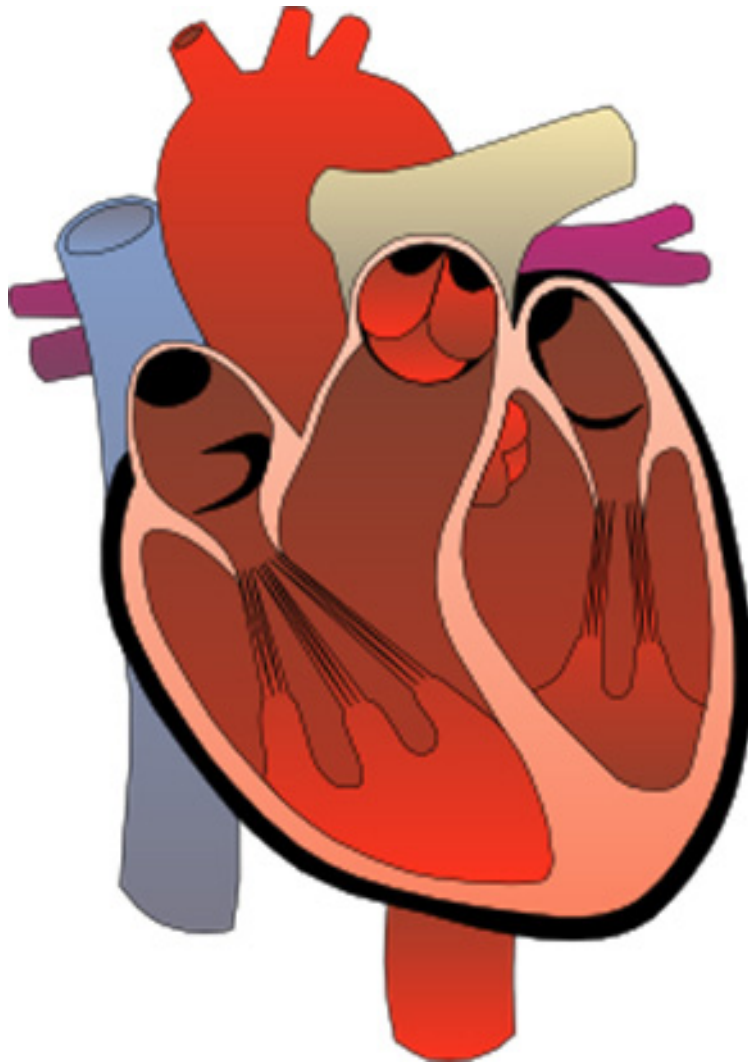




HEALTH FOR LIFE

Cure Diabetes, Hypertension, More

HOW I REVERSED MY DIABETES,
DROPPED MY BLOOD PRESSURE FROM 208/120 TO 120/70,
RAISED MY GOOD CHOLESTEROL
WHILE DROPPING BAD CHOLESTEROL
TO HEALTHY LEVELS
AND LOST WEIGHT

...YOU CAN TOO!

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INTRODUCTION

Like many people I thought I could abuse my body by eating what I wanted, when I wanted and as much as I wanted. It is amazing how you can be so busy with life that you let life pass you by. At one point I woke up and realized I weighed in at 335 pounds, so I dieted and exercised my way to 225 pounds. A few years later I found myself back up to 365 pounds. I again started exercising semi-regularly, cut out sodas and started eating healthier, but not healthy. I dropped 80 pounds over the course of around a year. Then I had a stroke.

Talk about a life-changing wake-up call. The stroke affected my right side – speech, chewing, bowels, loss of right arm and leg function, and many inner body functions. I felt like my life was nothing more than surviving day to day, sleeping and eating. Using the restroom, if I could make it in time, was like potty training all over again. I could only sit for a short time before needing to lie down and could not fix my own meals or even get a glass of water. Sleeping more than an hour at a time was a great blessing. As stubborn as I am, I tried to push myself. Some things leave you helpless. No matter how much you try it is out of your control. The simple fact is I had lost my strength, much of my movement and essentially my freedom and independence.

Two years have gone by since the stroke occurred. I thank God for what I can do. I've come a long way, but have further to go to make a full recovery.

When I was in the hospital I was informed that I was diabetic, had high cholesterol and high blood pressure (208/120). They immediately put me on medication and quickly told me what I should and shouldn't eat. Interestingly, the meals they fed me didn't match their advice. After 5 days at the hospital, losing more abilities than when I arrived, they finally released me over threats I would simply check myself out. My first visit with a doctor outside the hospital, while writing slip after slip of prescription drugs, the doctor asked how I felt having to take medications the rest of my life.

Shocked, I asked what he meant. He basically replied that it was unlikely I would ever totally control my high blood pressure and high cholesterol, and that diabetes would be with me for the rest of my life. I told him that he better get ready to start reducing my prescription medications, because I wouldn't be on them forever. I knew it was possible to overcome any adversity. Eating properly and exercising to the best of my limited ability, I began to show him that I was serious. I admit it was very slow going.

Ten months later I had the opportunity to participate in a stroke study at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with the Physical Therapy masters students. With their help, I was eating well and walking 40 minutes twice a day. My bad cholesterol became a thing of the past, but the high blood pressure and diabetes still plagued me and my good cholesterol was too low.

Nobody I knew in medicine had an answer. My college degree is in Sports Medicine. I was pre-med at one time and studied molecular biology, physiology and other medical courses. I aced through the classes. But I didn't know the answer and none of my professors or doctors had an answer. I spent a good nine months spending much of my time looking at studies, research, medical information and my blood test results. I hadn't lost an ounce in over a year, even with exercise and a reduced calorie diet. That should have done it. I was just tired of the answer that the stroke had affected minor systems in my body that were preventing me from full recovery and weight loss.

I came across a book that said I could cure my diabetes. I saved up, bought it, reviewed it, researched every study mentioned, studied more and then finally tried a version of it that I could live with. Within 1½ months of trying my cure for diabetes program my good cholesterol had risen, my blood pressure was normal at 120/70 (that's less than my best physical peak when I was young) and I did not need any medicine for diabetes. I gained about 15 pounds when I first started the diet, and then dropped weight for a net loss of 10 pounds – I gained muscle and bone density and flushed away fat. The doctor couldn't believe it.

I recommend following this program for 90 days and then making a lifetime commitment to eating healthy. I actually stopped after I didn't need any more medication. I haven't gained any weight, but I haven't lost any either, and my blood work continues to show I am healthy. Since starting to write this book to share with all the people asking me what I did, I have started strictly following my own advice again and dropped 5 pounds the first week. Maybe this is the true weight loss answer we've all been looking forward to finding.

This book has been written for all those people who have been asking me for information on how I accomplished curing my diseases so quickly. That statement kind of bothers me. **I** did not heal myself. God gave me a body that was wondrously and fearfully made that was able to heal because I followed the rules He originally set forth for healthy bodies. You can follow some simple steps I have tried to set out here so that your body can heal according to the marvelous work God performed in making you.

I have written background information on pH balances, nutrition, oxygen, water, etc to give you the reasons for what I did and why you should do something similar. I have included charts and tables in the back to help also. I hope the information is written so it is easily understood and helps you. I have experienced the affects firsthand and know it works.

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HEALTH CARE EPIDEMIC

As of April 2, 2009, the leading causes of death annually in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control are as follows;

Heart disease: 652,091

Cancer: 559,312

Stroke: 143,579

Chronic lower respiratory diseases: 130,933

Accidents (unintentional injuries): 117,809

Diabetes: 75,119

That is 1,561,034 people last year who died from mostly preventable diseases. That is over 13 times the number of people who die in accidents. It doesn't include the number of us who have suffered a heart attack or stroke and lived, or who are fighting cancer, respiratory diseases or diabetes.

Below is the number of estimated new cases of these diseases in 2008 in the U.S. alone:

Heart disease: 650,000 new occurrences + 450,000 reoccurrences of heart attacks

Cancer: 1,437,000 newly diagnosed patients

It is estimated there are over 11 million people currently fighting cancer

Stroke: 700,000 new occurrences + 100,000 reoccurrences

It is estimated over 4.6 million people have had a stroke – 30% left with disabilities

Chronic lower respiratory diseases: no information for newly diagnosed cases

It is estimated over 16 million people have chronic lower respiratory diseases

Diabetes: 798,000 newly diagnosed patients

It is estimated there are over 16 million people have diabetes

The American Medical Association relies on pharmaceutical medicine to treat the symptoms of these diseases despite the fact that these diseases can be eliminated by proper changes in diet and lifestyle. Even the New England Journal of Medicine, a very prestigious medical publication, acknowledges that diet and exercise can completely eliminate many diseases. Yet doctors are still taught to treat symptoms with drugs rather than trying to cure the disease.

When I went to my doctor to find out what I could do to reverse my diabetes I was told that it was a lifetime condition and could not be reversed. Even the American Diabetes Association admits diabetes can be reversed. I think doctors are good overall and care about their patients. They are simply misinformed on many diseases. Doctors have good intentions, but the pharmaceutical industry will lose money if people are actually healed. Diabetes is big business that generates multi-billions of dollars in the US alone. Not to mention the monies brought in annually for heart disease, cancer and other preventable, treatable diseases. It is in the best interests of the drug companies keeping people as lifetime customers.

The drugs and insulin prescribed by your medical practitioners do nothing to promote healing. They simply treat symptoms. If anything they screw up the balance of our bodies and strain an already strained system. My high blood pressure was lowered to normal readings, my cholesterol to healthy levels and my diabetes was reversed. I don't take any drugs for these or any other condition.

This book is written to share what I have learned after much research, reading and asking questions of others who have reversed their diseases. I know of individuals who were cured of their cancer by making basic changes that anyone can do. Many are the same things presented here that I used. It takes a little effort, mostly to change a few bad habits and add new ones. It can be accomplished by anyone.

pH

pH (potential of Hydrogen) is the measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a solution – for purposes of this discussion I refer to the pH levels of our blood and cellular fluids. pH is measured on a scale of 0 to 14. The lower the number the more acidic our body fluids and the higher the number the more alkaline we are. A pH of 7.0 is neutral – neither acid or alkaline

As an example, let's look at a cola. It has a pH of about 2.0 – that is very acidic. Many school students have probably performed the test in class where they dropped a nail in a can of Coke. The nail is usually totally dissolved within 3 days. Cola is also useful in cleaning stubborn stains & grease on clothes and in removing hard to clean toilet and sink stains. If the acid in soda eats through a metal nail, imagine what it does to your body!

Our bodies are naturally slightly alkaline, with 7.3 to 7.5 being the optimum alkalinity for healthy body functions. The pancreas regulates the pH balance in our bodies. This is the same organ which regulates insulin production. The pancreas pulls potassium, sodium, calcium and magnesium from our blood stream to balance pH when foods are digested. It requires almost 750,000 times the effort to convert soda at an acid pH of 2.0 to an alkaline pH of 7.5 than it does to convert a fruit or vegetable when digested from a pH of 7.0 to an alkaline pH of 7.5. [Converting pH is exponential: to convert pH 2.0 to pH 3.0 takes a measure of 10. To convert it to the next level of pH 4.0 it takes a measure of 100 (10 x 10). To the next pH of 5.0 it takes a measure of 1,000 (10 x 10 x 10).]

