



**Lifestyle Matrix**  
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# **Patient Education Pads**

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# Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO)

The small intestine is the longest section of your digestive tract, where food mixes with digestive juices and nutrients are absorbed into your body. Unlike your large intestine, your small intestine normally has lower levels of bacteria due to the rapid flow of contents and the presence of bile from the liver. Certain factors may slow down, block or reverse the passage of contents from the small intestine to the large intestine, creating a breeding ground for bacteria.

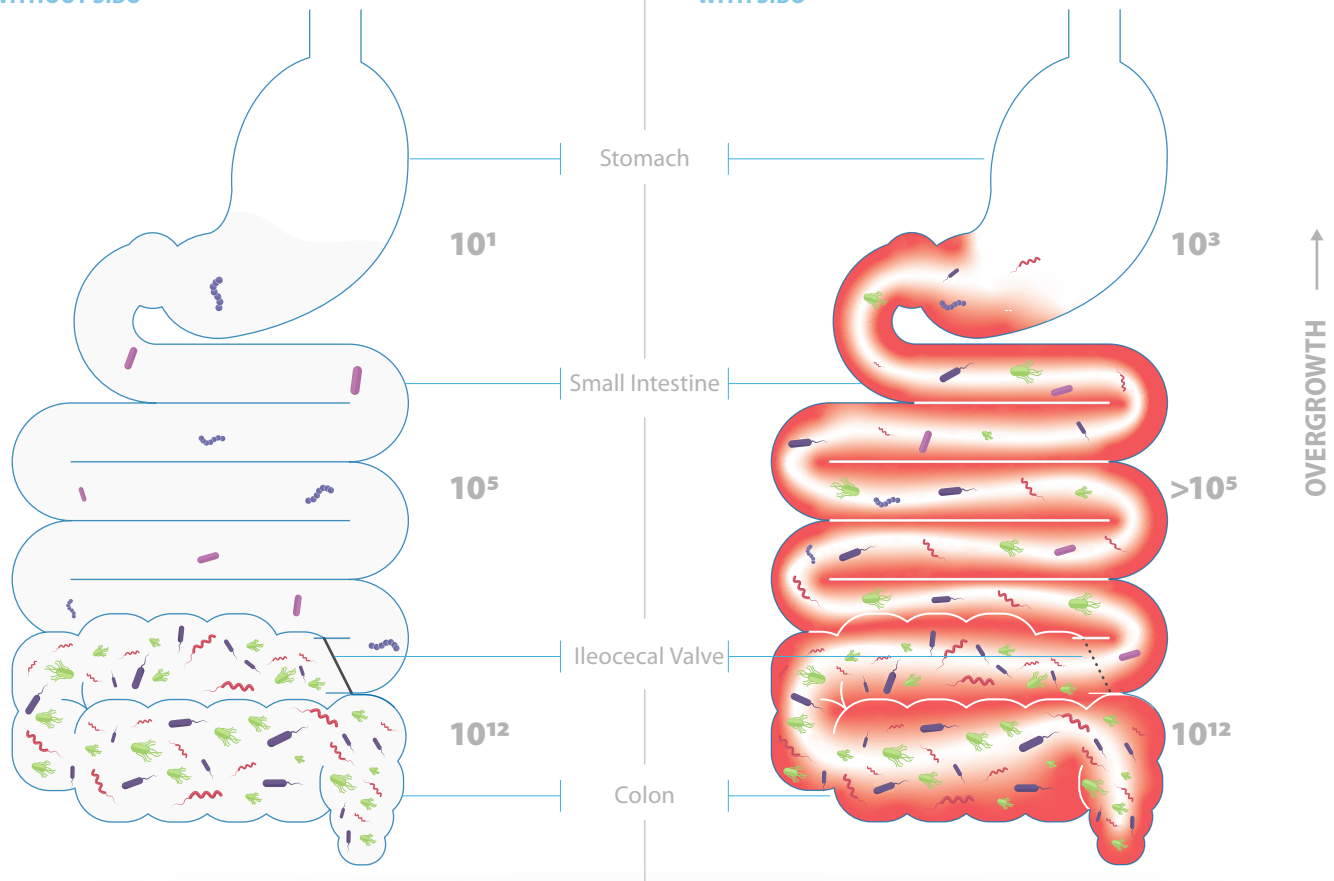
Small intestinal bacterial overgrowth (SIBO) occurs when there is an unusual increase in bacterial population in the small intestine, particularly types of bacteria not often found in that part of the digestive tract. The unwanted bacteria may produce toxins and interfere with the absorption of nutrients. Individuals with SIBO may experience gas, bloating, diarrhea, and weight loss.

