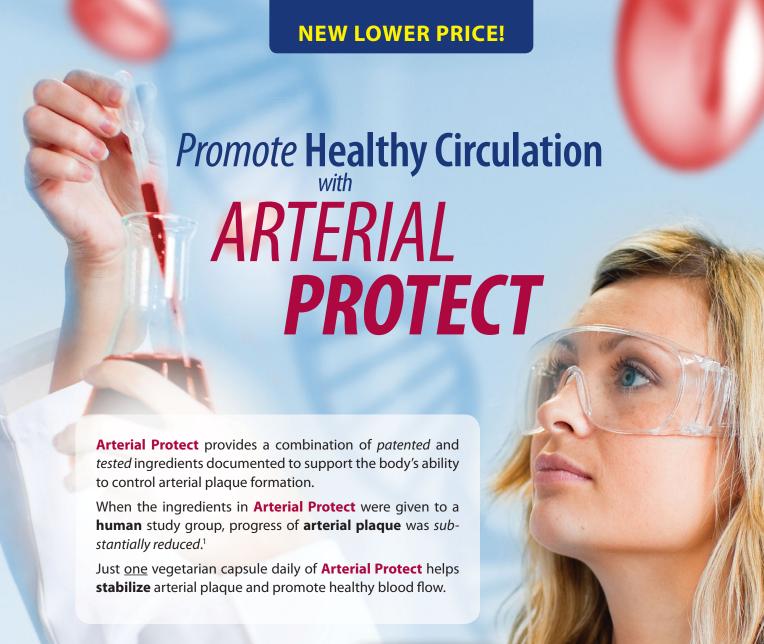
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Oral Probiotics Combat Gum Disease

The human mouth is teeming with **bacteria** that can cause dental cavities and more serious gingivitis and periodontitis. Even good oral hygiene habits of brushing and flossing twice a day might not be enough to ward them off.

Nearly a third of US adults have untreated tooth decay, and nearly half of those 30 and older have periodontal (gum) disease.^{1,2}

Gum disease can be serious. As it progresses, it can lead to tooth loss, as well as **inflammation** that accelerates degenerative aging processes.³ Gum disease can lead to heart problems, cancer, Alzheimer's, lung and kidney disorders, and more.⁴⁻¹⁴

Scientists looking for a solution to gum disease and tooth decay have discovered an innovative way to reduce the risk through targeted oral **probiotic** lozenges.

The Oral Microbiome

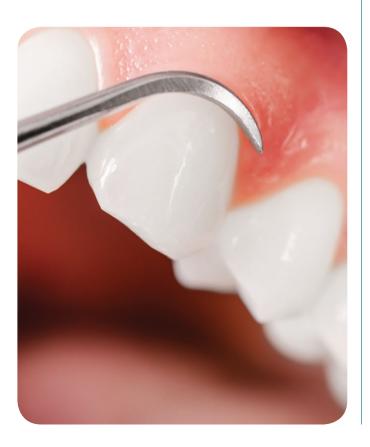
The natural community of microbes living in the mouth is called the *oral microbiome*. A healthy microbiome supports and protects the delicate mucous membranes as well as the surface of the teeth themselves.

When this community becomes disrupted and out of balance—whether by poor diet, lifestyle, drugs, or disease—it results in a state of microbial imbalance (called *dysbiosis*) that wreaks havoc on the normal immune system response.

Dysbiosis leads to numerous problems in the mouth, including **cavities** that arise from excessive acid-producing bacteria, and **gum disease** that contributes to tooth loss as well as inflammatory diseases throughout the body.

The need to restore a healthy oral microbiome led scientists to identify two strains of *good bacteria* that can combat gum disease on two fronts. The first one, *L. plantarum L-137*, boosts oral immune function and promotes healing. The second one, *S. salivarius* M18, kills harmful bacteria that live in the mouth, allowing itself to flourish.¹⁵⁻¹⁷

This **two-pronged** approach to gum disease prevention supports a healthy, balanced microbiome in the mouth, one that actively resists disease while promoting healing.



Harnessing Natural Immune Responses

One of the key problems with an imbalanced **oral** microbiome is that it *reduces* the mouth's natural **immune-fighting** abilities. This leaves us vulnerable to infections by bacteria that cause gum disease, such as *Porphyromonas gingivalis*.

Making matters worse, *P. gingivalis* diminishes the mouth's immune system even further by downregulating protective **IL-12** and upregulating pro-inflammatory **IL-6**, creating a vicious cycle that makes it nearly impossible for the body to heal itself.¹⁸⁻²⁰

In order to counteract this disease-promoting cycle, scientists searched for a way to boost local immune function. They found their answer in the harmless bacterium *Lactobacillus plantarum*, strain L-137.¹⁷ When killed by heat treatment, this strain of *L. plantarum* has been found to increase production of the protective IL-12.

Treating periodontitis patients with this immuneboosting bacterium helps to overcome the impaired immune function in their mouths that occurs as a result of *P. gingivalis*. This assists in restoring the body's natural oral immune response, which in turn promotes healing of the diseased, inflamed gums.

In other words, *L. plantarum* essentially plugs the immune system "hole" induced by evasive *P. gingivalis* and other bacteria, allowing our bodies to *naturally resist* gum disease.¹⁷

The impact of this was seen in a clinical trial of people with chronic periodontitis.

Clinical Trial

Researchers conducted a randomized trial that included 39 people with chronic **periodontitis**.¹⁷ The subjects were randomly assigned to receive either a placebo or the *L. plantarum L-137* supplement for 12 weeks.

Over the course of 12 weeks, researchers measured the *probing pocket depth*, which is the distance from the gum line to the bottom of the tiny "pocket" between gum and tooth root.¹⁷ A normal, healthy gum pocket is **3 mm** deep or less, and a depth of **4 mm** or more defines **periodontitis**.²¹ Deeper pockets are a clinical measure of **periodontal** disease.

After 12 weeks, subjects supplementing with *L. plantarum L-137* had a *64% greater improvement* in pocket depth compared with placebo recipients.¹⁷

This remarkable study showed that it's possible to improve periodontal disease through *modulation of the oral immune system*.



Improving pocket depth is one piece of the puzzle. It is equally important to restore balance to the mouth's microbial community. By doing so, we can prevent immune dysfunction and the resulting inflammatory changes before they set in. That's where an oral probiotic called S. salivarius M18 comes to the rescue.

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A Well-Armed Probiotic **Oral Defense System**

A disease-resistant oral microbiome includes a wide variety of microbes that provide important biological functions. A *dysbiotic* microbiome is one in which one or several harmful strains dominate, suppressing other beneficial organisms and creating a disease-permissive environment.

What the research is proving is that in order to restore oral health and avoid problems such as gum disease, it is necessary to support the colonization and growth of beneficial organisms.²²

The helpful organisms compete with the "bad guys," cutting their populations down to size and allowing a wider range of beneficial microbes to succeed.

- looked major contributors to failing health as we age.
- In addition to taking a toll on functions of the mouth, these conditions predispose us to heart, lung, brain, liver, and other agerelated disorders.
- A balanced oral microbiome helps maintain a state of disease-resistance.
- An imbalanced, or dysbiotic, microbiome invites disaster by changing the elaborate natural immune and bacterial defenses against oral disease.
- Balancing a dysbiotic oral microbiome can restore natural disease resistance.
- HT-L. plantarum L-137 is a heat-treated strain of common Lactobacillus bacteria capable of inducing pro-healing cytokines in the mouth and boosting local immunity.
- S. salivarius M18 is a living probiotic strain that is armed with powerful *lantibiotics* that kill harmful bacteria.
- Adding these healthy bacteria to a regular routine of brushing and flossing can help make the mouth a safe place for protective microbes, which produces benefits throughout the body.

S. *salivarius* **M18** is one of the "good guys." It competes with dangerous oral bacteria that cause or exacerbate periodontal disease, and has been shown to improve parameters of gingivitis and periodontitis. ^{15,16}

A randomized, controlled trial was conducted to determine the impact of *S. salivarius* M18 treatment on some of the most important clinical parameters of oral and gingival (gum) health.²³ The study included men and women aged 20-60 years with moderate or severe **gingivitis** (gingival index score of 2 or 3), and moderate **periodontitis** (less than 6 mm probing pocket depth).

Half of the subjects received no treatment, and half received lozenges with 200 million *S. salivarius* M18 daily after brushing. The subjects took the lozenges for 30 days, and the researchers observed them for an additional 30 days to determine if the benefits would continue even after the subjects stopped taking the probiotic.

The results of the **S.** *salivarius* M18 group were favorable for all four measurements compared to the control group:²³

- The mean **plaque index** score was reduced by **44**% on day 30 (the last day of treatment), and by **37**% on day 60.
- The mean **gingival index** score was reduced by **42**% on day 30, and by **35**% on day 60.
- The modified sulcus bleeding index scores were reduced by **53**% on day 30, and by **51**% on day 60.
- Finally, probing pocket depth measurements were reduced by 20% on day 30, and by 22% on day 60.

Of note, the lowest scores for each index in the *S. salivarius* M18 group indicated a return to **near-normal** values of less than 1 for plaque index, gingival index, and modified sulcus bleeding index, and a probing pocket depth of just over **3 mm**. These values remained markedly abnormal in control subjects.²³

This study demonstrated the ability of the **probiotic lozenge** not only to significantly improve all four of the most important parameters of periodontal health, but also to *continue working long after supplementation ended*.

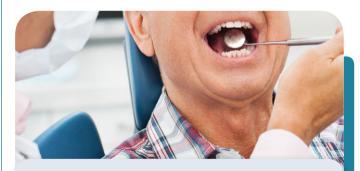
Previous clinical studies lend additional support to the use of *S. salivarius* M18 for oral health. In one, **88**% of *S. salivarius* M18 recipients maintained plaque scores <u>lower</u> than their baseline, pretreatment values at the end of a 3-month treatment period, compared with just **44**% of placebo recipients.¹⁵

How it Works

- *S. salivarius* M18 works by several actions to help create a healthier oral environment. Unlike many probiotic formulations, *S. salivarius* M18 can specifically colonize the human mouth. This results in stable, reproducing colonies of this beneficial organism even after supplementation ends.¹⁶
- *S. salivarius* M18 has also been shown to compete effectively with bacteria (such as *Streptococcus mutans*) that can cause cavities, helping to support healthy teeth and gums.¹⁵
- *S. salivarius* M18 is an abundant producer of bacteria-suppressing weapons called *bacteriocins*.

Bacteriocins function similar to antibiotics, but are entirely natural, and appear to act only at the local level between different bacterial strains.²⁴

The specific bacteriocins that *S. salivarius* M18 produces are in a class called *lantibiotics* that use a mode of action that literally creates a hole, or pore, in the target organism's cell membrane leading to its destruction.^{25,26} In this fashion, *S. salivarius* M18 has been shown to inhibit the growth of several well-known tooth and gum disease-producing organisms, including *S. mutans*, *S. sobrinus*, and *Actinomyces naeslundii*.^{15,24,27,28}



Whole-Body Effects of Periodontal Disease

Periodontal (gum) disease can be painful, disfiguring, and even disabling when tooth loss and jawbone resorption occur.

But new science is showing that periodontal disease has far-reaching consequences that extend into most body systems, largely the result of inflammatory changes and other signaling pathway disruptions throughout the body.

Gum disease is now associated with disorders of the brain, heart, lungs, kidney, liver, and blood vessels—all of which promote aging and shorten lifespan.⁷⁻¹⁴

The good news is that reducing bacteria-laden plaque results in significant reductions in total-body inflammation.²⁹ This means that improving our tooth and gum health is vital not just for those oral structures, but also to preserve our health in practically all body systems.

In addition to its targeting of disease-causing organisms, *S. salivarius* M18 produces *enzymes* that help break down dental **plaque**, which is a main cause of tooth decay and gum disease. *S. salivarius* M18 also helps generate a neutral **pH** in the mouth that supports healthful bacteria, further balancing the oral microbiome and reducing disease risk.¹⁵

An additional research finding is that *S. salivarius* M18 reduces the presence of the pro-inflammatory cytokine **IL-6** which is associated with periodontal disease.¹⁵ This complements a beneficial overlap with the immune-modulating features of *L. plantarum* **L-137**, providing added protection against chronic gum **inflammation**.

Summary

Gum diseases are rampant, especially as we age past 30 years.

Tooth brushing and flossing are important, but are insufficient to restore a damaged *oral microbiome* to its natural, disease-resistant state.

Recent advances in the understanding of beneficial bacteria (probiotics) reveal a two-pronged approach to restoring a balanced microbiome and rejuvenating healthy immune function in the mouth.

- *L. plantarum* L-137 is a heat-treated preparation of beneficial *L. plantarum* bacteria that boosts oral immune function, reduces inflammation, and promotes healing.
- **S.** *salivarius* **M18** is a proven oral probiotic capable of colonizing the human mouth, where it kills harmful bacteria.

These two **probiotics**, when taken as a daily **lozenge**, can work together to enhance not only oral, but total-body health. ●

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Gum Disease and the Adult Immune System

Dysbiosis (an imbalanced microbiome) in the mouth induces profound dysfunction of the immune system that is designed to protect the teeth and gums, and has two major effects on oral health:

- First, oral dysbiosis and pathogenic bacteria (e.g., *P. gingivalis*) are associated with *increased* activity of inflammatory cytokines (signaling molecules), notably IL-6.¹⁸
- Second, dysbiosis *reduces* production of IL-12, a regulatory cytokine that supports healthy immune responses and healing after inflammation. This altered immune response contributes to persistent inflammation and slowed healing, a situation that the destructive microbes can exploit to promote their own growth.^{18,30,31}

IL-12 production decreases with aging, leaving a "hole" in immune responses in the mouth.³² This allows organisms like *P. gingivalis* to evade the immune system and become overgrown, and it ultimately causes gum disease.³⁰

Making matters worse, *P. gingivalis* itself also impairs host immune responses, specifically reducing beneficial IL-12 and upregulating pro-inflammatory IL-6.^{18-20,30} This permits overgrowth of *P. gingivalis* and other infection- and inflammation-producing microbes.³³

Additionally, when IL-6 levels remain high, and IL-12 levels low, it is nearly impossible for inflammation of the gums to resolve on its own. This leads to a chronic inflammatory state that eventually erodes the bony tooth socket, ultimately producing **tooth loss**. 10,18-20

In an elegant but destructive process, *P. gingivalis* releases chemical fragments that suppress the effects of certain immune cells, "disguising" itself as a normal, beneficial organism, while simultaneously invading the host's tissues and suppressing its immune response towards other bacterial species as well.



