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Happy 19th Anniversary to Natural Health and Home!

Gut Health: Glutamine

Most folks now know the importance of probiotics, prebiotics, and postbiotics, as well as enzymes to promote good digestive health. Yet, due to poor quality food (even organize is sprayed with chemicals and subject to chemtrails), poor dietary choices, medication, stress, and environmental factors, digestion may still be problematic causing bloating, gas, and even leaky gut syndrome. We can moderate the effects with herbs, but those herbs may not help the gut to heal.

Bring on the amino acid l-glutamine! This particular amino acid works in five ways to help the gut lining heal, as long as we are still avoiding the S.A.D. (standard American diet of junk and fast foods). According to scientists, holistic health providers, and nutritionists, glutamine provides the following:

- 1. It helps maintain gut mucosa, preventing food particles from entering the blood stream inappropriately (leaky gut).
- 2. It promotes the proliferation of the cells that absorb nutrients and sends them throughout the body.
- 3. It supports normal anti-inflammatory response, thus reducing oxidative stress on cells.
- 4. It supports a healthy gut-brain connection.
- 5. It supports "good" bacterial growth. https://zonia.com/restore-gut-special

Additionally, aloe vera, licorice root (DGL, or deglycerized licorice), and zinc l-carnosine are excellent options to help soothe and heal the gut. **Barlean's offers a blend of these ingredients in its Intestinal Repair powder.** (Barlean's also offers Stomach Repair powder.)

Daily brand now offers a probiotic specifically to help heal the intestines: Akkermansia Muciniphila. Both the Barlean's products and the Daily probiotic are available at Natural Health and Home.

Auto-Immune Conditions: Solutions are Possible!

Auto-immune conditions include Psoriasis, Crohn's, Celiac, leaky gut, rheumatoid arthritis, Lupus, Lyme,, and even type I diabetes. These conditions (sometimes labeled diseases) may be caused by a number of things, including stress, poor nutrition and lifestyle, tick bites, EMFs (electro magnetic frequencies from Smart meters, electronic devices, and cell towers), environmental factors such as chemicals or mold, unresolved emotional issues (some scientists say 80% of autoimmune issues are from childhood trauma), out of balance hormones, and more. These conditions can cause painful, sometime crippling, inflammation, adding more stress.

Auto-immune conditions signal toxicity, and while the detoxification process may be long, requiring months or a few years to complete, it's worth it! Detoxing may include ionic cleansing, saunas, colonics, ozone therapy, dietary changes, exercise, massage, Raindrop therapy, rest and sleep, and a variety of other methods. Herbs and homeopathic products also help to both detox and rebuild. Talk to a natural, holistic practitioner to get specific testing and to guide you through your healing journey!

The Truth About Cholesterol, Dr. Mark Schopp, DC (see ad on p. 4)

There is a lot of misinformation about cholesterol. Cholesterol is needed by the body for a number of reasons, but it has become "the bad guy" in many cases due to the perception of cholesterol. Your body produces about 80-90% of cholesterol. The rest of your cholesterol comes from food. If you get more cholesterol in your diet, your body makes less. If you eat less, your body makes more. Excess cholesterol is excreted. Winter causes it to increase. Summer has the opposite effect.

Cholesterol will fluctuate depending on time, weather, exposure to toxins, and whatever is going on in your life. If you are dealing with any injury, inflammation process, or stress (physical or mental) then cholesterol will increase. After a heart attack or any other traumatic event, cholesterol will increase. A woman's cholesterol levels can vary as much as 20% depending on what phase of her menstrual cycle she is in. Average levels are highest in women during their peri- and early-menopausal years.

High cholesterol levels may be seen with if a patient is hypothyroid. Obesity, insulin resistance, or diabetes will also produce high cholesterol (and triglycerides). Though cholesterol is primarily manufactured in the body according to your need, the food we eat provides 90% of our triglycerides. If your cholesterol level is too low, it will increases risk for depression, sleep problems, aggression, violent behavior, loss of memory, poor cognition, various types of cancer, Parkinson's disease, poor immune function, increased mortality, and more.

Cholesterol levels will increase when there is an insult of injury or any need for healing. When an area is damaged or stressed in any way, the liver will send LDL to the sight to help to make a patch for repair and help to replace damaged cells. When they have completed their job, they are transported to the liver by HDL where they are broken down and excreted by the body. Proper treatment is to find out why the body needed the extra cholesterol (what is the cause?).

Of course we can just force down the level of cholesterol with drugs but that does not fix the problem. So, with nutritional care we want to reduce the need for cholesterol instead of suppressing it. Remem-ber, it is high because the body needs it somewhere, so just lowering it does not fix the problem. If we suppress it, the body's ability to heal is affected.

Since the body manufactures 80-90% of its own cholesterol, many times changing your diet won't always have the effect that you desire. Food supplements which help the body to heal can help reduce the body's need for cholesterol. They boost cellular function, aid in repair, and help to get rid of damaging agents. Proper nutritional **liver support** will in almost all cases reduce cholesterol. Less cholesterol is then needed as we heal and the levels go down.

Patients who have diseases that have acute inflammation such as Rheumatoid Arthritis and Lupus will do better with higher cholesterol levels. Of course, these diseases also do great in most circumstances with nutritional

care. Andrew Clark, MD, says: "In contrast to what you might imagine, having a high level of cholesterol might be good for you." If your immune system is working to fight against some-thing, your cholesterol levels may increase at that time to heal. Cholesterol-lowering drugs suppress inflammation, interfering with the body's efforts to resolve damage. Ronald Kraus is a member of the committee that writes the dietary guidelines for this country. His research indicates that total choles-terol and LDL are not linked with heart attacks. Several studies found no connection between saturated fat intake and cardiovascular disease.

Cholesterol lowering drugs are called "statins." There are more prescriptions for statins than any other type of drug. Many studies show the "safety" of statin drugs. Yet all of those studies are done by pharmaceutical companies or written by scientists with financial ties to the pharmaceutical companies that produce the drugs. In reality, several side effects with Statin drugs include the following:

Liver damage (statins inhibit production of cholesterol by the liver)

Muscle weakness, aches and damage; severe with higher statin doses.

Tendonitis and tendon tears.

Increased fatigue after exertion; decline in overall energy.

Memory and cognition impairment; transient global amnesia.

Potential for depression, irritability, aggressiveness.

Damage to peripheral nerves, causing peripheral neuropathy if statins are taken longer than 2 years.

Lowered immune system function.

Potential increase in autoimmune diseases and cancer risk (impaired antitumor immune responses).

Increased risk for hemorrhagic stroke.

Increase in prevalence and extent of coronary artery and aortic artery calcification.

Abdominal pain and diarrhea.

Increased risk for type 2 diabetes; deterioration of blood sugar control in existing diabetics.

Worsened progression and symptoms of knee osteoarthritis.

Increased risk of developing cataracts.

Sexual dysfunction.

Reduced fat metabolism including that of essential fatty acids. May suppress omega-3 benefits.

Reduction in levels of CoQ10, vitamins A, D, E and K and carotenes.

May deplete mineral-protein complexes including zinc, copper, selenium, and chromium.

Lactic acidosis

Anemia.

If someone has high cholesterol, the nutritional approach is best as the goal to heal the body so it will require less cholesterol and the number will come in range. Certain supplements depending on what is really going on with the patient can help to lower the Cholesterol to this ranges. If you have any questions about cholesterol or any other health matters, please give me a call at 314-843-9355.

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