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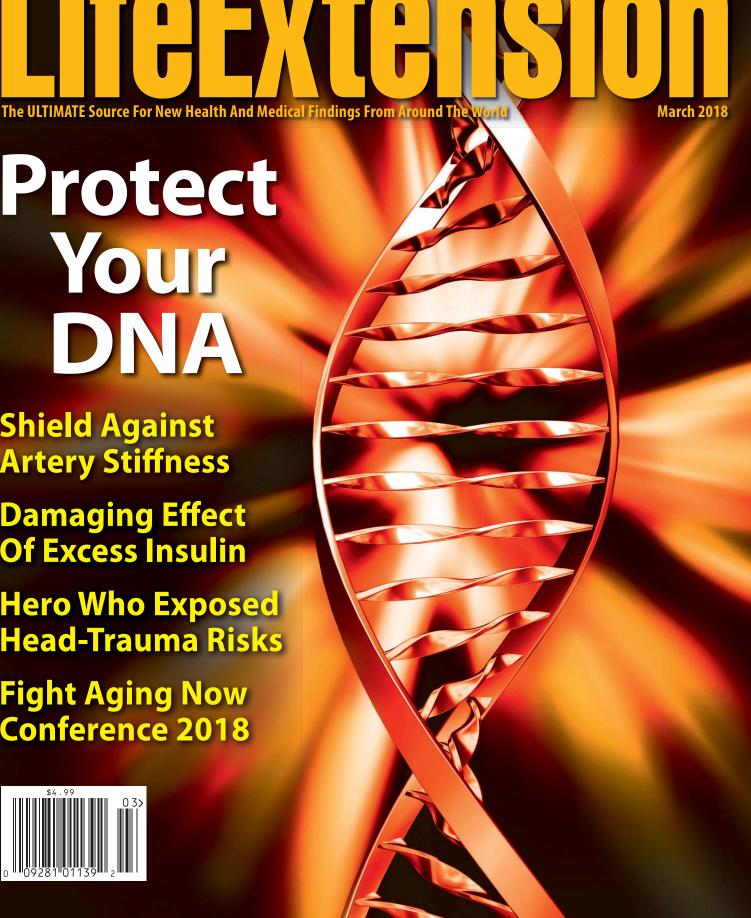
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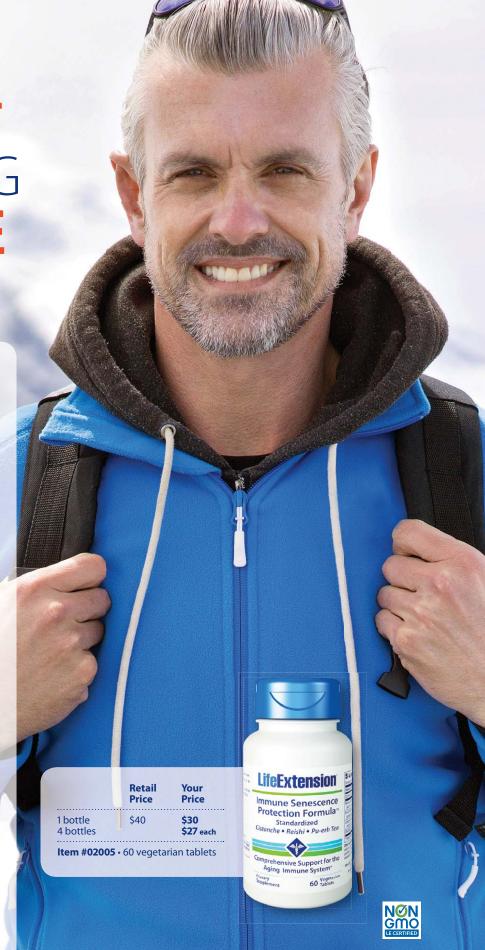
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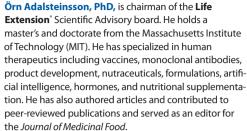
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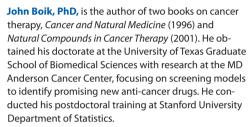
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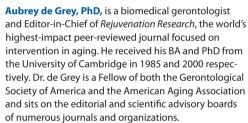
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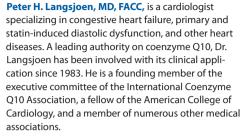


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# New Hypertension Guidelines

**Life Extension**® has waged a long battle over what defines *optimal* blood pressure.

Back in the early **1980**s, doctors delayed treatment until systolic **blood pressure** exceeded **150 mmHg**.

We argued *against* allowing patients to have blood pressure this high. Our readers were urged to target their blood pressure below 120/80 mmHg.

Against us was a medical establishment that viewed *systolic* blood pressure of **140-150 mmHg** as "normal." They viewed it as "normal" because most elderly people were in these high ranges.

Our rebuttal was that it is also "normal" for older people to succumb to **heart attack**, **stroke** and

**kidney failure** related to *higher*-than-*optimal* blood pressure.

On **November 13, 2017,** at the **American Heart Association's** annual conference, revised hypertension guidelines were issued. The new guideline specifies that normal **systolic** pressure is under **120 mmHg**.

We applaud this turnabout, but regret it took over **30 years** for this common-sense approach to be recognized. The cost in shortened lifetimes caused by the establishment's delay in recognizing **optimal** blood pressure is enormous.

This editorial clarifies these new hypertension guidelines and suggests how to better lower your blood pressure.



#### As We See It

As you can see by the chart at the bottom of this page, the majority of Americans aged 65 and older have **high blood pressure** that is medically defined as **hypertension**.

With the new hypertension guidelines from the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology, an even greater number of Americans are now clinically hypertensive. This will enable more people to take assertive actions to achieve lower blood pressure and reduce their risks of losing their eyesight, suffering kidnev failure, and developing coronary-cerebral artery occlusion.

It's important to note that the study the American Heart **Association** and the **American** College of Cardiology most relied on to revise blood pressure guidelines downward involved people at risk for cardiovascular disease.1 Some argue these findings may not apply to individuals at low risk.

I continue to urge that healthy individuals of all ages strive for

low-normal blood pressure readings. I say this based on a volume of observational studies, including data showing that people who have **mid-life** hypertension are at higher risk of vascular events even when they lower their blood pressure in later life.2-5

Arterial damage is most severe when blood pressure peaks. You don't get credit for the hours when blood pressure is in low normal ranges. This is why at-home monitoring of blood pressure at different times of the day is so important.

The charts you see on these pages are from the many Power Point presentations I have given suggesting most people target their **blood pressure** around **Life** Extension's optimal range of 115/75 mmHg.

Another purpose of this editorial is to provide guidance to help ensure that elderly readers do not lower their blood pressure too quickly, as this can create adverse consequences.

#### **Early Data Showed Benefits of** Lower Blood Pressure

In year 2013, a published analysis of 18 prior studies showed that people whose systolic blood pressure was in the range of **120-139 mmHg** were at a **50%** increased risk of coronary heart disease and 71% increased risk of stroke.7

The studies analyzed in this 2013 report are among those that Life Extension used long ago to recommend that *optimal* systolic blood pressure for most individuals is around 115 mmHg.

Mainstream medicine during this pre-2017 era did not classify people with systolic readings of 120-139 mmHg as hypertensive. The tragic results, based on observational studies, are many preventable heart attacks, strokes, and other degenerative conditions that can occur when systolic pressure exceeds 119 mmHg.8-10

The **systolic** number is most important as this reflects the

72.3%



#### **Severity of the Epidemic**

Persons defined as hypertensive by CDC:6

75 years and over

Men 65-74 years 63.4%

Women 65-74 years 64.3%

> 75 years and over 79.9%

These data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2016 reflect the percent of hypertensive Americans based on antiquated reference ranges that diagnosed hypertension when blood pressure reached 140/90 mmHg.

The new guidelines stating **optimal** systolic pressure is under 120 mmHg will cause the percent of Americans classified as hypertensive to skyrocket, which should enable a marked reduction of vascular disease risk.

# Deadly Impact of Systolic Blood Pressure 120-139 mmHg<sup>7</sup>

A year 2013 analysis of 18 studies showed correlation in those with systolic blood pressure between 120-139 mmHg and an associated:

- 50% increased risk of coronary heart disease
- 71% increased risk of stroke

Decades of published data reveal that low-normal blood pressure slashes heart attack and stroke risk. This **2013** analysis shows the lethal impact of systolic blood pressure ranges of **120-139 mmHg**, a level previously termed "prehypertension."

On November 13, 2017, the **American Heart Association** and the **American College of Cardiology** abolished the term "prehypertension." Anyone with systolic pressure above **119 mmHg** is classified as having "elevated" blood pressure.



**pressure** applied to the **arterial system** with each heartbeat. Higher **arterial pressure** causes greater **damage** to the endothelium, renal tubules, and delicate structures in the eye.

### The Study That Woke Up the Medical Establishment!

The studies compiled for publication in **2013** were not enough for establishment cardiology to pay attention. They wanted to see hard data from a carefully controlled clinical trial.

The sought-after trial was initiated in 2010 with a large group of people. The purpose was to assess whether targeting a reduction of systolic blood pressure below 120 mmHg was superior to the then-current standard of reducing it to below 140 mmHg.

The doctors focused on the systolic (top) number because it is a better predictor of **heart attack** and **stroke**.

The name of this study is **Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial**, also known as **SPRINT**.<sup>11</sup> It was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in **2015** and garnered huge media coverage.

The **SPRINT** study was supposed to last **five years**, but was stopped after **3.26 years** because it was abundantly clear that

the group whose blood pressure was reduced to a target systolic range under **120 mmHg** were dying **27**% less frequently.

What impressed the study's researchers the most was a striking **43%** <u>lower</u> relative risk of **cardiovascular death** in those whose blood pressure was aggressively reduced.<sup>11</sup>

# Risk Reduction of Intensive Treatment (Below 120 mmHg) Compared to Standard Treatment (Below 140 mmHg)

This chart shows reductions in death and disease when systolic blood pressure target is below **120 mmHg** compared to below **140 mmHg**.



# Benefits of Lower Blood Pressure Confirmed in 2015<sup>11</sup>

Compared to people with a target systolic blood pressure below 140 mmHg, subjects with target blood pressure below 120 mmHg had:

- 38% lower risk of heart failure
- 43% lower risk of cardiovascular death
- 27% lower overall mortality

The SPRINT study published in **2015** confirmed that targeting systolic blood pressure below **120 mmHg** results in substantial reductions in heart disease and lower overall death rates.

The SPRINT study also found that **heart failure** rates plummeted by **38%** in patients whose target blood pressure aimed below **120 mmHg**. Heart failure occurs when the heart cannot pump enough blood and oxygen to support other organs in one's body. It is a leading cause of hospitalizations and costs this nation an estimated **\$32 billion** each year.<sup>12</sup>

**Heart disease** remains the number-one cause of death in the United States, killing about **610,000** Americans each year.<sup>13</sup>

The dramatic (43%) drop in cardiovascular deaths shown in the SPRINT study motivated mainstream cardiologists to question their long-standing practice of largely ignoring their patient's blood pressure until readings exceeded 139/89 mmHg.

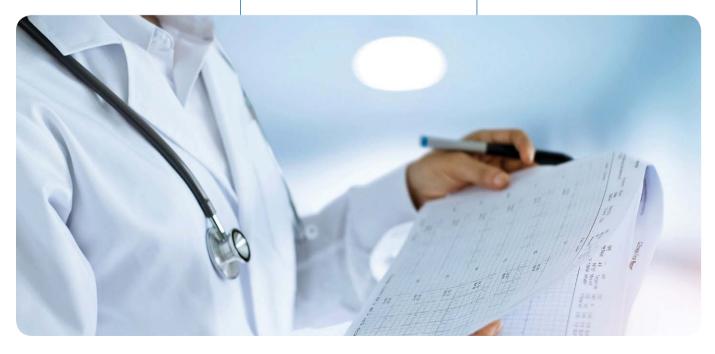
Based on widespread media coverage and physician concurrence, it appears the medical establishment has finally woken up to what readers of this publication were told to do in the 1980s.

#### Safety Concerns When Blood Pressure is Lowered too Much

Older individuals face a dilemma when it comes to rapid blood-pressure reduction.

Decades of systolic blood pressure above 115 mmHg, along with risk factors in the blood such as C-reactive protein, homocysteine and triglycerides can damage the delicate endothelium that lines the inner arterial wall.

As a result of prior arterial injury, some older people need to maintain *higher*-than-optimal blood pressure to ensure their **kidneys** are sufficiently removing waste products, and that their **brain** is receiving sufficient oxygen flow.



In the **SPRINT** study that convinced the **American Heart Association** and the **American** College of Cardiology to adopt lower systolic guidelines (below 120 mmHg), there was an increase in the risk of kidney problems.

#### **Practical Steps to Blood-Pressure Control**

I continue to be shocked by antiquated recommendations made by organizations like the **American Heart Association.** 

In revising their definition of optimal systolic pressure to below 120 mmHg, the American Heart Association suggests people have their blood pressure tested once every two years at their doctor's office.18

This suggestion makes no sense considering that low-cost athome monitors are widely available and are **proven** to enable superior **24-hour** blood-pressure control.

There is extensive individual variability in patient responses to blood-pressure lowering therapies. Some people need twice-aday drug dosing, or only need to take their medications in situations when their blood pressure elevates (such as when drinking caffeine or under stressful events or during particular times of the day/night).

I have vociferously argued for decades that systolic blood pressure should be below 120 mmHg. I am equally confident that most readers of this magazine can better control their blood pressure using an at-home monitor. This enables precise control of drug dosing and offers the ability to measure the effects of lifestyle changes like losing weight, healthier diets and getting more physical activity.

#### **Blood Tests Measure Kidney Function**

For those who now seek to aggressively drop their systolic reading to below 120 mmHg, we urge this be done slowly, using an at-home monitor to carefully control the rate of blood-pressure reduction.

As blood-pressure readings drop, check your blood markers

of kidney function using low-cost blood tests that measure creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), glomerular filtration rate and lots more. Blood test panels that include these measures of renal function cost very little.

If blood-test results indicate a kidney problem, cut back on your blood pressure reduction program, consult your physician and retest within two weeks.

#### **An Important Overlooked Fact**

An underappreciated problem that has been ignored by **SPRINT** study advocates has been the manner in which blood pressure was measured in SPRINT.

Specifically, the study used an automated measurement device, the Omron 907XL.

"In SPRINT, study staffs were trained to program an Omron 907XL, to wait five minutes and then record three readings at one-minute intervals. After the device was activated, research staff left the examining room, with the patient then being alone during the five-minute rest period while the three readings were recorded automatically."14

This protocol is very different from the method used in the vast majority of physician's offices where a single measure of blood pressure is taken with medical staff present in the room.

Automated blood-pressure measurements generally deliver readings significantly LOWER than readings in a physician's office.

This suggests that the SPRINT systolic values obtained were on average 7 to 10 mmHg lower than blood pressure measured in routine clinical practice.

Taken as a whole, this also suggests that systolic blood pressure as measured in recent randomized trials, including SPRINT, is up to 10 systolic points LOWER than that measured with traditional office measurement methodology.

The consequence is that targeting systolic blood pressure below 120 mmHg without using similar measurement automated methods (as in SPRINT) may increase the risk of adverse events. This might occur by overshooting the SPRINT trial-based systolic blood-pressure targets and potentially leading to hypotensive complications.

Stated another way, a systolic blood pressure of 120 mmHg in conventional practice would be roughly the equivalent of a systolic blood pressure of 110 mmHg in SPRINT. Conversely, a blood pressure of 130 mmHg systolic in conventional practice is roughly the equivalent systolic blood pressure of 120 mmHg in SPRINT.

This suggests that blood-pressure readings over 120 mmHg using conventional testing are not as dangerous as what the SPRINT findings showed.

These data suggest that more precise blood pressure monitoring may enable aging individuals to benefit from superior hypertension control. 15-17 We believe many people can better achieve this using an at-home blood pressure monitor.

#### As We See It

The most accurate measure of renal health is the **cystatin-c** blood test. This costs more than standard **CBC/Chemistry** blood tests, but for those at risk for renal complications, we have long advocated its use.

These blood tests can be ordered 24 hours/day by calling **1-800-208-3444** or logging on to LifeExtension.com/labtesting

## Protecting the Brain against Reduced Oxygen Flow

Aggressive blood pressure reduction can create problems for certain elderly, frail people.

Older patients with significant pre-existing vascular disease and other medical problems often require *higher* blood pressure to perfuse critical organs like the **brain**.

These patients require a higher *perfusion pressure* to allow blood to reach critical organs and tissues throughout the body.<sup>19</sup>

We described the phenomenon in previous issues of *Life Extension Magazine*<sup>®</sup>, <sup>20</sup> whereby some older patients do not tolerate aggressive blood pressure reduction to a predefined value (such as under **120 mmHg**).

These individuals require careful monitoring using blood tests as well as assessments of cognitive function.

These tests are necessary to facilitate appropriate dosing of antihypertensive medications to a blood pressure that can be tolerated by these patients.

When lowering one's blood pressure, one should be cognizant of dizzy spells, memory lapses, and perceived loss of motor coordination (frailty).

Ideally, one would have clinical measures performed using a

#### **View Our Updated Hypertension Protocol Online**

An enormous volume of data has been published in recent years that relate to what groups of aging people most benefit from with blood-pressure reductions, along with better ways of achieving optimal control.

We've analyzed and compiled this data, which you can view at no charge by logging on to **LifeExtension.com/hypertension-protocol** 

An example of what you'll read relates to what diabetics should do when their blood pressure is too high. Current evidence suggests that there may be adverse effects when diabetics are overly aggressive in reducing only moderately elevated blood pressure.

My personal rebuttal to these studies is that diabetics should do more to reverse their **glucose/insulin** imbalances, along with other known vascular risks.

standardized **frailty index** score, but this is not available from most physicians.

**Nutrients** most readers of this magazine take, along with healthy diets containing plant-based **polyphenols**, can protect and help restore cerebral circulation.<sup>21-23</sup>

Those embarking on an aggressive blood-pressure reduction program may also consider a periwinkle-derived alkaloid called **vin-pocetine** that has been used for decades in **Europe** by those with chronic cerebral hypoperfusion.<sup>24-26</sup>

# Blood-Flow-Restoring Effects of Vinpocetine

Cerebral ischemia (loss of blood flow) can lead to irreversible brain damage. It is therefore important to rescue **hypoperfused** areas of the brain whenever possible.

A review was conducted on the effects of **vinpocetine** on chronic cerebrovascular patients.<sup>25</sup> Studies included **cerebral perfusion imaging** and **clinical assessments** of cognitive function after single dose and long-term vinpocetine use. The results from these clinical trials showed that vinpocetine increased **cerebral perfusion**,<sup>26</sup> elevated brain-cell consumption of glucose-oxygen,<sup>26,27</sup>and improved other measures of neurological function.<sup>28</sup>

This analysis showed that **vinpocetine** improves blood flow to hypoperfused areas of the brain and enhanced quality-of-life scores.<sup>25</sup>

Those seeking to avoid depriving their brain of blood flow when lowering their blood pressure may consider supplementing with **20-30 mg** daily of low-cost **vinpocetine**.

#### **Nutrients Versus Drugs**

There are a wide variety of **nutrients** that produce modest blood pressure-lowering effects.

If your systolic pressure is around 125 mmHg and you seek to bring it down to the 115 mmHg range, you might be able to accomplish this by losing a little weight, improving your diet, exercising more, and supplementing with quercetin and melatonin.

For many people, however, they will need the appropriate prescription medication to achieve optimal blood-pressure goals. The long history of use with these drugs and their low cost causes us to recommend certain drugs that not only safely lower blood pressure, but confer other benefits such as improving *endothelial function*.

In the March 2015 issue of Life Extension Magazine, we published a report on a generic drug called **telmisartan** that we felt was the best antihypertensive drug for most individuals to consider.29

With the availability of low-cost at-home blood-pressure monitors, there is no longer a need to speculate as to what approach one should take.

If lifestyle changes and/or nutrients enable one to achieve optimal readings (115/75 mmHg), then prescription drugs are obviously not needed for blood-pressure control.

If **systolic** pressure remains persistently above 119 mmHg. then 40 mg a day of telmisartan (and/or other medications your physician prescribes) should be attempted. Telmisartan doses can be increased to 80 mg/day if needed.

Unlike many drugs the FDA approves that are side-effect prone and don't work particularly well, certain antihypertensive medications have lifesaving properties that cannot be overlooked if one's blood-pressure readings remain higher than optimal.

#### **Importance of At-Home Blood-Pressure Monitoring**

Monitoring blood pressure outside of the doctor's office is emerging as a standard of care for high blood pressure, as it helps to more accurately diagnose and track treatment efficacy.32

Everyone who has been diagnosed with high blood pressure should have an at-home monitor in order to ensure that any intervention they are undertaking is working to help keep their blood-pressure readings around 115/75 mmHg throughout the day.

The importance of regular at-home blood-pressure monitoring cannot be overstated.

In fact, monitoring your blood pressure at home may help you better control it, possibly obviating the need to increase medication dosage.

In a randomized controlled trial, 136 participants with uncontrolled high blood pressure were assigned to at-home blood-pressure monitoring or usual care; their medication regimen was not modified.<sup>33</sup>

Those who regularly monitored their blood pressure at home saw significant reductions in systolic and diastolic blood pressure compared with those who did not self-monitor.

At the end of the two-month trial, **32.4%** of the self-monitoring (at-home) group had blood pressure of less than 130/80 mmHg, while only half as many participants—16.2%—who did not self-monitor saw their blood pressure fall below this level.33

Several other studies have found similar benefits associated with athome blood-pressure monitoring.34-37

#### The Turning Tide of Medical Opinion

Fascinating reviews about the history of hypertension can easily by obtained via **Google** searches.

As recently as 1949, an esteemed physician published that systolic blood pressure over 200 mmHg need not be treated.30

In the 1980s, many doctors accepted systolic readings of 160 mmHg as normal and did not treat it.31

The revised 2017 guidelines that normal **systolic** pressure is under 120 mmHg will spare many humans from disability and death.

An abundance of published findings confirms that keeping one's blood pressure on the low end of the reference range confers significant protection against a host of degenerative conditions.

The easiest way to accomplish this is with an at-home bloodpressure monitor. This enables you to assess your blood pressure at several different times of the day to ensure there are no significant elevations above 119 mmHg.

The box on this page is a description of a recent study showing vastly superior results when people check their blood pressure at home, rather than waiting for their next doctor's visit.

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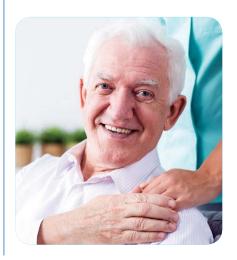
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# Testosterone Replacement Therapy Improves Sexual Function

Recent research documents improvements in sexual function, urinary function and quality of life among men who received **testosterone replacement therapy**.\*

The prospective study involved 656 men (average age of 60.7 years) with low testosterone levels and symptoms of testosterone deficiency, among whom 360 were regularly treated with testosterone for up to 10 years. The remainder of the subjects, who chose not to be treated with testosterone, underwent biannual routine clinic visits.

The researchers found that men who received testosterone therapy experienced significant decreases in their International Prostate Symptom Score, post-voiding bladder volume and Aging Males Symptoms scale, which assesses health-related quality of life. The percentage of patients without erectile dysfunction significantly improved in the testosterone treated group, from 17.1% at the beginning of the study, to 74.4% of the study at the last visit.

**Editor's Note**: In contrast, subjects who did not receive the hormone experienced deterioration in erectile function as well as in voiding functions.

\* J Urol. 2017 Jul 18.