Some common risk factors for SIBO may include:

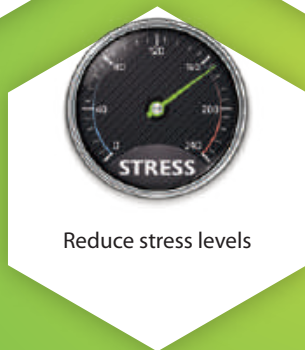
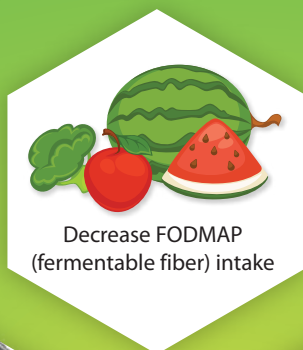
- Slow or inactive motility in the small intestine
- Reduced thyroid hormone levels
- Problems with production of digestive enzymes, stomach acid or bile
- Blockages in the digestive tract
- Prolonged use of opioid medications

BACTERIAL CONCENTRATION  
WITHOUT SIBO

BACTERIAL CONCENTRATION  
WITH SIBO



# Lifestyle Modifications



# Nutrient Solutions

Spore-Forming Probiotics	Serum-Derived Bovine Immunoglobulins	Prokinetic Agent	Antimicrobial	Prebiotic
<p>Help maintain a healthy and balanced gastrointestinal tract</p> <p>Prevent "bad" bacteria from overgrowing</p> <p>Decrease inflammation</p>	<p>Support barrier function</p> <p>Broad-spectrum binding capacity to toxins helps protect the gut lining</p> <p>Reset immune tolerance</p>	<p>Promotes contractions and propels contents from a stagnant GI tract</p> <p>Stimulates motility and transport</p> <p>Helps sweep away and prevents accumulation of unwanted bacteria</p>	<p>Promotes microbial balance and immune support</p> <p>Disrupts production of unwanted organisms</p> <p>Provides antioxidant support and soothes the GI tract</p>	<p>Promotes probiotic growth and diversity</p> <p>Supports healthy intestinal lining</p> <p>Strengthens gut barrier function</p>
<p><i>Bacillus coagulans</i>: 2 billion CFU*</p> <p><i>Bacillus clausii</i>: 1 billion CFU*</p> <p><i>Bacillus subtilis</i>: 1 billion CFU*</p> <p><small>* Colony Forming Units</small></p>	<p>1 g/day</p>	<p>Artichoke Extract: 100 mg per day**</p> <p>Ginger Extract: 20 mg per day**</p> <p><small>**Taken on an empty stomach</small></p>	<p>Berberine: 150 mg, 3x/day</p> <p>Oregano Leaf Extract: 150 mg, 3x/day</p> <p>Sodium Caprylate: 150 mg, 3x/day</p>	<p>Pomegranate Extract: 500 mg/day</p> <p>Citrus Fruit Extract: 500 mg/day</p>

Special Considerations for You:

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# Understanding Insulin Resistance

Insulin is made by the pancreas and is critical to maintaining healthy blood sugar levels. Insulin resistance is a condition where cells become dysfunctional and unable to respond properly to insulin signals. This makes it difficult for glucose to enter the cells and be used as fuel by key tissues, such as the muscles, liver and brain.

Insulin resistance further contributes to inflammation, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, fatty liver and type 2 diabetes.

## CAUSES OF INSULIN RESISTANCE

- Sugar/High Processed Food Intake
- Inactivity
- Dietary Deficiencies
- Elevated Uric Acid
- Chronic Stress
- Obesity
- Environmental Factors

## SYMPTOMS OF INSULIN RESISTANCE

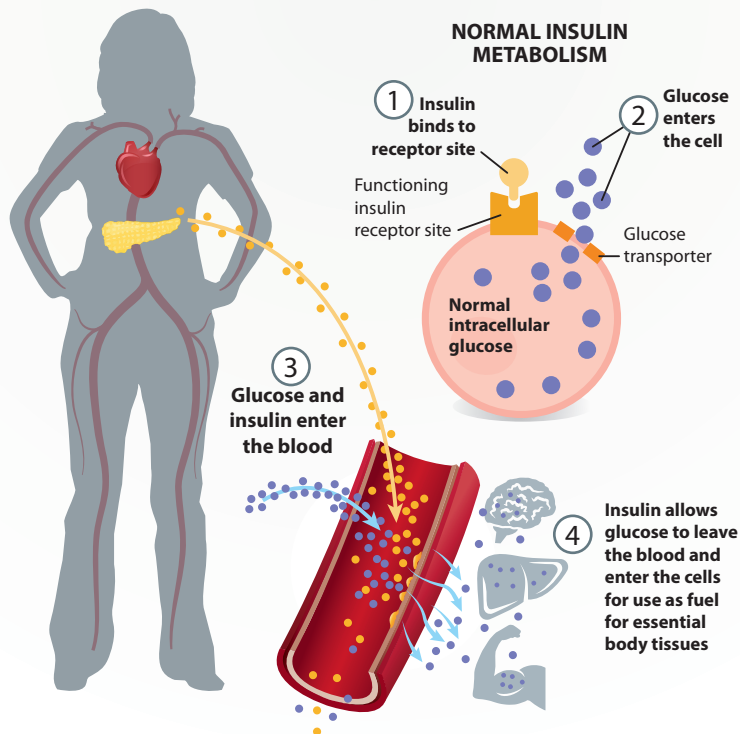
- Sugar Cravings
- Fatigue
- Elevated Triglycerides
- Abdominal Weight Gain
- Continuous Hunger
- Difficulty Losing Weight

