



CANCER PREVENTION

STRATEGIES TO HELP YOU
LOWER YOUR RISK

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Introduction

There are not many things that cause the fear and trepidation that a cancer diagnosis does. Many people live in constant anxiety, having seen others in their greater family succumb to the disease, and knowing that there is a genetic link to cancer susceptibility.

Alongside the search for a cure, there is ongoing research into what causes cancer. This is understandable because in order to prevent cancer we need to know what causes it, especially in seemingly healthy people!

As with many diseases, there is no one simple preventative action. Cancer is not like a bacterial or viral infection, where a specific pathogen is responsible for a specific disease, and can be more straightforwardly avoided or treated.

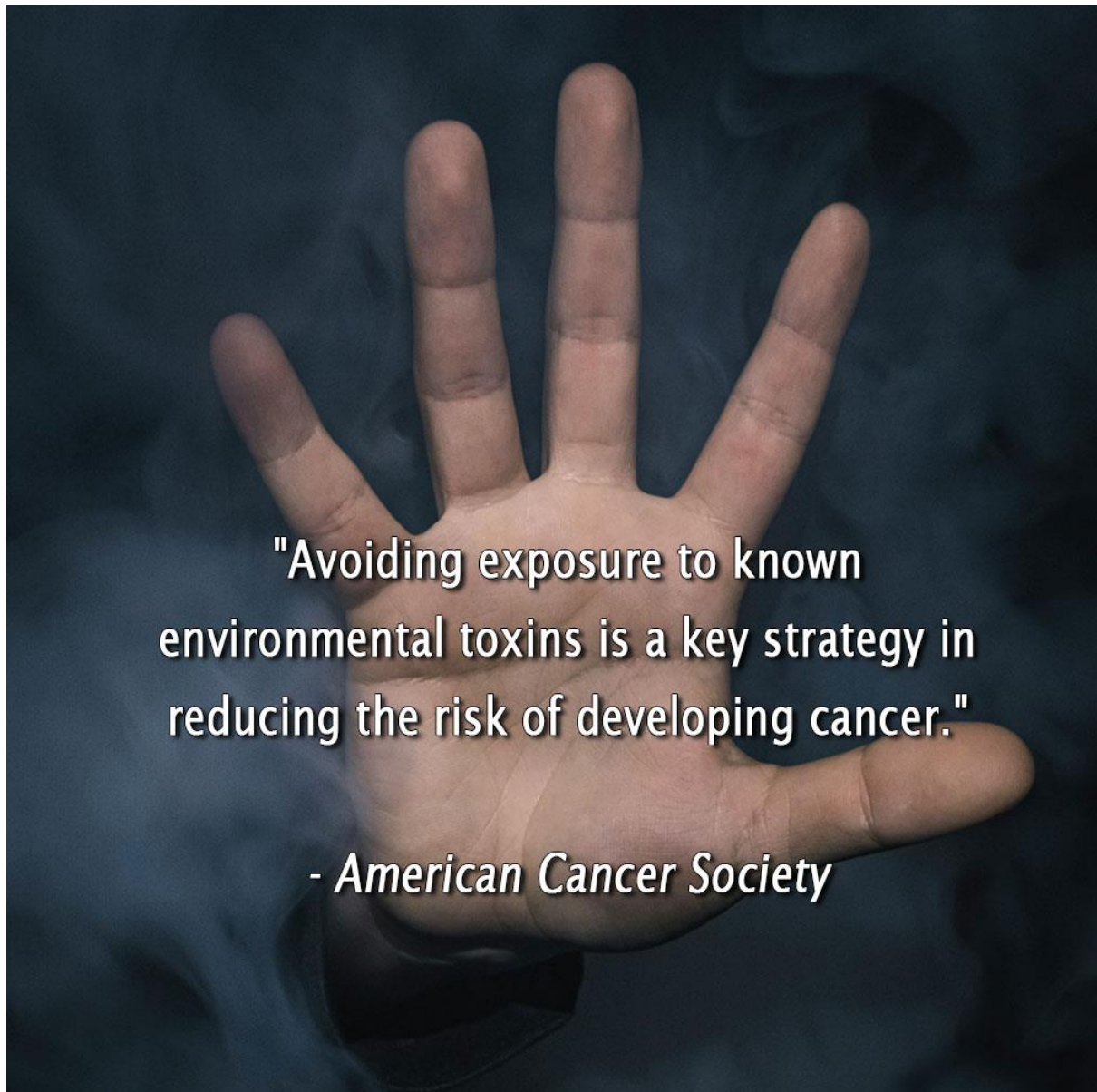
Many cancers are more and more being recognized as being on the 'lifestyle disease' spectrum. While genetic predisposition is certainly a factor, an individual's repeated actions (lifestyle) have an undeniable correlation to specific types of cancer.

Many life choices have a depressing effect on the immune system as a whole, which further predisposes the person to higher risks of becoming subject to any or all types of cancer.

There are also cancers that can be triggered by environmental factors, and our environment is also a lifestyle aspect. Some of these can be initiated by a single exposure to the causative agent.

It can be both daunting and empowering to realize that, genetics aside, most of the biggest variables in the risk of contracting cancer can be controlled or at the very least mitigated by your actions, or lack of them!

Avoid Environmental Toxins For Cancer Prevention



When we hear anyone talk about cancer, it is always with unpleasant undertones.

It's not a topic of discussion that anyone wants to discuss, especially when it relates to ourselves or our loved ones.

It's something we can't ignore, and cancer shouldn't be ignored.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death worldwide, and each year there are cancer deaths attributed to environmental exposure. There's no single cure for cancer, that is something we all know, however, that doesn't mean we can't do something to help lower our risk.

There are steps you can take to reduce your contact with harmful environmental substances and lower your risk of developing cancer from these toxins.

Tips To Help Protect Your Wellbeing

Here are a few practical strategies and lifestyle changes that you can implement to minimize your exposure to environmental toxins and safeguard your well-being against cancer.

Choose Organic Foods Wherever Possible

Let's start with what you put in your body first. Choose fresh fruits and vegetables, and go organic when you can. Organic foods are grown without synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, which can help reduce your exposure to harmful chemicals that may increase your risk.

Filter Your Tap Water

Tap water may contain harmful chemicals and contaminants like chlorine and lead. To remove these cancer-causing chemicals and reduce your exposure to them, install a water filter.

Water filters can remove most of the toxic chemicals making it safer for consumption. You can also choose bottled water, but that can become expensive and you have to be careful of the container manufacturing and how you store them.

Limit Drinking Alcohol

If you read anything about preventing cancer, you will read that the more alcohol you consume, the higher your risk of cancer is.

Alcohol may not be listed as an ‘environmental’ toxin, however, the body breaks down alcohol into acetaldehyde. This is a toxic substance. It is a carcinogen that can damage the DNA and proteins in your cells. Over time, this damage can contribute to the development of cancer.

Limiting alcohol consumption is often recommended as a measure to reduce cancer risk, as it interferes with the body’s ability to heal itself from the cell level. If you remove this toxin, you have a better chance of fighting all the other toxins in and around you!

Avoid Tobacco – Yours and Other Peoples

Tobacco is like alcohol. Smoking is known to be a huge cancer risk. If you want to continue smoking, please do so at your own risk, and if you don’t want to care for yourself, at least think of those around you.

Tobacco smoke accounts for up to 90% of all cases of lung cancer, and some cases are non-smokers! Whether you’re using cigarettes or vapes, they are full of cancer-causing chemicals. Even secondhand smoke can expose you to thousands of cancer-causing toxins.

Use Natural Cleaning Products

Many cleaning products you can find on the market contain harmful chemicals that can be so toxic to your health, so it’s better to switch to homemade or natural cleaning products to reduce your exposure to all these toxins.

You can look for products that are safe for the environment easily today, as many of them say they are clean and green! However, still take a moment to check the ingredients or safety recommendations.

Use Glass and Avoid Plastic Containers

Some plastic containers contain chemicals that can leach into food and drinks, especially low-quality ones. To reduce your exposure, it’s better to choose glass containers instead. They’re also safer for food storage.

It's also important to choose safe cookware made from materials like stainless steel instead of aluminum or non-stick coating pans. Non-stick coatings can peel off over time, releasing harmful fumes when heated.

Reduce Exposure To Air Pollution

Polluted air can contain harmful chemicals that can increase the risk of cancer. It's important to avoid areas with heavy traffic and industrial activity, although this can be difficult if you live in a city. However, you can wear a mask for your health and preventative care.

At home, that's a bit easier because your environment is within your control. You can use air purifiers to clean your air. Don't forget to keep your home well-ventilated too.

This will help reduce any indoor air pollution from things like cooking fumes and household cleaners, although hopefully, you are taking care of those issues now too.

Use Natural Personal Care Products

Many conventional personal care products contain harmful chemicals that can increase the risk of cancer. Watch out for cosmetics and personal care products that have ingredients such as parabens and phthalates. You can start by making it a habit to read all your product labels for everything you buy.

Avoid Your Exposure To UV Radiation

Ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun, sunlamps, or tanning beds can cause cancer. Skin cancer is actually one of the most common forms of cancer. So, it's important to reduce your exposure to UV radiation.

