

Diabetes

Description

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Diabetes

Quick summary of the research for type II diabetes:

what may help in order of effectiveness:

avoid high fructose corn syrup (may be hidden in nonorganic corn starch, dextrose, corn etc)

avoiding all nonorganic oils, refined oils, only cook with organic unrefined coconut oil or grassfed ghee/butter

Alpha lipoic acid 300-600mg/day before each meal (also heart disease, cancer, migraines/sciatica/neuropathy)

Organic natto 1/8th teaspoon (also powder) on an empty stomach (also heart disease, cancer, osteoporosis)

diary of how each food affects blood sugar (with testing)

Cold exposure (turn cold water on for a minute on legs before leave shower)

ceylon cinnamon, ginger, hibiscus tea, glucomannan or flaxseed fiber, apple cider or red wine vinegar w/organic extra virgin olive oil, and/or mulberry leaf extract before every meal

drinking a half glass of water before any other drink and before every meal

avoid modern wheat, spelt or farro instead, stone ground

substituting sugar & especially fructose with stevia, monk fruit, and/or erythritol

walk or exercise before or after every meal or snack that raises blood sugar

eating more organic vegetables and fruits

Type II diabetes

Prevention

Diet & exercise

Diet & exercise has been found to be almost twice as effective (58%) as even the best diabetes drug metformin (31%) in preventing the progression of people with prediabetes to diabetes. Even a small amount of weight loss was predictive of the greatest benefit. And it dropped by 70% in people over 60.

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When to exercise

Walking or exercising right before or after eating significantly reduces blood sugar rise and helps prevent or reverse diabetes. Exercise right after a meal but before insulin kicks in is easier because of the extra energy for the exercise. I do a one minute high intensity exercise right after eating the high carbohydrate portion of my meal (organic brown rice) to keep my blood sugar down. On workout days I go workout IMMEDIATELY after eating the rice and it gives me so much more energy than normal I'm able to lift 20 to 30 more pounds on each of my lifts or improve my aerobic exercise times significantly from the increased energy.

Exercising right before or after eating may be the best prevention & treatment for type II diabetes.

Diabetic diary

Everyone responds differently to some foods. Testing blood sugar levels after meals can give information on what foods raise an individuals blood sugar the most. These individual reactions to normally low glycemic foods may indicate an immune inflammatory reaction. So avoiding these foods not only reduces blood sugar but inflammation and autoimmune overreaction as well. Keeping a diabetic diary can help to reverse diabetes.

Cell, Volume 163, Issue 5, p1079–1094, 19 November 2015

Personalized Nutrition by Prediction of Glycemic Responses

David Zeevi et al.

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2015.11.001>

Dr. Richard Becker with Cindy Becker on “Your Health” 01/31/17
#1570 Your Health Questions

Caloric drinks

Drinking liquids with sugar, including fruit juices (orange juice, lemonade made with sugar, white grapefruit juice) triggers type 2 diabetes. Grapefruit juice doesn't, but does increase the blood levels of 40% of medications. Dark grape juice doesn't trigger diabetes because of its resveratrol, but can increase obesity which increases diabetes side effects.

Drinking a half glass of water then eating an orange, lemon, grapefruit, or grapes increases longevity.

Getting off caloric drinks like pop is easier if people drink a half glass of water before drinking the pop/juice. The water satisfies the thirst, & people end up drinking only a portion of their caloric drink per hour rather than gulping it down & drinking one after another.

Water

Drinking a glass of water (best) or another noncaloric beverage BEFORE eating does a couple of good things. When we get older our sense of thirst is often comingled with our sense of hunger. So when we are thirsty, we often feel hunger. Drinking a noncaloric beverage before a meal can prevent overeating when we are thirsty but feel it as hunger.

Drinking water/beverage before a meal also prevents the beverage from interfering with our blood sugar while eating. Drinking a

beverage in the middle of a meal can temporarily lower blood sugar & make people “feel” hungry, even after eating a lot of food.

Drinking a beverage throughout the meal also washes away the taste of the food, often prompting people to eat more to get the taste back rather than relishing the taste for a half hour after eating when the beverage is drunk before the meal.

Vinegar

Apple cider vinegar or red wine vinegar both significantly moderate blood sugar when used in a meal, before a meal in a drink, or with olive oil in salad dressing.

Avoiding wheat

Wheat has a substance in it that raises blood sugar as much as sugar, and our current wheat hybrid has ten times the amount of gluten as spelt (an older version of wheat) and is undigestible & highly inflammatory to all people, not just people with a gluten sensitivity. Because of this blood sugar effect, people can see a fast rise then a fast drop in their blood sugar after eating wheat and feel “hungry” right after eating. People who eat wheat ingest 400 more calories per day than people who avoid wheat. Irritable bowel

syndrome (IBS) and other digestive abnormalities may go away for good when gluten is dropped from the diet.

Spelt, one of the earlier wheats

The other option is to cook with spelt. Spelt has a different type of gluten than modern wheat that is far easier to break down. Spelt is one of the versions of wheat that people grew for millenia before the new hybrid high gluten wheat was created. Spelt may not avoid all of the blood sugar rise effects of wheat, but it may have significantly reduced inflammatory effects compared to modern high gluten wheat.

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Mouthwash

A Study of nearly 1000 people for three years found that people who used mouthwash 2x per day or more had over a 50% higher pre or full diabetes risk.

Mouthwash has aluminum, which causes a number of autoimmune disorders.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6628144/>

Statins- a main cause of diabetes & diabetes complications

Atorvastatin (Lipitor) appears to increase diabetes in the short term by 22%, simvastatin (Zocor) 10%, rosuvastatin (Crestor) 18%, more with higher doses and over longer periods. Statins may increase diabetes by 87% in the longer term.

Statins and New-Onset Diabetes Mellitus and Diabetic Complications: A Retrospective Cohort Study of US Healthy Adults.