## CONSEQUENCES OF INSULIN RESISTANCE

- Cardiovascular Disease
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Blood Pressure Imbalances
- Stroke
- Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)
- Cognitive Decline/Alzheimer's
- PCOS/Hormone Imbalances

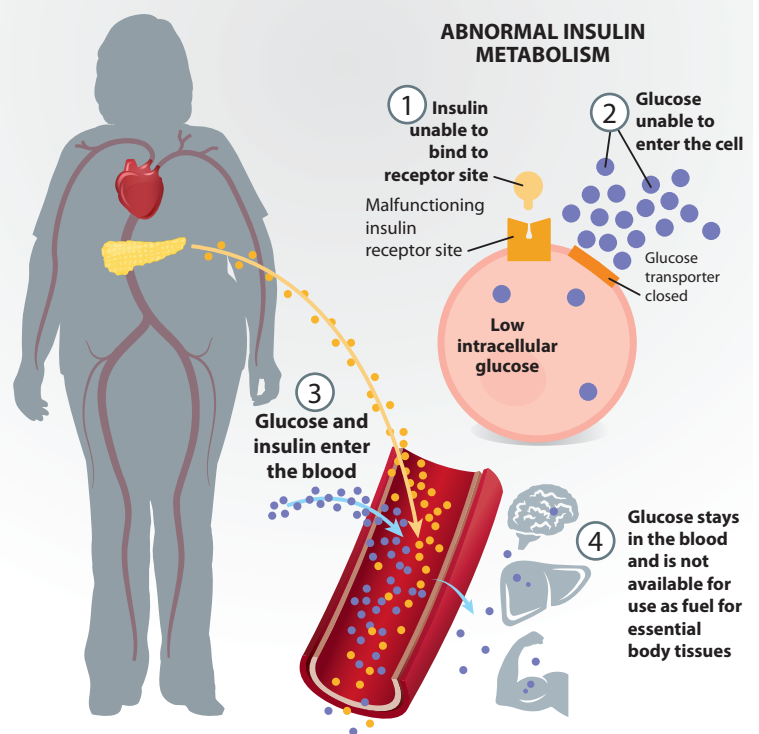
## NORMAL

### NORMAL INSULIN METABOLISM



## INSULIN RESISTANCE

### ABNORMAL INSULIN METABOLISM



# Lifestyle-Based Medicine



## Low-Glycemic Impact Mediterranean Diet

- Limit sugar
- Increase fruits, vegetables and whole grains
- Three to five well-balanced meals throughout the day
- Lean protein
- Manage portion sizes



## Reduce Stress Levels

- Commit to a plan
- Practice deep breathing and meditation
- Practice good sleep habits
- Take at least one 10-minute mindful walk each day
- Take stretch breaks throughout the day



## Physical Activity

- Continuous movement throughout the day
- >20-minute, moderate- to high-intensity exercise sessions at least three to five days per week

# Nutrient Solutions

### Chromium

Critical nutrient for insulin binding

Controls blood glucose levels

400-800 mcg/day

### Vanadyl Sulfate

Mimics the action of insulin

Improves utilization of insulin

50-100 mg/day

### Alpha Lipoic Acid

Helps control blood glucose levels and support cellular imbalances related to insulin resistance

200-600 mg/day

### Berberine

Improves metabolic signaling

Lowers HbA1c

1 g/day

*Baseline doses can be increased as needed*

Personalized Recommendations for You:

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# Mitochondria: Recharging Immune Health

