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Introduction to Zinc

Zinc is an essential mineral that plays a crucial role in various bodily functions.

It is important for immune function, wound healing, DNA synthesis, and cell division.

Adequate zinc intake is necessary for overall health and well-being.

The importance of zinc Zinc is trace element (micro-mineral), which means we only need small amounts. Nevertheless zinc has a number of roles in our body.







maintaining bone health



Required for the

maintenance of normal vision







Required for the synthesis of DNA & protects DNA from oxidation damage

Required for fertility & reproduction in males & females









Dietary Sources of Zinc

Zinc can be found in a variety of foods such as red meat, poultry, seafood, and dairy products.

Plant-based sources of zinc include legumes, nuts, seeds, and whole grains.

It is important to include a variety of zincrich foods in your diet to meet daily requirements.



Zinc Deficiency

A deficiency in zinc can lead to impaired immune function, delayed wound healing, and growth retardation.

Symptoms of zinc deficiency may include loss of appetite, hair loss, and impaired sense of taste or smell.

Individuals at risk of zinc deficiency include pregnant and lactating women, vegetarians, and those with certain health conditions.

SYMPTOMS OF ZINC DEFICIENCY

- Poor wound healing
- Impaired taste and smell
- Thin, brittle, peeling, or white-spotted nails
- Allergies
- A weakened immune system
- Frequent colds and respiratory infections
- Hair loss
- Eczema

- Skin issues (acne, rashes, canker sores, foot fungus)
- Depression
- Impaired vision
- Unexplained weight loss
- Poor appetite
- Increased susceptibility to infections

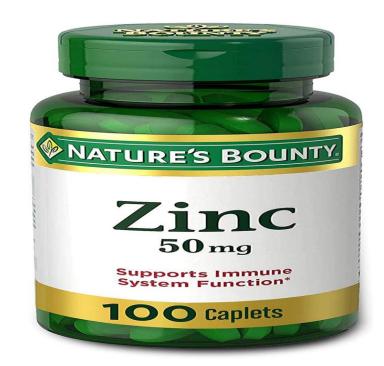


Zinc Supplementation

Zinc supplements are available in various forms, including zinc gluconate, zinc citrate, and zinc sulfate.

It is important to consult with a healthcare provider before starting zinc supplementation to determine the appropriate dosage.

Excessive zinc intake from supplements can lead to adverse effects such as nausea, vomiting, and copper deficiency.



Health Benefits of Zinc

Zinc is known for its immune-boosting properties and may help reduce the duration and severity of the common cold.

It plays a role in skin health and may help with acne, eczema, and wound healing.

Zinc is also important for maintaining healthy vision, cognitive function, and fertility.



Zinc in Skin Care

Zinc oxide is a common ingredient in sunscreen and skincare products due to its ability to provide broad-spectrum UV protection.

It has anti-inflammatory properties and may help soothe and heal irritated skin conditions such as acne and eczema.

Zinc can help regulate oil production in the skin and promote a healthy complexion.

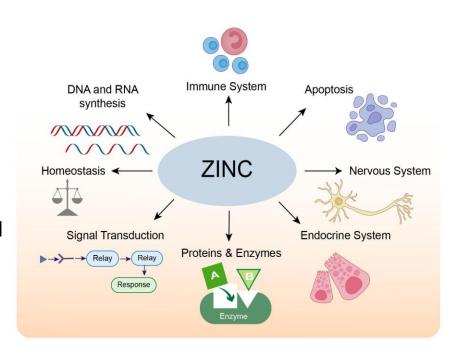


Zinc in Immune Function

Zinc is essential for the development and function of immune cells, including T cells and macrophages.

Adequate zinc intake can help support a healthy immune response and reduce the risk of infections.

Zinc deficiency is associated with increased susceptibility to infections and may impair immune function.

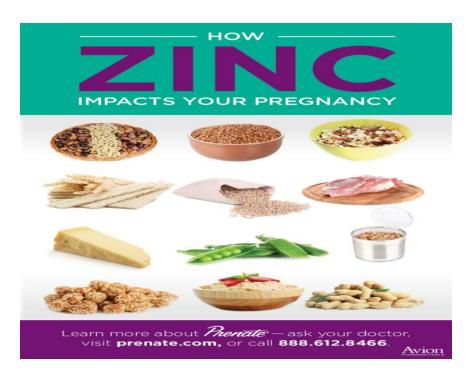


Zinc in Pregnancy

Zinc plays a critical role in fetal growth and development during pregnancy.

Pregnant women require higher levels of zinc to support the growth of the baby and prevent birth defects.

Adequate zinc intake during pregnancy is essential for maternal and infant health.



Zinc Toxicity

Excessive intake of zinc from supplements or high-dose zinc lozenges can lead to zinc toxicity.

Symptoms of zinc toxicity may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and copper deficiency.

It is important to follow recommended dietary guidelines and consult with a healthcare provider to avoid zinc toxicity.

Recommended **DIETARY ALLOWANCES** (RDAS) for **ZINC**

AGE	MALE	FEMALE	PREGNANCY	LACTATION
0-6 months	2 mg*	2 mg*		
7-12 months	3 mg	3 mg		
1-3 years	3 mg	3 mg		
4-8 years	5 mg	5 mg		
9-13 years	8 mg	8 mg		
14-18 years	11 mg	9 mg	12 mg	13 mg
19+ years	11 mg	8 mg	11 mg	12 mg

Data courtesy of http://www.nap.edu/openbook.php?record_id=10026&page=442



Conclusion

Zinc is an essential mineral with numerous health benefits, including immune support, skin health, and wound healing.

It is important to include zinc-rich foods in your diet to meet daily requirements and prevent deficiency.

Consult with a healthcare provider before starting zinc supplementation to ensure safe and appropriate usage.

