



Mediterranean diet

Nutrient Dense - Colorful Foods
The more variety of colors the better
Each color has different carotenes, flavonoids
and polyphenols
They all have anti-inflammatory effect
Lowering inflammation is the key to brain and body
Longevity and disease prevention
Inflammation is the driver of brain decline
as well as glucose "blood sugar" control.

Small Fish, loads of colorful vegetables, berries, whole fruits (no fruit juice except pomegranate). Kiwi fruit is a superstar! Gluten free whole grains in smaller quantities. Avoid hybridized wheat. Ancient varieties are better - Kamut, Spelt, Einkorn. If you eat pasta try gluten free or Italian grown wheat, Lots of fermented foods. Avoid Oats that are not organic - Glyphosate ie. Roundup is sprayed on Wheat and Corn before it is harvested - Glyphosate is an anti-biotic and will damage your gut biome. Avoid GMO soy and corn - heavily sprayed with Roundup.

Eat Organic whenever possible - the EWG - Environmental Working Group has a list of the "Dirty Dozen" and the "Clean 15" - worst and best vegetable and fruits to eat that are non-organic



Polyphenol Rich Foods

Food is information

Are specific food for your biome
Anti-inflammatory
Anti-oxidant
Cell Protective

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Cloves are the #1 richest polyphenol food, Coffee, Tea - Green and Oolong, Cacao - Chocolate, Peppermint and Spearmint, Flax Seed Meal, Rosemary, Sage, Oregano, Olive Oil, Black Elderberry, Blueberry, Black Currant, Capers, Black Olive, Hazel Nut, Pecans, Plums, Basil, Curry Powder, Roasted Soynuts, Strawberry, Raspberry, Ginger, Prune, Shallots, Apple Cider Vinegar, Pomegranate Juice, Cinnamon, Black Bean, Walnut, Organic Oats, Pear, Carrot, Broccoli, Asparagus, Purple Sweet Potato, Blue Potato and many more.....



Chai Tea is a great example of a polyphenol rich beverage Dark Chocolate 72% with Coffee !!!



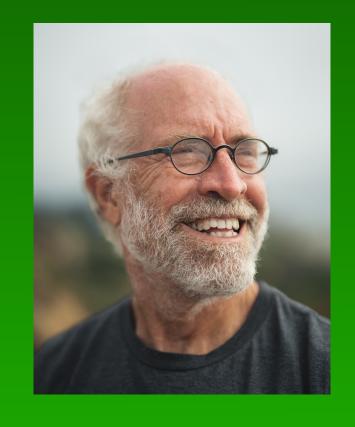
Switch your Canola oil to Avocado Oil for high heat cooking

Avocado Oil has a fatty acid profile closer to Olive Oil and can be used in Baking and Frying

It has a very neutral taste so it doesn't interfere with flavor.

Fruit Oils are far better than seed oil Omega - 6 for the body.





My favorite oils for the kitchen:
Olive Oil
Avocado Oil
Ghee - high in Butyrate good for the gut
Coconut Oil



Ghee



Virtually free of lactose
Rich in Vitamin A
Great for high heat cooking
Contains 9 grams of saturated fat
and 4 grams of monosaturated fat
Per tablespoon

How to make Ghee

Use unsalted grass fed or organic butter

Put it on a low heat setting
When it melts - skim off the white solids
Keep skimming until the butter is clear yellow
Pour off carefully into another container
Water will remain on the very bottom
Of what you pour off - be careful not
To have that with your GHEE
GHEE is very stable and does not
Always need to be refrigerated

Gut Health - Fermented Foods and Fiber

Healthy Biome - culturing the GI tract

- Fiber is the food that feeds your beneficial gut bacteria
- Lactobaccillus and Bifido species where they live
- Make your own Ghee Butyrates Parmesan and Swiss
- Fermented foods to include in the diet Kefir, Yogurt, Sauerkraut, Kim Chi, Miso, Tempeh, Kombucha
- Resistant starches Swiss Mueseli (raw oats), Hummus and cold bean salads, bananas eaten on the green side, potato starch - feeds Bifido
- Avoid GMO foods Roundup Glyphosate kills your biome Non organic Oats,
 Wheat, and Beans are sprayed with Glyphosate before harvest high residues

Include Fermented Foods in your diet every day

Sauerkraut - learn to make your own - or buy only refrigerated varieties

Fermented Soy products Miso Paste Tempeh Tamari Natto



Kim Chi - Sunja's for example

Kombucha





Authentic German Sourdough bread

Dairy Based also look for Goat and Sheep Kefir (Yogurt on steroids !_)

Yogurt

Traditional aged cheeses with probiotics

Parmesan - Reggiano

Gouda - the longer it is aged the more probiotics are produced Aged Cheddar - raw milk cave aged is best - raw English Cheddars

Stilon

Emmental Swiss





Organic Apple Cider Vinegar

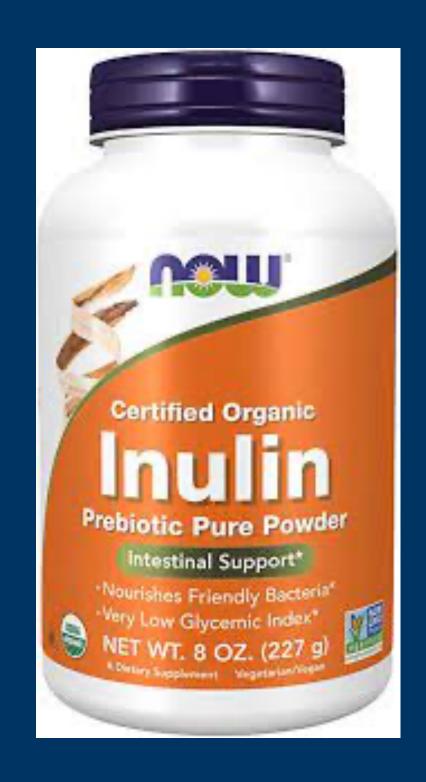




Stimulates the production of Butyrate in the colon

Inulin, FOS, Resitant Starches





Let's get cultured - Understanding our biome

The value of cultured and fermented foods and fibers in our diet.