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Risk of incident diabetes among patients treated with statins: population based study BMJ 2013;346:f2610

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Murphy SA, Ho JE, Waters DD, DeMicco DA, Barter P, Cannon CP, Sabatine MS, Braunwald E, Kastelein JJ, de Lemos JA, Blazing MA, Pedersen TR, Tikkanen MJ, Sattar N, Ray KK. Risk of incident diabetes with intensive-dose compared with moderate-dose statin therapy: a meta-analysis. 2011 Jun 22;305(24):2556-64. doi: 10.1001/jama.2011.860.

If you got diabetes after you started one of these three statins, or liver, muscle, and/or kidney damage after starting any statin, you may have a legal case against the statin maker.

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In a study of over 150,000 women, statin usage increase diabetes for postmenopausal women by 70%.

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Archives of Internal Medicine, 2012; DOI:
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Statins even give healthy people diabetes & obesity

A major study only using only healthy people found that statins increase diabetes in people who are healthy by 87%, and increase diabetes complications as well. The higher the dose, the higher the diabetes. Statins also increase obesity by 14% in these previously healthy people.

Statins and New-Onset Diabetes Mellitus and Diabetic Complications: A Retrospective Cohort Study of US Healthy Adults.

Mansi I, Frei CR, Wang CP, Mortensen EM.

J Gen Intern Med. 2015 Apr 28.

Medications for diabetes type II

Metformin

Metformin, a prescription drug derived from the plant goat's rue, is very inexpensive, lowers blood sugar, and most importantly, appears to extend life. People who have diabetes and take metformin live 15% longer than people without diabetes who don't

take metformin. Almost none of the other prescription medications that lower blood sugar extend life, and too many interfere with metformin's benefits. Metformin reduces cancer in people with diabetes (where the risk is elevated) by 40%, 33% for people who take metformin for other reasons (polycystic ovarian syndrome).

Metformin appears to be safe in mild to moderate kidney disease, but may cause dangerous lactic acid buildup in severe kidney disease.

The drawbacks of metformin are that it appears to be to deplete vitamin B12, coQ10, folate, vitamin K2, & may lower thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) in people with an underactive thyroid, and may increase heart failure in men. Since coQ10 is essential for heart function, taking supplemental ubiquinol (the most effective version of coQ10) should help prevent heart problems. In people with diabetes taking metformin, adding an ACE inhibitor (for blood pressure) halves death rates, possibly by also strengthening the heart muscle. Vitamin B12 is best taken sublingually (under the tongue) in the form of methylcobalamin (not ethylcobalamin). Folate can be gotten from dark leafy greens, useful in salads with vinegarette dressing. Vitamin K2 is available as a supplement or from natto, a type of fermented soy.

Drug interaction effects with metformin-

Cimetidine (Tagamet) is a heartburn medication that increases the blood levels of metformin by 40%, which could trigger dangerous hypoglycemia.

In gestational diabetes metformin outperforms insulin in controlling maternal weight gain, but was associated with younger gestational age at delivery and a higher rate of preterm birth.

Glibenclamide, metformin, and insulin for the treatment of gestational diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis

BMJ 2015;350:h102

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Alpha lipoic acid

Alpha lipoic acid is made by our body to help deal with blood sugar. It has no known significant side effects or drug interaction effects except at high doses (4000 IU) people may need some biotin (vitB7) in between meals. When we take up to 2400 mg/day (usually upon waking, during meals, and before nightly food cravings) it appears to immediately stop migraines in an hour (even better with magnesium, ubiquinol, vitsB2&B9, feverfew, & butterbur), sciatica in a day (back nerve pain), peripheral neuropathy in a week or two, works as a major anti-inflammatory to speed healing after 2-3days, helps reduce type 2 diabetes within a couple months, heart disease within a few (3-4) months by lowering vLDL & triglycerides, helps prevent/fight cancer better than chemotherapy according to one

major research review, and at 2400 mg per day over six months helped people lose 8% of their body weight on average. If people have diabetes & Alzheimer's or dementia alpha lipoic acid may bring back memory function very quickly.

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The Many Uses of ALA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3LglZZIaYGg>

A review of 103 studies:

<http://www.lifeextension.com/Magazine/2011/8/Lipoic-Acid-Reverses-Mitochondrial-Decay/Page-01>

<https://www.globalhealingcenter.com/natural-health/alpha-lipoic-acid-benefits-side-effects/#1>

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Alpha lipoic acid inhibits neural apoptosis via a mitochondrial pathway in rats following traumatic brain injury

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Alpha-lipoic acid attenuates acute neuroinflammation and long-term cognitive impairment after polymicrobial sepsis

[Amanda Dell](#) et al.

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Cognitive decline associated with aging is prevented by taking tocopherol (a type of vitamin E), N-acetylcysteine, & α -lipoic acid.

Effects of alpha-lipoic acid on spatial learning and memory, oxidative stress, and central cholinergic system in a rat model of vascular dementia

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[J.Deslauriers](#) et al.

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Sheila E.J.Seybolt

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Advantages of the Alpha-lipoic Acid Association with Chlorpromazine in a Model of Schizophrenia Induced by Ketamine in Rats: Behavioral and Oxidative Stress evidences

Luis Rafael Leite Sampaio et al.

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Cold exposure

Going from heat exposure to cold exposure can significantly improve blood sugar for the rest of the day and increase conversion of fat to healthier brown fat. Only one exposure is needed, more may not increase benefits. One of the easiest ways is to take a hot

shower & then for the last 30 seconds turn the spray cold on the legs or the part of the body where cold exposure is the least unpleasant.

Heat exposure with saunas, whirlpools & steamrooms also provide blood sugar benefits.

<https://fitness.mercola.com/sites/fitness/archive/2014/08/08/brown-fat-blood-sugar.aspx>

<https://bengreenfieldfitness.com/article/fat-loss-articles/burning-more-fat-with-cold/>

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Does getting insulin help or hurt type II diabetes?

A study of over 84,000 people found that people prescribed insulin for type two diabetes for ten years instead of metformin had 3.5 times more kidney problems, 2.2 times more deaths, 2.1 times more neuropathy, 2 times more heart attacks, 1.7 times more adverse cardiac events, 1.4 times more strokes, 1.4 times more cancer, and 1.2 times more eye problems.