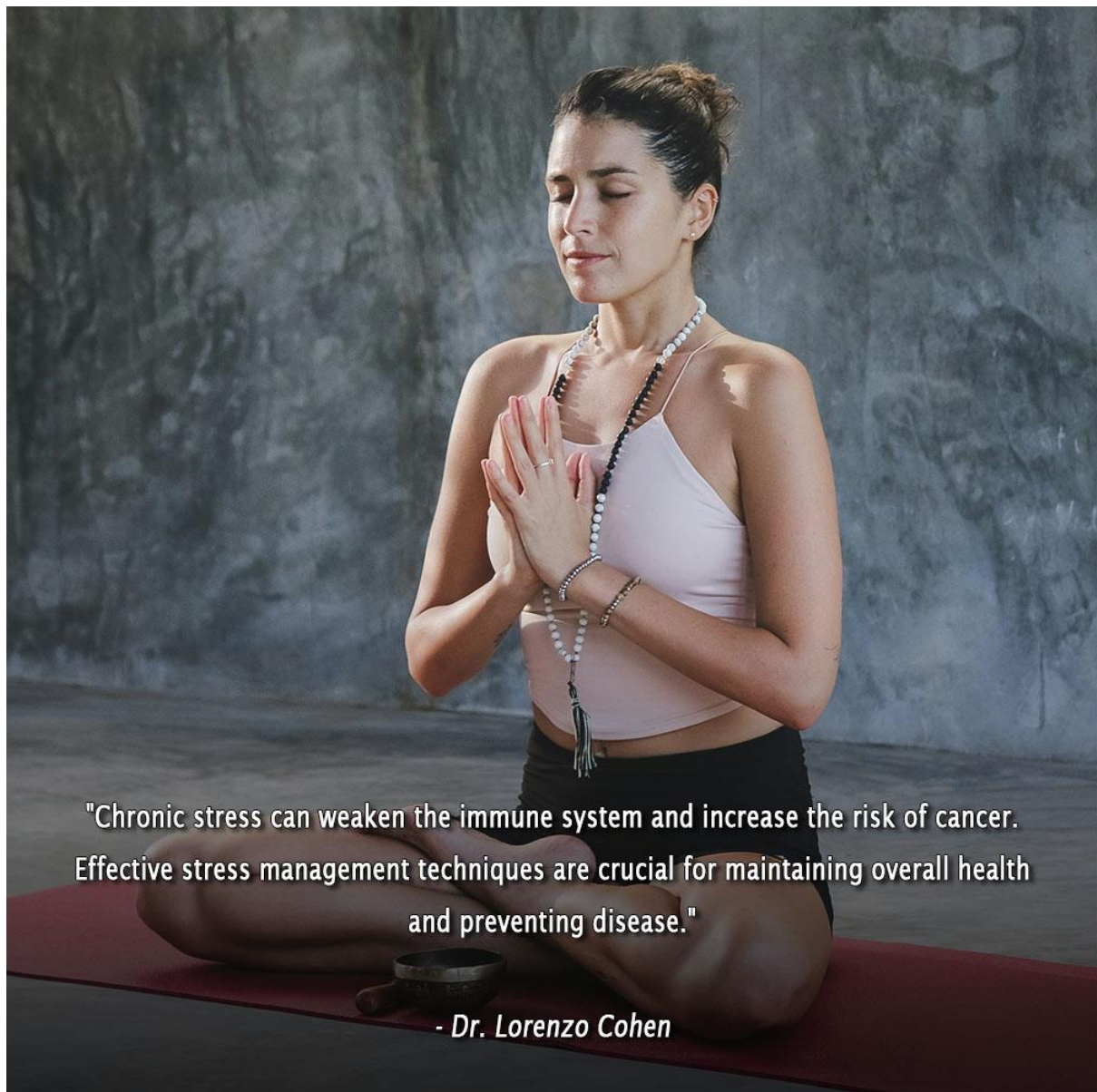
You must wear sunscreen and protective clothes when spending time outdoors and avoid the harmful, peak sun hours, which are usually classed as between 10 am and 4 pm. There are also some great UV apps you can use, which let you know if it's safe to be out in the sun or not.

In Summary

After reading the list above you may feel as though you are surrounded by things that can hurt you. You may feel as though you are being constantly exposed to environmental toxins that can lead to the development of cancer, and you may feel as though it's impossible for you to avoid them.

However, look beyond your fears and simply follow the tips above. You still have the control to do something significant to reduce your exposure. Start by making simple changes to your lifestyle today!

Stress Management for Cancer Prevention



Stress can cause 'dis-ease' and cancer is certainly that.

While there's no direct link between stress and cancer, it's well-known that chronic stress can still contribute to either the development of cancer or worsen it over time.

That's why it is so important to manage your stress.

We all have stress, however, it's when your stress weakens your mind and body that your defenses are lowered and your body is open to being attacked by unwanted invaders. By making small changes, you can learn to deal with your stress, and in the process, reduce your risk of cancer.

Here are a few stress management techniques you can try, and the ones you like, make sure to incorporate them into your daily routine.

Practice Deep Breathing Exercises

When you're under stress and pressure, your body gets all tense. You can feel it happen! Taking deep breaths can help you to relax and calm down. When you take slow deep breaths it slows down your heart rate and also lowers your blood pressure.

The deep breathing helps to calm your nervous system down and tells your brain to chill out. We all know how to breathe, but to take nice deep breaths, slowly breathe through your nose, and fill your 'belly' up with air.

You can put a hand under your ribcage and feel your body rise with each breath you take. Then slowly exhale through your mouth, making sure you expel it all. Repeat this breathing technique a few times until you feel more relaxed.

Meditate, Even for a Few Minutes Each Day

You don't need to take meditation classes. This is something everyone can do. It involves focusing your attention on something, such as your breath or a word or phrase, (which is why you might have heard some people saying the word, 'Om' while they mediate).

This helps to calm your mind and reduce your stress levels. Meditation is easy to do. Just find a quiet spot, sit comfortably, close your eyes, and let your mind unwind. Even if you just allow a few minutes each day it can make a big difference to your stress levels and your health.

You can even take your meditation a step further and incorporate yoga. Yoga is a combination of physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation, which can help reduce your stress and anxiety while improving your flexibility and strength.

If you have a healthy mind and body, you are one step closer to preventing disease.

Exercise Regularly

Exercise is a proven stress-buster. Physical activity can help reduce stress and boost your mood because when you work out your body releases endorphins and lowers your stress hormones. Aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise as many days of the week as you can.

You can take a walk, run, or hit the gym. Even doing house chores can contribute! To get a double benefit, exercise outside. Getting out in nature provides many health benefits. So get outside for some exercise and fresh air and appreciate Mother Nature, be it simply walking in the park.

Get Plenty of Quality Sleep

Making sure you get enough sleep is one of the most important things you can do to manage stress. When you're well-rested, your brain functions better. You don't feel edgy and out of control like you do when you are not well-rested.

Aim for around 7-9 hours of sleep each night, and try to stick to a regular sleep schedule. If you can't get to sleep, create a relaxing bedtime routine as this can help signal your mind and body that it's time for you to wind down.

There are lots of great sleep apps to help you wind down too. Just don't watch your phone while you try to relax!

Take Breaks and Practice Time Management

Taking regular breaks and managing your time effectively can also help reduce your stress, particularly work-related stress.

When you're overwhelmed, you can get super stressed out, so to reduce these feelings of overwhelm, take a break. Give yourself enough time and space to perform your tasks, and break them down into smaller chunks.

