

Hidden Hunger: Challenges, Opportunities, and Solutions

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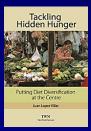
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"Hidden Hunger" denotes a chronic lack of micronutrients

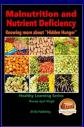
– vitamins and minerals – whose effects may not be immediately
apparent and whose consequences may be long-term and profound

The 'hidden hunger' due to micronutrient deficiency does not produce hunger as we know it. You might not feel it in the belly, but it strikes at the core of your health and vitality.

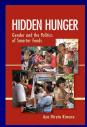
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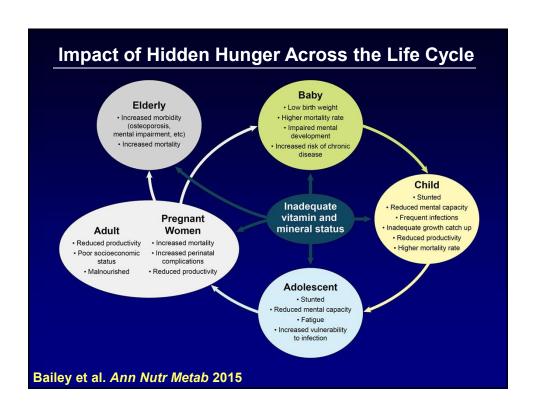


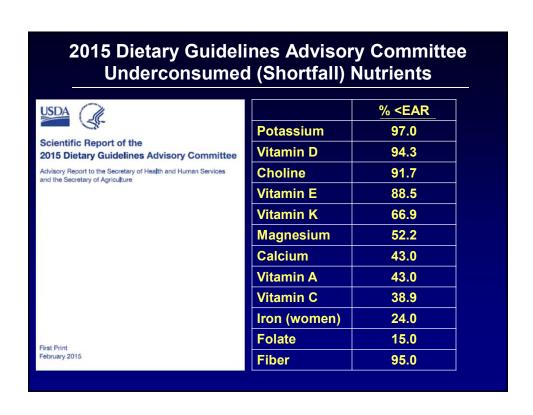




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Hidden Hunger in America?! It is a popular perception that most Hidden Hunger in the people who live in the developed **Developed World** countries of the world enjoy a nutritionally sound diet and are not prey to hidden hunger. The reality is, however, different. Micronutrient inadequacies are to be found in the developed world as well as in the developing world, and their current rate of growth in the lans Konrad Biesalski developed world gives cause for concern. Eggersdorfer et al. The Road to Good Nutrition. Karger Publ. 2013



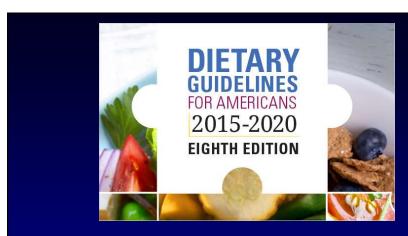


2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Underconsumed (Shortfall) Nutrients



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Potassium	97.0
Vitamin D	94.3
Choline	91.7
Vitamin E	88.5
Vitamin K	66.9
Magnesium	52.2
Calcium	43.0
Vitamin A	43.0
Vitamin C	38.9
Iron (women)	24.0
Folate -	-15.0
Fiber	95.0



Although the majority of Americans consume sufficient amounts of most nutrients, some nutrients are consumed by many individuals in amounts below the Estimated Average Requirement or Adequate Intake levels. These include potassium, dietary fiber, choline, magnesium, calcium, and vitamins A, D, E, and C.



