

Jeeding the Microbiome

And Nourishing Digestive Health

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My Story

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What Does Digestive Health Really Mean?

- Finding a balance; increasing diversity of species in the gut microbiome
- Optimizing risk factors
- Prevention of disease
- Reduction of gastrointestinal symptoms
- Digestive health = Overall Health = Wellness

Healthy Gut, Healthy Life

The gut is the central hub to all functions of the human body.

- 70% of the immune system is found in the gut.¹
- Runs our metabolism
- Makes vitamins
- Up to 90% of serotonin is produced within the GI tract.²
- Communicates with every other cell in our bodies
 - Second brain → vagus nerve connects the brain and the digestive system
 - If cut, the digestive system works on its own → Enteric Nervous System



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^{1.} Vighi G, Marcucci F, Sensi L, Di Cara G, Frati F.2008;153(Suppl 1):3-6. doi:10.1111/j.1365-2249.2008.03713.x.

^{2.} Retrieved June 20, 2018, from http://www.caltech.edu/news/microbes-help-produce-serotonin-gut-46495

Gut Microbiome

- Over 100 trillion microorganisms that coexist within us
 - 10 times more microbes than human cells in your body
 - 100 times more microbial DNA than human DNA in your body
 - 3.5-4.5 pounds of organisms that help make vitamins, protect against infection, and affect metabolism
 - Fungi
 - Viruses
 - Bacteria



What Is Gut Imbalance?

Dysbiosis = Imbalance of Flora in the Gut Microbiome

- Causes of Gut Imbalance:
 - Chronic stress
 - Poor food choices, lack of fiber
 - Cigarette smoking, alcohol
 - Lack of exercise
 - Medications (prescribed and over the counter)
 - Infections
 - Environmental toxins
 - Food Intolerances
 - Low stomach acid
 - Genetics







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Importance Of Diet

- Diet and lifestyle = critical factors for composition of gut microbiome
- Diet effects host metabolism and commensal bacteria metabolism in the gut lumen
- Microbial metabolites formed from dietary compounds such as acetaldehyde from ethanol or ammonia, polyamines and hydrogen sulfide from protein → role in initiation/progression of colon cancer
- Short chain fatty acids from fiber = anti-carcinogenic properties
- These interactions effect immune responses

Tuan J et al. Dietary and lifestyle factors associated with colorectal cancer risk and interactions with microbiota: fiber, red or processed meat and alcoholic drinks. Gastrointest Tumors. 2016.

Widespread Need: Digestive Enzymes

What are Enzymes?

- Enzymes are catalysts that speed up biological reactions
- Digestively speaking, they lower the amount of energy that is required to transform the foods we eat into molecules that are small enough to pass through the intestines and into circulation
- These can be our own self-produced enzymes or enzymatic supplements taken with meals
- The body has over 75K enzymes doing both digestive and metabolic work!
- A lack in digestive enzymes can contribute to the top digestive issues in the US
 - Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency
 - Bloating, irregularity, food intolerances

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Food Intolerance + Digestion

When the body does not have a **sufficient supply of the enzymes** needed to digest a certain food, undigested particles progress to the intestines, where **fermentation** occurs.

Symptoms may include occasional gas, bloating, abdominal discomfort, and diarrhea.

Reactions differ...

- Some people may be able to eat a **small serving** of the food **without discomfort**.
- Others may **experience symptoms** when **even the slightest** quantity is consumed.
- In extreme sensitivity, symptoms can arise due to cross-contamination during food preparation or processing.

Did You Know?

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The three most common food intolerances are:

- Lactose
- Casein
- Gluten





DPP-IV: The "Gluten-Busting Enzyme"

Dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV for short) is a **proteolytic enzyme** that specializes in **breaking down** the **proteinrich bonds** in gluten (**gliadin + glutenin**) and even casein.

Humans produce their own **DPP-IV** in the **epithelial cells** of the intestine. However, those with intolerances may not produce enough.

Over time, **epithelial cells** may become damaged for a host of reasons. **Imbalanced microbiome**, environmental **toxins**, and even **medications** may be the root cause of damage.

Using **supplemental DPP-IV** can help alleviate the symptoms associated with gluten and casein intolerance by supporting a more **complete degradation** of these **challenging proteins**.*



Healthy Epithelial Lining



Damaged Epithelial Lining

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Digest Spectrum[™]

- Complete, high potency digestive enzyme to help break down the entire meal.*
- Benefit Better break down of food:
 - More nutrition available from healthy foods
 - Better detoxification and regularity
- Specialized digestive support for gluten.*
 - Features **DPP-IV**, a protease specific to breaking down gluten protein
- High Lactase: 2,000 ALU
- Very high Xylnase to break down phenolic compounds*
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| Amount Per Serving | | %DV |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| DPP-IV | 1,400 DPPU | ** |
| Amylase Thera-blend™ | 14,000 DU | ** |
| Xylanase | 20,000 XU | ** |
| Protease <i>Thera-blend</i> ™ | 98,000 HUT | ** |
| Alpha Galactosidase | 600 GalU | ** |
| Glucoamylase | 40 AGU | ** |
| Lactase | 2,000 ALU | * * |
| Lipase Thera-blend™ | 916 FCCFIP | ** |
| Maltase | 200 DP° | ** |
| Cellulase Thera-blend™ | 400 CU | ** |
| Invertase | 150 SU | * * |
| Pectinase (w/ Phytase) | 50 Endo-PGU | ** |
| Hemicellulase | 50 HCU | * * |

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Additional Challenges

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Even with a healthy diet and digestive support, genetic or environmental factors can activate inflammation and dysbiosis.

Environmental:

- Glyphosate
- BPA
- Arsenic
- Nanoparticles

Genetic Factors:

- Genetic variants
- Mutations
- Epigenetics



Berberine

In addition to supporting inflammatory modulation, Berberine has a long history of enhancing the microbiota via two modes:

- 1. Potent antimicrobial
- 2. Enhances healthy microflora
 - Especially Akkermansia, one of the most abundance species in the human intestine – up to 5% of total population

"... berberine promotes recovery of colitis and exerts inhibitory effects on proinflammatory responses in colonic macrophages and epithelial cells. Thus, berberine may represent a new therapeutic approach for treating gastrointestinal inflammatory disorders."



Akkermansia muciniphila: Superstar

- Dysbiosis SIBO, IBD
- Akkermansia muciniphila facilitates normalization of gut microbiota
- Downregulates pro-inflammatory cytokines TNF-a, IFN-y
- Strain ATCC: modulates differentiation of Tregs and increases production of Short Chain Fatty Acids



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Optimizing And Maintaining Digestive Health

- Comprehensive and integrative approach
- Paramount to include the principles of lifestyle medicine and wellness
- Optimizing wellness parameters → optimizes microbiome diversity and resiliency → helps establish and maintain optimal health and prevent disease states
- Personalized approach is key
- Not only is health optimized, but symptoms are also mitigated

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS!

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Natural Digestive Health & Wellness