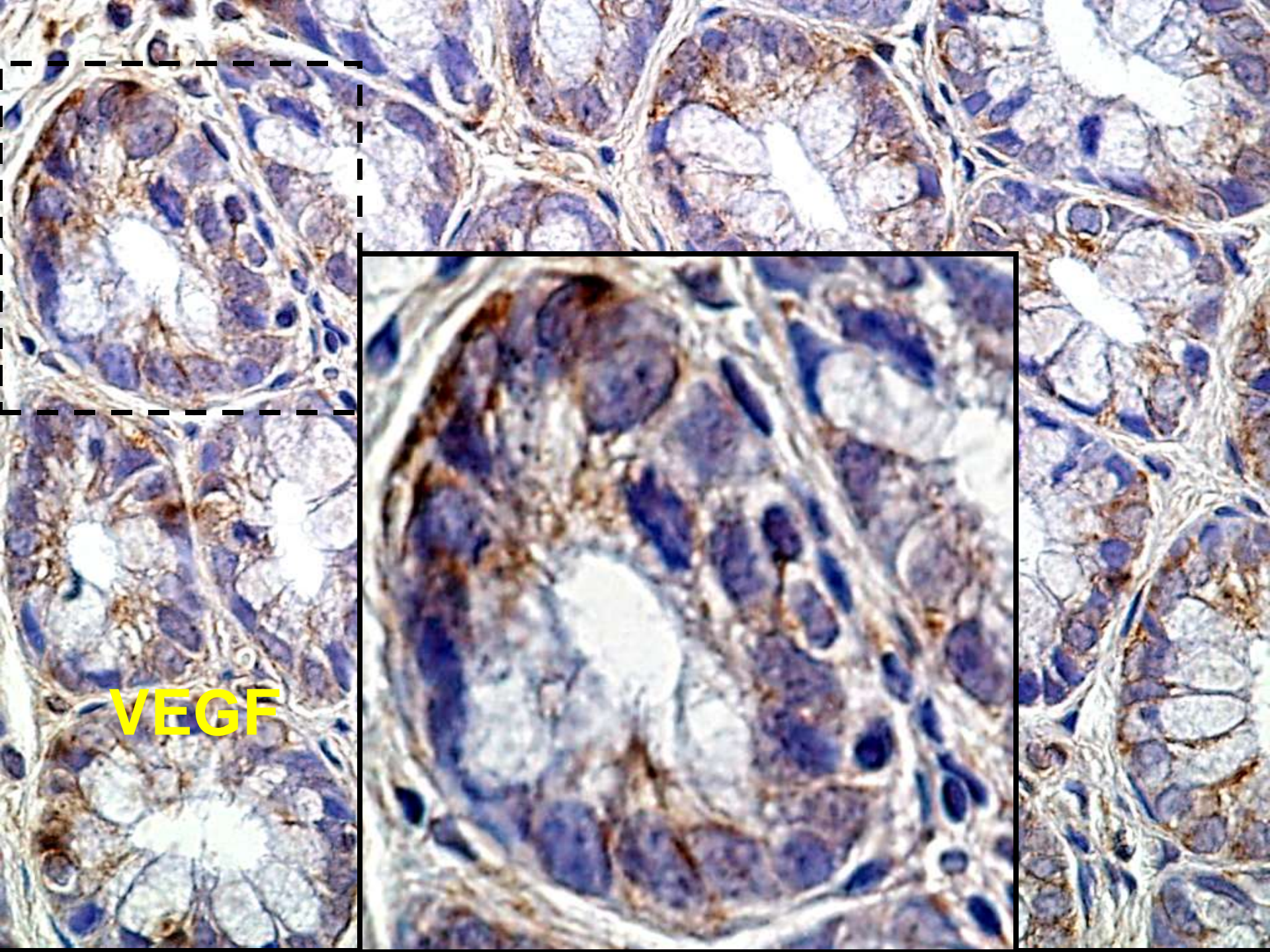


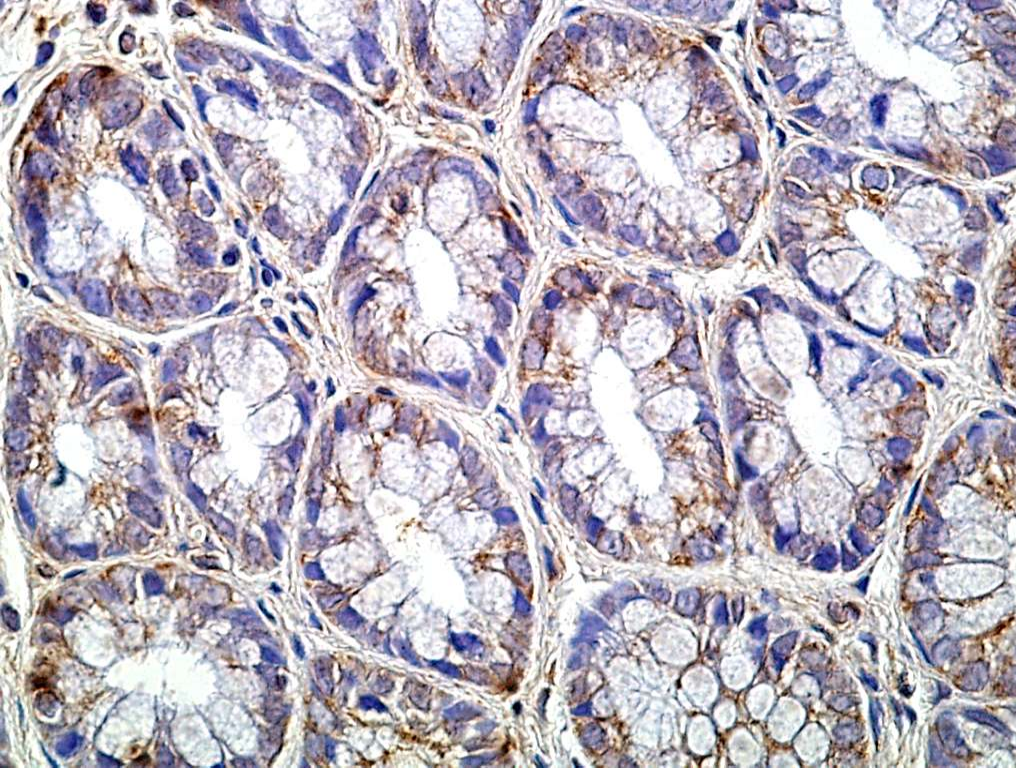
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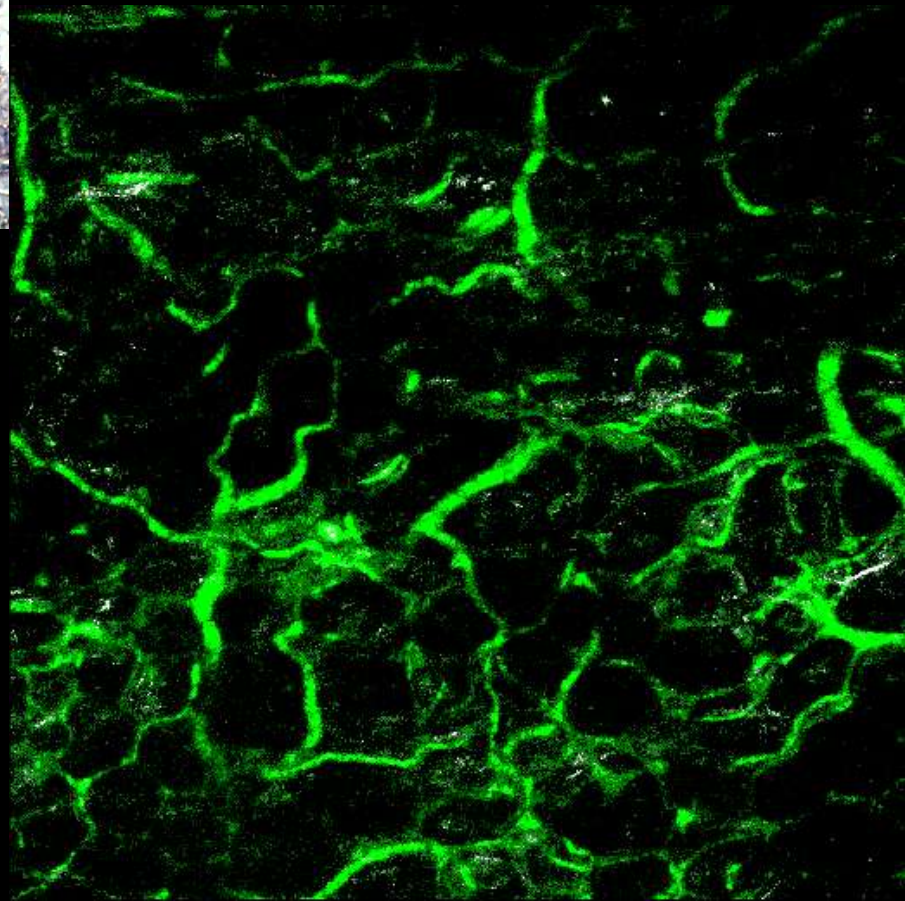
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## VEGF expression in colonic mucosa during experimental carcinogenesis