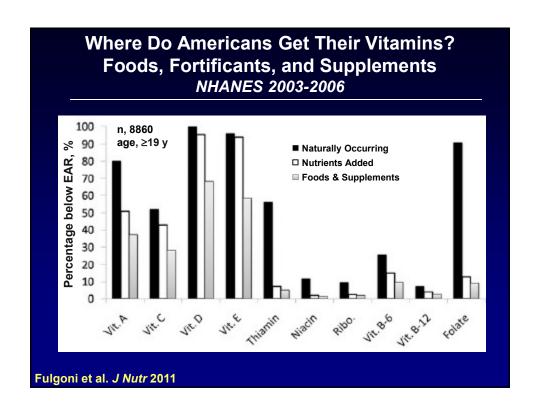
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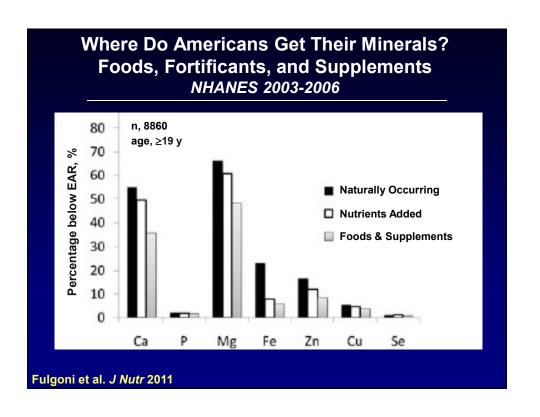
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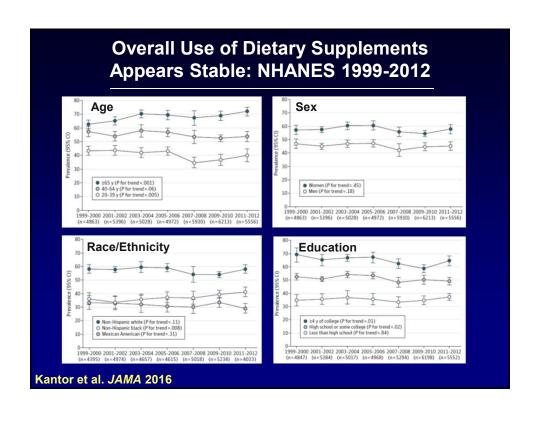
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Year	n	30-d Prevalence of Use	95% CI
1999-2000	4862	37	35, 39
2001-2002	5396	38	35, 40
2003-2004	5028	38	36, 41
2005-2006	4972	40	38, 42
2007-2008	5930	33	30, 36
2009-2010	6213	32	31, 34
2011-2012	5556	31	29, 33



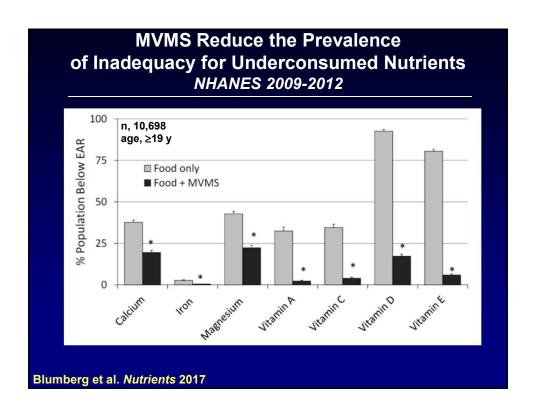
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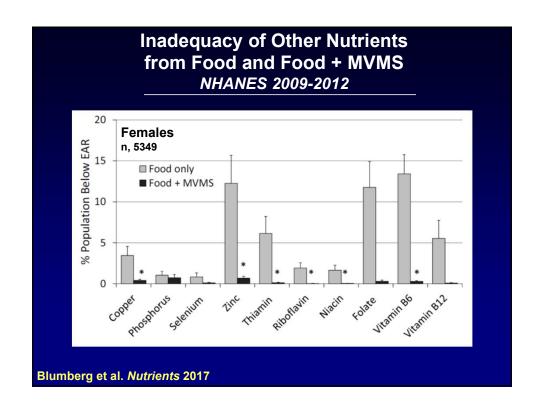
The Supplement Paradox Negligible Benefits, Robust Consumption

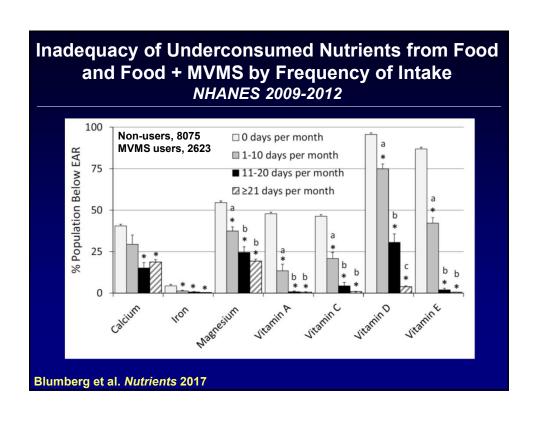
For the majority of adults, supplements provide little, if any benefit. Why would consumers continue to use supplements after high-quality trials found many of these products to be no more effective than placebos?