by Peter Brodhead CN updated November 26, 2021

Best Fermented and cultured foods to include in our diet:

Vegetables: Learn how to ferment your own vegetables

Go to You Tube: Look up - The Art of Fermentation and Fermenting Vegetables with Sandor Katz Sandor Katz is author of the book Wild Fermentation and the Art of Fermentation

Make your own cultured vegetables

Sauerkraut - traditionally made with cabbage as the main ingredient - if purchased from a store only buy refrigerated sauerkraut it contains the live bacteria (probiotics) - off the shelf has no live bacteria

Kim Chi - Korean Sauerkraut - usually made with cabbage or nappa it also comes in varieties made from Daikon radish and small cucumbers - usually spicier and if purchased from a Korean market it has fish sauce in it

Fermented soy products:

Miso paste - again only purchase from the refrigerator - when using miso as a soup stock - add it only after the water temperature is well below boiling - so you don't kill the culture

Tempeh - is a fully cultured soy product originally from Indonesia - the proteins in Tempeh are far more digestible than from Tofu - there are many great ways to cook with Tempeh

Tamari - is the traditional soy sauce and is made from the liquid that forms when miso is being made - it is the most preferable form of soy sauce to use as a condiment **Natto** - is cultured from soy and popular in Japan - it has a very intense smell and flavor and strange texture - okra like stringy - the "lindberger cheese of soy"

Kombucha - made from adding a Scobie to Black Tea or Green Tea with sugar - the Scobie is a mixture of beneficial yeasts and bacteria that converts the tea and sugar into a very healthy probiotic beverage. Contains Saccromyces Boulardi a beneficial yeast

Dairy based

Yogurt - always look at the label for active cultures

Kefir - "yogurt on steroids" as I call it - has a larger variety of probiotic bacteria and beneficial yeasts usually 12 or more strains and is a great support for the digestive system

Traditional aged cheeses with probiotics - cheeses that are made using the factofermentation process and raw milk that have lactic acid producing bacteria. **Gouda** the longer it ages, the more probiotics are produced - it has been found to help aid the digestive system and Finnish studies have shown that it boosts immune system

Probiotic bacteria feed on fiber and polyphenols

The greater the variety of fibers and polyphenols in the diet The greater the diversity of beneficial bacteria in the gut.

Flax seed meal is a phenomenal fiber for the gut - it is loaded with polyphenols and Lignans - Lignans bind to the estrogen binding receptors and block them Many cancers use estrogen as a driver besides Breast,

Uterine and Ovarian Cancer

Prostate cancer, Lung cancer and Brain Cancers are also driven by Estrogen.

Many probiotics are being discovered that you can only get through the diet **FP - Faecallbacterium prausnitzil** is one of the major players in immunity It makes up 5 - 15% of the total gut microbiome.

It is anti-inflammatory and can moderate the immune cells By acting on T cells and cytokines (IL-8, IL-10, IL-12) and producing Anti-inflammatory molecules.



Color groups and foods









Yellows - Lutein, Zeazanthins, Carotenes

Orange - Alpha and Beta Carotenes, Naringen, Limonene







Green - Beta and Alpha Carotenes, Lutein, IC-3, DIM, Sulphorophane

Blue - Anthocyandins

Purple - Anthocyandins

Black - Anthocyandins









White - Sulphur compounds - Cysteine (onions, garlic, shallots, leeks)

Brown - Ergothionine (Mushrooms) Chlorogenic acid, alpha lipoic acid - Potatoes



Lycopene

Lycopene is the red color found in tomatoes, red bell peppers, paprika, watermelon

Lycopene supports the cardiovascular system and supports lower blood pressure levels and reduced risk of stroke

Lycopene re-establishes cell to cell communication between cells
This communication system breaks down in cancer cells
Research has found a correlation between high lycopene consumption
And lower cancer rates of Breast, Prostate and Pancreatic cancer







Carotenes - Lutein and Zeazanthin

Foods Highest in Lutein and Zeazanthin:

Spinach, Kale, Dark Green Leafy's Green Peas, Summer Squash, Pumpkin, Brussels sprouts, Broccoli, Asparagus, Romaine Lettuce, Carrots, Pistachios,

Avocados



The Eyes are an extension of the Brain

Protects against Macular Degeneration Brain and cognitive protection too





University of Georgia study: Students were given 12mg a day of Lutein - Zeazanthin and it enhanced their visual processing speed Helping reaction time and executive function. .

Fats help carotenes absorb better always use olive oil on your salad!

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Broccoli compound my boost cognitive function and mood In older adults: RCT

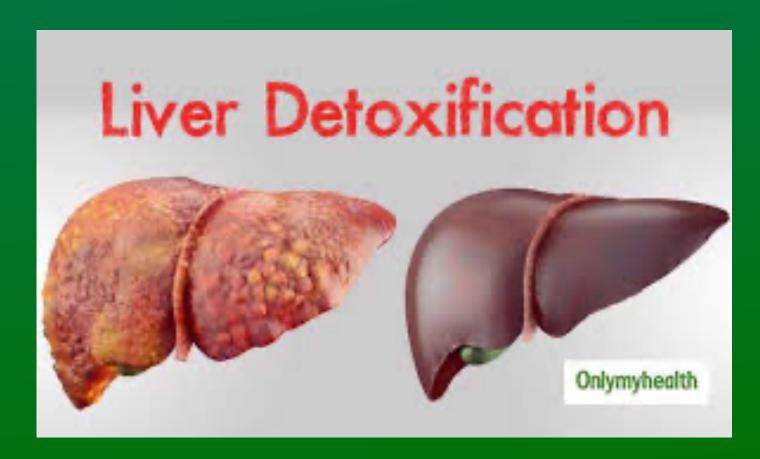
Sulphoraphane, a compound derived from broccoli, May boost processing speed and mood in healthy older adults Says a new study from Japan

The potential health benefits of cruciferous vegetables are linked to the high levels of the plant chemicals glucosinolates.