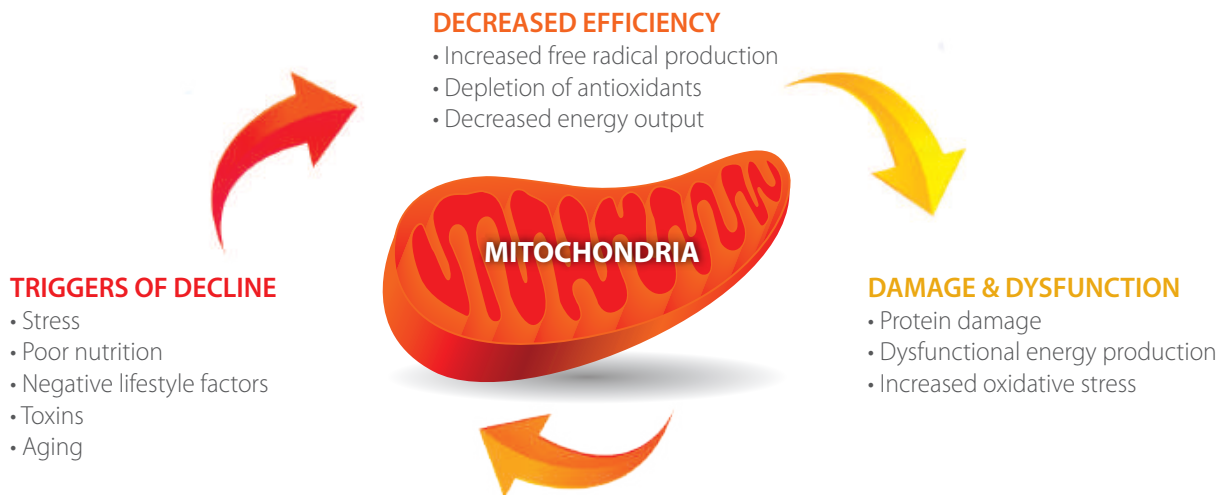
All organs and systems in the body rely on energy to function properly. Cellular energy is produced by mitochondria, which are organelles found in every cell in the body. These tiny structures generate over 90% of the body's energy, but this comes with a price—mitochondria also produce the vast majority of free radicals within the body. Free radicals cause oxidative damage, which hinders the function of our cells and contributes to inflammation and aging. In addition to producing energy, mitochondria sense danger when infections or toxins are present and are responsible for sending signals to surrounding cells.

## ENERGY DEMAND IS HIGHEST IN THE:



Normally, dysfunctional mitochondria are removed to protect the cell from damaging consequences. However, aging, excess sugar in the diet, nutrient deficiencies, toxins, physical inactivity and stress can decrease the efficiency of mitochondria and impair this removal process. When mitochondria do not produce enough energy or create excessive oxidative stress, the systems relying on the metabolic reserve of energy begin to decline in function. Eventually, this dysfunction leads to noticeable symptoms and chronic disease.

## THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF MITOCHONDRIAL DECLINE



## MITOCHONDRIAL DYSFUNCTION HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH:



# Lifestyle Recommendations



## Diet

Eat at least five to seven servings of brightly colored fruits and vegetables per day. A fasting period between dinner and breakfast will aid in repair.



## Exercise

Exercise has been shown to stimulate the production of additional mitochondria to increase energy production. Aim for at least 45 minutes of exercise per day and prioritize weightlifting.



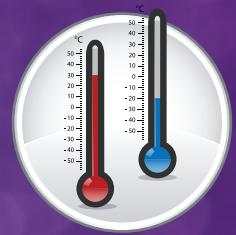
## Sleep

Experts recommend seven to nine hours of sleep per night. To help with restful sleep, limit use of electronics before bed, and keep the bedroom dark and cool.



## Limit Sugar

Excess sugars increase oxidative stress, deplete antioxidants and impair mitochondrial energy production. Do your best to restrict added sugars as much as possible.



## Heat/Cold Therapy

Using extreme heat and cold like that in saunas or ice baths can induce mitochondrial repair. Even cold showers can be beneficial.

# Nutrient Recommendations

Mitochondrial Support	Vitamins C & E Magnesium	Fish Oil (EPA + DHA)	CoQ10	Phosphatidylcholine
<p>Acetyl L-carnitine helps to fast-track raw materials for energy production into the mitochondria.</p> <p>NAC is a key component of glutathione, a potent antioxidant. When combined with ALA, these nutrients act to combat oxidative stress and cellular damage.</p>	<p>Antioxidant vitamins C &amp; E work to neutralize free radicals created from energy production.</p> <p>Magnesium is necessary for hundreds of reactions in the body and contributes to energy production.</p>	<p>EPA and DHA help control oxidative stress and inflammation. These essential fatty acids support overall mitochondrial function.</p>	<p>CoQ10 is an antioxidant, as well as an essential component of energy production pathways.</p>	<p>Phospholipids aid in cell signaling and the resolution of the inflammatory cycle.</p>
<p>ALC: 500 mg NAC: 600 mg ALA: 200 mg</p>	<p>Vitamin C: 250 mg Vitamin E: 50-800 IU Mg: 75-235 mg</p>	<p>4 g/day</p>	<p>100-300 mg/day</p>	<p>10 g/day</p>