If we do not have enough of the essential minerals - potassium, sodium, calcium and magnesium – in our bloodstream from the foods and supplements we eat, the pancreas will begin pulling these minerals from our vital organs, tissues and bones to neutralize the acid and safely process it from through body. This can lead to severe and prolonged damage to the pancreas, bones and muscle if we consume mainly acidic foods. In the back of the book is a chart of alkalizing and acidifying foods. Take a look at how many acidic foods you regularly consume. Can you see how by eating sugars, refined foods, excessive amounts of meat, chips, drinking coffee and soda, etc. we have been taxing our pancreas to try to keep an alkaline balance? Eventually the pancreas can't keep up and we have an acidic build-up of fluid in our bodies. This leads to all kinds of medical conditions as the acid eats at our organs and tissues.

Mild acidosis can cause such problems as:

- Cardiovascular damage and hypertension
- Weight gain and obesity – acid blood causes the body to store the acid in fat. The body actually creates fat to store the acid to protect itself.

- Diabetes and difficulty metabolizing sugar
- Bladder infections, kidney stones and other kidney conditions
- Immune deficiency disorders, susceptibility to disease, poor wound healing
- Cancerous cell mutations
- Calcium leaching from bones leading to osteoporosis and broken bones
- Muscle pain, muscle atrophy, poor response, lack of strength
- Fatigue, low energy, lack of drive
- Poor digestion, constipation and other bowel problems

**Diseases are just warning signs that something is out of order.
Something is out of balance in your body. Probably the pH balance.**

“The countless names of illnesses do not really matter. What does matter is that they all come from the same root cause...**too much tissue acid waste in the body!**”
Theodore A. Baroody, N.D., D.C., Ph.D.

Did you know that a virus or disease cannot thrive in living tissue? It is fact. Yet, we have been taught for decades that germs and virus are responsible for all of our diseases. These microbes exist in our bodies all the time and serve to remove cell waste from our systems, as they thrive on decayed cellular matter. Sure, environmental issues can contribute to some ailments, but most are treatable and curable by our life choices.

Louis Pasteur postured the theory years ago that each disease was caused by specific germs or virus that entered our bodies. Since then, the medical establishment has accepted this theory and tried to develop drugs to treat disease according to different infections. With this theory, everyone would constantly be sick because of all the germs and bacteria in our systems at any time. Drugs actually mask symptoms and are big dollars.

At about the same time Claude Bernard theorized that disease was caused by internal decay which created favorable conditions for micro-organisms (germs), already in our bodies, to thrive. The ideal environment would be one on an acidic scale. The germs are there all the time, but do not affect many people because their internal body environment does not support them.

Our bodies replace old cells as they deteriorate with new cells. In 7 years our bodies will completely remake themselves. That is a lot of decayed material that our bodies must eliminate. Germs normally eat this decayed material and it is flushed from our systems. An acidic environment amplifies the problem, giving micro-organisms an environment to thrive

where decayed material is amplified. It isn't the germ that causes the disease, but the environment of the body. Acidosis in our bodies causes more cellular degeneration and therefore more food for germs and bacteria.

If we continue to overeat, to eat acidic foods and to eat processed foods and snacks, toxins begin to accumulate in our bodies. The acidic environment we create contributes to this toxic accumulation as our pancreas strains to keep up. When your body becomes oversaturated with toxins, a safety valve opens to release toxins, which may come out of any of the four elimination channels of the body; 1) the skin; 2) the lungs and respiratory tract; 3) the bowels & colon; and 4) the urinary tract. We call these attempts by the body to throw off toxic build-up disease.

Disease is the outward sign of the body trying to heal itself. The body is trying to eliminate toxic build-up of poisons by any means possible. It must protect vital organs. Obesity is just another way the body protects itself from toxins.

When poison gets into your bloodstream, your body responds by doing whatever it can to get it out of the body in the fastest way possible through any elimination channel available to preserve the functioning of your system. Your body will use up every ounce of energy in its effort to get this poison out. You might experience coughing, throwing up, fever, acne, sweat, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches, low energy, joint pains, inability to sleep, fatigue, kidney problems, convulsions, burping, irritations, and many more symptoms.

Acidic pH allows germs to proliferate and the result is treated by the body as a poison. The body is trying to heal itself, but we respond by taking highly acidic drugs intended to treat the problem. We actually amplify the problem, rather than working with the body to help it heal. Drugs don't cure disease, they mask symptoms. When you understand the pH balance of the body, you begin to understand what is happening in your body.

On his deathbed Pasteur said: *"Bernard was right. The microbe is nothing. The terrain is everything."* (Hume, Ed. Pasteur exposed: the false foundations of modern medicine. Australia: Bookreal, 1989)

Why hasn't medicine conformed to this information? Money! There is more money in keeping you on pharmaceuticals to treat symptoms rather than fixing the root problem.

Watch this humorous video to get an idea of what the pharmaceutical & food processing conglomerates get us to believe so they can keep us thinking we need their harmful drugs and the harmful foods they offer. I won't get into conspiracy theories – there are plenty of books

to convince you of that – but think about why there is a simple cure, but no widespread offering or teaching of the cure. They have controlled the medical schools and media for years. Why do the 10 largest pharmaceutical companies make more profit than the rest of the Fortune 500 combined? Why do the pharmaceutical companies only make donations to medical colleges that teach drugs and none to so-called ‘drugless’ medical schools? Why are pharmaceutical companies so intent against supplement companies and alternative treatments? Why do the countries using the most ‘medicines’ have the most unhealthy citizens? <http://www.mattraverso.com/video/health-ebook/fda-cartoon/fda-cartoon.html>

You’ve heard the saying, “garbage in, garbage out.” We put a lot of unhealthy foods into our bodies’ systems. Marvelously created as they are, they struggle to process the garbage into energy to sustain the body and to then flush the unhealthy by-products out.

Let’s look at a car for example. If you used a poor quality gas to fuel the engine it would start to accumulate deposits. It will run great for a while. The car will use the gas to produce the energy the car needs to turn the pistons to move the car. After a time the poor fuel supplied will accumulate larger deposits, affecting how well the car burns the gas. Spark plugs will have a harder time sparking because of the build-up of gunk. The pistons will struggle to move as freely to move the car. It may take years. After a time you have to perform some major work to keep the car even operating properly. The car has tried to eliminate the by-products of the poor fuel since day one, but can’t discharge all of it through the exhaust system and deposits formed inside the engine. The same is true of your body. If you use poor quality fuel, your body does what it can to convert it into energy. Poor quality fuel leaves too much bad by-product for the body to eliminate.

The body is basically a bio-electrical engine. It has a current charged through the bloodstream. The blood carries the fuel from digestion to the cells where it is broken down into energy so the body can operate. This charge operates at an acid-alkaline balance of 7.36. The pancreas is the organ that regulates the pH balance so that the system operates at optimal performance. Each organ has a part in this operation. The heart pumps the blood throughout the body so that fuel and oxygen are delivered to the cells and waste is taken away to the lungs and the kidneys. The liver converts fuel into useable components. Every organ has a part in this biological machine.

The body works very hard to keep your entire system at an optimal pH balance so that each element can perform at its peak. If you do not consume enough alkaline producing calcium, magnesium, potassium and sodium your body pulls the stored supplies from your tissues and bones. Excess acid will be stored in fat to neutralize its damaging effects to the body. **Your body will actually create fat to store the acid.** Osteoporosis is an effect of the body leeching the bone of essential minerals. Excess fat is the body’s way of protecting itself from acid brought about by an acidic body fluid balance caused by eating acidic foods and by

overeating. You wondered why you eat so little yet keep gaining weight? Here is your answer.

There are many reasons besides the foods we eat that can adversely affect pH balance. These reasons include negative emotions, thoughts, words and actions. Research shows that these adverse feelings can be a major cause of high blood acidity. God sure had it right when He told us that forgiveness, thoughts and actions and our very words will affect our well-being. Did you know that studies show that those who pray daily, or who read the Bible daily, or those who meditate regularly or even those who attend a church weekly have better blood pH results? Unforgiveness, gossip, negative thoughts, negative feelings towards others, belittling others, harmful words and hurtful actions affect our bodies negatively.

Lack of sleep, stress, not regularly exercising, shallow breathing, chemicals, radiation and pollution are other factors which lead to acid pH levels within us and cause cellular disturbances. Smoking, alcohol, vinegar, animal protein, many cooking oils, refined sugar, processed foods and overly highly refined carbohydrates (flours, crackers, etc.) are other causes of the breakdown at a cellular level that lead to acid pH.

The chart on the next page gives a general idea of which foods are more on the alkaline scale and which are more acidic. Please note that the foods are not listed based on their pH balance before consumption, but according to their effect on the body after eating. For example, citrus fruits are listed as alkaline, as they have an alkalizing affect on the body, even though these fruits are more acidic before they are eaten.

The rule of thumb is: Eat more of what grows on trees and plants and much less of what has to be processed in a manufacturing plant to make it edible. Fresh food is great but loses vitamins on the way from the harvest to your table. Flash frozen contains more of the vitamins of the pre-harvest food as the food is frozen soon after harvest. Even canned fruits and vegetables contain lots of good vitamins, as long as they are packed in water, no added sugar, with little or no sodium.

Nuts, seeds and avocados are good for you. Plant-based foods we have always considered bad for you are full of natural omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids which protect the heart and perform many functions in the body. That's why we call them essential fatty acids.