Insulin for people with type II diabetes appears to be deadly & disabling. Adding insulin to metformin also appears to increase disease & death incidence over metformin alone.

Why would insulin increase mortality???

Because while extra insulin may temporarily lower blood sugar, a person with type II diabetes already has insulin insensitivity (for up to 5 years before diabetes diagnosis), which the body is already trying to overcompensate with by making too much insulin (hyperinsulinemia), making the problem worse. Adding extra insulin appears to increase hyperinsulinemia & to speed up the progression of type II diabetes. Adding insulin also may increase weight, speeding up the advance of the diabetes.

Mortality and Other Important Diabetes-Related Outcomes With Insulin vs Other Antihyperglycemic Therapies in Type 2 Diabetes

Craig J. Currie, Chris D. Poole, Marc Evans, John R. Peters, Christopher LI. Morgan

The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism, Volume 98, Issue 2, 1 February 2013, Pages 668–677,

<https://doi.org/10.1210/jc.2012-3042>

Better test for type II diabetes

When someone's blood sugar starts rising, it may be their insulin levels have been high for years. Perhaps the better test is an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) for five (not two) hours with insulin assay to see how high insulin goes, rather than a blood sugar test alone that takes years to reflect the ever increasing insulin elevation & desensitivity.

In the very least taking this test would show doctors the folly of giving insulin in type II diabetes- pouring oil on a fire out of control.

Type II diabetes appears to be a long term buildup of insulin overproduction & desensitivity. The blood glucose rise is only the very end symptom of the disease.

<http://www.tuitnutrition.com/2015/09/its-the-insulin-1.html>

Sulfonylurea & mortality in diabetes

Sulfonylurea medications are used to treat type II diabetes. They include-

acetohexamide

carbutamide

chlorpropamide

glycyclamide (tolhexamide)

metahexamide

tolazamide

tolbutamide

glibenclamide (Glyburide)

glibornuride

gliclazide

gliquidone

glisoxepide

glyclopamide

glimepiride (Amaryl)

glipizide (Glucotrol)

glyburide (Diabeta/Micronase)

Sulfonylurea treatment also had a much higher disease incidence than metformin alone in a review of over 84,600 people.

Sulfonylureas also can increase weight, causing the diabetes to worsen over time. Sulfonylurea treatment for people with type two

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diabetes appeared to be deadly & disabling, especially in comparison with metformin alone. Adding metformin helped, but was still less safe than metformin without sulfonylureas.

Mortality and Other Important Diabetes-Related Outcomes With Insulin vs Other Antihyperglycemic Therapies in Type 2 Diabetes, Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism, Craig J. Currie, Chris D. Poole, Marc Evans, John R. Peters and Christopher LI. Morgan; doi:10.1210/jc.2012-3042

Deadly diabetes drugs

Sitagliptin (Januvia) and exenatide (Byetta) appear to significantly increase the risk for hospitalization and death from pancreatitis (inflamed pancreas) and may increase the risk for pancreatic cancer, and to increase thyroid cancer. The biggest problem is because the pancreas is hard to examine, a person taking these drugs can develop sudden symptoms that can turn lethal very quickly.

GLp-1 meds

Exenatide (Byetta) and other GLP-1 medications- liraglutide (Victoza), weekly exenatide (Byadureon), dulaglutide (Trulicity), **Rybelsus** (semaglutide), and albiglutide (Tanzeum)- may increase pancreatitis, pancreatic cancer, kidney failure, and thyroid cancer.

Exenatide may increase heart attacks.

citizen.org/news/new-study-underscores-increased-dangers-of-certain-diabetes-treatments/

Sitagliptin and other DPP-4 inhibitors-alogliptin (Nesina), linagliptin (Tradjenta), saxagliptin (Onglyza), according to the USDA & FDA, along with the pancreatic cancer & thyroid cancer risk can also cause severe & debilitating joint pain. One study found an increase in heart failure (25%).

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drugwatch.com

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DPP-4 Inhibitor – Related Pancreatitis: Rare but Real!

Diabetes Care 2017;40:161–163

DOI: 10.2337/dci16-0035

SGLT2 Inhibitors- Public Citizen recommends “Do Not Use” based on possibly deadly side effects

Invokana	canagliflozin
Invokamet	canagliflozin and metformin
Farxiga	dapagliflozin
Xigduo XR	dapagliflozin and metformin extended-release
Jardiance	empagliflozin
Glyxambi	empagliflozin and linagliptin

Type 2 diabetes drugs called sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors, stop glucose from reentering the blood in the kidneys. According to the FDA they are linked to serious side effects like ketoacidosis, acute kidney injury, urinary tract infections, and more rarely flesh eating bacterial infection of the genitals & resulting gangrene, limb loss & blood infections. They may also cause heart problems, bone loss, & hip & spine fractures.

drugwatch.com/sglt2-inhibitors/

drugdangers.com/jardiance/lawsuit

worstpills.org/results.cfm?drug_id=2038

fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm617360.htm

Empagliflozin increased genital infections in one study by over 300%.

Empagliflozin, Cardiovascular Outcomes, and Mortality in Type 2 Diabetes

Bernard Zinman et al.

DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1504720

citizen.org/news/fda-must-stop-manufacturers-off-label-promotion-of-dangerous-diabetes-medications/

Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Diabetic Ketoacidosis results in a high level of acidic ketones in the blood stream. Ketones are produced when sugar is unavailable to be used by the cells and fat must be used as a source of energy.

Diabetic ketoacidosis has been reported as a potentially serious adverse event related to the use of SGLT2 inhibitors like Jardiance. More than 100 cases have been reported by the European

Medicines Agency and the adverse event may be responsible for multiple deaths in Japan.

At least 20 ketoacidosis reports were received by the FDA between March of 2013 and April of 2014 and the agency issued a May 2015 warning regarding the risk of Diabetic Ketoacidosis in patients who use Jardiance and other SGLT2 inhibitor drugs.

