

Nutritional Therapy and Eastern Nutrition year 1

Lecture 1

First year lectures

Western Nutrition

- Lecture 1: carbohydrates, fats and proteins, vitamins and minerals
- Lecture 2: evolution of human nutrition, history of nutritional medicine, effects of food processing, nutrition through life stages, various diets
- Lecture 3: biochemistry, SNP's, the stress response, importance of digestion, taking a case history, working with clients

Second year lectures

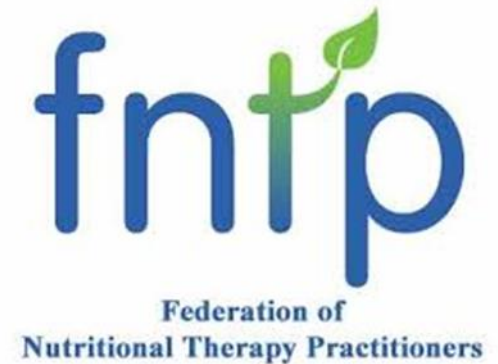
Eastern Nutrition and Naturopathy

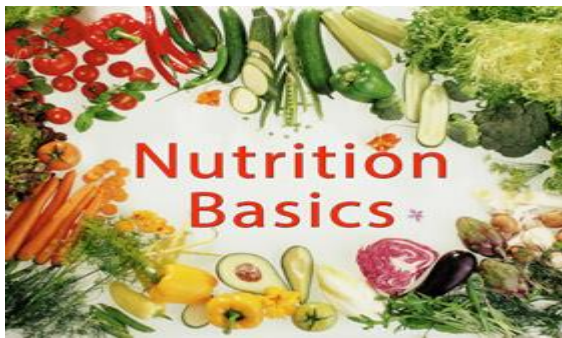
- Detoxification
- Naturopathic philosophy and nutrition
- Unani diet and nutrition
- Ayurveda, Chinese and Tibetan approaches to diet and nutrition
- Working with clients

Diploma Unani Tibb



- First year: Nutrition Advisor: FNTTP
- Second year: Nutritional Therapist: FNTTP and Associate Naturopath: SoN
- Third year: diploma in Unani Tibb: AUTAM + opportunity to be Registered Naturopath ND with SoN.





Objectives



- To cover the content in Units 2-6
- To have an understanding of the macro nutrients: Carbohydrates, Proteins and Fats
- To have an understanding of the micronutrients: Vitamins and Minerals
- To be able to work through a simple case history and advise on bulk nutrient balance

Carbohydrates



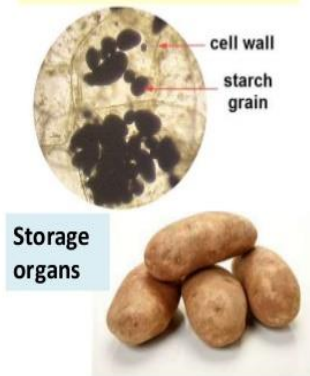
Carbohydrates

Can be sub divided as follows:

- Monosaccharides
- Disaccharides
- Oligosaccharides
- Polysaccharides
- *Above is determined by chain length.*

Uses of carbohydrates:-

b) to store energy
e.g. starch in
potatoes or roots



c) to build cell walls in
plants

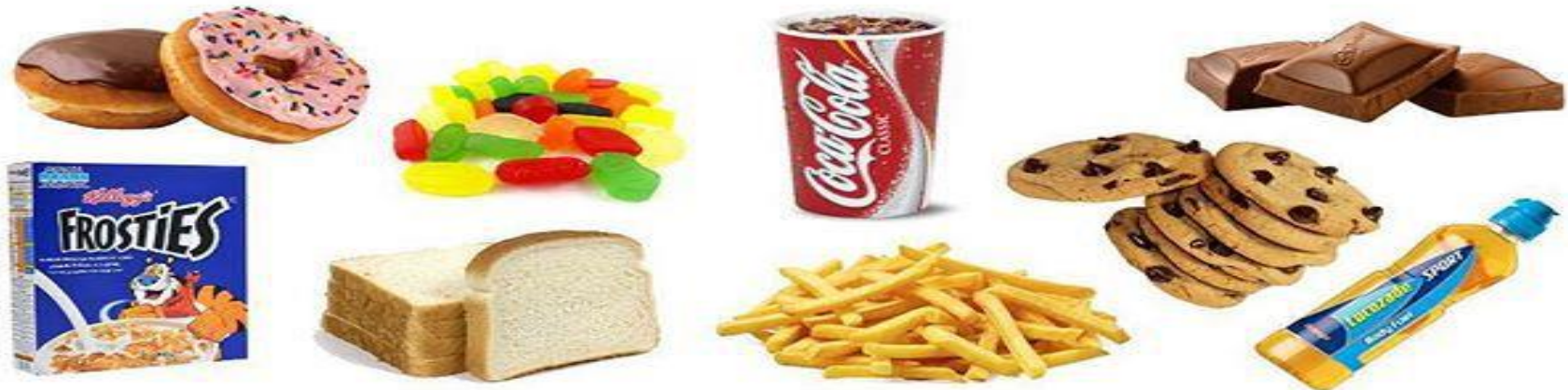


Carbohydrates

✓ **COMPLEX CARBS**

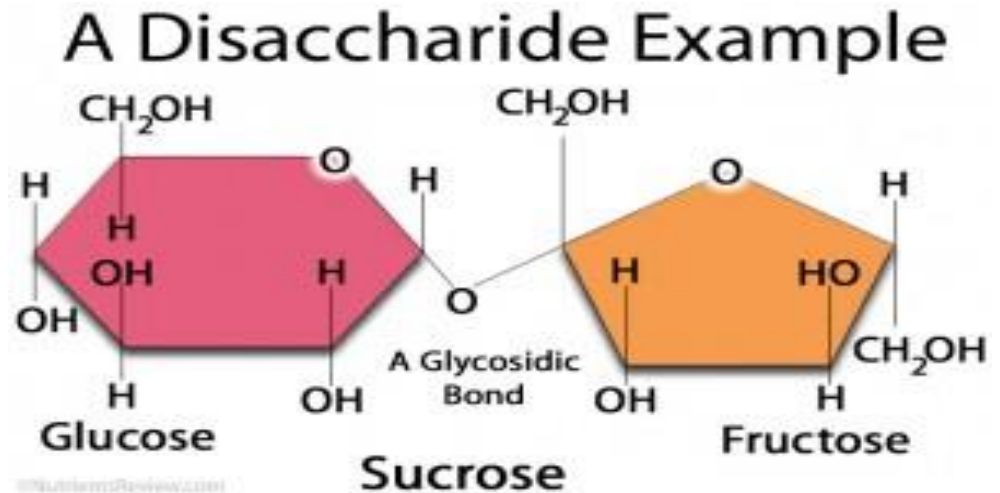


✗ **SIMPLE CARBS**



Carbohydrates

- Disaccharides:
 - Sucrose
 - Lactose
 - Maltose

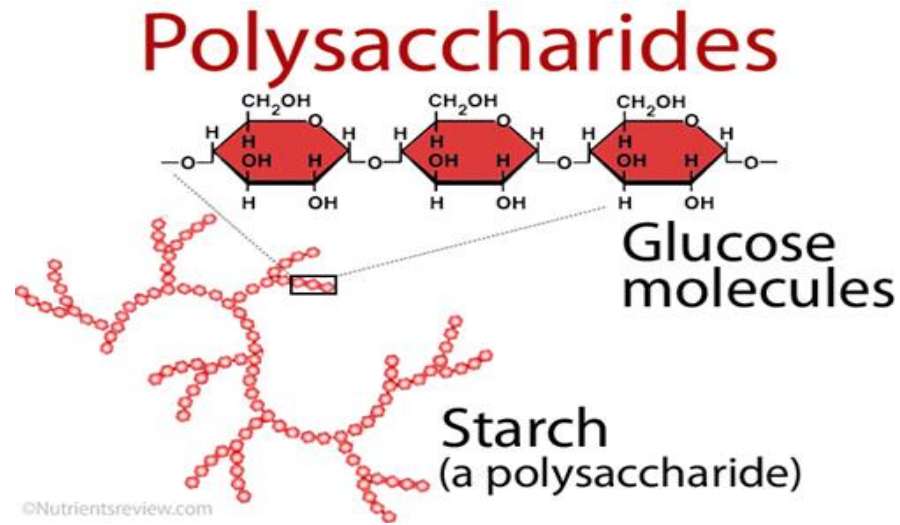


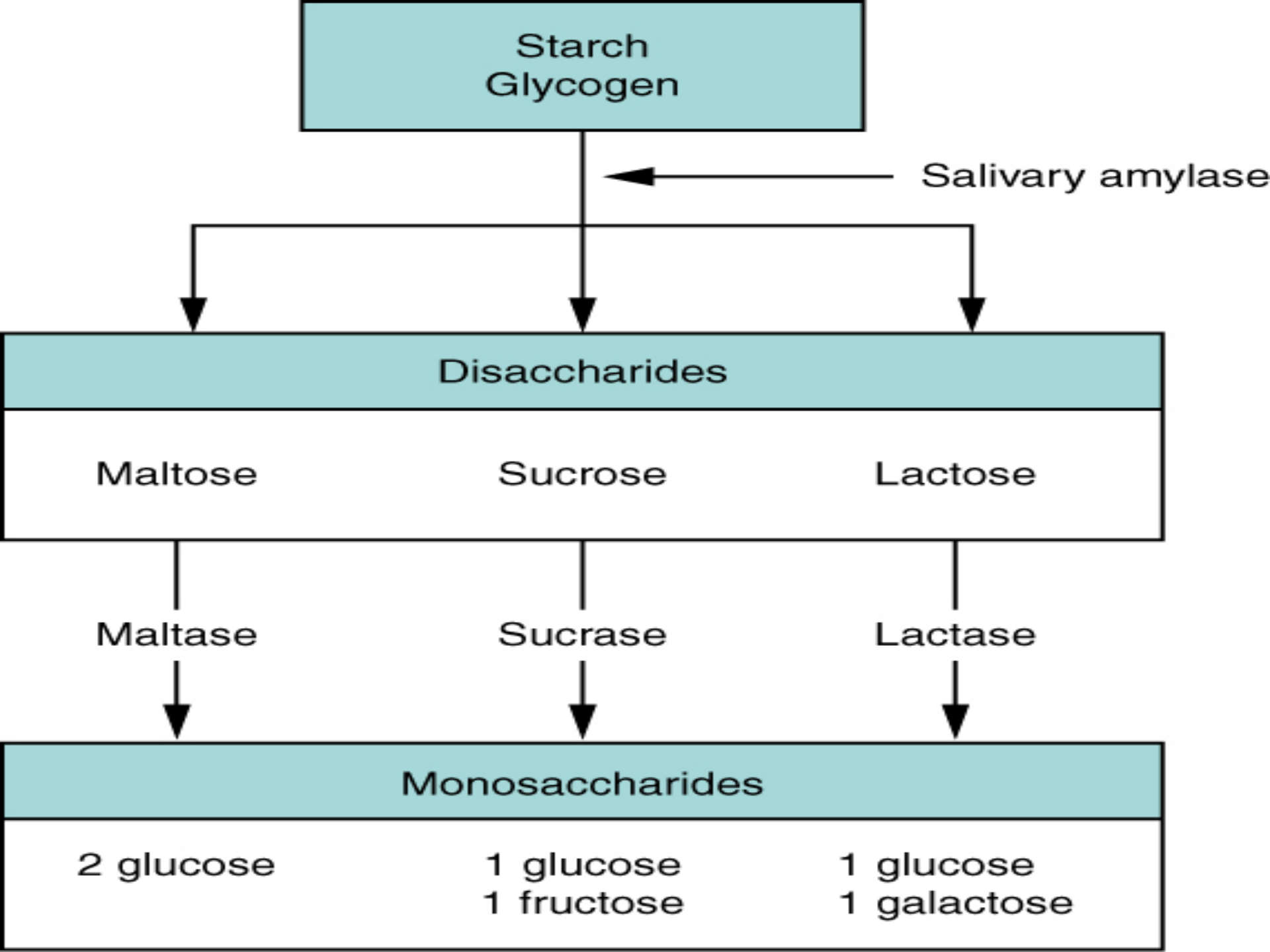
These are simple sugars linked together by a **glycosidic bond** e.g. two sugar units linked together to make up cane or beet sugar (glucose+fructose=sucrose)

Carbohydrates

Polysaccharides:

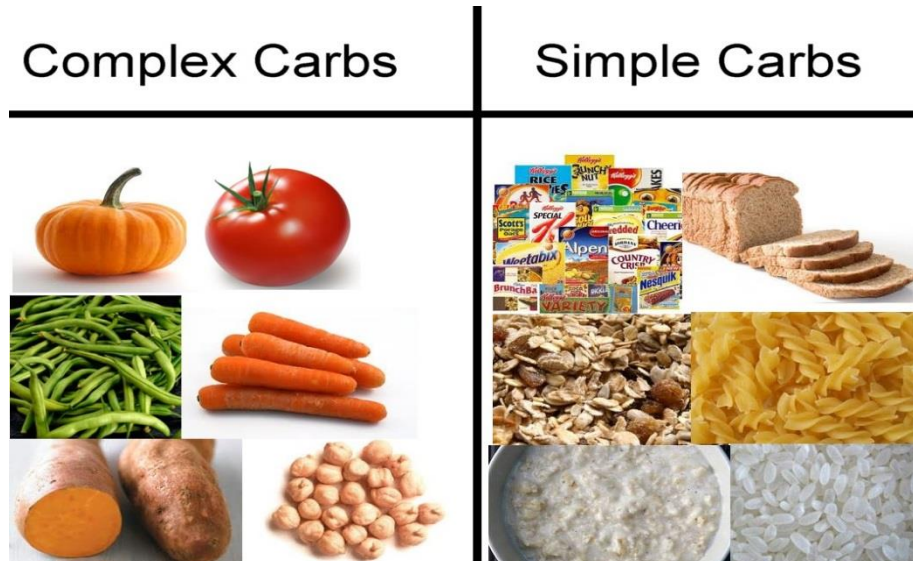
- Two categories:
 - Starch polysaccharides
 - Non starch polysaccharides (dietary fibre).