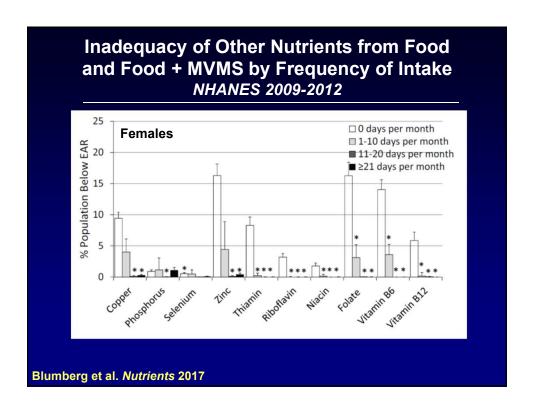
Physicians can help remind patients that there is no benefit of obtaining vitamins from a pill rather than conventional food.

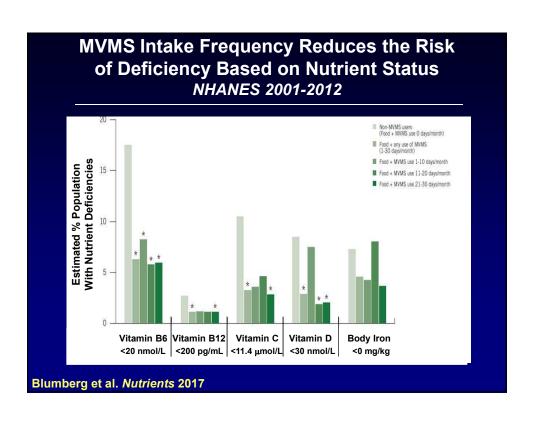
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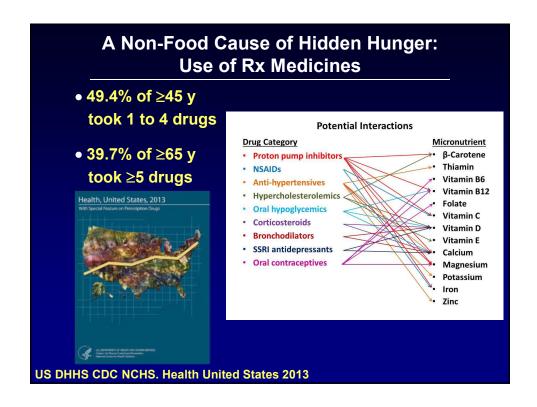