## Recommendations:

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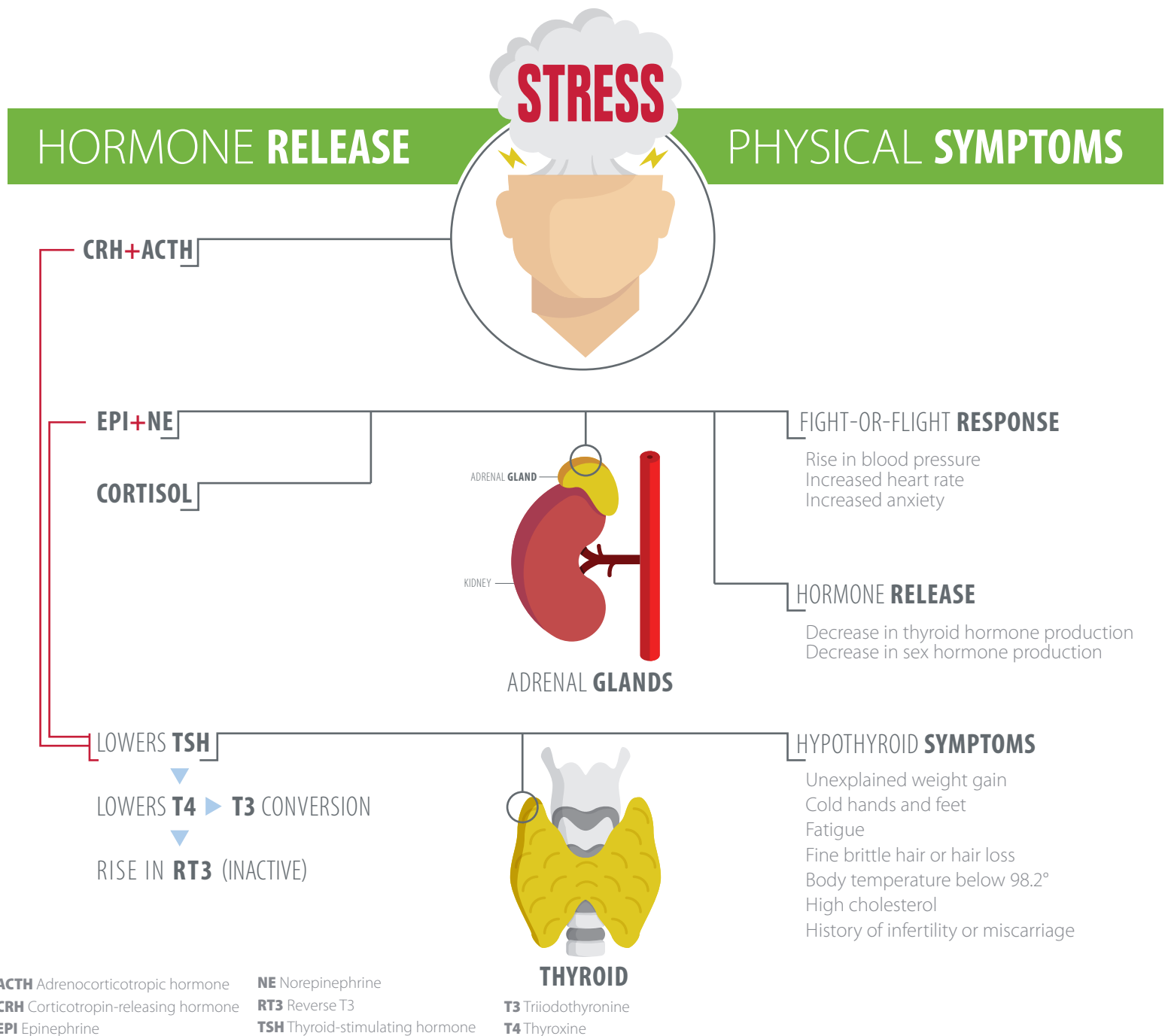
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# Stress

## & Thyroid Dysfunction

The hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis and the hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid (HPT) axis are closely connected. Imbalances in one system often cause imbalance in the other. Additionally, symptoms such as fatigue, chronic pain, weight gain, mood and memory problems, and menstrual irregularities can result secondary to HPA and thyroid dysfunction. Testing can help distinguish whether imbalances in the HPA axis, HPT axis, or both systems are present.

Chronic stress and inflammation increase the body's demand for cortisol. Elevated levels of cortisol are catabolic, meaning they break down the body and may cause extreme fatigue, joint and muscle pain and sleeplessness. High levels of cortisol also directly suppress thyroid function, by inhibiting release of TSH and decreasing T4 to T3 conversion. T3 is the metabolically active form of thyroid hormones and it is crucial that levels remain within normal range to promote optimal health.