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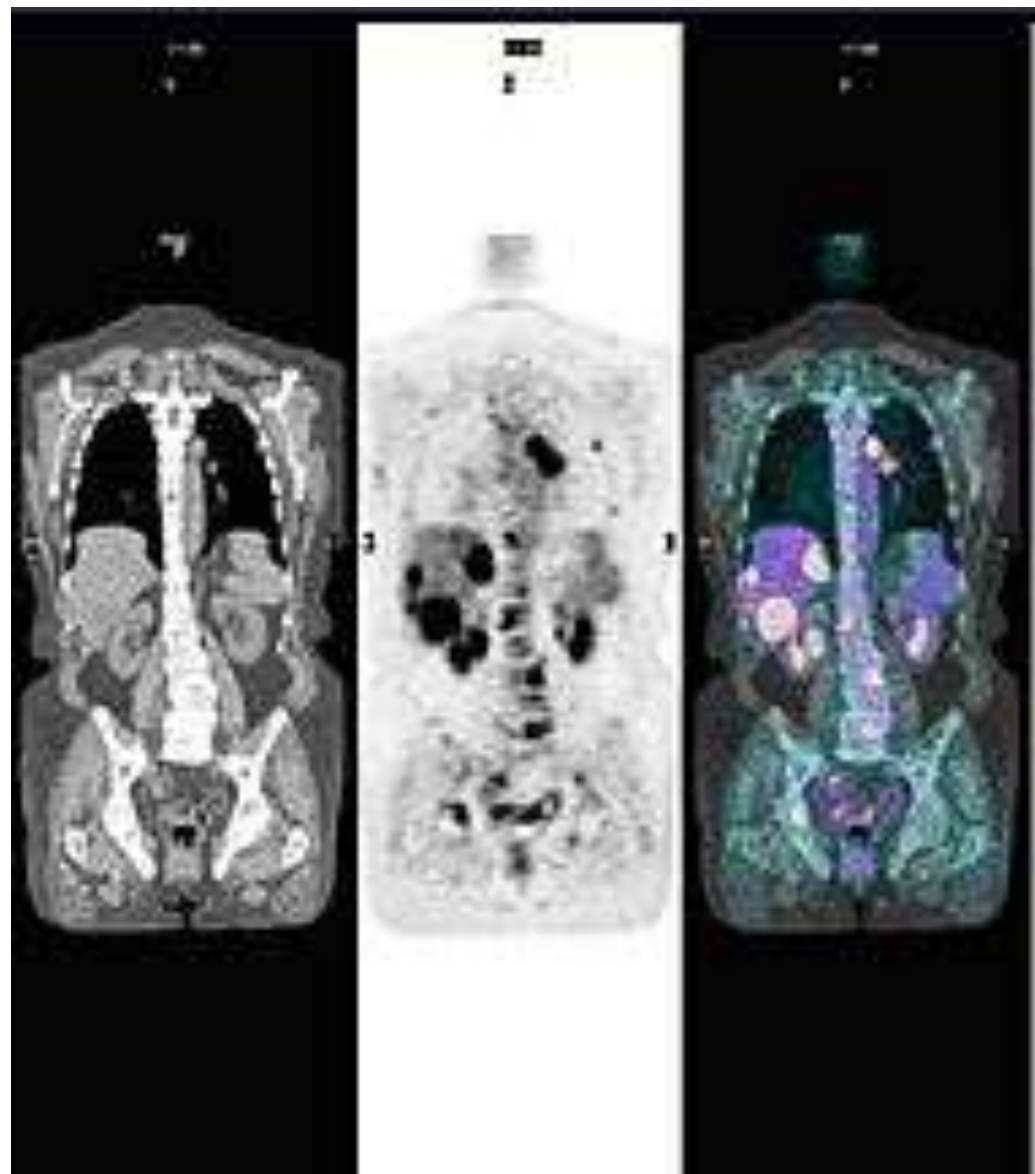
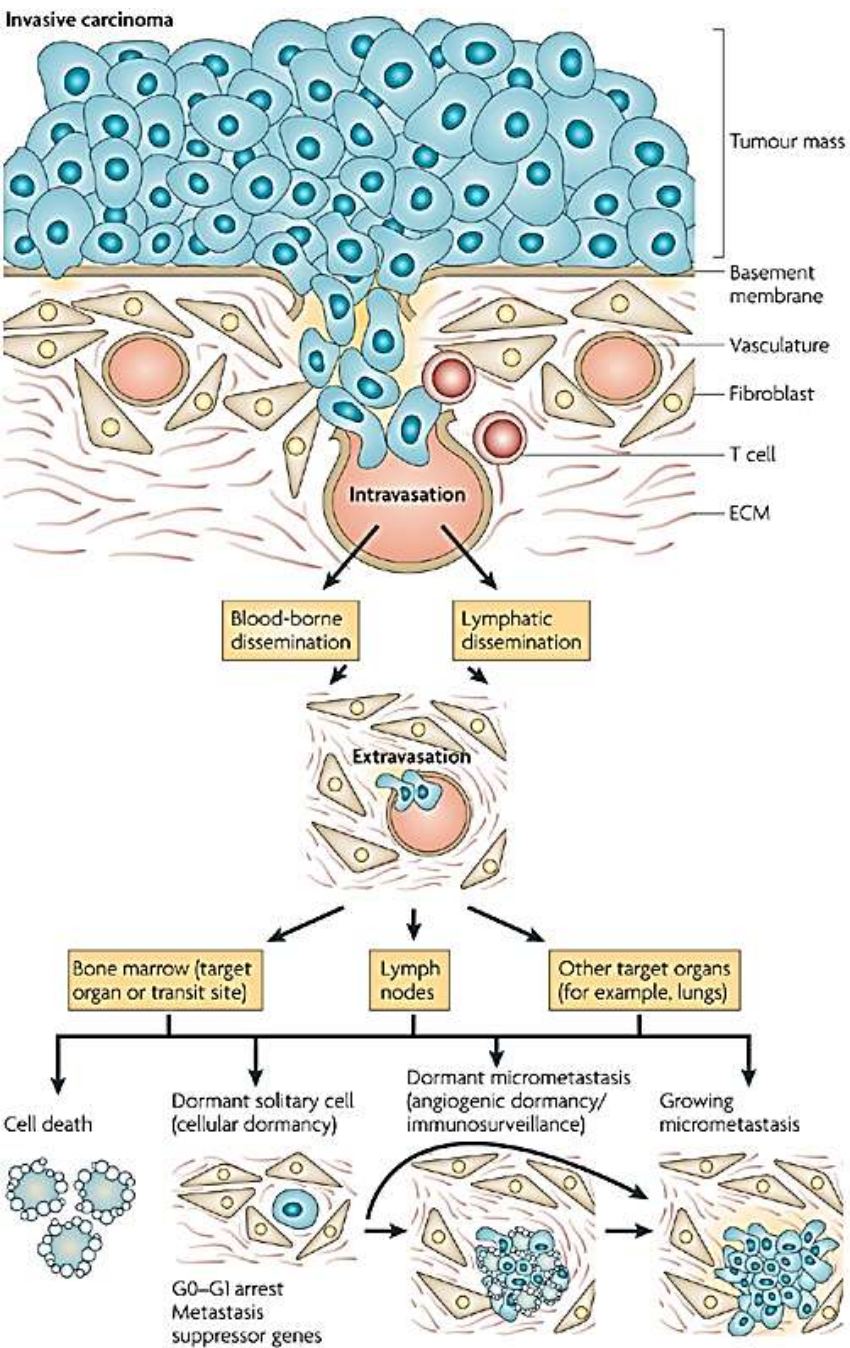


Neo-angiogenesis at the  
basement of a colonic tumor in  
the rat after experimental  
carcinogenesis with AOM+bile

(Vannucci et al., Int J Onc, 2004)

confocal microscopy after in vivo injection of  
dextran-FITC, 20x magn





# FOOD AND CANCERS

# Breast cancer

The risk of breast cancer in women is increased by several factors that cannot be easily changed:

- Having your first period before age 12
- Not having children or having your first child after age 30
- Late age at menopause
- Family history of breast cancer

Both **increased body weight and weight gain** as an adult are linked with a **higher risk of breast cancer after menopause** (disbalance of fat metabolisms may affect hormonal production).

Even low levels of **alcohol intake** have been linked with an increase in risk.

**Not clear if specific vegetables, fruits, or other foods can lower risk.**

## Recommendations:

Get regular, **intentional physical activity**.

Reduce lifetime weight gain by limiting your calories and getting regular physical activity.

Avoid or limit your alcohol intake.



