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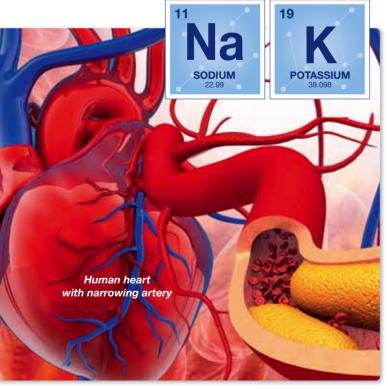
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It was not until **1912** that a cardiologist established that the narrowing of **coronary arteries** could cause chest pain (angina).¹

Doctors today continue to debate the triggers of **atherosclerosis** that cause most **heart attacks**.

Research dating back many decades associates diets <u>high</u> in **sodium** and <u>low</u> in **potassium** with <u>increased</u> cardiovascular risk.²⁻¹⁰

A study published in **2017** found that people with <u>high</u> **sodium** and <u>low</u> **potassium** dietary intake are **60%** <u>more</u> likely to suffer an ischemic **stroke**.¹¹



This finding was supported in **2022** by a study published in the **New England Journal of Medicine** that assessed sodium and potassium <u>urinary excretion</u> as a biomarker for sodiumpotassium ingestion.¹²

The **New England Journal of Medicine** study evaluated **10,709** people over an **8.8-year** period and found that:

- Compared to those with the *lowest* urinary level of **sodium** excretion, people with the *highest* level of urinary **sodium** excretion were **60%** <u>more</u> likely to suffer a **cardiovascular event**.
- Those with the *highest* potassium urinary excretion compared with the *lowest* potassium excretion were 31% <u>less</u> likely to suffer a cardiovascular event defined as a fatal or nonfatal heart attack or stroke.
- Patients with the highest to lowest sodium-to-potassium urinary excretion ratio (more sodium, less potassium) were 62% more likely to suffer a cardiovascular event.
- With <u>each</u> unit increase in the sodium-topotassium excretion ratio (more sodium and <u>less</u> potassium), cardiovascular risks increased 24%.

These data on cardiovascular risks are based on meticulous research. This represents powerful evidence about the **deadly** impact of excess **sodium** intake and less-than-optimal ingestion of **potassium**.

Yet it was largely overlooked by the media, and I fear much of the public.

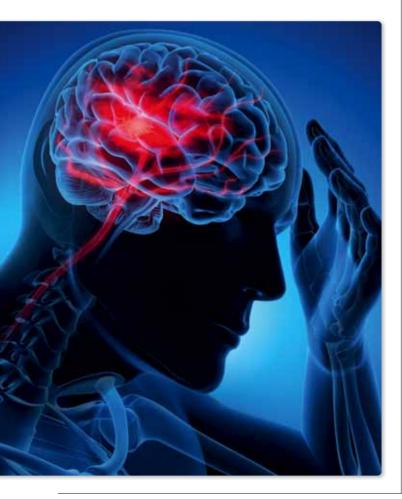
The take-home lesson is for most people to <u>reduce</u> **sodium** (salt) intake and ensure they are obtaining adequate **potassium**.

Stroke and **heart attack** <u>remain</u> leading causes of **disability** and **death** despite a wealth of accumulated knowledge.^{13,14}

The encouraging news is that many manageable cardiovascular risk factors have been identified. The disappointing aspect is most people <u>fail</u> to aggressively correct their vulnerabilities towards **atherosclerosis**.

We at **Life Extension**[®] advocate for people to have an *at-home* **blood pressure** monitor to ensure 24-hour blood pressure control.

We also urge readers to have comprehensive **blood tests** to identify risk factors before they suffer a **heart attack** or **stroke**.



The **2022** study published in the **New England Journal of Medicine** strongly confirms what was identified **decades ago** about the lethal effects of <u>excess</u> sodium and <u>insufficient</u> potassium.

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In the News



Omega-3s May Have Antidepressant Effects

The omega-3 fatty acid EPA has shown benefits for people with **depression**, a study in *Neuropsychopharmacology* reported.*

Chronic inflammation has been linked to the pathophysiology of depressive disorders. The study included 45 people with major depressive disorder and high **C-reactive protein**. Depression symptoms were assessed using the IDS-C30 scale.

Participants received either **one**, **two**, or **four grams** of EPA or a placebo. Plasma omega-3 fatty acids, pro-resolving mediators (SPMSs), and other factors were assessed before and after the 12-week treatment period.

After 12 weeks there was a **50%** reduction in depression scores in the group that received **4 grams** of EPA, compared to a low dose or placebo. The high-dose group also had greater increases in the pro-resolving mediators **18-HEPE** and **13-HDHA** and had significant reductions in **C-reactive protein** blood levels.

Editor's Note: Higher levels of the omega-3 metabolites 18-HEPE and 13-HDHA were associated with reduced systemic inflammation and depression symptoms. "This highlights the activation of the resolution of inflammation as a likely mechanism in the treatment of major depressive disorder with omega-3 fatty acid supplementation," the authors concluded.

When treating patients with depression, physicians may consider ordering C-reactive protein blood tests to identify those most in need of higherdose omega-3 intake.

* Neuropsychopharmacology. 2023 48;929-35.

Vitamin E Reduces Rheumatoid Arthritis Symptoms

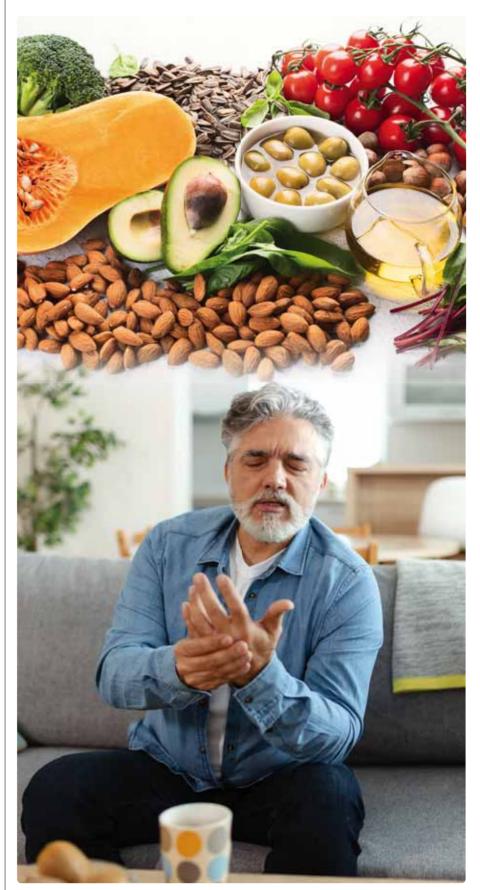
Supplementing with vitamin E helped reduce joint discomfort, water retention, and stiffness in people with rheumatoid arthritis, according to the findings of a systematic review and meta-analysis published in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition.*

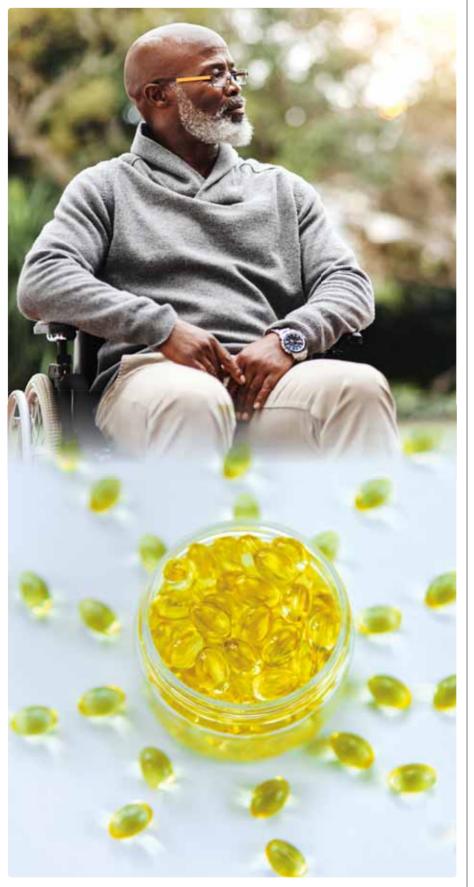
Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease that can cause joint stiffness, pain, and other complications, including cardiovascular disease. Researchers selected nine trials that included a total of 39,845 rheumatoid arthritis patients. The trials compared the effects of vitamin E to placebo, other treatments, or external therapy.

Participants who received **vitamin E** experienced significantly greater improvements in joint comfort, tenderness, and swelling than those in the control group.