These are metabolized by the body into isothiocyanates (such as sulforaphane)

When eaten as a raw or lightly-cooked food, an enzyme called myrosinases in the Broccoli helps to break down the glucosinolates into two valuable compounds - Sulphoraphane and erucin.

Broccoli compounds - IC-3, DIM support liver detoxification pathways One of the major ones is detoxifying excess estrogens from the environment.

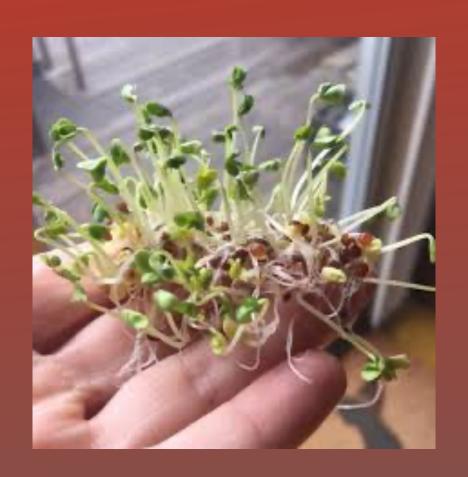


Aromatase Inhibition and estrogen driven cancers

The aromatase enzyme converts DHEA and testosterone into estrogen Belly fat is an indicator of estrogen dominance and in men its a sign of low testosterone and higher estrogen.

ER+ Breast cancer patients in particular need to include foods that inhibit this enzyme pathway

Grow your own Broccoli Sprouts they are one of richest sources of Sulphorophane









Foods that inhibit the aromatase enzyme

Flax seed meal (Lignans), Genistein found in fermented soy - miso and tempeh, All mushrooms - crimini, portabella, white button, shiitake -Always cook your mushrooms. Chrysin a flavonoid found in carrots,, parsley, passion flower tea - great for sleep and anxiety and red clover

Mushrooms and the Brain

Humans are closer genetically to mushrooms - fungi than plants

Mushrooms contain an anti-oxidant compound called **Ergothioneine** - It shares the same metabolic pathway as Glutathione (the master anti-oxidant - regulator of detoxification the body).

You cannot cook out the Ergothioneine Mushrooms must be cooked completely to be digested They have Chitin a compound that is part of crab shells

The mushrooms highest in Ergothioneine are Oyster, Shitake, Porcini, Lions Mane even Button Mushrooms Have it 5 medium button mushrooms have 4mg.

Mushrooms make Vitamin D2 Put them in sunlight for 30min



Mushrooms may prevent neurological diseases - Italians consume the most 4.6mg a day Americans the least 1.1mg a day on average.

Mushrooms and the Immune System

Exert a wide influence on the immune system

Reishi
Trametes Versicolor - Turkey Tail
Chaga
Maitake
Shitake
They influence the immuLymphocytes, macropha



They influence the immune system by modulating hematopoietic stem cells Lymphocytes, macrophages, T-cells, dendritic cells cytokine production, NK (Natural Killer Cells)

Beta Glucans are a major marker used to access quality and therapeutic activity

Terpenes - Triterpenoids - Reishi and Chaga are highest in these - hepatoportective, anti-oxidant, Anti-inflammatory and work in conjunction with beta-glucans to activate immunity. Triterpenes are notable for their cytotoxic activity against various cancer cell lines

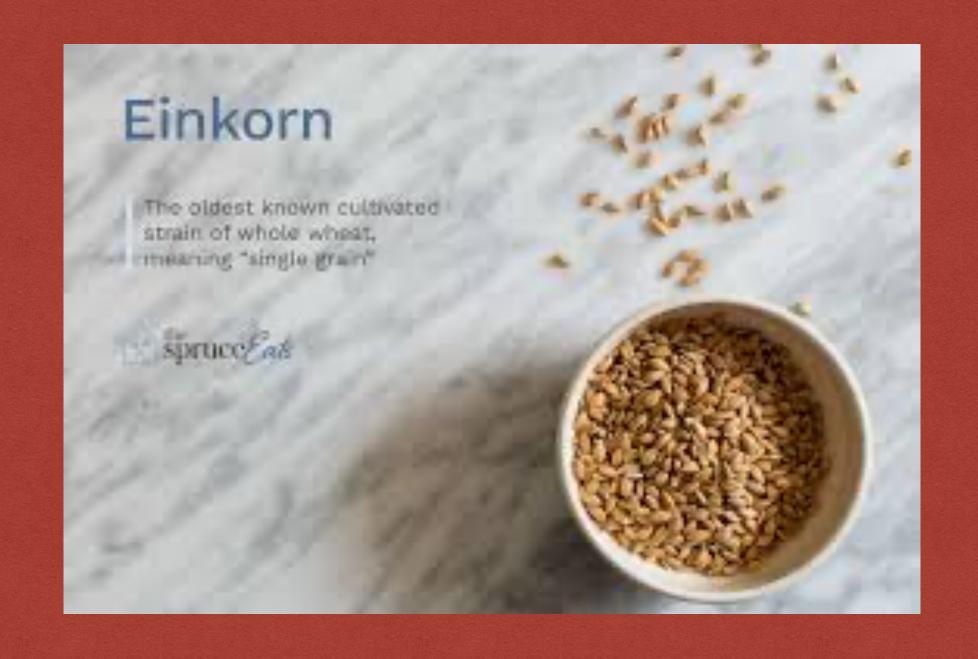
Their anti-inflammatory influence down regulates INOS, COX-2,TNF (Tumor Necrosis Factor), and suppresses NF-Kappa Beta (The master switch to inflammation)



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Ancient Wheat





Einkorn





Grown and eaten by humans for over 12,000 year

The gluten proteins in it are smaller and easier to digest
It scores zero on the Gluten index
29% more protein than wheat
It has 213% more lutein
76% more manganese, 42% more zinc and 37% more phosphorus than wheat
It has more fiber, B-vitamins, iron and magnesium than wheat.