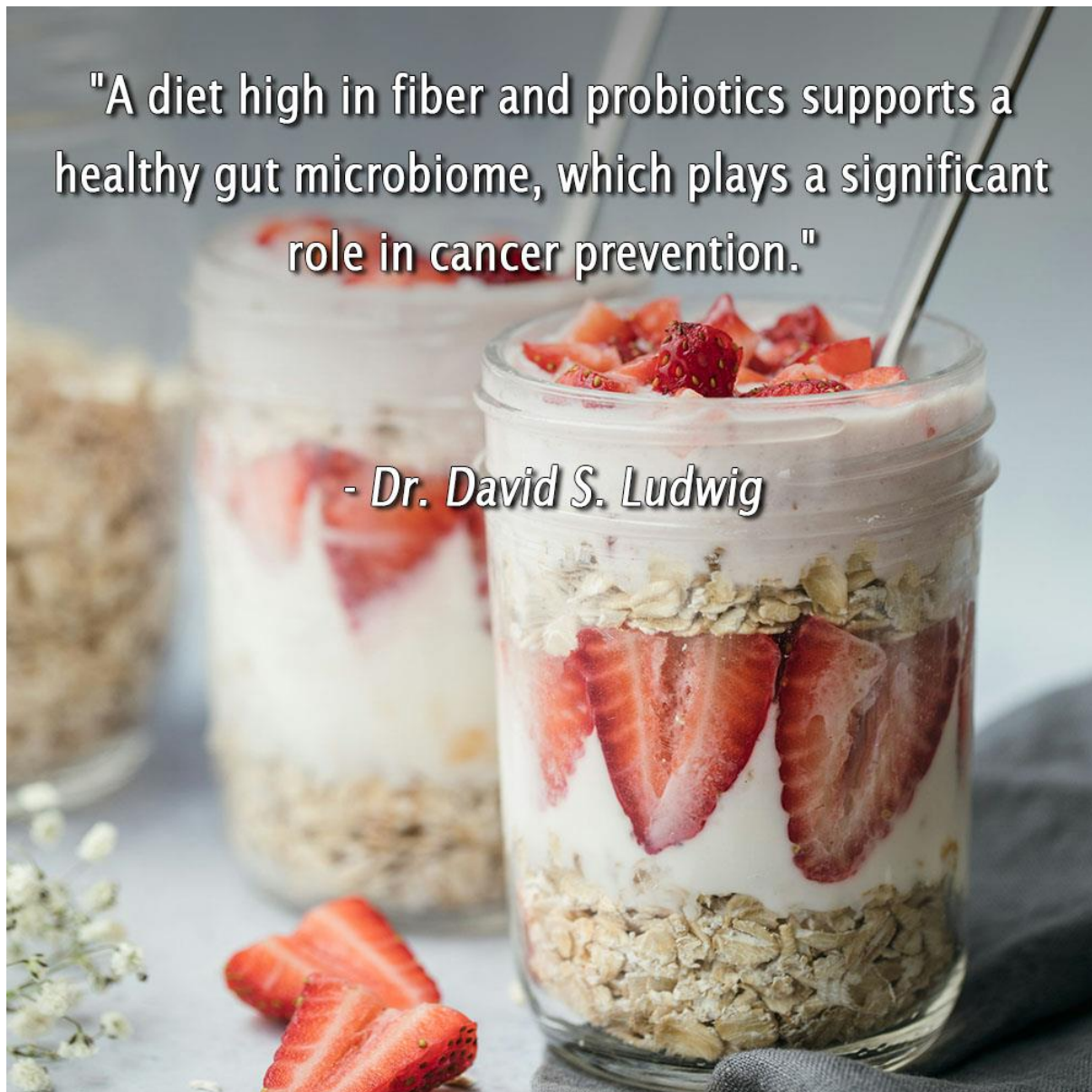
When you're able to manage your time, it gives you a sense of control and lowers your stress.

In Summary

Managing your stress is an important step for your overall health and well-being. As I said at the start, stress can cause 'dis-ease.'

If you include some of the stress management techniques mentioned above into your daily routine, they can help reduce your stress, make you feel happier, and potentially lower your risk of cancer. They're all good reasons to start today, don't you think?

Gut Health and Cancer Prevention



Good gut health plays an important role in maintaining your overall health and well-being. One of the reasons being that a healthy gut can help prevent illnesses, including some cancers.

Your gut is home to trillions of bacteria, both good and bad, and they are key to your digestion, metabolism, and immunity. The balance of your gut bacteria is what can impact the risk of developing certain diseases.

To keep a healthy balance you need probiotics and fiber.

Probiotics and Fiber Explained

Probiotics are live microorganisms that help keep the gut microbiome balanced. They are often found in fermented foods, such as kefir, kimchi, miso, yogurt, and tempeh. They are the good bacteria that keep the bad bacteria under control, and they are the ones that support the body's healthy digestion and immune function. When there's an imbalance of good and bad bacteria, gastrointestinal problems may occur.

This is where probiotics can come to your rescue! They can help to restore the balance. They work by promoting the growth of beneficial bacteria, which consume the probiotics. This increases the ratio of good bacteria, restoring harmony in your gut. Now comes the fiber to your rescue.

Fiber is an indigestible micronutrient and a type of carbohydrate that supports the body's optimal health. You can find fiber in many plant-based foods, such as fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds, and whole grains. The body cannot digest fiber, but as it moves through the body, it carries with it essential nutrients for digestive health. It also helps to keep the gut healthy and clean as it moves through the digestive tract.

How Do Probiotics and Fiber Help Prevent Cancer?

When the gut isn't healthy, it can lead to inflammation that can put you at risk of developing cancer. The probiotics can help to keep a healthy balance of bacteria, which results in keeping the gut healthy, and therefore inflammation is less likely to occur. Plus, probiotics boost your immune system, helping to protect your body against cancer cells before they have a chance to grow.

Therefore, a balanced gut environment supports the growth of healthy cells while inhibiting the growth of abnormal or cancerous cells. They help repair and strengthen the lining of your gut. Fiber acts like a cleaning brush for your stomach, keeping things clean and running smoothly.

Just like probiotics, fiber keeps the gut happy and healthy. It cleans the stomach by helping the harmful fractions move down and out of the body quickly.

Fiber prevents the harmful substances from sticking too long in the body where they can cause damage. Fiber also lowers inflammation and binds toxins. Too much inflammation can increase the risk of cancer, and fiber helps keep it in check. Some types of fiber can bind to toxins and harmful substances in your gut, preventing them from being absorbed into your body.

Another bonus is that your good gut bacteria love to live on fiber. Good bacteria feast on the fiber and produce beneficial substances that keep your gut healthy and reduce inflammation, which further helps to lower the risk of developing cancer.

How to Make Sure You Are Getting Enough Probiotics and Fiber

There are several ways you can include probiotics and fiber in your diet. One is to incorporate foods that are high in probiotics. These include fermented foods mentioned above - kefir, kimchi, miso, yogurt, and tempeh for example. These foods are great sources that can help improve your gut health.

As for consuming foods high in fiber, some good sources of fiber include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, and seeds. Incorporating these foods into your diet can help promote digestive health and also help prevent constipation.

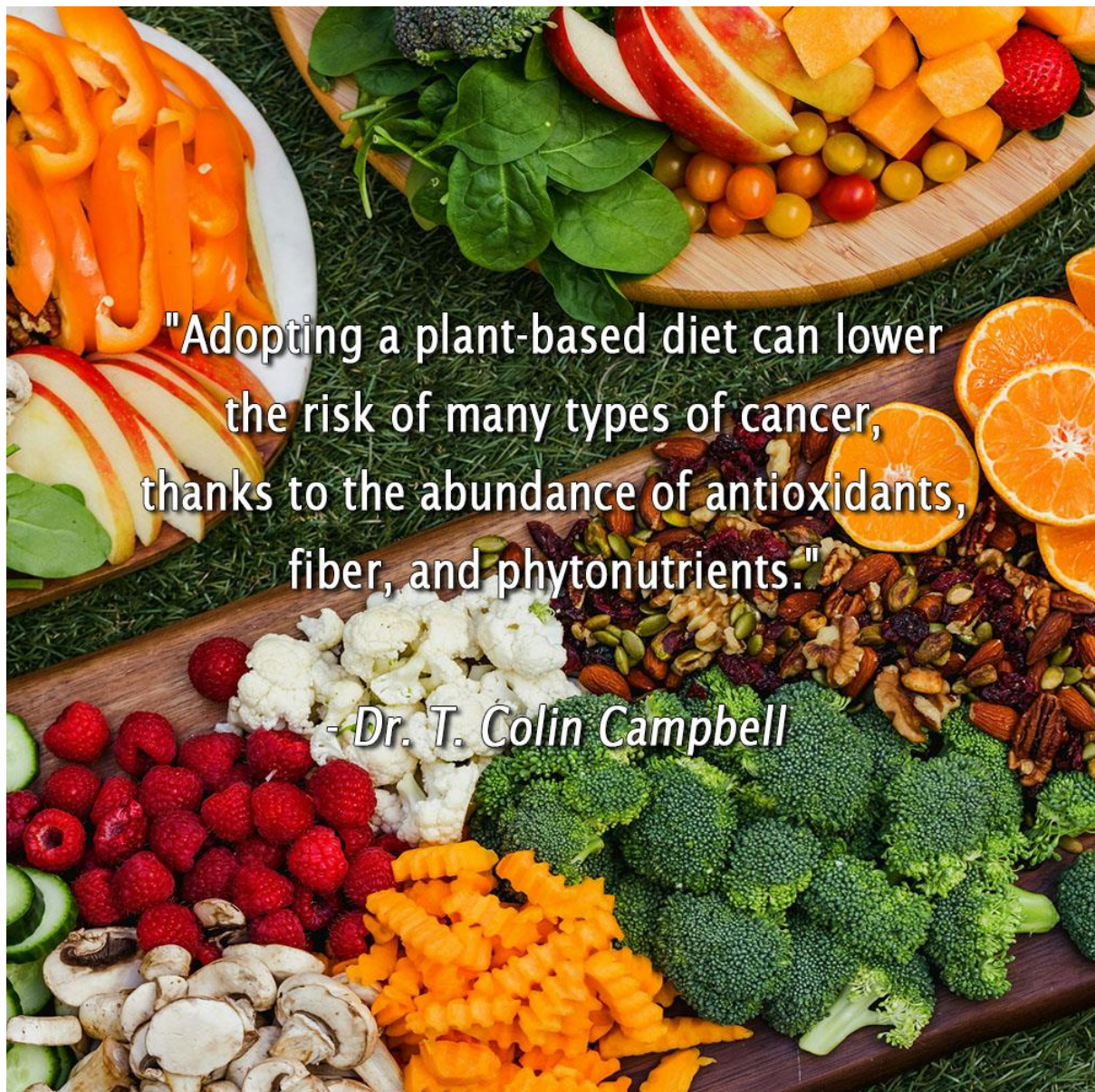
You can also take supplements to ensure that you're getting enough probiotics and fiber. Probiotic supplements and fiber supplements are available in many health food stores and can help boost your levels of healthy gut bacteria.