Editor's Note: "Vitamin E supplements used on a regular basis can help individuals with RA reduce joint discomfort, edema, and stiffness, as well as enhance their overall quality of life," the authors concluded.

* Eur J Clin Nutr. 2023 Feb;77(2):166-172.





Supplementing with Vitamin D Lowers Risk of Suicide in Military Veterans

A study of U.S. military veterans found a lower risk of suicide and self-harm among those who supplemented with vitamin D, compared with those who did not, according to a study published in *PLoS One.**

Information was analyzed from the Veterans Administration's Corporate Data Warehouse for this retrospective cohort study, which included men and women treated with and without vitamin D2 or vitamin D3 from 2010 to 2018. The study compared 169,241 veterans who were prescribed vitamin D2, and 490,885 veterans treated with vitamin D3, with an equal number of control subjects who received neither vitamin.

The researchers found a **45%** <u>lower</u> risk of suicide attempts or self-harm among vitamin D2 users and a **48%** <u>lower</u> risk among those prescribed vitamin D3 compared to veterans who used <u>no</u> vitamin D supplements.

Editor's Note: "As a relatively safe, easily accessible, and affordable medication, supplementation with vitamin D in the VA may hold promise if confirmed in clinical trials to prevent suicide attempts and suicide," according to the researchers.

* PLoS One. 2023 Feb 1;18(2):e0279166.

Green Tea May Improve Fat Tissue Dysfunction

Women who consumed green tea extract **daily** showed **improvements in** their fat tissue, according to a clinical trial reported in the journal *Nutrients*.*

In a trial of 28 overweight or obese postmenopausal women, study subjects were randomized to receive **150 mg** of **green tea extract** or a placebo daily. The extract contained between **19%** and **25%** catechins and at least **13%** EGCG (the major catechin in green tea).

At the end of the **60-day** trial women who consumed the green tea extract had improvements in indicators of adipose (fat tissue) health, including metabolic health markers, compared to the placebo group.

They also showed improvements in insulin and insulin resistance, waist circumference, and C-reactive protein, a marker of **inflammation**.

Editor's Note: Increased fat deposited around the abdominal organs secrete proinflammatory chemicals, increasing the risk of metabolic disorders.

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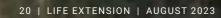


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Men's Issues

DEFEND Against the Challenges of Male Aging

BY MICHAEL DOWNEY

As men age, they face certain health challenges, including:¹

- Erectile dysfunction and low libido,
- Decreased testosterone, which lowers energy and virility, and
- Prostate disorders, which include urination problems and enlarged prostate.

Decades of research have identified several **plant** and **mineral** compounds, demonstrated to *help* alleviate specific symptoms.

In human studies, these ingredients:

- Improved erections in 61.5% of participants,²
- Raised free testosterone levels by more than 48%,³
- Restored a feeling of youthful well-being,³
- Improved a measure of strength by nearly 25%,³ and
- Relieved urinary symptoms, including nighttime urination.4,5

Taken together, these nutrients can safely support a broad range of **sexual**, **hormonal**, and **urinary** health issues that challenge aging men.

Male Sexual Health

Men's sexual health is about more than just erectile function. It also includes sexual desire, response, and satisfaction.

Erectile dysfunction drugs, such as Viagra[®], Cialis[®], and Levitra[®], enhance penile **blood flow**. But the effects are only temporary, and side effects can include skin flushing, visual disturbances, dizziness, and headaches.⁶

Scientists have found an alternate way to improve overall sexual health: an extract of a ginger-like root called **Thai black ginger**. Its scientific name is *Kaempferia parviflora*.

It has long been used in South Asia as an aphrodisiac to enhance male sexual function.⁷⁻⁹ In preclinical studies, this plant extract gently supported increased blood flow to the **penis** while *also* enhancing **brain responses** to sexual stimuli.⁹⁻¹²

In a **human** trial, researchers enlisted healthy, sexually active men with self-reported mild **erectile dysfunction**. None were using medications for this condition.²

Each volunteer took **100 mg** of *Kaempferia parviflora* extract daily. The extract was standardized to **5%** of the active compound, **5,7-dimethoxyflavone** (**5,7-DMF**).

After 30 days, **improved erections** were reported by **61.5%** of participants.²

Unlike pharmaceuticals, *Kaempferia parviflora* also improved **intercourse satisfaction** and **response time** to erotic stimuli in a human study.¹³

Restoring Testosterone Levels

The hormone **testosterone** is critical to the male reproductive system. But testosterone levels also impact metabolism, energy, muscle strength and mass, mood, and more.¹⁴

Low levels of free testosterone become increasingly common as men age.¹⁵ Not only does this rob men of energy, virility, and a youthful feeling of general wellbeing, but it is also associated with age-related chronic conditions, including **heart disease** and **diabetes**.^{15,16}

In one meta-analysis, low testosterone was associated with an **increased risk of death** due to cardiovascular disease or any other cause.¹⁷

Scientists searched for years for ways to safely elevate total and free testosterone levels *without drugs*.

In cell studies, they found that extracts of **pomegranate** and **cacao seed** (from the same beans used to make cocoa and chocolate) each increased testosterone production.¹⁸



Pomegranate

Cacao

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In a clinical trial, **pomegranate** and **cacao seed** extracts were tested in men aged 36 to 55 years, who received either a blend of both extracts or a placebo.³ After eight weeks, levels of **free testosterone** (the

biologically active form) had risen over **48%** in men receiving **400 mg** of the **pomegranate-cacao** blend.³

The group receiving the **pomegranate-cacao** extracts showed the following additional effects:³

- Improved overall well-being,
- Stress measures dropped 26%, and
- Hand grip **strength** increased by almost **25%**.

This study also used the **Aging Males' Symptoms** scale, which includes:¹⁹

- Joint pain and muscle aches,
- Excessive sweating,
- Sleep problems and exhaustion,
- Anxiety and irritability,
- Depression and feeling burned out, and
- Decrease in libido and other sexual problems.

Support for Sexual, Hormonal, and Urinary Health in Aging Men

- As they age, men experience unique **sexual**, **hormonal**, and **prostate** challenges.
- An extract of Kaempferia parviflora improved erectile dysfunction and other aspects of sexual health in human studies.
- A combination of pomegranate and cacao seed extracts raised testosterone levels and improved mood and strength in clinical studies.
- Saw palmetto and its active component, beta-sitosterol, are clinically proven to support prostate health and hormonal metabolism, and to reduce urinary problems. Boron and rosemary provide additional support to prostate health.
- These and several other nutrients can help protect against a broad range of these problems of male aging.



These symptoms were reduced by **19%** in the **pomegranate-cacao** group.³

A similar study enlisted **younger** men, aged 21 to 35. Even at this age, pomegranate and cacao increased **free testosterone** by **25%**. Grip strength and upper-arm circumference also increased.²⁰

Luteolin is a flavonoid found in several herbs, fruits, and vegetables. Preclinical studies show that luteolin supports healthy **testosterone** levels and *reduces* its conversion into **estrogen.**²¹⁻²³

Scientists have combined **luteolin** with **pomegranate** and **cacao** extracts for even greater support for **testosterone** levels.

Prostate Protection

Aging men have an exceedingly high risk of **benign prostate enlargement**, which causes urination frequency and difficulties.¹

Clinical data show that extracts of the **saw palmetto** plant deliver prostate protection.²⁴⁻²⁶ Saw palmetto berries are rich in bioactive prostate-protecting compounds, including **beta-sitosterol**.²⁷

Saw palmetto benefits the prostate by:27-29

 Inhibiting enzymes that convert testosterone into dihydrotestosterone (DHT), a hormone that increases prostate growth, and Supporting healthy cell division and inflammatory response within the prostate. This reduces lower urinary tract symptoms, which include urinary incontinence, needing to urinate too often, or having trouble urinating.

Saw palmetto's effects may be *enhanced* when its active component, **beta-sitosterol**, is extracted and taken with it. It is a compound that is believed to reduce levels of **DHT**.³⁰

In an analysis of **18** clinical trials, saw palmetto relieved **lower urinary tract symptoms**, improved urine flow better than a placebo, and significantly reduced **nighttime urination**, known as **nocturia**.⁴

The highest-quality saw palmetto formulas include added **beta-sitosterol**,^{5,31,32} and *other* prostate-protecting nutrients.

- The mineral **boron** supports healthy hormonal metabolism,³³ and
- **Rosemary** extract has demonstrated anti-prostate cancer activity in preclinical studies.^{34,35}

Summary

Taking **pomegranate-cacao seed** and *Kaempferia parviflora* extracts together with other nutrients may provide a comprehensive defense against problems that come with male aging.