Carbohydrates

- Simple: turned into glucose quickly
- Complex: polysaccharides (starch) containing a proportion of fibre



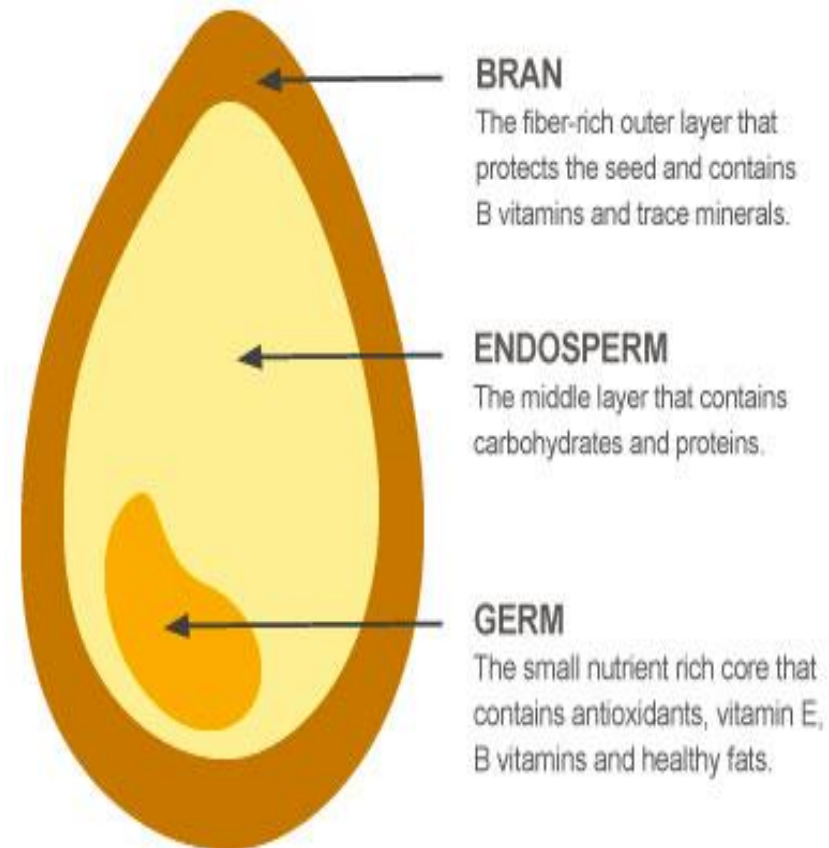
Carbohydrates

Refining of grains:

Loss of nutrients

Turned into glucose quicker

Nutrient debts



Carbohydrates

Nutrient debts:

- Sugar satisfies appetite
- Sugar contains no protein, fat, vitamins, minerals or fibre
- Sugar is empty calories
- Hunger satisfied but need for nutrients is still owing.



Western refined foods			Unrefined traditional foods		
Food	Glycemic index	Glycemic load	Food	Glycemic index	Glycemic load
Glucose	97	96.8	Parsnips	97	19.5
Rice Krispie cereal	88	77.3	Baked potato	85	18.4
Cornflakes	84	72.7	Boiled millet	71	16.8
Lifesavers	70	67.9	Boiled broad beans	79	15.5
Rice cakes	82	66.9	Boiled couscous	65	15.1
Table sugar (sucrose)	65	64.9	Boiled sweet potato	54	13.1
Shredded wheat cereal	69	57.0	Boiled brown rice	55	12.6
Graham crackers	74	56.8	Banana	53	12.1
Grapenuts cereal	67	54.3	Boiled yam	51	11.5
Cheerio cereal	74	54.2	Boiled garbanzo beans	33	9.0
Rye crispbread	65	53.4	Pineapple	66	8.2
Vanilla wafers	77	49.7	Grapes	43	7.7
Corn chips	73	46.3	Kiwi fruit	52	7.4
Mars bar	68	42.2	Carrots	71	7.2
Stone wheat thins	67	41.9	Boiled peas	48	6.8
Shortbread cookies	64	41.9	Boiled beets	64	6.3
Granola bar	61	39.3	Boiled kidney beans	27	6.2
Angel food cake	67	38.7	Apple	39	6.0
Bagel	72	38.4	Boiled lentils	29	5.8
Doughnuts	76	37.8	Pear	36	5.4
White bread	70	34.7	Watermelon	72	5.2
Waffles	76	34.2	Orange	43	5.1
All bran cereal	42	32.5	Cherries	22	3.7
Whole wheat bread	69	31.8	Peach	28	3.1
Fructose	23	22.9	Peanuts	14	2.6

The glycemic reference is glucose with a glycemic index of 100 (Foster-Powell and Miller, 1995).

Wheat Processing

Calculation of percentage losses in processing whole wheat (minerals-all amounts given are shown in mg):

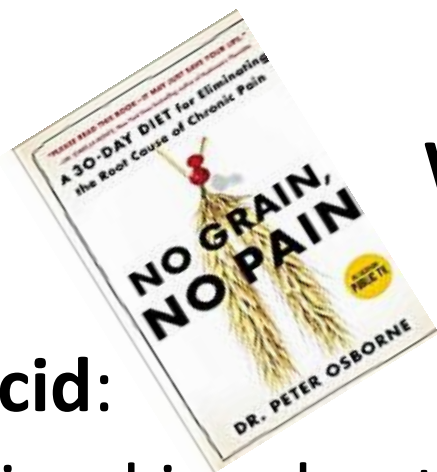
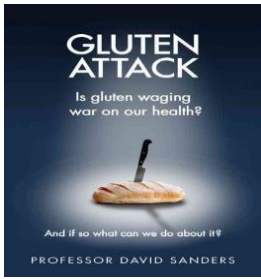
FOOD	Dry Wt (g)	Na	K	Ca	Mg	Fe	Zn	Cu	Mn	P
Wholemeal wheat flour	100	3	395	44	140	4.5	3.4	0.52	3.61	372
White wheat bread flour	100	3	151	163	36	2.4	1.0	0.21	0.81	140
Percentage loss %	-	0	62	-268	74	46.2	69.0	60.0	77.42	62.50

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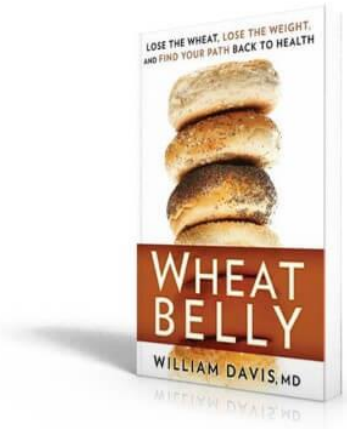
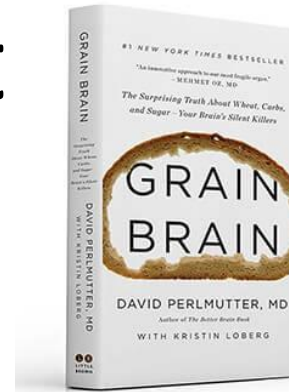
% loss in processing wheat

FOOD	DRY WT	Protein (g)	Fat (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Energy (kcal)
Wheat flour wholemeal	100	14.77	2.56	74.32	10.00	360.53
Wheat flour-white bread making	100	13.37	1.63	87.57	4.30	396.58
Process loss %	-	9.45	36.36	-17.84	56.98	-10.00

- The fat component included valuable omega 6 essential fatty acids which have been reduced by 36%
- Dietary fibre has been reduced by 57%

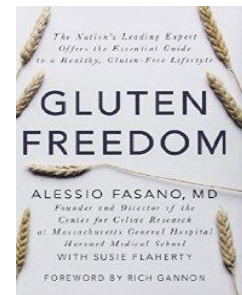


Wheat



Phytic acid:

- Contained in wheat bran
- Hinders absorption of calcium, iron, zinc magnesium, copper and niacin
- Chorley Heath method of bread making does not break phytic acid down
- Vitamin C reduces effects of phytic acid on iron
- Probiotic bacteria help produce phytase, which helps to break down phytic acid





Carbohydrates



- Fibre lowers blood fats
- Sugar and refined carbohydrates disturb insulin mechanism
- Many illnesses can be linked to or exacerbated by disturbances to insulin



Carbohydrates

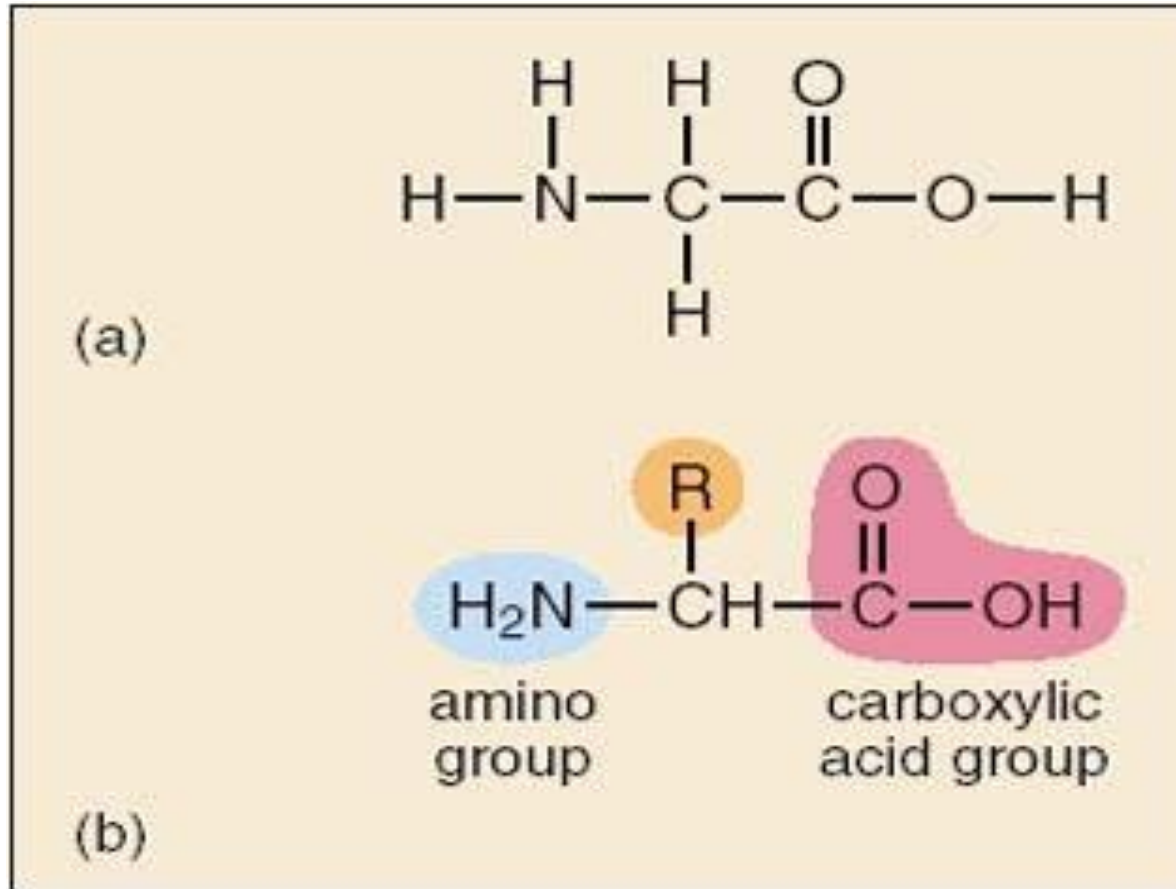
Simple carbohydrate consumption can lead to disturbances in blood sugar levels