In Summary

Maintaining good gut health is possibly more important than you realize, however, hopefully now you know just how important it is! By incorporating probiotics and fiber into your diet you can help support your gut health and reduce your risk of many illnesses, including reducing the risk of cancer.

All you have to do is eat a balanced diet and take supplements if necessary so that your body gets all the nutrients it needs. You can take control in keeping your gut microbiome balanced, by including probiotics and fiber in your day.

Benefits of a Plant-Based Diet for Cancer Prevention



"Adopting a plant-based diet can lower the risk of many types of cancer, thanks to the abundance of antioxidants, fiber, and phytonutrients."

- Dr. T. Colin Campbell

Preventing cancer is greatly helped by making the right lifestyle choices, which includes eating a healthy diet.

That's a bold statement, but it is what is in your control.

One diet many people turn to, to improve their state of health, is a plant-based diet, or at least one that is predominantly plant-based.

There are different types of plant-based diets, such as the Mediterranean diet and of course, vegetarian diets. A plant-based diet means you're eating foods primarily from plants, such as fruits and vegetables, nuts, seeds, legumes, and whole grains.

In this diet, you avoid or greatly reduce the intake of animal products, particularly red meat, poultry, and fish as much as possible. Cutting down on red meat and processed meats reduces your risk of cancer, especially colorectal cancer. You can replace them with plant-based proteins like beans, lentils, and tofu.

However, it doesn't mean that you can't eat meat or fish at all unless you are a vegan. It just means you are trying to source most of your nutrients from plants, not animals.

Plant-Based Diet Benefits

Let's look at the benefits of a plant-based diet and why many use it as a prevention tactic against developing cancer.

Rich in Antioxidants

Plant-based foods are rich in antioxidants and phytochemicals that help keep your body healthy. Cancer occurs at a cellular level, and antioxidants help neutralize the damage processes and repair cells.

High in Fiber

Plants are a great source of fiber, which offers a range of benefits to your body. Fiber helps improve your gut health by allowing for better absorption of nutrients and proper bowel movements.

This can help reduce the risk of cancer, particularly colorectal cancer, which is the third most common type of cancer! So pay attention to your fiber intake.

Keeps Gut Healthy

Plant-based foods are rich in gut-friendly nutrients, including probiotics and fiber. When your gut is healthy, your immune system gets a boost, there's less inflammation, and your body absorbs the nutrients properly. Plant-based foods aid in keeping your digestive system functioning optimally, removing toxins from the body and improving metabolism.

Contains Healthy Fats

Plant-based foods contain healthy fats, like those found in nuts, seeds, avocados, and olive oil. They can help reduce inflammation which can then also help lower your cancer risk.

Promotes Healthy Weight

Plant-based diets help you maintain a healthy weight. When you carry excess weight, your body is prone to inflammation and hormonal imbalance. That increases your risk of developing different types of cancer.

Plant-based foods are low in calories and rich in nutrients that help keep your weight at a healthy level. If you combine these types of foods with regular exercise, you will lose even more weight.

Supports Immune System

A plant-based diet is packed with essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that your immune system needs to function optimally. These nutrients help your body produce white blood cells, which fight off harmful invaders like bacteria and viruses, and cancer cells.

Reduces Inflammation

Many plant-based foods have anti-inflammatory properties. Chronic inflammation has been linked to various health problems, including weakened immune function that makes you vulnerable to cancer. Eating a plant-based diet can help keep inflammation in check.

Following A Plant-Based Diet

If you are not sure where to start, here are some actionable tips for following a plant-based diet.

Take it slow. You don't have to throw your whole pantry out when transitioning to a plant-based diet. You simply can't do it all in one day. It would be too expensive and wasteful! You can start by making small changes to your meals, like adding more vegetables and reducing the amount of animal products on your plate.

Focus on whole foods. That means choosing real plant foods, not processed, packaged substitutes. Choose the most nutrient-dense fruits and vegetables. Add whole grains, such as brown rice, and protein-rich legumes, such as beans and lentils to your meals.

Explore different plant-based foods. There's a range of delicious plant-based foods to choose from, so don't be afraid to experiment. Try different fruits, vegetables, grains, legumes, nuts, and seeds to find out which ones you enjoy.

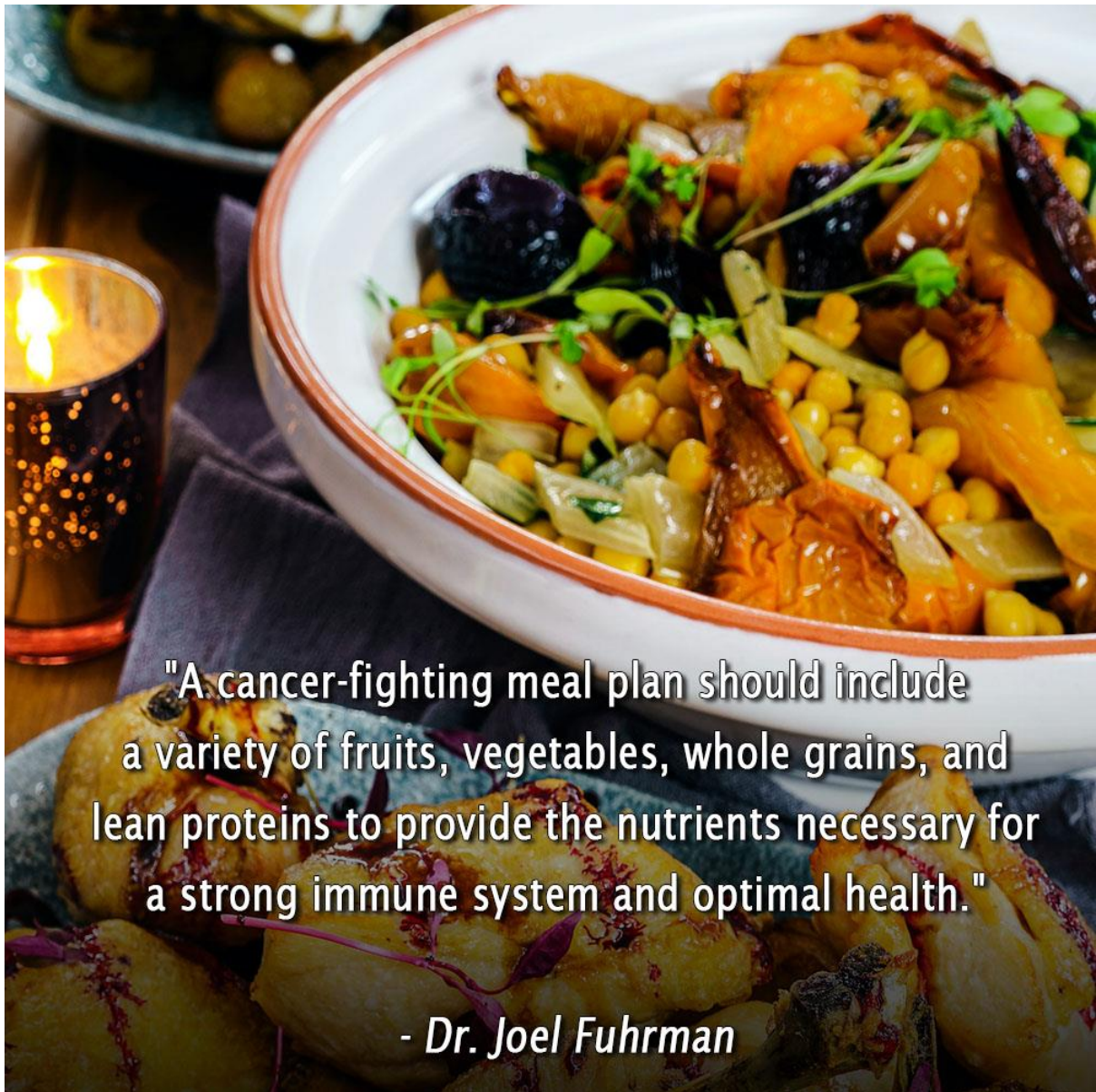
Once you start your new diet habits, don't forget to pay attention to how your body feels and adjust things if necessary. Everyone's dietary needs are different, for example, some may need more fiber than others. You have to see what foods work for you and what ones don't.

In Summary

The foods you eat certainly play an important role in cancer prevention, which is why a plant-based diet is often recommended. Plant-based foods are a great source of antioxidants and other vitamins and minerals, including fiber and healthy fats.

They can help improve your gut health, boost your immune system, and reduce inflammation in the body, effectively lowering your risk of developing cancer. All these benefits are worth it, don't you think?

How to Create a Cancer-Fighting Meal Plan



"A cancer-fighting meal plan should include a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins to provide the nutrients necessary for a strong immune system and optimal health."

- Dr. Joel Fuhrman

Food fuels our bodies, and as it nourishes us, it also protects us against illnesses, including cancer, so yes, what we eat plays an important role in our fight to prevent cancer.

However, it doesn't just happen. You have to be mindful and plan your meals.

Here are some tips to help you create a cancer-fighting meal plan.