Spelt and Kamut



Spelt - cultivated for thousands of years It has a nutty sweet flavor - high fiber and High protein - it is easier to digest than Modern wheat





Kamut - is also known as Khorasan wheat It has a buttery flavor and a higher protein level than regular wheat .

It is also easier to digest than regular wheat It's origins go back to ancient Egypt





Tartary Buckwheat

May be the richest food source of polyphenols 70% of our immune system resides in our gut The polyphenols in tartary buckwheat act as Immune system rejuvenators

Dr Jeffrey Bland Phd. The founder of functional medicine Believes this is one of the greatest superfoods found





Black Rice



The blue black color contains athocyanins.

Anthocyanis have potent anti-inflammatory anti-oxidant, anti-cancer properties
It has the highest amount of anti-oxidants of any rice - it contains 23 other anti-oxidants
It has the highest protein content of any rice 9 grams vs 7 grams per 3.5oz
It's a good source of Iron
It contains lutein and zeazanthin
It is also heart protective



Potatoes as a super food!

There are 4,000 varieties including Blue Potatoes (that contain anthocyandins like blueberries)

Baking and roasting are the best methods for preserving nutrients

Contains 20 amino acids all the essential ones included

620 mg of potassium27 mg Vitamin C2 grams of fiberIron and Vitamin B6









New research shows that if baked not fried and the skins Are eaten they can help people with type 2 diabetes maintain helathy Blood sugar levels and reduce their waistlnes

Sweet Potatoes





Purple sweet potatoes are a powerhouse of anthocyandins anti-oxidants

Loaded with carotenes and fibers - great for gut health, blood sugar regulation, and nutrition



Beans



Loaded with polyphenols the darker the bean the more polyphenols

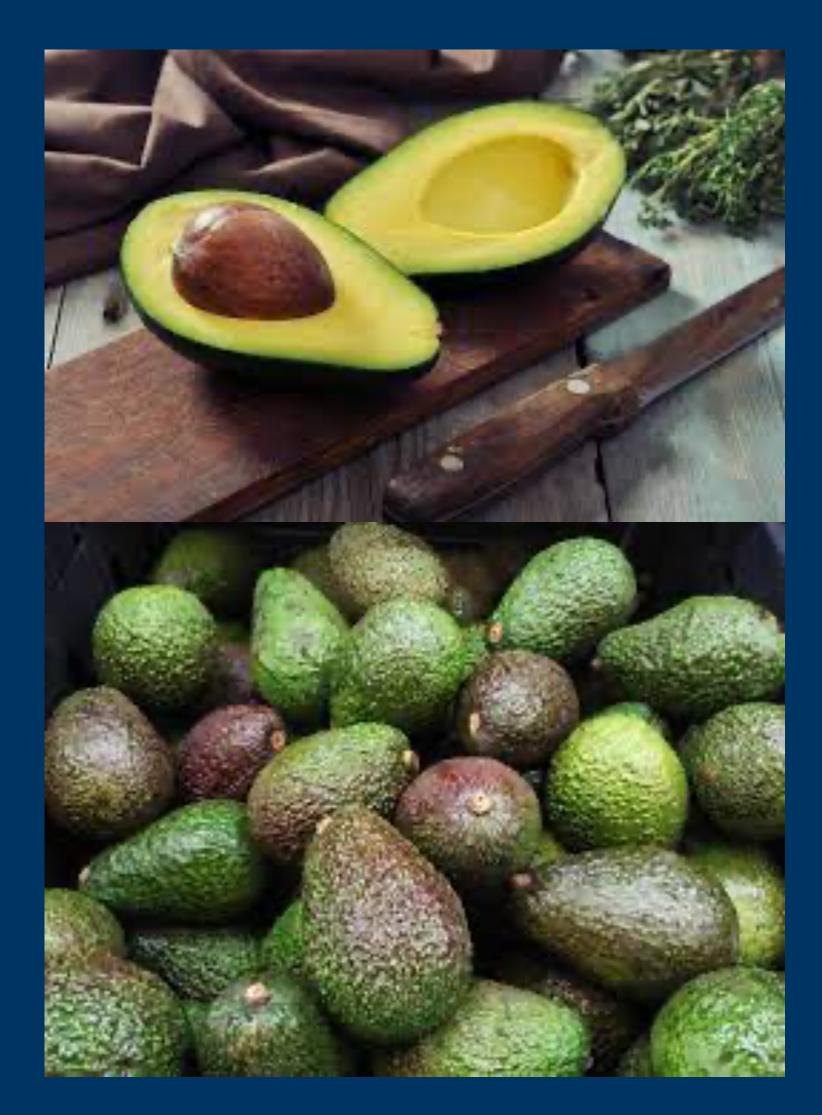
Pressure cook them to eliminate lectins - kidney beans have the most

Low cost, high fiber, high protein

Cardiovascular support - the soluble fibers lower cholesterol

Benefits fatty liver, diabetes, anti-cancer properties





Avocados and gut health: Study supports link between Daily avocado consumption and increased gut microbiota diversity

Recent research from the University of Illinois

One Avocado was eaten daily for 12 weeks increased the level of 3 different beneficial bacteria capable of fiber fermentation and metabolites