Real foods are not only delicious; they provide all of the nutrients our bodies need to heal and to allow you to live a healthy life to the fullest.

pH Balance Chart

Most Alkaline	Alkaline	Lowest Alkaline	FOOD CATEGORY	Lowest Acid	Acid	Most Acid
Stevia	Maple Syrup, Rice Syrup	Raw Honey, Raw Sugar	SWEETENERS	Processed Honey, Molasses	White Sugar, Brown Sugar	NutraSweet, Equal, Aspartame, Sweet 'N Low
Lemons, Watermelon, Limes, Grapefruit, Mangoes, Papayas	Dates, Figs, Melons, Grapes, Papaya, Blueberries, Apples, Kiwi, Pears, Raisins	Oranges, Bananas, Cherries, Pineapple, Peaches, Avocados	FRUITS	Plums, Blackberries, Cranberries, Prunes	Sour Cherries, Rhubarb	Processed Fruit Juices
Asparagus, Onions, Vegetable Juices, Parsley, Raw Spinach, Broccoli, Garlic	Squash, Green Beans, Beets, Celery, Lettuce, Zucchini, Sweet Potato	Carrots, Tomatoes, Fresh Corn, Mushrooms, Cabbage, Peas, Potato Skins, Olives, Soybeans, Tofu	BEANS VEGETABLES LEGUMES	Cooked Spinach, Kidney Beans, String Beans, Pinto Beans, Navy Beans, Lima Beans	Instant Potatoes, Creamed Corn	Chocolate
	Almonds	Chestnuts, Brazil nuts Pumpkin & Sunflower Seeds	NUTS SEEDS	Pecans, Cashews, Peanuts, Walnuts		
Olive Oil	Flax Seed Oil	Canola Oil	OILS	Corn Oil		
		Amaranth, Millet, Wild Rice, Quinoa	GRAINS CEREALS	Sprouted Wheat Bread, Spelt, Brown Rice	White Rice, Corn, Buckwheat, Oats, Rye	Wheat, White Flour, Pastries, Pasta
			MEATS	Venison, Cold Water Fish	Turkey, Chicken, Lamb	Beef, Pork, Shellfish
	Breast Milk	Soy Cheese, Soy Milk, Goat Milk, Goat Cheese, Whey	EGGS DAIRY	Eggs, Butter, Yogurt, Buttermilk, Cottage Cheese	Raw Milk	Cheese, Homogenized Milk, Ice Cream
Herb Teas, Lemon Water	Green Tea	Ginger Tea	BEVERAGES	Tea	Coffee	Beer, Soft Drinks

NUTRIENTS

Foods provide us with fats, carbohydrates, proteins, fiber, essential minerals and vitamins, enzymes, antioxidants and so many other nutrients that science is still discovering. Fruits and vegetables provide the greatest benefit to our bodies and the highest concentration of healthy nutrients. The fresher the food, the better.

Everyone doesn't need to become a vegetarian. I have no plans to completely give up fish, chicken, turkey or beef. I have no plans to totally eliminate eggs or milk products from my diet. These foods are good sources of some nutrients that are hard to find in abundance in plant foods, especially calcium. I like them. I've grown up eating them. I think they are provided by God, though I think we place too much of an emphasis on them in our diets. I am advocating a diet rich in plant foods – fruits and vegetables in abundance. This entire book is about what I did to reverse the diseases in my life and the background information of why I did what I did. Nutrition is a part of that.

Four Essential Minerals

Calcium

- Recommended: 1200-1500 mg daily for ages 11-24 and 1000 mg daily for ages 25 and older
- Keeps bones strong and dense.
- Aids in fat loss and maintaining proper weight
- Helps regulate the heart beat
- Helps metabolize iron
- Alleviates insomnia
- Regulates cell permeability
- Critical to pH balance
- Blood clotting and fat digestion depend on calcium
- Nicotine, Cola, Alcohol, Caffeine, Refined Sugars, too much salt and eating excessive calories can deplete calcium levels.
- Sugar upsets calcium metabolism – so don't buy calcium supplements sold as candy, such as caramel or chocolate flavors
- Excellent supplement forms are calcium citrate, calcium chelate and calcium gluconate.
- Homogenized and Pasteurized milk is **NOT** a good source of digestible, absorbable calcium.
- Food Sources: nuts (almonds), seaweeds, kelp, seeds (sesame seeds), tofu, broccoli, fruits, turnip greens, collard greens, dark green leafy vegetables and figs

Note: I did supplement calcium as I was not getting enough from my diet even though I had cut out all consumption of calcium depleting foods. I did not eat any animal or dairy products the first 30 days during my 'cleansing cycle'. I took 600 mg calcium with 100 IU Vitamin D. I now supplement my diet with 1 teaspoon of liquid angstrom calcium daily.

Sodium

- Recommended: 2400 mg per day – about 1 teaspoon
- Permeates the space between cells and with potassium on the inside of cells regulates cell permeability, allowing for free passage of nutrients and waste
- Bathes cells in a ‘salty ocean’
- Is important to the healthy functioning and balance of the fluids in blood and lymph
- Critical to pH balance
- Necessary to the production of hydrochloric acid used in the stomach for digestion.
- Required for proper nerve functioning and muscle contraction
- If you have salt softened water at home you absorb calcium while bathing or showering, brushing your teeth, drinking tap water, and even washing clothes
- During the refining of table salt (NaCl), natural sea salt or rock salt is stripped of more than 60 trace minerals and essential macro-nutrients. It is also heated at high temperatures that the chemical structure of salt changes. It is chemically cleaned and bleached and treated with anti-caking agents that prevent salt from mixing with water in the salt container. The anti-caking agents perform the same function in the human body so that refined salt does not dissolve and combine with the water and fluids present in our system - it builds up in the body and leaves deposits in organs and tissue, causing severe health problems. To make matters worse, the anti-caking agents are made with aluminum, with the bad taste of the aluminum being covered by refined sugar.
- If you need to use salt (sodium) with your meal, use unrefined sea salt or rock salt that contain natural nutrients used by the body much more effectively than refined table salt.
- Processed foods are a major source of hidden refined sodium
- Food Sources: virtually everything we eat. So stay with natural foods like fruits and vegetables.

Note: I did not supplement sodium as I was getting enough from my diet and was closely watching all sodium consumption. The information above will help you limit over-abundance of sodium in your system.

Magnesium

- Recommended: 300 mg daily for women and 400 mg daily for men
- Fourth most abundant mineral found in the body – about 25 grams – with more than ½ stored in the bones.
- Involved in over 300 metabolic actions, including inside cells where energy is produced.
- Works to keep bone density by preventing loss of calcium
- Helps maintain normal muscle and nerve function, keeps heart rhythm steady, supports a healthy immune system, and keeps bones strong. Magnesium also helps regulate blood sugar levels and promotes normal blood pressure
- Having adequate reserves helps fight against cardiovascular disease and immune disease

- Food Sources: green foods, such as spinach, nuts and seeds, beans and peas, unrefined grains, peanut butter and raw vegetables

Note: I did supplement magnesium with a 100 mg capsule daily, as the medications I was on lowered my magnesium levels. My doctor considered it necessary based on my blood test results. By the way, magnesium is not normally tested in a blood panel. You have to specifically request. Most Americans are deficient in magnesium levels. I now supplement my diet with 1 teaspoon of liquid angstrom magnesium daily.

Potassium

- Recommended: 3500 mg daily
- Critical for pH balance
- Helps regulate heart rate, smooth muscle contractions and high-speed nerve function
- Regulates cell permeability from inside the cells, working with sodium on the outside of the cell, allowing for free passage of nutrients and waste
- Regulates sodium and water levels in the body.
- Attracts oxygen to cells
- Helps maintain good cardiovascular health
- Low blood sugar depletes potassium. Potassium is used to treat diabetes
- Tobacco and caffeine reduce the body's ability to absorb potassium
- Food Sources: bananas, potatoes, yams, raisins, soybeans, apricots, figs, nuts and seeds

Note: I did supplement potassium as the medications I was on lowered my potassium levels. The dosage was two 99 mg tablets twice daily. My doctor considered it necessary based on my blood test results. I now use 1 teaspoon of liquid angstrom potassium daily.

Greens

Greens are grasses, grains and plant-based foods that are highly alkaline pH that have been put into a powder form that are easily absorbed by the body. Most are made to mix with water or juice. Each one has a varied mixture and claims their formula is the best blend. I used Kim's Greens at first and then switched to pH Balance Greens because I heard it tasted better. It is OK, but I feel I get a better boost from Kim's Greens. Kim's is organic and, no offense to the product, tastes like grass. It worked well for me, especially when I added it to my morning smoothie. I switch between various brands now trying to test their effectiveness. So far I have found the products containing more grasses work best for me. The greens are packed with highly absorbable nutrients as found in the original plants. They are a great help in alkalizing the body, which is an important part of this program. Some athletes use them in their shakes to add energy and increase performance. Greens are definitely a good, safe additive to your diet to increase your nutrient supply and give you a boost of energy.

Chromium

- Recommended: 200 mcg daily
- Controls insulin and blood sugar, acting as an agent to combine them together so that the blood sugar is absorbed by cells. Blood sugar that roams the blood stream unattached to insulin is what leads to blindness, poor circulation, poor healing abilities and amputations in diabetics.
- Lowers bad cholesterol (LDL), raises good cholesterol (HDL)
- Increases immune system functioning
- Decreases hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Increases DHEA production in the body
- Essential trace mineral for carbohydrate and fat metabolism
- Is depleted by intense activity such as weightlifting or intense exercise
- Research shows that there is no side affect for taking larger quantities by dieters and athletes
- Food Sources: Brewer's yeast, grains, nut (especially brazil nuts), leafy lettuce (romaine), onions, tomatoes and potatoes.

Note: I did supplement chromium picolinate at 200 mcg daily as chromium reduces bad cholesterol and works to increase good cholesterol. It has many great benefits for diabetes too. I continue to take the same dosage.

Niacin – also known as vitamin B3

- Recommended: 20 mg daily
- Essential for the release of energy from food
- Help in maintaining healthy skin, blood cells, normal growth and development, hormone production, a healthy brain and nervous system and the repair of genetic material
- Stabilizes blood sugar
- Helps the body process fats
- Reduce harmful cholesterol and increases good cholesterol levels
- Taking more than needed can lead to itching and red skin
- Food Sources: Asparagus, mushrooms, sea vegetables, salmon, tuna, chicken, turkey and vegetables such as leaf lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, broccoli and spinach

Note: I did supplement niacin at 100 mg daily as niacin reduces bad cholesterol, and more importantly, in my case, works to increase good cholesterol. I still take the same dosage.

Cinnamon

- Recommended: no RDA - One 500 mg capsule = $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon - Take 2000 mg daily
- Helps prevent unwanted clumping of blood platelets
- Lessons inflammation
- Helps stop the growth of bacteria and fungi

- Slows the rate at which the stomach empties after meals & lowers food's glycemic index
- Improves the ability to respond to insulin and use glucose in the blood
- 1 gram per day (approx ¼ to ½ teaspoon) of cinnamon produced an average 20% drop in blood sugar, with additional drops in cholesterol and triglycerides in recent studies
- A 40 day study showed results as follows: cinnamon reduced blood sugar levels by 18-29%, triglycerides 23-30%, LDL cholesterol 7-27%, and total cholesterol 12-26%.
- Cinnamon scent boosts brain function – smell it before a test - seriously
- May provide relief from constipation and diarrhea
- Excellent source of the trace mineral manganese and a very good source of dietary fiber, iron and calcium
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon (approx 2000 mg) provides 0.38 mg manganese, 1.24 g dietary fiber, 0.85 mg iron and 27.84 mg calcium

Note: I did supplement cinnamon at least 2000 mg daily; two 500 mg capsules in the morning and two 500 mg capsules in the evening – and sometimes mid-day. Cinnamon just has too many benefits not to include it in your diet, especially if you are dealing with diabetes. I still take at least 2000 mg daily.