Include Plenty of Colorful Fruits and Vegetables

Have you heard people say, eat the rainbow? If not, it means that you need to consume different colored fruits and vegetables. Your meals must include a variety of fruits and vegetables, and a plate certainly looks appetizing when it is filled with lots of colors!

Fruits and vegetables are a great source of nutrients and antioxidants that protect the cells from the damage caused by free radicals. They are also rich in fiber, which promotes healthy digestion and reduces inflammation in the body.

Health experts recommend at least two servings of fruits and two and a half cups of vegetables per day.

Choose Lean Proteins

You need to have lean proteins in your meals to build and maintain muscle mass while also supporting the immune system. Some good sources of protein are fish and poultry, which are also low in saturated fats.

However, if you want to avoid animal products, the best plant-based alternatives include beans, lentils, and tofu. They're high in fiber, vitamins, and minerals. Make sure you don't eat too much red meat or processed meats, which have been linked to an increased risk of cancer.

Processed meats are classified as a Group 1 carcinogen by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) because they're known to cause colorectal cancer. So, if you want to eat meat, choose lean meats, not processed meats, and watch your portion sizes.

Choose Whole Grains

Whole grains provide fiber, vitamins, and minerals that can help reduce inflammation in the body and consequently prevent cancer. Some of the best examples to include in your meals are brown rice, quinoa, and whole-wheat breads.

Avoid refined grains like pasta and white bread as they don't have enough nutrients and fiber to nourish your body.

Incorporate Healthy Fats

Your body needs fat for health! So eat foods with healthy fats like those found in nuts, seeds, avocado, and olive oil. Healthy fats, like omega-3 fatty acids, can help reduce inflammation in the body. Nuts and seeds are good sources of protein and fiber.

Avocado is high in heart-healthy monounsaturated fats, and olive oil is a good source of polyunsaturated fats. The healthy amount of fats you can eat a day depends on your calorie requirements and goals.

Choose Organic or Locally Grown Produce

Harmful chemicals used in food production can also cause cancer. So, if you can and whenever you can, choose organic or locally grown produce, which are often grown without pesticides and harmful chemicals. This can reduce your exposure to toxins and lower your risk of cancer.

You must also avoid processed and packaged foods, which can be high in sodium, preservatives, and other unhealthy additives. These can contribute to inflammation in the body and increase your risk of cancer.

Drink Plenty of Water To Stay Hydrated

This isn't really part of a meal plan, but it's too important to leave out. Water is the liquid of life! Without it, we can't survive. It helps to flush out toxins from the body and keeps it running optimally. So keeping the body hydrated is the key to life.

That's why it is recommended we all drink our 8 glasses of water per day. Choose water, not sugary drinks too. They're high in added sugars, which can contribute to inflammation and increase your risk of cancer. If you're craving something sweet and refreshing, you can eat a colorful, fresh piece of fruit.

If You Need Help

Everybody's dietary needs are different. If you are not sure what your body needs, you can work with a registered dietitian or other healthcare professional for a personalized cancer-fighting meal plan.

They can also help you to make healthy lifestyle choices too. If you have a history of cancer or are undergoing cancer treatment, it's especially important to work with a healthcare professional to ensure that your meal plan supports your health.

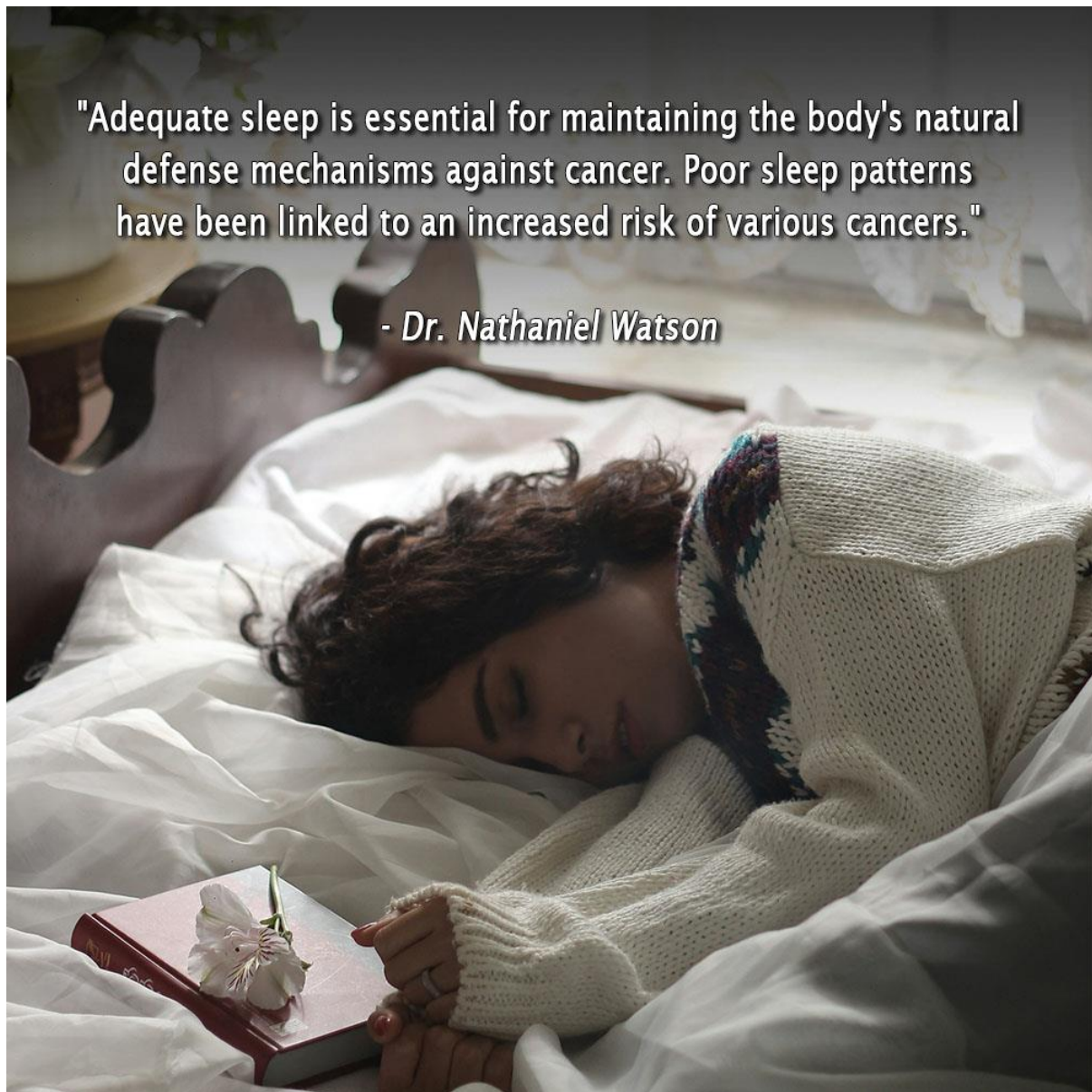
In Summary

Creating a cancer-fighting meal plan involves making healthy choices and incorporating various nutrient-dense foods. Your meals must include plenty of colorful fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and healthy fats.

It's also super important to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

Your food choices can support your body's natural defenses against cancer, so make sure you do what you have to do because making small changes to your diet can greatly impact your overall health and well-being.

The Importance of Sleep in Cancer Prevention



"Adequate sleep is essential for maintaining the body's natural defense mechanisms against cancer. Poor sleep patterns have been linked to an increased risk of various cancers."

- Dr. Nathaniel Watson

How many hours of sleep do you get each night? Are you getting enough?

It's essential you get enough sleep for your general health, but it also is important for cancer prevention.

If you're sleeping less than six hours every night, you are not getting enough quality sleep, so you may be raising your risk of developing certain types of cancer.

When you sleep your body gets busy repairing itself and fighting off all the bad stuff, like cancer cells. So if you are not getting enough sleep, you are reducing your body's ability to heal.

Here's why sleep matters in preventing cancer.

Sleep Boosts Your Immune System

A lack of sleep can weaken your immune system, so you become more vulnerable to cancer and other illnesses. Sleep helps strengthen your immune system, which is responsible for fighting off infections and nasty invaders, including cancer.

During sleep, your body produces immune cells, antibodies, and cytokines, which help fight infection and prevent illness.

Sleep Balances Your Hormones

Sleep helps keep your hormones in check. When you're sleep-deprived, your body can produce an increase in the hormones that are linked to cancer, such as cortisol, which is your stress hormone. Stress can cause many problems to your health, so maintaining hormone balance is important.

Disruptions in your body clock also disrupt the levels of melatonin, the hormone that regulates your sleep-wake cycle. Reduced melatonin can encourage cancer cells to grow.

Getting enough sleep helps keep these hormones in balance. It also helps the body release healing hormones secreted by various glands, which are essential for cell repair and growth.

Sleep Repairs Your Cells

While you sleep, your body goes into repair mode. It heals and restores cells and grows healthy tissue. It fixes up damaged cells and DNA, which can help prevent cancer from forming or spreading.

The deepest phases of your sleep cycle also allow for proper blood flow in the body, which helps cells regenerate. This increased blood flow carries nutrients and oxygen throughout your body. When you lack sleep, it affects your body's ability to perform healing and restorative processes.