# Colorectal cancer

Higher risk of colorectal cancer is for those with:

- **relatives** who have had colorectal cancer or polyps
- **long-term tobacco use** and excessive **alcohol use**

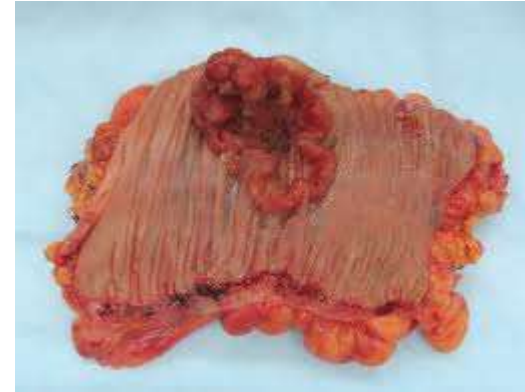
Diets that are **high in vegetables, fruits, and whole grains** (and **low in red and processed meats**) have been linked with lower colorectal cancer risk, although it's not exactly clear which factors are important.

Many studies have found a **link between red meat or processed meat intake** and colorectal cancer risk.

**Lower risk** of colorectal cancer and polyps with **increasing levels of activity**. Moderate activity on a regular basis lowers the risk, but vigorous activity may have an even greater benefit. **Fiber intake, especially from whole grains,** may lower colorectal cancer risk

**Calcium, vitamin D,** or a combination of the two may help protect against colorectal cancer

**HOWEVER possible increased risk of prostate cancer in men with high calcium intake**



## Recommendations:

**Increase the intensity and amount of physical activity.**

- Limit intake of red and processed meats.
- Get the recommended levels of calcium and vitamin D.
- **Eat more vegetables and fruits.**
- **Avoid obesity and weight gain** around the midsection.
- **Avoid excess alcohol.**

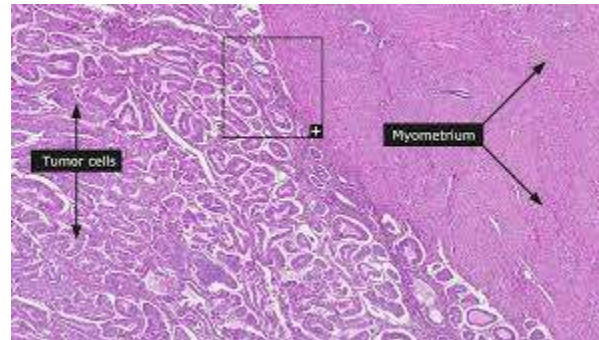
**Regular colorectal screening :**  
**Occult blood in the feces**  
**Endoscopy if familiarity**

# Endometrial (uterine) cancer

A link between a **higher risk** of endometrial cancer (cancer of the lining of the uterus) and being **overweight or obese**, having more belly fat (that is, a **larger waistline –risk from 90 cm**) that looks to correlate with **increase in estrogen levels** that happens when women are overweight.

Spending **more time sitting** (regardless of overall activity level) has also been linked with a higher risk.

**Lower risk with high physical activity levels**, although in some studies this has been limited to women who are overweight or who have not yet gone through menopause.



Vegetable and fiber intake may lower risk, although some studies have not found this. The evidence for red meat, saturated fat, animal fat, and alcohol raising risk is also conflicting among different studies.

At this time, the best advice about diet and activity to possibly lower the risk of endometrial cancer is to get to and stay at a **healthy weight and to get regular physical activity**

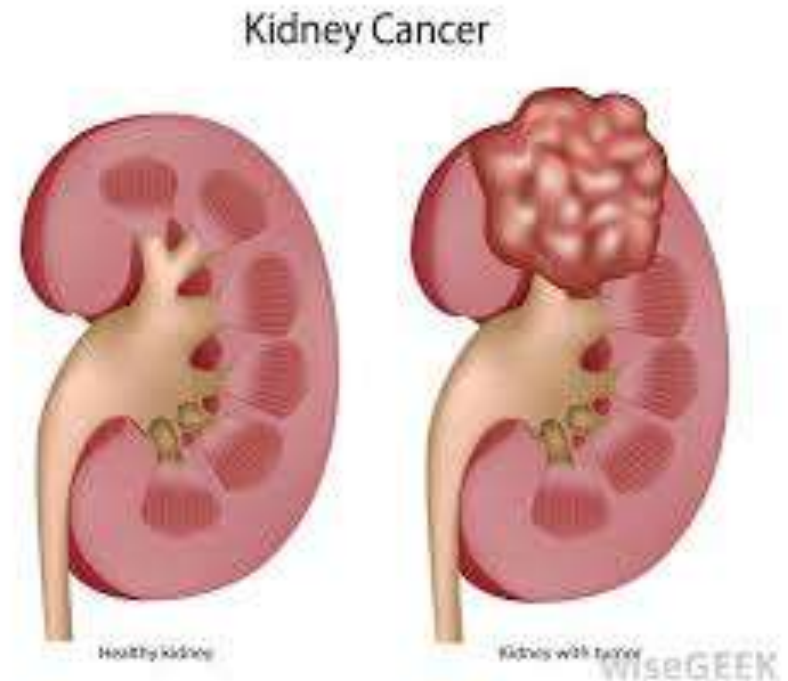


# Kidney cancer

The causes of kidney cancer are not clear, but the best-known risk factors that can be changed are **obesity** and **tobacco smoking**.

Studies looking for links between specific parts of the **diet and kidney cancer have not shown clear results**. A small number of studies have found a possible link between **physical activity** and lowered risk of kidney cancer.

The best advice to possibly lower risk for kidney cancer is to stay at a **healthy weight and avoid tobacco use**.



# Lung cancer

More than **85%** of lung cancers result from **tobacco smoking**, but other factors, such as **radon exposure**, are also linked to lung cancer.

Many studies have shown that the risk of lung cancer is lower among both smokers and non-smokers who **eat at least 5 servings of vegetables and fruits a day**. Although healthful eating may reduce the risk of lung cancer, the risks from tobacco remain high. Using **high-dose beta-carotene and/or vitamin A supplements** has been shown to increase (not decrease) **lung cancer risk among smokers**

The best advice to reduce the risk of lung cancer is **to avoid tobacco use** and secondhand smoke and to avoid **radon exposure**.

According to Chinese studies also **fumes from high-temperature oils** may increase the risk after repeated expositions.





# Mouth, throat, and esophagus cancers

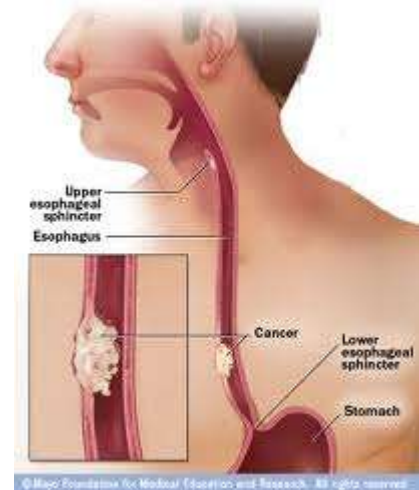
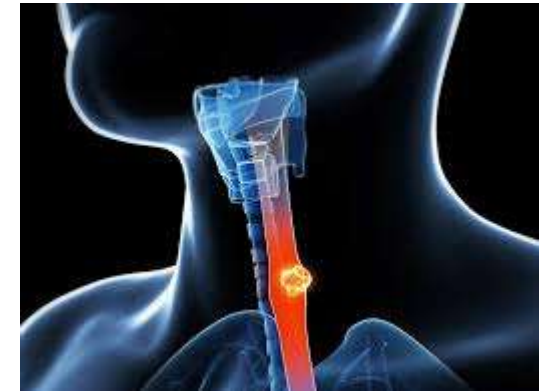
**Tobacco** (including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and snuff), **alcohol**, and especially **the combination of the two**, increase the risk for cancers of the mouth, larynx (voice box), pharynx (throat), and esophagus.

**Obesity** raises the risk for **cancer in the lower esophagus** and at the **junction of the esophagus and stomach** (likely due to increased acid reflux). **Very hot beverages and foods** may also increase the risk of **mouth and esophagus cancers**, likely as a result of the damage heat can cause.

A **diet high in vegetables and fruits** may reduce the risk of mouth and esophagus cancers.

**The best advice** to possibly reduce the risk of these cancers is to:

- Avoid all forms of tobacco.
- Restrict alcohol intake.
- Avoid obesity.
- Eat at least 2½ cups of vegetables and fruits each day.



# Ovarian cancer

The causes of ovarian cancer are not well understood. **Family history** is a risk factor, but only **about 10% of ovarian cancers are inherited**.

There are **no clearly proven nutritional risk factors for ovarian cancer**. Some studies have found that **obesity** may increase the risk for ovarian cancer, as may a **diet high in fat (especially saturated fat)**. The role of physical activity in ovarian cancer risk is unclear. Studies of vegetables, fruits, meat, dairy products, and alcohol have not found clear links.

Some studies have found possible role for **eating soy foods and drinking tea (especially green tea)** in lowering ovarian cancer risk, but not all studies have found this, therefore controversial.

At this time, it is **not clear how nutrition and physical activity might be related to ovarian cancer risk**, so no strong recommendations can be made.