What Dentists Look for To Measure Gum Health

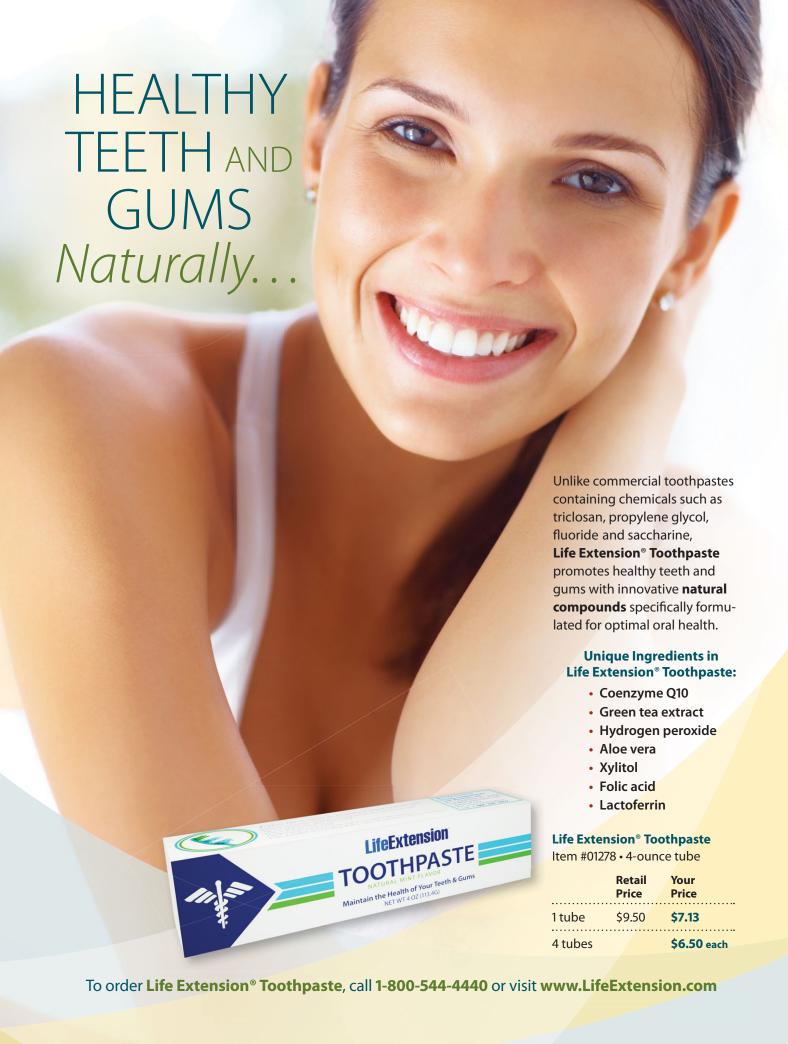
All that probing and poking around in your mouth at the dentist's is no fun. But the dentist or hygienist is in fact looking carefully at multiple features of teeth and gums.

These have been standardized into several scores useful for measuring gum health, as well as for determining the best treatment option.

Those used in studies cited in this article are:

- The Plaque Index score: a zero to 3 rating, with zero being no plaque, and 3 being an abundance of plaque that extends below the gum line on the teeth.³⁴
- The Gingival Index score: a zero to 3 rating, with zero being normal gums, and 3 indicating severe inflammation with swelling, ulceration, and a tendency to spontaneous bleeding.³⁴
- The Modified Sulcus Bleeding Index score: a zero to 3 rating, with zero being no bleeding with gentle dental probing and 3 being ready bleeding, change of color, and gum swelling.³⁵
- Probing Pocket Depth: using a calibrated probe marked in millimeters, the dentist or hygienist measures the depth of the pocket between the tooth root and the gum. Generally, the deeper the pocket, the worse the gum disease, with pockets 3 mm or less in depth considered normal, while those deeper than 4 mm indicate periodontitis.^{21,36}
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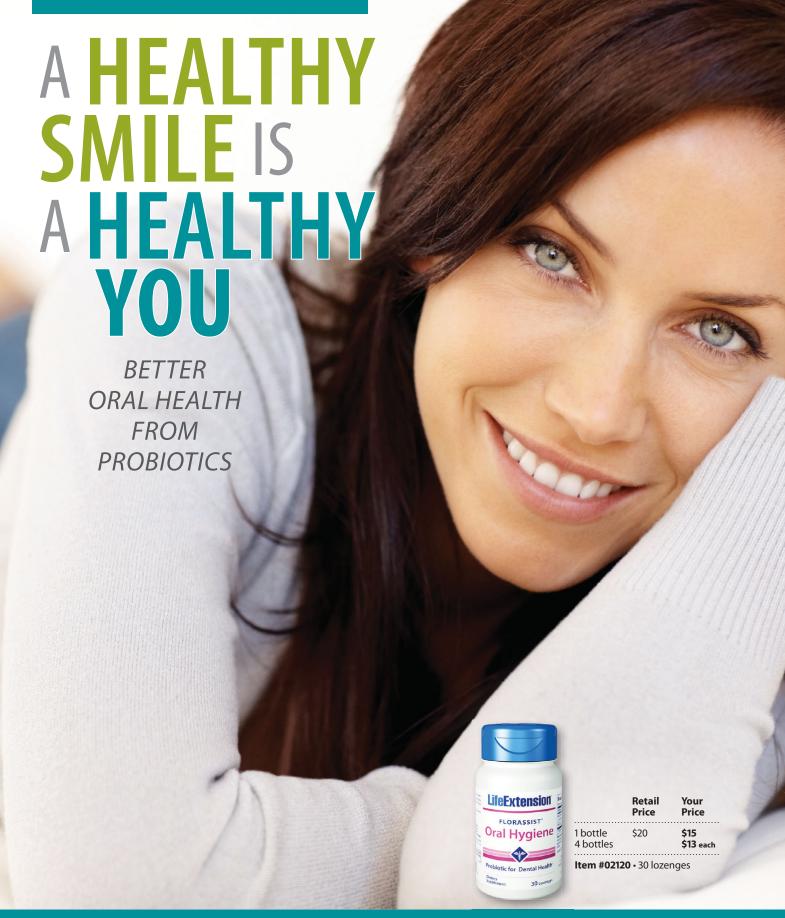
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Fighting Statin-Induced Diabetes with COQ10

BY SUSAN MERRILL

Statins are cholesterol-lowering drugs sold under trade names such as Lipitor® and Crestor®.

They have been shown to benefit people at risk for heart disease caused by elevated **LDL-cholesterol** and/or **C-reactive protein**.

For appropriate patients, statin drugs reduce cardiovascular death and disability rates. 1-3

But despite these benefits, evidence suggests that statins, especially high doses of potent statins, may <u>increase</u> the risk, especially in older patients, of developing **diabetes**.³⁻⁶

Compelling data reveals that supplementing with **CoQ10** can significantly reduce these **glucose** control issues.

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Facts about Statins and Diabetes

Studies show that some statins, such as rosuvastatin (Crestor®), are associated with a **27**% increased risk of developing newonset type II diabetes.⁷ This is just one of many studies showing this harmful connection.⁴⁻⁶

One meta-analysis that utilized results from 13 statin studies involving more than 91,000 participants demonstrated an across-the-board increased diabetes risk of 9%,8 and found the highest risk in trials involving older subjects. Another meta-analysis showed that those taking higher doses of statins had a 12% higher risk of developing diabetes compared with subjects receiving "moderate" doses.9

These two alarming studies have made it apparent that *older* patients on more intensive statin regimens are at the **greatest risk** of developing diabetes from their treatment.^{3,10} Naturally, this poses a dilemma for anyone who is on, or considering starting, statin therapy. Is lowering the risk of cardio-

vascular disease worth the risk of developing diabetes which in turn could, paradoxically, increase the risk of developing cardiovascular disease?⁶

Experts generally say it's a worthwhile gamble, because the benefits for cardiovascular disease outweigh the possibility of type II diabetes.^{8,11} Fortunately, by supplementing with **CoQ10**, you may be able to continue using statin drugs to lower cardiovascular risk, while minimizing the medication-induced risk of diabetes.

The CoQ10 Connection

One reason statins increase the risk of type II diabetes is because they deplete the body of CoQ10. When cells lack sufficient CoQ10, mitochondrial dysfunction sets in, leading to impaired insulin signaling, which may result in the chronically elevated glucose levels that define **diabetes**.³

By design, statins interfere with the production of new cholesterol molecules by blocking an enzyme called **HMG-CoA reductase**.^{4,12,13} But in the process, they also block a precursor of CoQ10,^{3,4} interfering with its natural production and resulting in <u>lower</u> CoQ10 blood levels.³

Making matters worse, lowering LDL cholesterol impairs CoQ10 transport into cells. The combination of these effects has been shown to directly <u>reduce</u> blood levels of CoQ10 by as much as **54**%.³

Diabetic patients already have lower-than-normal CoQ10 levels. That's because their body uses up much of its CoQ10 stores in an effort to combat diabetes-induced oxidative stress.^{2,12} When diabetics are prescribed statin drugs (which is a common occurrence), the further depletion of CoQ10 can be especially harmful.

Supplementing with CoQ10 allows people to derive lipid- and inflammation-lowering benefits from statins while protecting the body against CoQ10 depletion.

Benefits of CoQ10 Supplementation

Experts are increasingly recommending that anyone on statin therapy begin supplementation with CoQ10 in order to reduce the risk and consequences of **diabetes**.

In addition to replacing depleted stores of CoQ10 in diabetic patients, supplementing with CoQ10 has been found to lower blood-sugar and hemoglobin A1C, a measure of long-term glucose exposure.¹⁴

Research also reveals that in fat cells exposed to statins, CoQ10 restores the normal glucose-uptake mechanism that is disrupted by statin therapy.¹⁵

CoQ10 has also been proven to reduce diabetes-induced cardio-vascular risks. For example, studies

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have shown that depleted CoO10 can lead to loss of heart muscle function known as diabetic cardiomyopathy. 12,16 Diabetics also have poor endothelial (blood vessel lining) function, which can be worsened by statin therapy, again as a result of CoQ10 depletion.17

Supplementing with 200 mg of CoO10 per day has been shown to significantly improve diabetesinduced loss of endothelial function, illustrating the protective effect of simple CoO10 supplementation.17

In addition, previous studies have shown that lipophilic statins, such as simvastatin, reduce the GLUT4 protein levels in adipocytes, whereas hydrophilic statins (pravastatin) do not. GLUT4 plays an important role in controlling blood glucose. Reductions in the expression of GLUT4 can contribute to insulin resistance and consequently the onset of type II diabetes. In addition, previous studies have noted a reduction in CoQ10 levels when patients are using statins.

A 2013 study looked at the effects of simvastatin, pravastatin, and ezetimibe on GLUT4 in 3T3-L1 adipocytes. Compared to control, a significant decrease in relative intensity of GLUT4 protein by approximately 36% was observed when adipocytes were treated with simvastatin. Pravastatin and ezetimibe did not statistically alter the relative intensity of GLUT4 protein, whereas ezetimibe + simvastatin significantly reduced the relative intensity of GLUT4 protein.¹⁵

This study suggests that lipophilic statins (simvastatin) reduce the GLUT4 protein levels in adipocytes, whereas hydrophilic statins (pravastatin) do not. Co-treatment with CoQ10 appears to prevent the reduction in GLUT4 protein levels caused by simvastatin.

Summary

While cholesterol-lowering statin drugs have been shown beneficial for reducing cardiovascular risk, use of high potency/ high dosage statin drugs in older patients appears to increase the risk of developing type II diabetes.

One reason statins increase the risk of diabetes is because they deplete the body of CoQ10. Fortunately, studies suggest that supplementing with CoO10 may help reduce the metabolic risks associated with statin therapy.

Diabetics who supplement with CoQ10 have also shown improvements in blood sugar and other measures, suggesting the multiple benefits of CoQ10 supplementation for statin users. •

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How GLYCATION Accelerates Aging

Diabetics suffer <u>accelerated</u> **aging** and early-onset of degenerative illnesses.

An underlying culprit behind diabetic complications is tissue **glycation.**¹

Glycation occurs when blood **glucose** links to **proteins** in the body. The pathologic impact is formation of *advanced glycation end products* that wreak systemic havoc.²⁻⁹

Those with poor **sugar** control suffer dangerously high **glycation** levels. These same toxic glucose reactions occur in nondiabetics, but at a slower pace.

For the past 14 years, *Life Extension Magazine*° has advised readers to avoid or reduce intake of food cooked at high temperatures. The reason is, when you eat these heat-damaged proteins, they inflict **glycation damage** to your body's proteins. This is in addition to *glycation* that occurs as a result of life-long **glucose** exposure.

In this article, we provide a targeted strategy to defend against **glycation-induced** tissue damage.



What is Glycation?

Glycation is a process by which **sugar** molecules react chemically with **proteins** in the body, causing the proteins to cross-link and lose their functionality.²

Not only does this cross-linking prevent proteins from doing their intended jobs, it creates harmful molecules called **advanced glycation end products** (or **AGEs**).³

The acronym **AGEs** is appropriate considering these toxic protein reactions are a root cause of premature aging.

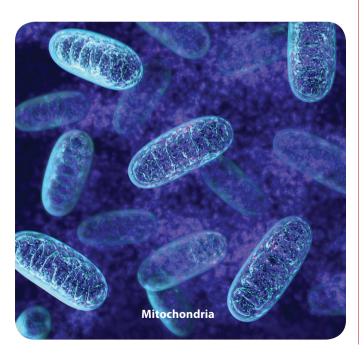
Ultimately, glycation causes **inflammation** that damages mitochondria, while *mitochondrial dysfunction* exacerbates glycation. This result in an ageaccelerating cycle as *glycated proteins* accumulate in tissues throughout the body.^{4,5}

Mitochondria and Aging

The human body depends on **sugar** and **oxygen** to provide the energy that keeps its heart beating and brain thinking. Intracellular powerhouses called **mitochondria** work wonders by using glucose, fatty acids, and oxygen. The result is life-giving energy that powers every aspect of the body.

But, like other forms of energy generation, the process produces reactive molecules as byproducts that build up and damage the very cells, tissues, and organs the process is meant to support.

Glycation also damages molecules vital to life, like DNA, enzymes, and structural proteins.



Progressive glycation leads to reduced mitochondrial energy production and increased oxidative stress. Eventually, damaged mitochondria can stop functioning altogether, producing an **age-related energy crisis** that speeds up and worsens the aging process.⁶

This is one reason why, as we age, we not only move and think more slowly, but we also repair damage to cells and DNA more slowly, if at all. All of those actions require energy, which is in increasingly short supply.

Impact on the Body

Together, mitochondrial dysfunction and glycation have a disastrous effect on the body's systems, and are responsible for many symptoms of aging. Here is a partial list of the types of damage they wreak on the body:

- The accumulation of advanced glycation end products (AGEs) can contribute to kidney disease and renal failure. When AGEs accumulate in the filtering portions of kidneys, it reduces the ability to excrete waste.⁷
- AGEs can lead to neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's because they contribute to the formation of cross-linked proteins. These damaged proteins accumulate in cells, disabling and eventually killing brain cells.^{8,9}
- When glycation occurs in the skin, it sensitizes the skin to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, triggering oxidative stress that damages DNA and increases the risk of skin cancers.¹⁰
- AGEs damage joint cartilage, resulting in stiffening and loss of ability to handle stresses.
 AGEs are now recognized as major contributors to osteoarthritis.¹¹
- When similar AGE-related damage occurs in spinal discs, it can make disc injury and herniation ("slipped disc") more likely.¹²
- Glycation is especially damaging to our eyes. Not only does it lead to clouding of the lens (cataracts), it also causes retinal damage—both of which impair vision and ultimately produce blindness. ^{13,14}
- The protein-rich walls of arteries, and even tiny capillaries, are especially vulnerable to glycation-induced damage.¹⁵ The resulting stiffening and inflammatory changes produce atherosclerosis, the cause of heart attacks, strokes, and other vascular disorders of aging.⁴



In short, glycation, linked to poor mitochondrial function, *accelerates every aspect of human aging*.

While we are exposed to *glycation* on a daily basis, we are <u>not</u> helpless in the face of its destructive effects. A huge volume of published data support the use of specific **nutrients** that work hand-in-hand to reduce glycation and its effects, while also supporting healthy, energy-producing mitochondria.

Antiglycation Nutrients

Four compounds have been identified to reduce the rate of glycation and control the consequences when it occurs.

The first is a fat-soluble form of vitamin B1 (thiamine) called *benfotiamine*. ^{16,17} Lab studies have shown than benfotiamine can prevent *glycation*, and human studies have shown that it can help prevent the damage caused by glycation. ^{16,18}

In a study of type II diabetics, benfotiamine helped prevent blood-vessel damage caused by glycation. For the study, subjects ate a meal high in AGEs (caused by high-heat cooking), then took benfotiamine for three days, and then ate the same high-AGE meal again.¹⁸

Initially, the AGE-rich meal reduced blood flow throughout the subjects' bodies as a result of the impact of AGEs on blood vessels. But after supplementing with **benfotiamine** for just three days, blood flow measurements *completely normalized*, demonstrating just how quickly benfotiamine exerts its powerful impact.

