Dietary Supplements and Oral Health



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Vitamin B6 (Pyroxidal-5-Phosphate)

- Involved in production of serotonin, dopamine, melatonin, hemoglobin, protein metabolism, energy production, and more.
- Deficiency: depression; impaired cognition, attention, memory, and sleep. Increased risk heart disease, stroke and colorectal cancer.
- OTC analgesics and OCPs lower B6 levels.
- 30 MILLION Americans are deficient in B6. Seldom ever tested. Research shows ~6 mg/d to maintain normal serum level.



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Real State of Our Nutrition

- 90 million vitamin D deficient (using the Endocrine Society guidelines < 20ng/mL)
- 30 million are deficient in vitamin B6
- 18 million have B12 deficiency
- 16 million have vitamin C deficiency
- 13% of Latinas and 16% of African American women (ages 12-49) are iron deficient
- Women 25-39 overall have borderline iodine insufficiency



CDC: 2nd National Report on the Biochemical Indicators of Diet and Nutrition in the U.S.

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To Get 1.5 mg B6 in Food

- 2.5 bananas
- 12 Tbsp. roasted sunflower seeds
- 8 ounces chicken breast
- 8 ounces sockeye salmon
- 3.5 cups raw diced avocado
- 3 cups sweet potatoes
- 15 cups of milk OR
- 20 Tbsp. peanut butter



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pyngnt © Integrative Medicine Concept, 133 All Rights Reserve Which of the following micronutrients is needed to convert vitamin B6 to the *active form* of pryidoxal 5 phosphate in the liver?

- A. Iron
- B. Zinc
- C. Riboflavin
- D. Vitamin A

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65-year old man complains of persistent tingling and numbness in his legs (bilateral) during a routine oral care visit. Dentist notes he has a beefy red and deeply fissured tongue and complains of sore throat. Other than cataract in his right eye, no known medical problems. Vegetarian and lactose intolerant. Which of the following nutrient deficiencies would best explain

his symptoms?

- A. Vitamin B2
- B. Vitamin B6
- C. Vitamin C
- D. Vitamin B12

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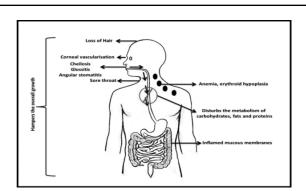
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- The correct answer is C.
- Riboflavin is needed to convert all forms of vitamin B6 to the active form of PLP. Zinc is needed by cells to take up PLP.

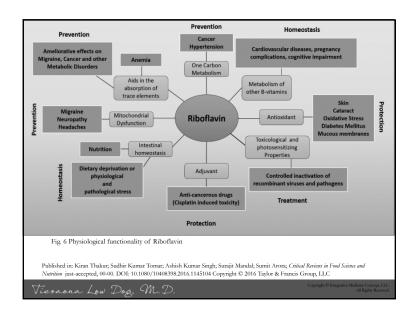
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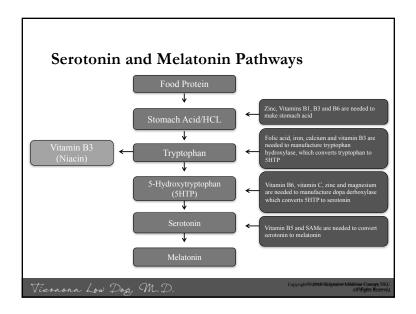


Riboflavin (B2) deficiency causes ariboflavinosis, which manifests as cracked lips, inflammation of the tongue, dryness or burning of the oral cavity, and sore throat.

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Riboflavin Deficiency: At Risk Groups

- Alcoholics
- Those with chronic infection or liver disease (increased demand)
- Inflammatory bowel disease (decreased absorption)
- **Diabetics** (increased excretion)
- Elders (decreased absorption, dietary intake)
- **Vegans** (insufficient dietary intake)
- Pregnant and breastfeeding women (increased demand low riboflavin increases risk for pre-eclampsia)
- Adolescents, particularly girls (increased demand)
- Athletes (increased demand)
- Hyperthyroidism (increased demand)

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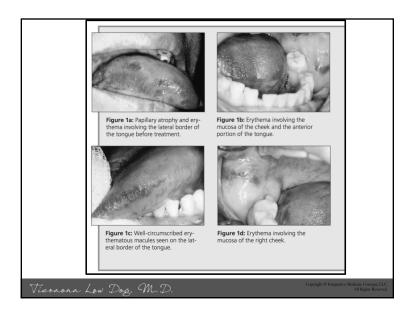
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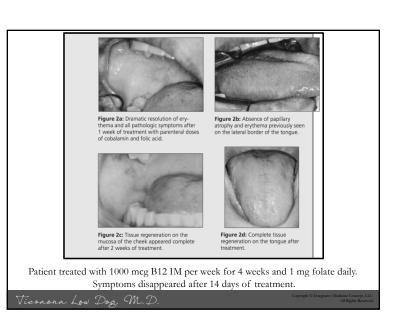
• Strict vegan for 2.5 years. Disturbance of taste (unable to sense flavor of variety of fruits and vegetables), fatigue after simple daily activities, paresthesia of the anatomic structures innervated by the mandibular division of the trigeminal nerve on her left side, disturbance of memory and slowing mental faculty. No meds. No significant medical or dental history.