Past research has shown avocado consumption to positively effect Satiety as well as reduced blood cholesterol

Penn State study showed that eating 1 avocado a day Significantly lowered oxidized LDL cholesterol *Journal of Nutrition - October 29 2019*

Kiwi Fruit one of the best foods for the biome

Eating 3 a day can Reverse DNA damage







Kiwi is a rich source of Polyphenols, Vitamin C, digestive enzymes

Kiwi promotes regularity - it is an excellent prebiotic and stimulates Akkermansia a unique keystone probitotic that heals the gut lining It also stimulates FP - Faecalibacterium prausnitzil a keystone species that supports immunity

Flax Seed Meal



Is a super fiber - that is high in mucilage so it is soothing to the GI tract

It is an excellent prebiotic and stimulates the growth of 2 keystone species

Akkermansia and FP

A rich source of Lignans which block estrogens from activating receptors in the breast and prostate tissues lowering cancer risk

They are a rich source of Omega-3 Alpha linoleic acid

Lowers cholesterol and supports Healthy blood pressure





Chia Seeds

Humans have consumed them for 5,000 years

It was consumed by native Mexican runners to enhance stamina in long distance runners





High in Omega 3 fatty acids - alpha linoleic acid

High in polyphenols Contains all 9 essential amino acids

1oz contains 9.5 grams of fiber

The fiber in them forms a "gel like" substance That fills you up and can cut your appetite



Made by your gut bacteria Pomegranate is one of the major sources along with straberries



Involved with the production of new mitochondria (the spark plug of cellular energy)



Ellagic Acid

Ellagic acid gets converted by the microbiome into Urolithin A

Raspberries, Strawberries, Pomegranate and Walnuts are rich sources.





Anti-cancer properties Lung cancer

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Polyphenol found in strawberries

Inhibits inflammation, oxidative stress, neuroprotective, anti-cancer

Senolytic properties - anti-aging



Limonene



Anti- depressant

Acid reflux - GERD

Liver detoxification

Gallbladder support - disolves sludge

Anti-caner properties - Breast, Prostate

D-Limonene made from Orange Peel Oil can be used as a supplement

Matcha Green Tea

Green Tea on steroids - Matcha has 137x the amount of EGCG as regular steeped green tea



Liver detoxification activates phase 2 liver detoxification enzymes

Contains L-Theanine - Calm focus
It increases mental alertness
with a meditative focusing calming quality

Apoptosis and angiogenisis tells cancer cells they can't live forever. Inhibits blood vessesfrom feeding tumors



Hibiscus Sabdariffa

Known as sour tea or red sorrell

Contains high amounts of citric, malic, tartic acids L-ascorbic acid (Vit C), anthocyanin, beta-carotene and quercetin





Cooling tea in the summer - lowers body temperature

Cardiac benefits - lowers cholesterol and hypertension

Diuretic, relaxing



Can be used to support the effectiveness of chemotherapy drugs during infusions





Dark chocolate may alter gut microbiome, improve mood: RTC

September 24,2021

Consuming an 85% cocoa dark chocolate significantly altered the diversity of the gut microbiome and improved mood in a randomized controlled trial with healthy young adults

Data published in the *Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry* indicated that 30 grams per day. Of the dark chocolate for 3 weeks led to significant elevations In levels of a gut microbe called *Blautia obeum*, and levels of this bacterium were positively correlated with improved mood

The new study from Korea suggests that dark chocolate may exert "prebiotic effects", and that the potential benefits for mood and emotional state may be via the gut-brain axis



Another study reports health benefits of morning chocolate - Eating chocolate in the morning may help burn body fat, decrease glucose levels, and improve microbiome health, thank to the flavanol content

Snack on Goji Berries







Protects the body and skin from UV light and oxidative damage

They help stabilize blood sugar levels and balance insulin and glucose in the blood

The high level of anti-oxidants are cacer protective and supportive to the immune system

Linked to increasing HDL levels in people with type 2 diabetes

Liver protective helps prevent fatty liver disease





Rosemary

"Herb of Remembrance"



Possess some oof the most powerful antioxidant activities of any plant studied Caffeic acid, Ursolic acid, Carnosic acid and rosmarinic acid - phenolics Carnisol works 3x as it gets used it recharges itself to work again and again.

Increases the flow of blood to the head It stimulates the brain and heightens concentration