A later study of diabetic animals further demonstrated the ability of benfotiamine to improve heart and blood vessel function, while also reducing death and scarring of vital heart cells.¹⁹

Lab studies have given us insight into how benfotiamine works to prevent glycation itself, as well as the damage it can cause. Through at least three biochemical pathways, **benfotiamine** has now been shown to improve function of tiny capillaries in the retina, increase mitochondrial energy production in muscle cells, protect against kidney and other tissue damage in dialysis, and prevent DNA damage. 17,20-24

Glycation and Aging

- Humans' dependence on energy derived from using sugar molecules and oxygen comes at a cost: toxic and reactive molecules interact with essential proteins and fats, damaging cells' ability to function and accelerating their aging.
- Glycation, the binding of sugar molecules to cellular structures, triggers massive inflammation and releases chemically stressful small molecules, which in turn damage mitochondria.
- Mitochondria, our sole source of energy harvest from food, lose their efficiency and eventually fade away under this chemical onslaught.
- The combination of glycation and mitochondrial dysfunction and loss rapidly accelerates aging, leading to chronic disorders that shorten life and reduce its quality.
- Natural compounds have been identified that are capable of reversing this accelerated aging.
- Benfotiamine, luteolin, pyridoxal-5-phosphate, and carnosine block glycation and prevent its destructive consequences.
- PQQ, R-lipoic acid, and taurine enhance mitochondrial resistance to glycationinduced oxidative stress and promote formation of youthful new mitochondria.
- This combination of nutrients can be expected to rejuvenate cellular energy levels while reducing chemically-induced damage to cells, thereby reversing the ageaccelerating trend.

Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate

Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate is an active form of vitamin B6²⁵ that is receiving growing attention as a natural complement to benfotiamine. Like benfotiamine, this active form of **vitamin B6** has the **dual benefit** of helping prevent glycation as well as its harmful effects (such as the buildup of gunked-up proteins and AGEs).^{26,27}

Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate is one of the most effective compounds known to inhibit glycation of **fats** (lipids) and proteins.²⁸ This is an important protective function, since *lipid glycation* is a major threat to the function of cell membranes, which is an underlying factor in numerous age-related conditions.^{29,30}

This metabolically active form of vitamin B6 (*pyridoxal 5'-phosphate*) works by essentially **trapping** glucose breakdown products before they can participate in dangerous glycation reactions.²⁵

Avoid Foods Cooked at High Temperatures

The way you cook your food can affect your chances of becoming diabetic.

A randomized, controlled trial looked at two groups of obese subjects. 68 The first group ingested a diet typically high in **advanced glycation end-products** (AGEs), which are proteins and lipids in foods that are often damaged by high temperature cooking.

The second group was required to eat food cooked at low temperatures (stewed, steamed or poached) and avoid food that was fried, baked or grilled.

In the group avoiding food cooked at a dry heat or high temperatures (low-AGE diet), insulin resistance significantly improved, and body weight was mildly reduced.

The high-AGE group's markers of insulin resistance, on the other hand, were at higher levels compared to baseline.

Head researcher Helen Vlassara, MD, remarked:

"While food AGEs are prevalent, particularly in Western diets, our study showed that avoiding foods high in AGEs could actually reverse the damage that had been done. This can provide us with new clinical approaches to prediabetes, potentially helping protect certain at-risk individuals from developing full diabetes and its devastating consequences."

Life Extension first warned about the dangers of eating foods cooked at high temperature in the May **2003** issue of this magazine.

Luteolin

Luteolin is a flavonoid found abundantly in many plants. Since one of the main consequences of glycation is inflammation, luteolin's anti-inflammatory properties make it an ideal natural complement to benfotiamine and *pyridoxal 5'-phosphate*. Inflammation is widely recognized for its association with cancer, atherosclerosis, and virtually all other chronic diseases.³¹

Luteolin works by suppressing the activation of the master inflammatory complex called **NF-kB**, which triggers the production of a wide variety of pro-inflammatory signaling molecules (cytokines).

The **anti-inflammatory** actions of **luteolin** have been demonstrated in tissues throughout the body, including the brain, blood vessel lining, skin, intestines, lungs, gums, and bone.³²⁻³⁹

A study published in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* gives us insight into how monumental luteolin's anti-inflammatory impact truly is. When mice were exposed to a bacterial toxin, only **4.1%** of them survived. But when mice that were given luteolin were exposed to the same toxin, it promoted survival in **48%** of the mice.⁴⁰

Carnosine

Carnosine is a potent free-radical scavenger and anti-glycating agent that inhibits AGE formation and its cross-linked proteins, helping to keep them functioning properly.⁴¹⁻⁴⁴

Carnosine has powerful lipid glycation-preventing properties and profound impacts on fundamental AGE-signaling pathways, making it a highly promising anti-aging drug candidate.⁴⁵

Studies show that carnosine prevents protein crosslinking and the accumulation of the tangled protein clumps associated with Alzheimer's disease. 46,47



Carnosine has also been shown to lower blood-lipid levels, reduce the metabolic stress induced by high-fat diets, and, very importantly, to help stabilize atherosclerotic plaques, reducing their risk of rupturing and triggering a heart attack or stroke.^{15,48}

Finally, carnosine works in numerous ways to help protect mitochondria from the destructive effects of cellular oxidative stresses.⁴³

Nutrients that Enhance Mitochondrial Function

As we discussed earlier, preventing glycation is one piece of the puzzle. It is equally important to preserve **mitochondrial function** in the face of glycation-induced damage. Three unique compounds have been identified in the scientific literature that can lend new life to aging mitochondria.

Pyrroloquinoline quinone (PQQ)

Pyrroloquinoline quinone (PQQ) is a vitamin-like molecule that promotes the production of <u>new</u> mitochondria in cells, helping to restore cellular energy.^{6,49} The result of insufficient cellular PQQ is reduced numbers of **mitochondria**.⁴⁹

In a clever experiment, researchers treated animals with a toxic chemical that induces Parkinson's disease-like symptoms. They then fed the rats a probiotic made of bacteria that had been engineered to produce PQQ.⁶

Initially, the chemically-treated rats lost mitochondria and showed obvious evidence of oxidant damage in their organs. But after receiving the PQQ-supplying probiotic, those changes were **reversed**, new mitochondria formed, and the animals recovered from severe metabolic damage.

R-Lipoic Acid

R-lipoic acid is essential to enzyme systems involved in extracting energy from food.^{50,51} This makes it vital for efficient mitochondrial function.

Studies show that giving older animals R-lipoic acid leads to improved metabolic function, healthier mitochondria, and reduced production of oxidative stress-inducing byproducts.

In addition, animals supplemented with R-lipoic acid age more slowly than they otherwise would. This is because R-lipoic acid also protects liver, heart, and brain cells from mitochondria-induced oxidative stress. 52-58

Due to these abilities, R-lipoic acid is emerging as a popular anti-aging supplement.



Taurine

Taurine is an amino acid that has been found in extremely high concentrations inside mitochondria, where it regulates the enzymes responsible for harvesting energy from food molecules.⁵⁹

Because of this important function, taurine is found most abundantly in heart and skeletal muscle, brain tissues, and the retina—all of which have extremely high metabolic rates that burn out mitochondria. ⁶⁰⁻⁶³

Insufficient taurine in these tissues produces an energy crisis that results in accelerated aging. 64,65 The good news is that adding taurine back to such cells in crisis can reduce oxidative stress and maintain – and often restore – mitochondrial function in aging cells. 62,63,66

Indeed, taurine is one of the few nutrients capable of spurring brain cells to put out new shoots, called *neurites*, enhancing brain cell connections that preserve cognition and memory.⁶⁷

Summary

Glycation of our body's tissues is a normal consequence of aging. Those with poor blood **sugar** control suffer <u>more</u> glycation reactions and prematurely age.

Ultimately, glycation and mitochondrial dysfunction together produce ever-faster aging.

Fortunately, scientists have uncovered several nutrients that function to support healthy mitochondrial function while reducing glycation and its damaging effects.

These nutrients work together to rejuvenate cell energy levels while reducing tissue damage. ●

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Resistance Exercise Reduces Cognitive Decline When we think of the benefits of exercise, we tend to think of its ability to reduce cardiovascular disease, strengthen bones and muscles, and control weight. Research is now proving that exercise is also crucial for preserving and enhancing brain function as we age. 1-8 Studies show that exercise inhibits neurodegenerative diseases and even promotes **neurogenesis**—the creation of new brain cells.¹⁻⁴ While most forms of exercise are associated with improved cognition, some forms may be superior to others in that respect. A newly released study demonstrates that **resistance exercise** or weight training, rather than aerobic exercise, has a greater impact on cognitive function.9 In this article, you will learn how exercise—especially strengthtraining exercise—can enhance cognition and memory and protect against age-related cognitive decline. MAY 2017 | LIFE EXTENSION | 67

Enhanced Muscle Strength Provides Cognitive Protection

For aging individuals, exercise is associated with an array of benefits that support longer lifespan. ¹⁰ One recent study supports its connection to protecting and enhancing brain function.

In October **2016**, scientists released the findings of a large randomized, double-blind, controlled trial that investigated the effects of resistance training on cognitive function in older adults. Resistance training, also called strength training, is exercise that uses weights, machines, bands, or other devices that work key muscle groups.

Previous studies had already shown the cognitive benefits of exercise, but this time the researchers wanted to determine whether the cognitive improvements occurred as a result of increased aerobic capacity or increased muscle strength.⁹

The study included 100 participants age 55 and over with **mild cognitive impairment**. Each was randomly assigned to either a sham version or a legitimate version of a progressive program of resistance training for two to three days per week. They also received computerized cognitive training.⁹

Although the program improved both whole-body muscle strength and aerobic capacity, the study team found that only the enhanced **strength** scores—but not the enhanced aerobic scores—were significantly associated with improvements in cognition.⁹

While the exact reason for these beneficial effects remains unknown, it is clear that it is the *strength-related* gains from resistance exercise that cause its cognitive benefits.⁹

This is an important finding that should change how the medical community approaches exercise. Most medical professionals recommend aerobic exercise, yet fail to understand the value and benefits of resistance exercise, especially in aging populations. This trial showing the superior cognitive benefits of strength training adds to a wealth of past evidence supporting the value of exercise in inhibiting sarcopenia, cognitive decline, and the onset of neurodegenerative disease.¹¹⁻¹³

Data now conclusively show that exercise—specifically resistance training—is not just essential for the health of your body, but is an essential component to the health of your brain.

Exercise and the Brain

Exercise has been shown to be crucial for preserving, and even enhancing, brain function as we age. A Mayo Clinic study on more than 1,300 subjects concluded that any frequency of moderate-intensity exercise performed in midlife or late life was associated with <u>reduced</u> risk of having mild cognitive impairment.⁸



Multiple mechanisms for this cognitive benefit have been identified:

- Exercise boosts blood flow in the brain,^{5,6} improving the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to critical brain cells.
- Exercise promotes *angiogenesis* (the formation of new blood vessels from pre-existing vessels) as well as *neurogenesis* (the formation of new neurons from stem cells) in the adult hippocampus.^{2,3} Angiogenesis is important for neurogenesis because the improved blood supply facilitates the growth of new neurons and their supporting structures.^{2,4}
- Exercise enhances the production of key neurotransmitters, such as serotonin, acetylcholine, and gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA).¹⁴
 Serotonin regulates mood and sleep; acetylcholine plays a role in cognition, memory, and learning; and GABA, the main inhibitory neurotransmitter in the brain.^{15,16}
- Exercise also increases the production of beneficial brain proteins called neurotrophins (a family of proteins that regulate neuron survival).^{1,7} Greater physical activity can increase the production of a specific neurotrophin that is associated with enhanced cognitive function and brain plasticity.^{2,14,17,18}

Inhibiting Sarcopenia

Another key benefit of exercise is its ability to inhibit **sarcopenia**, the age-related loss of muscle mass, strength, and functionality. Sarcopenia not only robs elderly people of the ability to perform even the most basic tasks of daily living, but also vastly heightens their risk of suffering devastating injuries and even death from sudden falls and other accidents.

This condition generally appears after age 40 and accelerates after age 75 and can be caused by suboptimal hormone levels, inadequate dietary protein, other nutritional imbalances, oxidative stress, and inflammation. Most often, it is seen in physically inactive people. 19,20

While all types of exercise are beneficial, scientists have determined that resistance or strength training provides superior protection against the advance of sarcopenia.

Resistance exercise stimulates the release of hormones that promote healthy muscle mass, including growth hormone (which is responsible for cell growth and regeneration throughout the body), as well as local growth factors such as mechano growth factor (which is important in helping muscles repair and grow).^{20,21} As an added benefit, these types of exercises can enhance the effects of other interventions, such as hormone replacement therapy.

While aerobic exercise is excellent for maintaining cardiovascular health and keeping body fat levels low, it is only mildly effective in preserving lean body mass. This explains why sarcopenia is not uncommon in endurance athletes as they age.

Resistance exercise, on the other hand, is essential for increasing—or even just preserving—lean body mass, which is especially critical for older adults. Strength training can also promote mobility, improve health-related fitness, and improve bone health.²²

Nutrients That Boost Muscle Mass and Strength

Any good exercise regimen should be supported by key nutrients that help our bodies build and maintain muscle mass. The following nutrients have been shown to enhance the strength-boosting effects of resistance exercise—which, as we have learned, enhances cognition and memory, protects against age-related cognitive decline, and helps prevent sarcopenia.9

What You Need to Know

Inhibit Cognitive Decline with Resistance Exercise

- Although best-known for its cardiovascular benefits, exercise is also critical for preserving brain function in later life and reducing the risk of neurodegenerative
- An exercise regimen even promotes the creation of new brain cells (neurogenesis).
- New evidence documents that it is the boost in muscle strength resulting from resistance training that is responsible for this potent cognitive protection in older adults.
- An array of natural supplements can enhance the powerful capacity of resistance training to preserve and enhance cognition.

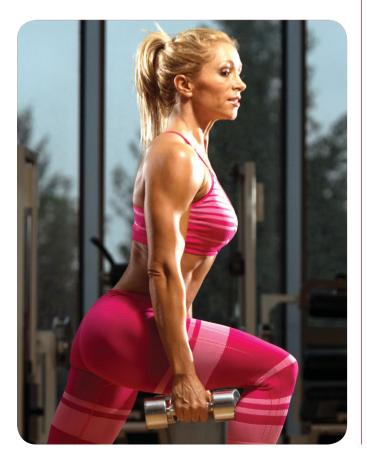
Whey

Whey protein is especially effective at preserving lean body mass in older adults.²³ Whey protein augments the effects of resistance exercise training, especially if consumed shortly before or after exercise.²⁴ Men who supplemented with whey in combination with resistance training showed improvements in one or more measures of muscle strength as well as lean tissue mass, compared to placebo recipients.²⁵

Clinical studies indicate that older adults need greater amounts of high-quality protein than active, younger people, which means that the recommended daily protein intake may not be enough for older adults. ²⁶⁻²⁹ So while the Institutes of Medicine recommends **0.8 grams per kilogram** of body weight (or **58 grams** for an aging adult weighing 160 pounds) for all adults, several studies suggest that healthy older adults need between **1.0-1.3 grams** of protein per kilogram of body weight, ¹⁰⁻¹² (or **73-94 grams** for an aging adult weighing 160 pounds). ³⁰⁻³²

Creatine

Athletes use creatine monohydrate to increase muscular force and power, reduce fatigue, and help increase muscle mass.^{33,34} Numerous studies have demonstrated



that creatine supplementation increases strength and lean body mass in older adults who are participating in resistance exercise training.³⁵⁻³⁷ This may be due to the fact that the muscle fibers most affected by creatine supplementation are the same "fast-twitch" (Type II) fibers that commonly atrophy in older adults.^{38,39}

Research suggests that when whey and creatine are taken together, they provide synergistic benefits that boost the effects of resistance training. In one study, men who supplemented with both whey and creatine showed greater gains in lean tissue mass and bench press strength than men who supplemented with whey alone or with placebo.²⁵

Branched Chain Amino Acids

Whey protein is packed with **branched chain amino acids** (BCAAs), but these potent compounds are also available separately for added muscle support.