# Lifestyle Recommendations



## MOVEMENT

Aim for 150 minutes of walking per week or 10,000 steps per day



## STRESS MANAGEMENT

Identify your stressors  
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Prioritize what is most important in your life  
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Schedule time off  
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Spend time in nature



## DIET

Avoid sugar  
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Avoid inflammatory foods like gluten, dairy and soy  
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Eat three to five well balanced meals per day with lean protein, colorful vegetables and healthy fats  
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Eat within a 12-hour window or less and at least two hours before bed



## SLEEP

Aim for at least 30 minutes of outdoor (even overcast) light each day with sunglasses off for some of the time  
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Aim for seven to eight hours of quality sleep each night  
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Avoid blue light from cell phones and screens at least two hours before bedtime  
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Keep the bedroom cooler for more restful sleep

# Nutrient Recommendations

Iodine  
Tyrosine  
Iron

Iodine, tyrosine and iron increase the production of thyroid hormones.

Zinc  
Selenium  
Vitamin A  
Vitamin C  
Vitamin E

Antioxidants zinc and selenium, and vitamins A, C and E increase production of thyroid hormones, increase conversion of T4 to T3, and improve cellular sensitivity to thyroid hormones.

Vitamin B2  
Vitamin B3  
Vitamin B6

Vitamins B2, B3 and B6 increase the production of thyroid hormones.

**IODINE**  
300-1,000 mg/day

**TYROSINE**  
300-1,000 mg/day

**IRON**  
15 mg/day

**ZINC**  
20-50 mg/day

**SELENIUM**  
100-600 mcg/day

**VITAMIN A**  
3,000-7,000 IU/day

**VITAMIN C**  
400-800 mg/day

**VITAMIN E**  
200-400 IU/day

**VITAMIN B2**  
50 mg/day

**VITAMIN B3**  
50 mg/day

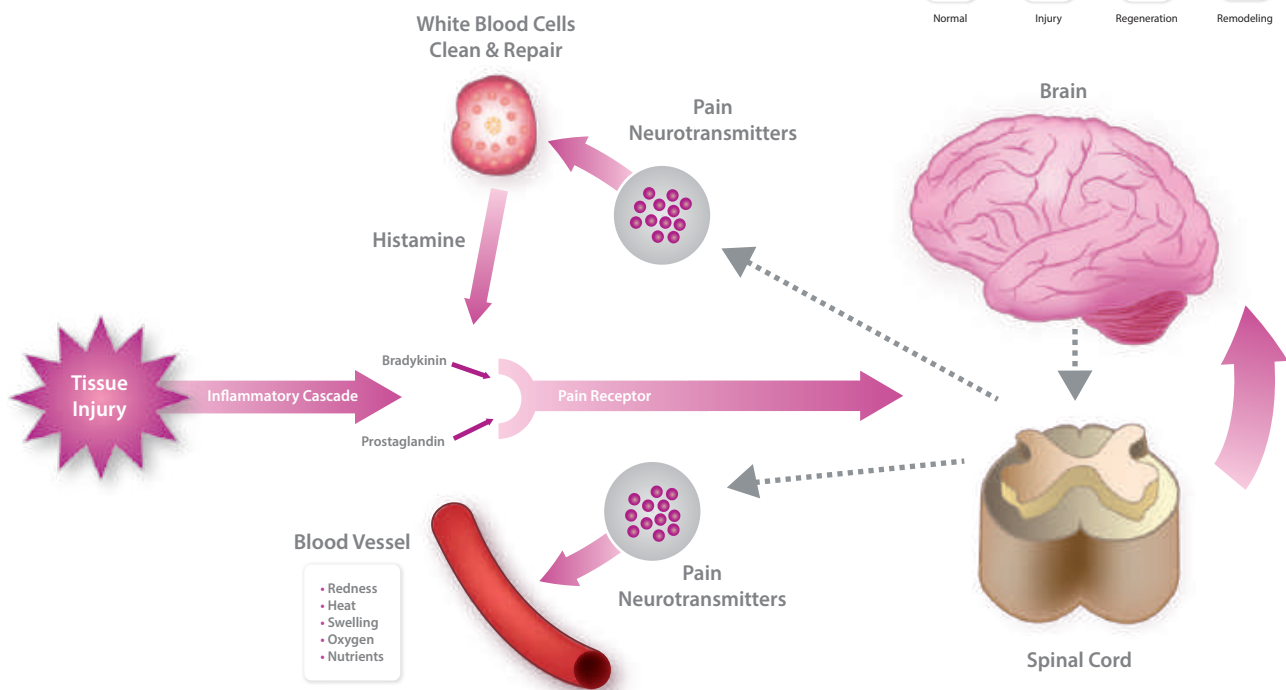
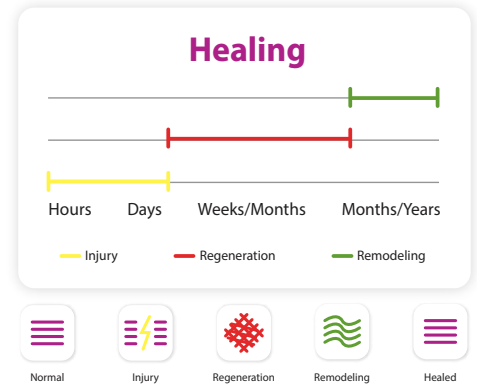
**VITAMIN B6**  
50 mg/day