Turmeric

- Recommended: No RDA - Take 400 mg up to 3 times daily
- Reduces fat deposits near the liver
- Reduces LDL (bad) cholesterol and promotes production of HDL (good) cholesterol
- Thins the blood
- Reduces inflammation
- When applied topically (on the skin) helps heal psoriasis, fungal infections and athlete's foot
- Acts as an antibiotic when applied to skin and exposed to sunlight

Note: I did supplement turmeric-curcumin 400 mg daily. It is good for cholesterol levels and fat deposits near the liver. I still take 400 mg daily of turmeric.

Omega 3-6-9 Oils –

- Recommended: Not established
- Omega-3 fatty acids have been shown to help keep cholesterol levels low, stabilize irregular heart beat, and reduce blood pressure
- Omega-3 fatty acids are also natural blood thinners, reducing the "stickiness" of blood cells
- The brain is 60% fat and needs omega-3 fats to function properly
- Omega-3 fatty acids may help maintain healthy breast tissue and prevent breast cancer
- Without a sufficient supply of polyunsaturated omega-3 fatty acids, the body will use saturated fat to construct cell membranes, resulting in cell membranes that are less elastic, a situation that makes the heart muscle stiffer and less able to return to a resting state

- Omega-3 is important in helping cells resist infection with influenza and the herpes family of viruses by supporting healthy cell wall development that act as anti-inflammatory agents
- Omega-3 and -6 fatty acids cannot be produced by the body.
- Omega 6 fatty acids are a chain of polyunsaturated fatty acids, also called linoleic acid, an essential fatty acid
- Omega 9 fatty acids can be produced by the body and are therefore not considered essential oils as the body can produce them as needed.
- Food Sources: cold water fish (omega-3), flaxseed oil (omega 3-6-9) and borage seed oil (omega 6-9)

Note: I did supplement one 1200 mg soft gel of Omega 3-6-9 three times daily at my doctor's recommendation because of its health benefits for the heart and cholesterol. I do not use any cooking oil other than virgin coconut oil for cooking (see below), so I do not get omega-6 fatty acids in my diet naturally. If you do use cooking oils, chances are you get more omega-6 than your body needs. If so, don't use the omega 3-6-9 supplement. Use an omega-3 supplement containing fish oil. Today I continue to take the omega 3-6-9 twice daily.

Virgin Coconut Oil

- Is a medium chain saturated fat that is good for you and easily metabolized
- It does not denature like other oils when heated and cannot turn into trans fats
- Does not contribute to bad cholesterol and raises good cholesterol in some people
- Contains lauric acid, which supports the immune system
- Research has shown that the shorter medium chain fatty acids found in coconut oil boost the body's metabolism, balance blood sugar and control diabetes, dissolve kidney stones, protect against cancer, raise body temperatures, and help provide greater energy. Results are a healthier, leaner body, more energy and healthier skin.
- A small amount is all that is needed for cooking and frying, unlike vegetable oils.

Multi Vitamins

There are so many multi vitamins available from so many companies, with so many different mixtures and dosages. I choose one from the same company I get most of my other supplements, taking one each day.

Alkaline Drops

The drops are used to alkalize water, which in turn alkalizes the blood and the fluids in and around your cells. It is important to this program. I stopped using drops after I no longer needed medicine.

OXYGEN

Oxygen is the most important thing we need to support life. We can live for weeks without food, days without water, but only minutes without oxygen. It is necessary for all functions in our body. To convert nutrients to energy we need oxygen. There is no other element that is more important to life than oxygen.

A stroke happens when something interrupts the oxygen flow to the body. This usually happens in the brain when a ruptured blood vessel or a clot stops oxygen-rich blood from flowing. The result is lack of proper use of whatever that area of the body controls. I had a stroke in my brain March 6, 2007 while I was sleeping. The result was slurred speech, loss of movement on my entire right side (not just muscular movement of my arms and legs, but everything, including chewing, bowel control and all the little functions we take for granted) and an incredible sleepiness.

I discovered that hyperbaric oxygen treatment (A one hour treatment that involves increasing the atmospheric pressure while breathing oxygen rich air. The treatment allows your body to absorb up to 7 times the oxygen it can normally absorb.) has a phenomenal success rate in treating stroke suffers, diabetics, cancer patients, surgery patients, amputees and a myriad of other conditions and diseases. The treatment is \$150 to \$250 an hour and can get expensive since it isn't covered by most insurance for most conditions. As a stroke patient the doctors estimated 60 to 90 treatments to restore me close to normal. One treatment was very restorative and one day I hope to be able to have more treatments performed so that I might reverse my disabilities resulting from the stroke. It would be great to have the treatment at least once a month just for a terrific energy boost.

In the meantime I have discovered liquid oxygen. (It is a means to super oxygenate water. Some doctors say it won't work because we get all the oxygen we need by breathing. But think of it logically. Water is hydrogen and oxygen. The digestive track absorbs water and the oxygen can also be used to fuel our cells. Maybe it is a placebo. But I've learned that if the medical system decries something, at least take a second look. It sure appears to work and gives more energy.)

The point is that oxygen is necessary for body functioning. Large doses of oxygen allow the body to heal itself faster. The lack of oxygen leads to a build-up of toxins, which leads to disease. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is produced during cellular energy production and released by the respiratory system. A build-up is extremely harmful. Notice it takes oxygen to produce CO₂ and it takes oxygen for the CO₂ to be released in the air we breathe. The more oxygen we have in our system, the more potential energy we have.

Around the world most people breathe shallowly. We only breathe about 25% of our lung capacity, robbing our bodies of rich oxygen that could be energizing us throughout the day.

Deep breathing creates a suction which literally pulls lymph from the bloodstream and increases the rate at which toxins are removed from the body.

"Deep diaphragmic breathing is the equivalent of having a vacuum cleaner in your immune system pulling the poisons out at a rapid pace."

— Dr. Jack Shields

Our lymph system carries away and excretes toxins in the body. This results in a clean, healthy environment for your cells to function at maximum. We have a pump, the heart, for blood flow. No such pump exists for lymph circulation. Lymph relies on movement and breathing for its circulation. By practicing deep breathing we create a suction pump to move lymph at 15 times the normal rate.

In addition, the lowest portion of the lungs has the richest blood flow and can provide the greatest exchange of oxygen into our bodies. Deep breathing draws more air into our lungs, causing them to fill, allowing for greater oxygen absorption.

One deep breathing exercise is to **Inhale** for 6 seconds, **Hold that breath** for 24 seconds, **Exhale** for 12 seconds. Kind of like when you were a kid and had a contest to see how long you could hold your breath under water. Perform something like this 3 times a day for a week or so and watch your energy levels increase. It takes practice, but the benefits are awesome.

Aerobic Exercise means to exercise with oxygen. Regular exercise provides so many benefits to the body. Besides developing a strong cardiovascular/circulatory system, aerobic exercise moves the lymph through the body, cleansing your system. It is also a fantastic way to get large concentrations of oxygen into your body, where the oxygen can work its wonders.

Aerobic exercise does not need to be hard. It should be at a comfortable pace, but it should get your heart beating and increase your breathing rate. The key to consider is that the longer the exercise, the better for you. Studies show that the benefits are additive, meaning you can break 20 minutes of exercise into four 5-minute sessions and get the same benefits of one 20 minute session. I personally feel more satisfied with one session. However, splitting exercise times can be a great way to get your exercise benefits with a busy schedule – especially at work.

Training aerobically will increase your blood supply, boost your immune system, increase the oxygenation of your cells and promote the elimination of cellular wastes. Aerobic

exercise also produces endorphins, which drive away stress and depression and stimulate the immune system. Exercise also increases your levels of growth hormones; another reason to get our kids to exercise.

Examples of aerobic exercise: brisk walking, swimming, dancing, running, bicycling, rowing, stair climbing, jump roping, hiking, rowing, etc. Exercise can be fun. Choose an activity you enjoy and mix it up. Have fun! Remember when we were kids and playing was all the aerobic activity we needed?

WATER

Water is the second most important thing your body needs to live, right behind oxygen. You can live without food for weeks, but you can only survive for a few days without water. Everything in your body takes place in water. You need fluids for cellular function, to transport fuel and oxygen to the cells, to remove body waste, and to regulate your body temperature.

Our bodies are about 70% water. The bloodstream that carries nutrients, oxygen and hormones throughout is about 85% water. It also carries waste to the kidneys for removal. You need water for the kidneys to function properly to remove the waste. We need to keep our bodies hydrated to keep waste from accumulating. The brain is about 80% water and uses about 20% of blood flow even though it accounts for only 2% of our body weight. Dehydration leaves the brain with less energy and can even lead to depression.

Besides all of the other functions of water in our bodies, water helps maintain blood pressure and is important to keep our pH levels at optimum levels. Water itself is close to neutral on the pH scale, helping us maintain a slightly alkaline pH.

If you want beautiful, smooth skin you must keep hydrated. Water will keep your cells functioning, helps conduct the electrical charge of energy at the cellular level and is important in cooling us on a hot day and preventing sunburns. There are so many reasons to drink plenty of water.

Coffee, tea, sodas, juice from concentrate and beer are not water. Though water may be a component to the production of these drinks, they have a diuretic effect, causing the body to lose water. We already lose water through sweat, breathing, urine and waste removal. We don't need to cause additional fluid loss.

Drugs can have a negative affect on water concentrations. When I took high blood pressure medicine it caused my body to deplete potassium and thus retain water, increasing my blood pressure. The doctor then prescribed a water pill and potassium pill to remove the water to lower my blood pressure and restore potassium. If I didn't take medicine in the first place, but supplemented my potassium intake it seems it would have kept my blood pressure regular naturally. I could avoid three pills daily. No wonder the drug companies make a fortune. If you take one you may have to take more to counter the side effects.

How much water should you drink daily? Half of your body weight in ounces is a good start. That means if you weigh 150 pounds you should drink 75 ounces of water throughout the day. That amounts to drinking 5 of the 16-oz packaged plastic water bottles daily. I reuse my plastic bottles daily, filling them up each night to get them nice and cold and ready for the

next day. (I use the bottles for at least 2 weeks before recycling them. This saves a lot of money. By the way, many people say you should drink the water at room temperature. There is no statistical data to support this unless you eat a high fat meal followed by cold water. The cold water causes the fat to solidify, disrupting digestion.)

When using this program it is very important to drink plenty of water. The more water you can drink daily, the easier it is for your body to re-create an alkaline balance to your body fluids. The first few days will require more restroom visits and maybe some loose stools, but it passes after a few days as your system adjusts. The first few days I went all out and drank about 192 ounces daily. I found 150 ounces to be a much better fit after a few days. That is one more bottle per day than the formula above suggests. If you sweat more from summer heat or exercise, you may want to replenish the fluids lost with more water.

FOODS TO AVOID

PROCESSED OILS

By now everyone knows that hydrogenated fats and partially hydrogenated fats are very bad. We call them trans fats. Our bodies have the worst time processing them. They are like poison to body functions. The food industry has listened and you find less use of these oils, but they are still being used. Always check the label of processed foods to make sure they don't contain these oils. Even better, avoid processed foods.