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Laboratory Tests

| Test | Normal range (female) | Patient's values |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| RBC count (cells/μL) | 3.90-5.03 | 1.63 |
| Hemoglobin (g/dL) | 12.0-15.5 | 7.2 |
| MCV (fL) | 80-100 | 144 |
| Hematocrit (%) | 36-45 | 23.4 |
| RDW (%) | 13±1.5 | 25 |
| Serum folate (ng/mL) | 3–16 | 7.73 |
| Serum cobalamin (pmol/L) | 118-716 | 71.8 |

MCV = mean corpuscular volume; RBC = red blood cell; RDW = red cell distribution width.

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Vitamin B12 Deficiency

- Risk for deficiency increases with age:
 - 7% of those 51–70 years of age
 - 15% >70 years are B12 deficient
- Decline in gastric acid with advancing age makes it hard to absorb food-bound B12.
- Institute of Medicine recommends adults > 50 get B12 from **fortified foods/supplements**
- Risks: inadequate intake, malabsorption, medications, vegan, obesity, and aging.

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Metformin and PPI Increase Risk for Low B12

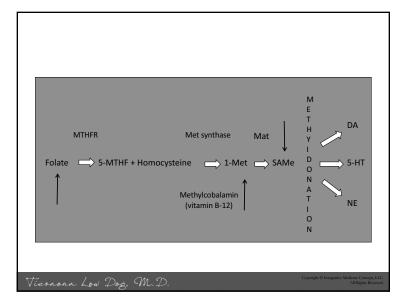
- 2015 meta-analysis: 80% increased risk B12 deficiency after 10 months of regular proton pump inhibitor use.
- Meta analysis: 29 studies: 245% increased risk B12 deficiency with metformin use. Low B12 shown to increase progression of diabetic neuropathy.
- B12 deficiency can lead to **difficulty walking**, **tingling/numbness** in hands and feet, **fatigue**, shortness of breath, **loss of appetite**, **joint pain**, **depression**, **loss of taste and smell**, **cognitive impairment**, and **dementia**.
- B12 should be monitored every 1-2 years if taking these medications.

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Niafar M, et al. Intern Emerg Med 2015; 10(1):93-1026

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Metabolism of B12

- Protein enters stomach, HCL/pepsin separate from animal food
- Free B12 joined to intrinsic factor (IF) made by parietal cells in stomach.
- B12-IF travels to ileum where, if calcium is adequate, it's absorbed.
- Atrophic gastritis affects 10%-30% of people over 60 years of age.
- Atrophic gastritis can lead to bacterial overgrowth in small intestine and cause food-bound vitamin B12 malabsorption.
- Frequently associated with the presence of autoantibodies directed towards stomach cells and/or H. pylori infection.

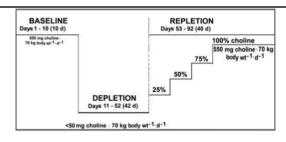
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Folate

- Women who are of reproductive age need 400 mcg/day of folate at least 2-3 months before pregnancy to reduce the risk of neural tube defects.
- Folic acid received through food fortification in the US is less than 130 mcg/day, making supplementation vitally important.
- Given that many women are avoiding gluten containing foods, the contribution from fortified foods is likely even lower.
- 10-20% of individuals have abnormality in the MTHFR enzyme, which is involved in the metabolism of folate, leading to low levels of folate in spite of intake. This is why a number of supplement companies now use **L-methylfolate** (the active form) instead of folic acid.

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- 57 healthy adults fed choline-deficient diets under controlled conditions.
- Results showed that 77% of men, 80% of postmenopausal women, and 44% of premenopausal women developed fatty liver, liver damage, and/or muscle damage.
- Dysfunction corrected when choline was reintroduced into diet.

 Fischer LM, et al. Am J Clin Nutr. 2007;85(5):1275-1285.