Aging men commonly experience **erectile dysfunction**, low libido, low **testosterone** levels, and prostate problems that include **urinary symptoms** and benign prostate hyperplasia.

Several plant extracts and compounds can safely help aging men support erectile, hormonal, and prostate health. •

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Beta-blocker drugs are commonly used in patients with hypertension, heart failure, previous heart attack, angina, abnormal heart rhythms, essential tremors,¹⁻³ and migraine headaches.⁴

These drugs get their name because they inhibit receptors on cells called beta-**adrenergic receptors**.

These receptors are activated by **epinephrine** and **norepinephrine**. When this happens, the heart beats faster and contracts with more force.

Blocking **beta-adrenergic receptors** causes the heart to beat more slowly and with less force, lowering blood pressure.³

Intriguing research has shown that this drug class may have <u>other</u> effects.

The benefits include <u>inhibiting</u> the promotion of **cancer** growth⁵ <u>and</u> slowing the formation of *beta-amyloid* plaques seen in **Alzheimer's**.^{6,7}



Anti-Cancer Actions

Beta-adrenergic receptors are found primarily in the heart, but they are present throughout the body.³

Research has shown that the hormones epinephrine and norepinephrine can exert stimulatory effects on **cancer**⁸ and **immune cells.**⁹⁻¹¹ Activation of beta-adrenergic signaling impairs anti-tumor immune responses.¹¹

These hormones (epinephrine and norepinephrine) can encourage **cancer progression** and **metastasis** by increasing tumor cell invasion, inflammation, and the formation of new blood and lymph vessels.¹⁰ By partially *blocking* beta-adrenergic receptors, **beta-blockers** may help slow the growth and spread of some cancers.⁵

In preclinical studies, beta-blockers have demonstrated anti-cancer activity by blocking the immune-disrupting effects of **stress**.^{12,13} Epinephrine and norepinephrine both *increase* during stress, which can escalate the proliferation of cancer cells.¹⁴

Studies in mouse models of **pancreatic cancer** have shown that blocking **beta-adrenergic** signaling can *reverse* the effects of chronic stress that promotes cancer progression.¹⁵

Human Studies on Beta-Blockers and Cancer

Beta-blockers are classified as either **selective** or **non-selective**.

Selective beta blockers block beta-adrenergic receptors found primarily in heart tissue.

Non-selective beta blockers block *all* types of beta-adrenergic receptors throughout the body.³

Observational studies suggest that both types of beta-blockers may have benefits in fighting cancers, though in some cases **non-selective beta-blockers** appear to have a more significant effect.

Studies suggest benefits for beta-blocker usage in:

► LIVER CANCER. In a study of 2,104 patients with liver cancer, followed for nearly 10 months, those taking the beta-blockers **propranolol**, **labetalol**, **metoprolol**, or **carvedilol** at the time of cancer diagnosis had a <u>lower</u> mortality rate than those <u>not</u> on betablockers.¹⁶ Another population study showed that patients suffering from metastatic liver cancer who had taken the non-selective beta blocker **propranolol** for greater than one year had a **22%** <u>lower</u> mortality risk than matched patients who were not taking it.¹⁷



SURPRISING SIDE BENEFITS OF BETA-BLOCKER DRUGS

■ BREAST CANCER. A meta-analysis of 13 preclinical and clinical studies found that use of **selective** or **non-selective beta-blockers** was significantly associated with longer recurrence-free survival time in women treated for early-stage breast cancer.¹⁸ In one study, breast cancer patients taking **non-selective beta-blockers** had a **66**% <u>reduced</u> tumor proliferation rate compared to those not taking them.¹⁹

► OVARIAN CANCER. In one population study, some women with ovarian cancer who took **beta-blockers** had an **improved survival rate** compared to women who were not taking them. The benefit was seen in women 60 and over who'd used beta blockers for a year or longer.²⁰ Another study of older ovarian cancer patients found that those taking non-selective beta blockers had a **40%** <u>lower</u> risk of dying from their cancer than women not taking these medications.²¹

► PANCREATIC CANCER. In a large observational study, non-selective beta-blocker use for over 2 years was associated with *reduced* pancreatic cancer risk.²² Another study of 2,394 patients with pancreatic cancer showed that those taking metoprolol, atenolol, propranolol, or bisoprolol during the 90 day period before their cancer diagnosis had an improved survival rate compared to patients not on beta-blockers.²³ Neural beta-adrenergic signaling strongly impacts pancreatic cancer progression. Hence, beta-blockade may complement existing therapies for pancreatic cancer.¹⁵

■ COLON CANCER. In a study of adults with colorectal cancer who were being treated with the monoclonal antibody *bevacizumab* at a university medical hospital, the patients who were also using **beta-blockers** had improvements in **progressionfree survival** time and **overall survival** time compared to patients who were not taking beta-blockers.²⁴

► MELANOMA. One study found that adults with melanoma who were taking beta-blockers *before* their diagnosis had a *lower* chance of **disease progression** and melanoma-related **death**.²⁵ And in a population study of 4,179 patients diagnosed with **malignant melanoma**, those given **metoprolol**, **propranolol**, or **atenolol** within 90 days of diagnosis had an **increased survival rate** compared to patients not taking beta-blockers²⁶



Hypertension Drugs May Help Fight Dementia and Cancer

- Beta-blockers are used to manage a range of cardiovascular diseases as well as other conditions.
- Observational studies associate beta-blocker use with improved cognitive function.
- Preclinical studies show that betablockers can reduce the growth and spread of some cancers. In population studies, they have reduced risk or slowed spread of liver, breast, ovarian, pancreatic, colon, and skin cancer.



Two Types of Beta-Blockers³⁵

SELECTIVE BETA-BLOCKERS:

Acebutolol (Sectral®) Atenolol (Tenormin®) Bisoprolol (Cardicor®) Metoprolol (Lopressor®, Toprol XL®)

NON-SELECTIVE BETA-BLOCKERS:

Carvedilol (Coreg®) Labetalol (Trandate®, Normodyne®) Propranolol (Inderal®)

Protecting the Brain

Hypertension in midlife is known to *increase* the risk of **mild cognitive impairment** and **Alzheimer's disease**.²⁷⁻²⁹ By *lowering* blood pressure, **beta-blockers** could help *prevent* this kind of cognitive decline.

Brain inflammation is another hallmark of Alzheimer's disease.³⁰ Beta-blockers *reduce* inflammatory cytokines in the brain,^{31,32} which may exert additional protective effects against Alzheimer's.

Observational **human studies** have shown a clear link between use of beta-blockers and lower risk of cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease:

In an observational study, hypertension and cognitive impairment were measured based on confusion or memory loss, problems making decisions, or supervision for participant's safety. Researchers found **18%** improvement in cognitive impairment between groups of individuals who used beta-blockers, or other antihypertensive medications, compared to those who did not use antihypertensive medications.³³

In another observational study in elderly men and women over 75 with normal cognition, participants were taking different classes of antihypertensive medications. Researchers found that among the other antihypertensive drugs, **beta blockers** were associated with **42%** reduced risk of Alzheimer's dementia.⁷

In a meta-analysis of six studies on dementia-free individuals, use of beta-blockers was associated with **25%** reduced risk of dementia.

The Honolulu-Asia Aging Study is a prospective, community-based cohort study of Japanese-American men in Honolulu, Hawaii. In 2,197 men, who entered the study at an average age of 77, and had hypertension but not dementia, beta-blocker use as a sole hypertension-lowering drug was associated with a **31%** <u>lower</u> risk of developing **cognitive impairment**. This was compared to men who didn't take anti-hypertensive medication. The clearest benefit was observed in men over age 75, those with diabetes, and those with a large difference between systolic and diastolic blood pressures.³⁴

A study published in 2023 examined data from **69,081** elderly men and women with hypertension. It found that the use of two beta-blockers that cross the blood-brain barrier, **carvedilol** and **propranolol**, was linked to lower risk of **Alzheimer's disease**, though not of other forms of dementia.⁶

If you are currently taking **beta-blockers** or feel they may be of use, please discuss the information in this article with your physician.

Summary

Medications called **beta-blockers** have been found in large observational studies to be significantly associated with a lower risk of **Alzheimer's disease**, and inhibit processes that promote **cancer** growth.