Early symptoms of diabetic ketoacidosis may include:

Increased urination and thirst

GI pain and nausea

Fatigue and Weakness

Shortness of breath and “Fruity” odor

Advanced symptoms of diabetic ketoacidosis may include:

Difficulty breathing

Vomiting

Confusion

Dizziness

Fainting

Unconsciousness

Supplements that help stop type II diabetes and extend life (reduce mortality)

Alpha lipoic acid (ALA) & beta-alanine

The amino acid alpha lipoic acid & supplementation with β -alanine to increase levels of the amino acid carnosine help reverse the side effects of diabetes including diabetic neuropathy/nephropathy (within three weeks) by improving capillary flow & healing the damage from diabetes. They appear to be the most effective treatment for diabetic neuropathy. Carnosine appears to help in wound healing as well. Carnosine levels appear to be higher with β -alanine supplementation than with carnosine supplementation. β -alanine also helps improve exercise performance.

ALA may reduce blood sugar, triglycerides, insulin resistance, diabetes, cataracts (may reverse when applied topically), diabetic neuropathy within three weeks and increase insulin efficiency, blood capillary flow, and wound healing.

The PDR for dietary supplements says ALA has no significant side effects with no known drug interactions (has sulfur).

Studies have used 300mg-2400mg per day. Taking vitamin B6, vitamin E (mixed), vitamin C, omega 3 fatty acids (spirulina with a meal) concurrently may help ALAs effectiveness.

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The Many Uses of ALA

Alpha-Lipoic Acid May Improve Symptomatic Diabetic Polyneuropathy

Tang, Junger et al.

Neurologist: May 2007 – Volume 13 – Issue 3 – pp 164-167

The Sensory Symptoms of Diabetic Polyneuropathy Are Improved With α -Lipoic Acid

Alexander S. Ametov et al.

Diabetes Care March 2003 vol. 26 no. 3 770-776

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Berberine

Berberine is a compound in barberry, Oregon grape, goldenseal, & phellodendron that appears to improve insulin sensitivity & reduce blood sugar as much as metformin and any other diabetes medication, but without the side effects.

In one study, berberine was as effective as metformin in reducing blood sugar and also significantly lowered hemoglobin A1c, triglycerides, & fasting & postprandial glucose as well as LDL cholesterol.

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Vitamin K1 & K2 and insulin sensitivity

Vitamin K1 in dark leafy greens & vitamin K2 (cheapest in organic natto) appears to increase insulin sensitivity. Vitamin K1 & vitamin K2 (in natto) together appear to also reduce cancer, heart disease (artery calcification), & osteoporosis.

If taken on an empty stomach, organic natto has nattokinase that dissolves blood clots & reverses heart disease.

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Spirulina (with a vegetable)

Spirulina is the source of omega3 EPA & DHA fatty acids in fish oils. Spirulina has a lot more EPA & DHA than fish oils and no mercury or toxic pollution (plastic).

Taking spirulina with a vegetable (to help digest) appears to reduce heart attacks, blood pressure, all cause mortality, triglycerides, LDL cholesterol, and to increase artery clearing HDL. Spirulina also helps increase concentration-mood-memory, protect against brain diseases like Alzheimer's, heal liver damage (including hepatitis C), reduce radiation sickness, reduce inflammation, lower exercise fatigue, improve immune function, reduce hay fever, reduce oral cancers & precancerous lesions called OSMF, chelate arsenic from the body (taken with zinc), and moderate blood sugar.

Many people start at ¼ ts 2x a day with a vegetable, and studies show the more that is taken the more effective spirulina is.

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Vinegar (organic red wine vinegar best)

Acetic acid in vinegar slows carb digesting enzymes, reducing blood sugar levels after eating. It also may increase the fatty acid oxidation enzymes in the liver, perhaps reducing fat accumulation.

Vinegar with a meal lowers insulin resistance (the inability of cells to use insulin) by an average of 64% in people with prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. It improves insulin sensitivity (the ability of cells to use insulin) by up to 34%. It lowered postmeal spikes in blood sugar by an average of 20%. Two tablespoons right before or early in the meal is what works (more is not more effective). If you're making a salad dressing, the ideal ratio for blood sugar control is two tablespoons of vinegar to one tablespoon of oil, and no sugar.

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Resveratrol (also in organic red wine vinegar)

Resveratrol stops diabetes & its side effects. Because dark grapes & raisins have resveratrol, despite their sugar content they help prevent diabetes. Apple juice and orange juice increase diabetes because of their simple sugar content. Resveratrol is an anti-inflammatory as well. Some is present in red wine vinegar which has no calories, making it the best food against diabetes.

Resveratrol is found in the largest amounts in a plant called Japanese knotweed or Hu Zhang (the name under which it is cheapest online).

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Vegetables

Kale, spinach, and collard greens have vitamin K, magnesium, & zinc which all help lower blood sugar (especially if deficient) and increase insulin sensitivity. Vitamin K alone may reduce diabetes incidence by 50%.

Fats

Organic coconut oil

Organic coconut oil appears to not cause weight gain or cause postmeal tiredness. Organic coconut oil has about half of its “saturated” fat as medium chain triglycerides, which are easier to burn as energy than to store as fat. MCT are a fat that gives you pep rather than makes you sleepy, & helps people’s weight rather than gets people fat. It also is more stable than other fats when cooked and healthier. Because coconut oil has very little

polyunsaturated fat, it is safer to cook with, as heating polyunsaturated fat creates aldehydes (think formaldehyde) that increase heart disease & cancer. Oils with polyunsaturated fat should be expeller/cold pressed and should not be cooked with.

MCT oil

MCT oil is a combination of coconut & palm oil that has no taste, useful for people who don't like the taste of regular coconut oil and better for weight loss, for workout energy, & for staying in ketosis to treat epilepsy or as part of a ketogenic diet. As it has no/little polyunsaturated fat it is safer for cooking.