# Whey Protein Could Help Maintain Muscle

A study reported in the journal *PLOS ONE* found positive effects for supplementation with **whey protein** in combination with **calcium**, **creatine**, **omega-3** polyunsaturated fatty acids and **vitamin D** in the muscles of older men.\*

The study included 49 men aged 70 years and older who received the whey-based supplement combo or a placebo for six weeks. At the end of the six-week period, the participants continued their regimens while engaging in a resistance and high-intensity interval training program for 12 weeks.

At the end of the first six weeks, those who received whey experienced an increase in lean body mass as well as strength. While both groups experienced gains in strength during the second phase of the study, those who received the whey-based supplement combination had greater upper body strength than the control group.

**Editor's Note:** The gradual loss of muscle that occurs with aging known as sarcopenia is associated with frailty, falls and disability in late life.

\* PLoS One. 2017 Jul 18;12(7):e0181387.

# Green Tea Protects Against Cognitive Dysfunction

An article published in *The FASEB Journal* reported that supplementation with a polyphenol found in green tea, **epigallocatechin-3-gallate** (EGCG), helped alleviate adverse effects of a high-fat and high-fructose diet in mice.\*

The finding could be of significance to millions of individuals who consume a Western diet, which is high in fat and added sugars.

Three-month-old mice were fed a standard diet or a high-fat, high-fructose diet with or without the addition of **EGCG**.

After 16 weeks, water maze testing revealed a protective effect for **EGCG** supplementation against memory impairment in mice that received the highfat and fructose diet.

This green tea polyphenol (EGCG) was also associated with protection against diet-induced neuronal damage.

Neuroinflammation was lowered by EGCG via inhibition of MAPK and NF-kB pathways, in addition to decreased expression of the inflammatory mediator tumor necrosis factor-alpha.

Editor's Note: In neuronal cell cultures, elevated glucose and insulin resistance were reduced by EGCG via improvements in oxidized cellular status and mitochondrial function.

\* FASEB J. 2017 Nov;31(11):4998-5011.

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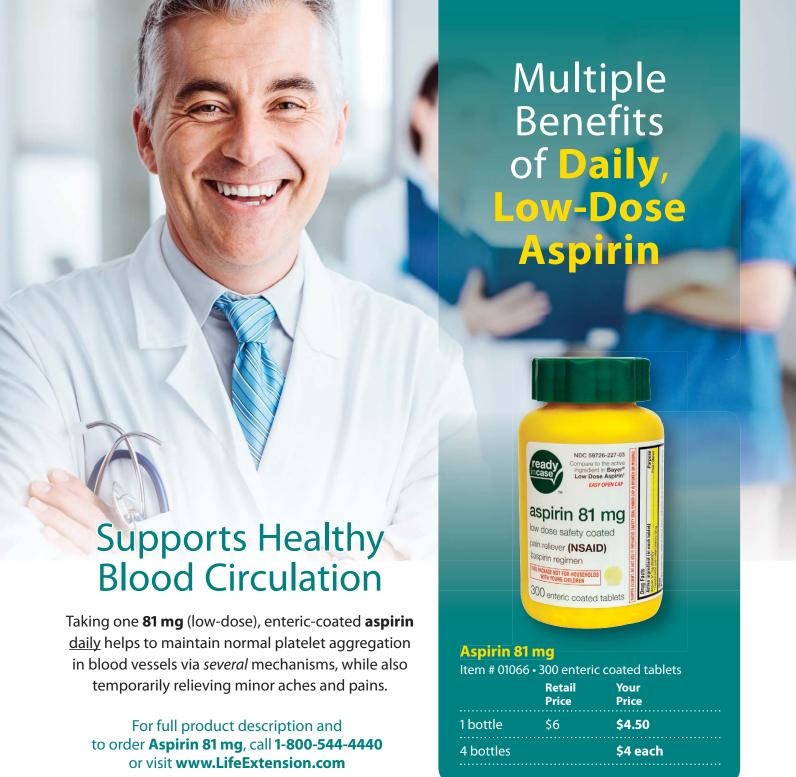
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# Protect Against **DNA**DAMAGE

On a daily basis, our DNA is under attack from numerous sources, including radiation, oxidative stress, environmental hazards, and dietary carcinogens.

The extent to which DNA damage occurs—or can be prevented—correlates closely with how long we will live.<sup>1</sup>

One course of action is to protect ourselves with compounds that can prevent DNA damage *before* it leads to cancer.

Based on extensive research, scientists have discovered a natural hops-derived flavonoid compound, **xanthohumol**, that has been shown in clinical (human) studies to *reduce* 

DNA damage in cells<sup>2-4</sup>—which may reduce the risk of cancer.

Two additional compounds—**chlorophyllin** and **watercress extract**—have been recognized for their multitargeted capacity to reduce DNA damage.

The combination of these targeted compounds may offer the best possible natural protection against age-accelerating, cancerinducing damage to our DNA.

This is especially important for those who occasionally or routinely ingest overcooked foods and other dietary constituents that inflict considerable harm to our cellular DNA.

#### **DNA Damage and Cancer**

Genetic mutations that occur as a result of DNA damage increase the risk of developing cancer. 5-7

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Americans.8 Abundant citations in the scientific literature focus on **DNA damage** and its prevention as a way to protect against malignancies.

Scientists are excited about research on the DNA protective benefits of a flavonoid present in hops, xanthohumol.

Research data show that xanthohumol has a cancer-prevention profile and acts by a variety of mechanisms to prevent cancer initiation. The compound's ability to prevent **DNA damage** has scientists most intrigued.<sup>2-4,9-12</sup>

Two recent human studies highlight the impact of xanthohumol on reducing DNA damage.

#### Impressive Protection Against DNA Damage

In a randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial, 22 healthy individuals drank a malted beverage containing 12 mg of xanthohumol or a placebo for 14 days.<sup>10</sup>

Subjects had their blood and urine collected before, during, and after the supplementation period.10

The researchers were specifically looking for changes in DNA stability in white blood cells, as well as the urinary excretion of damaged fragments of DNA and of reactive oxygen species.

This phase of the study showed that subjects drinking the **xanthohumol** beverage experienced a remarkable reduction in DNA damage compared with those drinking the placebo.10

By the end of the 14-day study, the effect reached a reduction of 33% in DNA damage.

#### **DNA Protection Under Pressure**

Next, the researchers wanted to find out how well xanthohumol would equip cells with resistance to DNA breaks under conditions of chemical stress. To test this, they exposed subjects' cells to hydrogen peroxide, a potent generator of the reactive oxygen species that impose DNA-damaging chemical stress.

Xanthohumol did not disappoint.

Once again, cells from xanthohumol-supplemented subjects proved markedly resistant to chemicallyinduced **DNA damage** compared with those from placebo recipients. This time a significant effect was evident by Day 7, and climbed to a maximum 53% reduction in DNA damage at the end of the study period.

In order to be certain that it was the xanthohumol that was responsible for this protection and not some other component of the test beverage, the researchers carried out a second phase of the study using a **capsule** of purified xanthohumol at the same 12-mg dose.<sup>10</sup>

This second phase demonstrated similar results: The pure xanthohumol produced a 39% reduction in DNA damage, and a 28% improvement in the resistance to DNA damage induced by hydrogen peroxide. 10



#### **Protection Against Dietary Carcinogens**

The same group of scientists then carried out a follow-up study, pushing xanthohumol's protective effects even harder. This time, they evaluated how well the supplement works against the everyday challenge of dietary carcinogens.

To test this, 22 participants consumed a drink containing **12 mg** of xanthohumol. The researchers then stressed the subjects' DNA by exposing blood cells to representatives of three major classes of DNA-damaging dietary carcinogens:<sup>2</sup>

- N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)
- Benzopyrene
- 2-amino-3-methylimidazo[4,5-f]quinolone (IQ) (a type of heterocyclic amine)

The xanthohumol led to reductions in DNA damage caused by NDMA, benzopyrene, and the heterocyclic amine.

And when the researchers conducted a follow-up trial using xanthohumol **capsules** (instead of the drink), it once again showed similar reductions in DNA damage in the face of each compound.<sup>2</sup>

This study is of great importance because it elucidates some of the molecular mechanisms by which xanthohumol may protect human cells from the first step in carcinogenesis: the DNA damage that mutates the genetic code and provides the spark needed to trigger malignant transformation.

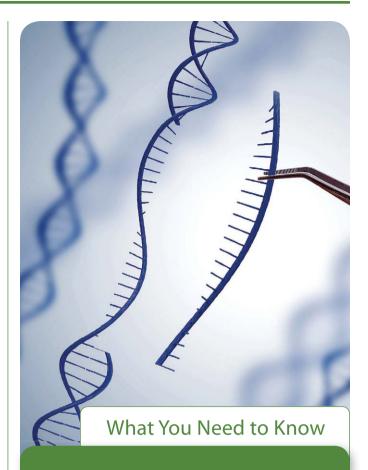
#### Xanthohumol Prevents Precancerous Lesions

Animal studies have gone the next step in demonstrating the chemoprotective effects of **xanthohumol**. They have shown that in addition to preventing DNA damage, xanthohumol also prevents the development of *precancerous* lesions.

To prove this effect, researchers exposed xanthohumol-supplemented healthy rats to a common family of dietary carcinogens (called *heterocyclic amines*) that forms when meat is cooked at high temperatures.<sup>4,13</sup> Heterocyclic amines have been linked to breast, prostate, colorectal, gastric, and pancreatic cancers.<sup>14-18</sup>

In this study, the xanthohumol-supplemented animals experienced a significant **50%** reduction in the *number* of precancerous sites in their livers, and a **44%** decrease in the *size* of the lesions, demonstrating a robust effect.<sup>4</sup> Not surprisingly, the researchers found evidence that the supplement achieved these results by preventing DNA damage in liver cells.

These human and animal studies show that xanthohumol protects DNA from damage both directly from chemical stress and indirectly from dietary carcinogens.



# Prevent Cancer by Protecting DNA

- A critically important way to prevent aging and stave off cancer is to prevent DNA damage.
- New studies show that xanthohumol, a component of hops, prevents DNA damage and acts by multiple mechanisms to reduce the risk of cancer.
- Xanthohumol can protect DNA against both natural chemical stresses as well as those induced by dietary carcinogens, making it a lead compound in the fight against cancer.
- Chlorophyllin and watercress extract are also recognized for their multitargeted capacity to reduce DNA damage.
- Supplementation with nutrients that protect against DNA damage is an outstanding first step in helping to prevent cancer.



#### Broadening the Spectrum of DNA Protection

Humans aren't alone in our need for DNA protection. All living things are challenged in protecting against DNA damage, including plants and animals.

Plants face even greater risks than animals do in this regard because they can't seek shade, water, or nourishment when DNA-threatening environmental stress sets in. This means that plants are *naturally* rich in biochemical DNA-protective compounds. That's good news for humans, because these plant compounds seem to work as well in *our* cells as they do in *theirs*.

Several plant species and extracts are especially known for their ability to defend DNA against the chemical, radiation, and other stresses that threaten its integrity.

#### Chlorophyllin

**Chlorophyllin** is a water-soluble derivative of *chlorophyll*, <sup>19</sup> a pigment that makes plants green and captures light and channels it safely into energy within plant cells.

Studies show that chlorophyllin exerts powerful protection against DNA damage. 19-22 Like most natural compounds, chlorophyllin acts by multiple mechanisms, one of which is by **blocking** carcinogens and making them less bioavailable. 19,20

This benefit was vividly seen in two studies showing chlorophyllin's ability to protect against the damage caused by two known DNA-damaging carcinogens: aflatoxins and heterocyclic amines.

The first study examined people who had an elevated risk of liver cancer because of their consumption of aflatoxin-contaminated foods. In this study, taking chlorophyllin led to a **55**% reduction in median urinary levels of a marker of aflatoxin-induced DNA damage.<sup>20</sup>

The second study evaluated chlorophyllin's ability to protect against the damage caused by *heterocyclic amines*. The results showed that chlorophyllin significantly reduced DNA damage in colorectal cells following a meal of meat cooked at high temperatures, a dangerous source of cancer-causing **heterocyclic amines**.<sup>22</sup>

#### Watercress

**Watercress** is a *cruciferous vegetable*, a group of plants widely recognized for their multitargeted anticancer activities.<sup>23</sup> Watercress extracts are rich in antioxidants capable of fighting the oxidative stress that damages DNA.<sup>24</sup>

In human studies, supplementation with watercress significantly reduced DNA damage by up to **24%** in healthy volunteers. This benefit was seen both at rest and following vigorous exercise, which is known to briefly but powerfully induce DNA damage by oxidative stress.<sup>23,24</sup>

This indicates the potential of watercress to protect DNA in stressful situations that could otherwise lead to dangerous DNA damage.

#### Summary

**DNA damage** is ubiquitous and deadly. While it is best known for its role in cancer development, it is also implicated in a wide range of aging processes.

**Xanthohumol**, a compound found in hops, has now been shown in human and animal studies to significantly <u>reduce</u> **DNA damage** induced both by natural chemical stresses, as well as by some notorious dietary carcinogens.

In addition, chlorophyllin and watercress have been shown to reduce DNA damage via several mechanisms.

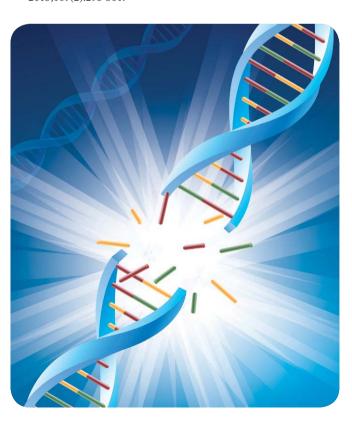
Fortunately, science has identified powerful nutrients that protect against DNA damage and its consequences. •

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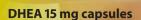
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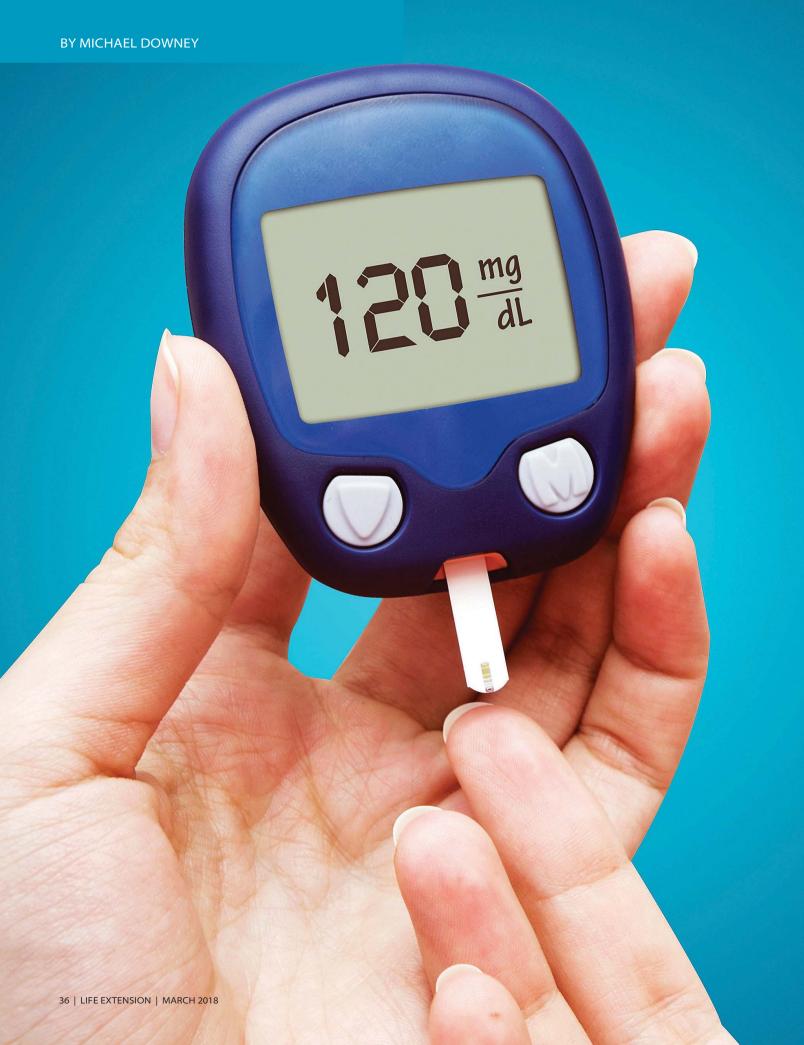




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# Overlooked Dangers of Insulin and Glucose Spikes

After a meal, blood-**glucose** levels *increase* and our pancreas responds by secreting **insulin**.

In youth, there is a delicate balance that drives glucose into cells mostly for energy production. Once blood-glucose levels drop to a fasting range, insulin production subsides.

With age, a sedentary lifestyle, and a diet featuring refined carbohydrates and simple sugars, our cells become **insulin resistant**, which allows blood-glucose levels to rise.

Rising glucose levels trigger the pancreas to release *more insulin* to counter the glucose—creating a vicious cycle.<sup>1</sup>

These factors promote weight gain and other metabolic disturbances.

As weight accumulates, fat cells pour out cytokines, which generate **inflammation** throughout the body.<sup>2,3</sup>

The medical term for this condition is **hyperinsulinemia**. It sets the stage for age-related diseases like atherosclerosis, hypertension, lipid abnormalities, type II diabetes, obesity, and cancer.<sup>4-15</sup>

Two **plant extracts** have been identified that block damaging insulin and glucose surges. In human trials, one of these extracts slashed after-meal **insulin** by **56%** and after-meal **glucose** by **15%**.

**After-meal** spikes in blood glucose are an important indicator of glycemic control. One of these plants extracts completely <u>reversed</u> the glucose surge within **two** hours.

Since **insulin** is required to sustain life, the public mistakenly sees this hormone in a favorable light.

As you will learn in this article, too much **insulin** not only contributes to weight gain, but to a multitude of diseases associated with **obesity**.

Excess blood levels of the hormone **insulin** occur in response to poor dietary choices, lack of physical activity and normal aging.

The medical term that defines the pancreas **over-secreting** insulin is **hyperinsulinemia**.

Excess insulin remaining in the blood after a meal has been identified as a major cause of nonalcoholic fatty **liver disease**. 16,17

*Hyperinsulinemia* is an **independent** risk factor for **kidney disease** among metabolic syndrome patients.<sup>18</sup>

High insulin blood levels are predictive of **type II diabetes** and strongly associated with **obesity**. 19,20

### Link Between Elevated Insulin and Cancer

A number of published studies indicate that **high insulin** levels drive the development and progression of many types of malignancies.<sup>2,21,22</sup>

**Human** studies implicate high **insulin** levels in at least seven common **cancers**:

- Colorectal cancer: 17% to 42% greater risk of precancerous adenomas<sup>23-25</sup>
- Breast cancer: **2-** to **3-fold** higher risk<sup>27</sup>
- Stomach cancer: **69**% to **101**% higher risk<sup>26</sup>
- Endometrial cancer: **45-fold** greater risk for type I endometrial (uterine lining) cancer<sup>28</sup>
- Ovarian cancer<sup>29</sup>
- Prostate cancer: 2.55-fold risk of malignancies<sup>30</sup> and a 5.62-fold risk of locally advanced tumors<sup>31</sup>
- Liver cancer: **2.4-fold** risk among those with both hepatitis B and high insulin levels.<sup>32</sup>

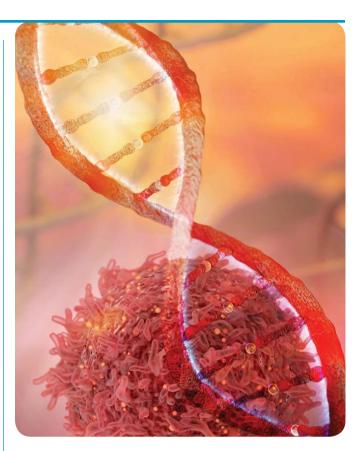
Elevated insulin levels are associated with the development of more aggressive and metastatic cancers that carry a grim prognosis.<sup>33,34</sup>

These alarming figures have inspired researchers to find out why there's such a close connection between high insulin levels and cancer. And in just the past few years, researchers have uncovered mechanisms behind this deadly insulin/cancer connection.

### Why Insulin Promotes Cancer

High levels of insulin trigger rapid cell division, while at the same time elevated blood sugar and fat levels provide metabolic fuel for tumor expansion.<sup>2,35</sup>

In response to chronically elevated **insulin/glucose** some cells lose control of their DNA regulatory genes—which is the hallmark of malignancy. This sequence of



events is believed to promote cancer, at least in colon cells and possibly in those throughout the body.<sup>2</sup>

By its very nature, insulin is a *growth factor*, which means it naturally stimulates cell growth. The problem is that once a cancer cell has emerged, too much insulin results in *overstimulation*. This results in greater proliferation, migration, and invasiveness of cancer cells—all of the factors that make them so deadly.<sup>33,36</sup>

These cancer-promoting effects of insulin were shown vividly when scientists injected colon cancer cells into mice and then fed them either a normal or high-calorie diet. The high-calorie-diet mice had elevated levels of insulin and other growth-promoting molecules. As a result, their tumors grew to **twice** the size of tumors in the normal-diet group—*in just 17 days*.<sup>37</sup>

Another reason excess insulin promotes cancer is because it causes damaging *oxidative stress*.

When researchers applied a small amount of insulin to cell cultures, enough oxidative stress was generated from just a *single exposure* to damage DNA strands.<sup>34,36</sup> When they extended the exposure to six days, the amount of insulin required to induce similar damage was reduced by a **factor of 10**.<sup>36</sup> This demonstrates how *chronically elevated* insulin rapidly escalates DNA damage.

Studies have also revealed a close relationship among body size, type II diabetes, and many cancers.<sup>2,21</sup> A diet rich in readily digested sugars and carbohydrates,

for example, has been shown to increase the risk of developing a common form of **breast cancer** (estrogen receptor-negative) by 36%-41%.35

The connection between high insulin levels and cancer adds a strong rationale to suppress after-meal insulin and glucose surges.

In a timely development, scientists have demonstrated two **plant extracts** that target *after-meal* insulin and glucose levels.

### Magui-Berry Extract Slashes After-Meal Insulin and Glucose

Maqui-berry extracts have been shown to decrease after-meal rises in both glucose and insulin.

Research suggests that a proprietary extract of maqui berries contains potent compounds known as delphinidins.

Delphinidins stimulate a peptide that lowers aftermeal blood glucose and can help moderate insulin spikes. The peptide stimulated by magui-derived *delphinidins* is glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1).<sup>38</sup>

GLP-1 slows and delays stomach-emptying, so glucose from a meal reaches the absorptive tissue in the small intestine later, and in lower quantities, than it would otherwise.39,40

In a human trial, ten volunteers were enlisted whose fasting glucose levels were normal (under **100 mg/dL**) but whose after-meal glucose levels, after a standard white rice meal, were between 100 mg/dL and 125 mg/dL (considered altered glucose tolerance).41

Participants took either a placebo or 200 mg of maqui-berry extract 30 minutes before eating a small



meal of **75 grams** (about **2.5 ounces**) of white rice. calculated to produce a rise in after-meal glucose levels.

The **placebo** group's after-meal glucose levels peaked after one hour, at about 115 mg/dL.

By contrast, the *after-meal* glucose levels in the maqui-berry group had only risen to 98 mg/dL after one hour, a 15% difference. As an added benefit, their glucose levels did not peak for a full **two hours** after the meal. Even then, they reached a high of about 107 mg/dL.41

The effect on **insulin** levels was more dramatic. After the meal, insulin concentrations in the placebo group rose steadily until they reached an average of 25.33 µIU/ml after one hour. In sharp contrast, the maqui-extract group's insulin levels increased much more slowly, reaching an average of only 11.22 µIU/ml after an hour—a compelling 56% lower insulin level!41

In fact, **insulin** levels in the **maqui-extract** group did not peak until a full hour and a half after the meal. Even then, it peaked at a much lower level than the placebo group.41

### What You Need to Know

### **Block After-Meal** Insulin and **Glucose Surges**

- Modern medicine's reliance on fasting plasma-glucose tests for yearly examinations means that lethally high after-meal insulin and glucose levels are often missed for years.
- By the time glucose abnormalities are caught, excess insulin has likely already caused immense damage.
- Fortunately, maqui-berry extract has been verified in human studies to delay glucose absorption—crushing after-meal insulin by up to 56% and glucose by 15%—and to lower HbA1c readings by 0.3% (from 5.65% to 5.35%).
- Additionally, human research demonstrates that a natural clove extract inhibits hepatic glucose release, reversing after-meal glucose within two hours.