# Pancreatic cancer

**Tobacco** smoking, **type 2 diabetes**, and **impaired glucose tolerance** ("borderline diabetes"), **chronic pancreatitis** all increase the risk for pancreatic cancer.

A link between being **overweight or obese** and having a higher risk of pancreatic cancer. Also a link between having more belly fat (that is, a **larger waistline**) and pancreatic cancer, especially in women.

Pancreatic cancer **risk may be reduced** with **higher levels of physical activity**. On the other hand, **diets high in red and processed meats and low in fruits and vegetables have been linked with increased risk** in some studies. It is needed to confirm these findings.

Possible links with **alcohol intake** ..

The best advice is to **avoid tobacco use** and stay at a **healthy weight**. Being **physically active** and following the other ACS recommendations related to a **healthy diet** may also be helpful.



# Prostate cancer

Related to **age, family history, and male sex hormones**, but just how diet and activity factors might affect risk is not clear.

Men who are overweight may have a **lower risk of prostate cancer overall**, but **more aggressive cancer when it develops**. Being overweight affects **also treatment, worsening the prognosis**.

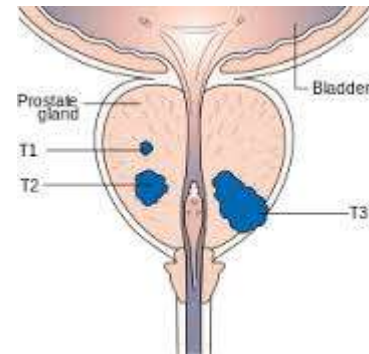
**Regular physical activity slightly lowers** risk of prostate cancer. **Vigorous activity may have a greater effect**, especially on the risk of advanced prostate cancer.

Diets high in certain vegetables (including **tomatoes, cruciferous vegetables, soy, beans, and other legumes**) or **fish** may lower the risk of more advanced cancers.

**No benefit from supplements containing antioxidant nutrients, such as vitamin E or selenium**. Eventually vit. E might raise prostate cancer risk slightly. Diets high in **calcium** may **raise prostate cancer risk**. **Dairy foods may also increase risk (calcium)**.

**Advice** about diet and activity :

- Eat at least 2½ cups of a **wide variety of vegetables and fruits each day**.
- **Be physically active**.
- Stay at a **healthy weight**
- **limit calcium supplements as well as in the diet**.





# Stomach cancer

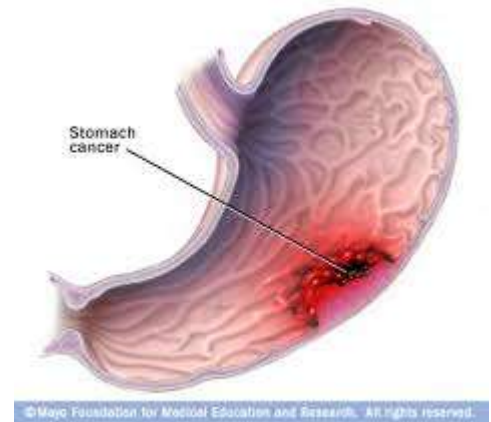
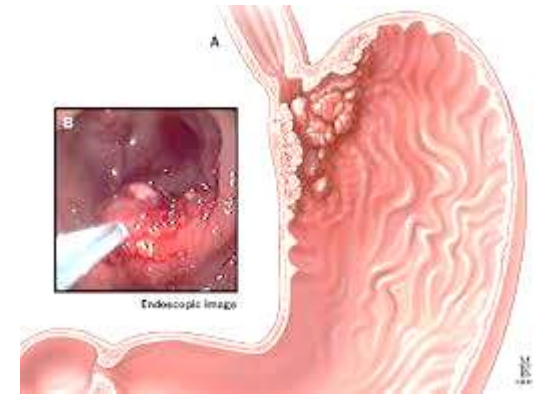
Stomach cancer cases in most parts of the world are diminishing. While stomach cancer is fairly rare in the United States, the rate of **cancers in the first part of the stomach (the cardia)** has risen in recent years. This may be due at least in part to increases in **gastric reflux, which has been linked to obesity**.

**High intake of fresh fruits and vegetables is lowering risk of stomach cancer, while a high intake of salt, salt-preserved foods, and possibly processed meat increase the risk.**

**Increased risk with higher body weight.** There are also few studies that have looked at the effects of physical activity on stomach cancer, but it seems to be linked with a lower risk.

Advice to possibly reduce the risk of stomach cancer is to:

- **Eat at least 2½ cups of vegetables and fruits daily.**
- **Reduce** intake of processed **meat, salt, and foods preserved with salt.**
- Be **physically active.**
- Stay at a **healthy weight.**





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<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/eathealthygetactive/acsguidelinesonnutritionphysicalactivityforcancerprevention/acs-guidelines-on-nutrition-and-physical-activity-for-cancer-prevention-dietand-activity>

# **Conclusions:**

**Relations between food and cancer are present.**

**Type of alimentary attitude can influence microbiota, immunity, metabolism and general physiology of the organism**

**The classic Western diet cannot be used as the standard diet because obesity risk, cardiovascular risks and cancer risks  
Microbiota modulation by probiotics is a new opportunity**

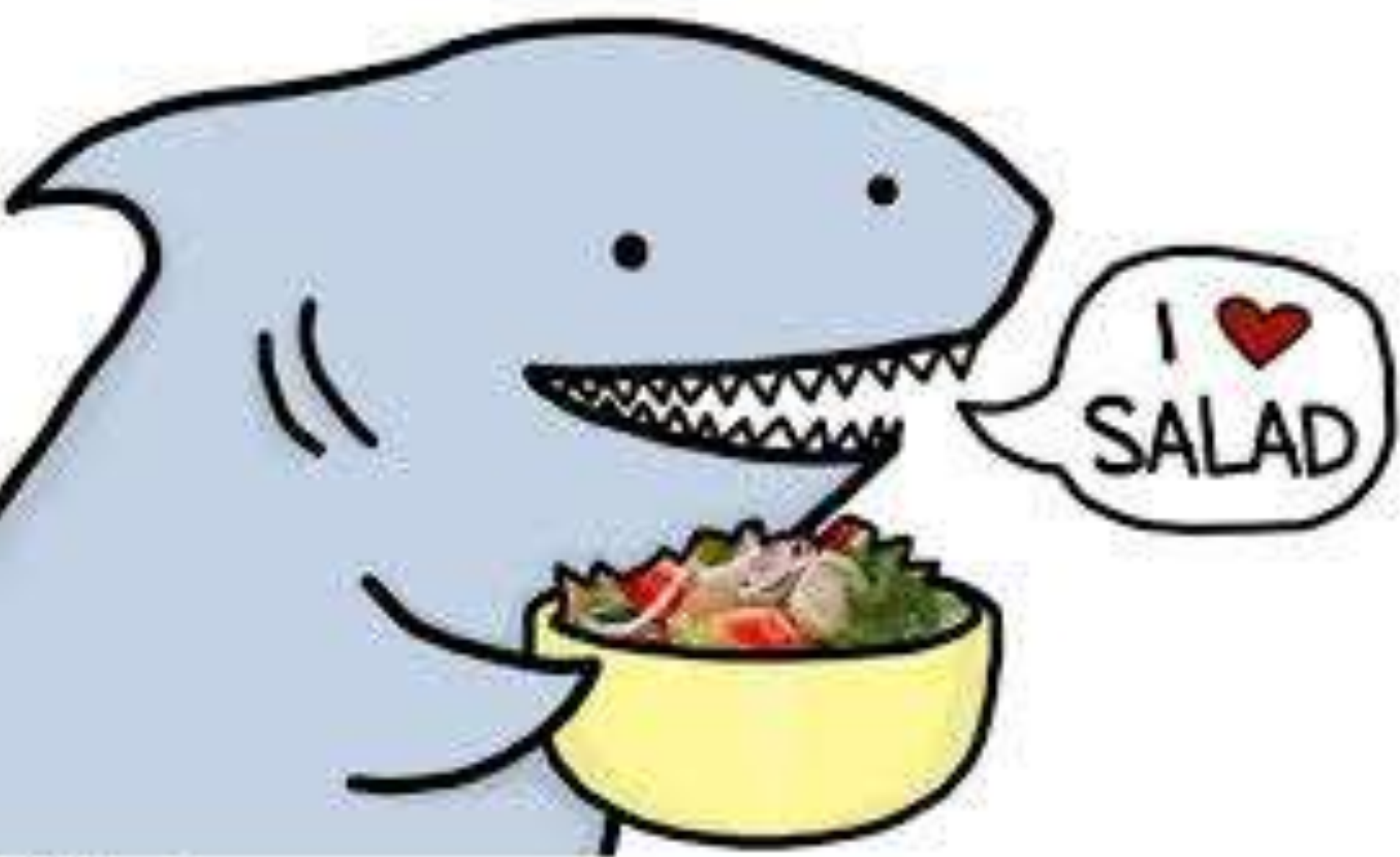
**It is recommended:**

**Physical activity**

**Weight control**

**Fresh vegetables, fruit and fibers (prebiotics), probiotics**





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## Irradiated foods

Irradiation of food products is one way to limit the risk of germ contamination and food poisoning. In the United States, some foods, such as spices, are routinely irradiated.