In observational studies, people taking beta-blockers have reduced rates of **cognitive impairment**, **Alzheimer's disease**, and some **cancers**, and improved survival times for many forms of cancer. •

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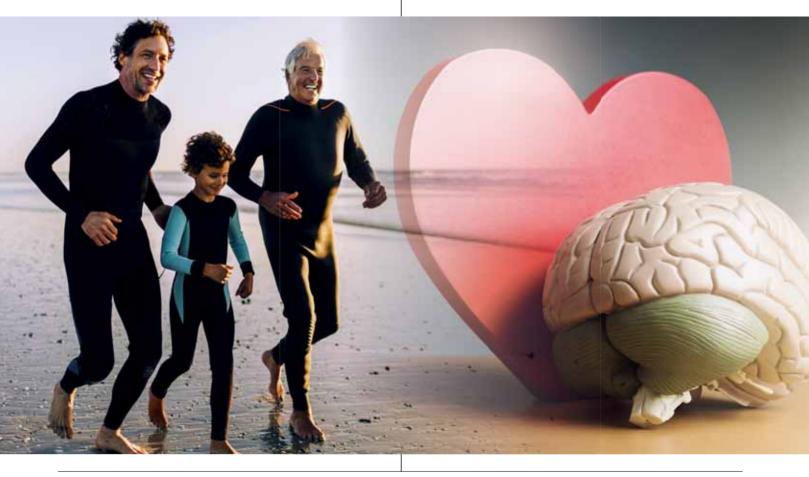
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How **LYCOPENE** Protects the Heart

BY MICHAEL DOWNEY

Annual worldwide deaths from **cardiovascular disease** are expected to reach **23** *million* by 2030.¹

Searching for ways to support cardiovascular health, scientists have accumulated compelling evidence about **lycopene**.¹⁻³

Research shows that lycopene **reduces** a wide range of cardiovascular disease risk factors.

A review and meta-analysis found that people with the *highest* intake or blood levels of **lycopene** had a:⁴

- 14% lower risk of cardiovascular disease,
- 26% lower risk of stroke, and a
- 37% lower risk of mortality.

This article describes underlying mechanisms behind lycopene's multi-faceted protective effects.

Lycopene and Heart Disease

Lycopene is a carotenoid pigment known for its potent *antioxidant* and *anti-inflammatory* effects. It is found in tomatoes, apricots, melons, papayas, grapes, peaches, watermelons, and cranberries.

Lycopene has long been known for its role in promoting prostate health. Now scientists have found that it may also reduce the risk of **cardiovascular disease**.⁵

By working via several mechanisms, lycopene can mitigate factors that drive **aging** and chronic disorders, including **cardiovascular disease**.^{1,2}

Lycopene's Vascular Protective Properties

Cardiovascular disease is a multi-factorial process that includes high levels of **oxidative stress** and **inflammation**.^{1,6}

Oxidative stress contributes to **endothelial dysfunction** and promotes **inflammation** within arteries that predispose to atherosclerosis.⁷

The resulting formation of **atherosclerotic plaque** can block blood flow or cause clots, triggering a heart attack or stroke.¹

Chronically high levels of **inflammation** and **oxidative stress** are also believed, in certain circumstances, to contribute to **cardiac hypertrophy**, a thickening of the heart muscle that makes it more difficult for the heart to pump blood.¹ **Lycopene** bolsters the body's innate cellular defense mechanisms. It boosts levels of **glutathione**, a potent antioxidant produced in the body, and regenerates other antioxidants, including **vitamins E** and **C**.^{1,8}

In preclinical models, **lycopene** has also been shown to increase the activity of multiple **enzymes** that are critical components of our cellular free radical defenses.⁹⁻¹¹

Through these mechanisms, lycopene may prevent the **DNA damage** that increases the risk of atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease.^{1,2,12,13}

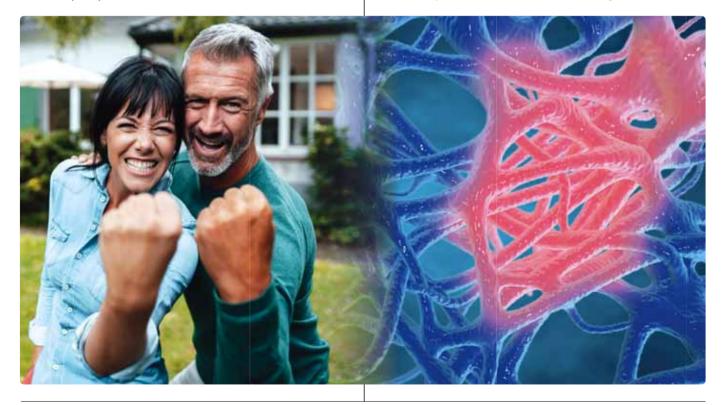
Suppressing Inflammation

Harmful **inflammation** in tissues is considered a root cause of cardiovascular disease.

In cell and animal model studies, lycopene prevents and even *reverses* inflammation by inhibiting synthesis and release of multiple inflammatory cytokines (signaling proteins). It also inhibits **nuclear factor-kappa B** (**NF-kB**), the master regulator of inflammation.^{1,14-17}

Various factors can cause heart cells to die off. Lycopene helps *avoid* this cell death. This suppresses harmful changes to the heart's size and shape after a heart attack called **ventricular remodeling**.^{1,2}

Lycopene may also improve **endothelial function**.¹⁻³ The endothelium (the lining of blood vessels) is critical to healthy blood flow, nutrient exchange, and more.



Researchers hypothesize that the **oxidation** of lowdensity lipoprotein (LDL), which carries cholesterol into the bloodstream, plays a major role in the buildup of plaque that leads to occlusive **heart attacks** and **strokes**.^{1,6,18}

Preclinical studies have shown that **lycopene** may *slow* the progression of atherosclerosis by inhibiting or preventing damaging oxidative processes (such as inhibition of LDL oxidation and proinflammatory activity).^{1,2}

In animal studies, lycopene intake reduces *total* cholesterol, **LDL** ("bad") cholesterol, **VLDL** cholesterol (another bad form that helps it build up in arteries), and triglycerides. It also increases beneficial **HDL** cholesterol.¹

Hypertension (high blood pressure) increases risk of heart disease, heart attack, and stroke.¹⁹ Lycopene delivers an **antihypertensive** effect by inhibiting the **angiotensin converting enzyme** (ACE) - an enzyme that causes blood vessels to constrict.¹

What Human Studies Show

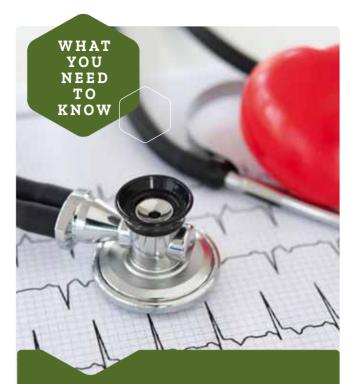
Several studies show cardiovascular benefits in people taking **oral lycopene** or pursuing a diet high in lycopene.

In a trial, male participants were randomized to receive **6 mg** or **15 mg** of **lycopene** or a **placebo**. After eight weeks researchers observed significant **improvement** in **endothelial function** and a reduction in inflammatory markers in the **15 mg** lycopene group, compared to the low-dose or placebo arms of the study. There was also a beneficial increase in **LDL particle size** in the **high-dose** group.²⁰ (Smaller LDL particle size is more atherogenic than larger.)²¹

In a double blinded clinical trial, 36 statin-treated cardiovascular disease patients and an equal number of healthy volunteers were randomized in a 2:1 treatment allocation ratio to receive **7 mg** lycopene or a placebo for two months. At the end of the trial, a **53%** improvement of vascular function (endothelium-dependent vasodilation) was observed in cardiovascular patients taking lycopene as compared to placebo. No changes were seen in healthy volunteers.²²

A scientific literature review of human clinical trials found that people consuming foods high in lycopene were protected from **lipid oxidation**, **DNA damage** in cells, and other damage.²³

Various studies demonstrate that lycopene and a lycopene-rich diet help protect against **cardiovascular disease**,^{4,24-29} and more.^{30,31}



Cardioprotective Benefits of Lycopene

- Lycopene is a carotenoid pigment commonly found in tomatoes and watermelon. It is well known for its anti-cancer effects.
- Studies show that lycopene counters or prevents a wide range of cardiovascular disease risk factors, including atherosclerosis, oxidation of cholesterol, and endothelial dysfunction.
- These cardioprotective effects are believed to be largely attributable to lycopene's anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activity.
- Review studies found an association between higher lycopene intake or blood levels and a 14%-17% lower risk of cardiovascular disease, 26% lower risk of stroke, and 37% lower risk of mortality.

How Much Should You Take?

The typical daily dose of lycopene to support optimal health is **15 mg**. Larger dosage of lycopene has been used in research.

Lycopene is considered **safe** and non-toxic, and consumption is usually without side effects.

No adverse effects have been reported in pregnant women consuming foods containing lycopene. However, anyone pregnant or breastfeeding should consult with a healthcare practitioner before starting to take lycopene.