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Choline Choline Choline Choline Choline Choline Choline Choline critical during fetal development, influencing mood regulation, cognitive development, stress regulation and lifelong memory function. Suboptimal intakes present across many gender and life-stage subpopulations, as well as pregnant women in the U.S. Only 8-10% of adults or pregnant women meat AI. Those eating eggs had highest levels. Look for prenatal with 200-300 mg. Blusztajn JK, et al. Neuroprotective actions of dietary choline Nutrients 2017; Jul 28,9(8). pii: E813. Wallace TC, et al. Nutrients 2017 Aug 5,9(8). pii: E839. Choline in Foods: http://naklc.nal.usda.gov/download/47355/PDF Cappright Medicine Lodge Runch, LLC. All rights reserved.





A 26-year old African American woman comes in for her routine dental exam. She mentions that she craves ice all the time, even in the winter. Dentist notes generalized oral mucosal atrophy and pallor. What nutrient deficiency is most likely?

- A. Folate
- B. Iron
- C. Calcium
- D. Selenium

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Iron

Most common nutrient deficiency in world, affecting 2 billion people.

- Iron deficiency anemia accounts for 20% of all global maternal deaths.
- Necessary for growth and development and essential component of Hg.
- Iron promotes resistance to disease; improves health of the teeth, skin, and bones; maintains energy.
- Two forms of iron: heme and non-heme. Meat contains both forms, while plants and fortified foods contain only non-heme iron. We absorb roughly 18% of iron present in meat, compared to about 10% in plants



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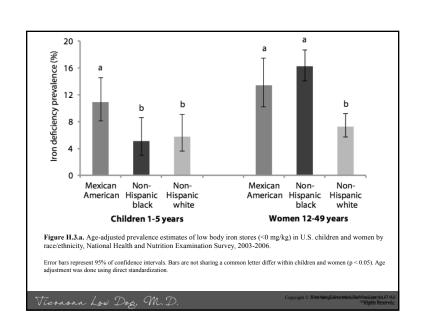
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- Review of Systems May Yield
 - Shortness of breath, fatigue
 - Sensitivity to cold
 - Muscular weakness
 - Low blood pressure
 - Restless legs
 - Pica (chew ice or non-food iter
- Physical Exam Findings
 - · Angular cheilitis
 - Atrophic glossitis
 - Generalized oral mucosal atrophy
 - Mucosal pallor
 - Stomatitis
 - Nonspecific pallor of the mucous membranes

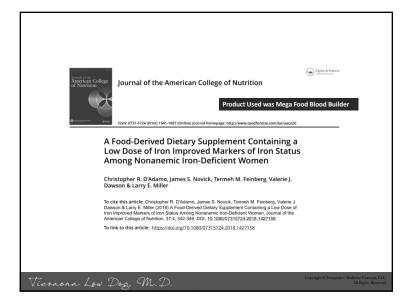
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Correct answer is B: Iron

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| Age | Infants and children | Women | Pregnant | Breastfeeding |
|----------------|----------------------|-------|----------|---------------|
| 7 to 12 months | 11 mg | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 1 to 3 years | 7 mg | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 4 to 8 years | 10 mg | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 9 to 13 years | 8 mg | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 14 to 18 years | n/a | 15 mg | 27 mg | 10mg |
| 19 to 50 years | n/a | 18 mg | 27 mg | 9 mg |
| 51+ years | n/a | 8 mg | n/a | n/a |



To Get 18mg of Iron in Food

- · 4 cups of raisins
- · 3-5 cups instant oatmeal
- · 3 cups Special K cereal**
- · 3 cups cooked lentils
- · 2.2 cups canned white beans
- · 10 ounce beef liver
- · 45 ounce chicken breasts
- 15 cups broccoli OR
- · 3 cups cooked spinach



Non heme iron absorption is 2- to 3-fold higher with co-ingestion of 25 to 75 mg of vitamin C

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Note: Hemochromatosis

- The gene for familial hemochromatosis (*HFe* gene) affects 8% of the US white population.
- Excess body iron important in etiology of CAD, strokes, certain cancers, and neurodegenerative disorders because iron is important in free radical formation.
- Iron absorption is **highly regulated** to prevent excess, no physiologic pathway for ridding the body of iron exists.
- People NOT at risk of iron deficiency (teenage boys, adult men, women with infrequent menstrual cycles, and postmenopausal women) should NOT take multivitamins that contain iron or iron supplements unless instructed to do so by their health care provider.