Organic extra virgin olive oil

Organic extra virgin olive oil is the best oil if not cooked. It has anti-inflammatory phenols and reduces pain, especially in someone using opiate painkillers. Olive oil is very often cut with cheaper healthier oils according to Consumer Reports. The olive oil most likely to have all of its health benefits & be genuine comes from only one country, is extra virgin, and is organic. Olive oil has some polyunsaturated fat so should be added after cooking.

Salad

So a kale/spinach/chard/collard salad with MCT/coconut/olive oil with red wine vinegar may help lower blood sugar of the meal and increase weight loss. Avoiding salad dressings with sugar is very important. Because MCT oil &

Glucomannan

Glucomannan is an extremely dense fiber that comes from the root of a plant. It had no calories, and in numerous studies has been shown to help lower blood sugar, systolic blood pressure, LDL cholesterol, triglycerides (far more important to lower than cholesterol), constipation and weight. The capsule (tablets are unsafe) can be taken up to an hour before a meal or the powder can be used as a thickener (like corn starch). The strongest benefit appears to be taking 1g (two 500mg capsules) up to an hour before a meal. Glucomannan must be taken with a full glass of water (to avoid intestinal obstruction). It may cause an increase in gas (infrequently) the first couple of uses before the body gets used to it.

Shirataki noodles are made from glucomannan and have no calories. They are often rinsed to get rid of a fishy smell and mixed with tofu (tofu shirataki noodles) to better simulate noodles taste.

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Flaxseed fiber & diabetes

Organic freshly ground flaxseed in or before a meal appears to significantly moderate subsequent blood sugar levels.

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Flaxseed lignan secoisolariciresinol diglucoside improves insulin sensitivity through upregulation of GLUT4 expression in diet-induced obese mice

Yanwen Wang et al.

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Flaxseed Protects Against Diabetes-Induced Glucotoxicity by Modulating Pentose Phosphate Pathway and Glutathione-Dependent Enzyme Activities in Rats

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Beneficial effect of flax seeds in streptozotocin (STZ) induced diabetic mice: isolation of active fraction having islet regenerative and glucosidase inhibitory properties

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Vitamin D3

Vitamin D3 supplementation helps prevent type I diabetes in children. Supplementation increases insulin sensitivity and reduces insulin resistance in people with diabetes. Low levels of vitamin D3 are associated with higher levels of metabolic syndrome and diabetes II and higher levels with lower cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, and type II diabetes.

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The Role of Vitamin D and Calcium in Type 2 Diabetes. A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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I started taking vitamin D3 when I read a study that said high daily doses of vitamin D3 reduces viral infections by 90%. It did for me & most people I know who take it. Optimum blood levels are 70-100ng/ml for full cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and Alzheimer's prevention, and it takes 8000 IU for most adults to get over 40ng/ml, but the maximum recommended by the FDA is 4000 IU. As children (when we weighed half as much) our bodies made 10,000 IU from the sun before stopping. It also completely (and unexpectedly) ended my winter blues. After I noticed the mood boost, it seemed logical that lack of sunlight may cause seasonal affective disorder and that high vitamin D3 supplementation may end SAD.

Since vitamin D3 is fat soluble it has to be taken with a meal or a little vegetable oil or 95% gets flushed out without being used. In repeated studies the best results are for high daily supplementation, not one time large doses.

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Magnesium

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Tests often can't give an accurate read on magnesium deficiency. One study found more than half of people admitted to the hospital were deficient in magnesium, another over half of people with diabetes. The safer forms to take may be citrate, taurate, malate, glycinate, chloride, carbonate.

www.naturalnews.com/046401_magnesium_dietary_supplements_nut

The RDA is 310-420mg daily, and many people take 500-1000mg. Topical magnesium can be very effective for pain & cramps, especially headaches & migraines. Topical DMSO is often used first because it takes magnesium thorough the skin at very high levels. Magnesium reduces diabetes, migraines, muscle cramps, heart

deaths, bone loss, anxiety, cognitive loss from Alzheimer's. Many diseases are associated with low magnesium like mitral valve prolapse, high blood pressure, cardiac arrhythmias, migraines, ADHD, autism, anxiety, asthma, allergies, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, muscle spasms, insomnia, twitching & tremors, swelling/edema, weak pulse, brain fog/confusion, osteoporosis

www.naturalnews.com/046864_magnesium_mineral_deficiency_detox

Magnesium is essential for using vitamins C & E, and along with zinc, vitamin D3 & vitamin K2 directs calcium away from the arteries & to the bones where its needed. Good magnesium levels are essential for cognitive function. Magnesium is very highly alkaline which helps to prevent & treat cancer taken both internally and used topically via magnesium chloride (magnesium oil).

Turmeric

Turmeric at high doses with a little pepper both fully prevents and treats diabetes & its complications including nephrology & renal failure, as well as preventing deaths from heart disease, cancer and Alzheimers. Turmeric is a major anti-inflammatory/painkiller and boosts mood as well as Prozac, but in a safer way (see Turmeric paper).

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After taking three grams of dry ginger powder for 30 days (best a gram before each meal), diabetic participants had a significant reduction in blood glucose, triglyceride, total cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol. Ginger appears to inhibit enzymes in carbohydrate metabolism, increase insulin release and sensitivity, and improve lipid profiles. Ginger also protects against complication of the liver, kidneys, central nervous system, and eyes. Ginger is COX-2 anti-inflammatory/painkiller and stops nausea better than most prescription drugs, and lowers the stress & anxiety hormone cortisol.

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White kidney bean extract

White kidney bean extract blocks alpha-amylase sugar digestion, which lowers blood sugar & triglycerides, helps fat loss (not muscle). When I used to eat a lot of carbs (four or five platefuls at buffets), it resensitized me to the volume of carbs I was eating & made me eat

less. It reduced my carb craving significantly. This change stayed even after I stopped taking the supplement & I find excess carbs to be uncomfortable to this day (if I don't exercise right after). Phase 2 is the one with the best outcome research.

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Sauna

Using a sauna for 20 minutes at least twice a week appears to temporarily increase human growth hormone naturally by 500% (especially useful to recover after a workout or injury), increases endurance to exhaustion by 30%, and significantly increases insulin sensitivity.