Proteins



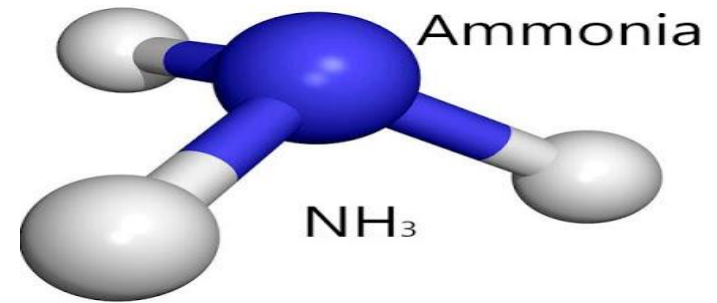
Chemistry of proteins



PROTEIN DIGESTION PROCESS

<i>DIGESTION SITE</i>	<i>ENZYME</i>	<i>PROCESS</i>
STOMACH	Pepsin	<p>Protein  Polypeptides</p> 
DUODENUM	Trypsin (by Pancreas)	<p>Polypeptides  Peptides</p> 
SMALL INTESTINE	Erepsin	<p>Peptides  Amino Acids</p> 

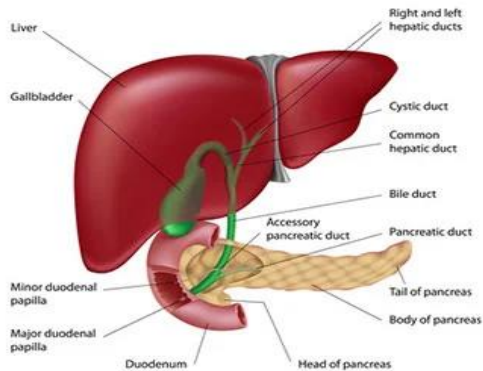
Protein



Breakdown of protein:

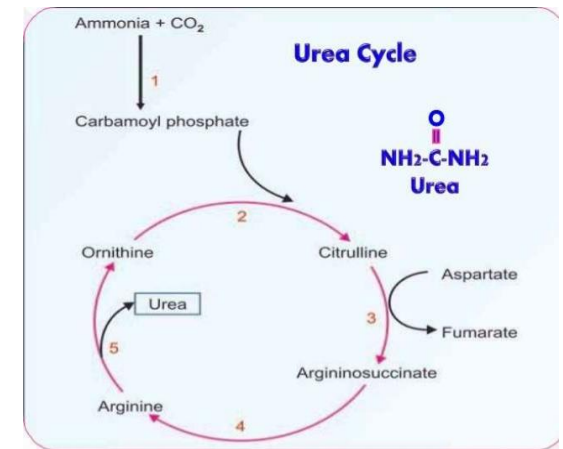
- Nitrogen released as ammonia (very toxic)
- Amino Acids converted to ammonia, CO₂ and water
- Detoxification of ammonia essential
- Converted to UREA

Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas and Bile Passage



Proteins

Urea cycle

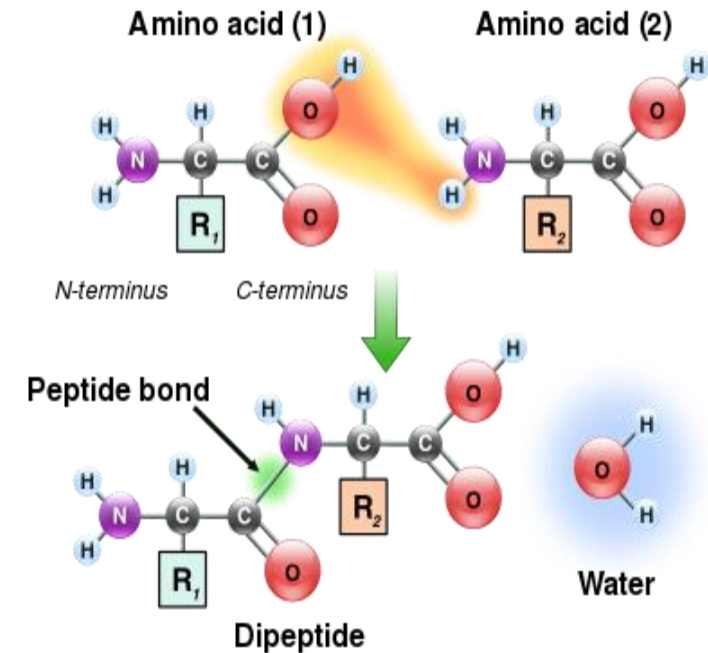


- Urea synthesised in the liver
- Energy consuming process
- 1 molecule of urea for every 3 molecules of ATP
- Increased protein intake= reduced energy production

Amino Acids

Amino acids can be

- Essential
- Conditionally essential
- Non essential



Essential Amino Acids

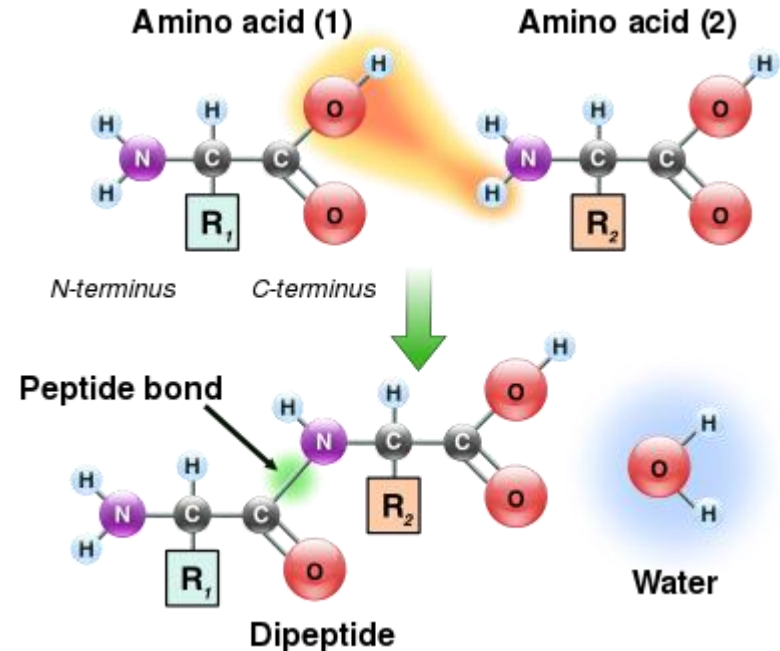
- Tryptophan
- Threonine
- Phenylalanine
- Methionine
- Leucine
- Lysine
- Isoleucine
- Valine
- Histidine (infants)

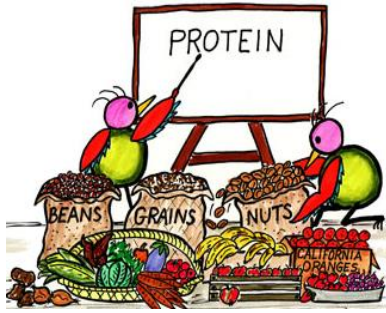


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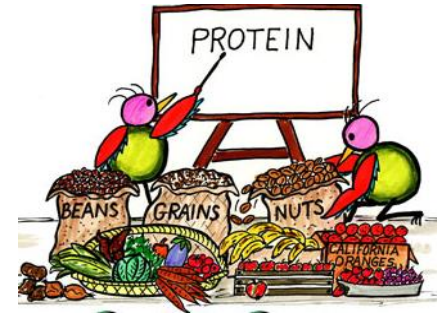
Conditionally essential amino acids:

- **Arginine**
- Glutamine
- Glycine
- Taurine
- **Cysteine**
- **Tyrosine**
- **Histidine** (in adults)
- Serine
- Proline





Proteins in Foods



The protein score

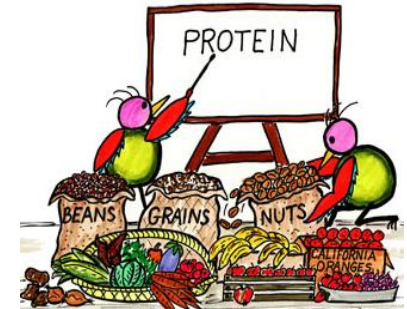
- The concept of first and second class proteins
- Limited amino acid (*the amino acid that is most deficient relative to an ideal standard composition*)

Limited amino acids in foods

Food	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Phe	Thr	Trp	Val	Cys & Met	Tyr	score
FAO	270	306	270	144	180	180	90	270	270	280	100
Salmon	329	529	607	180	258	299	71*	360	251	221	79
White Rice	250	538	240*	135	317	260	84	375	240	260	89
Whole Wheat	227	450	172*	109	298	180	76	298	278	204	64
White Flour	265	481	133*	111	326	188	77	299	287	177	49
Sesame	300	500	159*	181	460	182	93	261	317	244	59
Lager	92*	156	219	62	125	156	375	156	188	156	34
Potato	262	387	357	101	274	244	92	327	182*	193	67
Kidney Bean	260	481	450	71	331	252	59	291	122*	161	45
Sweetcorn	229	792	168	120	320	229	40*	305	221	244	44
Egg	351	518	391	198	320	320	112	427	310	249	100

Complementary Proteins

- Grains have lysine as limiting amino acid
- Pulses are high in lysine
- Combination of grains and pulses create a better protein score
- Methionine often deficient in grain/pulse combinations



Gluten and Dairy





Protein digestion

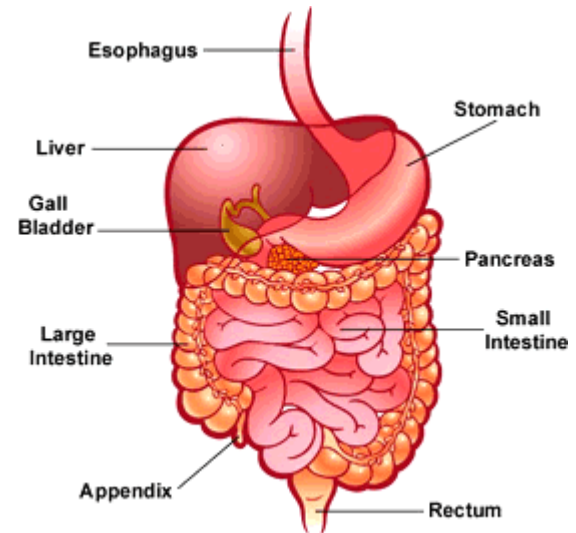
Low stomach acid

- Very common
- Symptoms similar to high stomach acid
- Leads to dysbiosis
- Stomach acid depletes as we age
- Stomach acid reduces under stress

Digestion

Lack of hydrochloric acid leads to many diseases:

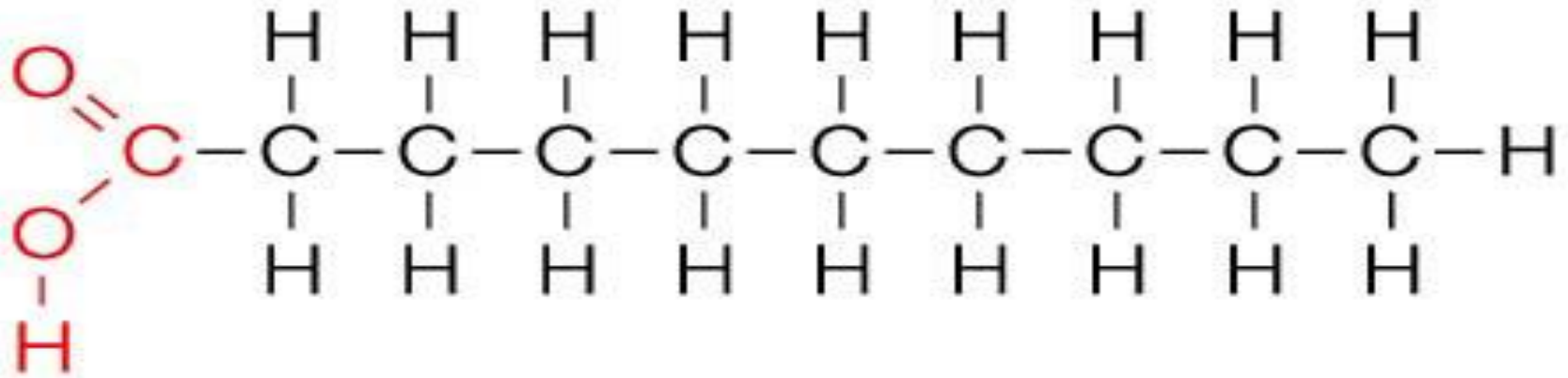
- Asthma
- IBS (constipation, diarrhoea, bloating, wind)
- Osteoporosis
- Iron deficiency
- Adult acne
- Candida
- Food allergies