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Vitamin C

- Potent antioxidant, activates folate, needed to convert tryptophan to serotonin, cofactor in synthesis of carnitine, thyroxin, norepinephrine, dopamine and immune cells
- Vitamin C levels decline rapidly during periods of emotional and physical strain, and illness.
- Overall, there is suggestive benefit that vitamin C reduces duration and severity of colds regular supplementation studies



Hemila H, et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2013; Jan 31;1:CD 000980

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Sperm

- Seminal fluid rich in vitamin C, acts as a potent antioxidant and helps to maintain the quality and function of sperm.
- Fertile men have significantly higher seminal vitamin C levels compared to infertile men.
- May improve sperm concentration and mobility.



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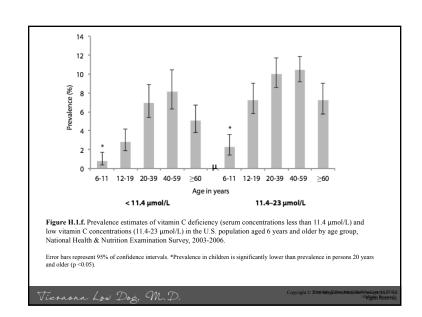
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Vitamin C Deficiency



- Malaise and lethargy early symptoms.
- Then shortness of breath and muscle/bone pain.
- Skin changes, easy bruising, gum disease, loose teeth, slow healing wounds, dry mouth, dry eyes. emotionally labile.
- Weakened capillaries. Hemorrhage is hallmark of scurvy and hair follicles are common site of cutaneous bleeding.
- Inflammation of interdental and marginal gingiva followed by bleeding, ulceration, and bad breath.
- Swelling of periodontal membranes occur, followed by loss of bone and loosening of the teeth.

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Which of the following nutrients would be most beneficial for someone who has idiopathic taste disorders?

- A. Magnesium
- B. Vitamin C
- C. Zinc
- D. Biotin

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Zinc and the Senses

- Zinc necessary for sense of smell, which accounts for about 80% of your sense of taste!
- Important for oral health; one sign of zinc deficiency is red, swollen, and tender gums that may bleed after brushing.

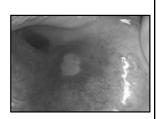


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Zinc and Oral Health

- Review of clinical trials found "moderate quality evidence that zinc supplements improve overall taste improvement in patients with zinc deficiency/idiopathic taste disorders."
- Zinc deficiency detected in 28% of recurrent aphthous stomatitis patients compared to controls.



Nagraj SK, et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2014; 2014 Nov 26;11:CD010470.

Ozler GS. J Laryngol Otol 2014; 128(6):531-3

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Zinc and Taste

- Zinc helps protect cells that line the mouth in those undergoing chemotherapy or radiation.
- Study found half of women undergoing chemotherapy for gynecological cancer experienced altered taste.
 - Serum zinc level consistently below lower limit of normal.
- RDBPCT of adult patients with head and neck cancers received zinc sulfate (50 mg, three times a day) or placebo at start of radiation through one month post. Zinc prevented radiation induced taste alterations.

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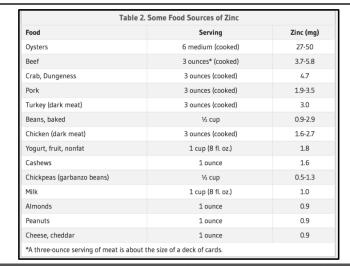
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Zinc

- Concentrations in prostate, testes, and sperm are high. Deficiency might contribute to lower testosterone and infertility in men.
- Vegetarians need 50% more zinc due to lower absorption from plants.
- ACE inhibitors, thiazides deplete zinc
- Do not take > 40 mg/d for more than a couple of months without supplementing copper.





Calcium

- Adults RDA is 1000 mg per day 1200 mg for women over 50 and 1200 mg for men over 70 years.
- First sign of deficiency is **muscle** cramping. Muscle aches of thighs and arms can indicate a deficiency.
- Long term deficiency leads to **poor** bone development/loss of bone mineral density, numbness and tingling in the fingers, convulsions, lethargy, poor appetite, and abnormal heart rhythms.





| Supplement Facts | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------|
| Serving Size: 1 Lozenge | | |
| | Amount Per Serving | %DV |
| Total Carbohydrate | 1 g | <1%† |
| Sugars | 1 g | ** |
| Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) | 100 mg | 167% |
| Zinc (as citrate, gluconate) | 23 mg | 153% |
| Echinacea purpurea (stem, leaf, flower) | 20 mg | ** |
| †Percent Daily Values are based on **Daily Value not established. | a 2,000 calor | ie diet. |

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Calcium and Vitamin D: Fracture

• Meta-analysis by National Osteoporosis Foundation: eight studies (n= 30,970 participants) found that all studies showed calcium plus vitamin D supplementation produced a statistically significant 15 % reduced risk of total fractures and 30% reduced risk of hip fractures.