Sweeteners

Avoid high fructose corn syrup & sugar

High fructose corn syrup appears in multiple studies to cause increased weight gain, obesity, diabetes and cancer compared to table sugar.

Stevia, erithritol, and monk fruit (lo han)

Stevia is a sweetener that has no calories and has been used for centuries with no reported side effects in humans. Stevia appears to be very healthy, apparently preventing diabetes & cancer. It's best tasting form may be the white powder concentrate. The brown leafy form tastes more earthy.

Stevia helps with diabetes, cancer prevention, weight control, and reduces insulin resistance.

http://www.naturalnews.com/048909_stevia_natural_anti-inflammatory_anti-cancer.html

Erythritol is a sugar alcohol (fermented sugar) with no calories that has little of the laxative or stomach cramping side effects of the other sugar alcohols like sorbitol, mannitol, & xylitol. It bakes like sugar, has the volume of sugar, preserves like sugar, and tastes like sugar, but is 30% less sweet.

Monk fruit is a natural sweetener that also has no calories and has been used for centuries in southeast Asia.

Stevia, monk fruit, and erythritol (Truvia) are often blended together to make them even sweeter. The combination of all three has been said to be the closest taste to sugar there is (especially for noncaloric sweetening).

Sometimes the sweeteners are mixed with dextrose, corn sugar, to add bulk- which is usually GMO. Fortunately they can be found

without GMO additives.

Switching from sugar

The way to get used to any new sweetener is to eat a couple bites of food unsweetened before every meal. It will immediately resensitize taste to the new amount & type of sweetener used as the freshest memory will be of the contrast between the unsweetened food and the new sweetener, not between the old sweetener (sugar) & the new sweetener.

Other artificial sweeteners

Nutrasweet (aspartame) has had a dizzying list of dangerous neurological side effects reported to the FDA

http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/dailys/03/jan03/012203/02p-0317_emc-000199.txt

Aspartame has the most side effects reported to the FDA of any substance, and that was before the FDA stopped taking reports of side effects starting in 1995.

Monsanto bought the company who owned aspartame & worked with their chairman (yes, that Donald Rumsfeld) to get it approved despite a 1980 board of inquiry of three independent scientists vote against approval. Ronald Reagan's brand new head of the FDA in 1981 approved it. He left the FDA under allegations of impropriety

and went to work for Monsanto.

<http://www.rense.com/general33/legal.htm>

In 1996, the FDA's own toxicologist told Congress that aspartame (Nutrasweet) can cause brain cancer.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robbie-gennet/donald-rumsfeld-and-the-s_b_805581.html

I stopped using it after getting nausea & motion sickness on a repeated basis. It only came back once in the last 15 years, and when I checked all of my new foods, I found one had aspartame as an ingredient, unknown to me.

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Sucralose (Splenda)

Sucralose (Splenda) appears to reduce good bacteria in our gut (which could cause many negative health effects), increases weight, and can interfere with the metabolism of many drugs.

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?orig_db=PubMed&cmd=Search&

(Splenda alters gut microflora and increases intestinal p-glycoprotein and cytochrome p-450 in male rats. J Toxicol Environ Health A. 2008;71(21):1415-29. doi: 10.1080/15287390802328630).

Vitamin B1

Thiamine (vitamin B1) may be needed in up to 10X higher amounts in people with diabetes than normal.

Dr. Richard Becker and Cindy Becker on “Your Health” 01/12/17

EGCG

EGCG is found in green tea and available in supplements. It appears to reduce cognitive deficits and weight in mice fed a high fructose diet.

Yashi Mi, Guoyuan Qi, Rong Fan, Qinglian Qiao, Yali Sun, Yuqi Gao, Xuebo Liu. EGCG ameliorates high-fat– and high-fructose–induced cognitive defects by regulating the IRS/AKT and ERK/CREB/BDNF. The FASEB Journal, 2017; fj.201700400RR
DOI: 10.1096/fj.201700400RR

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. “Green tea ingredient may ameliorate memory impairment, brain insulin resistance, and obesity: New research identifies potential therapeutic intervention for memory impairment, neuroinflammation,

and brain insulin resistance induced by high-fat, high-fructose diet.”
ScienceDaily. ScienceDaily, 28 July 2017.
<www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2017/07/170728100933.htm>.

Prevention & treatment of type I diabetes

Type I diabetes and milk

Milk, obesity, cancer, and diabetes

Cows in the USA are allowed to get recombinant growth hormone, which produces milk with higher insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1) that can increase cancer, diabetes, and obesity. It also stimulates an increase in our own body's IGF-1 levels. Cow's milk is also intended to turn a small calf into a 300+ lb cow, even without the growth hormone & IGF-1. Cow's milk can trigger an allergic reaction, and because the chemical trigger is similar to cells that make our insulin, their death can cause a chain reaction that kills our insulin producing cells and trigger type 1 diabetes.

Removal of Bovine Insulin From Cow's Milk Formula and Early Initiation of Beta-Cell Autoimmunity in the FINDIA Pilot Study.

Vaarala O et al.

Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2012 Jul 1;166(7):608-14. doi:
10.1001/archpediatrics.2011.1559.

Relation of Time of Introduction of Cow Milk Protein to an Infant and
Risk of Type-1 Diabetes Mellitus

Marcia F. Goldfarb

J, Proteome Res., 2008, 7 (5), pp 2165–2167

DOI: 10.1021/pr800041d

Gone off

Linda Geddes

New Scientist

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Type 1 Diabetes Causes

What leads to the development of type 1 diabetes?

Daphne E. Smith-Marsh PharmD, CDE | Reviewed by W. Patrick
Zeller MD

endocrineweb

<http://www.endocrineweb.com/conditions/type-1-diabetes/type-1-diabetes-causes>

The beta-casein A1 protein variant of cow's milk may contribute to increased risk of diabetes type 1.

Diabetologia. 1999 Mar;42(3):292-6. PMID: 10096780

The consumption of cow milk A1 beta-casein is associated with increased risk of ischaemic heart disease and type 1 diabetes.