Neuroprotective works even better when combined with Bacopa increases BDNF



Spearmint



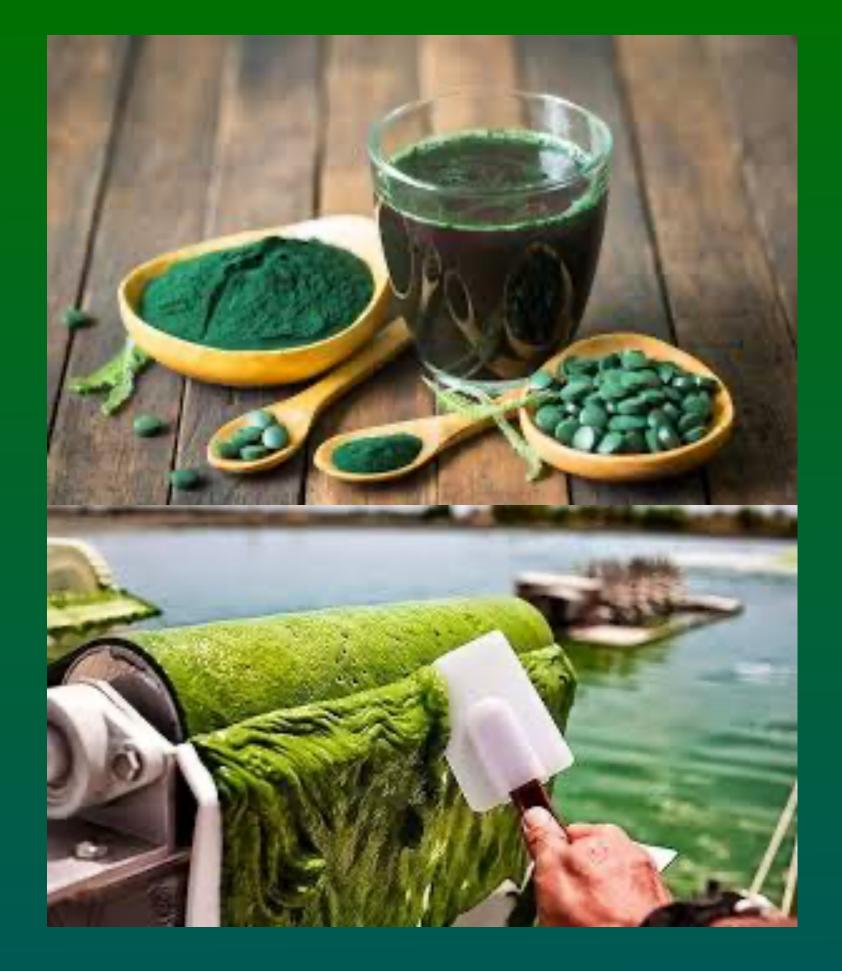
Super high in polyphenols

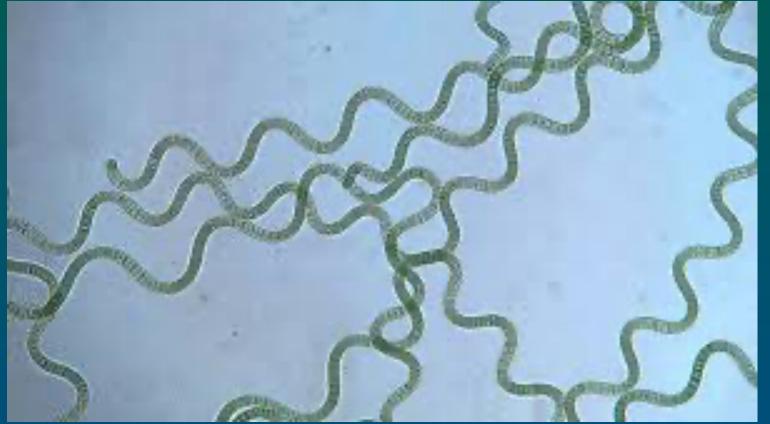
Boosts mental focus, attention and concentration

Spearmint polyphenols may promote neurogenesis

While protecting existing neurons and boosting neurotransmitter levels

Like Huperzine A phenolics in spearmint inhibit acetylcholinesterase The enzyme that breaks down acetylcholine





Spirulina

Easy to digesst - soft cell wall - superfood anti-oxidant 300X more than apples

Blue green pigment phycocynin and many other phytochemicals are in it Can protect the skin from sunburning

One of the richest sources of beta-carotene 10x than carrots

60 to 70% protein by weight

High in nucleic acids DNA/RNA

Supports the immune system A prebiotic - modulates gut bacteria to activate immunity Supports the thymus gland

Brain protective effects



Chlorella

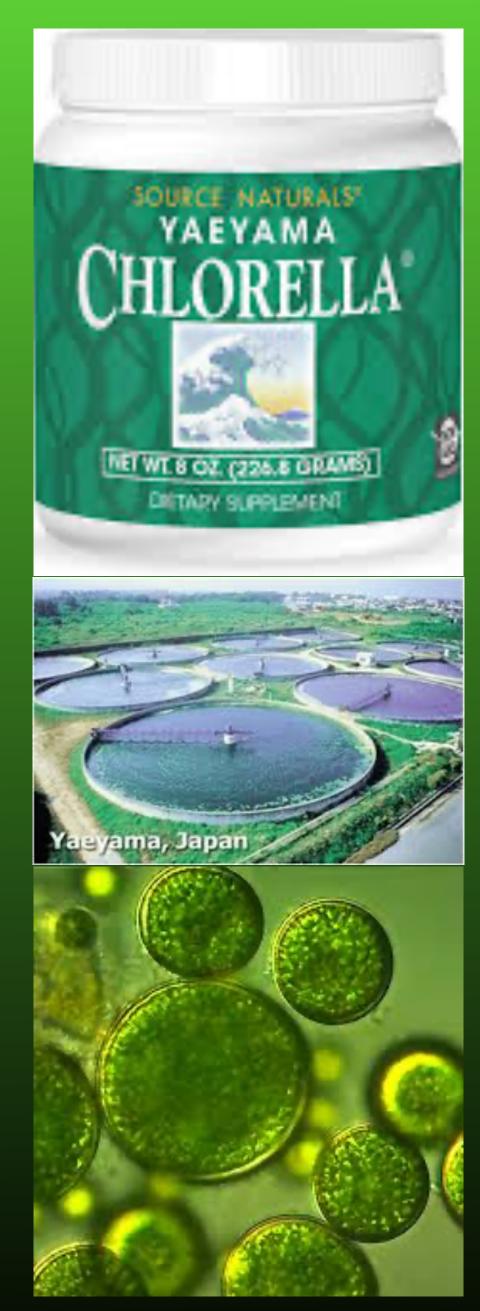
A single cell fresh water algae 60% protein - 18 amino acids

One of the richest sources of chlorophyll it contains both water and fat soluble chlorophyll

It modulates the production of hemoglobin and red blood cell production

It promotes probiotic growth

Chlorella growth factor
It contains 17x the amount of DNA found in sardines
Slows the aging process





Moringa





Super food - high in protein, chlorophyll and one of the richest sources of B-Vitamins