Sleep deprivation can disrupt the body's natural circadian rhythm, which regulates cell division and repair processes, potentially increasing your risk of cancer.

Sleep Reduces Inflammation

Lack of sleep can lead to inflammation in your body, which is linked to a higher risk of cancer. You can have higher levels of inflammation because your immune system may become overactive. This can lead to chronic inflammation which can create an environment conducive to cancer growth and progression.

Therefore, getting enough rest helps keep inflammation in check by maintaining a balanced immune response, lowering your risk of cancer.

Sleep Helps You Make Healthy Choices

If you don't get enough sleep, you're more likely to crave unhealthy foods high in sugar and fat, and skip exercise. You're more likely to engage in other behaviors that can increase your risk of cancer, such as smoking and excessive drinking.

If you are well-rested, you're more likely to make healthy choices, which will lower your cancer risk.

How to Improve Your Sleep

If you're not getting enough sleep, you can still do something about it to lower your risk of cancer. For starters, establish a regular sleep schedule. Go to bed and wake up at the same time every day. Consistency helps maintain your circadian rhythm and body clock. Make your bedroom comfortable too.

You may need to use blackout curtains to block out the light, as darkness is best for healthy sleep. Make sure you unplug from your mobile devices before bed because the light coming from them can affect your sleep.

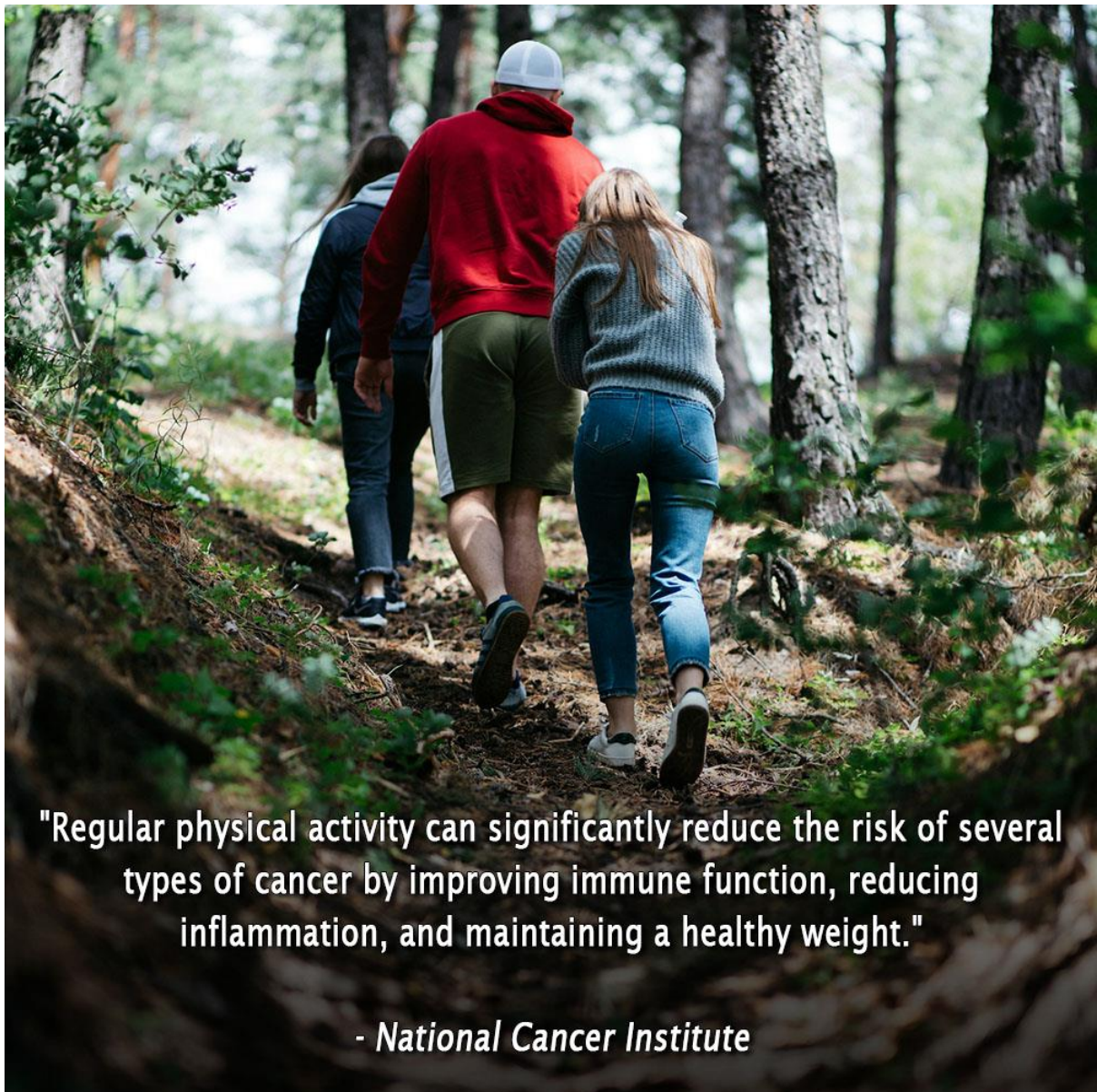
Avoid eating heavy meals and drinking caffeinated drinks 2 to 3 hours before bedtime. You also need to stay physically active during the day, which helps you fall asleep faster.

In Summary

Getting enough sleep is vitally important in your cancer prevention and overall health. When you get enough rest, your body's natural healing processes are optimized, so you are giving your body a fighting chance to fight off anything!

Make sure you prioritize your sleep to stay healthy and cancer-free, by following the tips mentioned above to improve your sleep quality.

How Regular Exercise Can Lower Your Cancer Risk



"Regular physical activity can significantly reduce the risk of several types of cancer by improving immune function, reducing inflammation, and maintaining a healthy weight."

- *National Cancer Institute*

Regular exercise, as you have heard a hundred times before, can be a game-changer for your health. It brings a range of benefits to your body, including lowering your chances of developing cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, being physically active can decrease your risk of several types of cancer, such as colon, breast and prostate cancer. So as you can see, it's important to include exercise in your life!

Here are a few reasons why exercise can help lower your cancer risk.

Helps You To Control and Maintain a Healthy Weight

Exercise can help you manage your weight and keep it at a healthy level. Being overweight or obese is among the leading risk factors for developing cancer. So if you need to lose weight, start exercising.

When you exercise, your body burns more calories for energy. To help your body even further, lower your calorie intake too. Less calories ingested means less calories to burn.

Helps To Regulate Your Hormones

Hormonal imbalances are also a risk factor for cancer because they can encourage your cells to divide and multiply. For example, if you have high levels of estrogen and progesterone, breast cells might divide more often, increasing your risk of breast cancer. Physical activity can help regulate your hormones by influencing various hormonal systems in your body.

Helps To Support Your Immune System

Being physically active can help your immune system work optimally. Exercise triggers the release of certain chemicals and the production of cells that strengthen your body's immune response. This means your body is better equipped to detect and deal with cells that can become tumors and cancer.

Helps To Improve Your Digestion

Regular exercise stimulates your digestive system and flushes out toxins faster, so that helps to keep your colon healthy. When you exercise, it improves your bowel movements as it strengthens your digestive muscles to expel waste more effectively.

Too much sitting can clog your system up, so make sure you get moving so everything internally can too! Exercise also increases blood flow to the digestive system, which helps to maintain a balanced gut microbiome, and activates digestive enzymes to avoid constipation.

How Much Exercise Do You Need?

There's no cancer-specific exercise prescription because your need for physical activity depends on your current health and what you want to achieve. In general, it is recommended that you do at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity activities, at least five days per week.

The best physical activities are those that you enjoy and can fit into your routine so they won't feel like a chore. You can try different exercises to find what suits you best or do a variety to make your exercise routines more interesting. If you hate exercising, at least go for a walk every day!

How to Start and Stay Physically Active Every Day

To get started you have to change your mindset about exercise. Many people don't exercise because they think it's tiring or hard to do. You have to see it as an opportunity to change your health for the better rather than an inconvenience that you want to avoid.

