

OMEGA-3 SUPPLEMENTATION MAY AID THE IMMUNE SYSTEM BY LOWERING INFLAMMATION & ENHANCING THE FUNCTION OF IMMUNE CELLS



# ININIUNE HEALTHcontinued

# **OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM**

The immune system protects the body against infection and disease. It is a complex system of organs, tissues, and white blood cells located throughout the body. The immune system recognizes foreign invaders (e.g. bacteria, viruses, fungi) and abnormal cells and distinguish them from the body's healthy cells. Autoimmune diseases happens when the body mounts an immune response against its own tissues instead of a foreign invader. Allergies occur when an individual's immune system reacts to substances in the environment that are not harmful and tolerated by most people.

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Many factors impact our immune system (e.g. sleep, lifestyle, genes, age, diet), and especially getting the right nutrients are important for our immune system to stay healthy. A large body of scientific evidence indicates that EPA and DHA, the Omega-3 fatty acids in fish oil, helps to support the immune response and regulate the internal repair systems that operate in response to inflammation, which is a key component of our immune system. Prolonged inflammation may cause chronic inflammation and illness, and supplementation of marine based Omega-3s or intake of fish (a rich source of EPA and DHA) has through clinical research been shown to promote and restore the body's imbalance of molecules with action to resolve the inflammatory processes. Because in our body EPA and DHA are enzymatically converted into anti-inflammatory and pro-resolving molecules that favorably regulate the inflammation.

## RDI

EPA and DHA are under consumed in the Western World and there is a growing evidence that increasing the consumption of these fatty acids to decrease the Omega-6 to Omega-3 fatty acid ratio has potential health benefits for a range of inflammatory and autoimmune diseases. Health authorities recommend intakes for EPA + DHA ranging from 250 to 1000 mg/day for adults and from 100 to 250 mg/day for infants older than six months and for children and adolescents. Omega-3 fatty acids are considered safe up to 3 and 5 gram per day by FDA and EFSA respectively.

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# **SUGGESTED PRODUCTS**

|   | <b>EPA</b> mg/g | <b>DHA</b> mg/g | TOTAL n3 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| <b>VIVOMEGA PLATINUM*</b> 4535 TG Premium | 450             | 350             | 850      |
| <b>VIVOMEGA ULTRA</b> * 4030 TG Premium   | 400             | 300             | 750      |
| VIVOMEGA CORE*<br>3624 TG 60              | 360             | 240             | 620      |

<sup>\*</sup> NORWEGIAN SUPERIOR QUALITY OMEGA-3 FISH OIL CONCENTRATES ALL PRODUCTS ALSO AVAILABLE IN EE FORMAT



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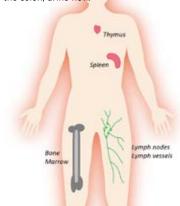
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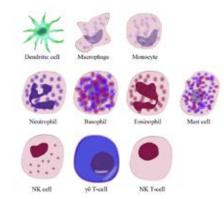
Skin and mucus membranes, stomach acid and digestive enzymes, beneficial bacteria that live in the colon, urine flow.



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#### INNATE IMMUNITY - GENERAL DEFENCE

WBCs called neutrophils and macrophages engulf and destroy foreign invaders and damaged cells.



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#### ADAPTIVE IMMUNITY - SPECIFIC DEFENCE

WBCs called T-lymphocytes (T-cells) target and destroy infected cells; WBCs called lymphocytes (B-cells) and plasma cells produce antibodies that target and destroy infected cells.







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