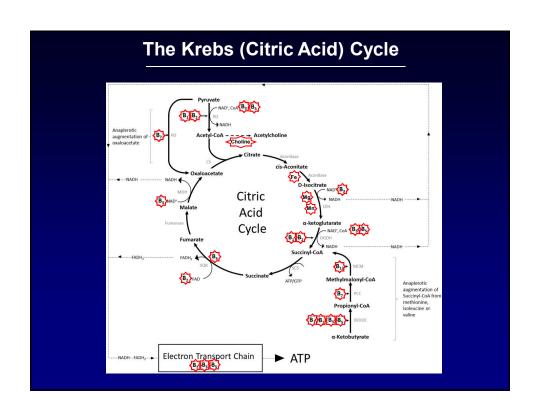


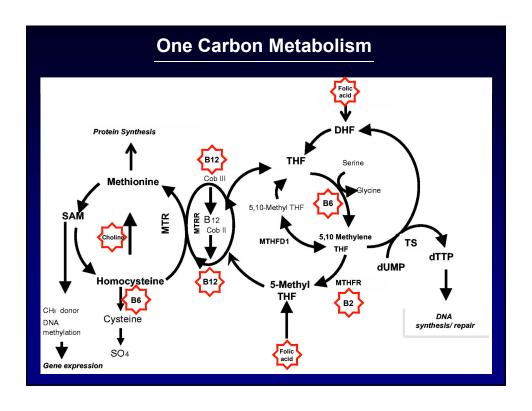


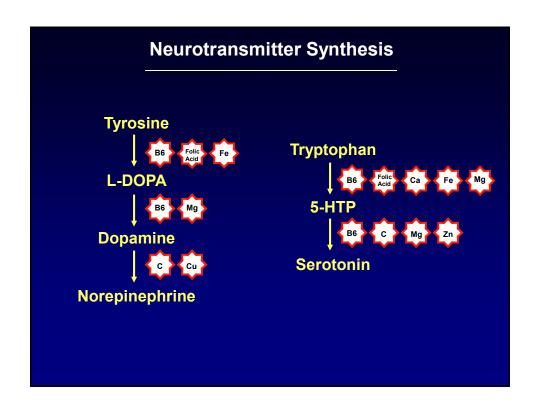


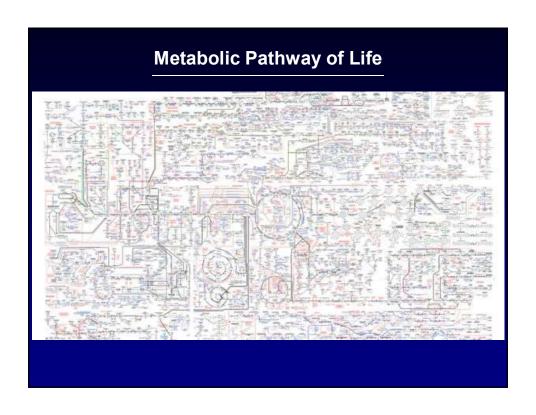
Functional and Health Consequences of Hidden Hunger

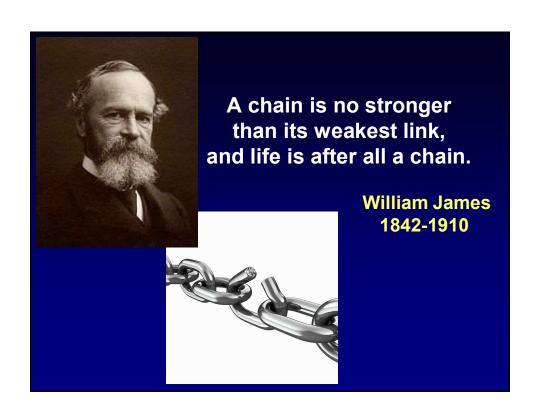
- Bone health: vitamins C, D, K; Ca, F, Mg, P
- Immune responsiveness: vitamins A, C, D, E; Fe, Se, Zn
- Cognitive performance: vitamins B12, C, D, E, choline; Ca, Mg, K
- Energy metabolism: vitamins B2, B6, B9, B12, C; Cu, Fe, P
- Blood pressure: vitamins C, D; Ca, Mg, K
- Oxidative stress: vitamins C, E; Cu, Mn, Se, Zn
- Epigenetic modification: vitamins B6, B9, B12, betaine, choline
- Hyperhomocysteinemia: vitamins B6, B9, B12, choline











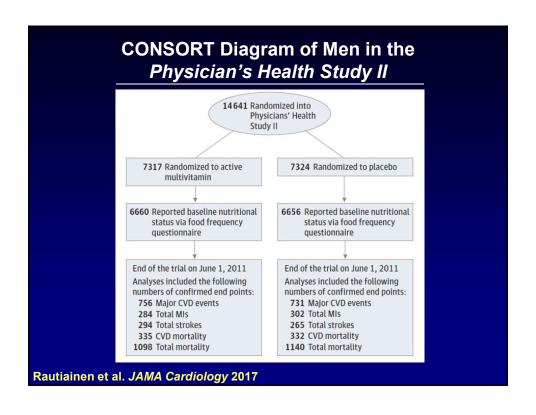


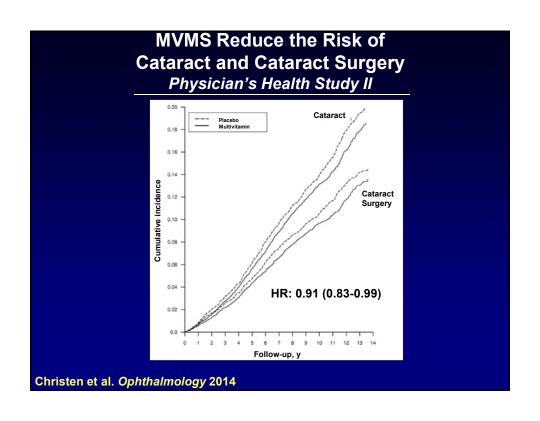
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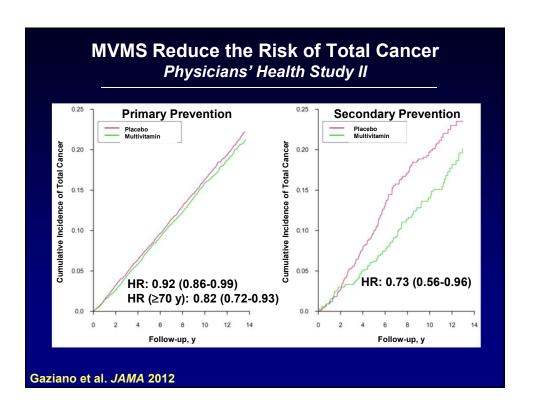
- Dietary supplementation advantages -
- √ Rapid, reasonable, economic, and specific targeting of groups at risk for inadequacy
- $\sqrt{\text{Increase nutrient intake and status but not calories}}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Massive changes in food supply are not required}}$
- $\sqrt{\text{May help reduce risk of some chronic diseases}}$
- $\sqrt{\text{Need some (but modest) nutrition educational efforts}}$