### Magui-Berry Extract Reduces Long-Term Glucose Levels

A separate study showed that **maqui-berry extract** can impact *chronically elevated* glucose levels as well.<sup>42</sup>

For the study, a group of newly identified **predia**betic individuals took 180 mg of standardized maquiberry extract every morning for 90 days. Follow-up tests occurred at 30, 60, and 90 days.42

On follow-up testing days, researchers measured the participants' hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) blood levels. Unlike an after-meal glucose reading, which tells you what your glucose levels are at that moment in time, the HbA1c measures how high glucose has been over the past three to four months. The normal value for HbA1c is 5.6% or lower.43

The researchers documented that magui-berry extract reduced HbA1c levels by 0.3% (from 5.65% to 5.35%).42

No serious adverse events were observed in either of these clinical trials. 41,42

### Clove Extract Prevents Glucose Spikes

**Clove extract** is an excellent complement to magui berry because of its impressive ability to control aftermeal blood glucose.

In an exciting study, investigators found that a water-soluble extract of the **clove** flower bud (Syzygium aromaticum) reduced after-meal blood sugar.44

Clove extract contains polyphenols that can regulate glycogen phosphorylase, the enzyme respon-

sible for releasing glucose into the bloodstream that is stored in the liver and muscles in the form of glycogen.45

This typically happens under stress or low nutrient availability, But with aging, too much stored glucose is often chronically released from liver stores.

Inhibiting glycogen phosphorylase with clove can help **block** excess glucose release into the bloodstream.

These benefits were seen when **clove extract** was given to diabetic mice, where it suppressed both bloodglucose elevations and HbA1c readings. 45

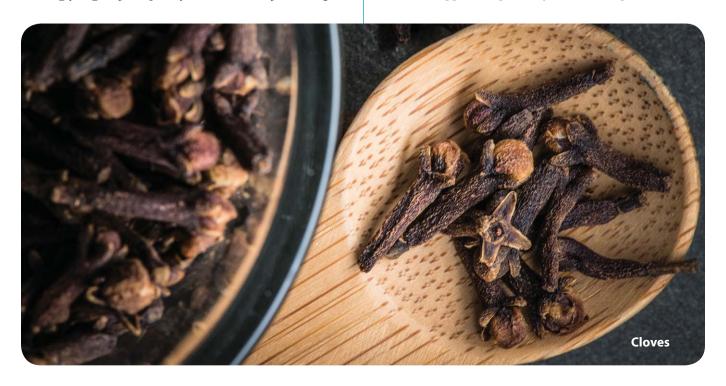
But would it reduce after-meal glucose spikes in humans as well?

To answer that question, scientists divided a group of healthy volunteers into two groups according to baseline glucose levels: one with normal glucose levels and one with high-glucose. All subjects received 250 mg of clove extract daily for 30 days.44

Random blood-glucose levels were measured before supplementation, and again on days 12, 24, and 30. Additional blood draws were done two hours after a typical lunch.44

For both groups, glucose readings fell significantly at day 12—and they continued to drop throughout the study until the after-meal glucose values were about the same level as the before-meal values!44

The high-glucose group showed greater improvement, indicating greater benefit for this at-risk population. No one experienced abnormally low blood-glucose, making clove extract safer than hypoglycemic drugs that can trigger dangerously low readings.44





### **Summary**

With aging, a sedentary life, and ingestion of sugars and starch, after-meal insulin and glucose spikes can escalate to a chronic state of **hyperinsulinemia**, a risk for multiple age-related diseases including cancer.

Most individuals rely on a *fasting* blood glucose test from annual physical exams, but high after-meal insulin levels can be missed for many years.

When glucose abnormalities are finally detected. severe insulin-driven damage has likely already occurred.

Human studies have validated two **plant** extracts that can reverse this trend.

Maqui-berry extract has been shown to slash aftermeal insulin up to 56%, glucose by 15%, and HbA1c by **0.3**% (from **5.65**% to **5.35**%).

And **clove extract** reverses after-meal glucose surges within **two** hours.

Inasmuch as excess **insulin** and **glucose** levels promote disease and accelerate aging, these two plant **extracts** provide powerful support for a healthy longevity program.

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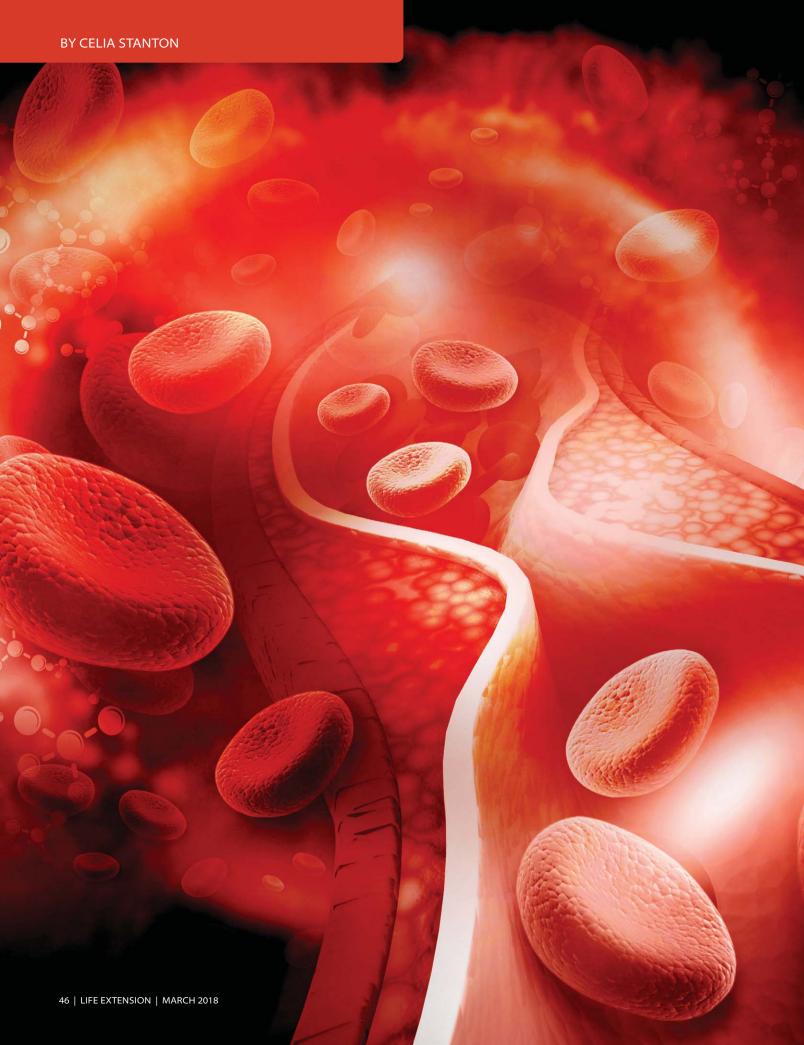


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# Reduce Your Risk of Arterial Stiffness

**Atherosclerosis** (or hardening of the arteries) can affect any artery in the body. It is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke.<sup>1,2</sup>

Scientists have identified an overlooked risk factor for atherosclerosis that rivals high cholesterol—*arterial stiffening*.<sup>3,4</sup>

Arterial stiffening is more than just **plaque** formation associated with occluded arteries.

**Stiffening** damages fragile capillaries that nourish our organs. This loss of youthful *suppleness* prevents our arteries from properly regulating blood flow and pressure.<sup>3</sup>

In addition to causing high blood pressure, arterial stiffening can lead to **organ damage**,<sup>5</sup> which we recognize as heart attacks, strokes, cognitive decline, dementia, kidney failure, and a host of other disorders.

Combatting loss of arterial flexibility can be as simple as incorporating two nutrients into your daily regimen.

Studies show that **vitamin D** and **vitamin K** play an essential role in slowing—and even preventing—**arterial stiffening**.<sup>6-8</sup>

In this article, we'll examine how these two nutrients work together to reduce **arterial stiffening**, and ultimately, the degenerative disorders associated with it.

### The Dangers of Arterial Stiffness

Healthy arteries consist of multilayered walls capable of **constricting** (narrowing) or **dilating** (widening) in response to the needs of the tissues they supply.

For years, scientists have studied the artery's innermost layer, or **endothelium**, in an attempt to understand atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease. They now know the damaging roles of blood sugar, inflammation, and an array of signaling molecules in disrupting blood flow.<sup>9</sup>

New data show that in addition to the endothelium, the middle, **muscular** layer of arteries is *also* closely involved in the blood-flow abnormalities that produce not only cardiovascular disease and hypertension, but a host of other age-related disorders.<sup>8,10,11</sup>

In fact, arterial stiffness has now been identified as a contributing factor to: $^{12-16}$ 

- Hypertension
- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Kidney disorders (including end-stage renal disease)
- Liver disorders (especially non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, or NAFLD)
- Type II diabetes
- Cognitive decline
- Cerebral white matter disease (leukoaraiosis)
- Neurodegenerative disorders (e.g., Alzheimer's, Parkinson's)

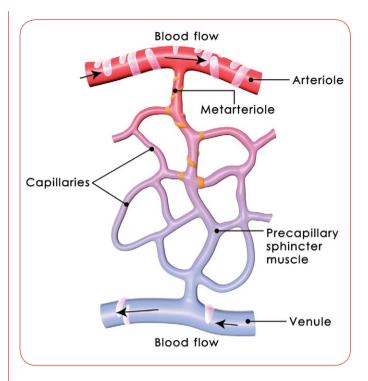
Arterial *stiffness* is also emerging as a powerful predictor of **death risk** in an increasing number of clinical age-related conditions.<sup>17,18</sup>

The main *immediate* consequence of arterial stiffening is a steady rise in **blood pressure**, which contributes to destructive changes that further stiffen arteries—creating a vicious cycle.<sup>15,18,19</sup>

### Causes of Arterial Stiffening

Studies show that aging alone, as well as conditions such as type II diabetes, contribute to a steady rise in arterial stiffness. These conditions can result in high blood pressure and damage to organs throughout the body. 18,20-22

One of the main contributors to arterial stiffening is *calcification*. This occurs when calcium from the blood is deposited into the normally supple arterial walls, leading to literal hardening of the arteries. <sup>10,23</sup>



Increasingly, researchers are focusing on the lifestyle and nutritional factors that contribute to arterial stiffening—and, importantly, to its prevention.<sup>14,24,25</sup>

Two key nutrients—vitamin **D** and vitamin **K**—have shown compelling promise in this area. Both play critical roles in helping our bodies to manage **calcium**, which makes them essential for preventing dangerous arterial stiffening.

### Putting Calcium in its Place

Nutritionists used to think of vitamin D as the calcium-and-bone vitamin, and vitamin K as the blood-clotting vitamin. More current scientific evidence suggests that *both* vitamins play important roles in helping our bodies properly manage calcium.

Both vitamin D and vitamin K play a crucial role in calcium metabolism. **Vitamin D** promotes calcium absorption from the diet while also promoting calcium deposition in bones. In this way, it helps with the continuous remodeling of bone that helps keep our skeletons strong and adaptable.

**Vitamin K**, on the other hand, is essential for keeping calcium <u>out</u> of your arteries. This is because vitamin K modifies specific proteins in arterial walls, making them resistant to binding to calcium. This process prevents arterial calcification and stiffening.<sup>26</sup>

In addition to keeping calcium out of your arteries, vitamin K promotes the proper deposition of calcium into bone, and vitamin K has been promoted recently as a way to prevent osteoporosis.<sup>26</sup>

It is becoming increasingly clear that we need **both** vitamins D and K to get our dietary calcium *into* bones. where it belongs, and to keep it *out* of arteries, where it doesn't.

Vitamins D and K can work individually and together to keep our arteries young and supple—and to prevent the myriad disorders associated with arterial stiffening.

### Vitamin D: Contributor to Arterial Suppleness

Scientists have known for years that vitamin D is essential for proper calcium absorption from the diet. Now they are beginning to recognize its role in arterial health as well.

New evidence suggests that insufficient vitamin D accelerates cardiovascular diseases and may contribute to arterial stiffening. 27-29 Similarly, low vitamin D levels are associated with high blood pressure, a major manifestation of arterial stiffening.<sup>30,31</sup>

Unfortunately, vitamin D deficiency is all too common—a problem that may be behind arterial stiffening as well as other health problems. 32,33

Two studies have demonstrated that vitamin D supplementation is an important approach to preventing or alleviating cardiovascular disease, particularly in certain high-risk groups such as diabetics, older adults, and people with deficiencies in dietary vitamin D intake or insufficient sunlight exposure.33,34

This approach has now been validated in multiple trials studying at-risk patients.

### What You Need to Know

### **Preventing Arterial Stiffness**

- Arterial stiffness is a major contributor to cardiovascular risk that also raises our risks for other disorders including brain aging and organ dysfunction.
- Studies show that aging alone, as well as conditions such as type II diabetes, contribute to a steady rise in arterial stiffness, resulting in high blood pressure and damage to organs throughout the body.
- In addition, a key contributor to arterial stiffness is calcification, or excess deposits of calcium in the arteries.
- Vitamins D and K help keep calcium out of the arteries, which helps prevent or slow the arterial stiffening that otherwise imperils the aging circulatory system.
- Human studies show that ample vitamin D and K intake slows arterial calcification and maintains the youthful suppleness of our arteries.
- Preventing arterial stiffening is an essential step in preventing a vast number of deadly age-related organ failures and related dis-



### **Clinical Trials Show Dramatic Improvements**

In a study of middle-aged **type II diabetics**, subjects received either a placebo or **1,000 IU** of vitamin D daily.<sup>34</sup> After one year, **supplemented patients** had a *decrease* in their measure of arterial stiffness known as the *central aortic augmentation index*. There was no improvement in the placebo group.<sup>34</sup>

Another study examined adults with **elevated blood pressure** who were vitamin D deficient. After taking **4,000 IU** of oral vitamin D3 daily for 6 months, they experienced a **12.3**% *reduction* in arterial stiffness (as measured by augmentation index). No changes were shown in a control group receiving **400 IU**/day (the standard "recommended" dose).<sup>31</sup>



### **Understanding Vitamin K**

**Vitamin K1**. Vitamin K1, also known as phylloquinone, is found in plants. Some of it converts to vitamin K2 in the body.<sup>40</sup> Published studies show disease risk reduction in response to ingestion of vitamin K1.<sup>41-45</sup>

**Vitamin K2 (MK-4)**. MK-4 is found in meat, eggs, and dairy products.<sup>46</sup> It is the most studied form of vitamin K to preserve bone health. It is rapidly absorbed and rapidly metabolized by the body.<sup>47-51</sup>

**Vitamin K2 (MK-7).** MK-7 is found in fermented soybeans and fermented cheeses.<sup>52,53</sup> What makes this form so special is that it remains active in the body for more than 24 hours.<sup>54</sup> This is critical when protecting against calcification since matrix Glaproteins quickly inactivate in the absence of vitamin K2.<sup>55</sup>

There may be benefits to taking all <u>three</u> forms of **vitamin K** in a single supplement.

### Life Extension® Recommendations

For maximum coverage, **Life Extension** recommends a combination supplement that provides **1,500 mcg** of vitamin K1, **1,000 mcg** of vitamin K2 (MK-4), and **100 mcg** of vitamin K2 (all-trans MK-7). **All-trans** is a new form of **MK-7** that is **100**% bioactive.

For vitamin D, the typical dose range is **3,000 IU** to **8,000 IU** of vitamin D3 daily taken with a meal for better absorption.

Annual blood tests can enable one to know if they are taking the proper dose of vitamin D they need to achieve optimal levels of 25-hydroxyvitamin D.

A Danish study conducted in winter months demonstrated that **3,000 IU** of vitamin D3 reduced both systolic (top number) and diastolic (bottom number) blood pressure in subjects who were vitamin D insufficient (<**32 ng/mL**).<sup>30</sup>

Numerous subsequent studies have confirmed vitamin D's arterial stiffness-reducing effects in both healthy and high-risk populations.<sup>27,29,35</sup>

The preponderance of evidence shows vitamin D to be a *critical* factor in preventing the many disorders associated with arterial stiffening—especially those involving standard risk factors such as hypertension.

Next, we turn our attention to vitamin K, the other crucial factor in maintaining healthy arterial function well into advanced years.

### **Teflon for your Arteries**

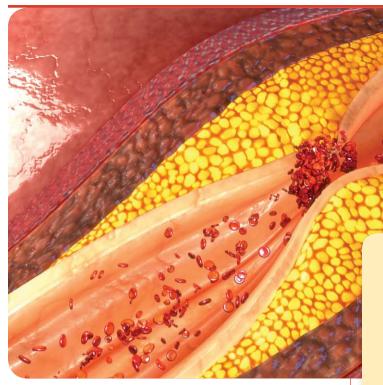
**Vitamin K** plays an important role in arterial health because of its role in managing calcium. Vitamin K is required for the activation of a biomolecule called *matrix Gla-protein*, which inhibits calcium from being deposited in artery walls.<sup>23,26,36,37</sup> Think of it like Teflon for your arteries.

Without sufficient vitamin K, matrix Gla-protein fails to become activated, resulting in calcium deposition and increased arterial stiffness.<sup>26,36,37</sup>

Many of us don't get vitamin K in our diets, particularly if we consume processed foods, which are nearly devoid of the vitamin.<sup>26</sup> Not surprisingly, then, studies of people who have insufficient vitamin K intake reveal increased markers of arterial stiffness, *especially in older adults*.<sup>38</sup>

These factors put anyone without ample vitamin K intake at increased risk for arterial stiffening, particularly groups already at high cardiovascular risk, such as diabetics.

The good news is that studies in both animals and humans clearly show that supplementing with vitamin K helps prevent or reduce arterial stiffness.



### Benefits of Vitamin K

In a laboratory study, diabetic rats were shown to have reductions in activated matrix Gla-protein of **36**%, compared with nondiabetic controls. This led to increases in major artery calcium deposits of up to **56**%, and ultimately produced a **44**% increase in **arterial stiffness**.<sup>23</sup>

A recent human randomized controlled clinical trial illustrated the value of oral vitamin K supplementation, using a form of **vitamin K2** called *menaquinone-7*, or **MK-7**.<sup>39</sup> The study involved 244 healthy, postmenopausal women, a group whose risk for cardiovascular disease approaches that of men. Half received placebo, and the other half received **vitamin K2** in the form of MK-7.<sup>39</sup>

This three-year study showed that supplementation with MK-7 significantly reduced (by **50%**) levels of *inactive* **matrix Gla-protein**, indicating vitamin K's protective effect on cardiovascular health.<sup>39</sup> The results from this study showed the vitamin K (MK-7)-supplemented women had significant reductions in **arterial** *stiffness*.

As an added benefit, those with the highest stiffness at baseline experienced *significant improvements* in a host of other arterial health parameters related to arterial suppleness as well.

Taken together, this combination of animal and human data strongly indicates the need for ample vitamin K supplementation for all of us who are at risk for arterial stiffening and the resulting hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and premature death.

### **How Arterial Stiffness Accelerates Aging**

The term "arterial stiffness" refers to an abnormal stiffening in the walls of large arteries leading from the heart to major organs. In healthy young people, those large arteries remain elastic, while more distant, smaller arteries are stiffer.<sup>17</sup>

This has the effect of "dampening" the large pressure waves produced with each heartbeat, which allows blood to flow smoothly, without big fluctuations in pressure, through the vital capillary beds that nourish all of our tissues.<sup>17</sup>

The lack of major pulsations in capillaries protects them from pressure-induced damage, allowing for normal exchange of oxygen, carbon dioxide, nutrients, and waste products.

But with aging, and under constant attack by blood sugar, inflammation, and other factors, those central arteries begin to stiffen.

The result of that stiffening is a loss of the pressure damping effect, leading to highly pulsatile pressure waves reaching the delicate capillary beds, which in turn induces physical stresses on capillaries, and disrupts their normal function. <sup>17,56,57</sup>

Furthermore, arterial stiffening leads to elevated blood pressure, which itself is a major cause of further stiffening, leading to a vicious cycle of aging, hypertension, arterial stiffening, and even worse hypertension. 18,56

The end result is damage of the organs supplied by those capillaries, which we recognize as heart attacks, strokes, brain changes leading to cognitive decline and dementia, liver disease, kidney failure, and a host of other disorders related to atherosclerosis, aging, or both.

Preventing arterial stiffening, then, is an essential step in preventing virtually all age-related organ failures and related disorders.

### Summary

**Arterial** *stiffening* is a major contributor to cardiovascular disease risk. It occurs when arteries lose their vouthful suppleness, leaving us with narrowed arteries incapable of regulating blood flow and pressure, and in turn damaging the fragile capillary beds that nourish our organs.

One of the main underlying causes of arterial stiffening is a buildup of **calcium** in the arteries.

Vitamins D and K are intimately involved in how our bodies manage calcium—specifically keeping it *in* our bones, and out of our arteries. This makes these vitamins essential for preventing arterial stiffening.

Vitamin D3 (cholecalciferol) and vitamin K2 have been shown in human clinical trials to significantly reduce arterial stiffness, thereby reducing one of the most dangerous risk factors for heart disease, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases, and a variety of other socalled "age-related" disorders.

The important role vitamins D and K play in preventing arterial stiffening make it critical for all older adults to get sufficient intakes of these important vitamins—both of which are lacking in even healthy diets.

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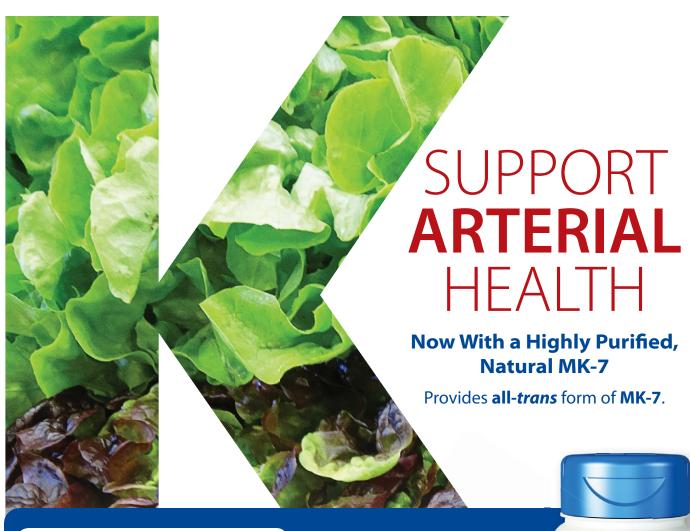
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# Around-the-Clock Blood-Pressure Control

On November 13, 2017, **30 million** Americans who previously thought their blood pressure was in a safe range suddenly became clinically **hypertensive**.<sup>1</sup>

On that day, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology changed the definition of hypertension, lowering it from 140/90 mmHg down to 130/80 mmHg.<sup>2,3</sup> They also redefined "elevated blood pressure" as anything over 120/80.

These new guidelines vindicate **Life Extension**®'s long-time stance that ideal systolic blood pressure should be <u>below</u> **120 mmHg**—and closer to **115 mmHg** for most people.

In addition to being lower, blood-pressure control needs to occur *around the clock* to avoid the dangers of artery-damaging spikes.