N Z Med J. 2003 Jan 24;116(1168):U295. Epub 2003 Jan 24. PMID: 12601419

Cow's milk protein antibodies are a risk factor for childhood insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

Diabetologia. 1998 Jan;41(1):72-8. PMID: 9498633

Insulin-free whey-based cow's milk formula is associated with lower incidence of beta cell autoimmunity in infants and young children

Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med. 2012 Mar 5. Epub 2012 Mar 5. PMID: 22393174

Lower consumption of cow milk protein A1 beta-casein at 2 years of age, rather than consumption among 11- to 14-year-old adolescents, may explain the lower incidence of type 1 diabetes in Iceland than in Scandinavia.

Ann Nutr Metab. 2006;50(3):177-83. Epub 2006 Jan 10. PMID:
16407643

<http://www.greenmedinfo.com/toxic-ingredient/cow-milk>

Environmental and genetic factors could both be responsible for
type 1 diabetes

Fri, 01 Oct 2010

<http://www.diabetes.co.uk/news/2010/Oct/environmental-and-genetic-factors-could-both-be-responsible-for-type-1-diabetes-91391653.html>

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Treatment of type I diabetes

Bionic automatic sensor & pump

A newly tested bionic pancreas that automatically senses blood sugar & pumps insulin helped improve glucose control, reduced hypoglycemia, and, in adults, resulted in a lower glycated hemoglobin level.

Home Use of an Artificial Beta Cell in Type 1 Diabetes

Hood Thabit, M.D., Martin Tauschmann, M.D., Janet M. Allen, R.N.,
Lalantha Leelarathna, Ph.D., Sara Hartnell, B.Sc., Malgorzata E.

Wilinska, Ph.D., Carlo L. Acerini, M.D., Sibylle Dellweg, M.D., Carsten Benesch, Ph.D., Lutz Heinemann, Ph.D., Julia K. Mader, M.D., Manuel Holzer, M.Sc., Harald Kojzar, B.Sc., Jane Exall, R.N., James Yong, M.D., Jennifer Pichierri, M.Sc., Katharine D. Barnard, Ph.D., Craig Kollman, Ph.D., Peiyao Cheng, M.P.H., Peter C. Hindmarsh, M.D., Fiona M. Campbell, M.D., Sabine Arnolds, M.D., Thomas R. Pieber, M.D., Mark L. Evans, M.D., David B. Dunger, M.D., and Roman Hovorka, Ph.D. for the APCam Consortium and AP@home Consortium

N Engl J Med 2015; 373:2129-2140 November 26, 2015 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1509351

Preserving & increasing insulin producing cells in Type I & Type II diabetes

Eliminating dairy

If some of these treatments end up regenerating insulin producing cells, dairy products may trigger another immune reaction and end up killing them again. Taking dairy out of the diet may be the first step towards recovery, or at least maintaining the insulin producing cells that have survived.

Vitamin D3

Giving children 2000 IU of vitamin D3 daily with a meal or vegetable oil (fat soluble) reduces type I diabetes in infants by 80%, so its very possible vitamin D3 supplementation helps protect the insulin producing cells that are left.

Dong, J. et al. Vitamin D Intake and Risk of Type 1 Diabetes: A Meta-Analysis of Observational Studies. *Nutrients* 2013;5;3551-3562.

Hyppönen, E. et al. Intake of vitamin D and risk of type 1 diabetes: a birth-cohort study. *The Lancet* 2001;358;1500-1503.

Sørensen, I et al. Maternal Serum Levels of 25-Hydroxy-Vitamin D During Pregnancy and Risk of Type 1 Diabetes in the Offspring. *Diabetes* 2012;61;175-178.

Aljabri, K. et al. Glycemic changes after vitamin D supplementation in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus and vitamin D deficiency. *Annals of Saudi Medicine* 2010;30;454-458.

Vitamin D levels, microvascular complications, and mortality in type 1 diabetes

Christel Joergensen and colleagues

Diabetes Care 34:1081–1085, 2011

<https://www.vitamindcouncil.org/health-conditions/type-i-diabetes/#ref7>

GABA

Taking GABA, an amino acid, appears to protect the remaining islet beta cells & helps the body regenerate new ones, stopping the progression of & possibly reversing type I diabetes.

GABA exerts protective and regenerative effects on islet beta cells and reverses diabetes.

Soltani N1, Qiu H, Aleksic M, Glinka Y, Zhao F, Liu R, Li Y, Zhang N, Chakrabarti R, Ng T, Jin T, Zhang H, Lu WY, Feng ZP, Prud'homme GJ, Wang Q.

Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2011 Jul 12;108(28):11692-7.

doi: 10.1073/pnas.1102715108. Epub 2011 Jun 27.

GABA Promotes Human β -Cell Proliferation and Modulates Glucose Homeostasis

Indri Purwana et al.

Diabetes December 2014 vol. 63 no. 12 4197-4205

doi: 10.2337/db14-0153

Combined Therapy With GABA and Proinsulin/Alum Acts Synergistically to Restore Long-term Normoglycemia by Modulating T-Cell Autoimmunity and Promoting β -Cell Replication in Newly Diabetic NOD Mice

Jide Tian et al.

Diabetes September 2014 vol. 63 no. 9 3128-3134

doi: 10.2337/db13-1385

β -Aminobutyric Acid Regulates Both the Survival and Replication of Human β -Cells

Jide Tian et al.

Diabetes November 2013 vol. 62 no. 11 3760-3765

doi: 10.2337/db13-0931

Protective effects of gamma-aminobutyric acid in rats with streptozotocin-induced diabetes.

Nakagawa T1, Yokozawa T, Kim HJ, Shibahara N.

J Nutr Sci Vitaminol (Tokyo). 2005 Aug;51(4):278-82.

Low taurine, gamma-aminobutyric acid and carnosine levels in plasma of diabetic pregnant rats: consequences for the offspring

Journal of Perinatal Medicine. Volume 29, Issue 1, Pages 81–84, ISSN (Print) 0300-5577

Diabetes mellitus decreases the expression of calcitonin-gene related peptide, gamma-amino butyric acid and glutamic acid decarboxylase in human pancreatic islet cells.