These fats are from vegetable oils that denature while heating. Food manufacturers use them because they prolong the shelf life of foods. Not only do these fatty oils cause an accumulation of bad cholesterol (LDL), but they wipe out good cholesterol (HDL). They also wreak havoc on insulin, preventing it from bonding to glucose (sugar) molecules so it can be utilized by the cells, leading to obesity and diabetes. To maintain proper pH, the body can't let these molecules just keep floating around; fat is created to store these unutilized molecules.

Don't confuse these fats with all fats. There are fats our bodies do need. We call these essential fatty acids – Omega 3-6-9 (see Nutrients section). Our body needs them to function at optimal efficiency.

General Rule of Thumb – Do not cook with oil! Do not fry! Do not deep fry! Do not sautee! When you heat oil it denatures the oil, changing its chemical makeup. Plus Americans intake an estimated 26 times the fat we need by using even healthy cooking oils. I use water and add herbs and seasonings to season my foods. On the occasions I use salt for flavoring I use natural rock salt containing a lot of nutrients. After a short time you will notice how much the flavors of the foods pop out. Cooking with oils hides the true flavor of God's bounty. Better yet, if you can eat it raw, the better the benefits to you. I personally save the water from stew and soup so I can drink all of the nutrients that wash out during cooking. Interesting note: foods like carrots, potatoes and cabbage that are more fibrous will actually produce more beneficial body-healthy fiber as you cook them and break down the cellulose fibers.

Use olive oil and other healthy oils in place of butter and margarine and in salad dressings. But limit how much you use.

Note: Virgin coconut oil is the only oil that does not denature no matter the heating temperature. If I want to fry something, or to cook with oil, virgin coconut oil is the only oil I will use. It is 100% natural. It has so many healthy benefits and is good for you. (See

Nutrients section for more info on health benefits.) I use it instead of butter and margarine for buttering a potato or toast, for baking healthy cookies and for salad dressing. Interestingly it is solid until about 80 degrees, so you have to heat it slightly to use it as salad dressing. Do not use internally if it doesn't say 'virgin' coconut oil. Plain coconut oil is bleached and processed.

MEATS

Not eating meat is hard for me, as I grew up with meat as a part of almost every dinner. I was taught that meat was an important source of protein. It was necessary. I could never understand cultures that ate predominately vegetables and fruits and very little meat. I read of one such culture that might share a chicken thigh among 4 to 5 adults, while I would consider 2 to 3 pieces of fried chicken at a meal about right. So, I did a little research to see if I could find out something to convince me to at least cut back my meat consumption.

Did you know that broccoli is about 48% protein? Vegetables and fruits not only contain vitamins and minerals in abundance, but are the best source of fiber that rids the body of excess fats, cleans the intestines and controls hunger. That fiber is produced from proteins, just as our structure of muscles is built from protein. Did you know the strongest animals in the world eat plants? Horses, elephants, elk, gorillas and others are vegetarians.

I was always told that athletes needed animal protein to reach peak performance, but I found that protein from meat is not only hard for the body to digest, but an excess of protein leaches calcium from your body, making your bones weaker. Besides, our bodies produce 70% of the protein we need. If we put stress on our bodies to develop more strength and power, our bodies step up to produce what we need from the foods we eat, especially vegetables. Think about when we have the greatest protein needs in as lives. It is as we are growing. Mother's milk is only 2% protein. Yet the first years of life are when we grow and develop most.

Consider some world class athletes: Sixto Lenares is a world record holder in the triathlon. He cycled 185 miles, swam 4.8 miles and ran 52.4 miles in one day. Peter Burwash, a Canadian tennis player received the highest physical index of any athlete in Canada. Dave Scott won the Ironman Triathlon six times – that's a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile cycling and 26.2 mile run. Donna McMahon is a USA athlete who has completed many marathons. These athletes did not eat meat or dairy products. If you want to see more famous vegetarians visit www.ivu.org/people/sports/.

Protein is the last source our bodies use for energy. Carbohydrates are used first; simple sugars from fruits and then more complex carbohydrates. Fats are used next, followed by

proteins last. In fact, our bodies don't like to metabolize protein. They only use protein if there is no other source of energy. Protein is used by the body to build, not to create energy.

Our bodies try to flush animal-based protein from our bodies because of the acidic nature of meat, leading to calcium leaching to maintain a balanced pH. Plant-based protein is so much easier for the body to process for its needs. Even then, excess protein is flushed from the body. Meats are high in protein and difficult for the body to metabolize. We just don't need the excess protein from meats.

Meat is difficult to digest and requires more enzymes to process through the stomach. Remember those reports about 5 pounds of meat sitting in your intestines? That's because meat putrefies in your intestines. Last time I checked 'putrify' means rot. Yuck!

***“Choosing meals built on whole grains, legumes,
fruits and vegetables is the best way to stay healthy.”
- American Dietetic Association***

Uric acid is the substance that gives meat its flavor, and actually comes from the urine of the animal that floods the body of the animal when it is killed. No wonder meat, especially beef, is high on the acidity scale of foods. An average piece of meat contains about 2½ times the uric acid the human body can effectively process daily.

The American Cancer Society has 'two fundamental foundations' for preventing or treating cancer through diet. Eat more plant-based foods and eat less animal-based foods. Yet, how often do you hear that from your doctor?

Animal products have no fiber.

Environmental Reasons not to eat meat: If Americans cut their meat consumption by just 10%, enough grain could be saved to feed 60 million people. Isn't that an astounding figure? Imagine if all countries cut back on meat consumption. We would be able to feed the world, with excess. Did you know that 7 out of every 10 acres are used to grow crops for livestock, especially beef. That doesn't include pasture land. One acre of land produces 165 pounds of meat, while the same acreage can produce 20,000 pounds of potatoes. It requires 2500 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef and just 25 gallons to produce one pound of vegetables. Just imagine the savings in water, fertilizer, gasoline, etc. if we all just cut back consumption by 10%.

I still eat some meat, despite all the evidence against doing so. I applaud all those who do give it up completely. I have cut out about 90% of my former consumption, but I doubt I will ever entirely remove it from my diet.

MILK

‘Milk does a body good’ is a slogan most of us have heard. It’s used by the American Dairy Association to promote cow’s milk. Raw milk has some great benefits, but processed milk as we get it from the store does not do our bodies good.

I grew up on cow’s milk, believed the hype and have been told that milk is our best source of calcium. I grew up in an area where dairy was big business – lots of dairy farms. I was taught that homogenization and pasteurization were very good for the milk. I have found that they are simply ways to mass produce dairy milk without strict standards for large production facilities. Pasteurization, heating/cooking of the milk to destroy any bacteria, actually makes calcium less bio-available, less digestible and actually denatures some of the proteins in milk.

Milk neutralizes hydrochloric acid in the stomach, making it much harder for the body to digest. Studies show that the people who drink more milk have the lowest calcium levels in their bodies. It is just not useable by the body in its grocery store form. If you can get your hands on certified raw milk, that does have benefits. Drinking processed milk actually makes the body less efficient at absorbing nutrients, not just from milk, but from all foods. This is caused by the mucous layer milk leaves on our stomach and intestines. That’s why we are often told to drink milk for an upset stomach or to prevent absorption for some poisons.

Another problem with milk is its high protein content. Our bodies make 70% of what we need and get the rest from plant-based foods. Animal-based proteins found in milk are harder for the body to process and cause calcium leaching to try and rid the excess from our blood. Remember, calcium is used to maintain pH. Excess protein in the blood makes the blood more acidic and the body has to remove it.

Cow’s milk is for calves.

SUGAR

Sugar is good for metabolism and is the first source of energy in our bodies. It is this source we need for instant energy. We get what we need from fruits and vegetable. Sugars from fruits, called fructose, are broken down by the body slowly and are converted into glucose and glycogen, energy sources for the cells. Glycogen is stored in the muscles for quick energy, while glucose is metabolized by the cells for their energy needs. Unlike table sugar your body can’t use fructose until it is converted by the liver, usually into glycogen. Sucrose (table sugar) is instantly available and spikes blood sugar levels, which can overtax an overworked pancreas.

Processed sugar comes from sugar beets and sugar cane, with an end product of processed sugars (white sugar, brown sugar, etc) and molasses, while yet another sugar is produced from corn, making corn syrup. These sugars are so refined that they are readily digested and absorbed into our systems, often in greater quantities than our bodies need. They are acidic in nature and tax our body's pH maintenance systems.

Food manufacturers like to use corn syrup instead of sugar because it is less expensive. The problem is it is not as sweet. So they add fructose (fruit sugar) resulting in high fructose corn syrup. The body can only store so much glycogen, which is produced from fructose. The rest is stored by the liver as fat. The sucrose from the corn syrup is readily available to the cells, but unless you are burning it up exercising at the time, it cannot utilize it. Insulin spikes to process the sugar. If it can't be immediately used it creates an acid environment and the body triggers fat storage to equalize the acidic build-up. That is why high fructose corn syrup is not good for you. High fructose corn syrup is found in many of our processed foods today. The resulting health epidemic is already here with people consuming large quantities. Our bodies were never intended to process such high sugar content.

SODA POP

All those wasted years where I drank soda. Drinking regular or diet is like driving a nail in your coffin. High acidic pH, leaching calcium from your body, phosphoric acids blocking calcium absorption, sugar concentrations at max, sugar substitutes as bad or worse than sugar overloads, caffeine and mystery additives are all reasons not to drink soda. I dropped 20 pounds in one month when I gave up drinking sodas. Please stop drinking soda! I'm not afraid to die. I have a secure home for eternity. I just cannot understand how people when given the knowledge will push the limits instead of living a fulfilling life. I used to drink two 2-liter bottles daily. I'm paying for my ignorance.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol contains 7 calories per gram. These calories are empty calories and provide no nutritional value to the body. Alcohol is a depressant and depresses cell function and works the pancreas overtime correcting the acidic pH. There are studies that lead to the belief that beer is good for you because of the barley or hops or that wine is good for you because it is made from grapes. Why not just eat hops or barley or eat grapes or drink grape juice? In limited moderation beer and wine are probably fine. Be conscious of their effects.

CAFFEINE

Caffeine is a stimulant that causes an addiction while providing no nutritional benefit. It has an acidic pH and really provides no energy. It is used in many diet supplements because of its stimulating affect, but it actually taxes the body's systems.

The perk people feel from coffee is from the energy created by the body to neutralize the 200 acids it contains. Instead drink various teas – dark teas, red tea, green tea and mate. They carry many antioxidants that are healthy to the body.

NICOTINE

Nicotine is an addictive, stimulating drug which taxes the body. Smoking is the number one preventable disease causing action. One million people a year die because of it. There is absolutely nothing good that smoking and nicotine produce. It also has a negative affect to create an acidic pH.