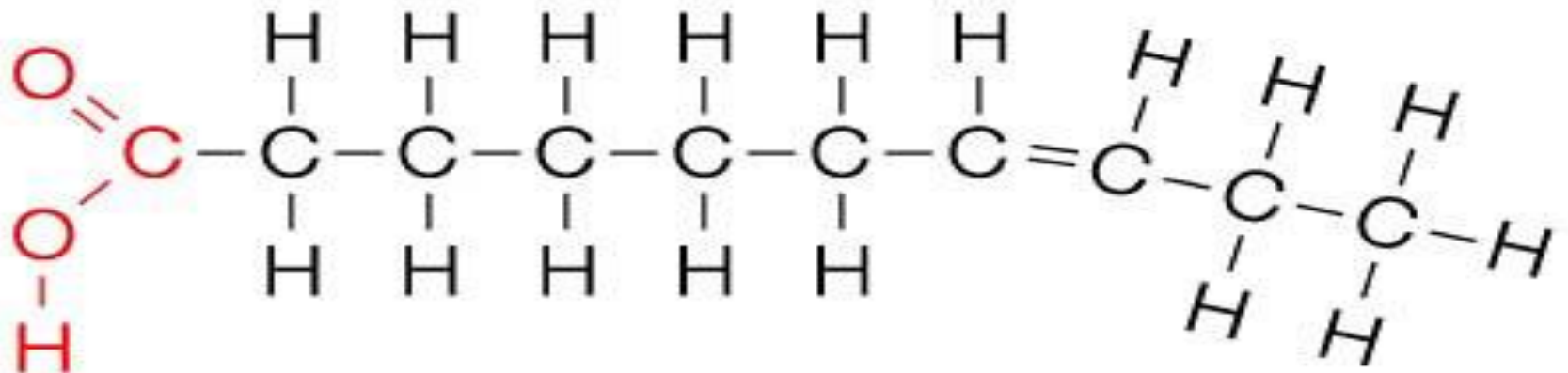
Fats



Saturated



Unsaturated



Essential Fatty Acids



Omega 6

Deficiency signs

- Eczema like skin eruptions
- Loss of hair
- Liver and kidney degeneration
- Excessive water loss via skin with thirst
- Drying up of glands



Essential Fatty Acids

Omega 6

Deficiency signs

- Susceptible to infections/low immunity
- Failure of wound healing
- Male sterility
- Miscarriage in females
- Arthritis like conditions
- Heart and circulatory problems
- Growth retardation
- Tender breasts



Essential Fatty acids breakdown

Saturated fats
Damaged fats
High cholesterol
Aging
Alcohol
Chemical carcinogens
Radiation
Imbalanced insulin

OMEGA 6

Linoleic Acid

Delta 6 desaturase

Insulin

Magnesium, zinc, B6, vitamin C and E

Gamma Linolenic acid

Delta 5 Desaturase

Zinc B6

Arachidonic acid

Di homo gamma linolenic acid

Wheat

Cyclo oxygenase COX

Cyclo oxygenase COX

Prostaglandin 1

Prostaglandin 2



Essential Fatty Acids

Omega 6 Considerations



Is the patient:

- Magnesium deficient?
- Deficient in Vitamin B6?
- Eating saturated fats in large amounts?
- Insulin deficient/imbalanced?
- Suffering from excess cholesterol

Essential Fatty Acids



Omega 6 Considerations



Does the patient:

- Diet contain processed fats that contain trans fatty acids?
- Smoke or come into contact with other chemical carcinogens?
- Drink alcohol regularly
- Consuming enough antioxidants to counteract aging, radiation or toxin damage?

Essential Fatty Acids

OMEGA 3

Sources of ALA:

- Flax oil (50%)
- Hemp seed oil (20%)
- Pumpkin seeds oil (0-15%)
- Canola oil (up to 10%)
- Walnut oil (3-11%)



Essential Fatty Acids

Functions Omega 3

- Reduces inflammation
- Reduces water retention
- Reduces platelet stickiness
- Reduces blood pressure
- Reduces pain and swelling in artl
- Can reverse PMS in some cases
- Required for brain development



Essential Fatty Acids

Omega 3

Sources of EPA and DHA:

- Oily fish-salmon, herrings, mackerel, sardines, pilchards, trout
- Land animals-testes, eyeball, adrenal glands
- Antarctic Krill
- Algae



Essential Fatty Acids

Omega 3 Deficiency signs



- Growth retardation
- Weakness
- Impairment of vision and learning ability
- Motor incoordination
- Tingling sensations in arms and legs
- Behavioural changes
- Mental health issues
- Excessive thirst

Essential Fatty Acids

Omega 3

Deficiency symptoms

- High triglycerides
- Hypertension
- Sticky platelets
- Tissue inflammation
- Oedema
- Dry skin
- Mental deterioration
- Low metabolic rate
- Immune dysfunction



OMEGA 3



OMEGA 6

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Linoleic Acid

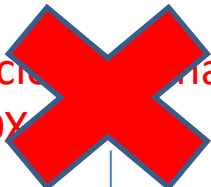


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OMEGA 3

Alpha Linolenic acid



EPA



DHA

Cyclo oxygenase COX



Prostaglandin 3



Wheat

Insulin And Delta 5&6 Desaturase

- Insulin aggravates delta 5 desaturase and increases AA
- High insulin increases delta 5 desaturase (and inhibits delta 6 desaturase) resulting in increased PGE2
- Omega 3 demands attention of desaturase enzymes at expense of omega 6



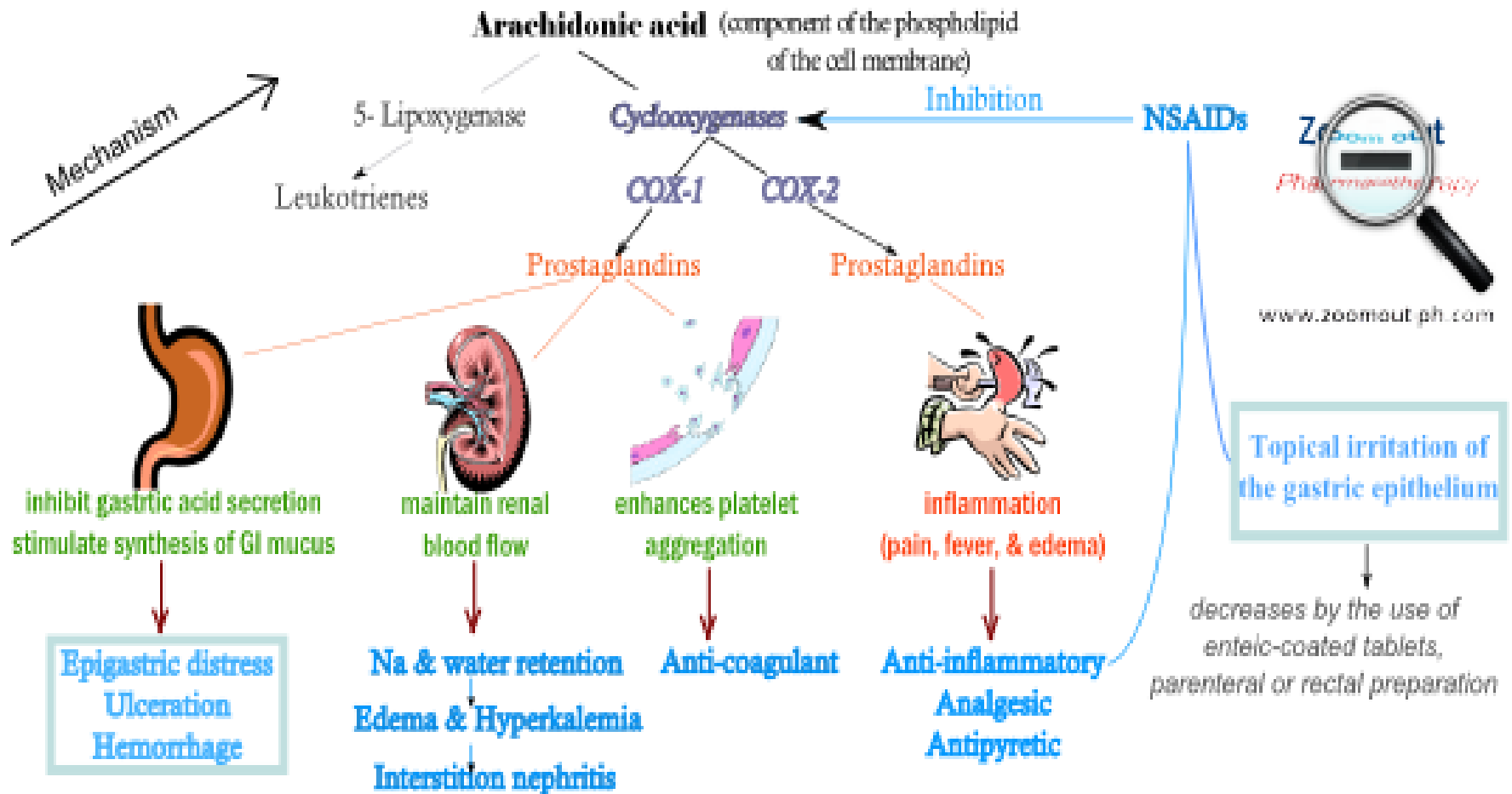
Arachidonic Acid

- NSAID's suppress COX function of forming prostaglandins
- Arachidonic acid broken down into:
 - Prostaglandin 2 (PGE2) pro inflammatory
 - Prostacyclin 2 (PGI2) anti inflammatory



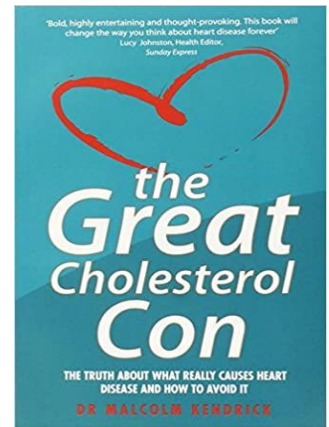
NSAID's

Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs - Mechanism of Action

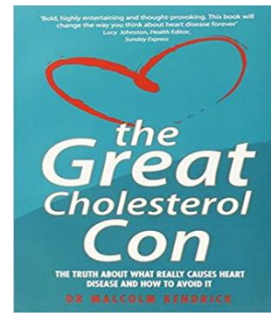


Cholesterol

- Essential for life
- Compensates for changes in membrane fluidity
- Steroid hormones made from cholesterol (female infertility could be as a result of low cholesterol)
- Adrenal hormones made from cholesterol
- Vitamin D made from cholesterol
- Important for metabolism of vitamin A, E and K
- Bile acids derived from cholesterol



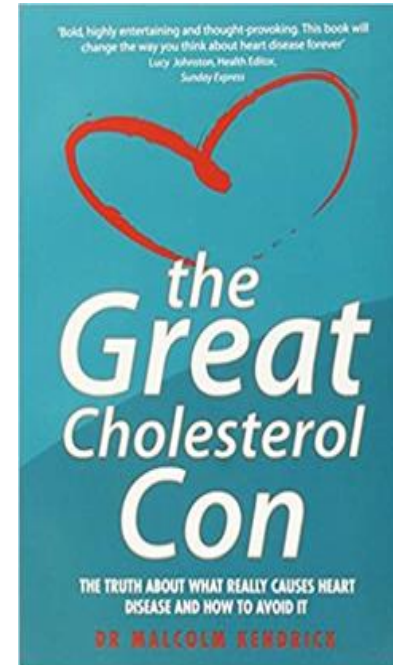
Cholesterol



- Secreted by glands in skin, covers and protects our skin against dehydration, cracking and effects of sun, wind and water
- Placenta produces cholesterol from which it manufactures progesterone to maintain the pregnancy
- Also produced by cells, liver, intestines, adrenal and sex glands
- Also see Statin Nation documentary
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Cholesterol

- Reduction helped by:
 - Plant sterols
 - Phosphatidyl Choline
 - Dietary fibre
 - Essential fatty acids
 - Reduction of stress
 - Vitamin B3, Vitamin C,
 - Calcium, chromium, copper, zinc
 - water



Cholesterol

Why is it raised?