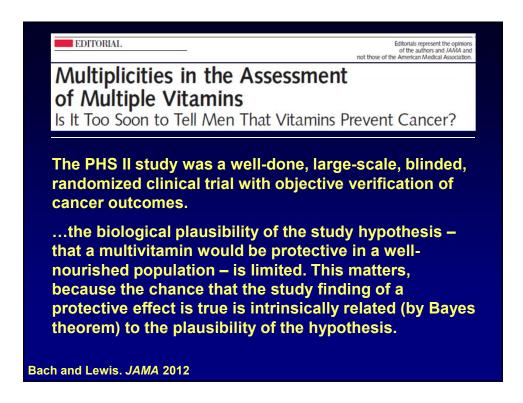
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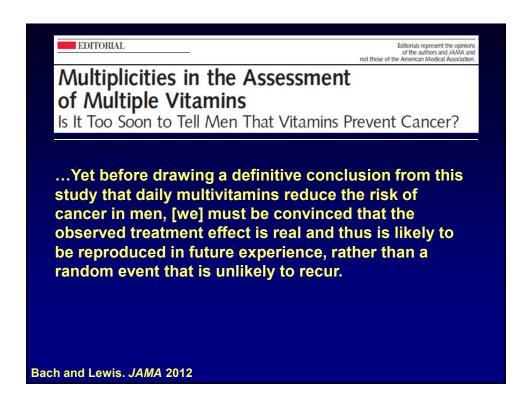
- Dietary supplementation <u>limitations</u> -
- √ Cost to individual
- √ Volitional (adherence is required!)
- $\sqrt{\text{Inability to reach some groups at risk}}$
- √ Some ingredients are difficult to formulate for technical or taste reasons
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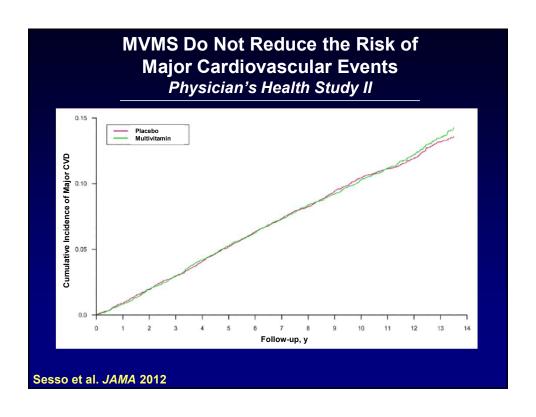












Effect of MVMS on Cardiovascular Disease: **Prospective Cohort Studies**

N	CVD	RR	95% CI	Reference
18,530	CVD	0.56	0.24-0.90	Rautiainen et al. J Nutr 2016
18,350	IHD	0.89	0.79-1.0	Rautiainen et al. <i>J Nutr</i> 2016
37,193	CAD	0.94	0.85-1.05	Rautiainen et al. AJCN 2015
21,132	MI	0.73	0.55-0.89	Rautiainen et al. AJCN 2010
381,553	IHD	0.82	0.71-0.94	Watkins et al. Am J Epi 2000
381,553	Stroke	0.81	0.67-0.98	Watkins et al. Am J Epi 2000
80,082	CHD	0.76	0.65-0.90	Rimm et al. JAMA 1998
4,417	CVD	0.56	0.24-0.90	Rautiainen et al. J Nutr 2016

MVMS Use and Baseline Nutrient Intake Have No **Effect of CVD Events and Total Mortality**

Physicians Health Study II

Except for

• Vitamin B6: total MI (P_{interaction}=0.01)



• Vitamin D: CVD mortality (P_{interaction}=0.03)

"...a few potential exceptions that are more likely explained by chance and multiple testing..."