Al-Salam S, Hameed R, Parvez HS, Adeghate E

Department of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

Neuro Endocrinology Letters [2009, 30(4):506-510]

Acta Diabetologica

1995, Volume 32, Issue 1, pp 53-56

Baclofen, a gamma-aminobutyric acid-b receptor agonist, delays diabetes onset in the non-obese diabetic mouse

P. E. Beales, M. Hawa, A. J. K. Williams, M. C. Albertini, A. Giorgini,
P. Pozzilli

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Volume 160, Issues 1–3, 25 February 2010, Pages 75–80

Selective amino acid deficiency in patients with impaired glucose
tolerance and type 2 diabetes

Bjoern A. Menge, Henning Schrader, Peter R. Ritter, Mark
Ellrichmann, Waldemar Uhl, Wolfgang E. Schmidt, Juris J. Meier

Diabetologia

July 2012, Volume 55, Issue 7, pp 1985-1994,

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altered in type 2 diabetes

J. Taneera, Z. Jin, Y. Jin, S. J. Muhammed, E. Zhang, S. Lang, A.
Salehi, O. Korsgren, E. Renström, L. Groop, B. Birnir

Niacinamide (a type of vitamin B3)

Niacinamide may help to increase the number of stem cells that become insulin producing cells, and preserve the functioning cells left.

A randomized trial of nicotinamide and vitamin E in children with recent onset type 1 diabetes (IMDIAB IX).

Crinò A et al.

Eur J Endocrinol. 2004 May;150(5):719-24.

Double blind trial of nicotinamide in recent-onset IDDM (the IMDIAB III study).

Pozzilli P, Visalli N, Signore A, et al.

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A population based strategy to prevent insulin-dependent diabetes using nicotinamide.

Elliott RB, Pilcher CC, Fergusson DM, Stewart AW.

J Pediatr Endocrinol Metab 1996;9:501-509.

Gymnema sylvestre

Gymnema sylvestre appears to lower blood sugar in people with type I & type II diabetes, over the long term often lowers or

eliminates the need for diabetes medications, and may help to regenerate the beta cells that produce insulin in people with type I diabetes.

Antidiabetic effect of a leaf extract from *Gymnema sylvestri* in non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus patients.

Baskaran K, Kizar Ahamath B, Radha Shanmugasundaram K, Shanmugasundaram ER.

J Ethnopharmacol. 1990 Oct;30(3):295-300.

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J Ethnopharmacol. 1990 Oct; 30(3):265-79

Use of *Gymnema sylvestri* leaf extract in the control of blood glucose in insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

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J Ethnopharmacol. 1990 Oct;30(3):281-94.

Triglycerides- prescription drugs

Triglycerides can be more important than overall cholesterol in causing heart attacks. Triglycerides may thicken and harden arteries. Lowering triglycerides can significantly lower heart disease, heart attacks, & stroke deaths.

Fibrates

Fibrates lower triglycerides & may increase HDL levels, but can cause muscle, kidney, & liver damage (especially in combination with statins) as well as increase gallstones & reduce blood levels of COq10 & vitamin E. Fibrates may cause abnormal heart rhythms. They may not decrease mortality in people with high cholesterol.

gemfibrozil (Lopid)

fenofibrate (Tricor)

clofibrate (Atomid-S)

<http://www.medicinenet.com/fibrates/article.htm>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenofibrate#Contraindications>

Triglyceride- supplements

Niacin (vitamin B3) in high doses raises HDL & lowers LDL cholesterol & triglycerides very well. Taking a low dose aspirin 30 minutes before as well as using extended release niacin (Niaspan) or inositol hexaniacinate either taken after a meal or before bed may cause less flushing or headache, which also may diminish in time. It is contraindicated in people with liver problems or gout.

All supplements that may lower blood sugar & triglycerides if taken right before a meal-

All these below are substances that have been shown to lower blood sugar if taken right before a meal. They can often be found in combination in supplements to lower blood sugar. The benefit to using them in combination is that by using a fraction of the normal dose of each, side effects are minimized for each while the different ways they lower blood sugar often work better in combination. You can also take them individually before a meal for their beneficial effects on blood sugar (taking them on an empty stomach in between meals might increase hunger). White kidney bean extract lowers the amount of carbs our bodies absorb. When I took it it resensitized me to eating a smaller amount of carbs permanently.

Alpha lipoic acid

Aloe Vera

Banaba leaf

Barberry

Bilberry

Bitter melon

Cayenne pepper

Celery & celery seed

Chamomile

Cinnamon

Chokeberry/Aronia berry

Chromium

Cinnamon

coQ10

Cordyceps mushroom

Dandelion

Fenugreek extract

Fiber

Ginger

Ginkgo

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Glucomannan

Glyco amino glycans in mushrooms

Goldenseal

Green tea

Guggul

Gymnema sylvestra

Hibiscus more effective than metformin (Hibiscus sabdariffa also lowers body temperature)

Holy Basil (Tulsi)- regular use 100mg/dl drop in blood sugar

Magnesium

Milk thistle

Mulberry leaf extract

NAC- N-acetylcysteine

Okra

Olive leaf

Oregon grape

Prickly pear cactus

Rose Geranium

Spirulina-EPA&DHA omega 3s, 1/4 ts 2X/day in a meal with a vegetable

Turmeric

Vanadium sulfate

Vitamin D3

White kidney (northern) bean extract

[Cardiovasc Drugs Ther.](#) 1994 Aug;8(4):659-64.

Hypolipidemic and antioxidant effects of Commiphora mukul as an adjunct to dietary therapy in patients with hypercholesterolemia.

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[Annu Rev Nutr.](#) 2003;23:303-13. Epub 2003 Feb 26.

GUGULIPID: a natural cholesterol-lowering agent.

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[J Biosci.](#) 2011 Jun;36(2):383-96.

Metabolic and molecular action of Trigonella foenum-graecum (fenugreek) and trace metals in experimental diabetic tissues.

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