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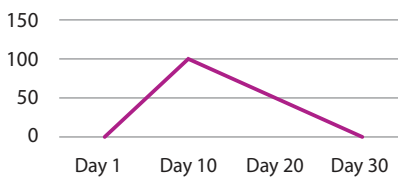
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# Understanding Pain and Healing

Tissue injury causes the release of inflammatory mediators. Each of these factors triggers a pain signal to the brain, releases neurotransmitters, and activates immune cells. The healing process goes beyond the initial stage of pain and inflammation. Incomplete tissue regeneration runs the risk of recurring injury, inflammation and transitioning to chronic pain. In addition, lifestyle factors also drive or resolve inflammation, which affects pain and healing time.



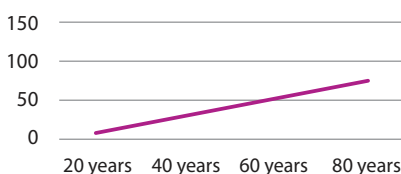
## Acute Inflammation



## Acute Inflammatory Response

An acute inflammatory response typically follows a significant injury such as a broken bone or laceration. Typically, pain, heat, redness, swelling and loss of function occur. It is important for acute inflammation to resolve completely within a few weeks to allow the longer phases of tissue regeneration and remodeling to begin.

## Chronic Inflammation



## Chronic Inflammatory Response

Uncontrolled, chronic inflammation fuels many major diseases and leads to tissue degradation and prolonged pain signaling. Chronic inflammation is a self-perpetuating cycle characterized by continuous damage and repair.

# Resolvers of Pain and Inflammation



## Nutritional

- ☐ Water intake recommendation  
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- ☐ Limit sugar intake  
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- ☐ Decrease processed foods, increase vegetable and fruit intake  
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## Physical

- ☐ Movement recommendation  
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- ☐ Stretching recommendation  
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- ☐ Ergonomic check  
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## Psychological

- ☐ Sleep recommendation  
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- ☐ De-stress recommendation  
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- ☐ Start a gratitude journal  
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### Decrease Pain and Inflammation

- Curcumin
  - Alleviates pain and inflammation in joints and GI tract
- Potent antioxidant
- Speeds healing and recovery
- Improves mood and adrenal stress

### Nervous System and Muscle Spasms

- GABA
- Glycine
- Magnesium
  - Calming effect on nervous system through neurotransmitter support
  - Decreases muscle spasms
  - Improves sleep quality by increasing REM sleep

### Reduce Scar Tissue Formation

- Proteolytic Enzymes:
  - Bromelain
  - Protease
  - Amylase
  - Papain
  - Trypsin
  - Lipase
  - Chymotrypsin
- Decreases swelling, bruising and excess fibrin

### New Collagen Synthesis

- Type I Collagen
- Type II Collagen Hydrolysate
- Hyaluronic Acid
  - Provides raw material to heal tendons, ligaments, discs, fascia and joint cartilage
- Stimulates chondrocytes, tenocytes, and synovial cells to increase production of type I and II collagen, and hyaluronic acid

### Collagen Alignment

- Vitamin C
- Quercetin
- Rutin
  - Co-factor for collagen synthesis and alignment
  - Antioxidant to protect and maintain collagen
  - Inhibits inflammation and boosts immune function
  - Increases gut barrier function