Irradiated meats and other foods are also widely available. Because radiation is known to cause cancer, there has been concern that food irradiation may present a cancer risk. However, radiation does not remain in foods that have been irradiated.

**Prebiotics** are nondigestible carbohydrates that act as food for probiotics. When probiotics and prebiotics are combined, they form a synbiotic. Fermented dairy products, such as yogurt and kefir, are considered synbiotic because they contain live bacteria and the fuel they need to thrive.

Probiotics are found in foods such as yogurt, while prebiotics are found in whole grains, bananas, onions, garlic, honey and artichokes.





tomatoes



artichokes



onions



garlic



chicory



dandelion greens



asparagus



leeks

## Foods Naturally High in Prebiotics

[www.exhibithealth.com](http://www.exhibithealth.com)



berries



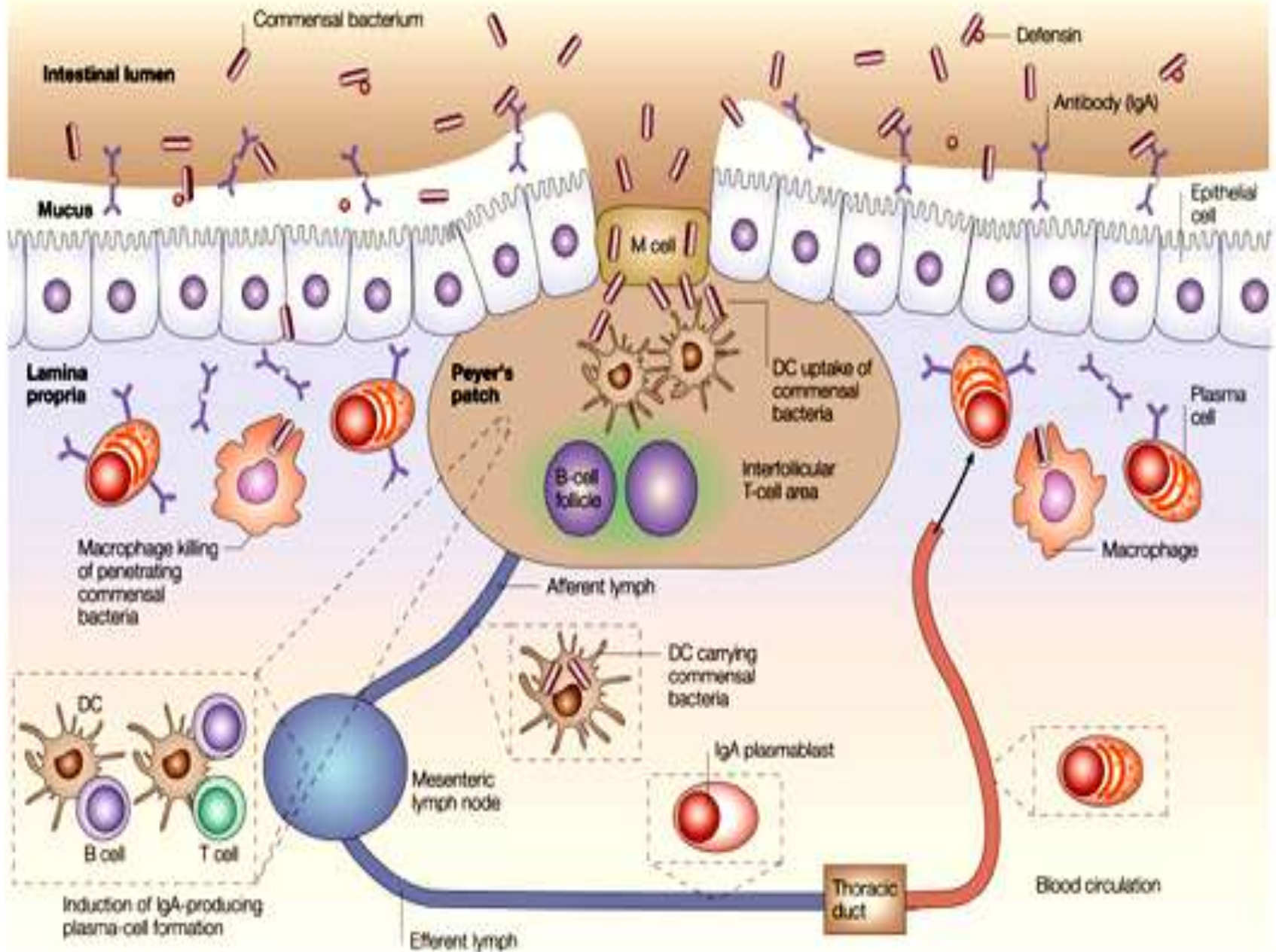
bananas



flax seed



legumes





# GUT MICROBIOTA

**$10^{13}$  -  $10^{14}$**  microbes

**1000- 35000** of species (most of them are still to be identified)

Weight – **3 to 5 lbs**

Genome – **150 fold of our Genome**

*Bacteroides, Prevotella, Fusobacterium, Eubacterium, Ruminococcus, Peptococcus, Peptostreptococcus, Bifidobacterium. Escherichia and Lactobacillus.*

*Bacteroides* alone constitute about 30% of all bacteria in the gut.....





# THE HUMAN

Bacteria, fungi, and viruses outnumber human cells in the body by a factor of 10 to one. The microbes synthesize key nutrients, fend off pathogens and impact everything from weight gain to perhaps even brain development. The Human Microbiome Project is doing a census of the microbes and sequencing the genomes of many. The total body count is not in but it's believed over 1,000 different species live in and on the body.

25  
SPECIES

in the stomach include:

- *Helicobacter pylori*
- *Streptococcus thermophilus*

500-  
1,000  
SPECIES

in the intestines include:

- *Lactobacillus casei*
- *Lactobacillus reuteri*
- *Lactobacillus gasseri*
- *Escherichia coli*
- *Bacteroides fragilis*
- *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron*
- *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*
- *Clostridium difficile*

# MICROBIOME

600+  
SPECIES

in the mouth, pharynx and respiratory system include:

- *Streptococcus viridans*
- *Neisseria sicca*
- *Candida albicans*
- *Streptococcus salivarius*

1,000  
SPECIES

in the skin include:

- *Pityrosporum ovale*
- *Staphylococcus epidermidis*
- *Corynebacterium jeikeium*
- *Trichosporon*
- *Staphylococcus haemolyticus*

60  
SPECIES

in the urogenital tract include:

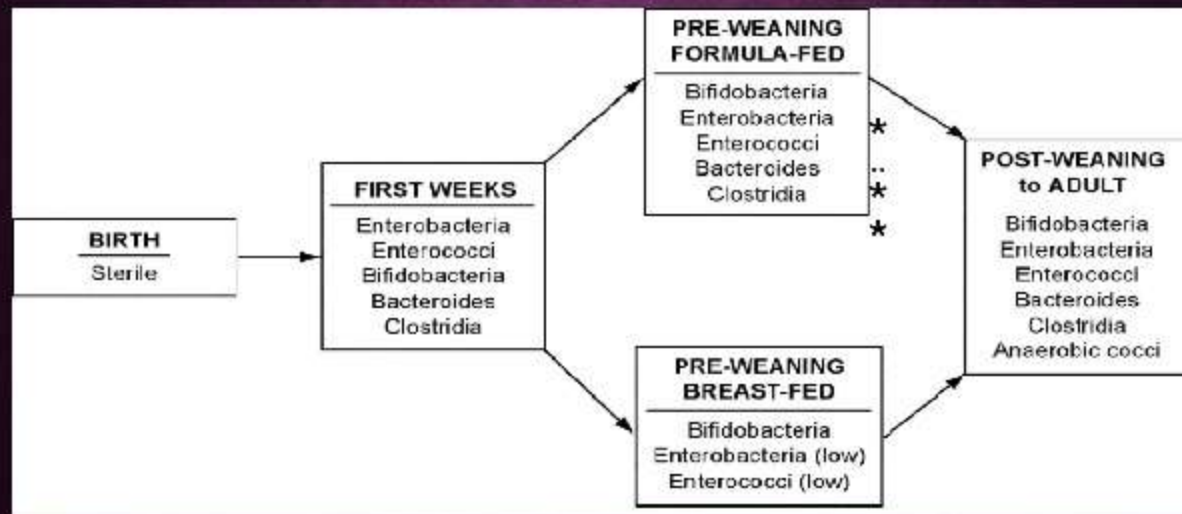
- *Ureaplasma parvum*
- *Corynebacterium aurimucosum*

We have about **10 times** as many microbial cells as human cells.