Three specific BCAAs, leucine, isoleucine, and valine, are essential amino acids that play important metabolic roles during exercise and in the maintenance and growth of skeletal muscle.

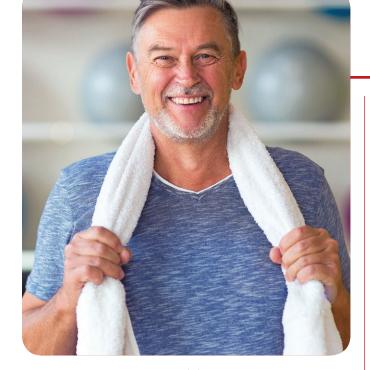
BCAAs account for **35%** of the essential amino acids in muscle proteins and can serve as an energy source for muscle tissue during exercise. Leucine, the most metabolically active BCAA, has been well-documented to promote muscle tissue synthesis.⁴⁰⁻⁴³ Branched chain amino acids also reduce perceived exertion and mental fatigue during exercise.⁴⁴

Glutamine

Glutamine—the most abundant amino acid in the body—is highly concentrated in the skeletal muscles that make movement possible. When scientists gave **2,000 mg** of glutamine to nine healthy adults, eight out of the nine subjects experienced a **four-fold** increase in growth hormone output.⁴⁵ Evidence suggests that after intense exercise, glutamine helps replenish muscle stores of glycogen,⁴⁶ which serves as a ready source of fuel to power muscle action.

Vitamin D

Vitamin D helps preserve the same (Type II) muscle fibers that are prone to atrophy in aging adults. This suggests that low vitamin D levels in older individuals may contribute to poor muscle function (and bone formation). Supplemental vitamin D may reduce the incidence of sarcopenia (and osteoporosis)⁴⁷—and therefore may contribute to the cognitive protection now associated with greater muscle strength through resistance exercise.



Carnitine

Carnitine is an amino acid derivative that transports fatty acids to the mitochondria to be used as fuel for energy production. It works by prompting mitochondria to produce cellular energy quickly and efficiently—helping to combat the age-related decrease in cellular energy and critically supporting exercise recovery.

Carnitine formulations may promote healthy muscle mass in older adults prone to sarcopenia,⁴⁸ and it can protect against cognitive decline by boosting muscle strength. One novel form of carnitine known as propionyl-L-carnitine helps regulate levels of adenosine triphosphate (ATP)—the primary source of energy for all cellular processes—and can improve physical performance and reduce general fatigue.^{49,50}

Omega-3 Fatty Acids

The omega-3 fatty acid **EPA** (eicosapentaenoic acid) preserves muscle mass under various physiological conditions.⁵¹ Both EPA and the omega-3 fatty acid **DHA** (docosahexaenoic acid) have anti-inflammatory effects, which scientists believe may help manage sarcopenia.^{52,53} In **2016**, a placebo-controlled, double-blind trial concluded that **6 grams** daily of fish oil may alleviate muscle soreness experienced after resistance training.⁵⁴

D-Ribose

D-ribose is a naturally occurring carbohydrate molecule that facilitates the production of ATP, the body's energy currency.⁵⁵ In studies of healthy athletes, supplying fatigued muscle cells with D-ribose quickly restored ATP levels to normal.⁵⁶ By refilling depleted energy stores in muscle (and heart) tissue, D-ribose may help speed muscle recovery after high-intensity exercise.⁵⁵

Summary

As we age, regular exercise becomes crucial for maintaining brain function and helping to inhibit neurodegenerative diseases. Exercise even promotes neurogenesis—the creation of new brain cells.

A new study demonstrates that, in those regularly participating in resistance (vs. aerobic) exercise, it's the *muscle-strength gains* that mediate these cognitive benefits in aging individuals.

Various supplemental nutrients support the powerful benefits of resistance training to enhance cognition and memory and protect against age-related cognitive decline.

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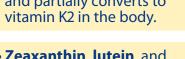


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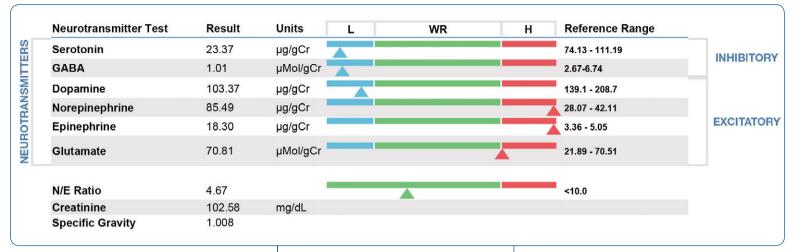
LE: Life Extension® has always been at the forefront of presenting innovative lab tests that aren't always available from mainstream doctors. Are there any new tests on the horizon?

Dr. Fogle: Yes. We are pleased to introduce neurotransmitter testing, an innovative test that looks at the balance of chemical messengers in your brain. The results from this urinary test can offer important insight into numerous health issues that may be difficult to assess by standard blood testing.

LE: What are neurotransmitters, and why are they important?

BY SCOTT FOGLE, ND

Dr. Fogle: Neurotransmitters are powerful chemical messengers, just like hormones. When neurotransmitters are out of balance, it affects mood, cognition, attitude, coping skills, energy, sleep, overall health, and more. At **Life Extension**, we have always encouraged people to balance their sex hormones, such as testosterone, estrogen, progesterone, DHEA, and pregnenolone. We receive positive feedback from customers around the world that balancing sex hormones has helped change their lives. These customers report improvements in mood and well-being as well as healthy changes on blood testing markers. Now people can do the same thing with neurotransmitters! This scientific approach to wellness is something that very few doctors offer to their patients. Yet clinical experience has shown that balancing both sex hormones and neurotransmitters is a strategy for feeling great, functioning optimally, managing stress better, promoting longevity, and just feeling more vibrant and healthy.



LE: Who should have this type of neurotransmitter test done?

Dr. Fogle: It is especially important to get your neurotransmitters tested if you are experiencing issues such as mood disorders, depression, anxiety, adrenal issues, fatigue, insomnia, loss of mental focus, ADD, ADHD, brain fog, addiction, poor impulse control, hormonal imbalances, cravings, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), headaches, cognitive dysfunction, chronic pain, and insulin resistance, to name a few.

But in general, this test is also beneficial for anyone who is not feeling optimal. If you wake up feeling fantastic and go to sleep easily, then your neurotransmitters are probably well-balanced and you don't need to bother testing them. If you do not feel that way, then it is a good idea to test and see how balancing your neurotransmitters can help bring those positive attributes back into your life.

LE: Why don't more doctors check neurotransmitters?

Dr. Fogle: From my experience, doctors are overwhelmed with information these days and too often reach for the prescription pad rather than think outside the

box. If I could change the healthcare industry, I would make it so everyone gets both sex hormones and neurotransmitters tested every year. By balancing both of these important and vital chemical communicators in the body, many diseases could be prevented, saving pain, heartache, and billions of healthcare dollars, and ultimately enhancing lifespan.

LE: What neurotransmitters are included in the test?

Dr. Fogle: This test measures serotonin, dopamine, epinephrine plus glutamate, norepinephrine, and GABA. These are the most important neurotransmitters, and they represent both the excitatory and inhibitory aspects of neurotransmitters. Think of neurotransmitters like the gas pedal and brake pedal on your car. Your nervous system needs a balance of both excitatory (the gas pedal) and inhibitory (the brake pedal) neurotransmitters to function optimally. One of the biggest problems in today's society is that too many people are pressing down too heavily on the gas pedal, yet barely touching the brakes. This leads to elevated epinephrine, norepinephrine, and glutamate (the excitatory neurotransmitters) and low GABA

(the primary inhibitory one) and low serotonin. This imbalance makes you feel depressed, irritated, negative, and tired, but at the same time, you cannot sleep or rest well because the excitatory neurotransmitters are too high. That person will continue to struggle with these symptoms until neurotransmitters are brought back into balance. Making matters worse, out-of-balance neurotransmitters can often push hormones out of balance as well.

LE: Have you seen neurotransmitter testing work in clinical practice?

Dr. Fogle: Since I saw such good results with hormone testing, I was one of the first doctors to start doing specialty neurotransmitter testing many years ago. I tried it out on my staff first. A young female staff member was gaining weight, feeling irritable and anxious, had low libido, no energy, no desire to exercise, and craved carbs nearly every evening. Her results showed major imbalances in her neurotransmitters, especially with low serotonin. We targeted those imbalances with the appropriate nutrients to support serotonin

and GABA, and within a week her mood picked up dramatically. she felt more positive, slept better, experienced increased libido, was less irritable, and had more willpower to resist the carbs in the evening. In another week, she was feeling so much better that she was motivated to start working out and losing weight. I have since used this test with many patients and have been impressed with the results. I'm amazed these tests are not utilized more widely to help restore people back to good health.

LE: Should people do neurotransmitter testing in place of sex hormones?

Dr. Fogle: Ideally, people should test both since they are different types of chemical messengers that communicate with the body. If someone already has done hormone testing and treatment but still thinks they could feel even better, then neurotransmitter testing is the next step to discovering more about how to balance their individual biochemistry for optimal health. Testing both neurotransmitters and sex hormones provides a much more comprehensive view of the body's functional neuroendocrine status. and it brings to light additional factors that may be contributing to symptoms. For example, low estrogen can lead to low dopamine in a woman and can cause serotonin receptors to be less responsive. Low progesterone can contribute to low GABA receptor activity. Serotonin is involved in the release of ACTH and proper cortisol response. The connections between hormones and neurotransmitters could fill a book. Only by testing both can you get a more complete picture of your individual biochemistry.

LE: How are sex hormones different from neurotransmitters?

Dr. Fogle: Both are powerful chemical messengers. They differ in their molecular structure in that sex hormones have a steroid base and neurotransmitters are more amino acid based. Hormones act more globally on tissues, and especially on DNA in the nucleus of our cells. This makes sex hormones very powerful and important because they interact with our DNA to turn on and off important genes. On the other hand, neurotransmitters act in the synapses of the nerves, such as in the central nervous system (CNS). Since the CNS/brain drive communication to the rest of the body through hormones, it makes physiological sense to balance both. Neurotransmitter and hormones work together, and if they aren't working together you will feel the negative effects.

LE: So, like sex hormones, the neurotransmitter testing helps provide a targeted approach customized to your unique biochemistry?

Dr. Fogle: Exactly. Some people need more support for the excitatory neurotransmitters while others need more inhibitory support. People need different natural ingredients to support balance in their individual neurotransmitter pattern. The same natural support that can make one person feel fantastic can make another person feel worse. Hence, the importance of testing them just like testing hormones.

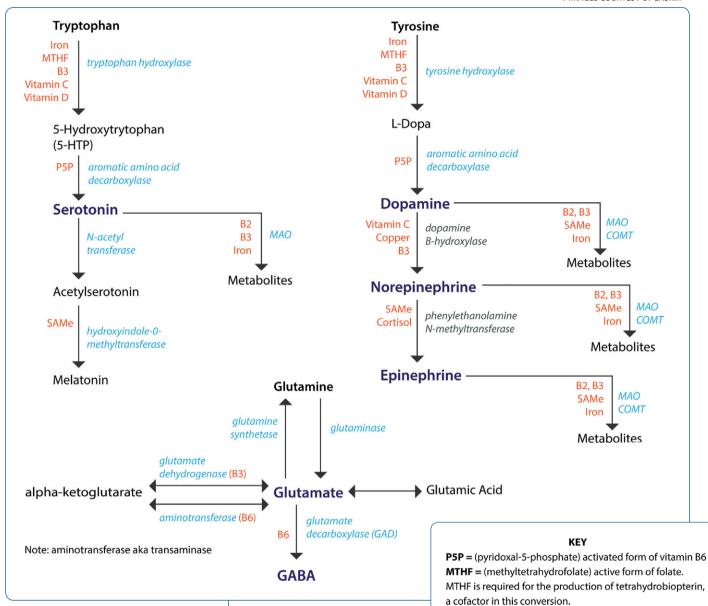
LE: Some drugs work via neurotransmitters right?

Dr. Fogle: Correct. Antidepressant drugs like Prozac inhibit the reuptake of serotonin in the synapses to help prolong its effect. Barbiturates and benzodiazepines both bind to

GABA receptors to augment GABAmediated responses. Wellbutrin acts as a relatively weak inhibitor of the neuronal uptake of norepinephrine, serotonin, and dopamine, thus keeping more of those specific neurotransmitters in the neural synapse longer. I have seen all these drugs work effectively for some people, but I have also seen them cause unpleasant side effects in other people. Also, due to genetics, people metabolize these drugs differently, which helps explain why some medications might be lifechanging for one person, but can cause a negative reaction in another person.

LE: That leads me to my next question. Are there natural ingredients that can help support neurotransmitters?

Dr. Fogle: Amino acids, plant extracts, vitamins, hormones, and other natural ingredients can support healthy neurotransmitter levels. For example, tryptophan or 5-HTP helps with serotonin formation. Tyrosine supports the formation of the catecholamines such as dopamine and epinephrine. Plant extracts such as saffron, the Chinese orchid Gastrodia elata, curcumin, adaptogenic herbs like rhodiola, and more can benefit neurotransmitter balance. In addition, cofactors such as vitamins are important for the transformation of precursors into neurotransmitters. For example, if someone has low dopamine, insufficient activated vitamin B6 (P5P) could be to blame since it is a necessary cofactor needed for dopamine formation. Testing allows you to see which neurotransmitters need support, and then identify specific amino acids, cofactors, and other natural ingredients to help restore balance. A targeted approach based on testing dramatically increases success.



LE: Do you recommend combining conventional treatment with natural alternatives?

Dr. Fogle: If you're already being treated for a condition, it's important to work with your doctor, especially if you are on a prescription medication. However, more doctors are becoming open to working with educated patients, especially if they have lab results showing their neurotransmitter levels are out of balance.

One of the first patients **SAMe** = endogenous levels can be supported with Mg, I tested was a woman on MTHF, and methylcobalamin supplementation. an antidepressant medica-Cofactors = tion. She complained of weight gain and low libido, both known side effects of her medication. When I tested her neurotransmitters, she had extremely low serotonin levels. We did a therapeutic trial of natural serotonin support, and I monitored her carefully. She responded great, and she worked with the

doctor who prescribed the antide-

pressant to slowly wean her off it as she improved. Her mood and libido improved, and she felt more motivated to work out, which is another powerful way to improve mood and health. I love to see vicious negative cycles broken and replaced by positive changes that

MAO = monoamine oxidase

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lead to more and more improvements in someone's health, and I have seen hormone and neurotransmitter testing do just that.

LE: We have talked about how neurotransmitters and hormones influence each other. What other factors could cause an imbalance in neurotransmitters?

Dr. Fogle: Many seemingly unrelated conditions can have a profound impact on neurotransmitter balance. For example, chronic inflammation can cause depression through the neuromodulating effects of inflammatory molecules called cytokines. These same cytokines are the ones that make you feel lethargic and antisocial when you have the flu. In chronic inflammation, the brain has to contend with a continuous onslaught of mood-altering cytokines leading to melancholy and anxiety. For example, the inflammatory cytokines interferon regulatory factor (IRF), interferon-alpha (INF-a), and NF-kB can activate an enzyme that breaks down tryptophan, the precursor to serotonin, thus leading to depleted brain levels of this important mood-supporting neurotransmitter. This effect of lowering serotonin explains why being sick makes us feel terrible. depressed, and moody.

Gut inflammation resulting from imbalances between beneficial bacteria and harmful microbes, poor food choices, or food allergies can also impact neurotransmitters. To underline the importance of beneficial bacteria on mood, human studies on the combined administration of two unique probiotics, Lactobacillus helveticus R0052 and Bifidobacterium longum R0175, have demonstrated a 50%

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Traumatic brain injury (TBI), such as incurred in many contact sports, can also have long-lasting and detrimental impacts on brain health and neurotransmitter function. Victims of TBI may later suffer from memory and cognitive defects, depression, and anxiety. The chronic aftermath of TBI correlates with reduced acetylcholine. norepinephrine, and dopamine activity. Similarly, emotional trauma can lead to undesirable emotional states. Although grief, sadness, and fear can be normal, individuals often find themselves stuck in these types of responses. In cases of physical and emotional trauma, neurotransmitter testing can be an invaluable tool to feeling better again.