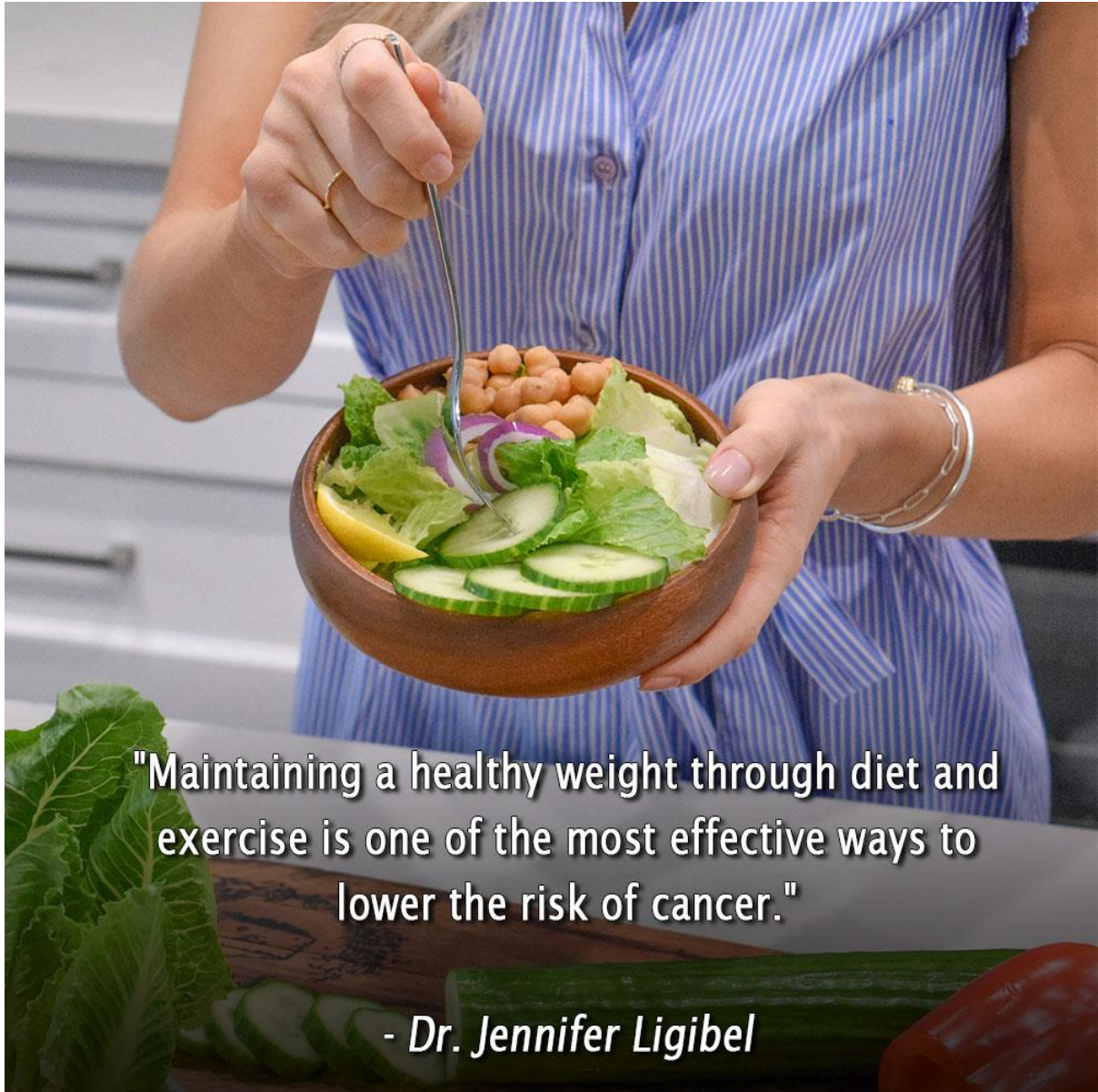
To incorporate exercise into your daily routine, why not walk or cycle to where you have to go, when you can, instead of taking your car? Instead of using the elevator, take the stairs. You can also do simple things like your own gardening and housework.

You just have to start doing something. If your life is a sedentary one, then change that type of lifestyle right now! If not, how can you keep your health healthy and prevent illness and disease? Don't forget to celebrate your progress, with each and every step that you take.

In Summary

It's a well-known fact that regular exercise is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. It's also true that exercise can help lower your risk of cancer and a wide range of other benefits to your body. Start small and work your way up to a more active lifestyle and with consistency and patience, you can make exercise a part of your daily routine and enjoy a healthier, cancer-free life.

Obesity and Cancer - Reduce Your Risk



"Maintaining a healthy weight through diet and exercise is one of the most effective ways to lower the risk of cancer."

- Dr. Jennifer Ligibel

Do you carry excess body weight?

You're probably aware of its general implications on your health, but did you know that obesity is linked to a higher risk of developing cancer?

Obesity is linked to up to [8% of all cancers](#) and is a leading risk factor for cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Some types of cancer linked to obesity include colon, gallbladder, kidney, liver, pancreas, breast, and thyroid cancer.

Excess weight can cause hormonal imbalances and chronic inflammation, which can encourage cancer cells to grow. Therefore, to reduce your cancer risk, it's important to lose excess weight and maintain a healthy weight level.

Here's how you can do that starting today.

Establish a Healthy Eating Habit

To lose weight, you have to be mindful of the types of food you eat and how much you eat. A healthy eating pattern can help you lose weight by lowering your calorie intake by making healthier food choices, and controlling your portion sizes.

You must eat a balanced diet, which means focusing on nutrient-dense foods such as fruits and vegetables. Eat proteins to promote muscle growth, and avoid high-calorie, processed foods, and sugary foods and drinks.

To cut down on your portion sizes, start using smaller plates. Listen to your body too, as it does send signals saying you are full if you listen. There are hormones that let your mind know that you are full or hungry. So don't ignore them, especially when you are feeling full!

Get Your Body Moving

Be physically active as exercise helps you burn calories and improves your metabolism. You can start with a few minutes of exercise per day and gradually increase the time as your body adapts to your new routine. Any physical activity you can do can contribute to your weight loss efforts.

It's also important to avoid activities that make you inactive, such as watching TV and sitting at your computer for extended hours. If you have to sit and work, you can still get up and do some stretching, or go for a walk.

It's important you find physical activities you can do and enjoy. If you don't you will struggle to maintain enthusiasm and you will find reasons to avoid doing them.

Get Adequate Sleep

Getting enough sleep is also crucial for losing weight and preventing cancer. Poor quality sleep can throw your hormones off balance, particularly leptin and ghrelin, which are the two hormones that regulate your appetite.

When you're sleep-deprived, you might want to eat more than normal or start snacking. This also affects your metabolism and satiation, leading to weight gain, which is not what you want!

It is very important that you get at least 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night for optimal health and weight regulation.

Manage Your Stress Levels

Stress can lead to unhealthy eating habits, such as emotional eating or night eating, and this can affect your hormonal levels. When you're stressed, you might find comfort in eating, especially sweets and high-fat foods.

To lose weight or maintain a healthy weight, it's better to find other healthy ways to cope with your upset, stressed-out emotions. You can do deep breathing exercises to calm down and relax, or any other form of stress relief technique that suits you.

Stay Well-Hydrated Throughout The Day

Drink plenty of water every day. Sometimes, you may be thirsty, but may mistake it for being hungry, which can lead to unnecessary snacking. When you drink water regularly, it also improves your metabolism and fills your tummy so that you feel full, which can support weight maintenance.

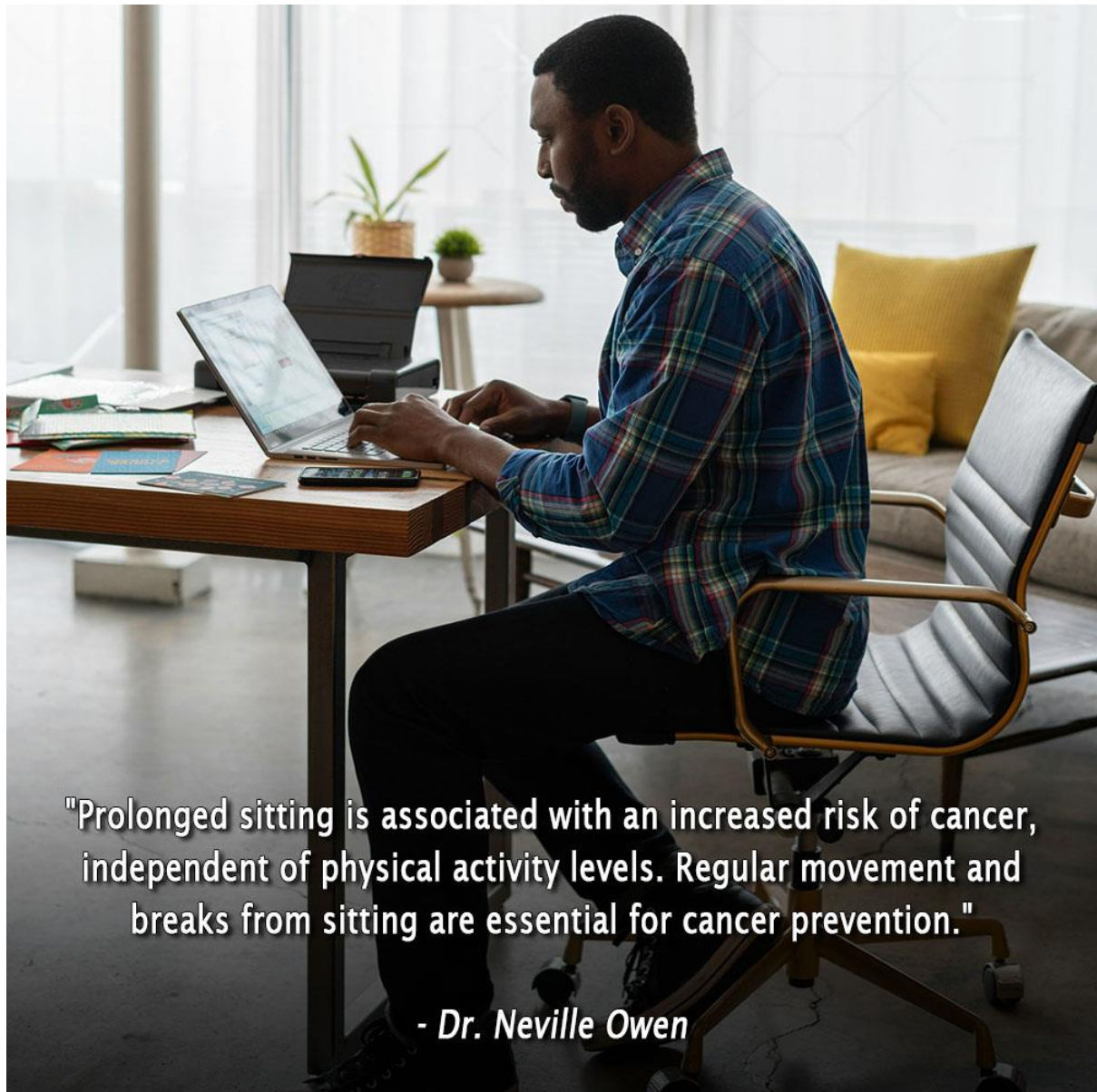
In Summary

Losing weight and getting out of the obese zone can help you become healthier and reduce your risk of cancer. You can't lose all your excess weight overnight, so don't let it add to your stress.