A review of **21** studies found that consuming tomato products (a rich source of lycopene) or lycopene supplements was associated with:²⁵

- Reductions in LDL cholesterol,
- Improvements in **blood vessel** function, and
- Lower systolic (top number) blood pressure.

One meta-analysis of 14 human studies showed that lycopene intake was associated with a **17%** reduction in the risk of **cardiovascular disease**.²⁶

Another review and meta-analysis demonstrated that people with the highest serum concentration of **lycopene** had a:⁴

- 26% lower risk of stroke,
- 14% lower risk of cardiovascular disease, and
- 37% lower risk of mortality.

In a trial in heart failure patients with a reduced ejection fraction, subjects received either **25 mg** of lycopene for eight weeks or placebo. After two months, both triglyceride levels and flow mediated dilation of arteries improved significantly compared to the control.³²

Together with its anti-cancer activity, these cardioprotective benefits make lycopene a powerful healthpromoting nutrient.

Summary

Research shows that **lycopene** may inhibit many different cardiovascular disease risk factors, including atherosclerosis, endothelial dysfunction, and oxidation of cholesterol.

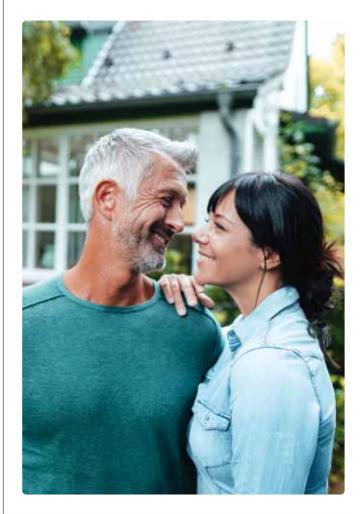
Scientists have found that greater lycopene intake or bodily levels lowers the risk of **cardiovascular disease** by **14%-17%**^{4,26} and reduces stroke risk by **26%**.⁴ •

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Over **11%** of Americans have type **II** diabetes and **38%** have prediabetes.¹

Prediabetes is a serious health condition, in which blood sugar is higher than normal but lower than the diabetic threshold.²

Some people argue that the term "**prediabetes**" be abolished.

That's because elevated **glucose levels** can increase the risk of vascular disease, eye conditions, nerve damage, dementia, and kidney disease <u>before</u> full-blown **type** II **diabetes** manifests.³

But diabetes can be *prevented* by reducing blood glucose levels before they get too high.⁴ Unfortunately, **glucose-lowering** drugs are usually prescribed only after diabetes has been diagnosed.

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Insulin is a hormone responsible for regulating glucose. With age,⁵ poor diet, or a sedentary lifestyle, **insulin resistance**—the inability to properly use insulin—can develop.⁶

Insulin resistance can lead to elevated **blood glucose** levels and **type** II **diabetes**.⁶

In people with **prediabetes**, lowering blood sugar can reduce the risk of developing diabetes.⁷ In those who are *already* diabetic, managing glucose levels can reduce the risk of developing **diabetic complications**.⁸

Improving diet and increasing physical activity can help control glucose levels.^{6,9} Scientists have also identified several plant-derived ingredients that promote **healthy blood glucose levels**.

They include:

- · Cinnamon,
- Chromium,
- Amla,
- · Shilajit, and
- Iodine-rich seaweed.



Cinnamon Reduces Glucose

Researchers have found that a water-soluble form of **cinnamon** can help lower **blood sugar**.

Cinnamon polyphenols help activate our cells' glucose detection systems, which helps them maintain already-healthy blood glucose levels.^{10,11}

Findings of a meta-analysis and systematic review of 16 clinical trials suggest the efficacy of cinnamon supplementation in supporting blood sugar levels, and healthy lipid profile.¹²

In a **clinical study** of people with elevated blood glucose, participants were randomized to receive **500 mg** of water-soluble extract of cinnamon or a placebo. After two months results showed:¹¹

- Lowered fasting insulin and glucose (lower insulin indicates improved glucose control),
- Reduced total cholesterol and LDL ("bad") cholesterol, and
- Improved insulin sensitivity.

Another clinical study enrolled participants with type II diabetes. Participants were randomized into four groups, two intervention groups (with BMI greater than 27 and less than 27) and two placebo (with BMI greater than 27 and less than 27).

Both intervention groups received **500 mg** of cinnamon bark powder for three months. After three months, results showed that cinnamon improved body fat percentage, body mass index, and lipid profiles in people with type II diabetes. Results were more promising in patients with higher BMI at baseline.¹³

A preclinical study showed that water-soluble cinnamon extract increased the production of **glucose transport molecules** known as GLUT4. These allow cells to take up glucose from the blood when insulin is present.^{14,15}

Without enough effective GLUT4 transporters, blood glucose can *increase*, causing insulin resistance and potentially damage to the tissues.^{16,17}

Additional preclinical research revealed that cinnamon may activate and increase the production of metabolic sensors called PPARs,¹⁸ which mimic the action of some antidiabetic drugs.^{18,19} Increased expression of PPARs promotes **insulin sensitivity**, improving glucose uptake and lowering blood sugar.²⁰

Chromium Fights High Glucose

Chromium is a trace mineral.^{21,22} Cell and animal study model studies suggest that chromium might improve insulin sensitivity.²³

In one observational study, lower levels of chromium were associated with diabetes and **prediabetes**.²⁴

A systematic review and meta-analysis of 25 randomized controlled trials of chromium supplementation in people with diabetes found that oral chromium significantly:²⁵

- Improved blood sugar levels,
- Lowered HbA1c (average blood glucose),
- Raised HDL ("good") cholesterol, and
- Lowered triglycerides.

It has been proposed that chromium may work by activating **GLUT4** and enhancing **insulin transport** of glucose into the cells, improving response to elevated blood glucose levels.²⁶

An observational study concluded that the odds of having type II diabetes were lower in those that had consumed supplements with chromium.²⁷

In a human trial of diabetics whose blood sugar parameters were insufficiently maintained on prescription medication, participants were randomized to receive, daily, **200 mcg** of **chromium** combined with the natural product **shilajit** and the ayurvedic herb **amla**, or a **placebo**, in addition to medication. After 60 days, the treatment group had significant **improvements** in fasting and post-prandial glucose levels, compared to placebo.²⁸

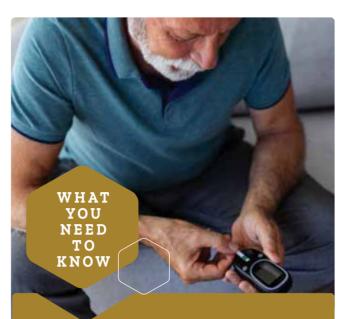
Shilajit's Properties

A Himalayan nutrient that has been used for centuries, **shilajit** is rich in **fulvic acid**. Fulvic acid is an organic compound that may contribute to shilajit's medicinal properties.^{29,30}

Shilajit has traditionally been used to manage **diabe-tes**³⁰ and gastrointestinal conditions (such as gastritis, and ulcers),³⁰⁻³² and muscular strength.³³

Preclinical data reveal that shilajit may also reduce insulin resistance. $^{\mbox{\tiny 34}}$

In a clinical trial, 90 diabetic patients were randomized to receive **500 mg** of shilajit twice daily or a placebo. After three months improvements in the blood sugar levels were observed.³⁵



Promote Healthy Glucose Levels

- As people age, many develop insulin resistance and elevated glucose, often leading to prediabetes and type II diabetes.
- A water-soluble cinnamon extract has been shown to reduce blood glucose and increase insulin sensitivity.
- The mineral chromium has been shown to improve fasting blood sugar and HbA1c (average blood glucose) levels.
- Amla and shilajit each have demonstrated antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and glucose-lowering effects.
- Iodine-rich brown seaweed can stop the conversion of starches into glucose, lowering blood sugar and increasing insulin sensitivity.
- These ingredients can help maintain healthy glucose levels and prevent the damage elevated glucose can do.

Amla's Benefits for Diabetes

Amla, also known as Indian gooseberry, is an herb that has been shown to lower **blood glucose** in animals and humans with diabetes.^{36,37}

A source of bioactive compounds, **amla** has been shown to have **antimicrobial** and **anti-inflammatory properties**.³⁸

In people with type II diabetes, one study showed that, compared to a placebo, taking a <u>combination</u> of **chromium**, **amla**, and **shilajit** with current medication resulted in better fasting and post-meal glucose levels.²⁸

Seaweed Aids Glucose Control

Seaweed is an excellent source of **iodine**,³⁹ a trace element that is vital to metabolic control and thyroid hormone synthesis.⁴⁰ Clinical studies have shown that consuming **brown seaweed** can reduce glucose levels.⁴¹

Seaweed is thought to work by **blocking enzymes** required for the conversion of starches into glucose in the gastrointestinal tract, resulting in less glucose being absorbed into the bloodstream.^{42,43}

Clinical trials have shown that **brown seaweed** extract can:⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶

- Lower fasting glucose,
- Increase insulin sensitivity,
- Lower HbA1c levels, and
- Improve post-meal cognitive function.