LE: How can people get this test?

Dr. Fogle: Some forward-thinking doctors already do these tests; unfortunately, most mainstream doctors are not even aware that they exist. In most cases, doctors order these tests through specialty labs. For our neurotransmitter testing, we collaborate with a lab in Portland, Oregon, that was founded by two doctors, one an MD and the other an ND, which is a great combination of knowledge and clinical experience. Their lab uses liquid chromatography combined with tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), which is considered a gold standard in laboratory testing for its accuracy, and Life Extension is now pleased to offer this neurotransmitter test to customers.

LE: After someone gets tested, what do they do with that information?

Dr. Fogle: They can work directly with their doctor or call in to speak with one of our trained wellness specialists who can give them helpful information and customized suggestions. Our team of wellness specialists enjoys seeing people benefit from their suggestions. The information they provide helps people have more detailed conversations with their own doctor as well.

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Author of World's Most Jacked Athlete and Jacked Athlete Supplement Manual

BY JON VAN ZILE

Michael Ray Garvin earned his nickname—the "World's Most Jacked Athlete"—in 4.2 blazing seconds during the 2009 NFL draft, when he ran the fastest 40-yard dash in the country and a photo of him running the race went viral.

The picture showed a world-class athlete in peak condition as he covered almost 10 yards a second. This was no fluke: a driven athlete, Garvin was already a two-sport all-American athlete in football and track, and during his high school years at Don Bosco was ranked the fourth best football player in the state.

Later that year, Garvin would be signed by the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, where he averaged 30 yards on four kickoff returns in his first preseason game. Unfortunately, Garvin tore his meniscus that season and required surgery. He was released by the Cardinals and signed that same year by the Detroit Lions, where he played with the practice squad, then played with the Canadian Football League.

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Throughout his professional career, Garvin wasn't only known for his explosive speed. That famous picture—the one of him leaning forward, heavy veins in his chest and forehead snaking under his skin like cables, his eight-pack abs etched in sharp relief—continued to spread across the Internet. Fitness companies and trainers used it to promote themselves, and everywhere people wanted to know: "How can I get results like those? Do I have to take steroids?"

No, says Garvin emphatically. In fact, Garvin has never taken any type of illegal performanceenhancing drugs.

Today, Garvin has reinvented himself as a trainer, author, speaker, and unwavering advocate for natural health. A dedicated supplement user since he was 14 years old, Garvin has written two books: World's Most Jacked Athlete. and 2016's follow-up. Jacked Athlete Supplement Manual. In his books. Garvin details his own

sports history and shares the training and supplements secrets that made it possible for him to build and maintain an incredible physique.

Smashing the Stereotypes

A dedicated student of health and supplementation. Garvin is eager to share his knowledge with the rest of the world. According to Garvin, the key to success as an athlete and supplement user is to remain disciplined, but stay flexible.

"All supplements have some type of benefit, but it depends on how different people metabolize them," he said. "One of the first laws of training is the law of individual differences. Some people may not receive a benefit from a supplement and have to take more, while others may need to take less. Start small and work your way up."

One thing that isn't required. however, is illegal performanceenhancing drugs.

"I never felt any pressure at all to use them, even in professional football," Garvin said. "I always did my studying and knew I could be great naturally. There was no need to take illegal, performanceenhancing drugs."

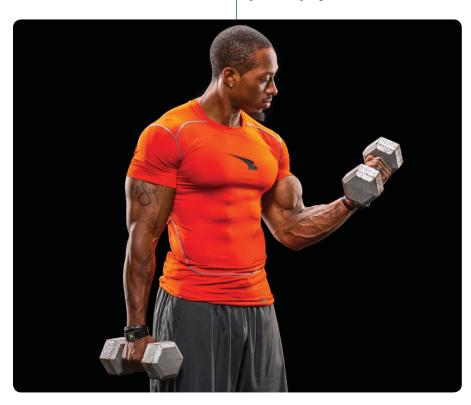
At the same time, Garvin questioned where some of the substances came from—especially not-natural-to-the-body testosterone used in steroids. As he learned more, and found out how the synthetic hormone and steroid industry actually operates, he became even more convinced to stick with natural supplementation.

Learning, he says, is crucial. Garvin relies on Life Extension® to help provide legitimate, deeply researched information as he creates the supplement stacks and programs he recommends.

Protect Your Brain!

Garvin stresses that his supplement manual isn't only for professional or even hardcore athletes. In fact, weekend warriors and occasional gym rats can also benefit from intelligent supplementation with products that are designed to enhance muscle mass, improve heart function and blood sugar sensitivity, and increase cellular energy.

He also has worked hard to develop a protocol to reduce the damage caused by concussions. In recent years, the NFL has come under significant pressure to reduce the number of concussions players suffer. According to an investigation by the PBS documentary series Frontline, over the last two seasons alone, more than 300 players have suffered some





type of traumatic brain injury on the field. Emerging data is showing that these players are at significantly increased risk for memory and cognition problems later in life, as well as increased rates of depression and suicide.

The problem isn't limited to the NFL. A **2016** study published by FAIR Health found that the rate of concussion diagnosis for people under the age of 22 increased by a staggering **500**% between 2010 and 2014, with the highest numbers coming during high school football season.

According to Garvin, the key to mitigating concussion damage is to provide the brain with rapid support to help increase cellular energy in the damaged brain tissue and speed healing.

"Concussion trauma triggers progressive degeneration of the brain tissue, including the build-up of an abnormal protein called tau," he said. "Very high levels of abnormal tau protein in the brain can cause slower recovery after a

concussion. In order to decrease brain degeneration and tissue damage, we need to trigger neurogenesis, or the growth of new brain cells."

This can be accomplished by taking supplements immediately after a head injury that increase levels of nerve growth factor and neurotrophic growth factor, with a particular focus on velvet deer antler, alpha GPC, lion's mane mushrooms, and L-tyrosine and glutamine.

"I suffered the worst concussion of my career while playing in the Canadian Football League," he said. "I had a serious headache and stumbled toward the sidelines. After about three minutes, I became more coherent and aware of my surroundings, partly because I took a supplement that contained an amino acid complex right after my concussion. I supplemented with deer antler after the game. I recovered quickly from my brain injury and have not had any symptoms."

Garvin recommends that any athletes who engage in sports that increase the risk of concussion should keep these supplements readily available during game time.

The Essential Supplements

While the concussion supplements are for special use, the heart of Garvin's program is the group of supplements he calls the "essentials." This custom program is designed to support athletes before, during and after training or games. He recommends rotating supplements and finding what works best for you. These essential supplements include:

- Whey protein isolate. Whey protein really forms the foundation of a solid training program, Garvin says. It provides a lean form of protein, plus nonessential amino acids and branched chain amino acids. These are important not only in creating and maintaining muscle mass but also in helping synthesize neurotransmitters, joint support, and post-workout recovery. The best whey proteins, according to Garvin, come from cows that were raised on grassfed diets without hormones or antibiotics. The product should be free of sweeteners and artificial ingredients. Garvin recommends between 30 and 50 grams of whey protein a day for active athletes, taken within 30 minutes of exercises, but "never before."
- Creatine. Garvin says he's been taking creatine since he was 15 years old, starting with a creatine monohydrate and later switching to effervescent creatine because "it's more bioavailable and less harsh." Creatine, he says, is a great way to build explosive power

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during exercise or activity because it increases cellular energy. He recommends that athletes take **5 grams** of creatine a day on an empty stomach.

Green Superfood Complex.

The supplement called "the most important supplement for athletes" is a powerful blend of antioxidants and detoxifying ingredients that would benefit anybody. Garvin recommends superfood complexes with wheat-grass juice powder, alfalfa juice, spirulina and chlorella algae, spinach, probiotics, milk thistle, turmeric, and other ingredients. Together, these help maintain a healthy pH level, remove toxins and lactic acid build-up, and promote immunity and better health.

• Glutamine. Garvin recommends the amino acid glutamine to help prevent muscle breakdown, to boost the immune system, and for its powerful free radical scavenging properties. "Glutamine is essential for muscle recovery and wound healing," he said. "Glutamine has helped me in so many different ways. There have been days where I was nauseated and took glutamine to ease my stomach. It has helped me before, during, and after my intense workouts."

Garvin also recommends that male athletes do everything they can to naturally boost testosterone. He says this is possible by taking supplements that have been proven to boost testosterone levels, as well as monitoring your DHEA levels and supplementing with additional DHEA if necessary.

"I have at one point taken three different natural testosterone boosters at the same time, because each one contained certain ingredients," he said. "If you try to take each one by itself, I believe it would be a waste of time."

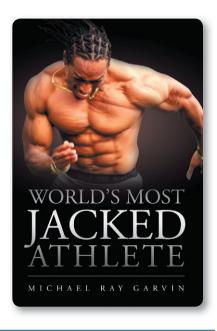
Finally, Garvin says it's crucial to read as much as you can about supplements and find credible information.

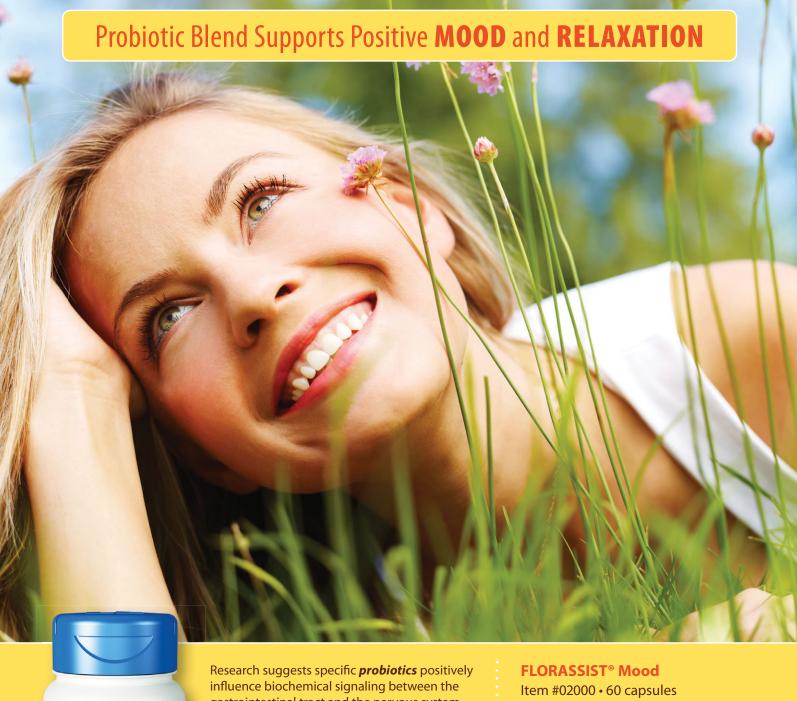
"I've learned a lot from *Life Extension*"," he said. "It's unbiased information and tells people what they need to know about how to use supplements."

For more information or to follow Michael Ray Garvin on Twitter, go to: https://twitter.com/MichaelRGarvin

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Glenn Sabin

BY GARRY MESSICK

In 1991, Glenn Sabin was a happy and apparently healthy 28-year-old newlywed. He was energetic, big into exercise, and felt fine—so he was totally floored when the results of routine bloodwork showed he had chronic lymphocytic **leukemia** (CLL).

Doctors told him treatment could alleviate the symptoms and perhaps extend his life to a degree, but there was no dependable cure—he was suffering from a fatal disease.

Despite this grim prognosis, Sabin refused to accept that he had no chance to recover. Since mainstream medicine couldn't help him reach that goal, he resolved to find another way. He didn't turn his back on his doctors, but rather, working in collaboration with them, he did extensive research and essentially became, in the parlance of medical studies, n of 1, meaning a group of subjects consisting of only one person—himself.

It was a long, hard struggle, but in 2012 there was a near-miraculous result. A biopsy at Harvard showed Sabin had <u>no</u> trace of leukemic cells in his bone marrow. Against all odds, his "incurable" cancer had been cured.

Sabin cautions other cancer patients, however, that what worked for him will not work for everyone. For that reason, he doesn't encourage anyone to abandon conventional treatment or to copy his diet or supplement protocols. Rather, he encourages others to get the help they need to develop protocols tailored to their particular needs.

In this interview with *Life Extension*®, Glenn Sabin discusses the incredible medical journey he describes in his book titled *N of 1*, and its implications for cancer treatment.

Author Interview

LE: You were first diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia in 1991. Tell us about the circumstances surrounding that diagnosis.

GS: (At that time) it wasn't unusual for me to put in long days at a media company that my father had founded. Shortly after I got married, my father's health had begun to fail, and I found myself running more and more of the operation.

Despite my long workdays, I did not neglect my body. Exercise was planned into my schedule. I worked out almost every day, usually lifting weights. I snuck in occasional unplanned cardio... I honestly can't recall being fatigued at that time. I felt like a tank. Indestructible.

So when I showed up at the doctor's office for my "routine maintenance," I expected that last errand of the day to end with a nice slap on the back, and a "See you next year." Instead, the doctor came into the exam room wearing an uncharacteristically solemn expression. My blood tests showed a problem, he told me. Something serious.

I had a disease, he said. Leukemia. He looked me in the eye. The disease was fatal.

LE: What was your initial treatment?

GS: I was surprised to hear that I needed an operation for a blood problem.

The unceasing production of abnormal cells is the hallmark of cancer. The body makes attempts to control the disease, but when these attempts fail, or are overwhelmed, symptoms occur. In my case, the leukemic cells had lodged in and overwhelmed my spleen. It was so enlarged Dr. Kressel (my hematologist) could easily palpate it, a firm mass distending the upper part of my abdomen. A healthy spleen weighs only two pounds. Mine weighed seven. It was packed with five pounds of leukemic cells. Not only was my spleen no longer functioning, it was fragile. It could rupture and cause me to bleed to death. Dr. Kressel said it had to come out, and soon.

Once that surgery was done, he said, I might want to consider a bone marrow transplant.

LE: You ultimately decided against that, even though doctors thought it was the only thing that offered even the slim chance of a cure.

GS: I immediately backed away when Dr. Lee Nadler (a renowned expert in chronic lymphocytic leukemia) told me that 20% of patients who underwent the procedure died. Not of leukemia, but of complications from the bone marrow transplant. I'm no math whiz, but I recognized those odds. They were about the same as Russian roulette.

Editor's note: Other studies show much higher long term mortality from an allogenic bone marrow transplant where bone marrow is donated by another person.

LE: Were you presented with another option?

GS: To my great disappointment, it was "watchful waiting." Dr. Nadler must have seen my face fall, because he was quick to point out that on the plus side, delaying treatment meant I could take advantage of whatever scientific discoveries lay in the future.

LE: You weren't happy with that option either, so you decided to exercise and eat healthily while forgoing a transplant. What happened then?

GS: Despite the vast improvements in my diet, my blood counts remained abnormal. Not by much, but it was clear I still had chronic lymphocytic leukemia. I had cleaned up my diet, eating vegetables and fruits almost exclusively, avoiding pesticide-sprayed foods, and taking supplements and exercising daily. I explained this new regime to Dr. Kressel, and he heartily encouraged my healthy new



lifestyle. However, when I pressed him about the effect of my new way of living on leukemia, Dr. Kressel admitted that he didn't think it was likely to help. There was simply no scientific evidence that lifestyle had any effect on leukemia.

LE: In 1998, you went on to investigate an alternative pharmacy in Bethesda, Maryland, called The Apothecary. What did you gain from it?

GS: At the epicenter of The Apothecary was Dr. Irv Rosenberg. Both pharmacist and nutritionist, Rosenberg was working with scores of patients, many with cancer, and using natural agents to complement their conventional care.

LE: Did he add to the supplements you were already taking?