This section sounds like a death sentence to many vices. The choice is yours. There are many healthy alternatives. Do you want to live a quality life or to just scrape by?

GETTING STARTED – WHAT I DID

My goal in trying this program was to reverse my diabetes by allowing my pancreas an environment to heal, to drop my blood pressure to normal levels, to raise my good cholesterol (HDL) and to start dropping some weight. If you've read through to this part of the book you should have a good idea of the background of why I choose the various foods and supplements that I used on my program.

My first goal was to create an alkaline environment in my body to allow all of my systems to function correctly. I knew it would probably not be overnight. In researching pH studies on diabetics I discovered that 100% of participants who completed a 90 day alkalizing program had positive results. All of the people with Type II diabetes reversed their diabetes and had no need for medication by the end of the study. All of the people with Type I diabetes reduced their need for insulin by 50% or more, some completely. After 30 days there was a measurable positive benefit to everyone. I figured I could control myself for 90 days. They say you create a new habit in 21 days. So, I was ready to start.

I searched around the internet to find sources for alkaline drops, green foods and pH testing papers/strips. In the section on Nutrients I discussed greens. They are an important part of helping the body reach an alkaline balance. Alkaline drops help alkalize and charge water. The test strips were so I could track my progress.

I compared prices online and even visited a few health food stores and drug stores, hoping that I could find what I needed conveniently at a good price. Drug stores didn't carry the products, but would order them. A visit to Walmart turned up empty. Health Food Stores had high prices. Even online there were only so many choices. It was a challenge reviewing ingredients and trying to determine the best choice for me. I now order from <http://HealthEssentialProducts.com> They actually carry all three of the products I needed and have a selection of each, complete with links to ingredients. The cost is a few dollars more on the greens, but with \$5 flat shipping they are the cheaper overall when adding the pH testing supplies and alkaline drops. Besides, I can order everything in one place.

As soon as the products arrived I started.

pH Program:

For the first 21 - 30 days I recommend a cleansing diet, which does not include any bread, pasta, meat, milk or milk products, sugar, table salt, vinegar or oils. Of course, coffee, caffeinated teas, sodas and alcohol in any form are a big no no.

Water is a big part of the program. You should be drinking at least $\frac{1}{2}$ your body weight in ounces. If you weigh 150 pounds then be prepared to drink at least 75 ounces of water, more if you can.

- Upon waking I drank one $\frac{1}{2}$ -liter bottle of water with 5 alkalizing drops. (Most places I read about alkalizing said to use distilled water. I did not. We refill our plastic bottles at home with water filtered through our Brita filter. I used that.)

- For breakfast I drank a smoothie made from 1 banana, 5 strawberries, $\frac{1}{2}$ handfuls of blueberries, just enough water to cover the fruit and a **tablespoon of greens**. Once in a while I switched up the fruit with fresh peaches, cantaloupe, watermelon, etc.

- A couple hours later I drank another $\frac{1}{2}$ -liter bottle of water with 5 alkalizing drops, followed by a snack of a small handful of nuts (protein & fat) and an orange, grapefruit, apple, banana or some other fruit, or raw baby carrots and some sort of protein like peanut butter, tofu or nuts.

- About $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before lunch I drank another $\frac{1}{2}$ -liter bottle of water with 5 alkalizing drops

- For lunch I ate a salad with lettuce, tomatoes, red peppers, cucumbers, mushrooms, kidney beans (from a can – I washed all the beans first), broccoli, cauliflower, beets (not pickled) and red onions. Or I ate a yam, or potato or vegetable stew, etc. I mixed up what I ate for variety. But I kept to mainly vegetables.

- A couple hours later mid afternoon I drank another $\frac{1}{2}$ -liter bottle of water with 5 alkalizing drops, followed by a snack of celery and peanut butter, an apple and peanut butter, carrots and a small handful of nuts, or tofu and a fruit.

- About $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before dinner I drank another $\frac{1}{2}$ -liter bottle of water with 5 alkalizing drops

- For dinner I made a vegetable stew, a salad, pea soup, 12 bean soup, vegetables medley, baked potatoes loaded full of chopped vegetables or whatever I could serve to the family that was tasty but fit my diet. A vegetarian cookbook has lots of tasty ideas.

- Then I didn't eat until about 15 minutes before bed, when I again drank another $\frac{1}{2}$ -liter bottle of water with 5 alkalizing drops, followed by a snack with a fruit or vegetable and a protein and fat.

Some notes about this diet:

- Besides the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -liter bottles of water I drank before meals I had 2 to 4 more each day.

- I used a teaspoon of no-sugar-added Thousand Island dressing or coconut oil mixed with herbs to flavor my salads.

- Yes, restroom visits were often during the first few days, but then my bladder adjusted.
- It took a few days to adjust portions so that I did not always feel full. I did not go hungry and did not feel unsatisfied or deprived. I never counted calories.
- I tested my blood sugar regularly to make sure it was in control.
- Snacks were sources of protein and fat with a fruit or vegetable. Nuts, avocados, tofu, beans and peanut butter are good sources of protein and healthy fats.
- I ate as much as I wanted without counting calories.
- I limited fruits to breakfast and snacks so I could replenish glycogen levels in my muscles and ate more complex carbohydrates, like potatoes, yams and carrots, for lunch and dinner.
- I ate proteins as snacks and in the evening; as snacks because the protein helped balance the snack and made me feel fuller. At dinner because I didn't need as many carbohydrates at night as most of my activity was in the morning and during the day.

Exercise: Exercise helps your immune system by moving the lymph throughout the body and flushing waste, increasing blood flow, developing a strong heart, lungs and cardiovascular system, pumping oxygen to your cells in huge doses and promoting a sense of well-being. I exercised 15 minutes a day on a stationary cycle or walking at least 40 minutes daily. The benefits of exercise to the body are too many to count. I couldn't imagine any program not including movement to get your blood flowing. You should choose the exercise that best suits you. Sometimes I just went to the park with 6 year old Christopher to chase a ball all over the fields.

Exercise is important to the effectiveness of this program and to everyday life. It aids the alkaline balance of the body by flushing the body of waste materials through the lymph system and the bloodstream. It is during aerobic (oxygen) exercise that the body delivers intense amounts of restoring oxygen to all the cells.

I also practiced deep breathing to help get my lymph system moving and flushing waste. If you remember, deep rhythmic breathing for a few minutes three times a day has many benefits. Not the least of these is increasing oxygen supply to the cells for an energy burst and developing a stronger respiratory system that provides more oxygen and thereby more energy throughout the day.

After the first 21 days I had to significantly reduce my medications to keep blood sugar from falling too low. By day 45 I no longer took any medication. My pH was a steady alkaline level, my blood pressure was 120/70 and my good cholesterol had risen to 50 (it was at 32 before I started – a reading lower than 40 is considered high risk for heart disease)

After the first 30 days I started to add small amounts of fish (salmon & tuna) meat (chicken breast, very lean hamburger), bread (one slice), pasta and dairy (for my smoothie occasionally, cheese, yogurt) into my diet, with plant-based foods being the main part of the diet.

It sounds so easy when I write it down, but I had to make conscious efforts to eat the right thing. It can be difficult when everyone around you is eating a food you are used to eating. Eating fresh fruits and vegetables takes more preparation than eating processed foods, which are so convenient and quick. I found if I made large salads to last a few days or cooked extra stew or soup, I didn't have conflicts about eating the right thing when it was there sitting in the refrigerator ready to eat. It would have been so much easier if everyone in the household followed along. I could have rid the refrigerator and cabinet of foods I didn't need or want to eat. A few times I was just too drawn to acid foods, but I just mixed some greens with my water to try to counteract my indiscretion. This seemed to work when I tested pH.

Maintaining proper pH balance requires plenty of water, eating more plant-based foods, limiting meats, dairy, processed flour, sugar, and other acidic foods. A good ratio is 80% alkaline foods and 20% acidic foods. It is good to know I can eat what I want, without guilt or fear. I can make healthy choices and enjoy any meal at a get-together without worrying whether I can eat certain foods. I still use test strips occasionally to monitor my pH.

Supplement Program

I had been supplementing my diet since my stroke, especially with magnesium, calcium, potassium and multi-vitamins because my various medications depleted my body of minerals. My doctor recommended omega-3-6-9 oils. To increase my good cholesterol I had added turmeric, niacin, cinnamon and chromium. This whole supplementation had reduced my medicine intake to ½ of when I started taking medicine. So I know I was on the right course. My blood pressure was already on the way down but was stuck at 140/80 and the diabetes was having less effect on my body. Bad cholesterol was well within healthy ranges. The pH program combined with my supplements put me over the top for health.

I cannot say for sure how much more the supplements benefited me when I began the pH program, but I am sure they complimented the program and allowed my body to work to heal itself. After all, they had been working to help my body deal with the effects of diabetes and hypertension up to this point. Many foods from our farms have less and less of the vitamins and minerals we can expect because of over-farming without giving back to the soil the trace vitamins and minerals we need. By supplementation I know that my body is getting everything it needs. I still take these today because I know they have a very positive effect.

Below is a recap of the minerals and other supplements I have been using:

Calcium	600 mg with 100 IU of Vitamin D for absorption daily
Magnesium	100 mg daily
Potassium	Two 99 mg tablets AM and two 99 mg tablets PM daily

Omega-3-6-9	One 1200 mg softgel AM and one 1200 mg softgel PM daily
Chromium	200 mcg daily
Turmeric	400 mg daily
Niacin	100 mg daily
Cinnamon	Two 500 mg capsules AM and two 500 mg capsules PM
Multi Vitamins	One daily

You can find these supplements at many food stores, drug stores and online sites. After my stroke I was hurting for cash, having to make every dollar count. I took my time finding the best prices while maintaining quality. One problem I encountered was finding one site that carried everything I needed. I decided upon Puritan's Pride. They have been in business for over 40 years, provide quality supplements, have a flat reasonable shipping rate and often have great sales. I especially like their buy 1 get 1 free, or buy 2 get 3 free sales and their 70% off sales. Their prices have always been very reasonable.

After starting to write this book a few weeks ago I discovered I can get a 10% commission on any orders you place that I refer. You still get the same price, including sales pricing. If you use the link below, I would be very grateful. It will take you to the home page. Simply search for the products you want by name or item number. Once you get there please consider bookmarking the page in your favorites section for future reference.

<http://click.linksynergy.com/fs-bin/click?id=KKdKd5qQ7R8&offerid=116038.10000107&type=3&subid=0>

They have over a 1000 products, including other known brands. I have listed the product numbers I usually purchase, but by searching by name you will find a good selection of each product.

Calcium #006274	Magnesium #015215	Potassium #001113
Omega 3-6-9 #010157	Chromium #006390	Turmeric #000525
Niacin #001480	Cinnamon #014022	Multi Vitamin #000562

Of course, you may purchase any supplements anywhere. I have been very satisfied with Puritan's Pride for a couple of years now and have recommended them often.

Enough of the salesmanship.