- Liver function
- Thyroid function
- Stress
- Dehydration



Cholesterol

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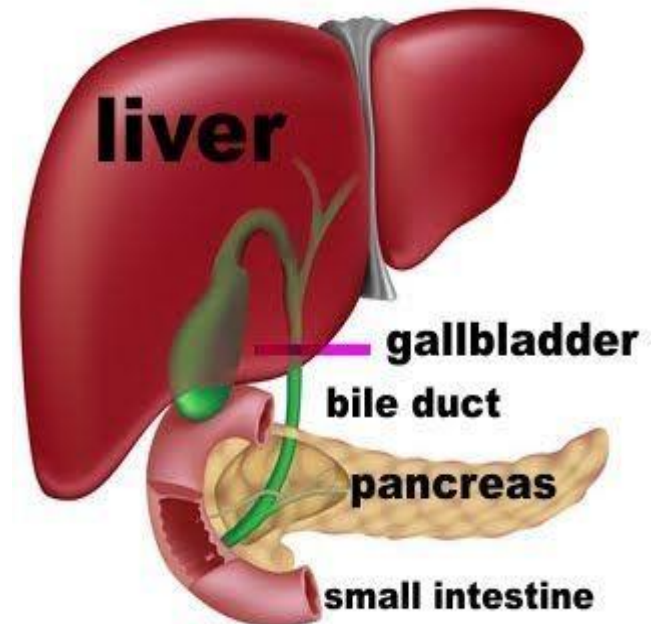
Cholesterol ring



Digestion of Fats

Malabsorption

- Diarrhoea/loose bowels (also check gluten)
- Weight loss
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- Abdominal pain-especially gall bladder area
- Bloating
- Anemia
- Foul smelling stools
- Oily stools/floating stools
- Undigested food in stools

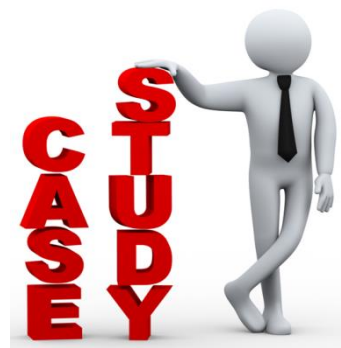


Essential Fatty Acids and Light

- Inuit: very little light: increased omega 3
- UK: more light: naturally omega 6
- Mediterranean: most light near equator: omega 9 (not essential)



Case Study 1

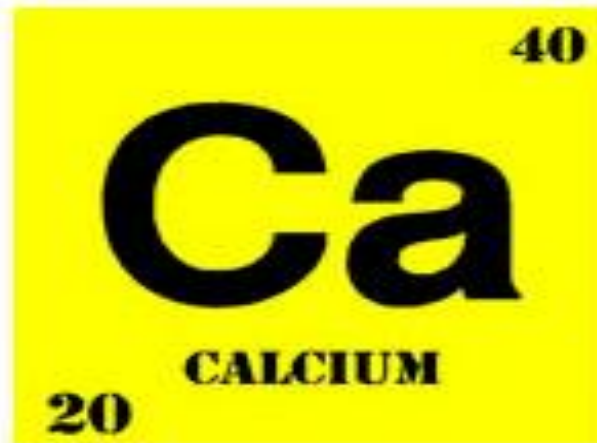


- Symptoms: fatigue, constipation, Male 28
- Diet:
 - Breakfast: glass of milk
 - Lunch: scrambled eggs, or chicken nuggets or turkey burger and salad leaves
 - Evening: lamb curry, chicken stew, (no rice)

Why do you think he has these symptoms?

What dietary changes would you make?

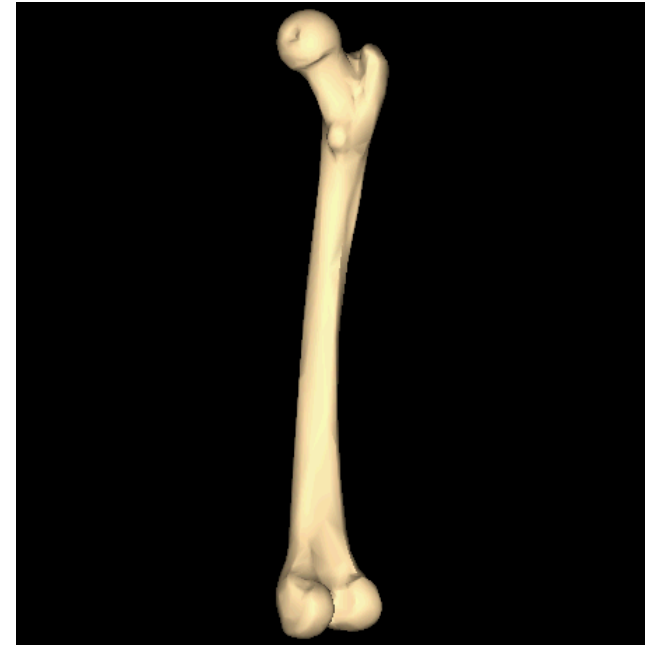
Calcium and Magnesium



Calcium

Metabolism

- Parathyroid hormone
- Calcitriol
- Calcitonin



Functions of Calcium

98% calcium is in bone and teeth

2% has remaining roles:

- Secretion of hormones
- Activates insulin, calcitonin and thyroid hormone release
- Blood clotting
- Cell membrane permeability
- Takes nutrients into the cells



Functions of Calcium

- Maintenance of electrolyte, blood acid and alkaline balance
- Muscle contraction
- Nerve transmission
- Regulation of cell division
- Regulation of heart beat



Calcium



Requirements (estimated)

- Adult men and women 700-1000mg daily
- Adults > 50 years 1200mg
- Teenagers 800-1000mg daily
- Infants (1-8 years) 500-525mg daily
- Pregnant and lactating women-minimum 1200mg daily

British Dietetic Association

Group	Age (years)	Calcium (mg) per day
Infants	Under 1	525
Children	1-3	350
	4-6	450
	7-10	550
Adolescents	11-18	800 (girls)
		1000 (boys)
Adults	19+	700
Breastfeeding mums		1250
Women past the menopause		1200
Coeliac Disease	Adults	at least 1000
Osteoporosis	Adults	1000
Inflammatory Bowel disease	Adults	1000
	Post menopausal women and Men over 55 years	1200

Calcium

Daily losses of calcium

- Sweat <20mg
- Faeces 80-120mg
- Urine 40-200mg



Sources of Calcium

- Lambsquarters 1 cup=400mg
- Broccoli 1 cup=200mg
- Mustard greens 1 cup=310mg
- ½ pint milk=300mg
- Sesame seeds 1 cup=1000mg



Calcium needs magnesium for utilisation

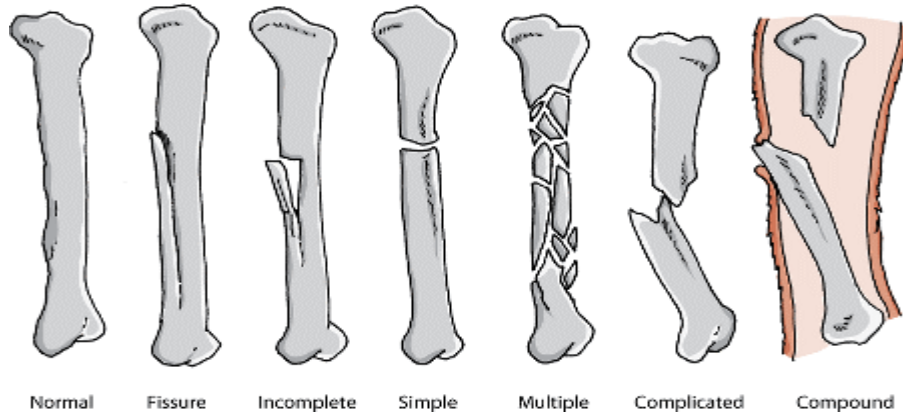
Sources of Calcium

- Almonds
- Buckwheat
- Egg yolk
- Turnips
- Sardines
- Molasses
- Green leafy vegetables



Calcium

Factors increasing demand



Calcium

Factors affecting demand

- Caffeine
- High protein and sugar diets
- High sodium
- Lack of exercise
- Aging
- Excess intake of fat
- Hypothyroidism
- High phosphate intake
- High blood pressure



Calcium

Factors affecting absorption

Magnesium

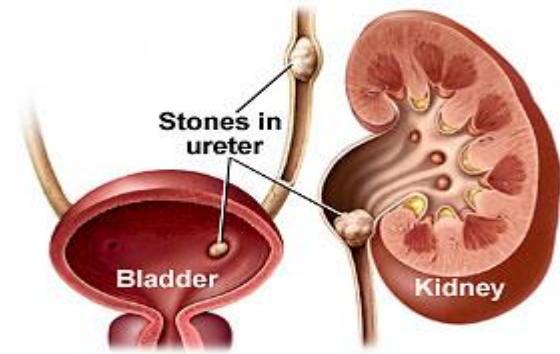
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Vitamin C & D

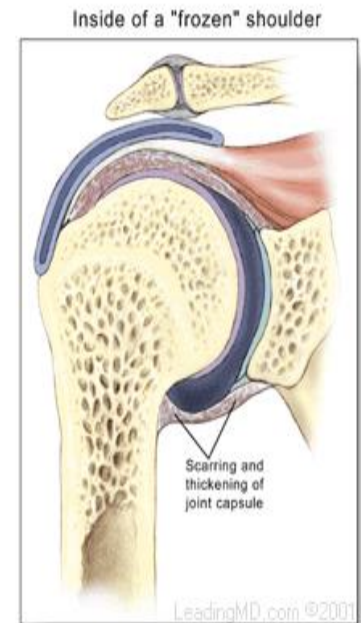
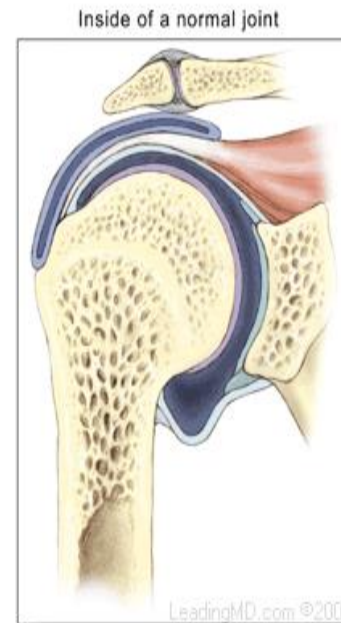
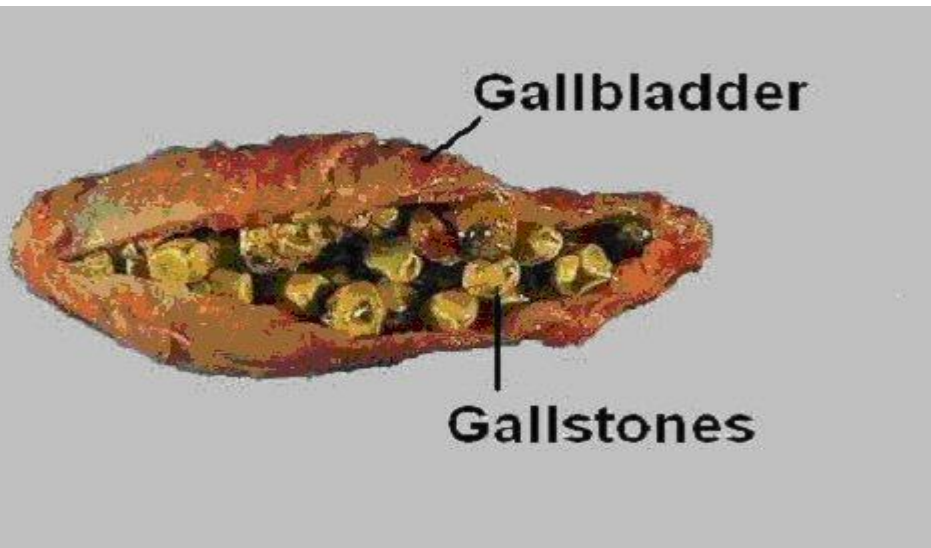
Apple juice