Weaver CM, et al. Osteoporosis Int 2016; 27: 367-376.

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- Vitamin D deficiency can cause osteomalacia leading to musculoskeletal pain in the pelvis, shoulders, low back, and proximal muscles.
- Children at risk of developing hypomineralized dental enamel, increasing susceptibility to caries
- As aging advances, intestinal resistance to 1,25(OH)2D impairs the uptake of calcium and a decline in renal function reduces activation of vitamin D.

Vitamin D



Wintermeyer E, et al. Crucial Role of Vitamin D in the Musculoskeletal System. *Nutrients* 2016; Jun 1;8(6). pii: E319.

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Vitamin D

- Important for calcium regulation
- Higher blood levels improve breast cancer survival and reduce risk of colorectal cancer.
- Low vitamin D causes muscle weakness, lower back and hip pain.
- Obesity increases the risk of deficiency..



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Ma Y, et al. J Clin Oncol 2011; 29(28):3775-82

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Vitamin D: Bones and Balance

- Low vitamin D increases risk of **falls** and **gait instability**. Exercise, calcium and vitamin D supplementation all decrease falling in elders.
- Meta-analysis National Osteoporosis
 Foundation: calcium plus vitamin D supplementation produced a significant 15 % reduced risk total fractures and 30% reduced risk hip fracture.

Tricco AC, et al. Comparisons of Interventions for Preventing Falls in Older Adults: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. JAMA 2017; Nov 7;318(17):1687-1699.

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Vitamin D and Respiratory Infection



Martineau AR, et al. Vitamin D supplementation to prevent acute respiratory tract infections: systematic review and meta-analysis of individual participant data. BMI 2017; 356: i6583.

- Acute respiratory infection kills ~2.65 million people/year.
- A review of 25 randomized controlled trials found that vitamin D supplementation reduced risk of acute respiratory infection among all participants and those who were vitamin D deficient experienced the most benefit (NNT=4).
- Why not screen those at high risk?

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Endocrine Society Guidelines

- Serum 25(OH)D level used to evaluate high-risk folks
 - Insufficiency defined as 21-29 ng/mL
 - \bullet Deficiency defined as <20 ng/mL
- 66.8 million Americans 1 year and older had vitamin D levels between 12-20 ng/ml
- 23 million Americans 1 year and older had serum levels less than 12 ng/ml

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Vitamin D and Asthma



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- Viral respiratory infections major cause of asthma exacerbations.
- Systematic review and metaanalysis of 8 RCTs found vitamin D supplementation reduced rate of asthma exacerbation requiring systemic corticosteroids with greatest benefit seen in those with low baseline levels of vitamin D.

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Endocrine Society Guidelines for Treating Deficiency

All adults who are vitamin D deficient should be treated with 50,000 IU of vitamin D2/D3 once per week for 8 weeks or 6000 IU of vitamin D2/D3 daily to achieve a blood level of 25(OH)D above 30 ng/ml, followed by maintenance therapy of 1500–2000 IU/d.



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Vitamin D

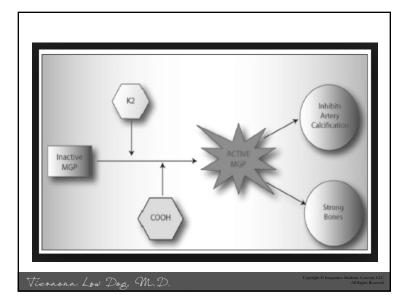
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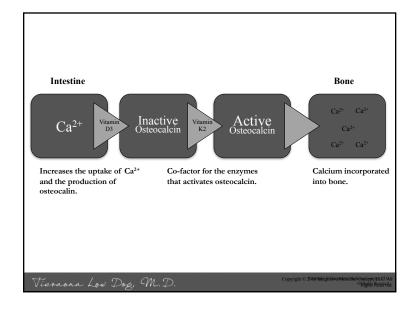
- 3-4 ounces sockeye salmon, cooked
- 11.4 ounced water-packed tuna
- 26 oil-packed sardines
- 15 large eggs
- 6 cups fortified milk OR
- 30-45 ounces yogurt



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Vitamin K and Fracture

- Epidemiological studies consistently show link between higher vitamin K status and reduction of fracture risk.
- Elder men and women in highest quartile of dietary vitamin K had a relative risk for hip fracture of 0.35.
- Systematic review found majority of studies showed a reduction in BMD loss and improved bone biomarkers.
- 3 year trial of K2 (180 mcg/d) in postmenopausal women showed preservation of BMD in the lumbar spine and slowing of the rate of bone loss in the femoral neck.