Rautiainen et al. JAMA Cardiology 2017

MVMS Use and Baseline Dietary Patterns Have No Effect on CVD Events and Total Mortality

Physicians Health Study II

		HR (95% CI)					
Variable	No.	Major CVD Events ^a	Total MIs	Total Strokes	Ischemic Strokes	CVD Mortality	Total Mortality
Alternate Healthy Eatin	g Index ^b						
15.5 to <40.5	3391	1.15 (0.94-1.41)	1.09 (0.80-1.50)	1.34 (0.97-1.84)	1.36 (0.96-1.92)	0.96 (0.70-1.32)	0.95 (0.81-1.13)
40.5 to <49.5	3398	0.99 (0.80-1.21)	0.78 (0.57-1.06)	1.10 (0.78-1.56)	1.11 (0.77-1.62)	1.15 (0.84-1.58)	0.95 (0.80-1.13)
49.5 to 82.5	3606	0.96 (0.77-1.19)	0.88 (0.62-1.24)	0.98 (0.68-1.40)	0.90 (0.60-1.36)	0.97 (0.69-1.35)	1.04 (0.86-1.25)
P value for interaction	NA	.40	.32	.43	.33	.68	.74
Alternate Mediterranea	n Diet Score	6 _p					
0-2	3275	1.06 (0.86-1.30)	1.06 (0.76-1.48)	1.13 (0.81-1.57)	1.13 (0.80-1.60)	0.94 (0.69-1.27)	0.88 (0.75-1.03)
3-4	5114	1.02 (0.86-1.20)	1.03 (0.79-1.34)	1.04 (0.80-1.35)	1.07 (0.80-1.43)	0.99 (0.77-1.27)	1.05 (0.92-1.20)
5-9	4927	0.97 (0.82-1.15)	0.77 (0.59-1.00)	1.12 (0.85-1.49)	1.13 (0.82-1.56)	1.05 (0.82-1.35)	0.91 (0.79-1.05)
P value for interaction	NA	.81	.21	.89	.96	.84	.19

Rautiainen et al. JAMA Cardiology 2017

MVMS Use and Risk of Major CVD by Dietary Pattern: Trends Physicians Health Study II

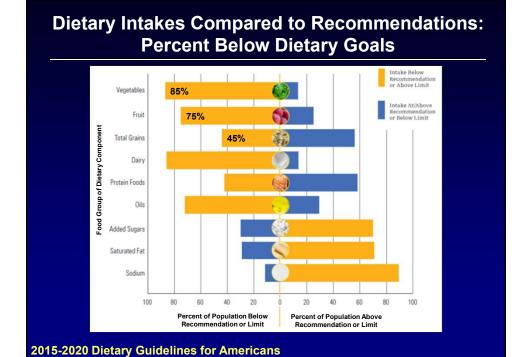
Tertile	Major CVD Events	Total MI	Total Stroke	Ischemic Stroke
AHEI 1	1.15	1.09	1.34	1.36
AHEI 3	0.96	0.88	0.98	0.90
AMEDS 1	1.06	1.06	1.13	1.13
AMEDS 3	0.97	0.77	1.12	1.13

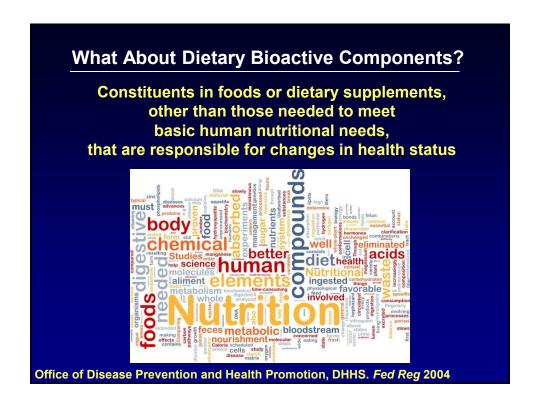
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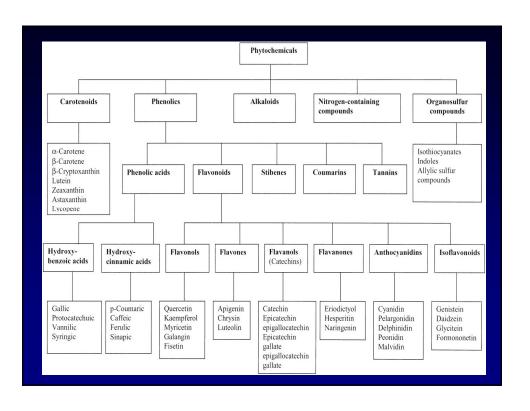
MVMS Use and Risk of MI by Dietary Pattern in 3583 Men ≥70 y Physicians Health Study II