TB Miasm

Calcium



- Negative calcium balance
- Calcium mishandling
- Calcium dumping



Sodium Calcium ring



Magnesium



Functions

- Muscle relaxation
- Co factor in ATP production
- Regulates intracellular calcium, sodium and potassium ions
- Delta 6 desaturase enzyme (breaks down EFA's)
- Enzyme co factor in over 300 different processes

Magnesium

Functions

- Improves insulin resistance
- DNA replication
- Regulation of body temperature
- Lecithin production
- Maintenance of heart muscle



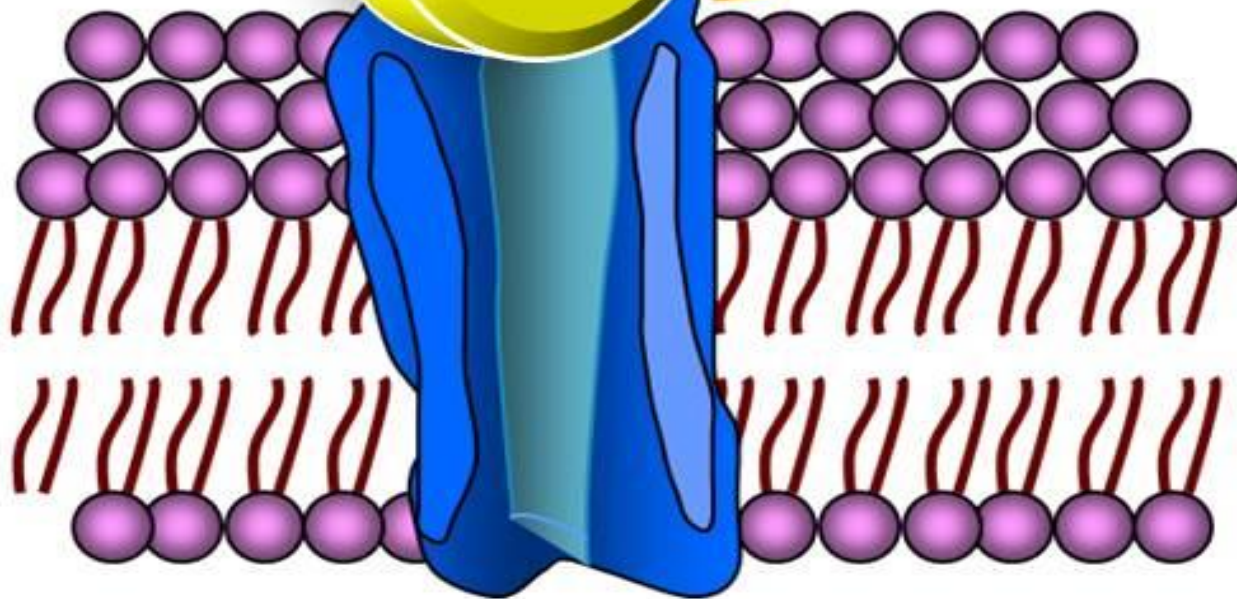
Extracellular Ca^{++}

Magnesium

Ca^{++} Blocked



Calcium Channel



Magnesium

Requirements

- Infants < 12 months 30mg
- Children < 8 years 130mg
- Teenagers 360-410mg
- Adults 350-420mg
- Pregnancy 350-400mg
- Lactation 310-360mg



Sources of Magnesium

- Whole grains
- Leafy green vegetables
- Nuts and seeds
- Legumes
- Seafood
- Cocoa



Magnesium

Factors increasing demand

- Low stomach acid
- Athletes
- Arthritis
- Chronic alcoholism
- Chronic fatigue
- Coffee
- Diabetic acidosis



Magnesium

Factors affecting demand

- Diarrhoea
- Diabetes type 2
- Eclampsia
- Epilepsy
- Heart failure
- High fat and sugar intake
- Pregnancy



Magnesium

- Milling of wheat causes losses of 90%
- 90% of population at risk of magnesium deficiency



Magnesium deficiency

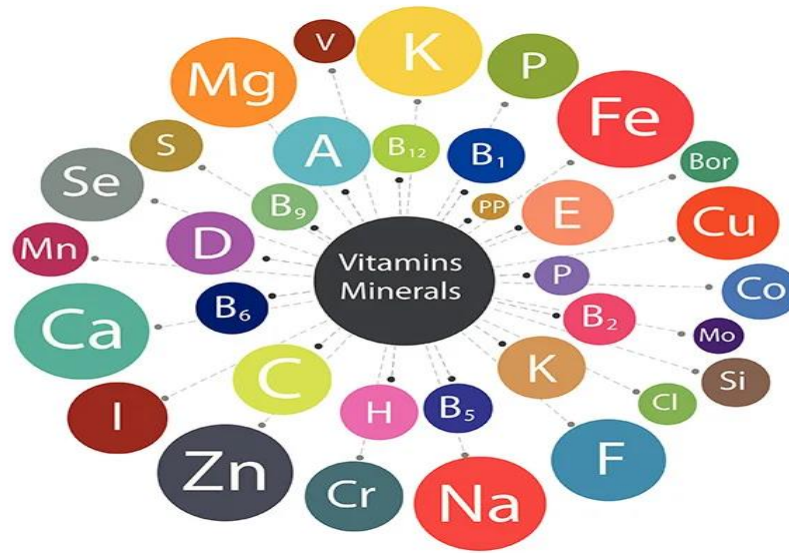
- Addiction
- Agitation
- Anxiety
- Behavioural disturbances
- Calcification of arteries
- Chronic fatigue
- Insomnia
- Irritability
- hyperactivity



Magnesium deficiency

- Neurotic behaviour
- Palpitations
- Hypertension
- Poor appetite
- PMT
- Osteoporosis
- Depression
- Inability to concentrate





Microminerals

Microminerals

Iron

- Ferrous and ferric forms available from diet
- Stomach acid required for absorption
- Haem and non-haem forms from meat and fish more readily absorbed
- Vegetarian diets can be lacking
- Vitamin C aids absorption



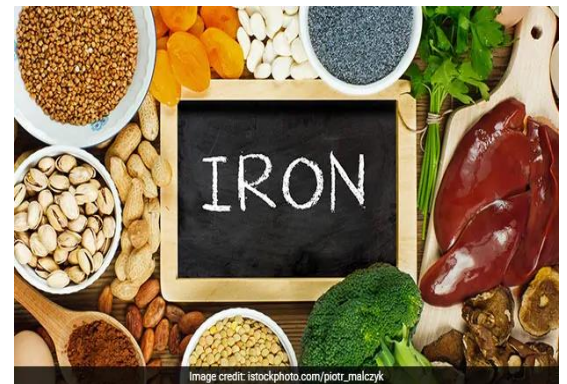
Iron deficiency

- Sore tongue
- Fatigue
- Weakness
- Pallor
- Anaemia
- Dizziness
- Hair loss
- Brittle or ridged nails
- ADHD



Functions of Iron

- Oxygen transport-iron is part of the haemoglobin molecule that carries oxygen in the blood
- Cellular energy production-iron is part of the electron transport chain which produces ATP
- As part of the cytochrome P450 enzymes of phase 1 liver detoxification



Iron absorption

- Increased by acid foods, animal protein, vitamin C, glucose
- Requires copper and B12 for utilisation
- Decreased by phytic acid, phosphate, egg protein, manganese, zinc, nickel, chromium, copper, calcium, magnesium, cadmium, and vegetarian diets





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Sugars Increase Non-Heme Iron Bioavailability in Human Epithelial

Intestinal

Evidence that simple sugars such as glucose and fructose affect iron bioavailability first arose in the 1960s from work showing that sugars were able to chelate inorganic iron and form stable, low molecular weight

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Zinc

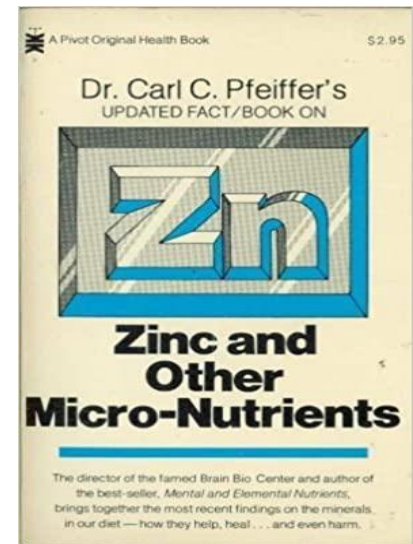
- Approximately 47% of population has a zinc deficiency
- Activates over 200 different enzyme processes

"For every drug that benefits a patient, there is a natural substance that can achieve the same effect."

Carl C. Pfeiffer, MD, PhD
(Pfeiffer's Law)



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Sources of zinc

- Oysters
- Shell fish
- Red meat
- Ginger root
- *Whole grains*
- *Legumes*
- *Nuts*



Those in italics are less absorbable due to phytic acid

Functions of Zinc

- Blood glucose control
- Energy production
- Required for growth of foetus –low birth weight suggests zinc deficiency
- Mental/emotional well being
- Production of stomach acid
- Sexual function
- DNA synthesis
- Wound healing
- Skin health/acne
- Immune system



Deficiency of Zinc

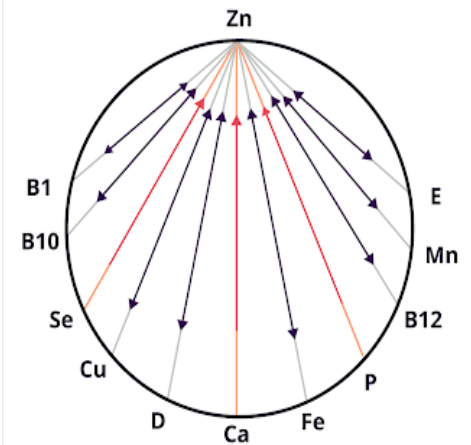
- Schizophrenia
- Anorexia nervosa
- Hyperactivity
- Depression
- Dementia
- White marks on nails
- Morning sickness
- Cold extremities
- Blood group A



Zinc

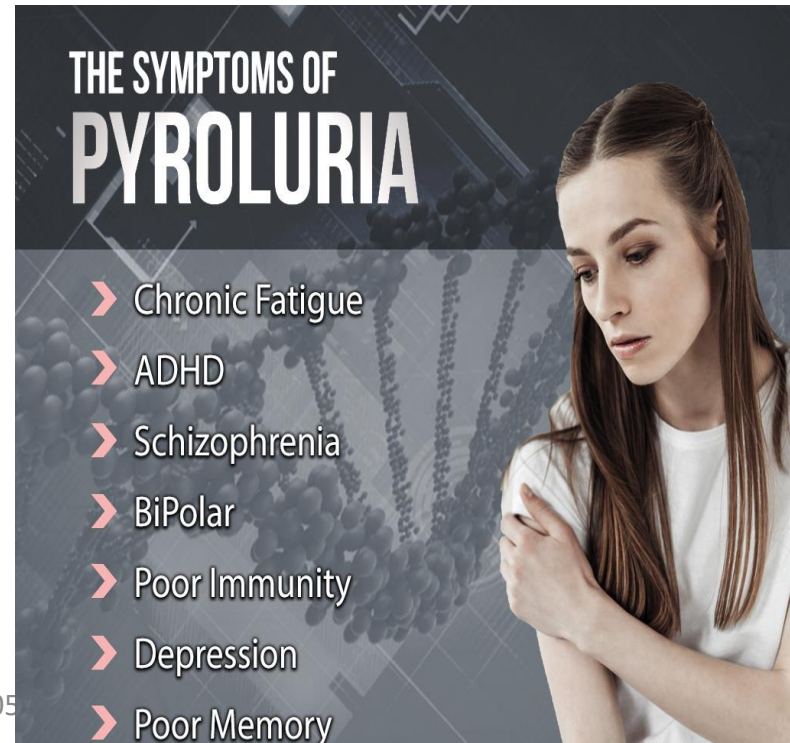
Interactions

- Copper competes with zinc for absorption
- Increased copper is excitatory
- Zinc allows uptake of dopamine
- Phytic acid hinders absorption
- Requires B6 for absorption
- Essential fatty acid absorption interlinked



Zinc and B6

- Pyroluria = excess excretion of B6 and zinc
- Inherited or acquired
- Intolerance to various foods and drugs 'allergies'
- GI disorders
- Sun sensitivity/rash
- Psychiatric disturbances
- Thyroid disorders
- Immune disorders