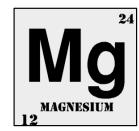
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Magnesium

- Low magnesium intake and low blood levels have been associated with type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, elevated CRP, hypertension, atherosclerotic vascular disease, sudden cardiac death, osteoporosis, migraine headache, asthma, and colon cancer.
- 48% of US population consumes less than the required amount of daily magnesium.

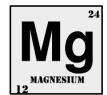


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Magnesium and Diabetes

- Insulin resistance repeatedly shown to decrease magnesium levels and diabetics with low magnesium show a more rapid disease progression and an increased risk for diabetes-related complications.
- A vicious forward feeding cycle is created. Magnesium supplementation has been shown to improve glucose metabolism and insulin sensitivity in those with type-2 diabetes.



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Magnesium and the Heart

- Low levels associated with higher all-cause and CVD mortality.
- Review of 44 studies shows supplements enhance blood-pressure lowering effect of medications when given 230-460 mg/d.
- Nurses Health Study (88,375 women) found that for every 0.25-mg/dL increment in plasma magnesium –41% lower risk of sudden cardiac death. Women with lowest levels of magnesium also had significantly increased risk of stroke.

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Ulcer/GERD Medications

| Drug Classification | Nutrient Depletion |
|------------------------|---|
| Proton pump inhibitors | Magnesium, iron, calcium, vitamin B12, folic acid, zinc, vitamin C, vitamin D (?) |
| H2 antagonists | folic acid |

- Review of nine studies (n=115,455) found that the odds of developing hypomagnesia increased by 75% if taking PPIs.
- FDA advises magnesium levels be checked before and periodically during treatment.

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Magnesium for Migraines



- Migraine disproportionately affects women. Impacts 1 in 4 households. Studies show migraineurs have low brain magnesium during migraine attacks.
- Canadian Headache Society gave magnesium a strong recommendation for prophylaxis of migraine (also for riboflavin). American Academy of Neurology gave level B – probably effective.
- Dose generally 300-400 mg/d, though some need up to 600 mg per day.
- Diarrhea most common side effect (glycinate and citrate forms less GI complaints than oxide). Caution with supplementation in those with poor kidney function.

Rajapakse T, et al. Nutraceuticals in Migraine: A Summary of Existing Guidelines for Use. Headache 20 56(4):808-16.

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"Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) are a class of medications that reduce acid secretion and are used for treating many conditions such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), dyspepsia, reflux esophagitis, peptic ulcer disease, and hypersecretory conditions (e.g. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome), and as part of the eradication therapy for Helicobacter pylori bacteria

However, approximately 25% to 70% of people are prescribed a PPI inappropriately. Chronic PPI use without reassessment contributes to polypharmacy and puts people at risk of experiencing drug interactions and adverse events (e.g. Clostridium difficile infection, pneumonia, hypomagnesaemia, and fractures)."

Boghhossian TA, et al. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2017; Mar 16;3:CD011969.

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Extensive Use of PPIs

- Estimated 113 million proton pump inhibitor prescriptions are filled each year, as well as OTC PPI medications.
- Sales of PPIs topped \$13 billion in 2015.
- Systematic review found PPIs superior to H2 blockers in preventing clinically important and overt GI bleeding in critically ill (ICU) patients, without significantly increasing risk of pneumonia or mortality.
- People who need to be on PPIs include the following:
 - · Bleeding ulcers
 - High-dose long-term NSAID therapy
 - · Severe acid reflex by endoscopy
 - · Those with Zollinger-Ellison syndrome

Alshamsi F, et al. Crit Care 2016; May 4;20(1):120

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Rebound Acid Production

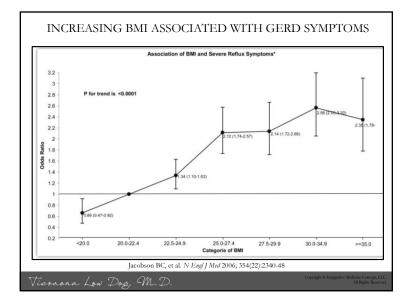
- DBPCT of 120 healthy volunteers randomized to 12 weeks of placebo or 8 weeks of esomeprazole 40 mg/d followed by 4 weeks of placebo.
- Gastrointestinal Symptom Rating Scale (GSRS) was filled out weekly.
- 44% of those randomized to PPI reported ≥1 relevant, acid-related symptom in weeks 9–12 compared with 15% in placebo group (*P* < .001).
- Proportion reporting dyspepsia, heartburn, or acid regurgitation in the PPI group was 22% at weeks 10 and 11, and 21% at week 12.
- Corresponding figures in the placebo group were 7% at week 10, 5% at week 11, and 2% week 12.