In one preclinical study, brown seaweed was found to improve diet-induced metabolic diseases, such as **diabetes**, and reduce insulin resistance.⁴⁷

A systematic review and meta-analysis of **human trials** was conducted to assess the effects of brown seaweed on plasma glucose levels. The participants were either at high risk of diabetes, had diabetes, or had healthy blood glucose levels. It was concluded that brown seaweed and its extracts positively affect plasma glucose levels and have the potential for managing high blood sugar.⁴¹

Seaweed, amla, shilajit, chromium, and cinnamon can help support healthy glucose levels, protecting against the damage of high blood sugar.

Summary

The elevated glucose levels seen in **prediabetes** and **diabetes** increase the risk for heart disease, dementia, nerve damage, and kidney disease.

Cinnamon, chromium, amla, shilajit, and **seaweed** can help *reduce* high glucose levels, potentially preventing complications related to high blood sugar.

Anyone can benefit from maintaining healthy blood glucose levels, even people without diabetes or prediabetes. •

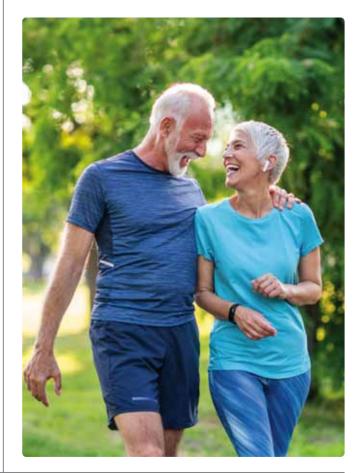
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Body-Wide Benefits of TART CHERRY

BY PATRICIA WEISER, PHARMD



Studies have found **tart cherries** not only help athletes with exercise endurance¹ but also help with muscle recovery after exercise.² Over the last few years, researchers have discovered many other potential benefits.

Also known as sour cherries, **tart cherries** are rich in **antioxidant** and **anti-inflammatory** compounds, including polyphenols, and anthocyanins.³⁻⁵ These may protect against diseases and promote health.

Clinical and preclinical research has shown that tart cherry extract can help reduce inflammation, preserve bone density, and boost cognition. There is even preclinical research indicating it could prolong lifespan.

Reducing Inflammation

Chronic inflammation drives the development of many diseases of aging, including type II diabetes, arthritis, cancer, and heart disease.⁶

Tart cherry extract has been shown in both preclinical and clinical studies to lower multiple biomarkers of inflammation, most notably C-reactive protein (CRP).^{3,7}

A systematic review and metaanalysis of 10 randomized controlled trials found that consuming tart cherry juice or powder led to significant decreases in the inflammatory biomarker **C-reactive protein**.⁷ One of the studies in the analysis, a trial in older adults, found that consuming **480 mL** of **tart cherry juice** daily for 12 weeks reduced C-reactive protein levels by **25%**, compared to those who did not consume tart cherry.⁸

Protecting Bone Health

Osteoporosis, a disease characterized by bone loss and increased fracture risk, is especially common among older women.⁹

Bone loss occurs when **resorption** (loss of bone tissue) occurs at a faster pace than bone **formation**. This imbalance can result from changes that occur during aging, such as hormone shifts in **menopause** and increased **inflammation**.⁹ A 90-day randomized trial in women aged 65-80 found that consuming about **500 mL** of tart cherry juice per day resulted in a significant decrease in a biomarker of bone resorption compared to baseline.¹⁰

A preclinical cell-based study confirmed that tart cherry extract exhibits properties that would inhibit bone breakdown.¹¹

Improved Cognition

Two separate randomized controlled trials have shown that supplementation with tart cherry juice improved cognitive performance.^{12,13}

In one controlled clinical trial in middle-aged adults, those taking **1-ounce** tart cherry concentrate twice daily for three months had



significant improvements in accuracy on tests of **cognitive function** compared to those who took a placebo. Supplementation with the tart cherry extract also resulted in greater alertness and less mental fatigue.¹²

Another randomized controlled trial in healthy *older* adults with normal cognitive function found that those assigned to consume 2.3 oz of tart cherry juice concentrate daily for 12 weeks (mixed in enough water to make 2 cups of liquid) improved on tests of **cognitive abilities**, including memory, task speed, and overall performance.¹³

There is even preclinical evidence to suggest that tart cherry could potentially alter the course of Alzheimer's disease. In a mouse model of Alzheimer's, scientists supplied a combination of tart cherry extract along with omega-3 fatty acids and monounsaturated fat (similar to what is in olive oil). This treatment led to reduced memory deficits, which were associated with decreased brain cell loss and reduced deposits of beta-amyloid, a protein that accumulates in the brains of those with Alzheimer's disease.14

Promoting Longevity

Oxidative stress and dysfunction of **mitochondria** (the "powerhouses" of cells) are both linked to aging.¹⁵ In a study in roundworms, tart cherry extract *enhanced* mitochondrial function and *reduced* oxidative stress.

In this study, roundworms given tart cherry extract had a *longer average lifespan* than untreated worms,⁵ suggesting potential longevity benefits of tart cherry extract.



Summary

Tart cherry extract has been shown to reduce inflammation and oxidative stress, which translates to health benefits throughout the body.

Recent research shows that tart cherry can reduce inflammation, protect against bone breakdown, improve cognitive function, and may promote longevity. •

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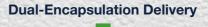
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Bay Leaves

BY LAURIE MATHENA



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In ancient Greece, **laurel leaves** were woven into crowns and worn as a symbol of triumph.

In time, cultures also came to recognize the *health benefits* of the laurel leaf—better known today as the **bay leaf**. As a rich source of flavo-noids, anthocyanins, and flavones, bay leaves were used traditionally to treat conditions ranging from skin rashes to rheumatoid arthritis to ear infections.¹

Today, modern research has confirmed many of the medicinal benefits of bay leaves.

For example, studies reveal that bay leaves have surprising **antibacterial** properties.

In lab studies, they have been shown to inhibit the growth of 10 different bacteria, including *Staphylococcus aureus* that causes Staph infections, *E. coli*, and *P. mirabilis* (a bacterium that contributes to urinary infections).²

Bay leaves could also be beneficial for anyone with metabolic concerns.

In a study of patients with type II diabetes, taking **1 to 3 grams** of bay leaves per day for 30 days produced the following beneficial results:³

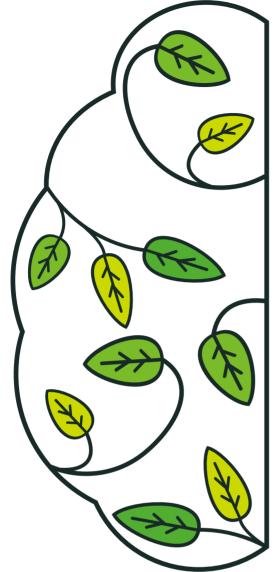
- Serum glucose decreased by 21%-26%
- Total cholesterol decreased by 20%-24%
- LDL cholesterol decreased by 32%-40%
- HDL ("good") cholesterol increased by 20%-29%
- Triglycerides decreased by 25%-34%

In another study, consuming cookies containing bay leaf powder resulted in significantly lower postprandial (after-meal) blood glucose concentrations in type II diabetics.⁴

To obtain the most benefit from bay leaves, it's important to eat the leaf itself, as opposed to simply steeping it in broth and then discarding it.

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LOCAL DIRT: Seasonal Recipes for Eating Close to Home By Andrea Bemis

Farmer and author Andrea Bemis asks three key questions when choosing what to eat:

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Is it good for the planet?

Is it good for other people (community)?

Bemis realized she couldn't fully answer those questions if she didn't know where her food was coming from, so she challenged herself to eat locally—within a 200-mile radius—for 30 days.

She captured her experience—and the recipes that grew out of it—in her latest book, *Local Dirt: Seasonal Recipes for Eating Close to Home.*

All the recipes in *Local Dirt* use ingredients from Bemis's home in the Pacific Northwest. You can follow the recipes exactly as they are, or make substitutions suitable to what's available to you locally.

Local Dirt also provides practical guidance for learning how to locate your own local food resources, as well as suggestions for how to localize each recipe.