Injury

Inflammation

Regeneration

Remodeling



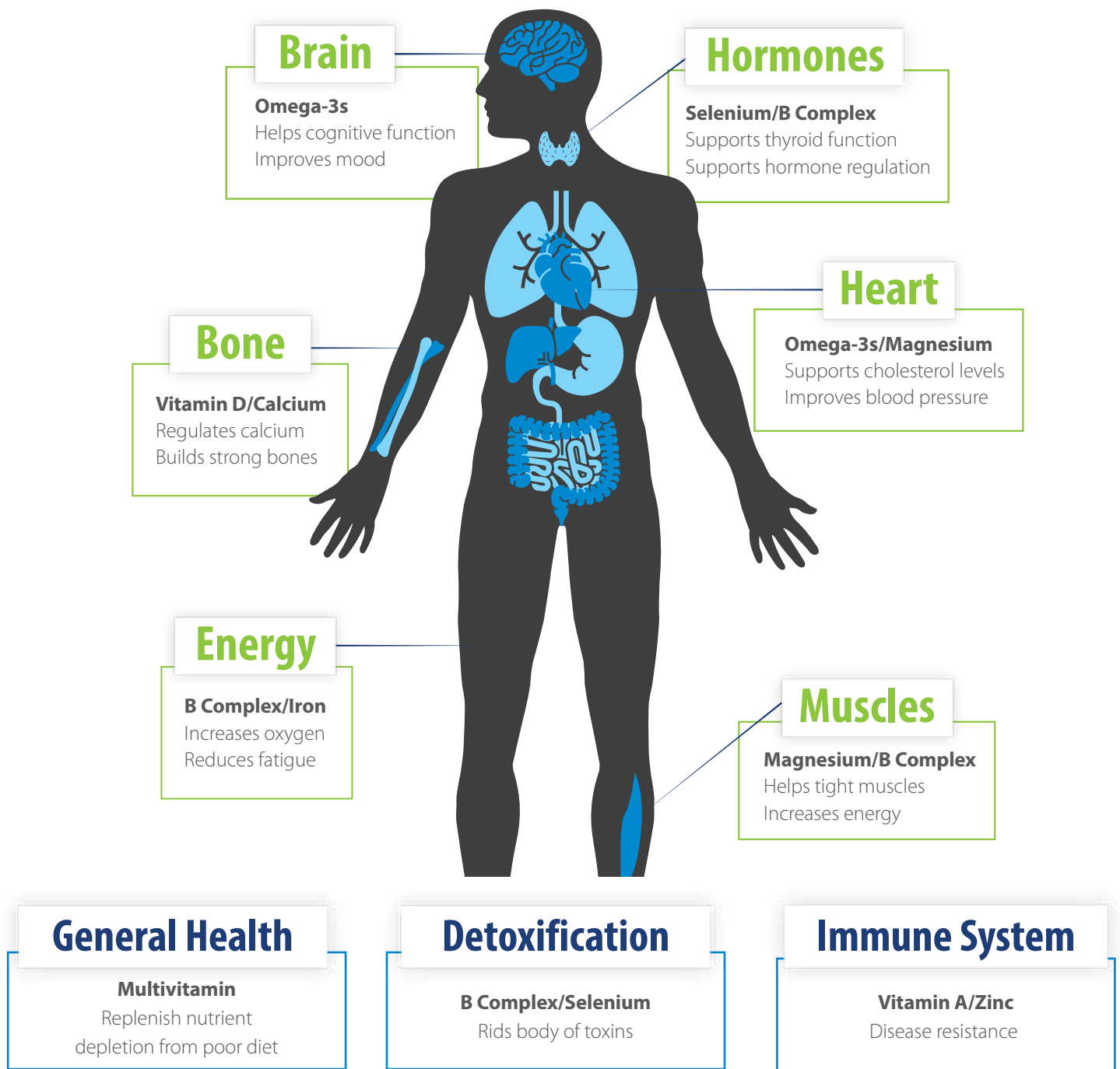
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## Nutritional Wellbeing

Nutrition in America has changed over the decades from meals with high nutritious and low-calorie content to high-calorie and low nutrition. Nutrient depletion in America is not driven by food deficiency, but by a taste for processed foods, which can lead to poor digestion and dysbiosis. Having stomach issues and poor digestion can make you feel uncomfortable and weighed down, and can lead to impaired nutrient absorption over time. It's important to aim for diet and lifestyle plan that reinforces healthy digestion and allows your body to properly absorb the array of nutrients it needs to function optimally.

## Vitamins and Minerals for the Whole Body



# Lifestyle Recommendations



## Diet

- Prepare and cook your own meals
- Buy local, organic, seasonal produce
- Eliminate sugary and processed foods from your diet
- Eat plenty of colorful vegetables
- Enjoy more meals with family and friends



## Activity

- Participate in community events
- Start a walking program
- Spend time outside
- Engage in aerobic activity appropriate to your health
- Enjoy active time with family and friends



## Reduce Stress

- Engage in spiritual activities such as prayer or meditation
- Practice deep breathing
- Volunteer your time
- Aim for 7-8 hours of sleep each night

# Nutrient Recommendations

## Multivitamin

- Supports many physiological processes
- Promotes visual acuity
- Build strong bones
- Supports detoxification
- Aids in digestion

Take as directed on label

## Vitamin D

- Builds strong bones and teeth
- Aids in digestion
- Improves immunity
- Supports healthy muscle function
- Supports neurological development

2,000-5,000 IU/day

## Multimineral

- Builds and maintains metabolic reserve
- Essential for healthy enzyme activity
- Supports nerve and muscle function
- Keeps bones strong
- Boosts immune system function

Take as directed on label

## Functional Foods

- Improves metabolic reserve
- Supplements a nutrient-poor diet
- Supports healthy digestion
- Convenient, healthy option for on-the-go meals

Once daily

## Recommendations:

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