In healthy individuals, blood pressure tends to dip at night. But if you're one of the individuals whose blood pressure does <u>not</u> dip at night—as it should—that means unnecessary damage is occurring to your blood vessels and organs.<sup>4</sup>

The exciting news is that researchers have identified several nutritional compounds that not only help lower blood pressure but also keep it down at night, for around-the-clock protection.

These nutritional approaches can be added to existing blood pressure-control programs, or used alone, to achieve improved benefits in conjunction with physician supervision.

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### **New Hypertension Guidelines**

In November 2017, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology issued the following new blood-pressure guidelines:<sup>2</sup>

Blood Pressure Category	Systolic		Diastolic	
Normal	<120 mmHg	and	<80 mmHg	
Elevated	120-129 mmHg	and	<80 mmHg	
Hypertension				
Stage I	130-139 mmHg	or	80-89 mmHg	
Stage II	≥140 mmHg	or	≥90 mmHg	

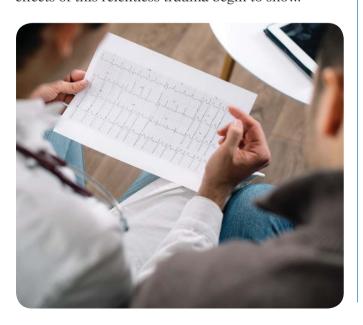
These new numbers validate **Life Extension**®'s longtime stance that the ideal systolic blood pressure for most people should be below **120 mmHg**—and closer to **115 mmHg**.

Now that mainstream medicine has redefined full-blown high blood pressure as a reading of **130/80 mmHg** or above, a startling **103 million** Americans will now be advised to address this critical health issue.<sup>2,3</sup>

### The Silent Dangers of Hypertension

The damage from hypertension impacts your entire body. High blood pressure pounds organs and blood vessels with each heartbeat, hour after hour, day after day.

Because the symptoms of high blood pressure are often silent or invisible, most people are unaware of the damage that is occurring. But over the years, the effects of this relentless trauma begin to show.



In addition to increasing the risk of cardiac events, high blood pressure contributes to other conditions including retinopathy, kidney failure, vascular dementia, and diabetes.<sup>5-8</sup>

In the kidneys, the ability to filter the body's waste products and separate excess fluid from the blood weakens.<sup>7</sup>

In the brain, the relentless pounding damages delicate capillary beds leading to reduced cerebral perfusion (blood flow). Higher-than-optimal blood pressure can lead to multi-infarct dementia that arises from many mini-strokes.

Women who develop high blood pressure in their 40s are **73**% more likely to develop dementia than women who maintain healthy blood pressure.<sup>9</sup>

### Nighttime Dangers

Some people with high blood pressure face an **extra** risk at night.

Daily variations in blood-pressure patterns are tremendously important, especially in older adults. <sup>10,11</sup> Blood pressure **dips** somewhat at night, providing temporary relief from the pounding damage. <sup>4</sup>

But in about **35%** of adults with hypertension, their blood pressure does not fall at night. In these "**non-dippers**," the damage may continue around the clock,<sup>4</sup> exposing these individuals to a significantly higher risk of cardiovascular disease and death compared to "normal dippers"—*even when both have the same blood pressure during the day*.<sup>4</sup>

For these individuals, preventing high blood pressure—or aggressively treating it at an early stage—is even more important for preventing the relentless damage.

### **Blood-Pressure Basics**

When it comes to lowering blood pressure, **at-home monitoring** is essential to ensure that optimal **24-hour** protection is achieved. The availability of low-cost and reliable at-home **blood-pressure monitors** makes this easy.

Lifestyle changes such as losing weight and increasing cardiovascular fitness through exercise can help support healthy blood-pressure levels.

The older drug classes of medication often have side effects that patients find frustrating and bothersome. Side effects can include nighttime urinary frequency with the use of diuretics, or cold hands/feet and sexual dysfunction with the use of beta-blockers.

Newer classes of antihypertensive drugs like **angiotensin II receptor blockers** are usually better tolerated by patients in comparison with older medications like diuretics and beta-blockers.

Some people may only need to take one angiotensin II receptor blocker like **telmisartan** (**40 mg** to **80 mg** a day) to achieve good results. This drug has additional benefits for vascular health.<sup>12-17</sup>

For others, the best strategy for hypertension control is the use of low doses of several different classes (different mechanisms of action) of medications.

### Solutions for High Blood Pressure

Despite billions of dollars spent on drugs to lower blood pressure,<sup>18</sup> the condition continues to threaten millions of Americans each year. Statistics show that about a **quarter** of those with hypertension cannot reduce their readings even when taking <u>three</u> different blood-pressure medications!<sup>19</sup>

For many people, blood-pressure drugs can have uncomfortable—and sometimes dangerous—side effects.

Several nutritional compounds have been found to help reduce blood pressure both day and night. They work in ways similar to many prescription drugs—but without the side effects.

These compounds represent a novel approach to promoting healthy blood pressure and can provide critical *around-the-clock* management. For many people, this may provide an adequate maintenance program in consultation with their physician.

### Angiotensin-Blocking Flavonoids

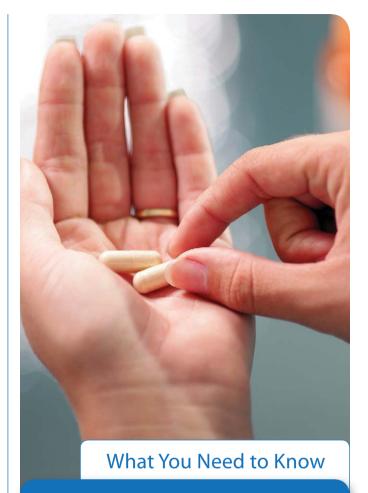
Three natural compounds have been found to help block the receptor for angiotensin II,<sup>20</sup> which is a hormone that triggers the constriction (narrowing) of arteries.<sup>21</sup> These flavonoid molecules—**quercetin**, **myricitrin**, and **myricetin**—are found in a wide variety of plant foods, but only in small amounts.<sup>22,23</sup>

Much like a finger over a garden hose, the narrowing of arteries raises pressure within them. Thus, blocking the **angiotensin receptors** is an effective way of bringing down blood pressure by helping to relax the arteries.

Experimental studies using assessment of receptor docking (i.e. the ability of a molecule to bind to a receptor) suggest that both quercetin and myricetin are effective at blocking angiotensin II receptors.<sup>20</sup>

A study conducted on rats showed that **myricetin** reduced systolic blood pressure by inhibiting the arterial-contracting response to angiotensin by **43**%.<sup>24</sup>

These encouraging results led scientists to study the blood pressure-lowering effects of these flavonoid nutrients in placebo-controlled clinical trials—and the results did not disappoint.



### Natural Solutions for Lowering Blood Pressure

- Hypertension boosts the risk of numerous serious disorders by damaging blood vessels and major organs throughout the body.
- Several natural nutrients have been found to help control blood pressure using the same mechanisms as many hypertension drugs.
- The flavonoids quercetin, myricitrin, and myricetin target the receptor for angiotensin II, while the molecule stevioside effectively blocks calcium channels—relaxing artery walls.
- Controlled-release melatonin lowers blood pressure throughout the night for aroundthe-clock protection.

### **Human Studies**

Studies in adults showed that **flavonoids** like quercetin are effective at lowering blood pressure in healthy adults, in those with elevated blood pressure and hypertension (according to new guidelines), and in those with type II diabetes.

In both healthy adults and in those who were overweight or obese, 150 mg a day of quercetin reduced systolic blood pressure compared to placebo.<sup>25,26</sup> In adults with elevated blood pressure and hypertension (according to new guidelines), 162 mg of quercetin daily reduced systolic blood pressure by 3.9 mmHg compared to a placebo.<sup>27</sup>

Higher amounts—730 mg of quercetin daily reduced systolic blood pressure by 7 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure by 5 mmHg.<sup>28</sup>

### **Blood-Pressure Recommendations**

For most aging individuals, Life Extension recommends an optimal blood-pressure goal of 115/75

However, those aging individuals with longstanding hypertension and/or coronary artery disease, individuals with kidney disease, and those over 80 years of age should be aware that a rapid, overlyaggressive reduction of blood pressure should be avoided. Signs of overly aggressive blood-pressure reduction may include worsening cognitive function, dizziness and/or lightheadedness when standing quickly from a sitting position, and worsening biomarkers of kidney function.

Regrettably, some older, fragile patients may simply not tolerate a target blood pressure of 115/75 mm Hg due to long-standing damage to the vascular system, thus requiring a higher perfusion pressure to meet physiologic demands. In these fragile patients, maintaining the lowest blood pressure tolerated is reasonable.

**Life Extension** recommends frequent blood testing of kidney function biomarkers like BUN and creatinine when embarking on an aggressive blood pressure control program. Also, Life Extension strongly recommends that all people purchase a low-cost, at-home blood-pressure monitor so they can check themselves when trying new medications or nutrients.

In patients with **type II diabetes**—a population that has a higher risk of hypertension—researchers found both quercetin and myricitrin to be especially effective at lowering blood pressure:

In one study, 500 mg a day of quercetin lowered systolic pressure by **5.3 mmHg** compared with a placebo.<sup>29</sup>

In another study, **600 mg** a day of leaf powder from a myricitrin-containing extract produced an 11 mmHg decrease in systolic blood pressure.30

### Calcium Channel-Blocking Stevioside

When intracellular calcium levels rise in smoothmuscle cells, it causes those cells to contract, which narrows arteries and increases blood pressure. Thus, blocking calcium channels is a distinct and extremely effective—means of reducing blood

Scientists have found that a plant extract called stevioside mimics the activity of calcium channelblocking drugs, effectively blocking calcium channels in the smooth-muscle cells of the arteries.<sup>31-33</sup>

Stevioside is derived from the leaves of Stevia rebaudiana that is often used in no-calorie sweeteners. 34,35 A 2017 review found that stevia glycosides provide therapeutic effects against diseases such as cancer, diabetes mellitus, obesity, inflammation—and hypertension—without any toxicity.36

Calcium channel-blocking medications work well in combination with angiotensin II receptor-blocking medications. In the same way, **stevioside** can work well





with the flavonoids quercetin, myricitrin, and myricetin to deliver a similar **dual mechanism** of action.

A recent meta-analysis included data on 788 patients taking between **750 mg** and **1,500 mg** of stevioside a day. Across all studies, stevioside demonstrated a **4.5 mmHg** decrease in systolic blood pressure. And when stevioside was continued for a year or more, the mean decrease in systolic blood pressure was a substantial **11.9 mmHg**!<sup>37</sup>

### Around-the-Clock Protection With Melatonin

The hormone **melatonin** has numerous mechanisms of action that help lower blood pressure.

It dilates blood vessels<sup>38</sup> and inhibits "fight-or-flight" signals from the sympathetic nervous system.<sup>38,39</sup> It also helps regulate mitochondria—the energy-producing structures inside cells—to maintain a cardiovascular function.<sup>40</sup> But what makes melatonin especially noteworthy is its impact on **nighttime** blood pressure.

Studies have shown that melatonin helps regulate circadian rhythms and reduces nighttime blood pressure. 41-43 This is important for everyone with hypertension—but it is especially important for the **35**% of non-dippers.

Not all types of melatonin have equally effective blood-pressure benefits. A meta-analysis compared **5 mg** daily of *immediate-release* melatonin with **2-3 mg** daily of *controlled-release* melatonin.

While immediate-release melatonin eked-out insignificant reductions of **0.3 mmHg** systolic and **0.2 mmHg** diastolic, the controlled-release melatonin

### Consequences of High Blood Pressure

Hypertension has long been known as the "silent killer." It produces no symptoms at all in the majority of victims, while causing severe and often irreversible damage to blood vessels and the major organs they serve.

Whether high blood pressure is prolonged or periodic, it inflicts progressively **lethal** damage to multiple organs and physiological (normal biological) systems. The following is a list of conditions associated with high blood pressure:<sup>7-9</sup>

- · Endothelial dysfunction
- · Generalized atherosclerosis
- Aneurysm
- Bone loss
- Stroke
- TIA (transient ischemic attack)
- Intracerebral hemorrhage
- Hypertensive encephalopathy (brain dysfunction)
- Pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs)
- Retinopathy
- Dementia and vascular dementia
- Mild cognitive impairment
- Atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat)
- Heart attack
- Coronary artery disease
- Heart failure
- Left ventricular hypertrophy (enlarged left heart)
- Kidney failure

slashed systolic readings by an average **6.1 mmHg** and diastolic readings by **3.5 mmHg**. <sup>43</sup>

Melatonin's effects are so substantial that the author of a recent study concluded that, "[S]upplementation of melatonin...has been shown to be efficient in...the control of hypertension and metabolic syndrome."<sup>44</sup>

As an added benefit, melatonin has also been shown to protect various organs from long-term hypertension. 45-47

### Summary

**Life Extension** has long maintained that the bloodpressure readings called normal by national guidelines were in fact much too high, lulling millions of people into a false sense of security while they are experiencing body-wide dangers.

New official guidelines have finally validated Life Extension's longstanding blood-pressure recommendations.

High blood pressure elevates the risk of disorders ranging from kidney disease to dementia because of the severe damage it does to blood vessels and the organs they serve.

A unique combination of five nutrients—quercetin, myricitrin, myricetin, stevioside, and melatonin—can work by multiple mechanisms to control blood pressure around the clock.

No one should ever assume a drug, supplement, or healthy lifestyle regimen is producing optimal blood pressure readings.

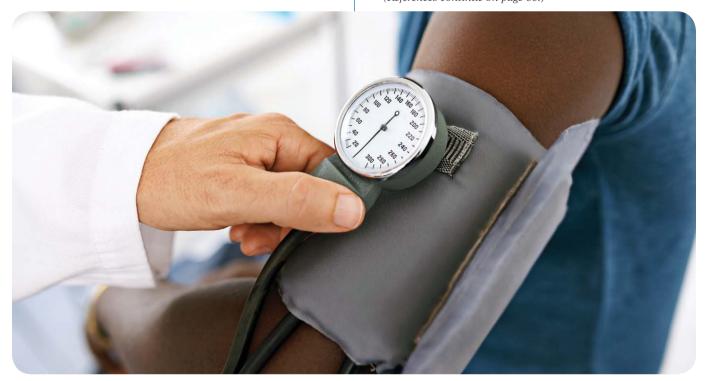
Use of an *at-home* blood-pressure monitor can enable people to better achieve 24-hour blood-pressure control.

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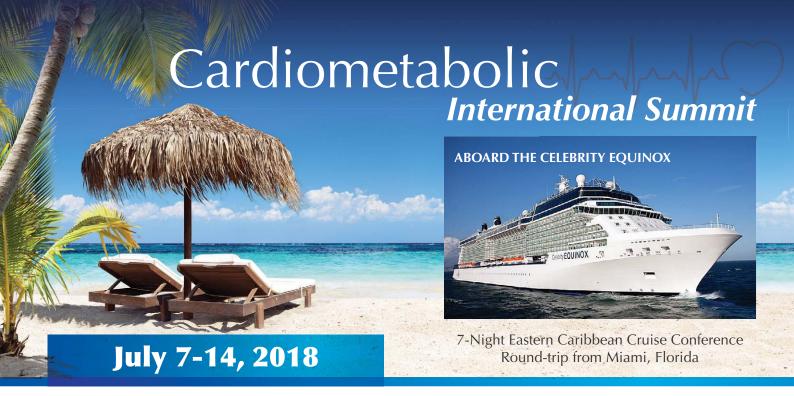
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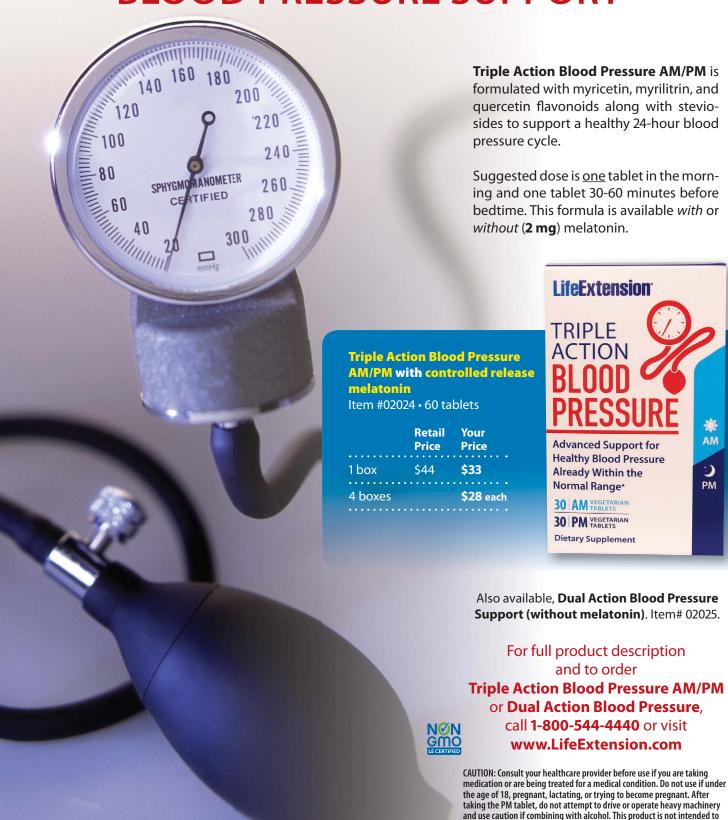
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# The "Concussion Doctor" Speaks

In **2015**, Will Smith starred in the major motion-picture *Concussion*.

In it, he played Bennet Omalu, M.D., a pathologist who fought to expose the extreme and potentially life-threatening dangers of a severe form of **brain injury** called *chronic traumatic encephalopathy* (CTE).

The movie was based on the true story of this medical hero who took on the National Football League and the medical establishment, which sought to discredit Dr. Omalu's findings and destroy his career.

Dr. Omalu's work eventually forced the NFL to implement changes aimed at helping protect players from long-term brain damage.

But there's more to this story.

While the toll among professional athletes is bad enough, it's **dwarfed** by the burden that **millions** of nonprofessional athletes—especially children and adolescents—will carry for the rest of their lives after suffering sports-related head injuries.



In his book, *Truth Doesn't Have a Side*, Dr. Omalu takes on this epidemic of traumatic brain injury (TBI) in the United States.

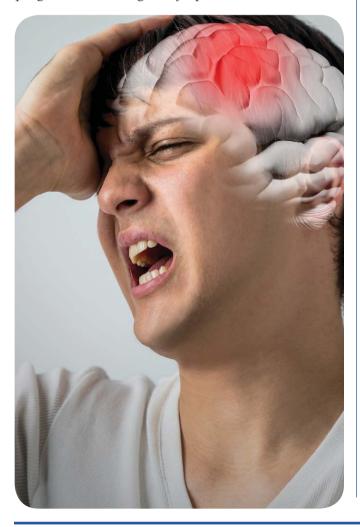
Even mild TBIs can cause headaches, fatigue, dizziness, sleep problems, and mood disorders. It can also cause serious psychiatric disorders like depression, aggression, and increased risk of suicide. 2

Despite the dangers—and the prevalence—mainstream medicine doesn't know much about the condition, and certainly doesn't have any ways to effectively treat it.

Fortunately, a number of innovative doctors are working to revolutionize the treatment of traumatic brain injury.

#### The NFL and Traumatic Brain Injury

In 2005, the prestigious journal *Neurosurgery* published Dr. Bennet Omalu's blockbuster report detailing his findings from the autopsy of Mike Webster.<sup>3</sup> This former player for the Pittsburgh Steelers died suddenly at age 50 in 2002 after struggling for years with progressive neurological symptoms.



After conducting the autopsy, Dr. Omalu concluded that Mike Webster suffered from a neurodegenerative disease as a result of repeated blows to the head. This condition, **chronic traumatic encephalopathy**, or CTE, is characterized by the accumulation of tau proteins in the brain, similar to Alzheimer's disease.<sup>4</sup>

In his conclusion, Dr. Omalu wrote, "This case highlights potential long-term neurodegenerative outcomes in retired professional National Football League players subjected to repeated mild traumatic brain injury."<sup>3</sup>

The backlash against Dr. Omalu was intense and instant. Worried about protecting its profits, the NFL immediately launched an organized and well-funded campaign to destroy him. First, the league pushed for retraction of his paper.

"To get a retraction, you need to successfully prove the researcher engaged in fraudulent behavior and generated false data," Dr. Omalu said. "They were pretty much labeling me a criminal."

To help bolster its case, Dr. Omalu said the NFL made a substantial grant to Boston University to fund research that would discredit him. At the same time, the medical establishment mobilized against Dr. Omalu and his research.

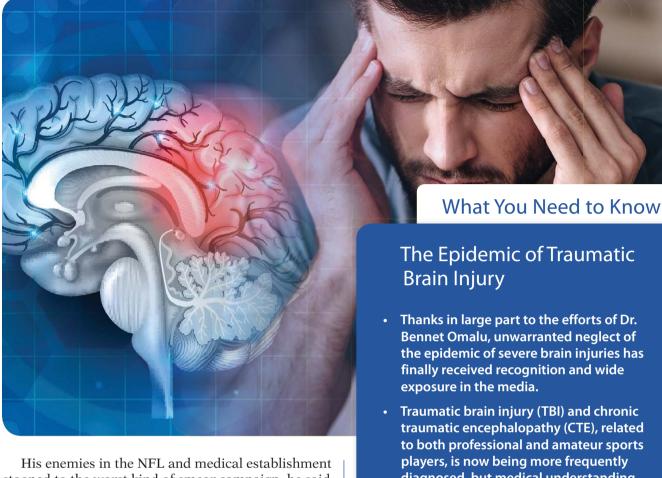
"They knew what they were doing," he said. "If they had succeeded, that would have been the end of me. I would have lost my license and my career would be over. But I defended myself and presented my data to a committee at the journal. A ruling was made that I had done nothing wrong."

Unfortunately for Dr. Omalu, his trials weren't over yet. Once his findings had been accepted and CTE described as a legitimate issue, the medical establishment launched a furious assault against him to discredit him personally and professionally. He was ostracized at every level of his profession, denied funding to continue his research, and he avoided conferences for fear of professional retaliation.

"I had to spend my own money because nobody would give me any to fund my research," he said. "They even enlisted the National Institutes of Health. Usually if someone introduces something new, the NIH will invite them to talk and see what they need. That didn't happen with me."

In fact, the narrative was "being rewritten" as the truth of his findings gained traction, and Dr. Omalu found himself being written out of the story.

"I was very confused," he said. "Why would they want to remove me? Other doctors were going around saying they were the first to publish this. In 2016, the NIH said it was the first to establish a diagnostic criteria for CTE. What about me? It was very difficult. I struggled with depression and contemplated suicide."



stooped to the worst kind of smear campaign, he said.

"They used xenophobia against me because I'm a black guy and a foreigner," he said. "I wasn't a big name. I didn't have a big lab. I was working from my apartment and paying for my own research. But I believed the truth would prevail. It just took a foreigner from Nigeria to prove this was happening in America's biggest sport."

Ultimately, Dr. Omalu took his story to Hollywood, the only institution in American he thought was powerful enough to get the truth out about CTE and his story. "Will Smith didn't want to do the movie at first," he said. "But he did it to make the truth known. I'm deeply grateful to Hollywood, but it's still affecting me. I'm still being marginalized."

In 2016, Boston University rescinded its plans to give Dr. Omalu the prestigious Beyond Health Award. The school's reason? An interview Dr. Omalu gave in which he cited a potential conflict of interest at the school's Concussion Legacy Foundation and World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc., which is also struggling with the CTE question thanks to Dr. Omalu's pioneering work.