Here, *Life Extension*[®] highlights three recipes from *Local Dirt* that can be prepared at various times throughout the year.

-LAURIE MATHENA



Grilled Bread and Marinated Tomato Salad

SERVES 6 AS A SIDE

- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 5 ripe tomatoes, cored, seeded, and cut into quarters
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1 small red onion, minced
- ¹/₃ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional for brushing
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces day-old sourdough bread, cut into ³/₄-inch-thick slices
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil

Oil your grill racks and preheat the grill to high.

In a large bowl, toss the garlic, tomatoes, onion, olive oil, and vinegar together. Season with a bit of salt and pepper and set aside for 20 minutes.

Brush the bread slices with olive oil. Place them on the grill, close the lid, and cook, turning them once, until they are well marked, about 4 minutes—but check the bread after 2 minutes, as this could happen faster, depending on your grill. Remove the bread to a cutting board, and when it is cool enough to handle, cut or tear it into ¾-inch cubes.



Add the bread to the bowl with the tomatoes and toss in the basil. Mix well until the bread cubes are evenly coated and serve.

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I wouldn't change much here, as the ingredients should be easy enough to find in high summer in most places. However, you can swap out the balsamic vinegar for red wine vinegar, basil for parsley or dill, and scallions for the red onion.

Fall Harvest Sheet Pan Salmon and Veggies with Kale Pesto

SERVES 4

FOR THE KALE PESTO

- 2 to 3 cloves of garlic
- 3 cups packed kale leaves (about 1 small bunch)
- ³/₄ cup toasted walnuts (or any lightly toasted nut or seed)
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 34 teaspoon fine-grain sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- ¹/₂ cup walnut oil or extra-virgin olive oil, plus more if desired

FOR THE ROASTING PAN

- 1 large onion, peeled, cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch wedges
- 3 small beets, halved (no need to peel)
- 2 carrots, chopped into 1-inch pieces (no need to peel)
- 1 small to medium sweet potato, cut into 1-inch pieces (no need to peel)

8 broccolini stalks

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ¹⁄₄ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 4 (5- to 6-ounce) salmon fillets

Preheat the oven to 425°F.

Make the pesto: In a food processor, mince the garlic cloves. Add the kale, walnuts, vinegar, salt, black pepper, and red pepper flakes. With the motor running, drizzle in the oil. Process until the pesto reaches your desired consistency, stopping to scrape down the sides as necessary. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed.

To begin roasting, on a rimmed baking sheet, toss the veggies with olive oil and season them with red pepper flakes and salt and black pepper to taste. Roast them for about 20 minutes, or until they are slightly tender. Remove the pan from the oven and wedge the salmon fillets between the veggies, skin side down.

Return the pan to the oven and roast for 10 to 15 minutes more, until the salmon reaches desired doneness and the veggies are tender.

Serve salmon and veggies familystyle, with kale pesto for drizzling.

LOCALIZE IT

You could use trout, cod, or even a tuna loin. Keep in mind that cooking times will vary. Swap out the veggies with what you've got on hand. Cauliflower, turnips, and butternut squash would all be great additions. No kale? Substitute another pesto or chimichurri sauce.



Winter Squash Wedges with Gorgonzola Butter and Hazelnuts

SERVES 4

FOR THE GORGONZOLA BUTTER

1 clove of garlic, minced

Sea salt

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons Gorgonzola or any blue cheese

FOR THE WINTER SQUASH

- 1½ pounds winter squash, cut into ½-inch-thick wedges
- 2 to 3 tablespoons melted butter

Sea salt

- Minced parsley for serving
- 2 tablespoons toasted and crushed hazelnuts
- Freshly ground black pepper

Make the Gorgonzola butter: In a medium-sized bowl, pound the garlic and a hefty pinch of salt with the back of a spoon until a paste forms. Add the butter and cheese and mix until well incorporated. Set aside.

Make the squash: Heat a cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat and brush the squash wedges with a little melted butter. Add the squash to the skillet and cook, undisturbed, for a few minutes. Once the squash begins to brown up a bit, turn the wedges and continue to cook, turning them every few minutes, until they are tender, about 25 minutes.



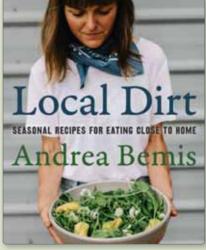
Season with a pinch of salt.

Spoon a thin layer of the Gorgonzola butter onto a platter and top it with the squash. Sprinkle with the minced parsley, hazelnuts, and freshly ground black pepper.

LOCALIZE IT

You could sub in roasted carrots or roasted beets for the winter squash. Try using any local nut or seed in place of the hazelnuts. And a nice local blue cheese is a great substitute for the Gorgonzola.

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- 01951 Super-Absorbable CoQ10 Ubiquinone with *d*-Limonene • 100 mg, 60 softgels
- 01929 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10
- 01427 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support[™] • 50 mg, 30 softgels
- 01425 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support[™] • 50 mg, 100 softgels
- 01437 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support[™] • 100 mg, 30 softgels
- 01426 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support[™] • 100 mg, 60 softgels
- 01431 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with Enh Mitochondrial Support[™] • 200 mg, 30 softgels
- 01733 Super Ubiquinol CoQ10 with PQQ
- 01859 TMG Liquid Capsules
- 00349 TMG Powder

HORMONE BALANCE

- 00454 DHEA 15 mg, 100 capsules
- 00335 DHEA 25 mg, 100 capsules
- 00882 DHEA 50 mg, 60 capsules

- 00607 DHEA 25 mg, 100 vegetarian dissolve in mouth tablets
- 01689 DHEA 100 mg, 60 veg capsules
- 02368 Optimized Broccoli and Cruciferous Blend
- 00302 Pregnenolone 50 mg, 100 capsules 00700 Pregnenolone • 100 mg, 100 capsules
- 00700 Pregnenolone 100 mg, 100 capsules 01468 Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract
- 01469 Triple Action Cruciferous Vegetable Extract and Resveratrol

IMMUNE SUPPORT

- 02411 Day Elderberry Immune
- 02302 Bio-Quercetin
- 02410 Black Elderberry + Vitamin C
- 02433 Echinacea Elite
- 01961 Enhanced Zinc Lozenges
- 01704 Immune Modulator with Tinofend®
 - 02425 Immune Packs with Vitamin C & D, Zinc and Probiotic
 - 02005 Immune Senescence Protection Formula™
 - 01681 Lactoferrin (Apolactoferrin) Caps
 - 02426 Mushroom Immune with Beta Glucans
 - 01903 NK Cell Activator™
- 01394 Optimized Garlic
- 01309 Optimized Quercetin
- 01811 Peony Immune
- 01708 Reishi Extract Mushroom Complex
- 01906 Standardized Cistanche
- 01097 Ultra Soy Extract
- 01561 Zinc Lozenges

INFLAMMATION MANAGEMENT

- 01639 5-LOX Inhibitor with AprèsFlex®
- 02324 Advanced Curcumin Elite™ Turmeric Extract, Ginger & Turmerones
- 01709 Black Cumin Seed Oil
- 02310 Black Cumin Seed Oil and Curcumin Elite™
- 02467 Curcumin Elite[™] Turmeric Extract 30 veg capsules
- 02407 Curcumin Elite™ Turmeric Extract 60 veg capsules
- 01804 Cytokine Suppress® with EGCG
- 02223 Pro-Resolving Mediators
- 56886 Restore Activ Joint Muscle & Tissue
- 01203 Specially-Coated Bromelain
- 00407 Super Bio-Curcumin® Turmeric Extract

JOINT SUPPORT

- 02404 Arthro-Immune Joint Support
- 02238 ArthroMax[®] Advanced NT2 Collagen[™] & AprèsFlex[®]
- 01617 ArthroMax® with Theaflavins & AprèsFlex®
- 02138 ArthroMax® Elite
- 00965 Fast-Acting Joint Formula
- 02430 Fast Acting Relief
- 00522 Glucosamine/Chondroitin Capsules
- 02420 Glucosamine Sulfate
- 02424 Joint Mobility
- 01600 Krill Healthy Joint Formula
- 00451 MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane)
- 02231 NT2 Collagen[™]

KIDNEY & BLADDER SUPPORT

- 00862 Cran-Max[®] Cranberry Whole Fruit Concentrate
 01424 Optimized Cran-Max[®]
 01921 Uric Acid Control
- 01921 One Acid Control
- 01209 Water-Soluble Pumpkin Seed Extract