Non - Caffeinated Chai Tea's

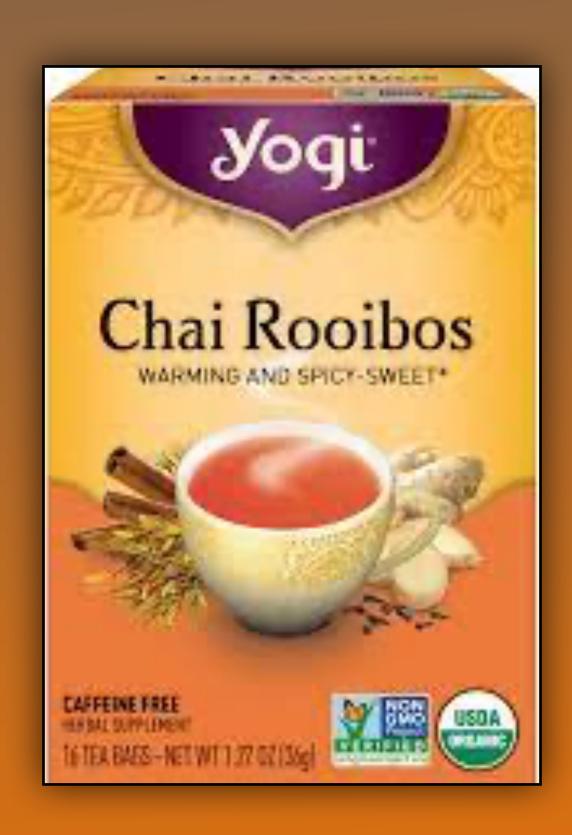
Chocolate is a polyphenol super star

Loaded with polyphenols - clove, cinnamon and spices

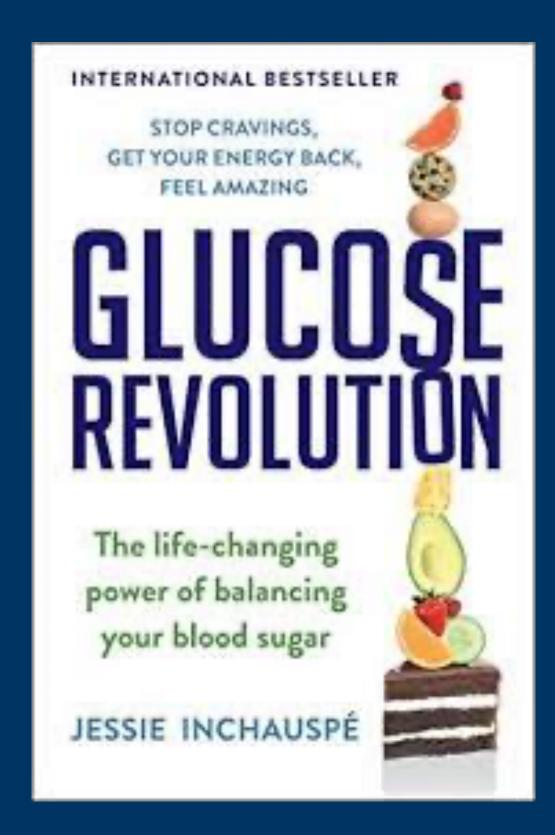
Dark Chocolate
The higher the % of cocoa
The better !!













Glucose Revolution by Jessie Inchauspe

You can have your cake and eat it too diet!!

Eating food with the right sequencing can have major effects on blood sugar spikes

Vinegar can have a major positive effect on blood sugar spikes Vinegar blocks alpha amylase temporarily - which turns starch into sugar it also contains
Acetic acid that encourages muscles to make more glycogen the muscles take up the sugar so there is less glucose in the blood 1 to 2 tbs in water before meals or use vinegrette salad dressing

Eat carbohydrate foods at the end of the meal not at the start of a meal - With vinegar - then protein and vegetables - rice or potatoes or bread - last

Clothe your carbs with fat - whole milk is much better than skim or low fat It blunts the release of milk sugars. Always use full fat dairy

Put olive oil on your potatoes or rice and eat them last

Wait 20 min after a meal to eat a sugary desert

Go for a walk after a big meal to drive the sugars into the muscles

Can we eat to starve cancer? Dr William Li MD



Eat the stems of Broccoli and Mushrooms

Broccoli Stems have 2x more sulphorophane than tops Broccoli Seed Sprouts have many more times Mushroom Stems have more beta glucans than the tops

Foods that inhibit angiogenesis

Green Tea**** Strawberries Blackberries Raspberries Blueberries Oranges*** Grapefruit*** Lemons*** Apples Pineapple Cherries Red Grapes Red Wine Brassica Family*** **Bok Choy** Kale

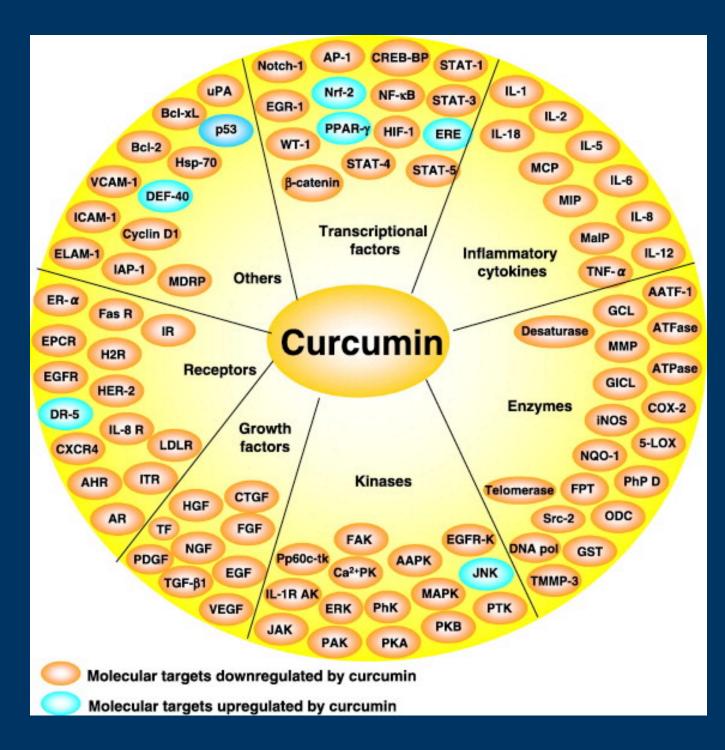
Soy Beans Ginseng Maitake Mushroom Licorice Turmeric**** Nutmeg Artichokes Lavender*** Pumpkin Sea Cucumber Tuna Parsley Garlic Tomato Olive Oil Grape Seed Oil Dark Chocolate