- Thanks in large part to the efforts of Dr. Bennet Omalu, unwarranted neglect of the epidemic of severe brain injuries has finally received recognition and wide
  - Traumatic brain injury (TBI) and chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), related to both professional and amateur sports players, is now being more frequently diagnosed, but medical understanding of the mechanisms involved in these injuries is lacking. Experts believe this lack of understanding has likely led to millions of undiagnosed cases and sufferers who therefore don't receive the treatment they need.
- TBI symptoms include fatigue, dizziness, sleep disorders, headaches, and mood disturbances. Changes in personality are sometimes observed, as well as behavioral and cognitive difficulties. Compared to the general population, patients with chronic traumatic encephalopathy are much more likely to commit suicide.
- Innovative treatments are being developed to help relieve the effects of chronic traumatic encephalopathy. These include the use of certain nutrients and hormone replacement therapy.

There's no way to know how many NFL players suffer from CTE because it can only be diagnosed postmortem, but there's no debate it's widespread. The list of professional football players who have committed suicide or died of other causes and had CTE diagnosed at autopsy includes Andre Waters (2006), Junior Seau (2012), Ken Stabler (2016), Dave Duerson (2011), Ray Easterling (2012), and dozens more—including at least seven members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.<sup>5</sup>

In fact, according to a 2017 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, the number of NFL players who suffer from CTE could be as high as 99%. The blockbuster study examined the donated brains of 111 NFL players and found evidence of mild to severe CTE in 110. It was found in every position, from placekicker to quarterback to linebacker.6

This means that playing in the NFL is, in terms of this specific affliction, more dangerous than fighting in Iraq, where tens of thousands of soldiers suffered mild traumatic brain injury (TBI).

#### Why Children are More at Risk

While the link between chronic traumatic encephalopathy and professional football is new, the connection between sports and brain injury has been known for decades.7 We are all familiar with famous boxer Muhammad Ali, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1984 and publicly struggled with it for the rest of his life.8



But the risk is especially great for children and adolescents involved in sports.

A survey published in the journal *Pediatrics* estimated that **1.1** to **1.9 million** children and adolescents under the age of 18 sustain a sports-related concussion every year.9 And according to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), sports-related injuries contribute to about 21% of all TBIs reported in American children and adolescents.<sup>10</sup>

In fact, TBI is the leading cause of sports-related fatality.10

As far back as 1957, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a position paper warning that children should not engage in football, boxing, or wrestling out of a fear of head injury.11 Almost 20 years later, the Lancet published an editorial saving it was "foolhardy" for people to engage in sports that have a risk of brain trauma.12

And now, with Dr. Omalu's new book, Truth Doesn't Have a Side, he is sounding the alarm once again.

"I don't think any child under 18 should play a highimpact, high-contact sport," he told Life Extension®. "That includes football, rugby, boxing, hockey, mixedmartial arts, and wrestling. The most important part of your life is your intellect, your intuition. If a game is meant to uplift your state of well-being, but actually robs you of your well-being, that is not a game. That is not a sport."

Many people might not realize that you don't have to suffer from a concussion to experience a traumatic brain injury.

"The focus on concussions alone is ridiculous," he says. "Concussion is a disease caused by TBI. The more important issue is subconcussive, repetitive injury. Every blow to the head causes brain injury. Every blow."

The bottom line, according to Dr. Omalu, is that there is no safe level of head trauma.

#### The Search for Answers

Despite intense research into better understanding the neurobiological effects of mild TBI and concussion, there is <u>no approved biomarker test</u> used to diagnose it—and no consensus about exactly how mild TBI causes the long-term brain damage and cognitive deficits seen in so many soldiers and athletes.<sup>13</sup> This lack of agreement makes identification and treatment exponentially more difficult.

Most TBI cases are never reported, and few people get medical attention. Those who do are typically seen on an outpatient basis.9

Clearly, something has to change.

If there is a silver lining, it's that the increased focus on sports-related head trauma has spurred interest in novel approaches to limit the damage and help victims recover. There is no cure for CTE, but for the first time, innovative doctors are raising the hope of at least containing the damage.

#### Hormones and Brain Injury

While mainstream medicine continues to struggle just to understand chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a number of physicians are looking to *revolutionize* treatment of traumatic brain injury.

Their focus is on **hormone replacement therapy**.

The National Institutes of Health database has dozens of studies showing the interaction between hormone status and TBI, yet virtually no mainstream doctors are using hormone therapy to address long-term damage caused by repeated TBI.

For example, there is a well-documented connection between reduced pituitary function and mild TBI. Specifically, studies have found hypopituitarism in **16**% to **68**% of patients. <sup>14-16</sup> The more severe the injury, the worse the damage. <sup>17</sup>

The pituitary gland is responsible for producing critical hormones, including growth hormone and thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH), as well as stimulating the production of sex hormones such estrogen and testosterone.

Because of the reduced pituitary function, patients with TBI often suffer from low growth-hormone levels and reduced production of gonadotropins (FSH and LH) and thyroid-stimulating hormone.<sup>18,19</sup> This reduction in growth hormone has been linked to increased abdominal obesity and metabolic alterations that are observable years after the original injury.<sup>20</sup>

Reductions in sex hormone levels after mild traumatic brain injury have been observed in mice.<sup>21</sup> In adolescent animals, repeated mild traumatic brain injury has been linked to hypogonadism in adulthood, as well as delayed puberty and erectile dysfunction.<sup>22</sup>

Research has shown that testosterone levels can be a good indicator of function in TBI patients.<sup>23</sup>

An animal study showed that treatment with estrogen reduced delayed swelling in the brain and intracranial pressure.<sup>24</sup> Estrogen has well-known neuroprotective and anti-inflammatory properties.<sup>25,26</sup>

These discoveries have prompted innovative physicians to investigate treating the long-term effects of TBI with **hormone-replacement therapy**. Among these groundbreaking doctors is Dr. Mark L. Gordon, who understood the importance of reduced pituitary function in this context years ago while treating a young man exhibiting signs of sports-induced brain injury.



#### **Short- and Long-Term Impact of TBI**

A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is defined as an injury caused by brain trauma, whether it's from a blow to the head or from a piercing injury. They are categorized as mild, moderate, or severe on the Glasgow Coma Scale.

Concussions are a type of mild traumatic brain injury that results in symptoms, usually temporary, that may include headaches and confusion.<sup>67,68</sup> These can be caused by blows to the head such as in sports, falling, or accidents, or in the case of tens of thousands of soldiers in Iraq, exposure to blast waves from ordnance.

Symptoms of a mild traumatic brain injury may include brief loss of consciousness, headache, nausea, vomiting, and fatigue.<sup>69</sup> Most victims begin to recover from the acute injury within 24 hours while others experience persistent symptoms. And while some symptoms may occur soon after the injury, others can first appear weeks later.<sup>70,71</sup> While a CT scan might show localized swelling after a mild traumatic brain injury, many concussion sufferers show no abnormalities on MRI or CT scans.<sup>72,73</sup>

Unfortunately, this is only part of the picture. Once the acute phase ends, there is a **chronic phase** to the post-injury period that can last *indefinitely*. According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, up to **20%** of people who suffer from mild traumatic brain injury will exhibit "persistent physical, cognitive, or behavioral symptoms" for *years*. These physical symptoms can include headaches, dizziness, nausea, and problems with coordination, sleep, vision, and hearing.<sup>74</sup>

Traumatic brain injury has been linked to a grim litany of psychiatric disorders, including personality changes, anxiety, aggression, depression, increased risk of suicide, and psychosis.<sup>75</sup>

Today, he treats soldiers and athletes at his clinic, Millennium Health Centers, and hormone replacement is a vital part of his protocol.

Dr. Gordon's hormone-balancing approach relies on diligent testing, followed by physiological doses of vital hormones. The goal is to restore hormone levels to the middle of the optimal range, while carefully monitoring each patient for improvement. His results have earned him invitations to speak about hormone therapy at conferences on traumatic brain injury.

"For traumatic brain injury patients," Dr. Gordon told **Life Extension**, "any proper diagnosis and treatment protocol should begin with baseline testing of testosterone, growth hormone, thyroid, cortisol, insulin, and vitamin D."

## Reversing Brain Damage in Former Football Players

In 2014, William Faloon wrote an article in **Life Extension Magazine®** titled *Outwitting our Aging Brain*. It described how aging people suffer diminished brain blood-flow and what can be done to correct it.

In the box below is an excerpt from the article that describes a study showing <u>reversal</u> of traumatic brain injury clinical measures in response to a six-month treatment using specific nutrients:

Brain injuries are common in professional **football players** and severe cases sometimes make headline news stories.<sup>27-29</sup>

A clinical trial was conducted on 30 retired NFL players who demonstrated brain damage and cognitive impairment. They underwent baseline testing of **cognitive function** and **brain perfusion** as measured by **SPECT** imaging.<sup>30</sup>

Participants were encouraged to lose weight (if appropriate) and take the following supplements for six months:

Fish oil <sup>30-33</sup>	1,720 mg EPA 1,160 mg DHA	
Vinpocetine <sup>34-39</sup>	15 mg	
Ginkgo extract <sup>40-45</sup>	120 mg	
Alpha Lipoic Acid <sup>46-49</sup>	300 mg	
Acetyl L-Carnitine48,50-52	1,000 mg	
Huperzine A <sup>53-55</sup>	150 mcg	
N-acetyl-cysteine <sup>56-60</sup>	600 mg	
High-potency multivitamin <sup>61,62</sup>		

#### The Gut-Brain Connection

Researchers are also beginning to understand the potential of using the "gut brain" to help treat TBI.<sup>63</sup> This is a layer of nerve cells in the digestive system known as the enteric nervous system (ENS) that is sometimes called the "second brain" or "gut brain."

The **enteric nervous system** functions independently of the central nervous system, secreting enzymes, immune system components, and hormones and relying on neurotransmitters identical to the ones used in the brain.<sup>63,64</sup>

Researchers used to think that communication between the central nervous system and the enteric nervous system was a one-way street, with the brain passing signals to the gut.<sup>65</sup> In more recent years, we have learned that communication is a two-way street and the ENS is in constant communication with the brain.

People with TBI show "structural damage to the GI tract." <sup>66</sup> This raises the possibility that treating the ENS/CNS axis by restoring normal gut flora, neurotransmitter function, and hormone production might reduce the risk of CTE and even help reduce symptoms of existing CTE.



The rationale behind using these nutrients was that they were individually shown to enhance blood flow, protect against free radicals, enhance brain-cell membrane structure, boost acetylcholine, enhance neuronal metabolic activity, and reduce chronic inflammatory markers.

After six months, the tests were repeated. There were statistically significant increases in scores of attention, memory, reasoning, information processing speed, and accuracy in these retired NFL players. The SPECT scan showed increased **perfusion** in areas throughout much of the brain. The researchers who conducted this trial concluded:

"This study demonstrates that cognitive and cerebral blood flow improvements are possible in this group with multiple interventions." 30

Neurological trauma during football events accelerates brain aging. *Life Extension* members should be gratified to know that they have been taking most, if not all of the nutrients shown in this study to reverse **brain damage** in retired NFL players. This brain damage clearly linked **hypoperfusion** (reduced brain blood flow) with **cognitive impairment.** 

#### **Summary**

There has been an explosion in the recognition and diagnosis of TBI and CTE in recent years, both in professional sports and among the general population. Despite this wave of new cases, our understanding of the underlying mechanisms of traumatic brain injury and CTE remains primitive. As a result, millions of cases are likely not diagnosed and people don't receive proper treatment.

The effects of TBI can include headaches, fatigue, dizziness, sleep and mood disturbances, and cognitive, behavioral, and personality changes. The risk of suicide among people suffering from CTE caused by repeated mild TBIs is much higher than the normal population.

New research is helping us understand the link between TBI and disturbances in the endocrine system. Innovative doctors are using hormone replacement therapy, along with specific nutrients, to help reduce the effects of CTE and improve patients' quality of life. •

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## AN OVERLOOKED MEDICAL HERO

This article does not fully relay the persecution and threats to his personal safety that **Dr. Bennet Omalu** endured by a **medical establishment** that was bought off by the **NFL**.

This article also does not fully describe the brilliant and painstaking research Dr. Omalu conducted that resulted in significant risk to his medical license, employment and immigration status.

History is laden with pioneers who defied conventional authority to advance medical science, often at great personal risk.

Identical situations exist today where effective means to save human lives exist, but are suppressed by a labyrinth of state and federal **regulations** that delay their introduction.

## **Dr. Omalu Uncovers Further Wrongdoing**

Dr. Bennet Omalu recently resigned from his position as chief medical examiner for San Joaquin County, California, due to what he sees as inappropriate police meddling in his work.

Dr. Omalu claims Sheriff-Coroner Steve Moore has "routinely" interfered with his investigations in an effort to protect



**Dr. Bennet Omalu** 

police officers. He said the interference from the sheriff was so excessive that it nearly amounted to unlicensed medical practice.

In a statement given to the media, Dr. Omalu wrote that he had "observed long before this that

In a statement given to the media, Dr. Omalu wrote that he had "observed long before this that the sheriff was using his political office as the coroner to influence the death investigation of persons who die while in custody or during arrest by the police."

Dr. Omalu's claims were backed up by his former assistant, forensic pathologist Dr. Susan Parson, who also resigned. Omalu and Parson have turned over detailed documents related to their allegations to county supervisors and the district attorney.

As one example of alleged misconduct, Dr. Omalu pointed to the case of a 26-year-old man who died after fighting with both police and civilians. Dr. Omalu ruled the death a homicide by blunt force trauma.

Afterward, he said, "The sheriff called me into his office and told me that he wanted to make it an accident since officers were involved. He said that I should amend my report and state that he died from the civilians and not the police officers."

In addition to numerous other cases, Dr. Omalu also cited a case from 2007 in which a man died during his arrest. "Information was intentionally withheld from me by the sheriff in order to mislead me from determining the case to be a homicide," he said. "The sheriff still went behind my back months later and changed the manner of death to an accident to minimize the seriousness of the case."

The San Joaquin County Medical Society has called on authorities to conduct a full investigation. The group's president, Dr. R. Grant Mellor, called the charges alarming and said, "Physician independence is paramount to avoid improper influence on the practice of medicine."



#### **Changing Football**

When Dr. Bennet Omalu's autopsy report of Mike Webster was released in 2005, he was met with opposition from the National Football League (NFL)—but the league couldn't wish the issue away forever.

After years of denying the real-world trauma of players suffering from horrifying symptoms long after their playing days were over, the NFL finally admitted it had a concussion problem.

In late 2016, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced the Play Smart Play Safe campaign, which included a \$100 million pledge to study, prevent, and treat head injuries, the hiring of a Chief Medical Officer at the NFL, and increased focus on the league's concussion protocol.<sup>76</sup>

Football rule changes have been implemented in an effort to reduce blows to the head, but these will not eliminate the brain damage.

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Revenues		
Ticket Sales	\$	321,000.35
Sponsors	\$	49,000.00
Exhibit Booths	\$	19,145.00
Video Sales	\$	8,878.70
Sales from DVD	\$	4,911.42
T-Shirts Sales	\$	3,997.25
Bookstore Sales	\$	3,256.05
Donations	\$	82.69
Interest	\$	18.23
Total Revenues	\$	410,289.69
Other Revenue		
Donation (LEF – Facebook promotion)	\$	5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	415,289.69
Expenses		,
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Insurance		
Officers Liability	\$	1,620.00
Liability for Event	\$	251.00
Total Cost of Insurance	\$	1,871.00
Fees		
Merchant Account fees	\$	10,894.00
Subscriptions/Dues	\$	1,692.66
Bank Service Charges	\$	254.00
Total Cost of Fees	\$	12,840.66
Marketing/Promotion		
CVENT & APP	\$	18,144.20
Facebook PD promotions	\$	8,602.10
Affiliate	\$	1,000.00
Total Marketing/Promotion	\$	27,746.30
Event Costs		
Food & Beverage	\$	194,299.96
AV/Audio - AV101 -	\$	39,800.00
Accommodation Staff /VIP	\$	27,500.00
AVMS – Rigging- Internet	\$	16,039.39
Hotel Deposits	\$	10,000.00
Videographer	\$	11,000.00
Graphics	\$	7,888.80
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Sponsored Transport	\$	2,600.63
Draping	\$ \$	2,350.00
Rental Stools x 12	\$	554.00
Play- Director	\$	450.00
Total Costs for Event Costs	\$ \$	318,251.78
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Total Cost for Contract Services	\$	53,970.00
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Banner Stage	\$	2,240.00
Coalition Video	\$	1,099.00
Step/Repeat Banner	\$	565.44
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Operations		
Give Aways	\$	2,310.50
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Photocopying/Printing	\$	1,240.00
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Total Cost of Administration		6,034.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u> </u>	425,254.85
NET INCOME	\$	(9,965.16)





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We live in an unprecedented era as it relates to our knowledge about the underlying causes of aging.

Headlines routinely report on billionaires who are funding projects aimed at significantly extending healthy lifespans.

We at the **Life Extension Buyers Club** applaud all efforts to turn aging into a relic of the past, as smallpox and polio were last century.

But the complexity of the causes of aging makes it unlikely that <u>one</u> person will discover an ultimate cure.

A better approach is to engage with a broad array of scientists, activists, organizations and interested individuals through open sharing of information and inspiration.

This is the premise behind the annual RAADfest that will be held this year on September 20 - 23, 2018 in San Diego, California.

Sponsored by **Life Extension**®, RAAD-fest stands for the **Revolution Against Aging and Death**.

What distinguishes **RAADfest** from any event on the planet is the focus on human age reversal, group collaboration, community building and personal involvement.

Unlike typical conferences where you get lost in the crowd and feel buried in technical jargon, **RAADfest** brings people and experts together in a friendly atmosphere of collaboration and motivation.

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#### RAADfest 2018— Practical Approaches to Age-reversal.

For the past **38** years, **Life Extension** has relentlessly introduced scientific methods aimed at systematically abolishing limitations imposed by degenerative aging.

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The ultimate objective of **RAADfest** is to support *systematic* strategies to counteract <u>all</u> known pathologies involved in degenerative aging. Yes, this is an ambitious undertaking. But the science is so close that it is now realistic to speak in these terms.

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Stem cell exosomes	Cell regeneration/telomere lengthening
Rapamycin/metformin	Turn on autophagy/stem-cell renewal
GDF11	Restore this pro-youth hormone
Thymus regeneration	Partial reversal of immune senescence
Periodic fasting	Restore hematopoietic function/immunity

RAADfest is the first large-scale event where multiple methods to reverse human aging are presented by credentialed individuals.

It's also important to note that many of these interventions are **affordable**. The news media has disseminated misleading reports that only the wealthy will be able to achieve indefinitely extended lifespans.

As you will learn, some of the interventions cost relatively little. Prices will likely plummet as more of the public realizes they can defy their hereditary longevity limitations.

#### There Is No Time to Waste

Each day, over **5,000** Americans perish from a degenerative illness. Included in this carnage are longevity enthusiasts whose biological clock dwindled <u>before</u> regenerative interventions were initiated. Stated succinctly, time is running out for many of our longtime supporters (including me)!

For these reasons, **RAADfest 2018** will focus on specific therapies now in human trials, and the opportunity to directly connect with researchers who have often **self-experimented**. There will be lots of group interactions, question-and-answer sessions, and other forms of communication that will enable you to

At **RAADfest 2018** I expect to present results from clinical studies in which reversals of clinical measures <u>and</u> biomarkers of aging appear to have *already* occurred.

**Clinical measurements** evaluate blood pressure, glucose, lipids, and tissue/organ functions. When these improve, we suspect we are reducing degenerative disease risk and possibly inducing regenerative effects.

**Biomarkers** of aging may include telomere length, DNA methylation patterns and immune risk/inflammatory profiles. When these improve, it indicates we may be achieving reversals of aging itself.

**Anecdotal feedback** can help corroborate if improvements of clinical measures and aging biomarkers are translating into youthful vitality and wellbeing.

#### How to Register for RAADFest 2018

Most people delay registering and pay a fee of \$647 to attend. If you register by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, your cost is only \$497.

As you can see from the financial report on the first page of this article, **RAADfest** is a **nonprofit** endeavor and the registration fees paid equate closely with the hard costs of putting on the event, including three free meals and direct access to marquee names in the life-extension sciences.

You can register to attend RAADfest 2018 by calling **1-480-345-6554** (24 hours) or log on to www.RAADFest.com

I look forward to RAADfest each year as it enables me to personally interact with so many of you who enable age-reversal research projects to be funded.

## Life Extension is Proud to Be a Founding Sponsor

How did RAADfest get started? As scientific evidence mounted, I received calls from activists suggesting that **Life Extension** sponsor a **conference** whereby scientists and longevity enthusiasts exchange concepts to accelerate development of **rejuvenation** therapies.

We at **Life Extension** guaranteed \$200,000 up-front in case the conference was unable to cover expenses.

Speakers at RAADfest focus on an array of topics, including visions for the future, current research, as well as how society will adapt and transform to a shifting paradigm of radically extended lifespans.

RAADfest provides a lot of enjoyment as well with live entertainment, a planned party, and impromptu evening get-togethers. All of this on an affordable resort hotel property to make this unique gathering an inspiring and heartwarming experience for all those interested in radical life extension. After all, if we want to extend life, we need to celebrate it too!

The main theme for **RAADfest 2018** is disseminating information about practical approaches of reversing biological senescence in order to realize the goal of ending aging in our lifetime.



Findings from proof-of-concept studies will be announced that reveal reversal of aging factors in human study subjects, with the potential to do more very soon. The audience will be able to submit questions for the speakers and directly interact with speakers and like-minded individuals, all of which will provide an engaging and interactive experience throughout the event.

**RAADfest** is presented by the nonprofit **Coalition for Radical Life Extension**, directed by James Strole, whose purpose is to unite like-minded people in ways that will benefit all of humanity, including readers of *Life Extension Magazine*®.

If this were a **profit-making** business, registration would be over \$1,200, especially when considering the healthy **meals** <u>included</u> in the package. The goal is to keep registration fees low so that as many people can afford to attend as possible.

As you can see from the **financial report** (on opening page of this article), **RAADfest** operates on a very lean budget in order to remain as accessible as possible to more people.

#### **Register Now to Save \$\$\$**

If you register by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, your cost to attend this year's **RAADfest** is **\$497**. (The price goes up considerably after this date.)

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#### About the Coalition for Radical Life Extension

The nonprofit *Coalition for Radical Life Extension* consists of groups supporting healthy longevity including Aubrey de Grey's SENS Research Foundation, People Unlimited Inc. led by James Strole and Bernadeane, Dave Kekich's Maximum Life Foundation, Liz Parrish's Bio Viva, Bill Andrews's Sierra Sciences, along with **Life Extension®**, the **Society for the Rescue of Our Elders**, and others. ●

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# Cilantro

#### BY GARRY MESSICK

Many people don't realize that the herb known as cilantro does not come from a plant of that name, but is in fact the leaves and stems of the coriander plant. As such, cilantro is related to cumin, dill, fennel, and anise.

Cilantro has been used in cooking for hundreds of years, and is known for its strong, citrus-like flavor, which pairs well with seasonings such as mint, basil, and turmeric. The tasty herb is also famed for its health benefits, such as:

#### **Anxiety relief**

Cilantro has been found to have a significant calming effect, making it a good candidate as a natural treatment for relief of anxiety. In fact, high doses of cilantro extract were found to have effects similar to the popular anti-anxiety drug Valium®,¹ but without that drug's many distressing side effects, such as confusion, hallucinations, agitation, and memory problems.

#### **Elimination of Heavy Metals**

The accumulation of toxic metals and chemical elements such as lead, mercury, aluminum, and arsenic in our bodies can have seriously detrimental health effects, including neurological damage, infertility, heart disease and hormonal imbalances. Cilantro can help counter these effects. It has been found to accelerate the elimination of heavy metals.<sup>2</sup> In mice, simultaneous administration of cilantro extract protected against lead-induced oxidative stress.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Wards off Infection**

Cilantro helps protect against a wide range of diseases—including but not limited to salmonella, cholera, and food poisoning—due to its antibacterial properties. Research has shown that essential oil of cilantro is effective against *Listeria*.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Fights Diabetes**

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## Bartley J. Madden

## Free to Choose Medicine

Bartley J. Madden sees one major flaw in the American effort to bring effective medications to patients at the lowest prices. That flaw is called The Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Madden, a senior fellow at the National Center for Policy Analysis, is an expert in the application of systems thinking—the study of how elements that can be seen as working together in a system interrelate and affect each other.