Diet Pattern	Tertile	HR	95% CI
AHEI	2	0.51	0.32-0.82
AMEDS	3	0.55	0.37-0.81

Rautiainen et al. JAMA Cardiology 2017







Dietary Intake of Polyphenols in French Adults SU.VI.MAX

Subclass	Mean intake mg/d/person	Main food contributors (%)
Flavanols	99 ± 116	tea (71), red wine (10), apples (6)
Flavonols	51 ± 28	tea (70), onions (23), spinach (13)
Flavones	33 ± 17	wheat flour (refined, 64; whole 20)
Flavanones	26 ± 29	oranges (50), OJ (44), red wine (3)
Anthocyanins	57 ± 47	red wine (41), cherries (23), strawberries (20)

Cohort XS

• n, 4942

• age, 45-60 y

Pérez-Jiménez et al. Am J Clin Nutr 2011

Anthocyanins Reduce the Risk of Incident Hypertension and Myocardial Infarction Nurses Health Study II

n	87,242	93,600
Age, y	25-42	25-42
F/U, y	14	18
Q1 - Q5, mg/d	5.7-21.9	2.5-25.1

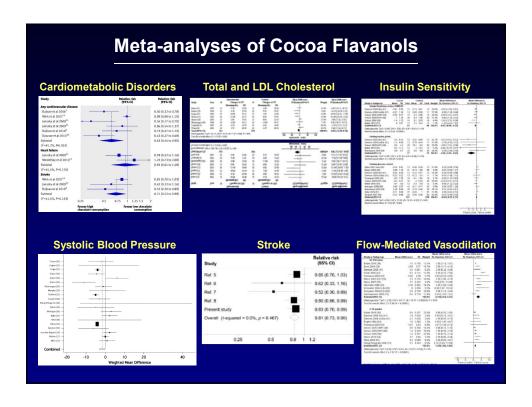
Quintile	<u>iHT</u>	<u> MI</u>
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2	↓ 6 %	↓ 20%
3	↓ 7 %	↓ 29%
4	↓ 9 %	↓ 15%
5	↓13%	↓ 32%
P _{trend}	0.0001	0.047

Cassidy et al. Am J Clin Nutr 2011 Circulation 2013

Proposed Criteria for a Bioactive to be Considered for Evaluation of DRI Framework

- Definition of the substance that is commonly used
- Method of analyzing the substance which is consistent with the definition
- Database of the amount of bioactives in foods
- Prospective cohort studies
- Clinical trials on digestion, absorption, activation, transport, and excretion of the substance
- Clinical trials on efficacy and dose-response
- Safety data at anticipated level of intake
- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses showing efficacy
- Plausible biological explanation for efficacy

Lupton et al. Eur J Nutr 2014





Scientific Opinion on the substantiation of a health claim related to cocoa flavanols and maintenance of normal endothelium-dependent vasodilation pursuant to Article 13(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006¹

EFSA Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA)^{2, 3}

Cocoa flavanols help maintain endothelium-dependent vasodilation, which contributes to normal blood flow. In order to obtain the claimed effect, 200 mg of cocoa flavanols should be consumed daily. This amount could be provided by 2.5 g of high-flavanol cocoa powder or 10 g of high-flavanol dark chocolate, both of which can be consumed in the context of a balanced diet. The target population is the general population.

Agostoni et al. EFSA J 2012

Framework for Bioactive Reference Values

IOM framework – DRI: EAR, AI, RDA, UL Codex framework – NRV

Adequate Intake: When sufficient evidence is not available to set an EAR, the Al is a goal for the intake of individuals. The Al is expected to cover the needs of most all people.