GS: Before I list those details, do be warned that this list is not meant to be construed as a treatment for cancer. Using this list... in lieu of seeking personal guidance from your own medical professional could cost vou vour life. So now that you understand that this program was built for me specifically, that it is therefore unsuitable for anyone else, and that you should work with your own health professional to develop a program that fits your needs, I'll proceed to share with you what Dr. Rosenberg recommended to me, and me alone.

One of Dr. Rosenberg's top recommendations for me was a proprietary version of vitamin C, calcium ascorbate with bioflavonoids added to enhance absorption. I was also to take a tablet containing a mixture of four yellow and red plant pigments: carotene, lycopene, lutein, and zeaxanthin.

A third recommendation for me was d-alpha tocopherol, part of the vitamin E family.

Irv also suggested I use a fermented mushroom extract containing "active hexose correlated compound" (AHCC).

Irv also recommended a soy extract called genistein, a vegetable extract called inositol hexaphosphate, and colostrum, an antibody-rich secretion of the bovine mammary gland produced at the time of birth.

LE: So had you turned away from mainstream medicine at this point?

GS: I never have, and never will. During the years I was experimenting with supplementation...I saw my local specialist, Dr. Kressel, regularly, for blood tests and examinations. Every few years I returned to Harvard's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for an exam by Dr. Nadler. Every year or two, I submitted to painful bone marrow biopsy.

LE: You felt fine for a while until 2003, when you had flu-like symptoms and underwent tests that showed your leukemia was getting worse, and Dr. Kressel recommended chemotherapy. I understand you asked for a second opinion.

GS: Dr. Kressel quickly arranged one for me at the renowned Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. I drove to Baltimore to meet with Dr. Richard Ambinder.

LE: After testing, what was the upshot?

GS: He began with the fact that my red blood cell count was dangerously low, and there was no question about the cause: chronic lymphocytic leukemia. My immune system had been hijacked by the chronic lymphocytic leukemia. The hijacker had turned my own immune system against my red blood cells.

Dr. Ambinder explained his proposed plan. First, he said, the hemolytic anemia should be treated with an immune-suppressing drug called prednisone. Then, once the hemolysis was under control, several chemotherapy drugs would be given. Every detail of Dr. Ambinder's plan concurred with Dr. Kressel's advice. I realized that the moment I dreaded was finally here. The doctors were unanimous—I needed chemotherapy. Not "curative" chemotherapy, but a palliative Band-Aid to get me out of the danger zone and buy some time.

I reviewed my predicament. Chronic lymphocytic leukemia was considered terminal. Though some people lived for a number of years with this disease, there was no cure. And then it occurred to me—there was another choice, a very obvious one. This other choice would require the services of another type of healer... I had already met him. It was me. I would have to learn how to treat myself.

LE: From there, you proposed a sort of research partnership?

GS: I proposed that together, Dr. Kressel and I monitor the anemia. I would revisit and reinforce my home-cobbled program, and would show up twice a week at his office for blood work...We'd know for certain whether I was getting better or worse. Dr. Kressel was game.

Over the next few weeks, as often as I could, I swam. I stretched too, one muscle group at a time, and I could feel the strength and spring return to my step. To me, exercise was a healing form of meditation. Although the walks and swims were short, at least for the first month or so, they still happened every day.

Author Interview

I stayed the course. I proceeded with my self-directed program of activity, declining conventional treatment. I went to Dr. Kressel regularly for blood tests, as he and I agreed. And then, during the third week, Dr. Kressel and I got a surprise.

There was a measurable improvement in my counts. That initial result was good, Dr. Kressel explained, but caution was needed. To prove this result was a trend, we'd need three consecutive tests showing improvement. I was to return a week later, for the second of the three tests.

The following week, another test...

When I heard the result, I joyfully blurted out, "Another improvement!"

The fourth and fifth week's blood tests confirmed we had a trend. The anemia was definitely improving. Although my red cell levels were not back to normal, they were definitely on their way. And the improvement was happening without prednisone or chemotherapy.

And then, after a few more weeks, the fevers went away and my night sweats vanished. My blood counts completely normalized. I had faced down the leukemia. It had backed off. I was out of immediate danger!

Dr. Kressel was pleased by the complete turnaround in my condition, although he could not explain what had happened. He recommended we take a closer look at my blood using a technique called flow cytometry. This investigation would tell us if leukemic cells were still lurking among the normal blood cells. Within a few days I got the results. They nearly floored me. There were no leukemic cells in my blood. None.

It seemed to me that there was a powerful, synergistic effect between the nutraceutical compounds, my diet, physical activity and my improving health. Perhaps consistent daily exercise contributed to an increased metabolic rate, and maybe my stress hormones were kept in check through all of these things. Ultimately, my body's innate healing capacity was activated. I can't know exactly how this came about. I can only speculate that my lifestyle played a big part. Whatever the molecular details, I knew I had accomplished something important.

LE: At that point you went back to see Dr. Nadler. What was his reaction?

GS: Dr. Nadler pulled up the report from my previous visit in summer of 2003, when I'd been so ill. He told me that in his 30 years as a doctor, he had never encountered a patient with chronic lymphocytic leukemia who had done so well. There was no evidence of leukemia on any of the tests, he told me.

It seemed to me that Dr. Nadler thought my remission must have been attributable to one thing in my protocol. One supplement or one botanical had to be responsible for the stunning turnaround in my health. Dr. Nadler wanted to know exactly which one it was.

I was more than happy to spend the next 45 minutes explaining to Dr. Nadler all the things I had done: my incredibly healthy diet, the meditative walks, the long swims, the weight workouts, and the nutraceuticals program. The nutraceuticals caught Dr. Nadler's attention. He made me go over them several times, while he took notes and asked questions about formulations, dosages and sched-

ules. I told Dr. Nadler, point blank, that I thought looking for one active agent responsible for my recovery was the wrong approach. In my opinion, the secret formula was the combination of diet, exercise, mind-body work, and nutraceuticals.

Deep down in my heart, clear marrow was what I wanted. I wanted to be free of leukemia once and for all. If I wanted to know I was indeed cured, I would have to take the only test that would tell me what was happening deep in my bones—another bone marrow biopsy.

LE: So what were the results?

GS: Leukemic cells were still there, lurking deep in my marrow. The news was a brutal kick to the stomach.

LE: From there, you read about *epigallocatechin-3-gallate*, or EGCG, which is an alkaloid in green tea that had been shown to kill cancer cells in a test tube. You made it part of your regimen, but not long afterward, you found out your leukemia was no longer in remission. Under the care of integrative medicine advocate Dr. Keith Block, part of your response was to increase your EGCG intake. What was the result?

GS: By March 2011, my white blood cell count began to drop. At 30 thousand, it was still high, but for the first time in a year, there was some improvement... I continued full steam ahead on every aspect of my lifestyle regimen. By the end of May 2011, my white blood cells had decreased to 19,000...By mid-July, my white blood cell count had fallen to 9,400, which was within normal range. By November 2011, about a year after increasing the dose of



EGCG, my white blood cell count was 5.600, at the low end of normal! In addition to the dramatic decrease in my white blood cells, every single number in my terrain report had returned to within the normal range. A complete blood count and flow cytometry of the blood found no chronic lymphocytic leukemia cells. My blood was normal.

I was in clinical remission. Again.

LE: At this point, you wanted a bone marrow biopsy done to see if, amazingly enough, you could possibly have been cured. But doctors considered that extremely unlikely, and were reluctant to perform the test. Still, you went back to Dr. Nadler and insisted, correct?

GS: Unlike me, Dr. Nadler was always a gentleman, and was helpful whenever possible. Or perhaps on that occasion he just wanted to shut me up. By the end of the phone call, he had agreed to do the bone marrow biopsy for me.

LE: What happened when you got the results?

GS: As I scanned the report, a chill shot up my spine. Was I reading it accurately? Was it saying what I thought it was saying? It took me a moment to translate (the report) from medical-ese to English. The two most important words were "not seen." What exactly was not seen? Leukemia. There was no sign that I had ever had it. My marrow was stone cold normal.

I could not wrap my mind around this astonishing fact. ... These wonderful results occurred without conventional treatment... Was synergy between several factors at work? Dr. Nadler suggested looking into EGCG...To my mind, that was one possible answer. Rather than one component of my program, such as EGCG, being entirely responsible for my recovery, was it possible that the various elements of my program had worked together to improve my health?

LE: So how are you today?

GS: My most recent blood tests, including flow cytometry, could find no evidence that I've ever had chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Only time will tell if I am truly cured.

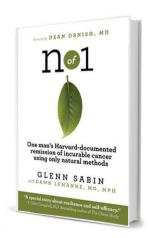
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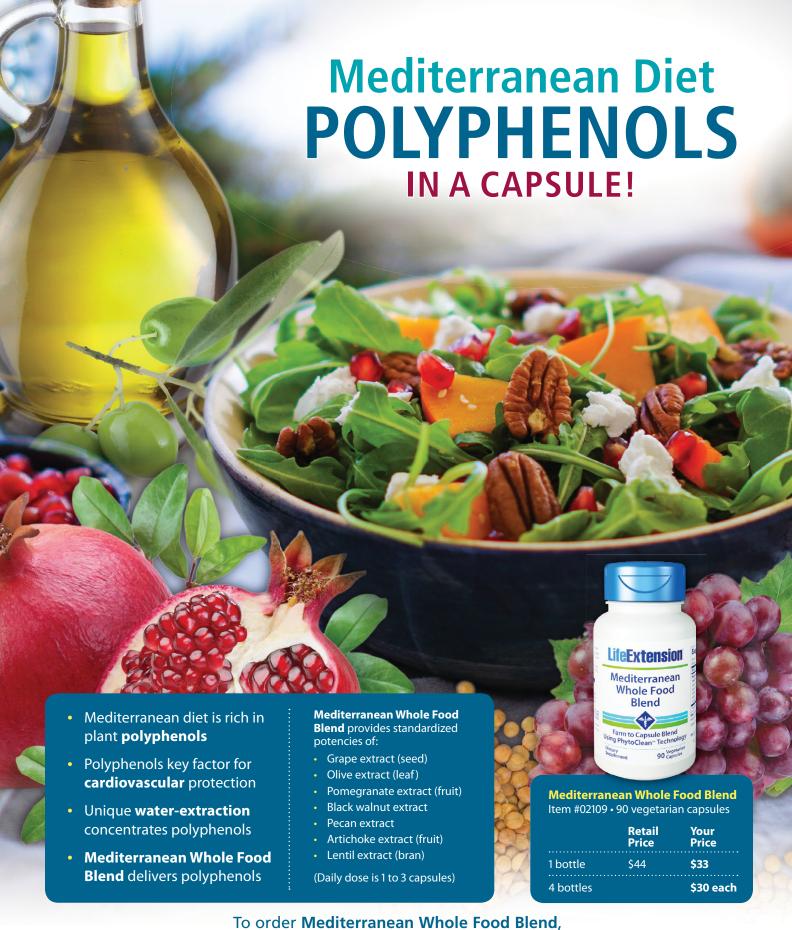
GS: I call on conventional physicians and investigators to put serious resources to work looking at cases like mine, where an unexpected recovery occurs. Please, conduct the rigorous research needed to learn how best to use diet, exercise, stress reduction techniques, herbs, and supplements to help people with serious illness. The time is now for this approach to become a major thrust of research.