In his book, Free to Choose Medicine, Madden advocates bringing free-market competition to the FDA's regulatory monopoly on

the public's access to new drugs. He suggests the creation of an alternative path to new medications featuring internet-based, up-to-the-minute information which doctors and their patients can use to assess the risks of particular drugs for themselves, free of the hidebound FDA thinking which, Madden believes, often does more harm than good.

In this interview with *Life Extension*®, Madden explains his view of the problematic nature of the FDA as it currently exists, how the system can be improved, and why he believes a grassroots movement advocating reform is necessary.

### **Author Interview**

**LE:** What prompted your interest in FDA reform?

BJM: FDA reform became a top priority for me after reading the tragic details of how cancer patients were dying without access to the promising new drugs being tested in clinical trials. This struck me as an enormously important problem crying out for a solution.

LE: What's your approach to this problem, in a nutshell?

BJM: My two main ideas for FDA reform are, number one, the FDA itself is the bottleneck in the drugs-to-patients system, the goal of which is better drugs, sooner, at lower cost. As a practical matter, the FDA's continual push for more extensive clinical testing ignores the importance of providing new drugs sooner, at lower cost. Second, the system solution is to introduce consumer choice. Patients could then decide whether to use not-yetapproved new drugs based on their unique health conditions and risk preferences.

Anyone's death from the denial of access to a promising new drug is profoundly sad for the victim's family and loved ones. So too is the unnecessary pain and suffering of the much greater numbers of victims who are denied access to drugs that could significantly better manage their diseases.

LE: Could you give a specific example?

BJM: Multiple Sclerosis, or MS, is a disease of the nervous system that can cause difficulty in maintaining balance when walking, a painful loss of eyesight, and an almost constant state of fatigue.

An approved drug for treating MS, Tysabri®, demonstrated in clinical trials a remarkable ability to decrease relapses as well

as the formation of additional brain lesions. But in 2005, following some reports of serious side effects, Tysabri® was pulled from the market. Many MS patients immediately pleaded with the FDA to restore access to Tysabri®, and the FDA eventually agreed. Even so, while the drug was off the market, hundreds of thousands of people suffered needless pain and worsening of their disease.

John Calfee, who worked as an economist with the American Enterprise Institute, reported survey responses of MS patients who were asked if they were willing to take their chances with Tysabri® despite its apparent one-in-1,000 chance of causing fatal complications. Roughly half of the patients said yes, they were willing to take the risk.

Additionally, 71% of the MS patients surveyed agreed with the following statements: "If a drug has safety concerns, the FDA should warn people, but I should be free to decide with my doctor whether to use those drugs or not," and, "I am capable of making my own treatment choices, based on the information I get from my doctor."

LE: It seems like the situation is more fluid and complex than the FDA allows for.

BJM: The amount of risk patients are willing to accept for potential improvement to their health is not static. Health conditions change over time, pain can become intolerable, the degeneration associated with Parkinson's disease, MS, or Alzheimer's often becomes disabling, and for some there is little hope for survival using the drugs that have secured conventional FDA approval.

Further, the sum total of useful data about drugs grows over time,

leading doctors and patients to change their opinions about how effective and how risky a new drug might be.

With today's system, the patient must meet the needs of the FDA's mandated clinical trial criteria—or, in almost all cases, get nothing. A single arbitrary level of risk is chosen by the FDA's risk-averse bureaucracy and imposed on everyone. Such a system cannot help but fail to achieve its stated objective of "advancing the public health by helping to speed innovations that make medicines and foods more effective, safer, and more affordable."

LE: What do you see as missing from the current healthcare debate?

BJM: An understanding of the overall drugs-to-patients system and of the current government policies that needlessly delay access to drugs and greatly increase cost. Also missing is sufficient appreciation for the lives extended and quality-of-life improvements made possible by innovative drugs and medical devices.

To mention just one type of drug, the estimated monetary value to society of the HIV/AIDS therapies that were introduced by private-sector pharmaceutical companies, beginning in the late 1980s, is \$1.4 trillion, according to a 2006 study. Of that total, 95% represented health benefits to patients and only 5% accrued to private-sector drug developers. That seems to have been a remarkably good bargain for society.

Concern over the cost of healthcare so dominates the attention of politicians and reform advocates that little attention is given to the role of innovation. It is innovation that yields highly effective drugs... Ignored is the average billion-dollar cost that drug companies incur to obtain FDA approval for a new drug. Also ignored is the possibility that changing the current drug-approval process could substantially reduce the cost of new drugs.

LE: What about government intervention?

BJM: Imposing government price controls on drugs, rather than addressing innovation and the way patients get access to new drugs may seem easier and faster-a more direct route to solving an apparent problem. It is not. Price controls strict enough to have a substantial impact on drug costs would decimate investment in new drug development because developers would be unable to earn an adequate return on their investors' capital. Investment capital would go elsewhere. Small biotech companies—the source of so many of the new drugs that are revolutionizing medicine—would become an endangered species.

LE: Why do you think a grassroots movement for your "Free to Choose Medicine" approach doesn't already exist?

BJM: Firstly, the nightly news keeps most of us frightened about serious side effects (including death) from the use of approved drugs. We rarely see stories blaming deaths on unnecessary regulatory delay by the FDA, even though a great many of such deaths occur for every one death due to an approved drug. Such lopsided coverage leads many people to believe that an even stronger FDA is needed to perform even more stringent testing of drugs. Moreover, few reporters understand that the discovery. testing, and sale of new drugs is a system—one that is failing because

of the faulty design of one of its components. Or that suffering and deaths would be greatly reduced if promising new drugs moved faster through clinical testing.

Second, the FDA and its supporters erroneously choose to believe they are serving the public interest when they are highly motivated to preserve their authority by defending the status quo. They maintain their power, in part, by banging the drum of fear that any weakening of FDA powers would unleash a torrent of harmful drugs on the public. So far, that has worked. Pharmaceutical company experts who could contradict this claim are often silent out of fear of antagonizing the regulators whose decisions can spell the difference between their company's financial success or failure.

Third, most of us have not realized, thought about, or even been able to evaluate what economists call the "opportunity cost" of not being free to make an informed choice about the best drug treatment for ourselves. This freedom to choose is one we actually had prior to 1962, when legislation was enacted that greatly expanded the FDA, in effect granting it a monopoly over access to drugs, and thus preventing people from accessing medicines of their choice.

LE: Throughout your book, you stress a systems mindset that views the FDA as one component of a complex drugs-to-patients system. Why do you adopt this mindset?

BJM: Absent a systems mindset, most extensive FDA clinical testing is automatically viewed as a good thing regardless of the negative consequences elsewhere in the system. A fundamental central point is that the systems perspective provides the compelling

argument that the FDA itself is the bottleneck in achieving the system's goal of better drugs, sooner, at lower cost.

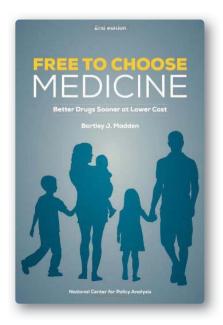
Consumer choice and competition are the heart of a market system. They are especially relevant in achieving truly large-scale benefits from "Free to Choose Medicine." This becomes apparent when you analyze how the FDA testing process works.

LE: Finally, what do you hope to accomplish with your book?

BJM: It lays out the practical tasks to begin building a reform movement that, if the book does the job I hope it will do, people will want to join. The core reason is this: We all want healthier, longer, and more productive lives for ourselves. our families, and all Americans.

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BY GARRY MESSICK

Renowned chef Jean-Christian Jury has for many years specialized in preparing vegan and raw-food dishes. His strong belief in health-promoting foods has culminated in his new book, *Vegan: The Cookbook*.

The recipes in Jury's book originate from countries all over the world. He credits his interest in exotic foods to his extensive travels, as well as his research into the origins and evolution of foods from ancient to modern times.

Jury advises that people who are interested in adopting a vegan diet first read up on the subject.

"A vegan diet, like every other diet, has to be balanced," says Jury. "Your body and digestive system need time to adapt. Take always into consideration your health in the first place. To maintain a healthy immune system, your body needs garden fresh food, vitamins, enzymes, calories and minerals."

Jury, a native of Toulouse, France, has run the acclaimed restaurant La Mano Verde in Berlin, Germany, since 2008. All of the recipes in *Vegan: The Cookbook* have been served there.

"For years," he says, "my target was to surprise the non-vegan guests with our quality of cooking and imagination."

Below, *Life Extension*® has collected four delicious, nutritious recipes from Jury's book. When preparing these meals, the chef recommends that you use the freshest ingredients you can find.

"Going vegan with garden fresh ingredients is the base of a healthy vegan diet," he says.

### Healthy Eating

FROM SOUTH KOREA:

#### Broccoli Soup with Ginger and Lemon

Preparation time: 25 minutes • Cooking time: 35 minutes, plus 20 minutes chilling • Serves 4

Two heads of broccoli, trimmed and separated into florets, stems reserved

Two tablespoons olive oil

One shallot, finely chopped

One tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger

Three cups vegetable stock (broth)

One teaspoon finely grated lemon zest

Two tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1/2 cup coconut milk

Two scallions (spring onions), finely chopped, to garnish

One tablespoon white sesame seeds, to garnish

Preheat the oven to 400°F/200°C/Gas Mark 6

Put the broccoli florets into an ovenproof dish, add one tablespoon of the olive oil and toss to coat. Bake for 20 minutes, until tender. Remove from the oven and set aside.

Heat the remaining olive oil in a saucepan over medium heat, add the shallot and stir fry for four minutes, until the shallot has softened. Add the ginger and cook for another two minutes. Add the broccoli stems, broth, and lemon zest and juice. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then bring to a simmer and cook for about 10 minutes, until the broccoli stems are tender.

Add the broccoli florets and bring to a boil, then remove the pan from the heat and set aside to cool for 20 minutes.

In a food processor or high-speed blender, purée the soup in batches until smooth. Return the soup to the saucepan, add the coconut milk and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Then immediately remove the saucepan from the heat.

Ladle the soup into bowls, garnish with the scallions and white sesame seeds, and serve.

FROM KURDISTAN:

#### Chickpea and Cilantro Salad

Preparation time: 20 minutes • Cooking time: 15 minutes Serves 4

Three tablespoons olive oil

Three cloves garlic, finely chopped

One red onion, finely chopped

One tablespoon ground cumin

One tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger

1/2 teaspoon chopped piment d'espelette

Two tablespoons fresh lime juice

Nine oz. plum tomatoes, quartered

1 ¼ cups canned chickpeas, rinsed and drained

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

One bunch of cilantro (coriander), chopped

Heat the oil in a wok or deep saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and onion and stir-fry for five to six minutes, until golden brown. Add the cumin, mix to incorporate, and fry for another two minutes. Now add the ginger, chili, lime juice, tomatoes, and chickpeas, reduce the heat to low, and simmer for seven to eight minutes.

Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, then transfer to a large serving bowl. Sprinkle with the chopped cilantro and serve immediately.



Recipes from Vegan: The Cookbook (Phaidon, 2017) by Jean-Christian Jury. Photograph © Sidney Bensimon.

## Healthy Eating

FROM CHAD:

#### Kidney Bean and Coconut Curry

Preparation time: 25 minutes • Cooking time: one hour 30 minutes • Serves 4

Two cups dried kidney beans, soaked in water overnight

Two tablespoons vegetable oil

Two red onions, chopped

Two tomatoes, chopped

Two cups coconut milk

One teaspoon ground cardamom

Two cloves garlic, crushed

One teaspoon yellow curry powder

One green chili, seeded and finely chopped

Salt

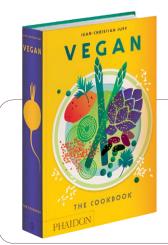
Two tablespoons chopped cilantro (coriander), to garnish

Cooked basmati or jasmine rice, to serve

Rinse and drain the soaked kidney beans. Fill a large saucepan with enough water to cover the kidney beans and bring to a boil. Add the beans, bring to a simmer, and cook over low heat for one hour, until the beans are tender. Drain and set aside.

Heat the vegetable oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and stir fry for three to four minutes, until the onion becomes golden brown. Add the tomatoes and cook for four to five minutes. Add the coconut milk, cardamom, garlic, curry powder, and chili and season to taste with salt. Mix well to blend the ingredients together and bring the mixture to a simmer. Cook over low heat for 20 minutes.

Transfer to a large serving bowl, garnish with the cilantro, and serve with rice.



FROM SPAIN:

#### Peppers Stuffed with Quinoa and Zucchini

Preparation time: 20 minutes • Cooking time: 50 minutes, plus 15 minutes cooling • Serves 4

Two red bell peppers

Two cups guinoa, cooked according to the packet instructions

Two cups shredded zucchini (courgette) or summer squash

One tablespoon chopped basil

1/2 cup tomato sauce or crushed tomatoes

One clove garlic, finely chopped

1/2 cup grated vegan mozzarella cheese

Salt and freshly ground black/white pepper

Preheat the broiler (grill).

Arrange the peppers in a broiling (grill) pan and broil for about 20 minutes, until they are soft and the skin just beginning to become brown. Let cool for 15 minutes, then halve peppers lengthwise, remove the seeds and transfer to a baking pan.

Preheat the oven to 400°F/200°C/Gas Mark 6

Combine the quinoa, zucchini or squash, basil, tomato sauce, garlic, and half of the cheese in a large bowl and season to taste with salt and freshly ground white/black pepper. Divide the guinoa mixture equally among the pepper halves; top with the remaining cheese. Bake for 15 minutes, until the cheese has melted and is golden brown. Serve immediately.

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#### **Energy Management**

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Asian Energy Boost D-Ribose Powder **D-Ribose Tablets** Forskolin Mitochondrial Basics with BioPQQ® Mitochondrial Energy Optimizer with PQQ® NAD+ Cell Regenerator\* Optimized NAD+ Cell Regenerator™ with Resveratrol PQQ Caps Rhodiola Extract RiboGen™ French Oak Wood Extract Triple Action Thyroid

#### Eye Health

Brite Eyes III Certified European Bilberry Extract Eye Pressure Support with Mirtogenol® MacuGuard® Ocular Support MacuGuard® Ocular Support with Astaxanthin Tear Support with MaguiBright®

OMEGA FOUNDATIONS® Clearly EPA/DHA

#### Fish Oil & Omegas

Astaxanthin with Phospholipids

OMEGA FOUNDATIONS® Mega GLA with Sesame Lignans OMEGA FOUNDATIONS® Omega-3 (EPA/DHA) OMEGA FOUNDATIONS® Super Omega-3
EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans & Olive Extract

OMEGA FOUNDATIONS® Super Omega-3 Plus EPA/DHA with Sesame Lignans, Olive Extract, Krill & Astaxanthin OMEGA FOUNDATIONS® Provinal® Purified Omega-7

OMEGA FOUNDATIONS® Vegetarian DHA Organic Golden Flax Seed

#### Food

California Estate Extra Virgin Olive Oil Rainforest Blend Decaf Ground Coffee Rainforest Blend Ground Coffee Rainforest Blend Ground Natural Mocha Flavor Rainforest Blend Natural Vanilla Flavor Rainforest Blend Whole Bean Coffee Stevia Sweetener

#### Glucose Management

CinSulin® with InSea2® and Crominex® 3+ Glycemic Guard™ Méga Benfotiamine Tri Sugar Shield®

#### **Heart Health**

Aspirin (Enteric Coated) BioActive Folate & Vitamin B12 Caps Cardio Peak™ with Standardized Hawthorn and Arjuna Homocysteine Resist Optimized Carnitine Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with PQQ® Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enhanced Mitochondrial Support™ Super-Absorbable CoQ10 Ubiquinone with d-Limonene TMG Powder TMG Liquid Capsules

#### **Hormone Balance**

DHEA (Dehydroepiandrosterone) Preanenolone Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract with Resveratrol Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract

#### Immune Support Enhanced Zinc Lozenges

AHCC®

Immune Modulator with Tinofend® Immune Protect with PARACTIN® Immune Senescence Protection Formula™ Kinoko® Gold AHCC Kinoko® Platinum AHCC Kyolic<sup>®</sup> Garlic Formula 102 Kyolic<sup>®</sup> Reserve Lactoferrin (apolactoferrin) Caps NK Cell Activator™ Optimized Garlic Optimized Quercetin Peony Immune ProBoost Thymic Protein A Reishi Extract Mushroom Complex Standardized Cistanche Ten Mushroom Formula® Zinc Lozenges

#### **Inflammation Management**

5-LOX Inhibitor with AprèsFlex® Advanced Bio-Curcumin® with Ginger & **Turmerones** Black Cumin Seed Oil Black Cumin Seed Oil with Bio-Curcumin® Boswella Comfort Max™ Cytokine Suppress™ with EGCG Serraflazyme Specially-Coated Bromelain Super Bio-Curcumin® Zyflamend® Whole Body

#### Joint Support

Arthro-Immune Joint Support ArthroMax® Advanced with UC-II® & AprèsFlex® ArthroMax<sup>®</sup> with Theaflavins & AprèsFlex<sup>®</sup> ArthroMax<sup>®</sup> Herbal Joint Formula Bio-Collagen with Patented UC-II® Fast-Acting Joint Formula Glucosamine/Chondroitin Capsules Krill Healthy Joint Formula MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane)

#### Kidney & Bladder Support

Cran-Max<sup>®</sup> Cranberry Whole Fruit Concentrate Optimized Cran-Max<sup>®</sup> with Ellirose™ Uric Acid Control Water-Soluble Pumpkin Seed Extract

#### **Liver Health & Detoxification**

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

#### Longevity & Wellness

Alpha-Lipoic Acid AppleWise Polyphenol Extract Berry Complete Blueberry Extract Blueberry Extract with Pomegranate **DNA Protection Formula** Enhanced Berry Complete with Acai

GEROPROTECT™ Ageless Cell™ GEROPROTECT™ Longevity A.I.™ Grapeseed Extract with Resveratrol & Pterostilbene Mediterranean Whole Food Blend Mega Green Tea Extract (decaffeinated) Mega Green Tea Extract (lightly caffeinated) Optimized Fucoidan with Maritech® 926 Optimized Resveratrol pTeroPure® Pycnogenol® French Maritime Pine Bark Extract Resveratrol with Pterostilbene RNA (Ribonucleic Acid) Super R-Lipoic Acid X-R Shield

#### Men's Health

Mega Lycopene Extract PalmettoGuard® Saw Palmetto with Beta-Sitosterol PalmettoGuard® Saw Palmetto/Nettle Root Formula with Beta-Sitosterol Pomi-T<sup>®</sup> Prelox® Enhanced Sex for Men Super MiraForte with Standardized Lignans Triple Strength ProstaPollen™ Ultra Natural Prostate

#### Minerals

Boron Extend-Release Magnesium Ionic Selenium Iron Protein Plus Magnesium (Citrate) Magnesium Caps Only Trace Minerals Optimized Chromium with Crominex® 3+ Sea-Iodine™ Se-Methyl L-Selenocysteine Vanadyl Sulfate Zinc Caps

#### Miscellaneous

Potassium lodide Solarshield® Sunglasses

#### **Mood & Stress Management**

Advanced Cortisol Balance **Enhanced Stress Relief** 5 HTP L-Theanine SAMe (S-Adenosyl-Methionine)

#### Multivitamins

Comprehensive Nutrient Packs ADVANCED Life Extension Mix™ Capsules without Copper Life Extension Mix™ Capsules
Life Extension Mix™ Capsules
Life Extension Mix™ Powder without Copper Life Extension Mix™ Powder
Life Extension Mix™ Tablets with Extra Niacin
Life Extension Mix™ Tablets without Copper
Life Extension Mix™ Tablets Once-Daily Health Booster One-Per-Day Tablets
Two-Per-Day Capsules Two-Per-Day Tablets

#### Personal Care

Biosil Dr. Proctor's Advanced Hair Formula Dr. Proctor's Shampoo European Leg Solution Featuring Certified Diosmin 95 Hair, Skin & Nail Rejuvenation Formula w/VERISOL® Hair Suppress Formula

Children's Formula Life Extension Mix™

Anti-Aging Rejuvenating Scalp Serum Life Extension Toothpaste Sinus Cleanser Venotone Xyliwhite Mouthwash

#### Pet Care

Cat Mix Dog Mix

#### **Probiotics**

Bifido GI Balance FLORASSIST® Balance FLORASSIST® GI with Phage Technology FLORASSIST® Heart Health FLORASSIST® Immune Health FLORASSIST® Mood FLORASSIST® Oral Hygiene FLORASSIST® Prebiotic FLORASSIST® Throat Health Jarro-Dophilus® for Women Theralac® Probiotics
TruFlora® Probiotics

#### **Skin Care**

Advanced Anti-Glycation Peptide Serum Advanced Growth Factor Serum Advanced Lightening Cream Advanced Peptide Hand Therapy Advanced Triple Peptide Serum Advanced Under Eye Serum with Stem Cells Amber Self MicroDermAbrasion Anti-Aging Face Oil Anti-Aging Mask
Anti-Aging Rejuvenating Face Cream Anti-Aging Rejuvenating Scalp Serum Anti-Glycation Serum with Blueberry & Pomegranate Extracts Antioxidant Facial Mist Hydrator Anti-Redness & Adult Blemish Lotion Collagen Boosting Peptide Serum DNA Repair Cream Environmental Support Serum Essential Plant Lipids Reparative Serum

Eye Lift Cream Face Rejuvenating Anti-Oxidant Cream Healing Formula Healing Vitamin K Cream Hyaluronic Facial Moisturizer

Hyaluronic Oil-Free Facial Moisturizer Hydrating Anti-Oxidant Facial Mist Hydroderm

Lifting & Tightening Complex Melatonin Cream

Mild Facial Cleanser Multi Stem Cell Skin Tightening Complex Neck Rejuvenating Anti-Oxidant Cream

Rejuvenex® Body Lotion Rejuvenex® Factor Firming Serum

Resveratrol Anti-Oxidant Serum Shade Factor™ Shade Factor™ Sunscreen Lotion

Shade Factor™ Sunscreen Spray Skin Care Collection Anti-Aging Serum Skin Care Collection Body Lotion

Skin Care Collection Day Cream Skin Care Collection Night Cream

Skin Firming Complex

Skin Lightening Serum
Skin Restoring Phytoceramides with Lipowheat®
Skin Stem Cell Serum

Skin Tone Equalizer

Stem Cell Cream with Alpine Rose Tightening & Firming Neck Cream

Triple-Action Vitamin C Cream Ultimate MicroDermabrasion

Ultra Eyelash Booster Ultra Lip Plumper Ultra Rejuvenex®

Ultra RejuveNight® Ultra Wrinkle Relaxer Under Eye Refining Serum

Under Eye Rescue Cream Vitamin C Serum

Vitamin D Lotion

Vitamin E-ssential Cream

Youth Serum

Bioactive Milk Peptides Enhanced Natural Sleep® with Melatonin Enhanced Natural Sleep® without Melatonin Fast-Acting Liquid Melatonin Glycine L-Tryptophan Melatonin Optimized Tryptophan Plus Quiet Sleep Melatonin

#### **Sports Performance**

Creatine Capsules

Creatine Whey Glutamine Powder (Vanilla Flavor) New Zealand Whey Protein Concentrate (Natural Chocolate and Vanilla Flavor) Tart Cherry with CherryPure® Plant Protein Complete & Amino Acid Complex Whey Protein Isolate (Chocolate and Vanilla Flavor)