The human microbiota consists of the **10-100 trillion** **symbiotic microbial cells** harbored by each person,

primarily bacteria in the gut

## Primary Succession in the Human Gut



- Stereotypical succession: suggests that The gut environment selects its microbiota



**TABLE 2** Predominant Bacterial Phyla in the Human Body

Phylum	Class	Characteristics	Examples
<u>Firmicutes</u>	Bacilli, Clostridia	Gram-positive; diverse in their morphology (rod, coccoid, spiral), physiology (anaerobic, aerobic); include commensal and beneficial bacteria	<i>Lactobacillus</i> , <i>Ruminococcus</i> , <i>Clostridium</i> , <i>Staphylococcus</i> , <i>Enterococcus</i> , <i>Faecalibacterium</i>
<u>Bacteroidetes</u>	Bacteroidetes	Gram-negative; composed of 3 large classes widely distributed in the environment, including soil, seawater, and guts of animals	<i>Bacteroides</i> , <i>Prevotella</i>
Proteobacteria	Gammaproteobacteria; Betaproteobacteria	Gram-negative; include a wide variety of pathogens	<i>Escherichia</i> , <i>Pseudomonas</i>
Actinobacteria	Actinobacteria	Gram-positive; diverse morphology; major antibiotic producers in the pharmaceutical industry	<i>Bifidobacterium</i> , <i>Streptomyces</i> , <i>Nocardia</i>





# Early Influences on Microbiota

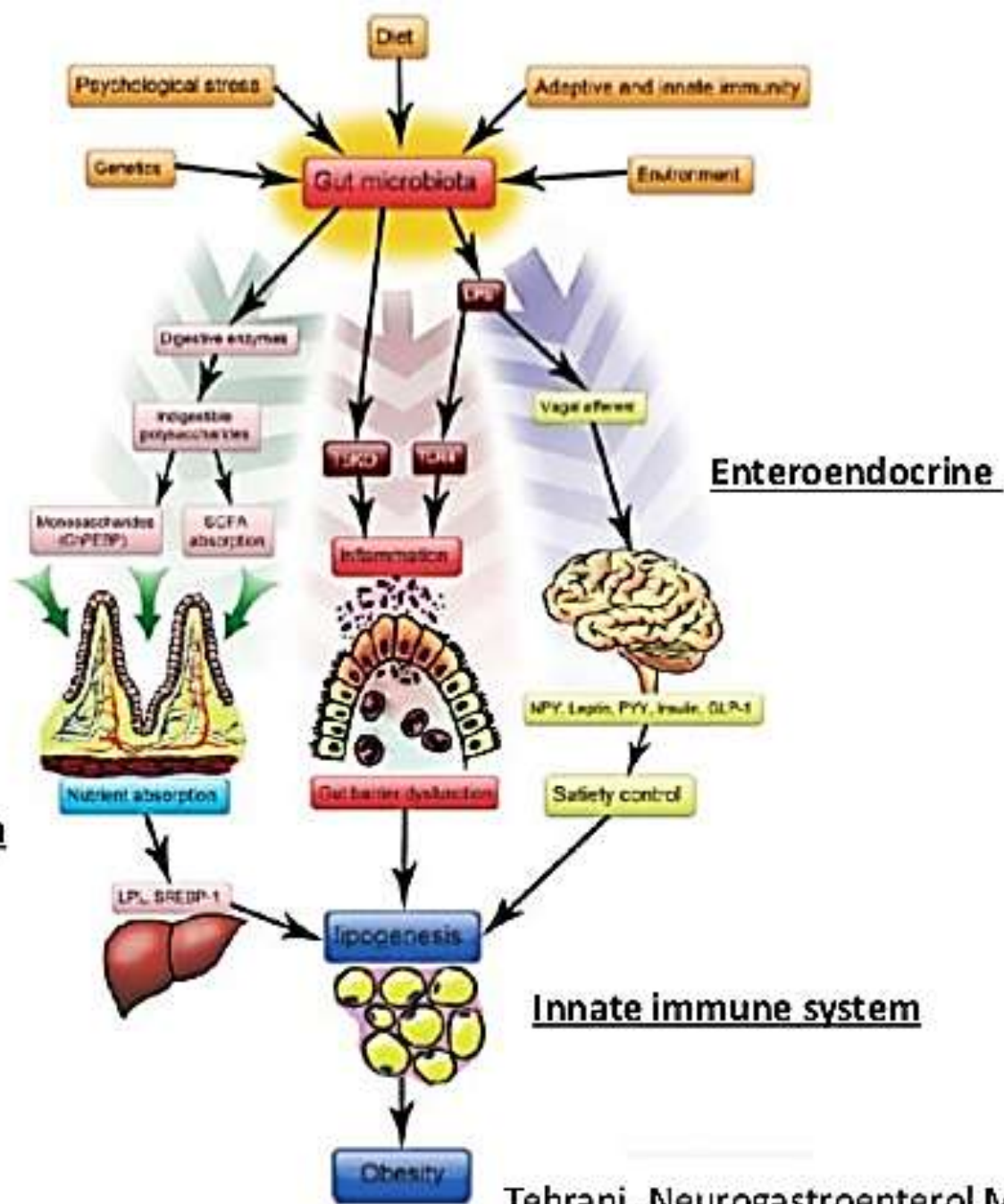
- Gestational age
- Mode of birth (vaginal vs. c-section)
- Maternal microbiome
- Exposure to environment (city vs. farm)
- Diet including breast milk vs. formula
- Hospitalization and use of antibiotics

## KOALA Birth Cohort Study

- C/S infants have lower bifidobacteria and bacteroides and more C difficile.
- Bifido and bacteroides may be protective against obesity.



Peripheral metabolism


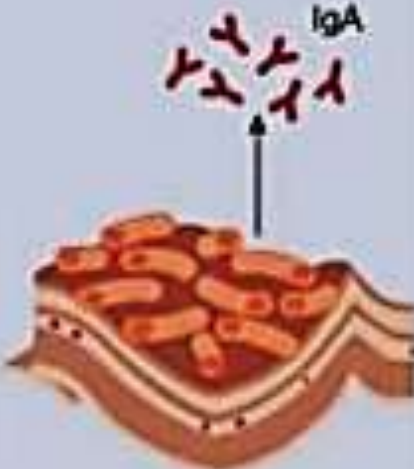
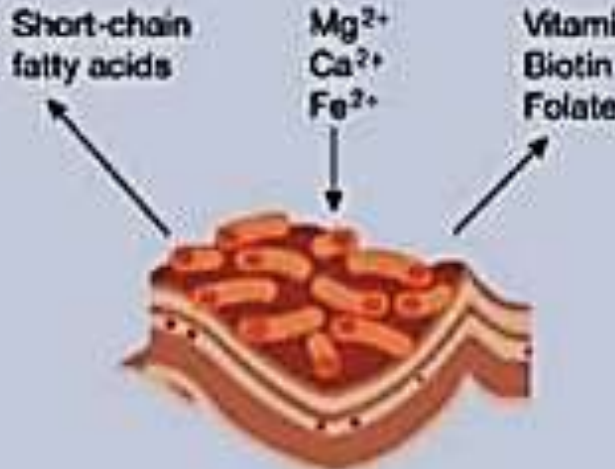


# THE MICROBIOME: WHO'S THERE?

- Adult Microbiome:
  - Increasing diversity of flora as we age
  - In some newer PCR (16S rRNA) studies, up to 92% of the flora in adults were “novel” species
- Serial stool collections show remarkable stability by an individual
  - Greatest concordance with twins
  - Less concordance with households
  - Host genetic influence unexplored.

**McCartney and Gibson in Gastrointestinal Microbiology, 51-73, 2006**



Protective functions	Structural functions	Metabolic functions
Pathogen displacement Nutrient competition Receptor competition Production of anti-microbial factors e.g., bacteriocins, lactic acids	Barrier fortification Induction of IgA Apical tightening of tight junctions Immune system development	Control IEC differentiation and proliferation Metabolize dietary carcinogens Synthesize vitamins e.g., biotin, folate Ferment non-digestible dietary residue and endogenous epithelial-derived mucus Ion absorption Salvage of energy
 <p>Commensal bacteria</p>	 <p>IgA</p>	 <p>Short-chain fatty acids</p> <p><math>Mg^{2+}</math> <math>Ca^{2+}</math> <math>Fe^{2+}</math></p> <p>Vitamin K Biotin Folate</p>

O'Hara, EMBO, 2006



# THE MICROBIOME: WHO'S THERE?

- Early gut colonization has four phases
  - Phase 1: Sterile gut
  - Phase 2: Initial acquisition: vagina, feces, hospital
  - Phase 3: Breast feeding or bottle-feeding (different)
    - Breast fed more bifidobacteria (up to 90% of flora)
    - Bottle fed more diverse; more *Bacteroides* , and Clostridial species
  - Phase 4: Start of solids; move to adult flora
    - Bifidobacteria remain key flora into adulthood

Ley, Peterson, Gordon. Cell 2006 ;124:837

Ley, et al. PNAS. 2005, 102: 11070

Edwards, et al. Br J Nutr. 2002



# TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT AND TUMOR DEVELOPMENTAL NICHEs

	Normal tissue cells (all tissue components)
CELLS	Transformed cells
	Immune cells
	Secreted biologically active molecules
PRODUCTS	Products of metabolism/degradation
	Components of necrotic/apoptotic cells
	Original tissue
STRUCTURES	Vascular net (including lymphatics)
	Nerves
	Stromal fibers

Sonnenschein C, Soto AM. **Theories of carcinogenesis: an emerging perspective.** Semin Cancer Biol. 2008 Oct;18(5):372-7.