However, it is important that you have some direction about it. Set your weight loss goals and track your progress so that you can stay focused and keep going.

If you set goals they will help keep you motivated, plus short-term action plans can make weight loss more manageable and achievable. It's never too late to start and now is as good a time as any to start taking control of your body.

Dangers of Prolonged Sitting and Its Link to Cancer



"Prolonged sitting is associated with an increased risk of cancer, independent of physical activity levels. Regular movement and breaks from sitting are essential for cancer prevention."

- Dr. Neville Owen

Are you stuck in a chair for hours every day?

Perhaps you have to be there for work purposes, but if not, you are not doing yourself any favors! Prolonged sitting is really bad for your health.

The problem with sitting too much is that it can lead to some serious issues, like a higher risk of developing cancer.

The reason is, that sitting for long hours means reduced physical activity, and this can cause weight gain or obesity which can lead to a higher risk of cancer.

Physical activities help you lose weight, improve your digestion and metabolism, relieve your stress, and promote a healthy immune response, whereas sitting all day doesn't. Therefore, when you're physically active, you reduce your risk of developing cancer, which is a great benefit.

How Prolonged Sitting Can Lead to Cancer

Here are a few ways sitting too much can become dangerous to your health.

Slows Your Metabolism

Sitting for long hours can slow down your metabolism, making your body less efficient at regulating blood sugar levels and breaking down fats. This can lead to insulin resistance and inflammation, which are known risk factors for developing cancer.

If your metabolism is disrupted it can create an environment for cancer cells to grow.

Increases Your Insulin Resistance

When you're sitting for long periods, your muscles' state of inactivity increases. This can affect the transport and oxidation of fatty acids in your muscle tissue, and increase levels of glucose, insulin, and triglycerides in the body.

Eventually, it can lead to insulin resistance. Sustained high insulin levels may also directly stimulate the growth of certain types of cancer cells.

Increases Inflammation

Being sedentary can increase levels of inflammation in your body because if you don't move around much it can slow down your blood circulation and hamper the production of certain chemicals needed for body functioning.

Chronic inflammation is known as a key factor in the development of many diseases, including cancer. Inflammatory molecules released by fat cells and immune cells, are what can promote tumor growth and progression.

Your Hormones Can Become Imbalanced

Prolonged sitting can cause an imbalance in your hormone levels. For example, sitting for long periods has been associated with alterations in estrogen metabolism, which may increase the risk of hormone-related cancers.

Can Cause Poor Circulation

Sitting for an extended time can lead to poor circulation, which can impair your body's ability to flush out toxins. When toxins and waste products stick around for too long, they can contribute to cancer development.

Increases Your Body Fat

Prolonged sitting can lead to not-so-good changes in body composition, including increased fat mass and decreased muscle mass. It can lead to excess body fat, especially around the abdomen, which is linked to an increased risk of cancer.

How to Avoid the Dangers of Prolonged Sitting

Reducing sedentary behavior and incorporating more physical activity into your life can help prevent many illnesses and diseases, including cancer.

Here are some ways to combat the dangers of prolonged sitting.

Take Regular Breaks and Get Up and Move

Prompt yourself to take a break from sitting every hour. It can be just a short break, like standing up to stretch or walking around for a few minutes. Look for opportunities to add movement throughout your day too.

For example, when you take a break walk around the office or up some stairs. Or do some simple exercises such as stretching and bending. You could also consider using a standing desk or a desk converter, which will allow you to alternate between sitting and standing while working.

This can help reduce the amount of time you spend sitting and encourage you to move more throughout the day. Pay attention to your posture too! If you sit or stand correctly it will help to reduce strain that is put on your muscles and joints.

In Summary

Prolonged sitting can have a huge impact on your health, and a lack of physical activity and the negative changes in your body that it can cause can lead to cancer.

That's why it is important for you to get physically active and minimize any sedentary behavior to reduce your risk of developing cancer and other health problems. By making some changes to your routine, you can improve your overall health and well-being now and in the future!

Boost Your Immune System and Reduce Cancer Risk



Your immune system is what keeps all the bad things out of your body, and any invaders under control.

When your immune system is strong and doing what it should, you stay healthy. When it is weak your body becomes more vulnerable to various diseases, including cancer.

That's why it's important to keep your immune system strong, and here are some natural ways to give yours a boost.

Choose Healthy, Nutritious Foods

To strengthen your body's natural defense system, start with your diet and choose only healthy foods, for a healthy balanced diet. Make sure you include green vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. They are full of nutrients that support various body functions and antioxidants that promote healing at a cellular level.

You can also incorporate probiotic-rich foods like yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, and kimchi, and consume foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids, such as fatty fish, flaxseeds, chia seeds, and walnuts. Certain varieties of mushrooms, such as shiitake, maitake, and reishi, contain compounds that may enhance immune function and exhibit anti-cancer properties too, so add these to your diet list.

For the things to avoid, they include foods and beverages that are high in sugar and unhealthy fats. It's also important to avoid too much red meat and processed foods that are high in sodium and other preservatives. However, you still need protein and healthy fats! Choose lean proteins, such as poultry, beans and legumes as they are helpful for cell repair and a healthy immune system.

Get Regular Exercise and a Good Night's Sleep

Regular physical activity helps improve blood circulation, allowing immune cells to move more efficiently throughout your body. As your blood flows, it carries these immune cells, enabling them to detect and respond to any irregularities or foreign bodies that could harm your health.

Getting quality sleep is another important immune system booster. When you're asleep, your body does its repairing and healing work, so if you become sleep-deprived, your body might not be able to complete its healing processes, which can weaken your immune system.

Vitamin D and Sunlight

Vitamin D is a vital nutrient that plays a key role in maintaining a healthy immune system, and sunlight is one of the best natural sources.

Vitamin D helps control the activity of immune cells like T cells and B cells, which are essential for fighting off infections. Vitamin D also boosts the ability of white blood cells to attack and destroy harmful invaders like bacteria and viruses. It also helps your body to produce special proteins called antimicrobial peptides.

These proteins act like natural antibiotics, killing bacteria, viruses, and fungi that try to infect your body. Having enough vitamin D can also lower the risk of autoimmune diseases, where the immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own tissues. So, making sure you get enough vitamin D is key to maintaining a strong and balanced immune system, and in preventing cancer.

Stop Any Bad Habits

Bad habits that affect your health, well, they're bad! If you drink too much, use drugs or smoke, these are the type of bad habits that can weaken your immune system. Taking drugs or smoking introduces harmful chemicals into your body, damaging your cells and compromising your body's defense system.

Alcohol can affect your body's ability to remove toxins and support immune function by damaging the liver. It can also cause an imbalance in your gut bacteria, which is important for maintaining a strong immunity.

In Summary

Whatever you do, don't ignore the health of your immune system. If it's not healthy, you aren't either. Your immune system needs to be working all the time so that it can fight off anything that can hurt you, including cancer.

When you have strong immunity, your body can do what it does best! It can easily spot abnormalities and take action before they can harm your health. If it needs a boost, follow the tips above and allow your body to become a first-class fighting machine.

Your immune system is your first line of defense in protecting you from cancer and other illnesses. Don't compromise it, boost it!

Conclusion

Awareness of cancer is at an all-time high, and massive amounts of time and money are spent looking for a 'cure for cancer.' However, it is currently recognized that cancer can't be 'cured'.

When cancer is stopped, it is considered to be in remission, as there is always the risk or threat of re-occurrence.

Knowing that our lifestyle is such a large factor, and recognizing that we each have some degree of control over our lifestyles should give us the realization that we don't have to, and indeed should not sit around 'hoping' that we will be spared from cancer.

Instead, we should all be making ourselves keenly aware of the behaviors that are correlated with being stricken by cancer, and strenuously avoiding them. Additionally, we should be embracing behaviors that have been shown to reduce the incidence of cancer.

When it comes to lifestyle choices and especially changes, we far too often limit ourselves and make excuses as to why it is different in our case, and why we can't make the necessary changes.

Almost always, we have far greater power than we admit. The time to start making changes is right now. No positive change is too small or too big.

When it comes to health, especially with something as important as cancer prevention, it is time to put yourself and your loved ones first.