Ascorbyl Palmitate Benfotiamine with Thiamine Beta-Carotene BioActive Complete B-Complex Biotin Buffered Vitamin C Powder Fast-C® with Dihydroquercetin Gamma E Mixed Tocopherol Enhanced with Sesame Lignans Gamma E Mixed Tocopherol/Tocotrienols High Potency Optimized Folate Inositol Caps Liquid Emulsified Vitamin D3 Liquid Vitamin D3 Low-Dose Vitamin K2 Methylcobalamin MK-7 No Flush Niacin Optimized Folate (L-Methylfolate) Pantothenic Acid (Vitamin B-5) Pyridoxal 5'-Phosphate Caps Super Absorbable Tocotrienols
Super K with Advanced K2 Complex Super Vitamin E Vitamin B12 Vitamin B6 Vitamin C with Dihydroquercetin Vitamin D3 with Sea-Iodine™ Vitamin D3 Vitamins D and K with Sea-Iodine™

#### **Weight Management** 7-Keto® DHEA Metabolite

Advanced Anti-Adipocyte Formula Advanced Natural Appetite Suppress AMPK Metabolic Activator CalReduce Selective Fat Binder **DHEA Complete** Garcinia HCA HCActive™ Garnicia Cambogia Extract Integra-Lean® Mediterranean Trim with Sinetrol™-XPur Optimized Irvingia with Phase 3™ Calorie Control Complex Optimized Saffron with Satiereal® Super Citrimax® Super CLA Blend with Sesame Lignans Waist-Line Control™

#### **Women's Health**

Advanced Natural Sex for Women® 50+ Breast Health Formula Femmenessence MacaPause® Natural Estrogen Progesta-Care® Super-Absorbable Soy Isoflavones Ultra Soy Extract

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	A					01710	BLACK CUMIN SEED OIL W/BIO-CURCUMIN® • 60 softgels	32.00	24.00	22.50	
1524	ACETYL-L-CARNITINE ◆ 500 mg, 100 veg. caps	34.00	25.50	22.50		01008	BLAST™ • 600 grams of powder	26.97	20.23		
974	ACETYL-L-CARNITINE ARGINATE • 90 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	26.00		02025	BLOOD PRESSURE (Dual Action) • 60 veg. tabs	44.00	33.00	28.00	
628	ADRENAL ENERGY FORMULA • 60 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	16.50		70000	BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR (ACCUFIT™) • med/lg cuff	79.99	49.99		
630	ADRENAL ENERGY FORMULA • 120 veg. caps	46.00	34.50	31.50		70004	BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR • Digital wrist cuff	69.95	52.46		
828	ADVANCED LIPID CONTROL • 60 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	20.25		02024	BLOOD PRESSURE (Triple Action AM/PM) • 60 veg. tabs	44.00	33.00	28.00	
681	<b>AHCC®</b> • 500 mg, 30 caps	59.98	44.99			01214	BLUEBERRY EXTRACT • 60 veg. caps	22.50	16.88	15.00	
1404	AHCC® (KINOKO® PLATINUM) • 750 mg, 60 veg. caps	84.95	63.71			01438	BLUEBERRY EXTRACT W/ POMEGRANATE • 60 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	20.25	
9727	AHCC® (KINOKO® GOLD) ◆ 500 mg, 60 veg. caps	74.95	52.47			01506	BONE FORMULA (DR. STRUM'S INTENSIVE) • 300 caps	56.00	42.00	37.50	
0457	ALPHA-LIPOIC ACID W/BIOTIN ◆ 250 mg, 60 caps	37.00	27.75	24.00		01726	BONE RESTORE • 120 caps	22.00	16.50	14.25	
2207	AMPK METABOLIC ACTIVATOR ◆ 30 veg. tabs	38.00	28.50	24.00		02123	BONE RESTORE • Chocolate, Sugar-Free • 60 chewable tabs	22.00	16.50	14.25	
1509	ANTI-ADIPOCYTE FORMULA W/MERATRIM® & INTEGRA LEAN® (Advanced) • 60 veg. caps	39.00	29.25	27.00		01727	BONE RESTORE W/VITAMIN K2 • 120 caps	24.00	18.00	16.50	
2140	ANTI-ALCOHOL w/HEPATOPRO COMPLEX • 60 caps	22.00	16.50	15.00		01725	BONE STRENGTH FORMULA W/KOACT® • 120 caps	45.00	33.75	30.00	
	APPLEWISE		15.75	14.25		00313	BONE-UP® ◆ 240 caps	28.95	21.71	20.41	
1025	600 mg, 30 veg. caps	21.00	13.73	14.20		01661	BORON ● 3 mg, 100 veg. caps	5.95	4.46	3.94	
1039	ARGININE/ORNITHINE • 500/250, 100 caps	17.99	13.49			00202	BOSWELLA • 100 caps	38.00	28.50	22.50	
0038	ARGININE/ORNITHINE POWDER ● 150 grams	22.95	17.21	14.25		00984	BP MANAGEMENT (Optimal) ● 60 tablets	44.00	33.00	30.00	
1624	(L)-ARGININE CAPS • 700 mg, 200 veg. caps	26.50	19.88	17.44		01802	BRAIN SHIELD® GASTRODIN ◆ 300 mg, 60 veg. caps	33.00	24.75	22.50	
2004	ARTERIAL PROTECT • 30 veg. caps	44.00	33.00	29.00		01253	BRANCHED CHAIN AMINO ACIDS • 90 caps	19.50	14.63	12.75	
1617	ARTHROMAX® W/THEAFLAVINS & APRÈSFLEX®	44.00	33.00	30.00		01942	BREAST HEALTH FORMULA • 60 caps	34.00	25.50	22.50	
1010	120 veg. caps	00.00	07.00	04.00		00893	BRITE EYES III ● 2 vials, 5 ml each	34.00	25.50	24.00	
1618	ARTHROMAX® ADVANCED W/UC-II® & APRESFLEX® 60 caps	36.00	27.00	24.00		01203	<b>BROMELAIN</b> (Specially-coated) 500 mg, 60 enteric coated tablets	21.00	15.75	14.25	
2108	ARTHROMAX® HERBAL JOINT FORMULA ● 60 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00			C				
1404	ARTHRO-IMMUNE JOINT SUPPORT • 60 veg. caps	32.00	24.00	21.00		01653	CALCIUM CITRATE W/VITAMIN D • 300 caps	24.00	18.00	15.94	
0919	ARTICHOKE LEAF EXTRACT • 500 mg, 180 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	21.00		01651	CALCIUM D-GLUCARATE • 200 mg, 60 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	11.25	
1533	ASCORBYL PALMITATE • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps	22.50	16.88	15.00		<sup>†</sup> 01823	CALREDUCE SELECTIVE FAT BINDER 120 mint chewable tablets	45.00	33.75	28.50	
	ASHWAGANDHA EXTRACT (Optimized) ● 60 veg. caps	10.00	7.50	6.75		01700		26.00	27.00	24.00	H
1805	ASIAN ENERGY BOOST • 90 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	16.50		01700	120 veg. caps	30.00	27.00	24.00	
1066	ASPIRIN • 81 mg, 300 enteric coated tablets	6.00	4.50	4.00		02018	CARNITINE (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	20.00	П
1923	ASTAXANTHIN WITH PHOSPHOLIPIDS • 4 mg, 30 softgels	16.00	12.00	10.50		01532	L-CARNITINE • 500 mg, 30 veg. caps	15.00	11.25	9.90	
	В					01829	CARNOSINE • 500 mg, 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00	Г
	B-COMPLEX (Bio-Active Complete) • 60 veg. caps	12.00		8.00		02020	CARNOSINE (Super) • 500 mg, 60 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00	Г
	BENFOTIAMINE W/ THIAMINE • 100 mg, 120 veg. caps		14.96	13.95		01932	CAT MIX • 100 grams powder	14.00	10.50	8.25	Г
	BENFOTIAMINE (Mega) • 250 mg, 120 veg. caps		22.50	20.25		02199		25.00	18.75	17.00	Г
	BERRY COMPLETE • 30 veg. caps		15.75	14.00			120 chewable tablets				H
	BERRY COMPLETE (Enhanced) • 60 veg. caps		21.75	19.50		00550	CHLORELLA • 500 mg, 200 tablets	23.98	17.99		H
0664	BETA-CAROTENE • 25,000 IU, 100 softgels	11.50				01571	CHLOROPHYLLIN ● 100 mg, 100 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	15.00	
	BIFIDO GI BALANCE • 60 veg. caps		15.00	13.50			CHO-LESS™ • 90 capsules	35.00	26.25		
	BILBERRY EXTRACT • 100 mg, 90 veg. caps		27.00	24.00		01910	CHOL-SUPPORT™ • 60 liquid veg. caps	48.00	36.00	32.00	
	BIOACTIVE MILK PEPTIDES • 30 caps		13.50	12.00		01504	CHROMIUM W/CROMINEX® 3+ (Optimized) 500 mcg, 60 veg. caps	9.00	6.75	6.00	
	BIO-COLLAGEN W/PATENTED UC-II® ◆ 40 mg, 60 small caps		27.00	24.00		01503	CINSULIN® W/INSEA2® AND CROMINEX® 3+ • 90 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	25.50	
	BIOSIL™ • 5 mg, 30 veg. caps		15.99				CISTANCHE (Standardized) • 30 veg. caps		15.00	12.00	
	BIOSIL™ • 1 fl oz		25.59				CITRIMAX® (Super) • 180 veg. caps		30.00	28.50	
	BIOTIN ● 600 mcg, 100 caps	7.50	5.63	4.88			CLA BLEND W/SESAME LIGNANS (Super) • 120 softgels		27.00	24.75	19.
1709	BLACK CUMIN SEED OIL • 60 softgels	16.00	12.00	10.50			,		.50		5.1
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2103	COCOAMIND™ • 14 packets	24.00	18.00	16.00		
1896	COGNITEX® W/BRAIN SHIELD® ● 90 softgels	60.00	45.00	39.00	36.00	
)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		
2202	COMFORTMAX™ • 30 day supply	44.00	33.00	29.00		
1945	COMPLETE B-COMPLEX (BioActive) ● 60 veg. caps	12.00	9.00	8.00		
2298	COMPREHENSIVE NUTRIENT PACKS ADVANCED • 30 packs	90.00	67.50	61.50		
1949	<b>COQ10</b> w/d-LIMONENE (Super-Absorbable) • 50 mg, 60 softgels	25.00	18.75	16.50	15.00	
1948	<b>COQ10 w/d-LIMONENE</b> (Super-Absorbable) 100 mg, 100 softgels	46.00	34.50	28.00	26.25	
1951	<b>COQ10 w/d-LIMONENE</b> (Super-Absorbable) 100 mg, 60 softgels	30.00	22.50	20.00		
1929	C0Q10 (Super Ubiquinol) • 100 mg, 60 softgels	56.00	42.00	36.00	33.00	
1733	COQ10 w/PQQ® (Super Ubiquinol) • 100 mg, 30 softgels	50.00	37.50	30.00	27.00	
1437	COQ10 w/ENH MITOCHONDRIAL SUPPORT™ (Super Ubiquinol) • 100 mg, 30 softgels	33.00	24.75	22.00		
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	
2012	CORTISOL BALANCE (Advanced) • 30 veg. caps	45.00	33.75	30.00		
0862	CRAN-MAX® ◆ 500 mg, 60 veg. caps	17.50	13.13	11.25		
1424	<b>CRAN-MAX® WITH ELLIROSE™</b> (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		
0467	CURCUMIN® (Super Bio) • 400 mg, 30 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	14.00		
0407	CURCUMIN® (Super Bio) • 400 mg, 60 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	26.25		
1924	<b>CURCUMIN® W/GINGER &amp; TURMERONES</b> (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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0157	ADVANCED ANTI-GLYCATION PEPTIDE SERUM • 1 fl. oz	53.00	39.75	34.50		
0165	ADVANCED GROWTH FACTOR SERUM • 1 fl. oz	65.00	48.75	42.75		
0154	ADVANCED LIGHTENING CREAM • 1 oz	65.00	48.75	42.75		
0155	ADVANCED PEPTIDE HAND THERAPY • 4 oz	46.00	34.50	29.25		
0152	ADVANCED TRIPLE PEPTIDE SERUM • 1 fl. oz	65.00	48.75	42.75		
0140	ADVANCED UNDER EYE SERUM W/STEM CELLS • .33 oz	49.00	36.75	31.50		
0139	AMBER SELF MICRODERMABRASION ◆ 2 oz	49.00	36.75	31.50		
0158	ANTI-AGING FACE OIL • 1 fl. oz	59.00	44.25	39.00		
0118	ANTI-AGING MASK • 2 oz	72.00	54.00	47.52		
0151	ANTI-AGING REJUVENATING FACE CREAM • 2 oz	65.00	48.75	42.75		
0153	ANTI-AGING REJUVENATING SCALP SERUM • 2 fl. oz	46.00	34.50	29.25		
0134	ANTI-GLYCATION SERUM W/BLUEBERRY & POMEGRANATE EXTRACTS • 1 fl. 0Z	33.00	24.75	23.51		
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80133	ANTIOXIDANT FACIAL MIST HYDRATOR • 2 fl. oz	32.00	24.00	22.80			
80105	ANTI-REDNESS & ADULT BLEMISH LOTION • 1 oz	74.50	55.88	49.17			
80156	COLLAGEN BOOSTING PEPTIDE SERUM • 1 fl. oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80141	DNA REPAIR CREAM • 1 oz	49.00	36.75	31.50			
80167	ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SERUM • 1 fl. oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80108	ESSENTIAL PLANT LIPIDS REPARATIVE SERUM • 1 oz	74.95	56.21	49.46			
80163	EYE LIFT CREAM • 0.5 fl. oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80123	FACE REJUVENATING ANTIOXIDANT CREAM • 2 oz	69.50	52.13	45.87			
80137	HEALING FORMULA ALL-IN-ONE CREAM • 1 oz	53.00	39.75	34.07			
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 fl. oz	39.95	29.96	28.50			
80103	LIFTING & TIGHTENING COMPLEX • 1 oz	74.50	55.88	49.17			
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 fl. oz	59.00	44.25	39.00			
80122	NECK REJUVENATING ANTIOXIDANT CREAM • 2 oz	64.00	48.00	42.24			
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			
80166	SKIN FIRMING COMPLEX • 1 fl. oz (2 units \$34.50)	53.00	39.75				
80112	SKIN LIGHTENING SERUM • 1/2 fl. oz	85.00	63.75	56.10			
80130	SKIN STEM CELL SERUM • 1 fl. 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 fl. 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	<b>DHA</b> (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	<b>DHEA •</b> 25 mg, 100 caps	16.00	12.00	11.00			
00454	<b>DHEA •</b> 15 mg, 100 caps	14.00	10.50	9.00			
00882	<b>DHEA •</b> 50 mg, 60 caps	19.00	14.25	12.75			
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<b>DHEA •</b> 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	16.50			**01122	GINGER FORCE® ◆ 60 liquid caps	34.95	26.21		
DIGEST RC® • 30 tablets	19.95	14.96	12.75			01658		50.00	37.50	33.00	
DIGESTIVE ENZYMES (Enhanced Super) ● 60 veg. caps	22.00	16.50	15.00			00756		10.50	14.63	13 50	
DIGESTIVE ENZYMES w/PROBIOTICS (Enhanced Super) ● 60 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.00				, ,, ,				
D, L-PHENYLALANINE • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps	18.75	14.06	12.00				.,				
DMAE BITARTRATE ◆ 150 mg, 200 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	11.25				•				
DNA PROTECTION FORMULA • 30 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	13.50				·				
DOG MIX • 100 grams powder	18.00	13.50	11.25								
DOPA-MIND™ • 60 veg. tabs	44.00	33.00	28.00								
DR. PROCTOR'S ADVANCED HAIR FORMULA • 2 oz	39.95	29.96	24.00								
DR. PROCTOR'S HAIR SHAMPOO • 8 oz	24.95	18.71	16.50			01411	100 mg, 60 veg. caps	30.00	27.00	23.30	
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600 mg, 30 veg. tabs	20.00	15.00	13.50			01738	HCA (Garcinia) ● 90 veg. caps	17.00	12.75	11.25	
EXTRAORDINARY ENZYMES • 60 caps	26.00	19.50	18.00			29754	HCACTIVE™ GARCINIA CAMBOGIA EXTRACT • 90 caps	30.00	22.50		
(CALIFORNIA ESTATE) EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL ● 500 ml (16.9 fl. oz)	33.00	24.75	22.50			01393	HEPATOPRO ● 900 mg, 60 softgels	50.00	37.50	34.50	
EYE PRESSURE SUPPORT W/MIRTOGENOL® • 30 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	25.50			02121	HOMOCYSTEINE RESIST ● 60 veg. caps	26.00	19.50	17.50	
F						01527	HUPERZINE A ● 200 mcg, 60 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00	
FAST-ACTING JOINT FORMULA ◆ 30 caps	39.00	29.25	27.00			00661	HYDRODERM® • 1 oz	79.95	59.96	49.00	
FAST-C® W/DIHYDROQUERCETIN • 120 veg. tabs	26.00	19.50	18.00				l de la companya de				
FEMMENESSENCE MACAPAUSE® ● 120 veg. caps	34.99	26.24				01704	IMMUNE MODULATOR W/TINOFEND® • 60 veg. caps	17.00	12.75	11.25	
FLORASSIST® GI w/PHAGE TECHNOLOGY•30 liquid veg. caps	33.00	24.75	22.50			00955	IMMUNE PROTECT W/PARACTIN® ● 30 veg. caps	29.50	22.13	19.91	
FLORASSIST® HEART HEALTH • 60 veg. caps	32.00	24.00	21.00			02005	IMMUNE SENESCENCE PROTECTION FORMULA ^M $\bullet 60~\text{veg.}$ tabs	40.00	30.00	27.00	
FLORASSIST® IMMUNE HEALTH • 30 veg. caps	26.00	19.50	18.00			01674	INOSITOL CAPSULES • 1,000 mg, 360 veg. caps	62.00	46.50	43.50	
FLORASSIST® ORAL HYGIENE • 30 lozenges	20.00	15.00	13.00			01292		28.00	21.00	18.00	
FLORASSIST® BALANCE • 30 liquid veg. caps	32.00	24.00	21.00								
FLORASSIST® MOOD ● 60 caps	33.00	24.75	22.50				· · · · ·				
FLORASSIST® PREBIOTIC • Natural Strawberry, 60 chewable tabs	20.00	15.00	13.00								
FLORASSIST® THROAT HEALTH • 30 lozenges	20.00	15.00	13.50			01492	IRVINGIA W/PHASE 3™ CALORIE CONTROL COMPLEX (Optimized African Mango) • 120 veg. caps	56.00	42.00	36.00	
FOLATE HIGH POTENCY (Optimized) • 5,000 mcg, 30 veg. tablets	18.00	13.50	12.00				J, K, L				
FOLATE (Optimized) • 1,000 mcg, 100 veg. tablets	15.00	11.25	10.00			52142		27.95	20.96		
FOLATE + VITAMIN B12 (BioActive) • 90 veg. caps	12.00	9.00	8.00				• •				
FORSKOLIN • 10 mg, 60 veg. caps	16.00	12.00	10.50				• •				
FUCOIDAN W/MARITECH® 926 (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.75				, , , , , ,				
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GAMMA E MIXED TOCOPHEROL/TOCOTRIENOLS • 60 softgels	40.00	30.00	27.00				, , <u>,</u>				
GAMMA E MIXED TOCOPHEROL w/ENHANCED SESAME LIGNANS ● 60 softgels	32.00	24.00	21.75								
GARLIC (Optimized) ◆ 200 veg. caps	24.95	18.71	15.75				· ·				
GASTRO-EASE™ • 60 veg. caps	44.00	33.00	30.00			01681	LACTOFERRIN • 60 caps			30.00	
GEROPROTECT™ AGELESS CELL™ • 30 softgels	40.00	30.00	27.00			00020	<b>LECITHIN ●</b> 16 oz granules	18.00	13.50	12.00	
GEROPROTECT™ LONGEVITY A.I.™ • 30 softgels	56.00	42.00	38.00			02255	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ • 240 tablets	74.00	55.50	48.00	42.00
	DIGEST RC® • 30 tablets  DIGESTIVE ENZYMES (Enhanced Super) • 60 veg. caps  DIGESTIVE ENZYMES • 150 mg, 200 veg. caps  DIGESTIVE ENZYMES • 100 mg, 200 veg. caps  DIGESTIVE ENZYMES • 60 veg. caps  DIGESTIVE ENZYMES • 60 veg. caps  ENDOTHELIAL DEFENSE™ W/POMEGRANATE COMPLETE AND CORDIART™ • 60 veg. caps  EPA/DHA (Clearly) • 120 softgels  ESOPHAGEAL GUARDIAN (Berry flavor) • 60 chewable tablets  ESOPHAGEAL GUARDIAN (Berry flavor) • 60 chewable tablets  EUROPEAN LEG SOLUTION DIOSMIN 95  600 mg, 30 veg. tabs  EXTRAORDINARY ENZYMES • 60 caps  (CALIFORNIA ESTATE) EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL • 500 ml (16.9 fl. oz)  EYE PRESSURE SUPPORT W/MIRTOGENOL® • 30 veg. caps  FAST-C® W/DIHYDROQUERCETIN • 120 veg. tabs  FEMMENESSENCE MACAPAUSE® • 120 veg. caps  FLORASSIST® GI W/PHAGE TECHNOLOGY•30 liquid veg. caps  FLORASSIST® BALANCE • 30 liquid veg. caps  FLORASSIST® DRAL HYGIENE • 30 lozenges  FLORASSIST® DRAL HYGIENE • 30 lozenges  FLORASSIST® THROAT HEALTH • 30 veg. caps  FLORASSIST® THROAT HEALTH • 30 veg. tablets  FOLATE HIGH POTENCY (Optimized) • 5,000 mcg, 30 veg. tablets  FOLATE HIGH POTENCY (Optimized) • 5,000 mcg, 30 veg. tablets  FOLATE + VITAMIN B12 (BioActive) • 90 veg. caps  FORSKOLIN • 10 mg, 60 veg. caps  FUCOIDAN W/MARITECH® 926 (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps  FUCOIDAN W/MARITECH® 926 (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps  FUCOIDAN W/MARITECH® 926 (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	DHEA • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps         24,00           DIGEST RC* • 30 tablets         19,95           DIGESTIVE ENZYMES (Enhanced Super) • 60 veg. caps         22,00           DIGESTIVE ENZYMES (Enhanced Super) • 60 veg. caps         28,00           D, L-PHENYLALANINE • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps         18,75           DMAE BITARTATE • 150 mg, 200 veg. caps         18,00           DNA PROTECTION FORMULA • 30 veg. caps         20,00           DOPA-MIND™ • 60 veg. tabs         44,00           DR. PROCTOR'S ADVANCED HAIR FORMULA • 2 oz         39,95           DR. PROCTOR'S ADVANCED HAIR FORMULA • 2 oz         39,95           ENDOTHELIAL DEFENSE™ W/POMEGRANATE COMPLETE AND CORDIART™ • 60 softgels         68,00           ENDOTHELIAL DEFENSE™ W/POMEGRANATE COMPLETE AND CORDIART™ • 60 softgels         30,00           ESOPHAGOOL™ • 120 softgels         30,00           ESOPHAGOOL™ • 120 softgels         30,00           ESOPHAGEAL GUARDIAN (Berry flavor) • 60 chewable tablets         30,00           EVERPEAN LEG SOLUTION DIOSMIN 95         30,00           EXTRAORDINARY ENZYMES • 60 caps         20,00           C(ALIFORNIA ESTATE) EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL • 500 mf (16.91.02)         30,00           FAST-ACTING JOINT FORMULA • 30 caps         30,00           FEMMENESSENCE MACAPAUSE* • 120 veg. caps         30,00 <t< td=""><td>DHEA • 100 mg, 60 veg, caps         Fact bring         Parity         Parit</td><td>DHEA • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps         Each place         Lack place</td><td>  DHEA + 100 mg, 60 veg. caps</td><td>DHEA = 100 mg, 60 veg. caps</td><td>DHEA → 100 mg, 60 veg, caps</td><td>  Comment   Comm</td><td>  PACE   100 mg, 201 vag. caps</td><td>  Company   Comp</td><td>  Media   100 ms, 18'vos, caps</td></t<>	DHEA • 100 mg, 60 veg, caps         Fact bring         Parity         Parit	DHEA • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps         Each place         Lack place	DHEA + 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	DHEA = 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	DHEA → 100 mg, 60 veg, caps	Comment   Comm	PACE   100 mg, 201 vag. caps	Company   Comp	Media   100 ms, 18'vos, caps