I didn't write this book for that. I truly hope this e-book helps you. I will be making any updates and additions as needed. If you want to contact me, please do so at the email below. I check it every morning and will do my best to respond to any comments or questions each morning. Jeff@ThingsYouWantToKnow.com

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TIPS TO HELP

Listed below are some tips I used to help me with the diet changes – and especially the 21-30 day cleansing period.

Drink a ½ liter (approx 16 oz.) bottle of water about a half hour before a meal. Not only does this help you eat less, it helps you drink the alkaline water you need for the day.

Eat 3 meals and 3 snacks a day. I ate breakfast, lunch and dinner and then forced myself to eat a snack between breakfast and lunch, between lunch and dinner, and before bed.

It was very hard to eat 3 meals and 3 snacks. My meals quickly reduced in size from my previous idea of what a meal ‘portion’ represented.

Eat dinner 2 to 3 hours before bed.

Eat your last snack before going to bed. It will help keep you satisfied throughout the night and provide energy while you sleep.

Eat snacks that contain a protein, fruit or vegetable and fat. For example, a snack might be an orange and a handful of almonds, or peanut butter on celery with raisins, or peanut butter on banana, or a handful of walnuts with apple slices, etc. In each of these cases the nuts provided my fat and protein.

It is best to eat fruit on an empty stomach because it passes through the stomach quickly and digests in the intestines. If eaten after a meal it may upset the stomach. That’s why I always eat fruit for breakfast. It gives me quick energy that gets me through to my first snack without feeling too full.

Eat slowly. Chew food **thoroughly**. Enjoy it. Digestion begins in the mouth where saliva contains lots of enzymes. You will feel more satisfied and your body will process what you eat more efficiently and you won’t feel so full at your next snack.

Don’t eat if you are not hungry. I skipped a few meals at the beginning because I just was not hungry

Do not overeat. The stomach digests food the size of about 2 fists the best. If you are too full the stomach digestive juices have trouble properly digesting food efficiently. You’ll feel full for too long.

Chew gum. It relaxes you and gets saliva flowing to aid in digestion, clean your teeth and flushes away bad breath bacteria.

Use a juicer if you can. They are awesome. I use the left over fiber to bake healthy muffins and cookies for others.

If you're eating a salad try lemon, lime or fresh orange juice or sprinkle on some no-sodium herb blends for added flavor.

I kept cooking too much vegetable stews, 12 bean soups, etc. So I prepared enough for the family to share and for the next day's lunch.

Lightly grill some vegetables for a change up in taste.

I love 'baby carrots'. OK, they are just peeled and cut carrots, but they are good. If you are lucky enough to find some real baby carrots eat them. They contain more nutrients.

Sprouted seeds provide the most energy.

The Kim's Greens I used at first tasted like grass. So I put them in my fruit-smoothie in the morning. The pH balance greens I tried the 2nd time taste better.

Grilled Portobello mushrooms have a texture much like meat. When I made them with spices for the family or put them in a stew, nobody knew it wasn't meat. I made one as a steak sandwich for someone and they didn't know.

Frozen vegetables are a quick meal and have more nutrients than fresh because they don't lose nutrients to the air on the way to market.

Diabetics should monitor blood glucose levels and reduce insulin shots or oral medications accordingly. Consult your medical provider.

Magic Bullet mixers, George Forman Grills and Juicers, are awesome tools to use on any healthy diet. If you need to purchase any of the items you can buy them online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [Buy.com](https://www.buy.com) and other retailers.

FOODS RICH IN CALCIUM, MAGNESIUM & POTASSIUM

Food	Serving	Calcium mg	Magnesium mg	Potassium mg
Banana	8 oz. (one)	11	95	770
Buckwheat flour	8 oz. serving	49	301	692
Raisins	3 oz. serving	40	24	580
Spinach	4 oz. serving	111	67	557
Pumpkin	8 oz. serving	60	56	500
Almonds	2 oz serving	140	156	500
Tomato	6 oz. (one)	5	19	491
Soybeans, cooked	4 oz serving	130	54	485
Broccoli	4 oz. serving	108	37	478
Orange juice, fortified	8 oz. glass	300	27	467
Milk, skim	8 oz glass	302	33	382
Beans-dried, cooked	4 oz serving	49	50	373
Yams	8 oz. serving	20	56	340
Potato	8 oz. serving	30	57	334
Salmon	3 oz serving	13	26	326
Cashews	2 oz serving	26	148	320
Corn	4 oz. serving	26	43	314
Yogurt, low fat	8 oz. cup	314	25	300
Oatmeal	8 oz. serving	42	112	293
Cabbage	4 oz. serving	51	19	273
Salmon	3 oz. serving	167	25	272
Green barley essence	1 teaspoon	33	68	264
Cornmeal	8 oz. serving	5	56	242
Brazil Nuts	2 oz serving	53	128	220
Peanut butter	32 gm (2 tbsp)	10	49	210

Prunes	1 oz. (one)	10	10	210
Tuna	3 oz serving	9	23	201
Cheese	1 oz. slice	174	15	198
Peach	6 oz. (one)	9	12	196
Apple	8 oz. (one)	11	9	195
Lettuce, green, leaf	2 oz. leaf	12	6	159
Celery	2 oz. stick	21	6	158
Sardines	4 oz serving	107	15	151
Tofu	4 oz. serving	430	37	150
Ice cream	4 oz. serving	100	12	150
Peas	4 oz. serving	29	12	150
Grapes	5 oz. serving	10	8	140
Pineapple	6 oz. slice	15	14	138
Green beans, fresh	2 oz. serving	25	14	110
Asparagus	2 oz. serving	10	16	110
Strawberries	4 oz. serving	12	10	110
Apricot	2 oz (one)	5	4	100
Rice	8 oz. serving	2	9	86
Onion	2 oz. slice	23	5	78

The value listings are based upon the USDA valuations for foods. To visit their site to search values for other foods check out the [USDA Food Composition](#) web pages.

The foods above are best eaten raw, if possible. Sodium values are not included above as salt is overabundant in the processed foods we eat. The above natural foods provide all the salt our bodies need.

The three minerals above are the most important and abundant for the proper functioning of our bodies, providing a number of duties, including muscle, heart, blood pressure, salt regulation, bone and cellular functioning, among others.

ALKALIZING AND ACIDIFYING FOODS

Numbers below represent alkaline rating with 0 being neutral – these are not pH numbers

ALKALIZING FOODS Eat All You Want	SLIGHTLY ACIDIC Eat Sensibly	ACIDIFYING FOODS Limit Consumption
VEGETABLES Alfalfa Grass +29.3 Asparagus +1.3 Barley Grass +28.1 Beets +11.3 Bell Peppers Broccoli Brussel Sprouts +0.5 Cabbage +14.1 Carrot +9.5 Cauliflower +3.1 Cayenne Pepper +18.8 Celery +13.3 Cucumber +31.5 Eggplant Garlic +13.2 Green Beans +11.2 Horseradish +6.8 Lettuce +2.2 Mushrooms Onions +3.1 Peas +5.1 Peppers Potatoes +2.0 Pumpkin Radishes +16.7 Red Cabbage +6.3 Rutabaga +3.1 Sea Veggies Spinach, green +13.1 Sprouts +28.5 Squash Sweet Potatoes/Yams +6 Tomatoes +13.6 Turnip Watercress +7.7 Wheat Grass +33.8 Zucchini +5.7 FRUITS Avocado +15.6	VEGETABLES Corn Olives FRUITS Many fruits actually have an alkalizing effect and provide so many nutrients we need. Apple Apricot -9.5 Banana, ripe -10.1 Blueberries -5.3 Blackberries Cantaloupe -2.5 Cherries, sweet -3.6 Cranberries Currants -8.2 Dates, dried -4.7 Figs, dried -2.4 Grapes -7.6 Grapefruit -1.7 Honeydew Melon Mandarin Orange -11.5 Mango -8.7 Nectarine Orange -9.2 Papaya -9.4 Peach -9.7 Pear -9.9 Pineapple -12.6 Plum, red fleshed -4.9 Plum, yellow flesh -4.9 Raisins Raspberries -5.1 Rhubarb Strawberries -5.4 Tangerine -8.5 Watermelon -1.0 Yellow Flesh Plums -4.9	PROCESSED GRAIN PRODUCTS Noodles Macaroni Spaghetti Bread Crackers, soda Flour, white or wheat DAIRY Butter -3.9 Buttermilk +1.3 Cheese -18.1 Cheese, Processed Ice Cream Ice Milk Milk -1.0 ANIMAL PROTEIN Bacon -38.0 Beef -34.5 Chicken -18.0 Clams -5.0 Corned Beef -35.0 Eggs – 18.0 Lamb Liver -3.0 Lobster Mussels Organ Meats -3.0 Oyster -5.0 Pork -38.0 Sardines, in sauce -25.0 Sausage Scallops Shrimp Scallops Shellfish Turkey -18.0 Veal Venison

Banana, unripe +4.8
Cherries, sour +3.5
Coconut, fresh +.05
Lemon +9.9
Lime +8.2

BEANS

Black Beans
Buckwheat +0.5
Chick Peas/Garbanzo Beans
Green Peas
Kidney Beans
Lentils +0.6
Lima Beans +12.0
Pinto Beans
Soy Nuts +26.5
Soybeans, fresh +12.0
Tofu +3.2
White Beans +12.1
Navy Beans +12.1

NUTS

Almonds +3.6
Brazil Nuts +0.5
Chestnuts

SEEDS

Caraway +2.3
Cumin +1.1
Fennel +1.3
Flax +1.3
Pumpkin +5.6
Sesame +0.5
Sunflower +5.4
Wheat Kernel +11.4

MINERALS

Cesium: pH 14
Potassium: pH 14
Sodium: pH 14
Calcium: pH 12
Magnesium: pH 9

SPICES & SEASONINGS

Cinnamon
Curry
Ginger

GRAIN

Barley
Bran, wheat
Bran, oat
Corn
Cornstarch
Hemp Seed Flour
Oats rolled, oatmeal
Quinoa
Rice
Rice, brown -12.5
Rye
Wheat -10.1
Wheat Germ

NUTS

Cashews -9.3
Hazelnuts -2.0
Macadamia -3.2
Peanuts -12.8
Peanut Butter
Pecans
Walnuts -8.0

FISH

Freshwater Fish -11.8
Saltwater Fish -20
Salmon
Sardines
Trout
Tuna

FATS & OILS

Avacado Oil
Butter -3.9
Canola Oil
Corn Oil -6.5
Hemp Seed Oil
Flax Oil
Lard
Margarine -7.5
Olive Oil
Safflower Oil
Sesame Oil
Sunflower Oil -6.7

SWEETENERS

Artificial Sweeteners -26.5
Carob
Honey - 7.6
Sugar, white - 33.6
Corn Syrup
High Fructose
Corn Syrup -38.5

ALCOHOL

Beer -26.8
Spirits -38.7
Hard Liquor -38.7
Wine -16.4

OTHER FOODS

Ketchup -12.4
Coffee -25.1
Vinegar -39.4
Mustard -19.2
Pepper
Soy Sauce -36.2
Soft Drinks

DRUGS & CHEMICALS

Aspirin
Chemicals
Drugs, Medicinal
Drugs, Psychedelic
Pesticides
Herbicides
Tobacco

Mustard
Chili Pepper
Sea Salt
All Herbs

OTHER

Apple Cider Vinegar
Bee Pollen
Lecithin Granules
Molasses, blackstrap
Green Juices
Veggie Juices
Fresh Fruit Juice
Mineral Water
Alkaline Antioxidant Water

SWEETNERS

Stevia

JUNK FOOD

Coca-Cola: pH 2
Beer: pH 2.5
Coffee: pH 4
Candy
Snack cakes
Chips, all

The chart above was gathered from a number of sources. There is a difference between what is alkalizing and what is acidifying depending on source, as various methods are used to determine this. Some researchers use the alkaline content of a food; others try to determine the effect on the body – citrus fruit on the surface appears to be acidic for example, but has a neutralizing affect when consumed; other researchers have come up with a number, as in the chart above, in which they use mineral content to determine the rating.