Copper

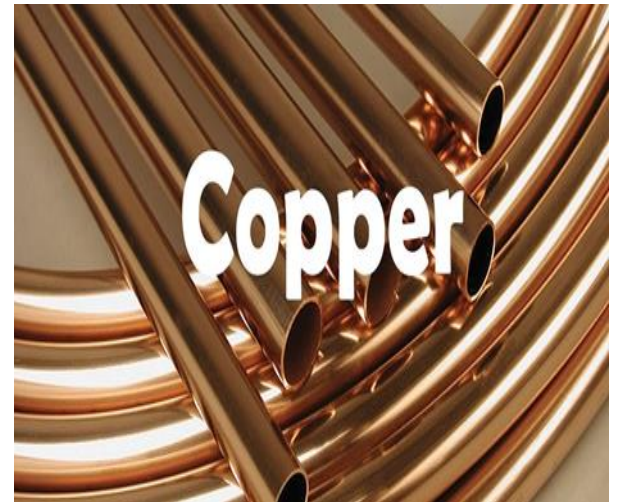


Essential:

- Cytochrome oxidase
- Superoxide dismutase
- Ascorbate oxidase
- For contractions during childbirth

Copper deficiency

- Neutropenia
- Poor utilisation of iron
- Hypochromic microcytic anaemia
- Osteoporosis
- Poor wound healing
- MS
- Irregular heart beat



Copper excess

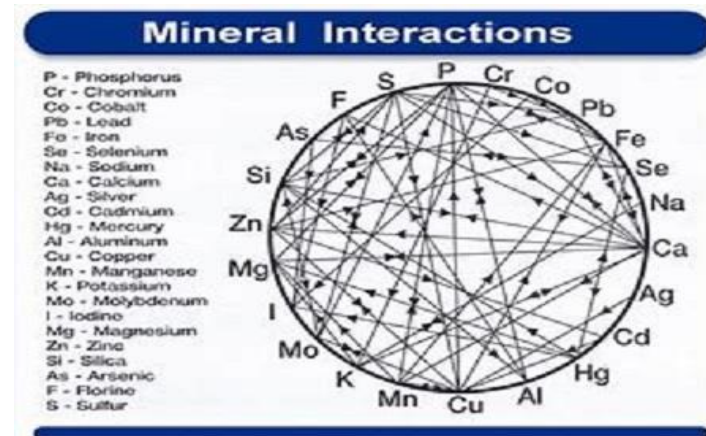
- Copper is excitatory
- Hyperactivity
- Epilepsy
- Viral infections
- Estrogen/candida imbalances
- Vitamin C deficiency causes copper levels to rise
- Adrenal fatigue
- Contraceptive pill depletes zinc and B6 resulting in increased copper

COMMON SYMPTOMS of COPPER OVERLOAD

- estrogen intolerance
- episodes of rage
- onset of depression at puberty
- history of childhood hyperactivity
- depression improves on SSRI medication
- severe depression after hormone therapy
- anxiety worsens on SSRI medication
- Benzodiazapine drugs improve anxiety
- Benzodiazapine drugs don't help depression
- severe anxiety
- intolerance to birth control pills
- history of postpartum depression
- onset of depression at menopause
- intolerance to chocolate
- allergy to shellfish
- extreme skin sensitivities
- skin sensitivity to rough fabrics
- sleep disorder
- severe fatigue

Copper interactions

- Zinc
- Calcium (elevated levels when copper is elevated)
- Iron
- Molybdenum
- Manganese
- Vitamin C deficiency raises copper levels
- Vitamin B3 deficiency raises copper levels



Sources of Copper

- Vegetarian diet
- Copper water pipes
- Copper cookware
- Contraceptive pill
- Copper IUD
- Fungicides on foods and in swimming pools
- Congenital copper imbalance
- Slow metabolic rate increases copper retention



Manganese



Interactions with zinc and copper
“the Maternal Mineral”
Found in mitochondria

Functions of Manganese

- Energy production
- Glucose metabolism
- Integrity of ligaments and tendons
- Essential for bone development and arterial integrity



Manganese

14 women with osteoporosis had levels of manganese 75% lower than age controls



Iodine

- Essential for thyroid function
- Deficiency linked to increased levels of estrogen and cancer



Sources of Iodine

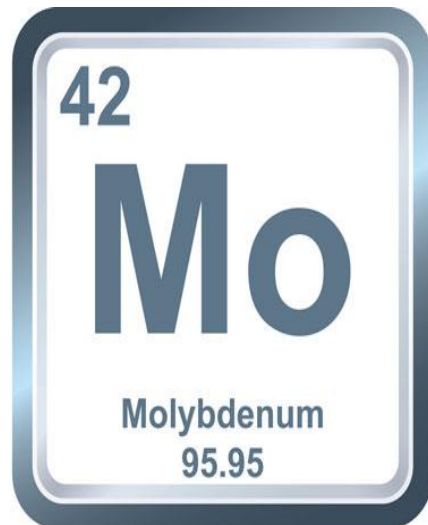
- Sea vegetables
- Kelp
- Seafood/fish
- Iodised salt



Molybdenum

Deficiency results in chemical sensitivity

Important for liver detoxification



Functions of Chromium

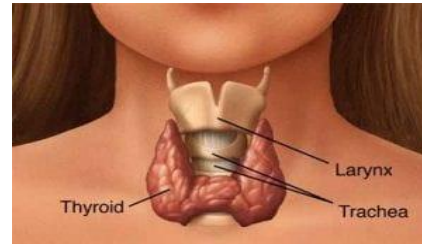
- Part of glucose tolerance factor-helps to maintain blood glucose levels and energy levels
- Potentiates insulin function
- Cholesterol regulation
- Fat, protein and carbohydrate regulation



Selenium



- Considered toxin before essentiality discovered
- 40% deficient in soil
- Essential for thyroid function (T4 to T3 conversion)
- Synergistic nutrients: vitamins B3, C, E, coenzyme Q10, zinc, iodine, cysteine, glutathione, methionine



Functions of Selenium

- Recycling of Vitamin C and E
- Glutathione metabolism
- Inhibits lipid peroxidation
- Maintenance of cellular membranes
- Modulates NFKb activity
- Antioxidant
- Improves sperm motility
- Detoxification of drugs and xenobiotics



Case study 2



- Symptoms: Premenstrual tension (irritability, tender breasts); low energy, eczema, hair loss, frequent infections, excess thirst. Client is 35 year old vegan
 - Breakfast: toast and jam or con flakes and rice milk, coffee
 - Lunch: may miss, slice of pizza with vegan cheese, sandwich with peanut butter; coffee
 - Evening: vegan ready meal with chips, baked potatoes, cola

Why do you think she has these symptoms?

What is contributing to the symptoms?

What dietary changes would you make?

Vitamin A

50% of women unable to convert carotenoids
into vitamin A



Research from Newcastle university

Functions of Vitamin A

- Essential for immune function-deficiency linked to autoimmune disease
- Essential for skin integrity-Roaccutane used to acne is a retinoid (derivative of vitamin A)



Vitamin A and Pregnancy

- Fears of toxicity have reduced RDA TO 10,000iu
- High amounts thought to cause birth defects
- Essential for sight of baby-deficiency in mother can cause blindness in baby
- Deficiency can lead to cleft palate and other abnormalities



The B vitamins

- Energy production
- Water soluble
- Can not be stored in the body except for B12



Vitamin B 1 Thiamine

- Sources:
- Brewers yeast
- Wheat germ
- Peanuts
- Sunflower seeds, brazil nuts
- Pork
- Pinenuts



Vitamin B: Thiamine

- Alcohol and coffee inhibit absorption



Thiamine deficiency

- Numbness and tingling in hands and feet
- Burning feet
- Chronic fatigue
- Glaucoma
- Gut disorders
- Hair loss
- Insomnia
- Irritability
- Poor concentration
- Depression



Thiamine deficiency

Non alcoholic psychiatric patients	38%
Geriatric population	33-55%
Alcoholic population	30-80%
AIDS patients	>23%
Pregnancy	25-30%
Gestational diabetes	>50%

Vitamin B 2 Riboflavin

- Sources:
- Brewers yeast
- Offal
- Almonds
- Wheat germ
- Mushrooms
- Wild rice



Riboflavin

Depleted by:

- Coffee
- Alcohol
- Diabetes
- Oral contraceptives
- Smoking
- Stress
- Sugar
- Refined food intake
- B6 overload



Carrot leaves



Papaya



Eggs

Vitamin B₂
Rich Foods



Cheese



Beans



Liver

Deficiency of Riboflavin

- Alopecia
- Angular cheilitis
- Blurred vision
- Cataracts
- Conjunctivitis
- Dermatitis
- Geographic tongue/sore tongue
- Red lips



Riboflavin deficiency



Vitamin B3 Niacin

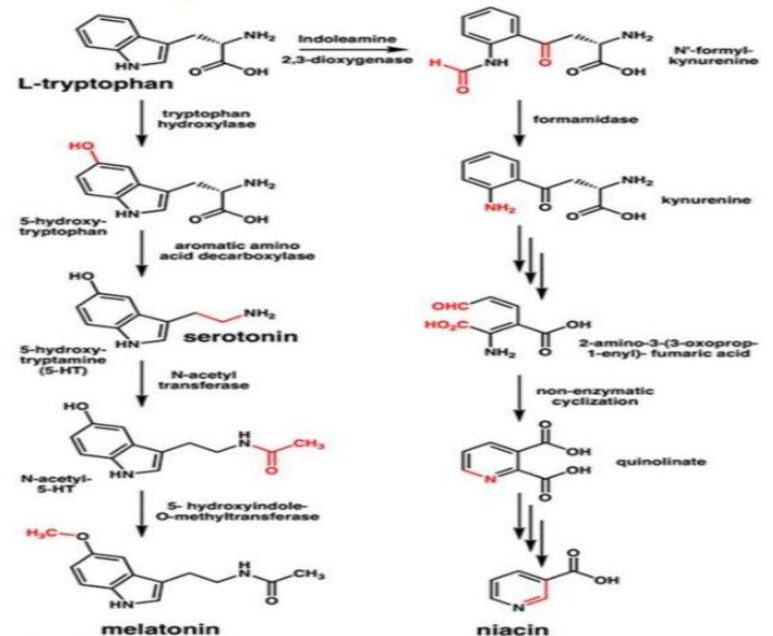
- Sources:
- Brewers yeast
- Rice bran
- Wheat bran
- Peanuts with skin
- Liver
- Chicken
- Turkey
- Salmon
- Sunflower seeds



Niacin

- Nicotinic acid or nicotinamide
- Can be made from tryptophan
- Requires co factors: iron, riboflavin, pyridoxine, NADPH

Two Pathways: Melatonin and Niacin



Functions of Niacin

- Energy production
- Reduces cholesterol levels
- Helps convert tryptophan to serotonin
- Helps with cigarette withdrawal as nicotine works on same receptors as nicotinic acid



Niacin flush

- Helps to detoxify copper and trace elements associated with mental illness
- Improves oxygen supply to the brain



Niacin deficiency

The 3 D's (Pellagra)

Dermatitis

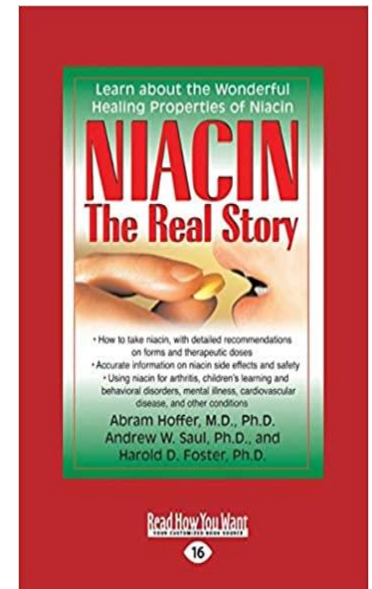
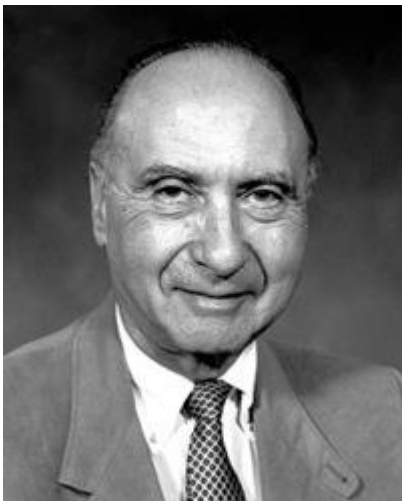
Dementia