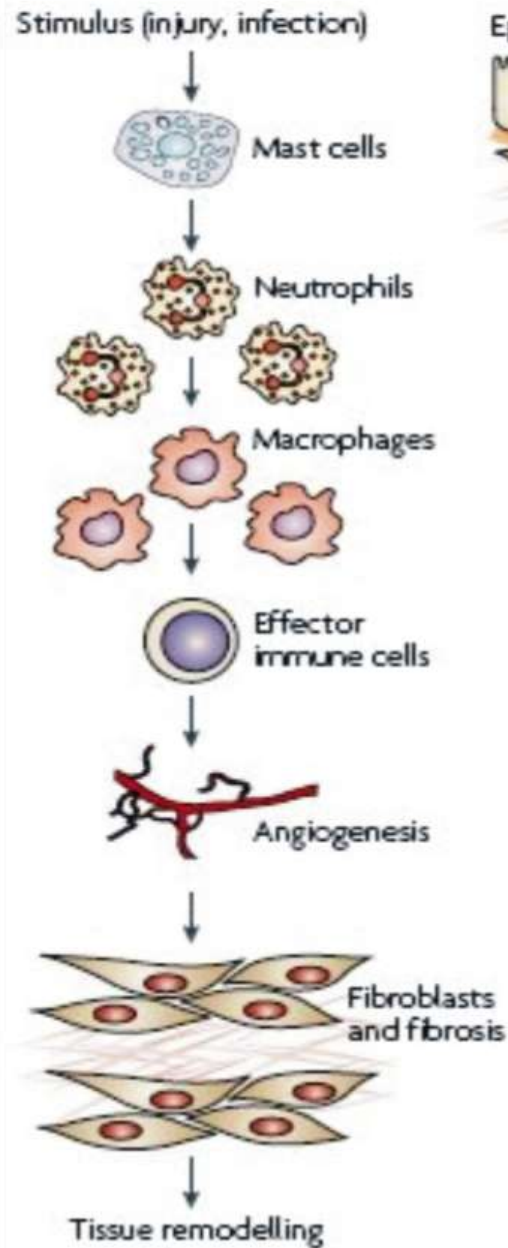
## the TOFT model

The **tissue organization field theory** (TOFT). Its premises are significantly different from those of the SMT (somatic mutation theory) namely

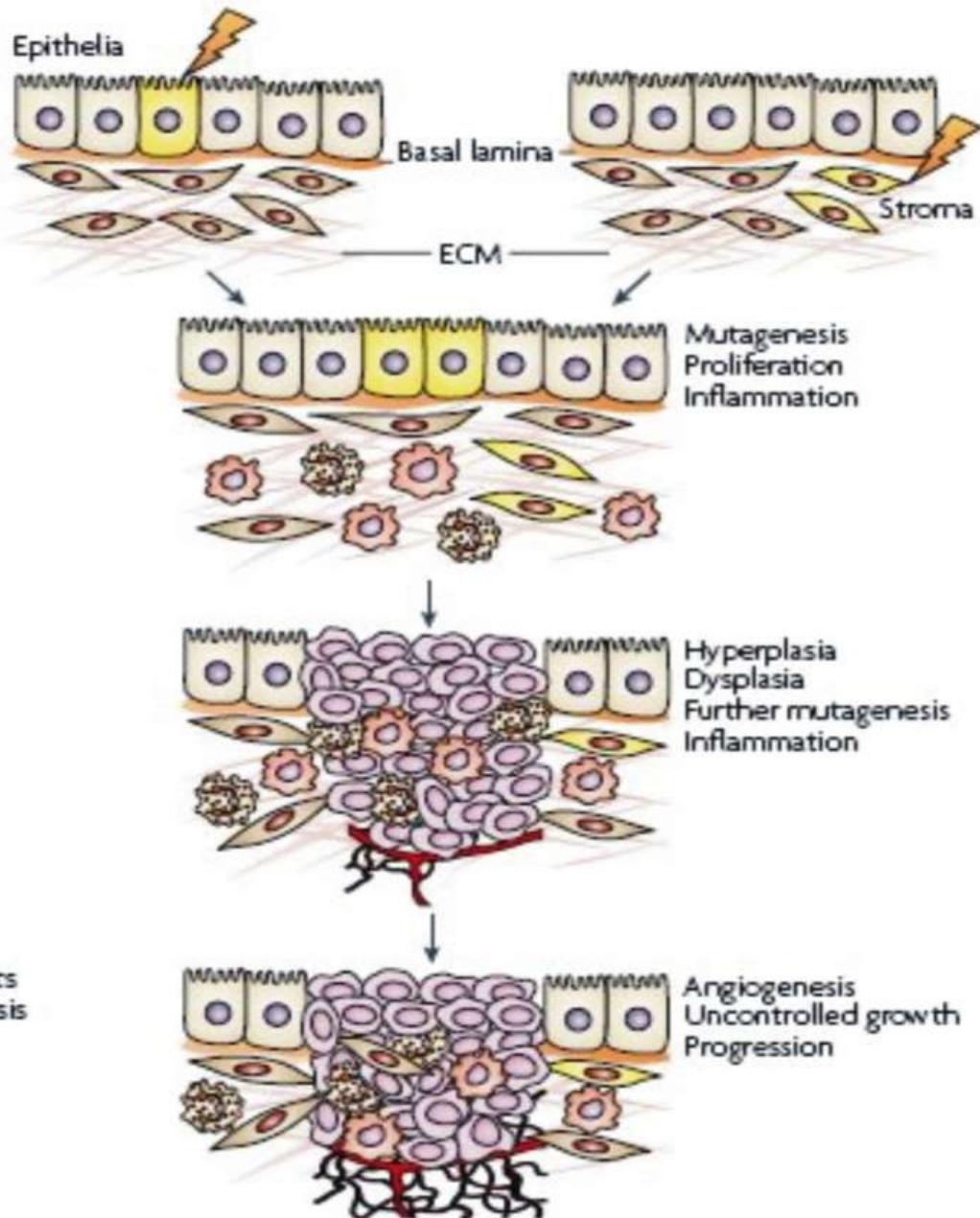
- carcinogenesis is a problem of tissue organization, comparable to organogenesis during early development
- *proliferation is the default state* of all cells
- Therefore, cell proliferation control can depend from the tissue organization



### a Acute inflammation



### b Carcinogenesis



used to boost the immune system in people whose body defenses have been weakened by conditions such as chronic fatigue syndrome, or physical and emotional stress; or by treatments such as radiation or chemotherapy. Beta glucans are also used for colds (common cold), flu (influenza), H1N1 (swine) flu, allergies, hepatitis, Lyme disease, asthma, ear infections, aging, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, and multiple sclerosis.

People apply beta glucans to the skin for dermatitis, eczema, wrinkles, bedsores, wounds, burns, diabetic ulcers, and radiation burns.

Healthcare providers sometimes give beta glucans by IV (intravenously) or by injection into the muscle to treat cancer and to boost the immune system in people with HIV/AIDS and related conditions. Beta glucans are also given by IV to prevent infection in people after surgery.

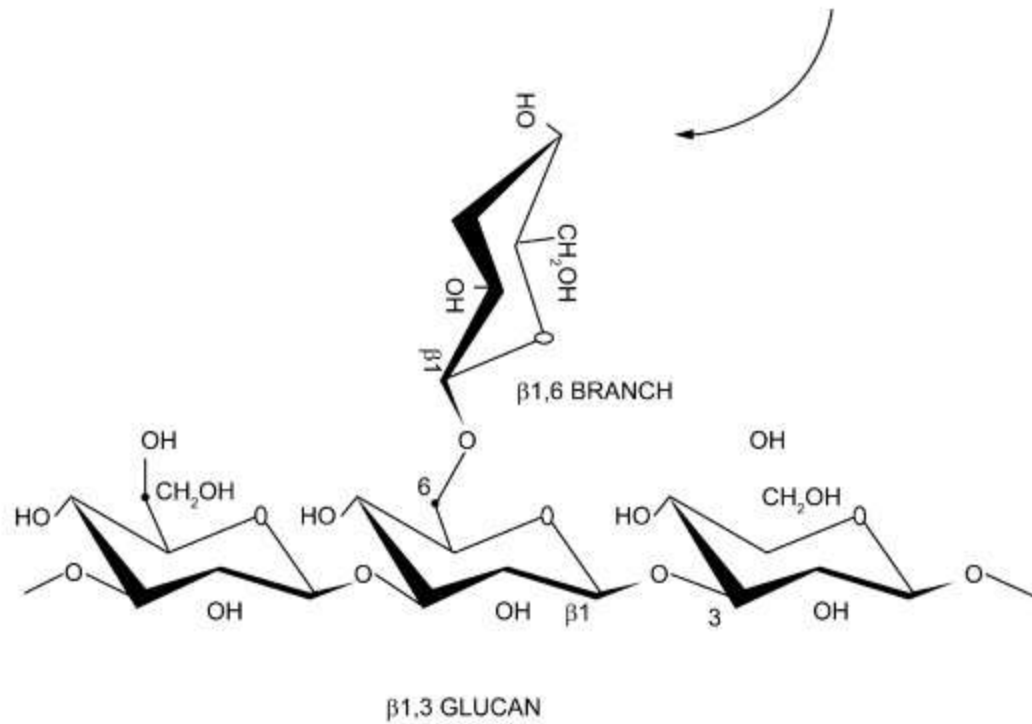
Healthcare providers sometimes give beta glucans by a shot under the skin (subcutaneously) for treating and reducing the size of skin tumors resulting from cancer that has spread.