Reimer C, et al. Gastroenterology 2009; 137(1):80-7

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Melatonin for GERD

- Melatonin produced in GI mucosa plays important role in the protection against noxious agents, contributing to the maintenance of GI integrity, esophageal protection, gastroprotection and ulcer healing.
- Study of 60 patients with GERD by endoscopy compared to controls. Received:
 - 3 mg melatonin
 - 20 mg omeprazole
 - 3 mg melatonin + 20 mg omeprazole
- Heartburn/epigastric pain decreased after 4 weeks and completely resolved in 8 weeks in all three groups.
- Only groups with melatonin had improved LES function.

Kandil TS, et al. BMC Gastroenterol 2010; 10:7. Brzozowska I, et al. Curr Pharm Des 2014; 20(30):4807-15

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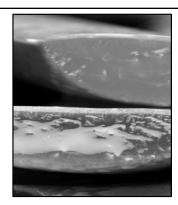
- Melatonin detected in enteroendocrine cells of gastrointestinal wall.
- Studies show that patients with GERD and recurrent duodenal ulcers have lower melatonin concentrations than healthy subjects.
- Melatonin prevents gastric damage: more effective than ranitidine but less effective than omeprazole in preventing stress ulcer. However, melatonin allows lower dose of omeprazole to be used.
- Short term use of melatonin at even very high doses has not been associated with any significant side effects.
- Long-term treatment is not associated with any significant side effects, comparable to placebo.

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Aloe Vera

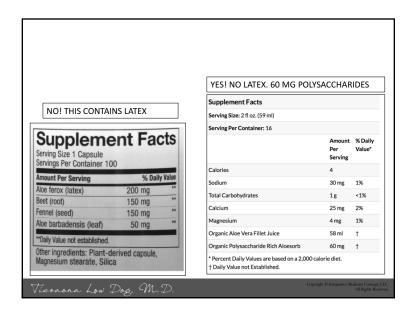
- Aloe has strong antimicrobial effects against H. pylori, reduces gastric acid secretion and promotes healing of gastric ulcers.
- 79 people with GERD (endoscopy) given either:
- 10 ml/d aloe vera syrup (standardized to 5.0 mg polysaccharide per mL of syrup)
 - · Omeprazole capsule (20 g/d)
 - Ranitidine tablet (150 mg in fasted state in am and 150 mg 30 min before sleep) for 4 weeks.
- Frequencies of eight main symptoms of GERD (heartburn, food regurgitation, flatulence, belching, dysphagia, nausea, vomiting and acid regurgitation) were assessed at weeks 2 and 4 of the trial.
- Significant benefit seen in all three groups.



Santhosh Kumari CH, et al. Int J Pharma Bio Sci 2010; 1(2): 124. Keshavarzi Z, et al. Avicenna J Phytomed 2014; 4(2): 137-143. Panahi Y, et al. J Tradit Chin Med 2015; Dec;35(6):632-6.

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- Many reproductive aged women have marginal iodine status; salt in processed foods not iodized.
- Deficiency associated with pregnancy loss, prematurity, and neurocognitive defects in baby.
- Most common cause of preventable brain damage in the world. Mild to moderate deficiency associated with higher incidence of ADHD and lower IQ in the baby.
- American Thyroid Association recommends pregnant/lactating women supplement: 150 mcg/d potassium iodide.

Iodine in Pregnancy



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Iodine Intake Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

- Data from National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2011-2104 found that the use of iodine containing dietary supplements among pregnant and lactating women remains low in contrast with current recommendations.
 - Among pregnant women, 72.2% used any dietary supplement; however, only 17.8% used a dietary supplement with iodine.
 - Among lactating women, 75.0% used a dietary supplement; however, only 19.0% used a dietary supplement with iodine.

Gupta PM, et al. Use of Iodine-Containing Dietary Supplements Remains Low among Women of Reproductive Age in the United States: NHANES 2011-2014. Nutrients 2018 Mar 29;10(4). pii: E422

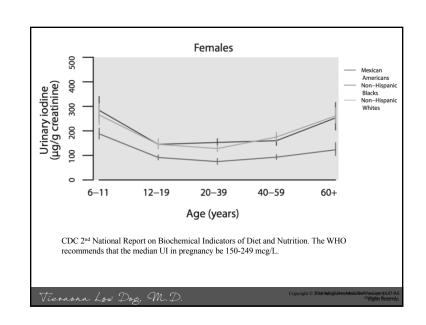
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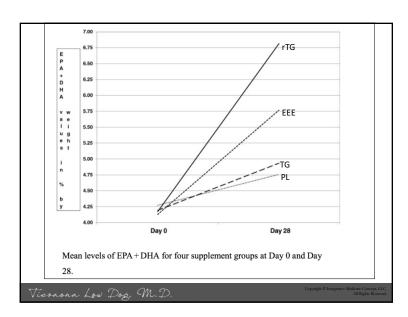