Diarrhoea



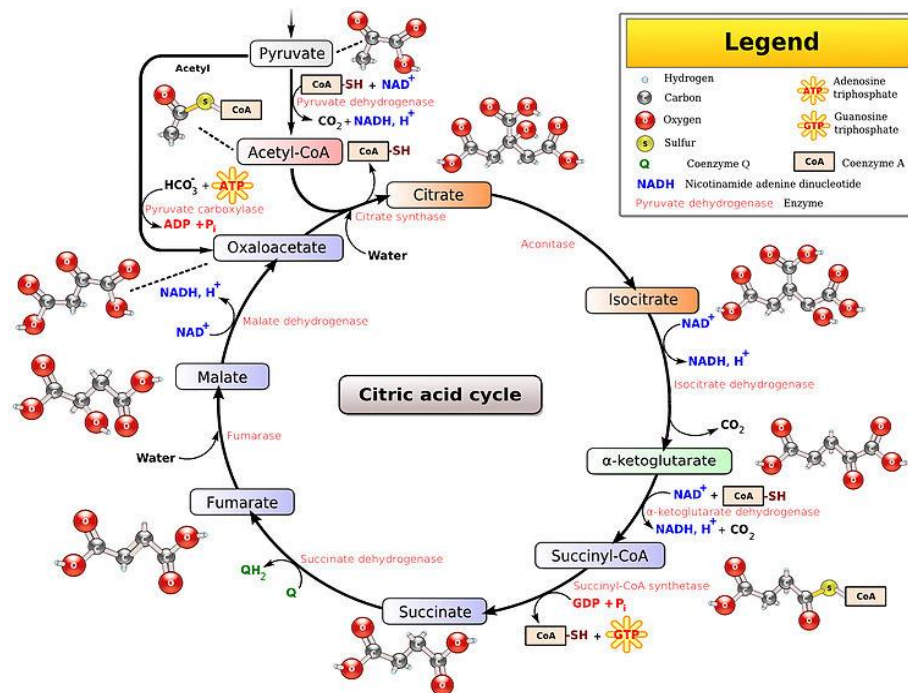
Niacin and mental illness

- Large amounts found to control schizophrenia
- Works with B12 and folic acid in keeping adrenaline and noradrenaline in balance
- Niacin, B12 and folic acid help to raise low histamine levels (hallucinations)



Vitamin B5: Pantothenic acid

- Active form Co enzyme A
- Essential for production of energy from carbohydrate, protein and fats



Sources Pantothenic acid

- *Pantos* means everywhere
- Brewers yeast
- Offal
- Mushrooms
- Soybean flour
- Eggs
- lentils



Functions: Pantothenic acid

- Energy production
- Used by adrenal glands-useful for allergies and anxiety
- Antibody production
- Decreases lactic acid accumulation
- Steroid hormone production
- Maintains normal uric acid levels
- Maintenance of Na/K balance



Deficiency Pantothenic acid

- Alopecia
- Abdominal pains
- Burning feet
- Depression
- Dermatitis
- Fatigue
- Fertility disorders
- Hypotension
- Insomnia
- Tender heels



Vitamin B6: Pyridoxine

- Sources
- Brewers yeast
- Sunflower seeds
- Wheat germ
- Tuna
- Liver
- Soybeans
- Lentils and other pulses
- Bananas
- Avocados



Pyridoxine deficiency

- Required for magnesium and zinc utilisation
- Required in breakdown of EFA's
- Required for neurotransmitter conversion pathways
- Useful to give in broken down form P5P.



Pyridoxine deficiency

- Depression
- PMT
- Dysmenorrhoea
- High homocysteine
- Epilepsy
- Infertility
- Morning sickness
- Schizophrenia
- Sun sensitivity
- Post natal depression



Vitamin B12 Cobalamine

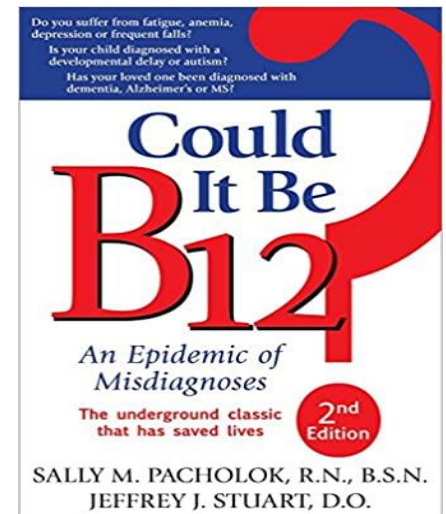
- Vegan diet may be deficient
- Pernicious Anaemia
- Interacts with iron, folic acid, copper, protein, vitamin C and B6 to make red blood cells
- Intrinsic factor in stomach required for absorption
- Stored in liver-deficiency may not show up for 20-30 years



Vitamin B12 deficiency

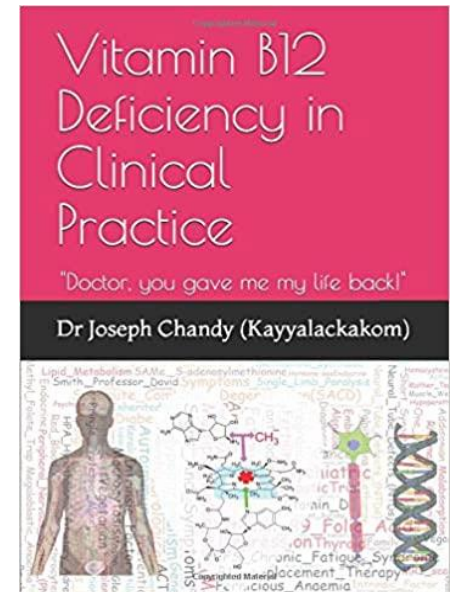
Occurs in stages:

1. Serum concentrations diminish
2. Cell concentrations diminish
3. Biochemical deficiency: less DNA synthesis, raised homocysteine levels
4. Anaemia develops



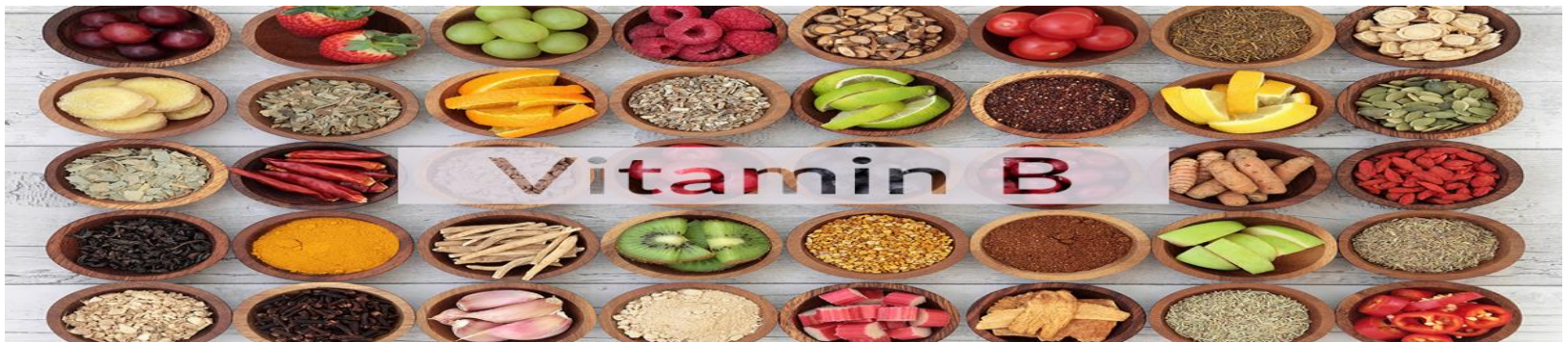
Vitamin B12 deficiency

- Numbness and tingling in hands and feet
- Fatigue
- Unsteadiness, poor muscular co-ordination
- Moodiness, mental slowness, poor memory
- Confusion, agitation, depression
- Delusions, hallucinations, psychosis
- Reduced glutathione
- Alcohol hinders absorption



Biotin

- Part of B vitamin group
- Metabolism of fat
- Synthesised by bowel bacteria
- Raw egg white hinders absorption
- Disturbances to gut flora upset synthesis



Biotin deficiency

- Alopecia
- Scaly dermatitis
- Dandruff
- Brittle nails
- Nausea
- Depression
- Muscle pain and weakness



Choline and Inositol

- Choline assists break down of fats
- Works in connection with B5 to form acetylcholine
- Acetylcholine found to be low in dementia
- Inositol transports fat and regulates cholesterol.



Vitamin C Ascorbic Acid

- Water soluble
- Anti oxidant
- Anti histamine
- Used by adrenal glands
- Lost during stress
- Supplements often derived from corn
- Inhibited by coffee
- Binds lead



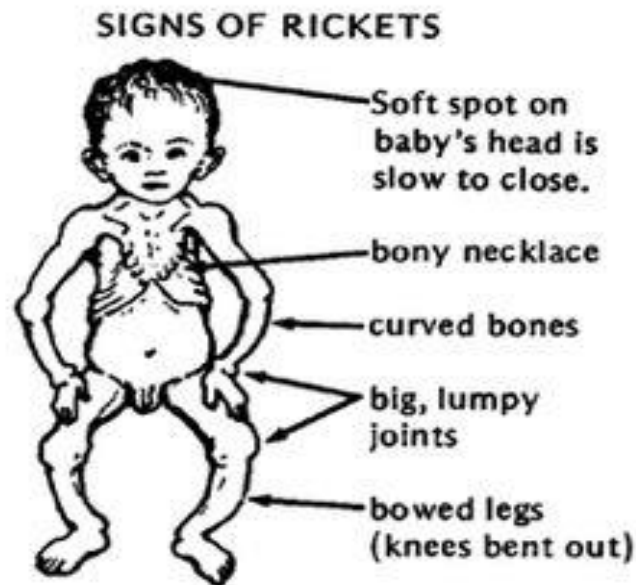
Vitamin C deficiency

Scurvy



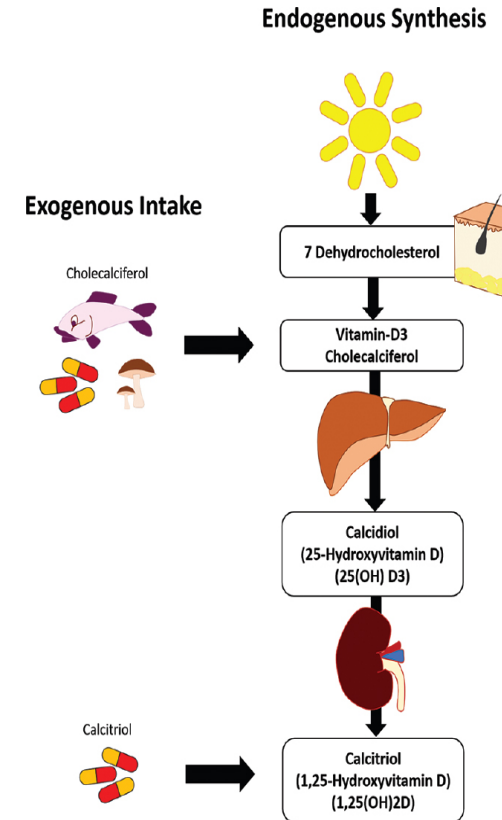
Vitamin D Calciferol

- Sunshine vitamin
- Other sources include fish liver oils, eggs
- Deficiency results in rickets



Vitamin D functions

- Important for immune function
- Works with vitamin A
- Calcium absorption
- Gene expression
- Reduces the risk of pre eclampsia



Vitamin D deficiency

- Immune disorders
- Auto immune diseases
- Depression
- 222% greater risk of breast cancer if deficient
- Asthma
- <http://www.cityassays.org.uk/Vitamin%20D%20Blood%20Spot.html>
- Allergies
- IBD
- MS
- Alzheimer's
- Diabetes

[cityassays.org.uk](http://www.cityassays.org.uk) Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

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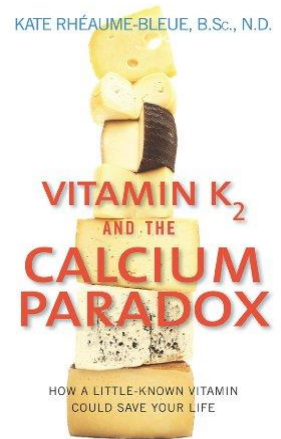
Vitamin E Tocopherol

- Fat soluble
- Anti oxidant
- Anti aging
- Protects cell membranes
- Heart protective
- Protects vitamin A
- Vitamin C can regenerate vitamin E



Vitamin K

- Formation of clotting factors
- Integrity of colonic microflora maintain vitamin K status
- Bacterial manufacture of vitamin K may be as high as 50% of daily needs.
- Helps utilisation and absorption of vitamin D



Any questions?