Turmeric - the anti-cancer superstar

Anti-oxidant, Anti-inflammatory, Anti-Carcinogenic, Anti-angiogenic and anti-metastatic Liver protective - increases glutathione, anti-thrombotic, Anti-tumor - activates T-cells, Neuro-protective, Heavy Metal detox, Chemotherapy enhancement and protection, Radiation protection.

It down regulates 100+ cancer growth factors



Black Seed - the up and coming superstar

Induces apoptosis, inhibits NF-Kappa Beta, It inhibits metastasis through activation of JNK and p.38, it has interferon-like activity, Inhibits cancer and endothelial cell progression Inhibits VEGF, suppresses pancreatic cancer The data is just starting to pour in.





Green Tea - EGCG - Catechins

Stimulates apoptosis, liver detoxification enhances turmeric 1+1=3



Quercetin

Anti-Allergy, Mast Cell Stabilizer, Anti-inflammatory Anti-estrogenic, Uric acid lowering Numerous anti cancer pathways

Highest Food Sources: Capers, Onions, Cocoa Powder, Cranberries, Lingonberries, Asparagus, Blueberries, Red Delicious Apples, Cherries Green Tea, Black Tea, Grapes, Broccoli,



Nitric Oxide Pathway

Is a cell signaling molecule created in the lining of the blood vessels and is a neurotransmitter that tells blood vessels to relax and open up.

It increases blood flow to every tissue and organ in the body - including the brain It naturally decreases after the age of 40

Nitrates found in certain vegetables when chewed well and mixed with saliva release nitrates which when stomach acid reacts with it to create Nitrite and then to Nitric Oxide

Bacteria in the mouth and stomach acid allow this conversion to happen Mouthwash kills the beneficial bacteria in the mouth - Mouthwash has been linked with hypertension. Acid blocking drugs also prevent Nitric Oxide from being created from Nitrates in foods.





Foods high in Nitrates: Vegetables such as Green Leafy Vegetables -Spinach, Arugula, Kale, Collards, Beets,



You can purchase Nitric Oxide testing strips

Glyphosate - "Roundup" is a Gut Bomb

Glyphosate originally was made as an anti-biotic to kill bacteria in industrial pipes

It is heavily sprayed on GMO soy, corn and alfalfa (used to feed beef and dairy cows)



It is also used as a drying agent - sprayed on crops before harvest To make it easier for the farmer Wheat, Oats and many Bean crops are sprayed with it before harvest





Eat only organic to protect your gut bacteria

Exploring International Food Stores

Krishna Grocery - I-95 at 204 - they 3x in size - Red Carrots

Al Madinneh (mid-eastern grocery) - Hodgkin's Memorial at Eisenhower



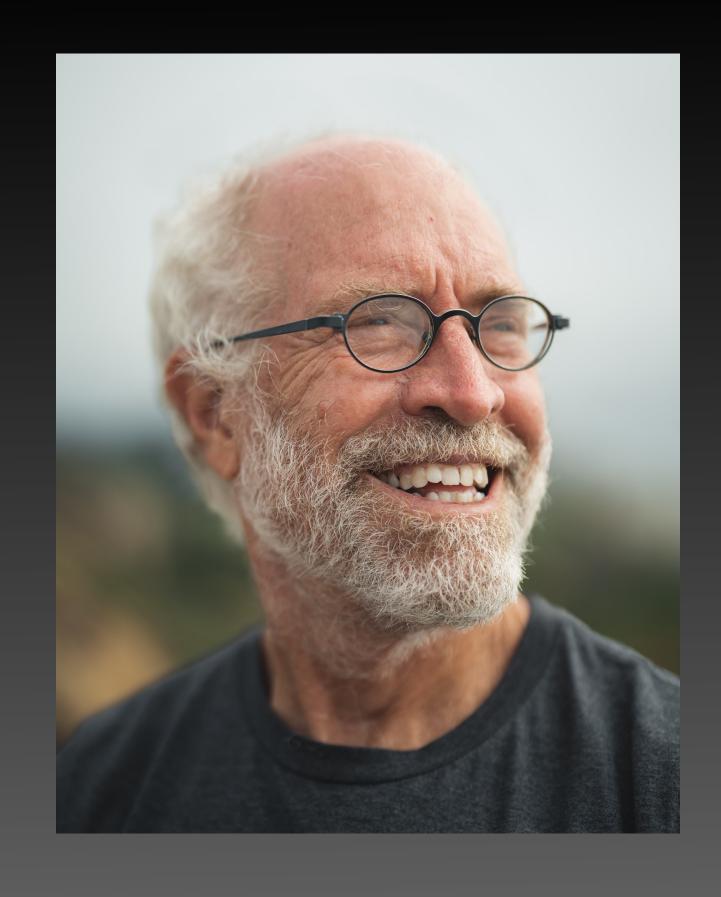
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Han Me - Korean Market - Bull and Derenne (Kim Chi)

Chinatown Market - Henry and Price



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