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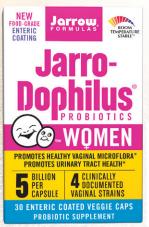
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			39.00				BLOOD PRESSURE (Dual Action) • 60 veg
	ACETYL-L-CARNITINE ARGINATE • 90 veg. caps						BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR (ACCUFIT™
	ADRENAL ENERGY FORMULA • 60 veg. caps		18.00	16.50			BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR • Digital wri
	ADVANCED LIBID CONTROL & 60 year cape		34.50 22.50	20.25			BLOOD PRESSURE (Triple Action AM/PM)
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	AGELESS CELL™ • 30 softgels AHCC® • 500 mg, 30 caps	59.98	30.00	27.00			BLUEBERRY EXTRACT W/ POMEGRANATI
	AHCC® (KINOKO® PLATINUM) • 750 mg, 60 veg. caps	84.95					BONE FORMULA (DR. STRUM'S INTENSIV
			52.47				BONE RESTORE • 120 caps
	AHCC® (KINOKO® GOLD) • 500 mg, 60 veg. caps			24.00			BONE RESTORE W/VITAMIN K2 • 120 ca
	ALPHA-LIPOIC ACID W/BIOTIN • 250 mg, 60 caps		27.75				BONE STRENGTH FORMULA W/KOACT®
	AMPK ACTIVATOR • 90 veg. caps		36.00				BONE-UP® • 240 caps
1509	ANTI-ADIPOCYTE FORMULA W/MERATRIM® & INTEGRA LEAN® (Advanced) • 60 veg. caps	39.00	29.25	27.00			BORON • 3 mg, 100 veg. caps
2140	ANTI-ALCOHOL w/HEPATOPRO COMPLEX • 60 caps	22.00	16.50	15.00			BOSWELLA • 100 caps
1625	APPLEWISE POLYPHENOL EXTRACT	21.00	15.75	14.25			BRAIN SHIELD® GASTRODIN • 300 mg, 6
	600 mg, 30 veg. caps				_		BRANCHED CHAIN AMINO ACIDS • 90 ca
1039	ARGININE/ORNITHINE • 500/250, 100 caps	17.99	13.49			01942	BREAST HEALTH FORMULA • 60 caps
0038	ARGININE/ORNITHINE POWDER • 150 grams	22.95	17.21	14.25			BRITE EYES III • 2 vials, 5 ml each
1624	(L)-ARGININE CAPS • 700 mg, 200 veg. caps	26.50	19.88	17.44		01203	BROMELAIN (Specially-coated) 500 mg, 60 enteric coated tablets
2004	ARTERIAL PROTECT • 30 veg. caps	44.00	33.00	29.00			C
	ARTHROMAX® W/THEAFLAVINS & APRÈSFLEX®	44.00	33.00	30.00		01653	CALCIUM CITRATE W/VITAMIN D • 300 c
	120 veg. caps ARTHROMAX® ADVANCED W/UC-II® & APRÈSFLEX®	26.00	27.00	24.00		01651	CALCIUM D-GLUCARATE • 200 mg, 60 v
	60 caps	30.00	21.00	24.00		†01823	CALREDUCE SELECTIVE FAT BINDER
108	ARTHROMAX® HERBAL JOINT FORMULA • 60 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00			120 mint chewable tablets
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919	ARTICHOKE LEAF EXTRACT • 500 mg, 180 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	21.00		00916	CARNITINE W/GLYCOCARN® (Optimized)
1533	ASCORBYL PALMITATE • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps	22.50	16.88	15.00			L-CARNITINE • 500 mg, 30 veg. caps
0888	ASHWAGANDHA EXTRACT (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	10.00	7.50	6.75			CARNOSINE • 500 mg, 60 veg. caps
1805	ASIAN ENERGY BOOST • 90 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	16.50			CARNOSINE (Super) • 500 mg, 60 veg. ca
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1923	ASTAXANTHIN WITH PHOSPHOLIPIDS • 4 mg, 30 softgels	16.00	12.00	10.50			CHILDREN'S FORMULA LIFE EXTENSION
	В					01000	100 chewable tablets
0920	BENFOTIAMINE W/ THIAMINE • 100 mg, 120 veg. caps	19.95	14.96	13.95		00550	CHLORELLA • 500 mg, 200 tablets
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0664	BETA-CAROTENE • 25,000 IU, 100 softgels	11.50	8.63			01504	CHROMIUM W/CROMINEX® 3+ (Optimize
1622	BIFIDO GI BALANCE • 60 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	13.50			500 mcg, 60 veg. caps
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01006	BIOSIL™ • 5 mg, 30 veg. caps	19.99	15.99			00818	CLA BLEND W/SESAME LIGNANS (Super) 120 softgels
01007	BIOSIL™ • 1 fl oz	31.99	25.59			00819	CLA BLEND W/GUARANA & SESAME LIG
00102	BIOTIN • 600 mcg, 100 caps	7.50	5.63	4.88		55013	120 softgels
	BLACK CUMIN SEED OIL • 60 softgels	16.00	12.00	10.50		01896	COGNITEX® W/BRAIN SHIELD® • 90 soft
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	BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR (ACCUFIT™) • med/lg cuff		49.99				
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	BLOOD PRESSURE (Triple Action AM/PM) • 60 veg. tabs		33.00	28.00			
	BLUEBERRY EXTRACT • 60 veg. caps		16.88	15.00			
01438		30.00	22.50	20.25			
01506	BONE FORMULA (DR. STRUM'S INTENSIVE) • 300 caps	56.00	42.00	37.50			
01726	BONE RESTORE • 120 caps	22.00	16.50	14.25			
01727	BONE RESTORE W/VITAMIN K2 • 120 caps	24.00	18.00	16.50			
01725	BONE STRENGTH FORMULA W/KOACT® • 120 caps	45.00	33.75	30.00			
00313	BONE-UP® • 240 caps	28.95	21.71	20.41			
01661	BORON • 3 mg, 100 veg. caps	5.95	4.46	3.94			
00202	BOSWELLA • 100 caps	38.00	28.50	22.50			
01802	BRAIN SHIELD® GASTRODIN • 300 mg, 60 veg. caps	33.00	24.75	22.50			
01253	BRANCHED CHAIN AMINO ACIDS • 90 caps	19.50	14.63	12.75			
01942	BREAST HEALTH FORMULA • 60 caps	34.00	25.50	22.50			
00893	BRITE EYES III • 2 vials, 5 ml each	34.00	25.50	24.00			
01203	BROMELAIN (Specially-coated) 500 mg, 60 enteric coated tablets	21.00	15.75	14.25			
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01653	CALCIUM CITRATE W/VITAMIN D • 300 caps	24.00	18.00	15.94			
01651	CALCIUM D-GLUCARATE • 200 mg, 60 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	11.25			
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01700	CARDIO PEAK™ w/STANDARDIZED HAWTHORN & ARJUNA 120 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00			
00916	CARNITINE W/GLYCOCARN® (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00			
01532	L-CARNITINE • 500 mg, 30 veg. caps	15.00	11.25	9.90			
01829	CARNOSINE • 500 mg, 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00			
02020	CARNOSINE (Super) • 500 mg, 60 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00			
01932	CAT MIX • 100 grams powder	14.00	10.50	8.25			
01899	CHILDREN'S FORMULA LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ 100 chewable tablets	20.00	15.00	13.50			
00550	CHLORELLA • 500 mg, 200 tablets	23.98	17.99				
01571	CHLOROPHYLLIN • 100 mg, 100 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	15.00			
01359	CHO-LESS™ • 90 capsules	35.00	26.25				
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01504	CHROMIUM W/CROMINEX ® 3+ (Optimized) 500 mcg, 60 veg. caps	9.00	6.75	6.00			
01503	CINSULIN® W/INSEA2® AND CROMINEX® 3+ • 90 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	25.50			
01906	CISTANCHE (Standardized) • 30 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	12.00			
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00818	CLA BLEND W/SESAME LIGNANS (Super) 120 softgels	36.00	27.00	24.75	19.75		
00819	CLA BLEND W/GUARANA & SESAME LIGNANS (Super) 120 softgels	42.00	31.50	28.75			
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1897	COGNITEX® W/PREGNENOLONE & BRAIN SHIELD® 90 softgels	62.00	46.50	39.75	37.50		
1421	COGNITEX® BASICS • 60 softgels	38.00	28.50	26.25	24.00		
1659	COGNIZIN® CDP CHOLINE CAPS • 250 mg, 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	25.50			
1945	COMPLETE B-COMPLEX (BioActive) • 60 veg. caps	12.00	9.00	8.00			
2198	COMPREHENSIVE NUTRIENT PACKS ADVANCED • 30 packs	90.00	67.50	61.50			
1949	COQ10 w/d-LIMONENE (Super-Absorbable) • 50 mg, 60 softgels	25.00	18.75	16.50	15.00		
)1948	C0Q10 w/d-LIMONENE (Super-Absorbable) 100 mg, 100 softgels	46.00	34.50	28.00	26.25		
)1951	COQ10 w/d-LIMONENE (Super-Absorbable) 100 mg, 60 softgels	30.00	22.50	15.00			
1929	COQ10 (Super Ubiquinol) • 100 mg, 60 softgels	56.00	42.00	36.00	33.00		
1733	COQ10 w/BIOPQQ® (Super Ubiquinol) • 100 mg, 30 softgels	54.00	40.50	33.00	30.00		
)1426	COQ10 w/ENH MITOCHONDRIAL SUPPORT™ (Super Ubiquinol) • 100 mg, 60 softgels	62.00	46.50	39.00	36.00		
)1425	COQ10 w/ENH MITOCHONDRIAL SUPPORT™ (Super Ubiquinol) • 50 mg, 100 softgels	58.00	43.50	34.50	31.50		
)1427	COQ10 w/ENH MITOCHONDRIAL SUPPORT™ (Super Ubiquinol) • 50 mg, 30 softgels	20.00	15.00	12.00			
)1431	COQ10 w/ENH MITOCHONDRIAL SUPPORT™ (Super Ubiquinol) • 200 mg, 30 softgels	62.00	46.50	39.00	36.00		
00862	CRAN-MAX® • 500 mg, 60 veg. caps	17.50	13.13	11.25			
1424	CRAN-MAX® WITH ELLIROSE™ (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00			
1529	CREATINE CAPSULES • 120 veg. caps	10.95	8.21	6.94			
1746	CREATINE WHEY GLUTAMINE POWDER • 454 grams (vanilla)	30.00	22.50	19.50			
1429	CR MIMETIC LONGEVITY FORMULA • 60 veg. caps	39.00	29.25	27.00			
00407	CURCUMIN® (Super Bio) • 400 mg, 60 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	26.25			
)1924	CURCUMIN® W/GINGER & TURMERONES (Advanced Bio) 30 softgels	30.00	22.50	20.25			
1804	CYTOKINE SUPPRESS™ W/EGCG • 30 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	20.25			
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	ADVANCED ANTI-GLYCATION PEPTIDE SERUM • 1 oz		39.75	34.50			_
80154	ADVANCED LIGHTENING CREAM • 1 oz	65.00	48.75	42.75			_
0155	ADVANCED PEPTIDE HAND THERAPY • 4 0Z	46.00	34.50	29.25			
80152	ADVANCED TRIPLE PEPTIDE SERUM • 1 oz	65.00	48.75	42.75			
80140	ADVANCED UNDER EYE SERUM W/STEM CELLS • .33 oz	49.00	36.75	31.50			
80139	AMBER SELF MICRODERMABRASION • 2 oz	49.00	36.75	31.50			
80158	ANTI-AGING FACE OIL • 1 oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80118	ANTI-AGING MASK • 2 oz	72.00	54.00	47.52			
80151	ANTI-AGING REJUVENATING FACE CREAM • 2 oz	65.00	48.75	42.75			
80153	ANTI-AGING REJUVENATING SCALP SERUM • 2 oz	46.00	34.50	29.25			
30134	ANTI-GLYCATION SERUM W/BLUEBERRY & POMEGRANATE EXTRACTS • 1 oz	33.00	24.75	23.51			
80133	ANTIOXIDANT FACIAL MIST • 2 oz	32.00	24.00	22.80			
80127	ANTIOXIDANT REJUVENATING FOOT CREAM • 2 oz	45.00	33.75	32.10			
80105	ANTI-REDNESS & ADULT BLEMISH LOTION • 1 oz	74.50	55.88	49.17			
80147	BIOFLAVONOID CREAM • 1 oz	46.00	34.50	29.25			
80144	BROCCOLI SPROUT CREAM • 1 oz	46.00	34.50	29.25			
80156	COLLAGEN BOOSTING PEPTIDE SERUM • 1 oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80120	CORRECTIVE CLEARING MASK • 2 oz	64.50	48.38	42.57			
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ITEM N	o. PRODUCT	Retail Each	1 Unit	4 Unit	10 Unit		
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80141	DNA REPAIR CREAM • 1 oz	49.00		31.50			
80108			56.21	49.46			_
	EYE LIFT CREAM • 0.5 fl oz		44.25	39.00			
80123	FACE REJUVENATING ANTIOXIDANT CREAM • 2 oz		52.13	45.87			
80107	FINE LINE-LESS • 1 oz		55.88	49.17			
80131	HAIR SUPPRESS FORMULA • 4 oz		44.25	38.94			
80137	HEALING FORMULA ALL-IN-ONE CREAM • 1 oz	53.00		34.07			_
80115	HEALING MASK • 2 oz	64.50	48.38	42.57			
80102	HEALING VITAMIN K CREAM • 1 oz	79.50	59.63	52.47			
80109	HYALURONIC FACIAL MOISTURIZER • 1 oz	58.00	43.50	38.28			
80110	HYALURONIC OIL-FREE FACIAL MOISTURIZER • 1 oz	58.00	43.50	38.28			
80138	HYDRATING ANTIOXIDANT FACE MIST • 4 oz	39.95	29.96	28.50			
80103	LIFTING & TIGHTENING COMPLEX • 1 oz	74.50	55.88	49.17			
80146	LYCOPENE CREAM • 1 oz	28.00	21.00	19.05			
80135	MELATONIN CREAM • 1 oz	33.00	24.75	20.33			
80114	MILD FACIAL CLEANSER • 8 fl. oz	59.00	44.25	38.94			
80159	MULTI STEM CELL SKIN TIGHTENING COMPLEX • 1 oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80122	NECK REJUVENATING ANTIOXIDANT CREAM • 2 oz	64.00	48.00	42.24			
80111	PIGMENT CORRECTING CREAM • 1/2 oz	74.00	55.50	48.84			
80106	REJUVENATING SERUM • 1 oz	74.50	55.88	49.17			
80150	RENEWING EYE CREAM • 1/2 oz	65.00	48.75	42.75			
80142	RESVERATROL ANTI-OXIDANT SERUM • 1 oz	46.00	34.50	29.25			
80112	SKIN LIGHTENING SERUM • 1/2 oz	85.00	63.75	56.10			
80130	SKIN STEM CELL SERUM • 1 oz	74.00	55.50	51.75			
80164	SKIN TONE EQUALIZER • 0.4 fl oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80143	STEM CELL CREAM W/ALPINE ROSE • 1 oz	66.00	49.50	43.50			
80148	TIGHTENING & FIRMING NECK CREAM • 2 oz	39.00	29.25	26.25			
80161	TRIPLE ACTION VITAMIN C CREAM • 1 oz jar	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80162	ULTIMATE MICRODERMABRASION • 8 fl. oz	39.00	29.25	26.25			
80160	ULTRA EYELASH BOOSTER • 0.25 oz (2 units \$39)	59.00	44.25				
80116	ULTRA LIP PLUMPER • 1/3 oz	64.00	48.00	42.24			
80101	ULTRA WRINKLE RELAXER • 1 oz	89.95	67.46	59.82			
80113	UNDER EYE REFINING SERUM • 1/2 oz	74.50	55.88	49.17			
80104	UNDER EYE RESCUE CREAM • 1/2 oz	74.50	55.88	49.17			
80129	VITAMIN C SERUM • 1 oz	85.00	63.75	56.10			
80136	VITAMIN D LOTION • 4 oz	36.00	27.00	25.25			
80145	VITAMIN E-ESSENTIAL CREAM • 1 oz	28.00	21.00	19.50			
80149	YOUTH SERUM • 1 oz	65.00	48.75	42.75			
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00658	7-KETO® DHEA METABOLITE • 25 mg, 100 caps	28.00	21.00	18.00			
01479	7-KETO® DHEA METABOLITE • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00			
01640	DHA (Vegetarian) • 30 veg. softgels	20.00	15.00	13.50			
00607	DHEA • 25 mg, 100 tablets (Dissolve in mouth)	14.00	10.50	8.81			
01478	DHEA COMPLETE • 60 veg. caps	48.00	36.00	32.40			
00335	DHEA • 25 mg, 100 caps	16.00	12.00	11.00			
00454	DHEA • 15 mg, 100 caps	14.00	10.50	9.00			
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0000	DUEA a FO mg GO cons	\$	Each	Each	Each QTY Total	02100	GASTRO-EASE™ • 60 veg. caps	\$	Each 33.00	Each 30.00
	DHEA • 50 mg, 60 caps		14.25	12.75						30.00
	DHEA • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	24.00		16.50			GINGER FORCE® • 60 liquid caps		26.21	
	DIGEST RC® • 30 tablets		14.96	12.75		01658	GINKGO BILOBA CERTIFIED EXTRACT™ 120 mg, 365 veg. caps	50.00	37.50	33.00
2021	DIGESTIVE ENZYMES (Enhanced Super) • 60 veg. caps		16.50	15.00		00756	GLA WITH SESAME LIGNANS (Mega) • 60 softgels	19.50	14.63	13.50
	DIGESTIVE ENZYMES w/PROBIOTICS (Enhanced Super) • 60 veg. caps	28.00		18.00		00345		14.95	11.21	10.13
	D, L-PHENYLALANINE • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps		14.06	12.00		00141			16.50	
1540	3,		13.50	11.25			GLUCOSAMINE/CHONDROITIN CAPSULES • 100 caps		28.50	
1570	DNA PROTECTION FORMULA • 60 veg. caps	34.00	25.50	24.00		01541			15.00	13.50
1931	DOG MIX • 100 grams powder	18.00	13.50	11.25			GLYCINE • 1,000 mg, 100 veg. caps		9.00	8.10
2006	DOPA-MIND™ • 60 veg. tabs	44.00	33.00	28.00		01411				25.50
0321	DR. PROCTOR'S ADVANCED HAIR FORMULA • 2 oz	39.95	29.96	24.00		01411	100 mg, 60 veg. caps	30.00	27.00	23.30
0320	DR. PROCTOR'S HAIR SHAMPOO • 8 oz	24.95	18.71	16.50		01620		32.00	24.00	21.00
	E						400 mg, 90 veg. caps			
1528	ECHINACEA EXTRACT • 250 mg, 60 veg. caps	14.35	10.76	9.38		00953	GREEN TEA EXTRACT (Mega) • lightly caffeinated,100 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	18.00
1997	ENDOTHELIAL DEFENSE™ w/POMEGRANATE COMPLETE AND CORDIART™ • 60 softgels	68.00	51.00	46.50		00954	GREEN TEA EXTRACT (Mega) • decaffeinated, 100 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	18.00
0997	ENDOTHELIAL DEFENSE™ w/GLISODIN® • 60 veg. caps	54.00	40.50	36.00		01074	5 HTP • 100 mg, 60 caps	27.95	20.96	
1937	EPA/DHA (Mega) • 120 softgels	20.00	15.00	13.50		**02002	HAIR, SKIN & NAIL REJUVENATION FORM W/VERISOL®	32.00	24.00	22.00
2009	ESOPHACOOL™ • 120 chewable tablets	20.00	15.00	13.50			90 tabs			
1737	ESOPHAGEAL GUARDIAN (Berry flavor) • 60 chewable tablets	36.00	27.00	24.00		01738	HCA (Garcinia) • 90 veg. caps	17.00	12.75	11.25
1042	EUROPEAN LEG SOLUTION DIOSMIN 95	20.00	15.00	13.50		29754	HCACTIVE™ GARCINIA CAMBOGIA EXTRACT • 90 caps	30.00	22.50	
	600 mg, 30 veg. tabs					01393	HEPATOPRO • 900 mg, 60 softgels	50.00	37.50	34.50
	EXTRAORDINARY ENZYMES • 60 caps		19.50	18.00		01527	HUPERZINE A • 200 mcg, 60 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00
2008				22.50		00661	HYDRODERM® • 1 oz	79.95	59.96	49.00
1514	EYE PRESSURE SUPPORT W/MIRTOGENOL® • 30 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	25.50			1			
	F					01704	IMMUNE MODULATOR W/TINOFEND® • 60 veg. caps	17.00	12.75	11.25
1054			199.00			00955	IMMUNE PROTECT W/PARACTIN® • 30 veg. caps	29.50	22.13	19.91
0965	FAST-ACTING JOINT FORMULA • 30 caps	39.00	29.25	27.00		02005	IMMUNE SENESCENCE PROTECTION FORMULA™ • 60 veg. tabs	40.00	30.00	27.00
1717	FAST-C® W/DIHYDROQUERCETIN • 120 veg. tabs	26.00	19.50	18.00		01049	INNERPOWER™ • 530 grams powder	42.00	31.50	
0053	FEM DOPHILUS® • 30 caps	25.95	19.46			01674	INOSITOL CAPSULES • 1,000 mg, 360 veg. caps	62.00	46.50	43.50
0055	FEM DOPHILUS® • 60 caps	39.95	29.96			01292	INTEGRA-LEAN® AFRICAN MANGO IRVINGIA	28.00	21.00	18.00
1064	FEMMENESSENCE MACAPAUSE® • 120 veg. caps	34.99	26.24				150 mg, 60 veg. caps			
2007	FIBER-IMMUNE SUPPORT (Apple Cinnamon) • 235 grams	34.00	25.50	23.50		30731	IONIC SELENIUM • 2 oz, 300 mcg	13.69	10.27	
2125	$\textbf{FLORASSIST} \& \textbf{GI w/PHAGE TECHNOLOGY} \verb+ 30 liquid veg. caps$	33.00	24.75	22.50		01677	IRON PROTEIN PLUS • 300 mg, 100 caps	28.00	21.00	19.50
1821	FLORASSIST® HEART HEALTH • 60 veg. caps	32.00	24.00	21.00		01492	IRVINGIA W/PHASE 3 [™] CALORIE CONTROL COMPLEX (Optimized African Mango) • 120 veg. caps	56.00	42.00	36.00
2120	FLORASSIST® ORAL HYGIENE • 30 lozenges	20.00	15.00	13.00			J, K, L			
1825	FLORASSIST® BALANCE • 30 liquid veg. caps	32.00	24.00	21.00		52142	JARRO-DOPHILUS® PROBIOTIC FOR WOMEN	27 95	20.96	
2000	FLORASSIST® MOOD • 60 caps	33.00	24.75	22.50		02.1.2	30 enteric-coated veg. caps	27.00	20.00	
1920	FLORASSIST® THROAT HEALTH • 30 lozenges	20.00	15.00	13.50		00056	JARRO-DOPHILUS EPS® • 60 veg. caps	23.95	17.96	
1913	FOLATE HIGH POTENCY (Optimized) • 5,000 mcg, 30 veg. tablets	25.00	18.75	16.50		01834	K W/ADVANCED K2 COMPLEX (Super) • 90 softgels	30.00	22.50	20.25
1939	FOLATE (Optimized) • 1,000 mcg, 100 veg. tablets	19.00	14.25	12.75		01600	KRILL HEALTHY JOINT FORMULA • 30 softgels	32.00	24.00	21.75
	FOLATE + VITAMIN B12 (BioActive) • 90 veg. caps	12.00		8.00		01050	KRILL OIL (Jarrow) • 60 softgels	33.95	25.46	
	FORSKOLIN • 10 mg, 60 veg. caps		12.00	10.50		00316	KYOLIC® GARLIC FORMULA 102 • 200 veg. caps	27.45	20.59	
	FUCOIDAN W/MARITECH® 926 (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps		27.00				KYOLIC® RESERVE • 600 mg, 120 caps	28.95	21.71	
1010	G (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	30.00	_1.00	27.10			LACTOFERRIN • 60 caps			30.00
2070		40.00	30.00	27.00			LECITHIN • 16 oz granules		13.50	12.00
	GAMMA E MIXED TOCOPHEROL W/ENHANCED SESAME LIGNANS • 60 softgels		24.00				LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ • 315 tablets		60.00	
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1.194	GARLIC (Optimized) • 200 veg. caps	24.95	18.71	13./5						