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02257	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ W/EXTRA NIACIN • 240 tablets		55.50		42.00	zii iotai	01807	NATURAL APPETITE SUPPRESS (Advanced) • 60 veg. caps	38.00	28.50	25.50	Luoii G	11 10101
02254	LIFE EXTENSION MIX <sup>™</sup> • 360 caps	78.00	58.50	50.00	44.00		01894	NATURAL ESTROGEN • 30 veg. tabs	30.00	22.50	20.00		
02256	LIFE EXTENSION MIX™ POWDER • 12.70 oz	72.00	54.00	46.00	40.00		01626	NATURAL SEX FOR WOMEN® 50+ (Advanced) ● 90 veg. caps	59.00	44.25	34.00		
02265	LIFE EXTENSION MIX <sup>™</sup> • 240 tablets w/o copper	74.00	55.50	48.00	42.00		01444	NATURAL SLEEP® ● 60 veg. caps	13.00	9.75	7.50		
02264	LIFE EXTENSION MIX <sup>™</sup> • 360 caps w/o copper	78.00	58.50	50.00	44.00		01551	NATURAL SLEEP® w/ MELATONIN (Enhanced) • 30 caps	22.00	16.50	15.00		
01608	LIVER EFFICIENCY FORMULA • 30 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00	П		01511	NATURAL SLEEP® W/O MELATONIN (Enhanced) • 30 caps	20.00	15.00	13.50		
01639	5-LOX INHIBITOR W/APRÈSFLEX® • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	22.00	16.50	15.00	П		01603	NEURO-MAG® MAGNESIUM L-THREONATE • 90 veg. caps	40.00	30.00	27.00		
01678	L-LYSINE • 620 mg, 100 veg. caps	9.00	6.75	6.00	П		02032	NEURO-MAG® MAGNESIUM L-THREONATE	38.00	28.50	26.00		
00455	LYCOPENE (Mega) ● 15 mg, 90 softgels	35.00	26.25	22.50	П			93.35 grams • Tropical Punch Flavor					
	М						01990	NITROVASC w/CORDIART™ • 30 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00		
01992	MACUGUARD® OCULAR SUPPORT w/SAFFRON• 60 softgels	25.00	18.75	17.50			01903	NK CELL ACTIVATOR™ • 30 veg. tablets	45.00	33.75	31.50		
01993	MACUGUARD® OCULAR SUPPORT	44.00	33.00	30.00			00373	NO FLUSH NIACIN • 800 mg, 100 caps	19.00	14.25	12.75		
	w/SAFFRON & ASTAXANTHIN • 60 softgels				ш			0					
01459	MAGNESIUM CAPS • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps	12.00	9.00	7.50	ш		01824	OLIVE LEAF VASCULAR SUPPORT w/CELERY SEED EXTRACT (Advanced) • 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00		
01682	MAGNESIUM (CITRATE) • 160 mg, 100 veg. caps	13.00	9.75	8.50	ш		01937		20.00	15.00	13.50		
02107	(EXTEND-RELEASE) MAGNESIUM • 60 veg. caps	13.00	9.75	8.75	ш		01988	OMEGA-3 PLUS EPA/DHA w/SESAME LIGNANS,		33.75	31.50	24 75	
01908	MEDITERRANEAN TRIM WITH SINETROL™-XPUR 60 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00				OLIVE EXTRACT, KRILL & ASTAXANTHIN (SUPER) • 120 softgels					
02109	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	7.00	5.25	4.50	ш		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	ш		04004	OLIVE EXTRACT (Super) • 120 softgels	04.00	0==0	00.05	10.00	
00329	MELATONIN • 1 mg, 60 caps	5.00	3.75	3.47	ш		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	ш		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	ш			OLIVE EXTRACT (Super) • 60 enteric coated softgels					
00332	MELATONIN • 3 mg, 60 veg. lozenges	8.00	6.00	5.16	ш		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	ш		02092	ONCE-DAILY HEALTH BOOSTER • 30 softgels	30.00	22.50	20.00		
01787	MELATONIN TIMED RELEASE • 300 mcg, 100 veg. tabs	12.00	9.00	8.25	ш		02091	ONCE-DAILY HEALTH BOOSTER • 60 softgels	54.00	40.50	38.00		
01788	MELATONIN TIMED RELEASE • 750 mcg, 60 veg. tablets	8.00	6.00	5.25	ш		02213	ONE-PER-DAY • 60 tablets	23.00	17.25	16.00		
01786	MELATONIN TIMED RELEASE • 3 mg, 60 veg. tabs	12.00	9.00	8.25	ш		01328	ONLY TRACE MINERALS • 90 veg. caps	15.00	11.25	9.38		
02101	MEMORY PROTECT • 36 day supply	24.00	18.00	16.00	ш			P					
01536	METHYLCOBALAMIN ● 1 mg, 60 veg. lozenges (vanilla)	9.95	7.46	6.00	ш		01789	PALMETTOGUARD® SAW PALMETTO W/BETA-SITOSTEROL	15.00	11.25	10.50	9.00	
01537	METHYLCOBALAMIN ● 5 mg, 60 veg. lozenges (vanilla)	32.00	24.00	18.75	17.25			30 softgels				_	
00709	MIGRA-EEZE™ (Butterbur) • 60 softgels	33.00	24.75	22.00	Ш		01790	PALMETTOGUARD® SAW PALMETTO/ NETTLE ROOT W/BETA-SITOSTEROL • 60 softgels	28.00	21.00	19.50	18.00	
01522	MILK THISTLE (European) • 60 veg. caps	34.00	25.50	22.50	ш		*00342	PECTA SOL-C® MODIFIED CITRUS PECTIN • 454 grams powder	113.95	96.86			
01922	MILK THISTLE (European) ● 60 softgels	28.00	21.00	18.75				PECTA SOL-C® MODIFIED CITRUS PECTIN • 270 veg. caps		70.51			
01925	MILK THISTLE (European) ● 120 softgels	44.00	33.00	30.00			01811				24.00		
01940	MIRAFORTE w/STANDARDIZED LIGNANS (Super) ● 120 veg caps	62.00	46.50	42.00	ш		**00673			26.21			
01869	MITOCHONDRIAL BASICS W/BIOPQQ® ◆ 30 caps	40.00	30.00	27.00	ш			POMEGRANATE COMPLETE • 30 softgels		18.00	15.75		
01868	MITOCHONDRIAL ENERGY OPTIMIZER w/PQQ®•120 caps	68.00	51.00	45.00			00956	POMEGRANATE FRUIT EXTRACT • 30 veg. caps		14.63	13.16		
00065	MK-7 ◆ 90 mcg, 60 softgels	28.00	21.00	18.75			*01837				24.00	_	
00451	MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane) ◆ 1,000 mg, 100 caps	14.00	10.50	8.96			00577		6.95		3.94		
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01534	N-ACETYL-L-CYSTEINE • 600 mg, 60 veg. caps	14.00	10.50	9.25			01647			24.00	18.00		
01904	NAD+ CELL REGENERATOR™ • 100 mg, 30 veg. caps	22.00	call for	pricing				PREGNENOLONE • 50 mg, 100 caps		19.50	16.50		
02144	NAD+ CELL REGENERATOR™ NICOTINAMIDE RIBOSIDE 250 mg, 30 veg. caps	42.00	call for	pricing			00700	- · · · ·		22.50	20.25		
02148	NAD+ CELL REGENERATOR™ W/RESVERATROL (Optimized) 30 veg. caps	48.00	call for	pricing			**01373	PRELOX® ENHANCED SEX FOR MEN ● 60 tablets	52.00	39.00	36.00		
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00525	PROBOOST™ THYMIC PROTEIN A • 30 packets	\$ 66.60	Each 49.95	Each		QTY Total	01933	SAMe (S-ADENOSYL-METHIONINE)
01441	PROGESTA-CARE® • 4 oz cream		27.29	25.72			0.000	400 mg, 30 enteric coated tablets
02029	PROSTATE FORMULA (Ultra Natural) • 60 softgels		28.50	26.25	24 00		01934	SAMe (S-ADENOSYL-METHIONINE) 400 mg, 60 enteric coated tablets
01909	PROSTAPOLLEN™ (Triple strength) • 30 softgels		21.00	18.75	21.00		01740	SEA-IODINE™ • 1,000 mcg, 60 veg. caps
01742	PROTEIN-ISOLATE (Whey) Vanilla • 403 grams		22.50	19.50				SE-METHYL L-SELENOCYSTEINE • 200 mcg, 90 veg. ca
01742	PROTEIN-ISOLATE (Whey) Chocolate • 437 grams		22.50	19.50				SERRAFLAZYME • 100 tablets
01770	PROTEIN CONCENTRATE (New Zealand Whey) Vanilla		22.50	19.95				SHADE FACTOR™ • 120 veg. caps
01110	500 grams	00.00	22.00	10.00				SHADE FACTOR™ SUNSCREEN LOTION • 4 fl. oz
01771	PROTEIN CONCENTRATE (New Zealand Whey) Chocolate 640 grams	30.00	22.50	19.95			02118	
N2127	PROTEIN (PLANT) COMPLETE & AMINO ACID COMPLEX	3/1 00	25.50	23.00			01884	
02121	15.87 oz	34.00	25.50	23.00			01249	
01812	PROVINAL® PURIFIED OMEGA-7 • 30 softgels	27.00	20.25	18.00			02129	
01676	PS CAPS (Phosphatidylserine) • 100 mg, 100 veg. caps	54.00	40.50	36.00			02132	
01508	PTEROPURE® Pterostilbene • 50 mg, 60 veg. caps	32.00	24.00	22.50			02130	
01209	PUMPKIN SEED EXTRACT (Water-soluble) • 60 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	13.50			02131	SKIN CARE COLLECTION NIGHT CREAM • 1.65 oz
01637	PYCNOGENOL® FRENCH MARITIME PINE BARK EXTRACT 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	64.00	48.00	45.00			01596	
01217	PYRIDOXAL 5'-PHOSPHATE • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	22.00	16.50	14.85			01445	SLEEP MELATONIN (Quiet) • 5 mg, 60 veg. caps
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01309	QUERCETIN (Optimized) ◆ 250 mg, 60 veg. caps	22.00	16.50	15.00			00657	
01030	RED YEAST RICE (Bluebonnet) • 600 mg, 60 veg. caps	18.08	13.56				01097	SOY EXTRACT (ULTRA) • 150 veg. caps
00605	REGIMINT • 60 enteric-coated caps	19.95	14.96	14.00			01649	
01708	REISHI EXTRACT MUSHROOM COMPLEX • 60 veg. caps	30.00	22.50	20.25				STEVIA™ (Better) • 100 packets, 1 gram each
01448	REJUVENEX® BODY LOTION ● 6 fl. oz	24.00	18.00	14.85	12.75		00438	
01621	<b>REJUVENEX® FACTOR FIRMING SERUM ●</b> 1.7 oz	65.00	48.75	37.50			00987	
01220	REJUVENEX® (ULTRA) ◆ 2 oz	52.00	39.00	33.00	29.25			STRONTIUM • 750 mg, 90 veg. caps
00676	REJUVENIGHT® (ULTRA) • 2 oz	39.95	29.96	27.00				SUPER SELENIUM COMPLEX • 200 mcg, 100 veg. caps
01410	RESVERATROL W/PTEROSTILBENE • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00			01770	T
02030	RESVERATROL (0ptimized) ◆ 60 veg. caps	46.00	34.50	31.00			02023	TART CHERRY W/CHERRYPURE®
00889	RHODIOLA EXTRACT • 250 mg, 60 veg. caps	14.00	10.50	9.00				60 veg. caps
01900	RIBOGEN™ FRENCH OAK WOOD EXTRACT	36.00	27.00	24.75				<b>TAURINE</b> • 1,000 mg, 90 veg. caps
00070	200 mg, 30 veg. caps	07.50	00.00	10.50				TEAR SUPPORT w/MAQUIBRIGHT® • 60 mg, 30 veg. ca
	(D) RIBOSE POWDER • 150 grams		20.63	18.56			00133	L-TAURINE POWDER • 300 grams
	(D) RIBOSE TABLETS • 100 veg. tabs		24.00	21.00			*13685	TEN MUSHROOM FORMULA® • 120 veg. caps
	RAINFOREST BLEND GROUND COFFEE • 12 oz. bag	13.00						THEAFLAVIN STANDARDIZED EXTRACT • 30 veg. caps
02173	RAINFOREST BLEND GROUND COFFEE Natural Mocha • 12 oz. bag	15.00	11.25				01683	(L) THEANINE • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps
02172	RAINFOREST BLEND GROUND COFFEE	15.00	11.25					THERALAC® PROBIOTICS • 30 caps
	Natural Vanilla ● 12 oz. bag							THYROID FORMULA (Metabolic Advantage™) • 100 caps
02171	RAINFOREST BLEND WHOLE BEAN COFFEE 12 oz. bag	13.00	9.75				00349	TMG POWDER • 50 grams
02170	RAINFOREST BLEND DECAFFEINATED ROAST GROUND COFFEE 12 oz. bag	14.00	10.50				01859 01400	TMG • 500 mg, 60 liquid veg. caps  TOCOTRIENOLS (Super-absorbable) • 60 softgels
01208	R-LIPOIC ACID (Super) • 240 mg, 60 veg. caps	49.00	36.75	33.75			01278	TOOTHPASTE • 4 oz (Mint) tube
	RNA CAPSULES • 500 mg, 100 caps		13.46	12.12			01917	TRANQUIL TRACT™ • 60 veg. caps
	S						01468	TRIPLE ACTION CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLE EXTRACT
01432	SAFFRON W/SATIEREAL® (Optimized) • 60 veg. caps	36.00	27.00	24.00				60 veg. caps
01935	<b>SAMe</b> (S-ADENOSYL-METHIONINE) 200 mg, 30 enteric coated tablets	25.00	18.75	16.50			01469	TRIPLE ACTION CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLE EXTRACT w/RESVERATROL • 60 veg. caps
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ITEM N	p. PRODUCT	Retail Each \$	<b>1</b> Unit Each	4 Unit Each	10 Unit Each	QTY	Total
01933	<b>SAMe</b> (S-ADENOSYL-METHIONINE) 400 mg, 30 enteric coated tablets	36.00	27.00	24.00		I	
01934	<b>SAMe</b> (S-ADENOSYL-METHIONINE) 400 mg, 60 enteric coated tablets	66.00	49.50	45.00			
01740	SEA-IODINE™ • 1,000 mcg, 60 veg. caps	8.00	6.00	5.40			
01879	SE-METHYL L-SELENOCYSTEINE • 200 mcg, 90 veg. caps	11.00	8.25	7.50			
00318	SERRAFLAZYME • 100 tablets	18.00	13.50	12.00			
01938	SHADE FACTOR™ • 120 veg. caps	44.00	33.00	30.00			
02110	SHADE FACTOR™ SUNSCREEN LOTION • 4 fl. oz	20.00	15.00	13.00			
02118	SHADE FACTOR™ SUNSCREEN SPRAY • 6 fl. oz	22.00	16.50	14.25			
01884	SILYMARIN • 100 mg, 90 veg. caps	14.00	10.50	9.50			
01249	SINUS CLEANSER • 4 oz. bottle	25.00	18.75				
02129	SKIN CARE COLLECTION ANTI-AGING SERUM • 1.75 fl. oz	60.00	45.00	37.50			
02132	SKIN CARE COLLECTION BODY LOTION • 6 oz	28.00	21.00	18.00			
02130	SKIN CARE COLLECTION DAY CREAM • 1.65 oz	50.00	37.50	33.00			
02131	SKIN CARE COLLECTION NIGHT CREAM • 1.65 oz	39.00	29.25	27.00			
01596	SKIN RESTORING PHYTOCERAMIDES w/LIPOWHEAT® 30 liquid veg. caps	25.00	18.75	17.25			
01445	SLEEP MELATONIN (Quiet) • 5 mg, 60 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00			
00961	SODZYME® w/GLISODIN® & WOLFBERRY • 90 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.00			
00657	SOLARSHIELD® SUNGLASSES • Smoke color	12.99	9.74	8.63			
01097	SOY EXTRACT (ULTRA) • 150 veg. caps	76.00	57.00	50.00			
01649	SOY ISOFLAVONES (SUPER ABSORBABLE) • 60 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.75			
00432	STEVIA™ (Better) • 100 packets, 1 gram each	9.95	7.46				
00438	STEVIA™ ORGANIC LIQUID SWEETENER (Better) • 2 oz	11.00	8.25				
00987	STRESS RELIEF (Enhanced) • 30 veg. caps	28.00	21.00	18.00			
01476	STRONTIUM • 750 mg, 90 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	13.50			
01778	SUPER SELENIUM COMPLEX • 200 mcg, 100 veg. caps	14.00	10.50	9.00	8.25		
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02023	TART CHERRY W/CHERRYPURE® 60 veg. caps	20.00	15.00	14.00			
01827	TAURINE • 1,000 mg, 90 veg. caps	13.00	9.75	9.00			
01918	TEAR SUPPORT w/MAQUIBRIGHT® • 60 mg, 30 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00			
00133	L-TAURINE POWDER • 300 grams	20.00	15.00	12.66			
*13685	TEN MUSHROOM FORMULA® • 120 veg. caps	41.95	35.66				
01304	THEAFLAVIN STANDARDIZED EXTRACT • 30 veg. caps	18.00	13.50	12.00			
01683	(L) THEANINE • 100 mg, 60 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	15.38			
***01038	THERALAC® PROBIOTICS • 30 caps	47.95	35.96				
00668	THYROID FORMULA (Metabolic Advantage™) • 100 caps	21.95	16.46				
00349	TMG POWDER • 50 grams	14.00	10.50	8.25			
01859	TMG ◆ 500 mg, 60 liquid veg. caps	13.00	9.75	9.00			
01400	TOCOTRIENOLS (Super-absorbable) • 60 softgels	30.00	22.50	21.00			
01278	TOOTHPASTE • 4 oz (Mint) tube	9.50	7.13	6.50			
01917	TRANQUIL TRACT™ • 60 veg. caps	52.00	39.00	34.50			
01468	TRIPLE ACTION CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLE EXTRACT 60 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	16.50			
01469	TRIPLE ACTION CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLE EXTRACT w/RESVERATROL • 60 veg. caps	32.00	24.00	22.20			

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02003	TRIPLE ACTION THYROID • 60 veg. caps	\$	Each 27.00	Each 24.00	Each	QTY	Total
	TRI SUGAR SHIELD® • 60 veg. caps		27.00	24.00			
	TRUFIBER™ • 180 grams		24.71	200			
01389			32.21				
	L-TRYPTOPHAN • 500 mg, 90 veg. caps		24.75	22.50			
	TRYPTOPHAN PLUS (Optimized) • 90 veg. caps		24.00	21.75			
	TWO-PER-DAY • 60 tablets	12.00	9.00	7.50			
02215	TWO-PER-DAY • 120 tablets	21.00	15.75	14.00			
02217	TWO-PER-DAY • 60 caps	12.00	9.00	8.00			
02214	TWO-PER-DAY ● 120 caps	24.00	18.00	16.00			
00326	L-TYROSINE • 500 mg, 100 tablets	13.50	10.13				
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01921	URIC ACID CONTROL • 60 veg. caps	24.00	18.00	16.50			
00213	VANADYL SULFATE • 7.5 mg, 100 veg. tablets	15.00	11.25	9.38			
02102	VENOFLOW™ • 30 veg. caps	52.00	39.00	36.00			
00408	VENOTONE • 60 caps	18.95	14.21	12.00			
01327	VINPOCETINE • 10 mg, 100 veg. tablets	18.00	13.50	10.50			
00372	VITAMIN B3 NIACIN • 500 mg, 100 caps	7.65	5.74	4.99			
02028	VITAMIN B5 • 500 mg, 100 veg. caps (Pantothenic Acid)	14.00	10.50	9.50			
01535	VITAMIN B6 • 250 mg, 100 veg. caps	12.50	9.38	8.25			
00361	VITAMIN B12 • 500 mcg, 100 lozenges	8.75	6.56	5.44			
01634	VITAMIN C w/DIHYDROQUERCETIN 1,000 mg, 60 veg. tablets	10.00	7.50	6.75			
00927	VITAMIN C w/DIHYDROQUERCETIN 1,000 mg, 250 veg. tablets	30.00	22.50	20.00			
00084	VITAMIN C POWDER (BUFFERED) ◆ 454 grams	28.00	21.00	19.00			
01736	VITAMIN C-MAGNESIUM CRYSTALS (EFFERVESCENT) 180 grams	20.00	15.00	13.50			
01732	VITAMIN D3 • 2,000 IU, 1 fl. oz, Mint flavor	28.00	21.00	18.75			
01753	VITAMIN D3 • 1,000 IU, 90 softgels	7.00	5.25	4.50			
01751	VITAMIN D3 • 1,000 IU, 250 softgels	12.50	9.38	8.44			
01713	VITAMIN D3 • 5,000 IU, 60 softgels	10.00	7.50	6.50			
	VITAMIN D3 • 7,000 IU, 60 softgels		10.50	9.45			
	VITAMIN D3 W/SEA-IODINE™ • 5,000 IU, 60 caps		10.50	9.38			
	VITAMIN D3 LIQUID • 2,000 IU, 1 fl. oz		21.00	18.75			
	VITAMINS D AND K W/SEA-IODINE™ • 60 caps		18.00	16.50			
	VITAMIN E (Super) • 400 IU, 90 softgels	28.00		19.50	18.00		
01936	VITAMIN K2 (Low dose) • 45 mcg, 90 softgels	18.00	13.50	12.00			
01002	WAIST-LINE CONTROL™ • 120 veg. caps	42.00	31.50	28.50			
01302	X, Y	42.00	31.30	20.50			
01919	X-R SHIELD • 90 veg. caps	15.00	11.25	9.75			
	XYLIWHITE™ MOUTHWASH • 16 oz	10.00	7.50				
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01813	ZINC HIGH POTENCY • 50 mg, 90 veg. caps	7.95	5.96	5.25			
01561	ZINC LOZENGES • 60 veg. lozenges	9.00	6.75	6.00			
01961	ZINC LOZENGES (Enhanced) • 30 veg. lozenges	12.00	9.00	6.00			
**01051	ZYFLAMEND® WHOLE BODY • 120 liquid veg. caps	72.95	54.71				
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33865	THE RESTORATION OF THE HUMAN BODY [IN 7 PARTS] by Sergey A. Dzugan, MD, PhD • 2014	29.95	22.46				
33862	I'M TOO YOUNG FOR THIS • by Suzanne Somers • 2013	26.00	19.50				
33835	PHARMOCRACY ● by William Faloon ● 2011	24.00	9.60	8.00			
33838	YOUR GUIDE TO HEALTHY SKIN THE NATURAL WAY by Gary Goldfaden, MD • 2012	26.00	15.00				
33815	KNOCKOUT • by Suzanne Somers • 2009	25.99	17.00				
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