Different Types of Fish Oil

- Supplementation is an alternative to eating fish; however, not all supplements are equal.
- Randomized, crossover study of 35 healthy individuals compared four popular brands/types of omega 3 fatty acids:
 - Concentrated triglyceride (rTG)
 - Ethyl ester (EE)
 - Phospholipid krill oil (PL)
 - Triglyceride salmon oil (TG)

Laidlaw M, et al. Lipids Health Dis 2014; 13:99

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Dosing According to Manufacturer's Recommendations

| TRT | Product | EPA & DHA per capsule* | Tested values | Label use: caps/day | Daily dosage of EPA + DHA |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| rTG | Nordic Naturals ProOmega® | 325 mg EPA | 329.6 mg EPA | 2 | EPA: 650 mg |
| | Triglyceride | 225 mg DHA | 226.0 mg DHA | | DHA: 450 mg |
| EE | Minami MorEPA® | 756 mg EPA | 774.2 mg EPA | 1 | EPA: 756 mg |
| | Platinum Ethyl Ester | 228 mg DHA | 233.7 mg DHA | | DHA: 228 mg |
| PL | Source Naturals ArcticPure® | 75 mg EPA | 78.0 mg EPA | 2 | EPA: 150 mg |
| | Krill Oil Phospholipid | 45 mg DHA. | 46.7 mg DHA. | | DHA: 90 mg |
| тG | New Chapter | | | | |
| | Wholemega® Salmon | 90 mg EPA | 96.4 mg EPA | 2 | EPA: 180 mg |
| | Oil Triglyceride | 110 mg DHA | 109.5 mg DHA | | DHA: 220 mg |

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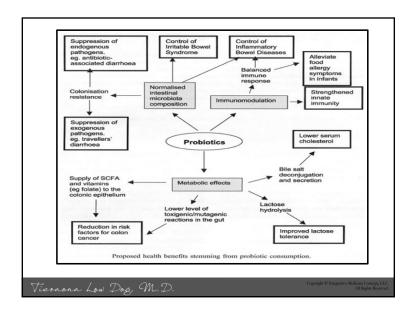
Omega 3 and Prostate Cancer?

- SELECT trial raised concerns about potential link between omega 3s and increased prostate cancer/aggressive cancer.
- European Food Safety (EFSA) concluded, "there is no evidence for a role of EPA and/or DHA intake in the development of prostate cancer."
- Also, "supplemental intake of EPA and DHA combined at doses up to 5 g/d does not give rise to safety concerns for adults."

EFSA Journal 10(7): doi:10.2903/j.efsa.2012.2815

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Probiotics and Oral Health

- A systematic review of probiotic strains for caries prevention showed promising results but only a few studies have demonstrated clear clinical outcomes.
- More than 14 strains have been researched.
- A continuous regular almost daily intake is probably required.



Cagetti MG, et al. Nutrients 2013; 5(7):2530-50

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Make Friends with Your Microbes!

- Rapidly expanding research on benefits of certain probiotic strains in women's health.
- Gastrointestinal
 - Reduce symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome
 - Reduce incidence of antibiotic associated diarrhea
- Genito-urinary
 - Reduce the risk of recurrent bladder infections
 - Help reduce recurrent yeast infections



- Pregnancy
 - Reduce allergies and eczema in high risk children, especially if born by Cesarean section, if taken last 2 months of pregnancy.

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Grin PM, et al. Can J Urol 2013 Feb;20(1):6607-14; Ford AC, et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2014; 109(10):1547-1561

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Evidence Based Products for Oral Health INDICATION FOR ADULT HEALTH Brand Name | Probiotic | Dosage | CFU/Dose | No of | Dosee/Day | D | AAD | CDAD | TD | C | FAP | BS | IBD- | HP | OH | CDL | CID | Dentag ** Oral | AA-A-1024 | Latinum | Latin

Resources

- Fortify Your Life, Tieraona Low Dog, MD with National Geographic
- Dietary Supplement Label Database: dsld.nlm.nih.gov
- NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH): nccih.nih.gov
- Office of Dietary Supplements: ods.od.nih.gov
- Linus Pauling Institute: lpi.oregonstate.edu
- Consumer Labs: www.ConsumerLabs.com
- Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database: NaturalDataBase.com

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