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02157	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ W/EXTRA NIACIN • 315 tablets	80.00	60.00	52.00	43.75	02012	NATURAL CORTISOL BALANCE • 30 veg. caps	45.00	33.75	30.00		
02154	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ • 490 caps	90.00	67.50	58.00	47.50	01892	NATURAL ESTROGEN • 60 veg. tabs	38.00	28.50	25.50		
02156	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ POWDER • 14.81 oz	80.00	60.00	52.00	43.75	01626	NATURAL SEX FOR WOMEN® 50+ (Advanced) • 90 veg. caps	59.00	44.25	34.00		
02165	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ • 315 tablets w/o copper	80.00	60.00	52.00	43.75	01444	NATURAL SLEEP® • 60 veg. caps	13.00	9.75	7.50		
02164	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ • 490 caps w/o copper	90.00	67.50	58.00	47.50	01551	NATURAL SLEEP® w/ MELATONIN (Enhanced) • 30 caps	22.00	16.50	15.00		
02166	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ POWDER • 14.81 oz w/o copper	80.00	60.00	52.00	43.75	01511	NATURAL SLEEP® W/O MELATONIN (Enhanced) • 30 caps	20.00	15.00	13.50		
01608	LIVER EFFICIENCY FORMULA • 30 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00		01445	NATURAL SLEEP® MELATONIN • 5 mg, 60 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00		
01639	5-LOX INHIBITOR W/APRÈSFLEX® • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	22.00	16.50	15.00		00987	NATURAL STRESS RELIEF • 30 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.00		
01678	L-LYSINE • 620 mg, 100 veg. caps	9.00	6.75	6.00		01603	NEURO-MAG® MAGNESIUM L-THREONATE • 90 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00		
00455	LYCOPENE (Mega) • 15 mg, 90 softgels	35.00	26.25	22.50		01602		40.00	30.00	27.00		
	M						VITAMIN D3 • 25 grams • Lemon flavor				-	
01992	MACUGUARD® OCULAR SUPPORT w/SAFFRON • 60 softgels	25.00	18.75	17.50		01990	NITROVASC w/CORDIART™ • 30 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00	-	
01993	MACUGUARD® OCULAR SUPPORT	44.00	33.00	30.00		01903	NK CELL ACTIVATOR™ • 30 veg. tablets	45.00	33.75	31.50	_	
04.450	w/SAFFRON & ASTAXANTHIN • 60 softgels		0.00			00373	NO FLUSH NIACIN • 800 mg, 100 caps	19.00	14.25	12.75	_	
	MAGNESIUM CAPS • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps	12.00		7.50			0					
	MAGNESIUM (CITRATE) • 160 mg, 100 veg. caps	12.00		7.50		01824	OLIVE LEAF VASCULAR SUPPORT w/CELERY SEED EXTRACT (Advanced) • 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00		
02107 01908	MEDITERRANEAN TRIM WITH SINETROL™-XPUR	13.00	9.75	8.75 12.00		01988	OMEGA-3 PLUS EPA/DHA w/SESAME LIGNANS, OLIVE EXTRACT, KRILL & ASTAXANTHIN (SUPER) • 120 softgels		33.75	31.50	24.75	
02109	60 veg. caps MEDITERRANEAN WHOLE FOOD BLEND • 90 veg. caps	44.00	33.00	30.00		01983	OMEGA-3 EPA/DHA w/SESAME LIGNANS & OLIVE EXTRACT (Super) • 60 softgels	18.00	13.50	12.00	9.38	
01668	MELATONIN • 300 mcg, 100 veg. caps	5.75	4.31	3.75		01982	OMEGA-3 EPA/DHA w/SESAME LIGNANS &	32.00	24.00	21.00	17.05	
01083	MELATONIN • 500 mcg, 200 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00			OLIVE EXTRACT (Super) • 120 softgels					
00329	MELATONIN • 1 mg, 60 caps	5.00	3.75	3.47		01984	OMEGA 3 EPA/DHA w/SESAME LIGNANS & OLIVE EXTRACT (Super) • 120 enteric coated softgels	34.00	25.50	23.25	18.00	
00330	MELATONIN • 3 mg, 60 veg. caps	8.00	6.00	5.16		01985	OMEGA 3 EPA/DHA w/SESAME LIGNANS &	20.00	15.00	13.50	10.50	
00331	MELATONIN • 10 mg, 60 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.00			OLIVE EXTRACT (Super) • 60 enteric coated softgels				_	
00332	MELATONIN • 3 mg, 60 veg. lozenges	8.00	6.00	5.16		01986	OMEGA 3 EPA/DHA w/SESAME LIGNANS & OLIVE EXTRACT (Super) • 240 small softgels	32.00	24.00	21.00	17.25	
01734	MELATONIN (Fast-Acting Liquid) • 2 fl. oz (Citrus-Vanilla)	12.00	9.00	8.25		01991	ONCE-DAILY HEALTH BOOSTER • 60 softgels	54 00	40.50	38.00		
01787	MELATONIN TIMED RELEASE • 300 mcg, 100 veg. tabs	12.00	9.00	8.25			ONE-PER-DAY • 60 tablets		16.50	15.00		
01788	MELATONIN TIMED RELEASE • 750 mcg, 60 veg. tablets	8.00	6.00	5.25			ONLY TRACE MINERALS • 90 veg. caps		11.25	9.38		
01786	MELATONIN TIMED RELEASE • 3 mg, 60 veg. tabs	12.00	9.00	8.25		01320	P	13.00	11.20	3.50		
02101	MEMORY PROTECT • 36 day supply	24.00	18.00	16.00		01789	PALMETTOGUARD® SAW PALMETTO W/BETA-SITOSTEROL	15.00	11.25	10.50	9.00	
01536	METHYLCOBALAMIN • 1 mg, 60 veg. lozenges (vanilla)	9.95	7.46	6.00			30 softgels				_	
01537	METHYLCOBALAMIN • 5 mg, 60 veg. lozenges (vanilla)	32.00	24.00	18.75	17.25	01790	PALMETTOGUARD® SAW PALMETTO/ NETTLE ROOT W/BETA-SITOSTEROL • 60 softgels	28.00	21.00	19.50	18.00	
00709	MIGRA-EEZE™ (Butterbur) • 60 softgels	33.00	24.75	22.00		01222	PEAK ATP® WITH GLYCOCARN® • 60 veg. caps	54.00	40.50	37.50	-	
01522	MILK THISTLE (European) • 60 veg. caps	34.00	25.50	22.50			PECTA SOL-C® MODIFIED CITRUS PECTIN • 454 grams powder			37.30		
01922	MILK THISTLE (European) • 60 softgels	28.00	21.00	18.75			PECTA SOL-C® MODIFIED CITRUS PECTIN • 454 grains powder PECTA SOL-C® MODIFIED CITRUS PECTIN • 270 veg. caps		67.96			
01925	MILK THISTLE (European) • 120 softgels	44.00	33.00	30.00			PEONY IMMUNE • 60 veg. caps		27.00	24.00		
01940	MIRAFORTE w/STANDARDIZED LIGNANS (Super) • 120 veg caps	62.00	46.50	42.00			PGX® PLUS MULBERRY (WellBetX®) • 180 veg. caps			24.00		
01869	MITOCHONDRIAL BASICS W/BIOPQQ® • 30 caps	44.00	33.00	30.00			, , ,		26.21 18.00	15.75	\dashv	
01868	MITOCHONDRIAL ENERGY OPTIMIZER w/BIOPQQ® • 120 caps	72.00	54.00	48.00			POMEGRANATE COMPLETE • 30 softgels			15.75	-	
00065	MK-7 • 90 mcg, 60 softgels	28.00	21.00	18.75			POMEGRANATE FRUIT EXTRACT • 30 veg. caps			13.16	-	
00451	MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane) • 1,000 mg, 100 caps	14.00	10.50	8.96			POMI-T® • 60 veg. caps		26.25		\dashv	
	N						POTASSIUM IODIDE • 130 mg, 14 tabs		5.21	3.94	10.00	
01534	N-ACETYL-L-CYSTEINE • 600 mg, 60 veg. caps	14.00	10.50	9.25			PQQ CAPS W/BIOPQQ® • 10 mg, 30 veg. caps			13.50	_	
01904	NAD+ CELL REGENERATOR™ • 100 mg, 30 veg. caps	34.00	25.50	19.50			PQQ CAPS W/BIOPQQ® • 20 mg, 30 veg. caps		30.00		21.00	
01807	NATURAL APPETITE SUPPRESS (Advanced) • 60 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	25.50			PREGNENOLONE • 50 mg, 100 caps			16.50	-	
00984	NATURAL BP MANAGEMENT • 60 tablets	44.00	33.00	30.00			PREGNENOLONE • 100 mg, 100 caps PRELOX® NATURAL SEX FOR MEN® • 60 tablets		22.50 39.00		-	
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01441	PROGESTA-CARE® • 4 oz cream	36.39	27.29	25.72		01934	-	66.00	49.50	45.00	
1928	PROSTATE FORMULA (Ultra NAT) • 60 softgels	38.00	28.50	26.25	24.00		400 mg, 60 enteric coated tablets				
1909	PROSTAPOLLEN™ (Triple strength) • 30 softgels	28.00	21.00	18.75		01740	SEA-IODINE™ • 1,000 mcg, 60 veg. caps	8.00	6.00	5.40	
1742	PROTEIN-ISOLATE (Whey) Vanilla • 403 grams	30.00	22.50	19.50		01879	SE-METHYL L-SELENOCYSTEINE • 200 mcg, 90 veg. caps	11.00	8.25	7.50	
01743	PROTEIN-ISOLATE (Whey) Chocolate • 437 grams	30.00	22.50	19.50		00318	SERRAFLAZYME • 100 tablets	18.00	13.50	12.00	
01770	PROTEIN CONCENTRATE (New Zealand Whey) Vanilla 500 grams	30.00	22.50	19.95		01938	SHADE FACTOR • 120 veg. caps		33.00	30.00	
01771	, ,	30.00	22.50	19.95		01884	SILYMARIN • 100 mg, 90 veg. caps	14.00	10.50	9.50	
	640 grams						SINUS CLEANSER • 4 oz. bottle		18.75		
01812	PROVINAL® PURIFIED OMEGA-7 • 30 softgels	27.00	20.25	18.00		01596	SKIN RESTORING PHYTOCERAMIDES w/LIPOWHEAT® 30 liquid veg. caps	25.00	18.75	17.25	
01676	PS CAPS (Phosphatidylserine) • 100 mg, 100 veg. caps	54.00	40.50	36.00		00961	SODZYME® w/GLISODIN® & WOLFBERRY • 90 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.00	
1508	PTEROPURE® Pterostilbene • 50 mg, 60 veg. caps	32.00	24.00	22.50		00657	SOLARSHIELD® SUNGLASSES • Smoke color	12.99	9.74	8.63	
01209	PUMPKIN SEED EXTRACT (Water-soluble) • 60 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	13.50		01649	SOY ISOFLAVONES (SUPER ABSORBABLE) • 60 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.75	
01637	PYCNOGENOL® FRENCH MARITIME PINE BARK EXTRACT 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	64.00	48.00	45.00		00432	STEVIATM (Better) • 100 packets, 1 gram each	9.95	7.46		
1217	PYRIDOXAL 5'-PHOSPHATE • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	22 00	16.50	14.85		00438	STEVIATM ORGANIC LIQUID SWEETENER (Better) • 2 oz	11.00	8.25		
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01309	QUERCETIN (Optimized) • 250 mg, 60 veg. caps	22.00	16.50	15.00		01778	SUPER SELENIUM COMPLEX • 200 mcg, 100 veg. caps	14.00	10.50	9.00	8.25
01030	RED YEAST RICE (Bluebonnet) • 600 mg, 60 veg. caps	18.08	13.56				Т				
00605	, , , , ,		14.96	14.00		02023	TART CHERRY W/CHERRYPURE®	20.00	15.00	14.00	
1708	REISHI EXTRACT MUSHROOM COMPLEX • 60 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	20.25		01007	60 veg. caps	12.00	0.75	0.00	
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