LIVER HEALTH & DETOXIFICATION

01922	Advanced Milk Thistle • 60 softgels
01925	Advanced Milk Thistle • 120 softgels
02240	Anti-Alcohol Complex
01651	Calcium D-Glucarate
01571	Chlorophyllin
02402	FLORASSIST [®] Liver Restore [™]
01541	Glutathione, Cysteine & C
01393	HepatoPro
01608	Liver Efficiency Formula
01522	Milk Thistle • 60 veg capsules
01534	N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine
01884	Silymarin

02361 SOD Booster

LONGEVITY & WELLNESS

- 00457 Alpha-Lipoic Acid
- 01625 AppleWise
- 02414 Bio-Fisetin
- 01214 Blueberry Extract
- 01438 Blueberry Extract and Pomegranate
- 02270 DNA Protection Formula
- 02431 Essential Youth L-Ergothioneine
- 02119 GEROPROTECT® Ageless Cell™
- 02415 GEROPROTECT® Autophagy Renew
- 02401 GEROPROTECT® Stem Cell
- 02211 Grapeseed Extract
- 00954 Mega Green Tea Extract (decaffeinated)
- 00953 Mega Green Tea Extract (lightly caffeinated)
- 01513 Optimized Fucoidan with Maritech® 926
- 02230 Optimized Reservatrol Elite™
- 01637 Pycnogenol® French Maritime Pine Bark Extract
- 02210 Resveratrol Elite™
- 02301 Senolytic Activator®
- 01208 Super R-Lipoic Acid
- 01919 X-R Shield

LUNG HEALTH

02512 Healthy Lungs

MEN'S HEALTH

02209	Male Vascula	r Sexual	Support
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- 00455 Mega Lycopene Extract
- 02306 Men's Bladder Control
- 02515 Men's Vitality Packs
- 01789 PalmettoGuard® Saw Palmetto and Beta-Sitosterol
- 01790 PalmettoGuard[®] Saw Palmetto/Nettle Root Formula and Beta-Sitosterol
- 01837 Pomi-T®
- 01373 Prelox® Enhanced Sex for Men
- 01940 Super MiraForte with Standardized Lignans
- 02500 Testosterone Elite
- 01909 Triple Strength ProstaPollen™
- 02029 Ultra Prostate Formula

MINERALS

- 01661 Boron
- 02107 Extend-Release Magnesium
- 01677 Iron Protein Plus
- 02403 Lithium
- 01459 Magnesium Caps
- 01682 Magnesium (Citrate)
- 01328 Only Trace Minerals
- 01504 Optimized Chromium with Crominex® 3+
- 02309 Potassium with Extend-Release Magnesium
- 01740 Sea-Iodine™
- 01879 Se-Methyl L-Selenocysteine
- 01778 Super Selenium Complex
- 00213 Vanadyl Sulfate
- 01813 Zinc Caps

MISCELLANEOUS

- 00577 Potassium Iodide
- 00657 Solarshield® Sunglasses

MOOD & STRESS MANAGEMENT

02434 Calm-Mag 02312 **Cortisol-Stress Balance** 00987 **Enhanced Stress Relief** 01683 L-Theanine 02175 SAMe (S-Adenosyl-Methionine) 200 mg, 30 enteric coated vegetarian tablets 02176 SAMe (S-Adenosyl-Methionine) 400 mg, 30 enteric coated vegetarian tablets 02174 SAMe (S-Adenosyl-Methionine) 400 mg, 60 enteric coated vegetarian tablets 02429 Theanine XR[™] Stress Relief

MULTIVITAMINS

- 02199 Children's Formula Life Extension Mix™
- 02354 Life Extension Mix[™] Capsules
- 02364 Life Extension Mix[™] Capsules without Copper
- 02356 Life Extension Mix[™] Powder
- 02355 Life Extension Mix[™] Tablets
- 02357 Life Extension Mix[™] Tablets with Extra Niacin
- 02365 Life Extension Mix[™] Tablets without Copper
- 02292 Once-Daily Health Booster 30 softgels
- 02291 Once-Daily Health Booster 60 softgels
- 02313 One-Per-Day Tablets
- 02428 Plant-Based Multivitamin
- 02317 Two-Per-Day Capsules 60 capsules
- 02314 Two-Per-Day Capsules 120 capsules
- 02316 Two-Per-Day Tablets 60 tablets
- 02315 Two-Per-Day Tablets 120 tablets

NERVE & COMFORT SUPPORT

- 02202 ComfortMAX[™]
- 02303 Discomfort Relief

PERSONAL CARE

- 02322 Hair, Skin & Nails Collagen Plus Formula
- 01278 Life Extension Toothpaste
- 00408 Venotone
- 02304C Youthful Collagen
- 02252 Youthful Legs

PET CARE

01932 Cat Mix 01931 Dog Mix

PROBIOTICS

SKIN CARE

- 02423 Daily Skin Defense
- 01938 Shade Factor™
- 02129 Skin Care Collection Anti-Aging Serum
- 02130 Skin Care Collection Day Cream
- 02131 Skin Care Collection Night Cream
- 02096 Skin Restoring Ceramides

SLEEP

01512	Bioactive Milk Peptides	
02300	Circadian Sleep	
01551	Enhanced Sleep with Melatonin	
01511	Enhanced Sleep without Melatonin	
02234	Fast-Acting Liquid Melatonin	
01669	Glycine	
02308	Herbal Sleep PM	
01722	L-Tryptophan	
01668	Melatonin • 300 mcg, 100 veg capsules	
01083	Melatonin • 500 mcg, 200 veg capsules	
00329	Melatonin • 1 mg, 60 capsules	
02503	Melatonin • 3 mg, 60 gummies	
00330	Melatonin • 3 mg, 60 veg capsules	
00331	Melatonin • 10 mg, 60 veg capsules	
00332	Melatonin • 3 mg, 60 veg lozenges	
02201	Melatonin IR/XR	
01787	Melatonin 6 Hour Timed Release	
	300 mcg, 100 veg tablets	
01788	Melatonin 6 Hour Timed Release	
	750 mcg, 60 veg tablets	
01721	Optimized Tryptophan Plus	
01445	Quiet Sleep Melatonin • 5 mg, 60 veg capsules	
02502	Rest & Renew	
VITAMINS		
01533	Ascorbyl Palmitate	
00920	Benfotiamine with Thiamine	

VIIAMINS		
01533	Ascorbyl Palmitate	
00920	Benfotiamine with Thiamine	
01945	BioActive Complete B-Complex	
00102	Biotin	
00084	Buffered Vitamin C Powder	
02229	Fast-C [®] and Bio-Quercetin Phytosome	

- 02075 Gamma E Mixed Tocopherol Enhanced with Sesame Lignans
- 02070 Gamma E Mixed Tocopherol & Tocotrienols

01674	Inositol Caps
02244	Liquid Vitamin D3 • 50 mcg (2000 IU)
02232	Liquid Vitamin D3 (Mint) • 50 mcg (2000 IU)
01936	Low-Dose Vitamin K2
00373	No Flush Niacin
01939	Optimized Folate (L-Methylfolate)
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01400	Super Absorbable Tocotrienols
02334	Super K
01863	Super Vitamin E
02422	Vegan Vitamin D3
02028	Vitamin B5 (Pantothenic Acid)
01535	Vitamin B6
00361	Vitamin B12 Methylcobalamin
01536	Vitamin B12 Methylcobalamin
	1 mg, 60 veg lozenges
01537	Vitamin B12 Methylcobalamin
	5 mg, 60 veg lozenges
02228	Vitamin C and Bio-Quercetin Phytosome
	60 veg tablets
02227	Vitamin C and Bio-Quercetin Phytosome
	250 veg tablets
01753	Vitamin D3 • 25 mcg (1000 IU), 90 softgels
01751	Vitamin D3 • 25 mcg (1000 IU), 250 softgels
01713	Vitamin D3 • 125 mcg (5000 IU), 60 softgels
01718	Vitamin D3 • 175 mcg (7000 IU), 60 softgels
01758	Vitamin D3 with Sea-Iodine™
02040	Vitamins D and K with Sea-Iodine™
WEIG	HT MANAGEMENT & BODY COMPOSITION
02479	7-Keto [®] DHEA Metabolite
	100 mg, 60 veg capsules
02207	AMPK Metabolic Activator
02504	Body Trim and Appetite Control
02478	DHEA Complete
01738	Garcinia HCA
02506	Mediterranean Weight Management
01432	Optimized Saffron
00818	Super CLA Blend with Sesame Lignans

01913 High Potency Optimized Folate

- 02511 Thermo Weight Control
- 02509 Waistline Control™

WOMEN'S HEALTH

- 01942 Breast Health Formula
- 01626 Enhanced Sex for Women 50+
- 01894 Estrogen for Women
- 02204 Menopause 731™
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