In manufacturing, beta glucans are used as a food additive in products such as salad dressings, frozen desserts, sour cream, and cheese spreads.

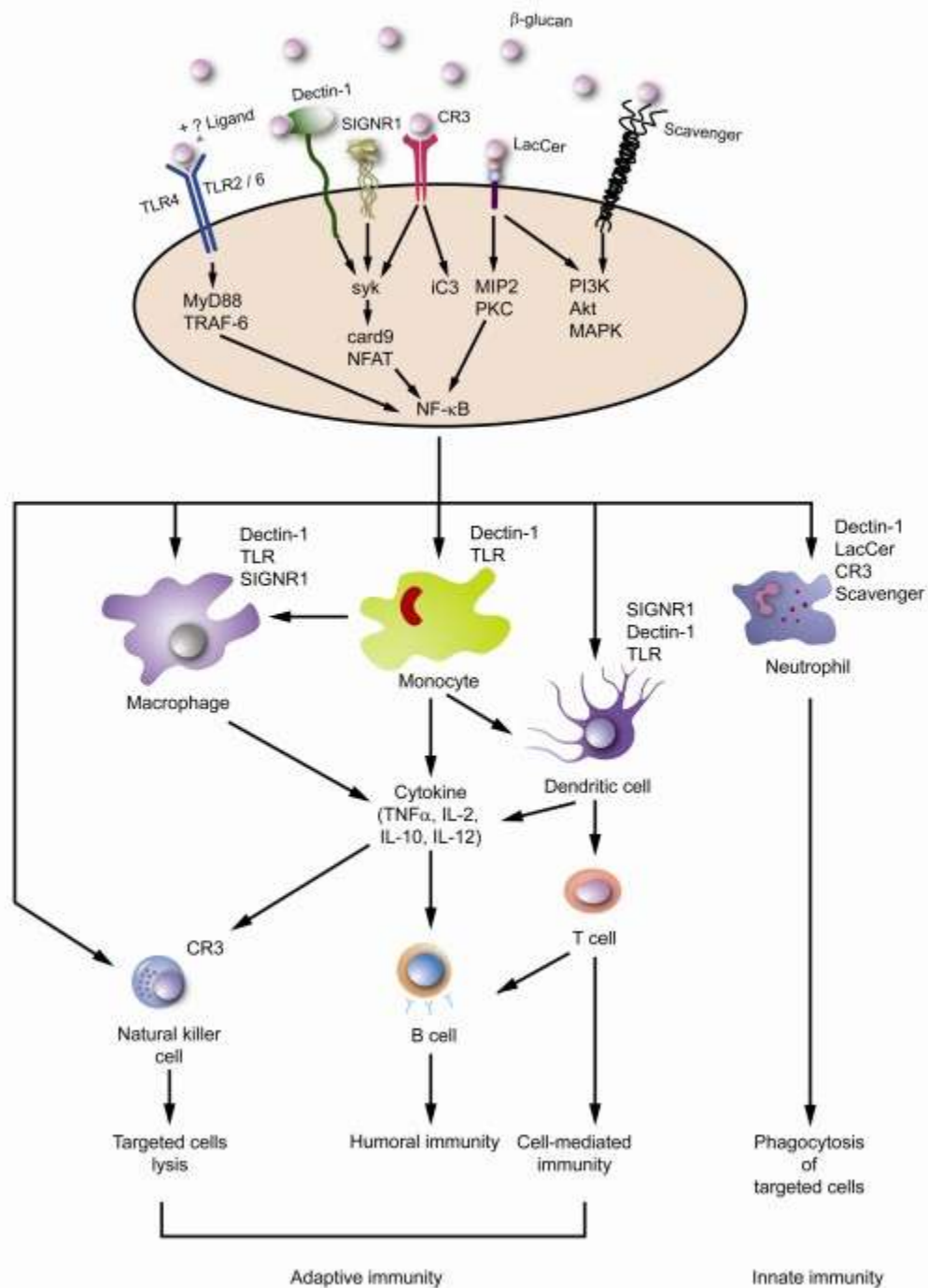
There are several beta glucan supplement products that claim beta glucans taken by mouth can only be absorbed if the product is prepared by a special patented process that “micronizes” beta glucan particles to a size of 1 micron or less. However, there is no reliable evidence to support such a claim.

These substances increase host immune defense by activating complement system, enhancing macrophages and natural killer cell function. The induction of cellular responses by mushroom and other beta-glucans is likely to involve their specific interaction with several cell surface receptors, as complement receptor 3 (CR3; CD11b/CD18), lactosylceramide, selected scavenger receptors, and dectin-1 (betaGR). beta-Glucans also show anticarcinogenic activity. They can prevent oncogenesis due to the protective effect against potent genotoxic carcinogens. As immunostimulating agent, which acts through the activation of macrophages and NK cell cytotoxicity, beta-glucan can inhibit tumor growth in promotion stage too. Anti-angiogenesis can be one of the pathways through which beta-glucans can reduce tumor proliferation, prevent tumor metastasis. beta-Glucan as adjuvant to cancer chemotherapy and radiotherapy demonstrated the positive role in the restoration of hematopoiesis following by bone marrow injury. Immunotherapy using monoclonal antibodies is a novel strategy of cancer treatment. These antibodies activate complement system and opsonize tumor cells with iC3b fragment. In contrast to microorganisms, tumor cells, as well as other host cells, lack beta-glucan as a surface component and cannot trigger complement receptor 3-dependent cellular cytotoxicity and initiate tumor-killing activity. This mechanism could be induced in the presence of beta-glucans.

several immune receptors including Dectin-1, complement receptor (CR3) and TLR-2/6 and trigger a group of immune cells including macrophages, neutrophils, monocytes, natural killer cells and dendritic cells.







improve skin issues, such as acne, eczema and psoriasis. It reduces the signs of aging by reducing the appearance of wrinkles and boosting collagen production. The high concentration of the rare Omega 7 and Vitamin A intensely moisturize and encourage cell turnover for bright, clear, healthy skin and improved wound healing.

Sea buckthorn Hippophae rhamnoides has been used back thousands of years. It is used for various health problems. It is used since 11 BC. In 12 BC, the ancient Romans used it in Mongolia, and China, sea buckthorn oil to improve circulation, aid digestion, and



history of use in folk medicine, dating back to the Tang dynasty used it to help relieve various health issues. In Tibet, Russia, and Mongolia, it is used to relieve cough, promote blood

Sea buckthorn oil is well-known for its skin benefits. When used topically, it's a great natural cleanser and exfoliator. It can also help heal burns, cuts, wounds, sunburn, rashes, and other types of skin damage

It contains over 190 nutrients and phytonutrients, including vitamin C, which is 12 times higher than that of an orange.<sup>13</sup> It also contains high amounts of vitamins, minerals, fiber, and protein, making it a powerful superfood.

This berry also has as much vitamin E as wheat germ, three times more vitamin A than carrots, and four times more superoxide dismutase (SOD), an important enzyme that helps prevent free radical damage, than ginseng.<sup>14</sup> Plus, it's the only plant source that contains omega 3, 6, 9, and 7.

Rakytníkový olej



Isorhamnetin (Iso), a novel and essential monomer derived from total flavones of Hippophae rhamnoides that has long been used as a traditional Chinese medicine for angina pectoris and acute myocardial infarction, has also shown a spectrum of antitumor activity. However, little is known about the mechanisms of action Iso on cancer cells.

Li Q, Ren FQ, Yang CL, Zhou LM, Liu YY, Xiao J, Zhu L, Wang ZG.

Anti-proliferation effects of isorhamnetin on lung cancer cells in vitro and in vivo. Asian Pac J Cancer Prev. 2015;16(7):3035-42



long-term consumption of raw cruciferous vegetables can reduce the risk of cancer ( Herr and Buchler, 2010, Higdon et al., 2007 and Keck and Finley, 2004). Chinese cabbage contains several agents commonly found in cruciferous plants, including oltipraz, phenethyl isothiocyanate, chlorophyllin, and dithiolethiones, which have also demonstrated inhibitory effects on hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) ( Mehta et al., 1994 and Suzuki et al., 2013).

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