Use your good judgment on determining which acidic foods to eat. For instance, Salmon, tuna and even sardines provide Omega fatty acids which are important to health. Don't cut these out of your diet because of the acidifying ratings. Use reason. I eat hamburgers and other meats because I like them, but I don't do it every day or in large quantities. I want to keep my pancreas healthy.

About pH: pH is recorded on a level from 0 to 14, with 0 to 6.9 being acidic, 7 neutral and 7.1 to 14 alkaline. The human body should be around 7.35 to 7.5 for optimal health. When we eat foods, the pancreas works to turn the digested particles alkaline as they enter the blood stream. It takes 750,000 times the effort to turn a soda with a pH 2 to a pH 7.5 as it does to change a pH 7 food to pH 7.5. Each level takes 10 times the effort.

FOOD QUALITIES

apples	Protects your heart	prevents constipation	Blocks diarrhea	Improves lung capacity	Cushions joints
apricots	Combats cancer	Controls blood pressure	Saves your eyesight	Shields against Alzheimer's	Slows aging process
artichokes	Aids digestion	Lowers cholesterol	Protects your heart	Stabilizes blood sugar	Guards against liver disease
avocados	Battles diabetes	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	Controls blood pressure	Smoothes skin
bananas	Protects your heart	Quiets a cough	Strengthens bones	Controls blood pressure	Blocks diarrhea
beans	Prevents constipation	Helps hemorrhoids	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Stabilizes blood sugar
beets	Controls blood pressure	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones	Protects your heart	Aids weight loss
blueberries	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Stabilizes blood sugar	Boosts memory	Prevents constipation
broccoli	Strengthens bones	Saves eyesight	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Controls blood pressure
cabbage	Combats cancer	Prevents constipation	Promotes weight loss	Protects your heart	Helps hemorrhoids
cantaloupe	Saves eyesight	Controls blood pressure	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Supports immune system
carrots	Saves eyesight	Protects your heart	Prevents constipation	Combats cancer	Promotes weight loss
cauliflower	Protects against Prostate Cancer	Combats Breast Cancer	Strengthens bones	Banishes bruises	Guards against heart disease
cherries	Protects your heart	Combats Cancer	Ends insomnia	Slows aging process	Shields against Alzheimer's
chestnuts	Promotes weight loss	Protects your heart	Lowers cholesterol	Combats Cancer	Controls blood pressure
chili	Aids	Soothes sore	Clears	Combats	Boosts immune

peppers	digestion	throat	sinuses	Cancer	system
figs	Promotes weight loss	Helps stops strokes	Lowers cholesterol	Combats Cancer	Controls blood pressure
fish	Protects your heart	Boosts memory	Protects your heart	Combats Cancer	Supports immune system
flax	Aids digestion	Battles diabetes	Protects your heart	Improves mental health	Boosts immune system
garlic	Lowers cholesterol	Controls blood pressure	Combats cancer	kills bacteria	Fights fungus
grapefruit	Protects against heart attacks	Promotes Weight loss	Helps stops strokes	Combats Prostate Cancer	Lowers cholesterol
grapes	saves eyesight	Conquers kidney stones	Combats cancer	Enhances blood flow	Protects your heart
green tea	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Helps stops strokes	Promotes Weight loss	Kills bacteria
honey	Heals wounds	Aids digestion	Guards against ulcers	Increases energy	Fights allergies
lemons	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Controls blood pressure	Smoothes skin	Stops scurvy
limes	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Controls blood pressure	Smoothes skin	Stops scurvy
mangoes	Combats cancer	Boosts memory	Regulates thyroid	aids digestion	Shields against Alzheimer's
mushrooms	Controls blood pressure	Lowers cholesterol	Kills bacteria	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones
oats	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	Battles diabetes	prevents constipation	Smoothes skin
olive oil	Protects your heart	Promotes Weight loss	Combats cancer	Battles diabetes	Smoothes skin
onions	Reduce risk of heart attack	Combats cancer	Kills bacteria	Lowers cholesterol	Fights fungus
oranges	Supports immune systems	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	Straightens respiration	

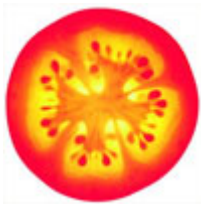
peaches	prevents constipation	Combats cancer	Helps stops strokes	aids digestion	Helps hemorrhoids
peanuts	Protects against heart disease	Promotes Weight loss	Combats Prostate Cancer	Lowers cholesterol	Aggravates diverticulitis
pineapple	Strengthens bones	Relieves colds	Aids digestion	Dissolves warts	Blocks diarrhea
prunes	Slows aging process	prevents constipation	boosts memory	Lowers cholesterol	Protects against heart disease
rice	Protects your heart	Battles diabetes	Conquers kidney stones	Combats cancer	Helps stops strokes
strawberries	Combats cancer	Protects your heart	boosts memory	Calms stress	
sweet potatoes	Saves your eyesight	Lifts mood	Combats cancer	Strengthens bones	
tomatoes	Protects prostate	Combats cancer	Lowers cholesterol	Protects your heart	
walnuts	Lowers cholesterol	Combats cancer	boosts memory	Lifts mood	Protects against heart disease
water	Promotes Weight loss	Combats cancer	Conquers kidney stones	Smoothes skin	
watermelon	Protects prostate	Promotes Weight loss	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	Controls blood pressure
wheat germ	Combats Colon Cancer	prevents constipation	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	improves digestion
wheat bran	Combats Colon Cancer	prevents constipation	Lowers cholesterol	Helps stops strokes	improves digestion
yogurt	Guards against ulcers	Strengthens bones	Lowers cholesterol	Supports immune systems	Aids digestion

GOD PROVIDED EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR HEALTH

God provided us with awesome bodies capable of healing themselves and resisting tremendous strains. He provided all the foods we need to keep our bodies healthy. He even left clue in some of the foods to let us know they were especially good for certain organs and parts of the body. The chart below shows some examples.



A sliced Carrot looks like the human eye. The pupil, iris and radiating lines look just like the human eye - and science now shows carrots greatly enhance blood flow to and function of the eyes.



A Tomato has four chambers and is red. The heart has four chambers and is red. All of the research shows tomatoes are loaded with lycopine and are indeed pure heart and blood food.



Grapes hang in a cluster that has the shape of the heart. Each grape looks like a blood cell and all of the research today shows grapes are also profound heart and blood vitalizing food.



A Walnut looks like a little brain, a left and right hemisphere, upper cerebrums and lower cerebellums. Even the wrinkles or folds on the nut are just like the neo-cortex. We now know walnuts help develop more than three (3) dozen neuron-transmitters for brain function.



Kidney Beans actually heal and help maintain kidney function and they look exactly like the human kidneys.



Celery, Bok Choy, Rhubarb and many more look just like bones. These foods specifically target bone strength. Bones are 23% sodium and these foods are 23% sodium. If you don't have enough sodium in your diet, the body pulls it from the bones, thus making them weak. These foods replenish the skeletal needs of the body.



Avocadoes, Eggplant and Pears target the health and function of the womb and cervix of the female - they look just like these organs. Today's research shows that when a woman eats one avocado a week, it balances hormones, sheds unwanted birth weight, and prevents cervical cancers. And how profound is this? It takes exactly nine (9) months to grow an avocado from blossom to ripened fruit. There are over 14,000 photolytic chemical constituents of nutrition in each one of these foods (modern science has only studied and named about 141 of them).



Figs are full of seeds and hang in twos when they grow. Figs increase the mobility of male sperm and increase the numbers of Sperm as well to overcome male sterility.



Sweet Potatoes look like the pancreas and actually balance the glycemic index of diabetics.



Olives assist the health and function of the ovaries.



Oranges, Grapefruits, and other Citrus fruits look just like the mammary glands of the female and actually assist the health of the breasts and the movement of lymph in and out of the breasts.



Onions look like the body's cells. Today's research shows onions help clear waste materials from all of the body cells. They even produce tears which wash the epithelial layers of the eyes. A working companion, Garlic, also helps eliminate waste materials and dangerous free radicals from the body

There are many other delicious fruits and vegetables God has provided for us all the things we need for a healthy body. One example is honey, often called the perfect food because of the many healing properties associated with it. Salt water, while we can't drink it, has many healing properties for our outside bodies; a salt water bath, for instance, is very soothing and healing for sore muscles. Salt water is also a great source for iodine. Everything we need was provided long before we were ever created.

Researchers are just beginning to uncover that all we needed was here all along. Even the formulas for our drugs begin from foods that have healing properties.

* Credit for the above is unknown. I received this info a while back as public domain and wanted to share it with everyone.

RECIPES

There are many recipes for vegetarian and plant-based meals. I have included a couple of web links below. For the first 30 days of my pH cleaning diet I simply adjusted recipes to fit my needs. If you refer back to <http://ThingsYouWantToKnow.com/html/how.html> I will begin posting recipes. If you would like to share your recipes, simply email me at the site.

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipes/Everyday-Cooking/Vegetarian/Main.aspx> - This site includes use of oils, eggs, milk, fish, etc. They have a portion function which allows you to enter portions desired, which then adjusts the recipe for you accordingly. They have over 2,000 recipes. I modified ingredients for my meals, especially during the first 30 days.

<http://www.vegetariansrecipes.org/> - There is a good selection of recipes at this site.

<http://www.vegcooking.com/> - This site is a vegan recipe site which avoids all products that came from an animal. There are some really good recipes here.

CREDITS

Information was gathered from multiple websites, articles, research papers, talking to doctors, the American Diabetes Association and personal experience. The book [Reverse Diabetes Now](#) had a definite influence as regards information and format. Information was verified for accuracy before I began a pH balancing program and again before including in this book. I highly recommend the above book. It contains far more background information with references.