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Could Sensitivity Elimination Technique Help You Overcome Food/Pollen Sensitivities?

By Dana Christisen, Naturopath; Grace Wellness Studio (see ad p. 4)

Did you know that one of the fastest-growing type of immune reactions today is food sensitivities? In the United States, approximately 32 million people are affected by food sensitivities, with 26 million adults and 5.6 million children experiencing reactions to certain foods. But what if there was a way to "turn off" those responses? Enter the **Sensitivity Elimination Technique**—a method that helps communicate directly with your brain to stop it from viewing specific substances as threats. By doing so, the technique prevents your immune system from overreacting. Essentially, this method trains your brain to recognize that certain foods and environmental factors (like tree pollen, weeds, grasses, or pet dander) are not harmful, which can help eliminate the unwanted immune responses.

This technique works for a wide range of sensitivities, including **gluten**, **grains**, **nightshades**, **seafood**, **peanuts**, **and eggs**. And the best part? The sessions are quick, painless, and require no supplements. The results are permanent, meaning your body can begin to tolerate foods it once reacted to.

How Does It Work?

Think about sensitivities you may have to environmental factors, such as pollen or dust. The Sensitivity Elimination Technique is based on the idea that your brain can be retrained to stop seeing those substances as a threat. When this technique is applied to foods, the same principle applies. In just a few sessions, your brain can learn to be less reactive to substances like gluten or nightshades, making it possible for you to enjoy these foods without the adverse effects most of the time.

The Benefits for Your Immune System

One of the most significant benefits of this technique is that it helps free up your immune system. When your immune system is no longer wasting energy responding to substances that aren't truly harmful, it has more resources available to deal with real threats. For example, you want your immune system to focus on combating viruses you might catch—not on reacting to a harmless banana you eat.

By reducing unnecessary immune responses, your body can more efficiently manage its defenses, allowing you to feel better overall and enjoy more foods without fear of a reaction.

Estrogen Dominance, Dr. Mark Schopp, DC (see ad on p. 4)

Estrogen dominance is certainly a problem. I find it mostly in women but also in men and children. Most of the children I find have increased hormones due to their parents being on hormones. T transference happens when someone who is on hormones touches someone else and the hormone transfers through the skin. This is one of the problems with hormone replacement therapy.

This can happen when a woman has excessive, normal or deficient estrogen but has very little progesterone compared to the estrogen level. So women with even low estrogen can be estrogen dominant if their progesterone is low enough. Also, that irritating triceps fat that hangs down or lower abdominal or hip fat can be Estrogen dominance where it is stored in the fat cells. This is why the comprehensive DUTCH test is so valuable because we can determine where a patient's hormones are. We can also see if too much Estrogen is going down the toxic pathway which could increase the chance of Estrogen sensitive problems. That would have the possibility of damaging DNA and increasing the chance of breast, endometrial and prostate cancer. With nutrition we can usually change those ratios and decrease that chance. We can also see if they are metabolizing their Estrogen which requires certain nutrients.

Excess estrogen can be received from many sources. Xenoestrogens imitate estrogen in the body. They are non-biodegradable and fat soluble. Major sources include plastic bottles, detergents, petroleum products, make up, skin care, pesticides, spermicides, condoms and vaginal gels. Styrofoam cups are also a big problem especially with hot coffee. Never heat your food in plastic as this can cause a problem. Any of these can contribute to estrogen dominance. And what else believe it or not. The credit card receipt that you receive when you purchase something is loaded with endocrine disruptors.

Here is a list of problems that can occur with Estrogen dominance:

- ② Acceleration of the aging process
- ① Allergies, including asthma, hives, rashes, sinus congestion
- Autoimmune disorders such as lupus erythematosis, thyroiditis, and Sjoegren;s
- (b) Breast cancer
- (*) Breast tenderness
- Cervical dysplasia
- ① Cold hands and feet as a symptom of thyroid dysfunction
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- Foggy thinking
- (*) Gallbladder disease
- (1) Hair Loss
- (*) Headaches
- (*) Hypoglycemia
- ① Increased blood clotting (increasing risk of strokes)
- (*) Infertility
- ② Irregular menstrual periods
- (f) Irritability
- (f) Insomnia
- Magnesium deficiency
- Memory loss
- Mood swings
- ① Osteoporosis
- Polycystic ovaries
- ② Premenopausal bone loss
- ① PMS
- Sluggish metabolism
- Thyroid dysfunction mimicking hypothyroidism
- (1) Uterine cancer

- © Copper excess
- Decreased sex drive
- Depression with anxiety or agitation
- ① Dry eves
- ② Early onset of menstruation
- ② Endometrial (uterine) cancer
- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{O}}$ Fat gain, especially around the abdomen, hips and thighs
- (*) Fatigue
- Fibrocystic breasts
- (*) Uterine fibroids
- Water retention & Double Bloating
- ② Zinc deficiency
- (*) Blood Clots
- **D** Elevated Blood Pressure
- **(1)** Fibroid Breasts
- (*) Infertility
- (*) Irregular Menstrual Flow
- (*) Uterine Fibroids
- **(*)** Breast Tenderness
- **Mood Swings**
- ① Uterine Cancer
- (1) Hair Loss
- ① Depression
- (*) Weight Gain
- Migraine Headaches
- ② Spotting
- **(1)** Breast Cancer Risk
- (*) Insomnia
- (1) Inflammation

- Abnormal Pap Smears
- © Fluid Retention
- ① Cramping
- **(1)** Vaginal Dryness

- Thyroid Imbalances
- ① Decrease in Memory
- ① Low or No Sex Drive

It is essential to reduce your exposure to the Xenoestrogens. Supplementation can help greatly but is different for each patient. The Liver pathways which deal with estrogen are sulfation and methylation. Certain supplements can be very helpful in clearing those pathways. Adrenal support is also essential in these patients. Also using proper supplementation to clear excess hormones is needed.

The worst thing to do is just go get on hormones. Though it may give some relief of symptoms it will down-regulate the HP axis in the brain and lead possibly to further problems including transference as described above. Women who have husbands on testosterone will by touch get some testosterone which can be converted to more estrogen.

Is bioidentical hormones are to be used they should never be given until seeing a DUTCH test and making sure there is not too much Estrogen going down the toxic pathway. If there is too much then addressing that and getting that level down needs to be addressed first with proper supplementation and eating cruciferous vegetables. However, by utilizing a DUTCH test most of the time a practitioner can balance the hormonal levels without the use of Bioidentical hormones.

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